



# LLI MATTERS

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## LLI Officers Elected at Annual Meeting

### 2008-2009 LLI Election

The Lifetime Learning Institute at SUNY New Paltz held its first annual meeting on March 14th, with over 50 members attending.

Bylaws were adopted by the membership, and the group held its first election of officers.

Judy Reichler, recently retired New Paltz Town Justice, was elected to replace LLI founder Lyn Mayo as President, and Gail Gallerie, former Executive Assistant to the President at SUNY



LLI Council : Martha Afzal, Gail Gallerie, Marie Girard, Marty Korfman, Ann Burdett, Sally Rhoads, Judy Reichler, Lyn Mayo, Mary Cotton-Miller, Fred Mayo, Anne Finn, Mary Ann Osgood, Ellen Brady.

New Paltz, is Vice President.

Other officers are Fred Mayo, Treasurer, Carol Roper, Secretary, and Members-at-large Martha

Afzal, June Finer, and Marty Korfman.

LLI Council meetings are held the second Friday of each month. All members are welcome to attend.

### Lifetime Learning Institute Will Have a "Downtown Campus" in Fall 2008

In the fall, LLI classes will move to Deyo Hall, the Reformed Church Educational Hall, and the Jewish Community Center, which are all in downtown New Paltz, in close proximity to each other.

The relocation of LLI

classes has become necessary due to the extensive remodeling plans for the State University campus which will be going on for the next several years.

Your LLI Council is working hard to ensure that you have ample

parking, comfortable classrooms, and a place to meet your friends between classes.

You will receive complete directions and additional information with the fall course catalog.

#### Please join us

#### End-of-Session Gathering

Friday, May 23, 10:00 am

Lecture Center

South Lobby

- Refreshments
- Meet the teachers and your fellow LLI members
- Learn what's happening this summer and next fall
- Contact Committee Chairs to Volunteer.

We Need You!

## LLI Members Win Free Weekend Intensive Language Courses

The Language Immersion Institute at SUNY New Paltz most generously offered LLI members the chance to win free intensive weekend language classes this winter and early spring. What a wonderful opportunity for five fortunate participants!

The Language Immersion Institute conducts intensive weekend classes in more than 20 languages, taught by experienced teachers, who are usually native speakers of the language they teach.

The normal cost for a weekend

course is \$350, and is well worth it. Each weekend, however, the fee was waived for one lucky LLI member. Here is what some of the participants had to say about their weekend experience:

“Our enthusiastic teacher provided many opportunities to help us get over some of our inhibitions, such as games and songs, and created a supportive environment and letting us know that mistakes are an essential part of learning.” *Marianne Winfield*

“Our teacher was perfect. She challenged us, but never made us

feel dumb. She understood our skills, or lack of skills! We concentrated hard and even joked together in Spanish. It was hard, but I feel inspired to continue my studies.” *Katherine Gray*

We look forward to a similar collaboration next year. In the meantime, the Language Immersion Institute has a full program of intensive language courses lined up for the summer.

For more information

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### Fall Courses

LLI will begin its second year of classes in the fall of 2008. The courses offered will range from academic, to practical, to purely informative, covering such subjects as literature, history, art, architecture, geology and writing.

Here are some examples of courses you may see when your catalog arrives at the end of July:

*Why Impossible and How Infinite:* a math exploration

*Making Arrangements:* estate planning

*The Self as Other:* gothic novel.

*Rare Earth:* geology

*Fine and Performing Arts:* with SUNY faculty

*A Hudson Valley Sampler:* local history

*Mind Your Mind:* keeping your mind alert

### Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

#### DEFINITION OF SIGS

SIGS are made up of LLI members who have an interest in a particular subject or activity and want to share that interest with others. SIGS are led or facilitated by LLI members.

#### GUIDELINES FOR SIGS

- Open only to LLI members
- Led/facilitated by current LLI member
- Group and leader must be approved by Events Committee
- Group must hold regular meetings and provide a schedule for the newsletter
- Meetings must not conflict with LLI classes
- Leader facilitates the group but doesn't teach the group
- Members of SIGS are responsible for any costs or fees

- Members of SIGS are responsible for finding location for their meetings

#### CURRENT OR UPCOMING SIGS

##### Easy bike rides

*Facilitator:* Judy Reichler. For information, call 845-255-1775 or email [jmreichler@aol.com](mailto:jmreichler@aol.com).

