



# LLI MATTERS

LLI: LEARNING FOR THE LOVE OF IT

Lifetime Learning Institute at SUNY New Paltz

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## President's Letter

*Dear Fellow LLI Members,*

I hope you have enjoyed your Spring courses and are looking forward to our Fall offerings. The curriculum committee is working hard to find the best presenters and the most convenient sites for our Fall learning experience.

LLI will be offering at least 30 courses in such fields as the Arts, History, Literature, Dance, Psychology, Geography and still other subject areas. We are not neglecting the social side of learning as there will be presentations for both your learning and enjoyment. We will have brunches with wonderful speakers in addition to a winter film series. The amazing part of our LLI organization is that it is entirely not-for-profit, operated mostly by volunteers, inclusive of



Terry Scott

presenters and all others who work to make LLI possible.

Enjoy our lovely newly designed catalogue. It has been developed by talented volunteers. Our newsletter keeps our membership well informed. Through volunteerism we can keep our activities, inclusive of class courses, very affordable. So, enjoy your

membership and encourage others to join us.

It is with a great sense of loss that I announce that our Registrar, Jean Poirier, will be leaving us. Please see the article later in this issue.

For questions and comments feel free to contact me at [lifetime@newpaltz.edu](mailto:lifetime@newpaltz.edu).

Sincerely,

*Terry Scott, LLI President*

## Appreciation Reception May 22

*Ann Burdett*

The annual Appreciation Reception for our volunteers will be held on Wednesday, May 22nd, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at The Terrace Restaurant on the SUNY New Paltz campus. For the location of the restaurant, see the map on the next page.

New Paltz Lifetime Learning Institute (LLI) is, with a few exceptions, a volunteer organization. This includes everyone, starting with our valued relationship with so many at

SUNY New Paltz who give us their constant support, including space for classes, advice, help with financial services, and many instructors from their active faculty. Without SUNY New Paltz, LLI would not, and could not exist.

An important part of LLI's success comes from the LLI Council whose members give tirelessly of their time, energy, and skills to keep our organization running smoothly.

Our many presenters are

always generous with their knowledge and experience as they stimulate and challenge our minds in dozens of eclectic areas of learning.

Our Curriculum Committee works tirelessly in the the spring and fall to develop a well-balanced program of courses.

We have a long list of Classroom Assistants who serve the immediate needs of the presenters, and act as liaisons between our presenters and the students.

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We are fortunate that we have gracious hosts at the Reformed Church Education Building, the Jewish community Center, St. Joseph's Church, and Woodland Pond. These sites provide space for some of our over-flow classes.

At the heart of LLI communications is our Registrar and Administrative Assistant, Jean Poirier. Jean is the only person in LLI

who gets paid, but no amount of money could compensate her for the many hours of service, expertise, and creativity she has devoted graciously to the needs of LLI members, the Council, and the presenters. We will miss her dearly, as she leaves us in June.

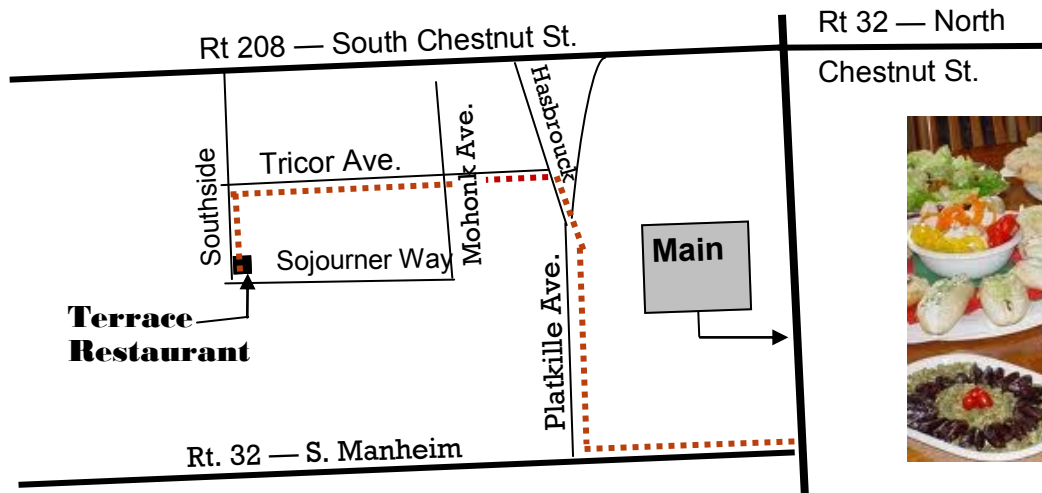
You will find a list of our volunteers on the following pages under a variety of

headings that describe their connection to LLI, including, but not limited to, getting out the Fall and Spring catalogs, Course Confirmations, and Membership forms. Please note that many have volunteered in multiple areas.

