



LLI MATTERS

Learning for the Love of It

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FROM THE INCOMING PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Three years ago, as I ended my Presidency, I addressed all of LLI's spectacular volunteers at our annual reception, thanking them all and saying goodbye. Or so I thought. How much can change in a short time - as this past year has made abundantly clear.

Those who know me will understand that I refer often to my dear Uncle Will, Shakespeare that is, so I now quote Sonnet 98 - "April hath put a spirit of youth in everything". I hope we are all here today with that spirit!

Somehow it seems appropriate to be addressing the membership during Earth Week. We are encouraged to reduce, reuse, recycle. I believe that LLI can help us to do that in very personal ways.

First, we reduce isolation through our classes, which will continue online through the Fall 2021 semester, and hopefully move on to some in person venues for Spring 2022.

Next, we reuse the skills we acquired early in life to enhance our ability to continue our education.

We also recycle the vast experience and knowledge we have gained over our lifetimes and share them with fellow members.

There are a few more "RE" concepts which are apropos to the LLI experience.

RENEW - Seeing our LLI friends via ZOOM helps us move beyond the feelings of being cut off from the "normal" world we knew.

REPURPOSE - LLI gives us something to look forward to.

REDIRECT - LLI gives us a healthy, fun, and rewarding way to focus our energies on positives.

RE-ENTER - When the time is right, LLI will give us an opportunity to come back to our community, spend quality time with friends, and continue to live our best lives.

The most important "RE" word for me this year has been RESILIENCE. We have overcome many seemingly insurmountable obstacles to be stronger than ever before.

Richard 3 famously opens with the words "Now is the winter of our discontent made glorious summer..." I look forward to the glorious summer ahead and to helping LLI continue to be resilient and relevant to all of us.

- Jessica D. Rothman, President

Meet the Prez (again) - Jessica Rothman



Jessica D. Rothman has been a theatre educator and director of student and summer camp fully staged productions in the New York City high schools, elementary and high schools on Long Island, in regional summer camps and in community theatre for nearly 50 years. In addition to teaching theatre and training college students to become theatre teachers, she has produced and directed more than 50 academic Broadway plays and musicals, Shakespeare festivals and special drama programs. She has twice been a National Endowment for the Humanities Shakespeare fellow and is a contributor to the New York City Blueprint for the Arts in Theatre.

Jessica has a long history of volunteerism, beginning in elementary school and through her entire educational career. Becoming a presenter, then vice president and, now, for the second time, president of LLI, is just “doin’ what comes natur’ly,” as Annie Oakley might say (thanks to Irving Berlin).

Jessica has served as the New York State director of the International Thespian Society and has founded a number of high schools I.T.S. chapters. She has been recognized for her exceptional skills in teaching theatre and other communications courses by The State University of New York at Albany, the Educational Theatre Association, the Disney Company, the Shakespeare Society (of New York), and the Creative Arts Team’s New York City Student Shakespeare Festival. She is listed in the 2006-2007 Who’s Who in American Teachers.

Since the year 2000 Jessica has written extensively about theatre and theatre education including Broadway resource guides for Students Live, Inside Broadway (Formerly Midtown Management) and Tony Randall’s National Actors Theatre.

A member of SAG-AFTRA, Jessica began a second career as a background actor and stand-in in television and film. She has taught a number of theatre-related courses for LLI over the past seven years, as well as establishing a partnership with the SUNY New Paltz Department of Theatre and LLI. Jessica possesses a Master’s degree in Speech and Theatre education, and has continued her studies at New York University, Columbia University and Shakespeare and Company in Lenox, Massachusetts.

Jessica is rightly proud of her accomplishments, but is proudest of her forty-five-plus year marriage to a fellow educator, and their son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter.