##### Beading

*Facilitator:* Bea Seagull. For information, call 845-255-6457 or email [segullb@newpaltz.edu](mailto:segullb@newpaltz.edu). Beginners and intermediate welcome. Will start in June. Bring your own supplies.

##### Other SIGS being planned

Scrabble, chess, and outdoor painting.

#### To organize a SIG

Contact

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## LLI Collaborates With Mid-Hudson Teacher Center and KAAUW

LLI is collaborating with both the Mid-Hudson Teacher Center (MHTC) and the Kingston chapter of the American Association of University Women (KAAUW) on some very exciting projects.

MHTC has graciously bestowed two important benefits on LLI in our fledgling year of operation. For example, they are responsible for printing this newsletter, at minimal cost to us.

In addition, they have introduced us to live video conferencing of

museums. *Please see the insert for the schedule and description.* Lynn Sarda is our liaison with MHTC, and its director is Joe Pesavento.

KAAUW is offering LLI members the opportunity to share trips with them. *Schedules and descriptions are on the insert.*

We welcome these opportunities to join our efforts with two very important organizations who are being so supportive of the efforts of the Lifetime Learning Institute.

## Hats Off to Classroom Assistants!

In every LLI classroom, in addition to our splendid faculty, there resides a cadre of kind-hearted and team-spirited souls who have volunteered to assist instructors with their classroom activities.

Whether it be hightailing over to PDQ to make copies of hand-outs, getting on the horn to the SUNY A/V department to arrange for a microphone, or making 25 phone calls to class members to let them know of a room change, we can count on this stalwart and committed team to get things done.

## Wanted: Tech Squad Members!

This fall, courses will be held off campus, without ready access to the college's technical equipment and support services for classes and events. What we need is a small committee of people who are willing to be the LLI technical squad...and we need it right away.

Tasks of the Tech Squad include:

- Ascertaining the need for equipment;
- Determining what can be borrowed, rented or purchased;
- Creating a plan around what has to be where and when;
- Making sure the equipment is in the rooms and taken away at the end of class;
- Hiring a student, if needed, with the approval of the Council to transport the equipment;
- Being on hand to set up the equipment for classes and to troubleshoot during classes.

If this is a service you are able to offer  
Contact  
**Judy Reichler**  
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To join this wonderful team in the fall, register early for your classes and  
Contact  
**Marie Girard**  
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Classroom Affairs Chair, Marie Girard (right), with Dolly Wodin, Ellen Brady, and June Finer.



# Calendar of Events

**May 23 10:00 am**  
End-of-session celebration.  
Lecture Center, South Lobby  
Refreshments and program

**June 21**  
Bus trip to the Bronx Zoo  
and New York Botanical  
Gardens (see insert)

**July 10**  
Bus trip to Saratoga and  
SPAC (see insert)

**July 16**  
Videoconferencing "trip" to  
Philadelphia Museum of  
Art. *Impressionist Era* (see  
insert)

**July 27**  
Fall session catalog and 2008-  
2009 membership forms to be  
mailed

**July 30**  
Videoconferencing "trip" to  
Guggenheim Museum:  
*Architecture of the*  
*Guggenheim and Louise*  
*Bourgeois, Sculptor*  
(see insert)

**August 25**  
Postmark deadline for course  
registration

**September 8**  
Postmark deadline for late  
registration, with late fee

**September 18**  
Class confirmation letters  
mailed

**September 26**

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Classes Begin

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## LLI Council

### Officers

*President:* Judy Reichler  
*Vice President:* Gail Gallerie  
*Secretary:* Carol Roper  
*Treasurer:* Fred Mayo  
*Immediate Past President:* Lyn Mayo

**Registrar:** Mary Cotton-Miller

### Standing Committees

*Classroom Affairs:* Marie Girard  
*Curriculum:* Lyn Mayo  
*Events:* Ann Burdett  
*Membership:* Sally Rhoads  
*Public Relations:* Mary Ann Osgood  
*Volunteers:* Sally Rhoads

### Newsletter Committee

Gail Gallerie, Chair Pro Tem  
Barbara Carroll, Chair  
Ann Burdett  
Elaine Frankle  
Marie Girard  
Lynn Sarda