If we have inadvertently left anyone out, please let us know. We will recognize you in our next newsletter.

Each of you is essential to the success of LLI.

♦ *To get to the Terrace Restaurant, follow the dotted line from Main Street, New Paltz*



## Contributors to the Success of LLI New Paltz



### COMMUNITY

**Rev. Howard Major:** Minister of Reform Church

**Beth Cornwall:** Sexton Reform Church

**Father Bernard M. Maloney,** OFM Cap.

**Sarah Hull:** Resident Services Coordinator,  
Woodland Pond

**Gretchen Daum:** Activities Coordinator,  
Woodland Pond

**Jeff Hoffman:** Director of Dining, Woodland  
Pond



### SUNY NEW PALTZ PERSONNEL

**Donald Christian:** President of SUNY New Paltz

**Shelley Wright:** Chief of Staff

**Phillip Mauceri:** Provost

**Helise Winters,** Dean, Extended Learning

**Diana Turner:** Calculation Clerk

**Martha Teck:** Keyboard Specialist, Extended  
Learning

**Sara Robertson:** Assistant Registrar

**Michele Halstead:** Assistant VP of Finance

**Emily Trapp:** Director of Instructional Media

**Diane Strauss:** Operation Manager, Instructional  
Media

**Mary Hafeli:** Dean of Fine and Performing Arts

**James Schiffer:** Dean, Liberal Arts and Sciences

**Paul Chauvet:** UNIX System Administrator

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# LLI Council and Volunteers



*Our Past-Presidents have had to stay on top of things*

## LLI PAST COUNCIL PRESIDENTS

**Lyn Mayo:** *Founding President (2007-2008)*  
**Judy Reichler** (2008-2009)  
**Gail Gallerie** (2009-2010)  
**Myra Sorin** (2010-2011)  
**Sally Rhoads** (2011-2012)  
**Margaret Armento McDowell** (2012-2013)

## LLI COUNCIL: March 2012-2013

**Margaret Armento-McDowell:** *President*  
**Marilou Abramshe:** *Classroom Manager; Co-Chair Catalogue with Rosemary McBride*  
**Theresa Scott:** *Vice-President*  
**Sally Rhoads:** *Past-President*  
**Ed Rogers:** *Treasurer*  
**Sue Webber:** *Secretary*  
**June Polatsek:** *Chair of Membership Committee*  
**Gail Logan:** *Chair of Events*  
**Joe Tantillo:** *Chair of Publicity*  
**Sheyda Eversley:** *Curriculum Chair*  
**Dolly Wodin:** *Chair of Volunteers*  
**Gail Picciati:** *Classroom Affairs*  
**Marion Ryan, Ruth Bean, Mary Louise Van Winkle:** *Members-at-large*  
**Helise Winters:** *SUNY Dean of Regional Education*  
**Ed Steele:** *Newsletter Editor*  
**Jean Poirier:** *Registrar and Administrative Assistant*

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**Clinton Bennett:** *Vice-President/President Elect*  
**Ed Rogers:** *Treasurer*  
**Sue Webber:** *Secretary*  
**Marny Janson:** *Chair of Membership*  
**Ann Burdett:** *Chair of Events*  
**Sheyda Eversley:** *Curriculum Chair*  
**Joyce Schiff:** *Chair of Volunteers*  
**Joe Tantillo:** *Chair of Publicity*  
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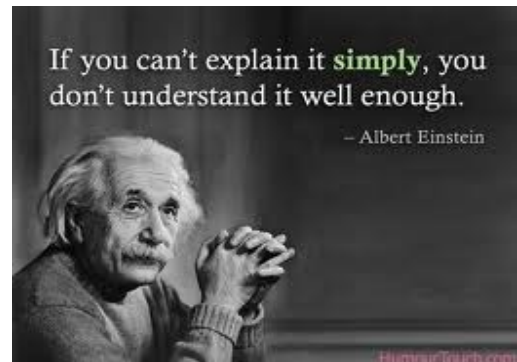
## PRESENTERS — Fall 2012 and Spring 2013

Sal Anastasio  
 Garnette Arledge  
 Ariana Basco  
 Helene Bigley  
 Gil Brenner  
 Joseph Britto  
 Maureen Brooks  
 Janet Caffo  
 Kerry Carso  
 Lin Donaldson  
 Patty Eakin  
 Carole Ford  
 Lynne Friedman  
 Jo Gangemi  
 Mary Gillespie  
 Jim Gordon  
 Rob Greene  
 Alan Greenhalgh  
 Patrick Higgins  
 Patty Kane Horrigan

Susan Jacque  
 Nancy Gayle Judson  
 Pam Krinsky  
 Craig Lennon  
 Roger Leonard  
 Harold Lieberman  
 Johanna Longbotham  
 Douglas McBride  
 Sevan Melikyan  
 Linda Mockler  
 Stefi Morrison  
 Tom Mounkhal  
 Becky Nielsen  
 Connie Noelle  
 Paul Osgood  
 Jim Ottaway  
 Richard Parisio  
 Barbara Petersen  
 Mary Phillips  
 Judy Reichler

Abigail Robin  
 Ed Rogers  
 Roger Roloff  
 Wendy Rudder  
 Evelyn Schoonmaker  
 Jan Shapiro  
 Melanie Shih  
 Constance Skedgell

Gerald Sorin  
 Joseph Tantillo  
 Helen Tennenbaum  
 Puja Thomson  
 Michael Vargas  
 Bill Whitaker  
 Ken Wishnick





**LLI Volunteers**

**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

Sheyda Eversley — <b>Chair</b>	Jo Gangemi	Reeva Miller	Evelyn
Ellen Brady	Trina Greene	Stefi Morrison	Schoonmaker
Ann Burdett	Pat Guralnik	Mary Phillips	Mary Louise Van
Manuela Dobos	Johanna Hill	Lois Pomeroy	Winkle
Ann Finn	Jan Marotta	Fonda Rothblatt	Shirley Warren
	Doug McBride	Sondra Sperber	

**CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS**

Gail Picciati — <b>Chair</b>	Anne Finn
Marilou Abramshe	Virginia Gravatt
Carol Alexander	Tom Losee
Garnette Arledge	Paul Lurie
Margaret Armento-	Kathleen MacKenzie
McDowell	Nancy Maicovski
Ruth Bean	Diane Morrison
Jay Bishop	Stefi Morrison
Faye Bishop	Faith Nichols
Ann Burdett	Connie Noelle
Florence Butler	Caroline Paulson
Rosalyn Cherry	Judith Perlman
Manuela Dobos	Ralph Pollard
Orelle Feher	Lois Pomeroy
June Finer	Judy Reichler

*Scapula,  
please!!*



Helen	Vivien Stokes
Roberts	Susan Tullin
Libby Ross	Linda Worden
Marion Ryan	
Terry Scott	
Myra Sorin	
Edward Steele	

**VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE**

Joyce Schiff— <b>Chair</b>	Doro Holvig
Ruth Bean	Carol LeFevre
Lillian Burd	Linda Melick
Ann Burdett	Gail Picciati
Marion DuBois	Mary Phillips
Charlene Dye	June Polatsek
Sheyda Eversley	Marion Ryan
Ann Finn	Tomi Schneider
Kay Gray	Ann Wandres



Sue Webber	Ethel Yusko
Ann Folke Wells	

**OTHER VERY IMPORTANT VOLUNTEERS**

**Mary Cotton-Miller:** Assistance to Registrar  
**Alma Sloan:** Name Tags

## Meet Joe Britto, one of our LLI Presenters

This past April Joe Britto taught an LLI course entitled “Ancient America,” a course that reflects his long-time interest in history.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Joe Britto comes from a family that is Portuguese and Spanish on his father’s side and Italian (Sicilian) on his mom’s. In the early 1980’s, Joe and his family relocated to Pine Bush.

He has two Master’s degrees, one in History from Brooklyn College and one in Education from St. John’s University. In addition



he is ABD (All But Dissertation) from the Graduate School of City University of New York. He worked for the NYS Department of Corrections as

a Counselor and Hostage Negotiator for 30 years and has also done counseling in private practice.

His teaching career began in bilingual education in the evening programs in Corrections and then in several adjunct positions in various colleges. Eventually, he was an adjunct lecturer at SUNY New Paltz for 26 years. He is currently an adjunct lecturer in History at SUNY Orange.

He has been married to Gale Coulter Britto for 44 years and they have four children and five (soon to be six!) grandchildren.

## A Job Well Done — Registrar Jean Poirier Resigns from LLI

“It is with sadness, that I tell you that I must resign as Registrar of LLI.” Those were the words of Jean Poirier, LLI Registrar since July 2010, at the March Council meeting. This announcement was met with a group gasp, then kind comments by LLI Council members who thanked Jean for her years of dedicated service.

Jean said that the demands of her young family are growing, and she feels the need to give them her full attention at this time. “I have truly enjoyed working for LLI, and have loved

meeting all of the people associated with LLI, so it makes me sad to leave.”

Jean’s resignation will be effective June 1.

LLI’s President Terry Scott had this to say about Jean: “Jean Poirier, our retiring Registrar and Administrative Assistant, has been an outstanding employee who worked above and beyond her job title. She registered members, composed and kept updated lists, got information to members and council alike, and attended to many tasks that members of the Council



*Jean Poirier*

could not have done.

“Jean always answered numerous questions and phone calls with sweetness and a smile in her voice. Her help, actuated by her pride in and dedication to LLI, has been invaluable in making LLI run more smoothly. We will miss her dearly. Thank you, Jean, and good luck.”

## About Our New President

**F**our years ago, LLI's new President Terry Scott became involved with LLI and found great satisfaction in the classes she took and the people she met. She says, "As President of LLI, I hope to help the organization grow and flourish so that others can experience the same kinds of benefits from LLI that I have enjoyed."



*Terry Scott*

Terry Scott is a lifelong resident of the area, a student in local schools and a graduate of the SUNY Sys-

tem with a MS in Sociology and Education. Following graduation from SUNY, she taught in area schools

and subsequently worked in Social Services and Law Enforcement. Terry has counseled victims of violent crimes and children at high risk. She has done extensive volunteer work while always focusing on art, history, and education as her special interest fields. Among her accomplishments, she has founded a nursery school, served as president of HCCArts, been Town Historian, and held numerous other offices.

## LLI Events, June 2013 to December 2013

### **Brunches**

**June 19, 2013**, Woodland Pond, 9:45-12:00 noon

"Destruction of the World: Part 1 Keystone Pipeline"

Stuart Greenfield, a Professor of Computer Science and an Environmentalist

**September 12, 2013**, Woodland Pond, 9:45-11:30 a.m.

"History of Ulster County Courthouse"

Paul O'Neil, Commissioner of Ulster County Jurors

**October 22, 2013**, Woodland Pond, 9:45-11:30 a.m.

"The Columbian Exchange"

Joseph Britto, Teacher at SUNY Orange. past Adjunct Professor of History at SUNY New Paltz and History Instructor at LLI for the past five years

**December 3, 2013**, Woodland Pond, 9:45-11:30 a.m.

"Women of the Bible"

Rabbi Yael Romer, Temple Emanuel, Kingston NY

The cost of brunches is \$10.00, which must be paid 10 days in advance. You will receive fliers by email about a month prior to the brunch. If you don't have email, please ask an LLI friend who has email to share the information.

### **Intercession Film Series**

These intercession films will be shown in January and February and are FREE!

The first series, presented by Carole Ford, will be musicals that were not on Broadway.

The second series, presented by Manuela Dobos, will be Russian films.

More information will follow.

## Meet Our New Registrar

**W**e would like to welcome our new Registrar, Jane Winters. Jane has recently retired from employment with SUNY New Paltz. Her experience over the past 25+ years includes the positions of Assistant Registrar and Academic Advisor to students at the College. Her background of registering students as well as maintaining the database, keeping accurate records and providing reports to SUNY New Paltz adminis-

trators is a fitting experience needed for the role of registrar at LLI. We look forward to working with Jane as she takes on the

responsibilities of the position. Most members will have a chance to meet her at upcoming affairs. Welcome aboard Jane Winters!!



*Sheyda Eversley at the Annual Lunch.*

## Information of Interest to Non-LLI Members

For a brochure describing the benefits of LLI membership, email us at our email address [lifetime@newpaltz.edu](mailto:lifetime@newpaltz.edu)

or send a request to the following address: Lifetime Learning Institute, P.O. Box 275, New Paltz, NY 12561. Include your name, mailing address, your telephone number, and email address (if you have one).

## A Note From the Registrar

- If you or someone you know would like to receive a catalogue or brochure about the Lifetime Learning Institute, one can be requested by sending your mailing address to: [lifetime@newpaltz.edu](mailto:lifetime@newpaltz.edu)
- Please volunteer to serve as a Classroom Assistant (CA) in one of the classes you are registering for. We need your help! Let us know by circling the class you choose to serve as a CA on your registration form. The LLI Classroom-Assistant coordinator will contact you with instructions and pertinent information.
- **The Fall registration deadline is September 3rd** Please check your calendars to make sure you can attend all of your class sessions. Please do not register for a class for which you cannot attend all of the classes – especially those with limited space.
- Members may take a maximum of 24 weeks of classes.
- Registration confirmation letters will be mailed to all those who have registered for Fall classes shortly after the registration deadline on September 3rd. We need time after the deadline to confirm classes and finalize room assignments based on enrollments.
- **Has Your Contact Information changed?** Please remember to notify us if you have a new phone, email, or mailing address. You can do so by e-mailing the new information to the LLI email address at [lifetime@newpaltz.edu](mailto:lifetime@newpaltz.edu).



## How to Get the Most Out of Your LLI Membership

### Renew for 2013-2014

With almost 235 paying members this year, we expect an even stronger program as we begin our 6th year in September. The annual membership fee remains \$115. **Send in your membership form when you receive the fall catalogue.**

### Attend classes and events

Your membership fee entitles you to an assortment of courses, special lecture programs and films, and other activities.

### Help us run the organization

LLI is run by volunteer members, and there are so many ways to help out. **One particularly gratifying contribution is to be the classroom assistant in one of your courses.** You handle communications between

the teacher and the students and assist in other ways. It's a good way to participate in the program and get to know people along the way. Gail Picciati, chair of the Classroom Assistants Committee, says that "the assistants report that a minimum of time is required and that they always feel useful and appreciated."

If you want to help grow and serve the organization, **join the Membership Committee.** Or volunteer for the **Curriculum Committee**, where you will work with instructors and help select the courses. Or just say you're willing to **help in some small way, like participating in occasional mailings.** You can indicate your interest on the membership form.

## Having Trouble Parking on the SUNY Campus?

Try the LOOP bus. It travels through the core areas of New Paltz and the SUNY campus. Ask the driver to drop you off at the **Wooster Science parking lot** (close to the Humanities Building) and say which bus you wish to return on. There's free parking at the Route 32 N. Park & Ride (across from Stewart's), but the LOOP can be boarded anywhere along the route.

For the full schedule and map, call 340-3333 or go to [www.co.ulster.ny.us/ucat/schedules/new\\_paltz\\_loop\\_map.pdf](http://www.co.ulster.ny.us/ucat/schedules/new_paltz_loop_map.pdf).



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Jane Winters, Registrar

## LLI Council

### Officers

**President:** Terry Scott

**Vice-President:** Clinton Bennett

**Secretary:** Susan Webber

**Treasurer:** Ed Rogers

**Immediate Past President:** Margaret Armento-McDowell

**Registration Coordinator:** Jane Winters

### Standing Committees

**Current Classroom Affairs:** Gail Picciati

**Events:** Ann Burdett

**Membership:** Marny Janson

**Public Relations:** Joe Tantillo

**Volunteers:** Joyce Schiff

**Course Development:** Sheyda Eversley

**Co-Chair Course Catalogue and Classroom Manager and Co-Chair Catalogue:** Marilou Abramshe

### Members-at-Large

Ruth Bean

Mary Louise Van Winkle

Marion Ryan

Alma Sloan

### Ex Officio

Helise Winters

**Dean, Extended Learning  
SUNY New Paltz**

### Newsletter Editor

Edward M. Steele