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General Ledger 2020-2021

Date	Item	Amount		
3-Jul	Catalog design	\$ 950.00	\$4,961.00	Carryover 2020
15-Jul	Registrar/A.A.	\$390.00		
22-Jul	Storage Unit	\$137.00		
31-Jul	Refund	\$75.00		
9-Aug	Registrar/A.A.	\$697.00		
5-Aug	Refund	\$120.00		
22-Aug	Storage Unit	\$137.00		
8-Sep	Registrar/A.A.	\$902.00		
10-Sep	Postage	\$71.00		
17-Sep	Liability Insurance	\$854.00		
9-Sep	Income		\$375.00	
27-Sep	Storage Unit	\$137.00		
1-Oct	Registration		\$75.00	
8-Oct	Registrar/AA	\$615.00		
26-Oct	Balance of Contract	\$1,860.00		
26-Oct	Storage Unit	\$137.00		
27-Nov	ZOOM Licenses	\$315.00		
16-Nov	Registrar/AA	\$390.00		
23-Nov	Storage Unit	\$137.00		
13-Dec	Registrar/AA	\$267.00		
29-Dec	Host Contract	\$2,300.00		
29-Dec	PO Box Rental	\$168.00		
21-Dec	Storage Unit	\$137.00		
3-Jan	Insurance	\$746.00		
8-Jan	Registrar/AA	\$307.00		
13-Jan	Printer ink	\$113.00		
22-Jan	Storage Unit	\$137.00		
2-Feb	Registrar/AA	\$ 779.00		
15-Feb	Postage	\$209.00		
24-Feb	Income		\$4,620.00	
27-Feb	Storage Unit	\$ 137.00		
20-Mar	Income		\$1,320.00	
3-Mar	Registrar/AA	\$666.00		
16-Mar	Postage	\$55.00		
27-Mar	Storage Unit	\$137.00		
14-Apr	Registrar/AA	\$923.00		
	Gift Card for outgoing			
15-Apr	President	\$56.00		
27-Apr	Host - ZOOM	\$15.00		
27-Apr	Security Software	\$65.00		
27-Apr	Refund	\$60.00		
27-Apr	Income		\$120.00	
23-Apr	Storage Unit	\$156.00		
3-May	ZOOM Licenses	\$330.00		
3-May	Donation		\$100.00	
16-May	Picture Frame	\$10.00		
		\$15,697.00	\$11,571.00	Deficit \$4126



Sally Rhoads an LLI founding member and Past President, passed away on August 11, 2020, after a long illness. She was born September 16, 1944 in Butler, PA. In 1964, she graduated from Bradford Junior College (MA), transferred to Connecticut College for Women and graduated in 1966 with a degree in Psychology. She attended Rutgers University and earned a Master's Degree in Educational Psychology.



Joseph Frank Britto "Buzzy" May 28, 1946 - May 16, 2021 of Pine Bush, NY was an LLI beloved presenter for many years. An obituary published by the family notes that Britto "never stopped learning or encouraging others to learn ... and was famous for asking others what they were reading."



Joyce Schiff, 82 of New Paltz, New York passed away on Tuesday May 18, 2021 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie. Born January 25, 1939 in Brooklyn, she was a first generation American and loved this country and living in New Paltz. Teaching classes for LLI and chairing the Volunteer Committee were just two of her many selfless acts.

These are people who truly believed, *'it is better to give than receive'*. They all surely will be missed by LLI and the community in general.

COURSES FOR THE FALL OF 2021

With thanks to all the presenters



LLI CLASS

Activate Your Activism
Having Fun Playing the Ukulele
Book Discussion
Building Community
Correctional Services
Current Events Discussion
Estate Planning & Elder Law
History of American Furniture to 1840
Introduction To Tai Chi Easy
Jewish Greats of Rock & Roll, Part 2
Languages of the World
Meet Your Ancestors!
Science Potpourri
Spotlights on History in the Hudson Valley

Suddenly Single
The Living Newspaper
The Overstory
The Roaring 20's
Understanding Totalitarianism
War Reporting – An Insider's View
Zentangle – Mindful Drawing Method

PRESENTER

Janelle Peotter
Judy Reichler & Sherrill Silver
Judy Reichler
Fred Mayo
Jaik Schubert
Bill Goldman
David Kubikian
Peter Kenny
Caroline Hoppenwasser
Richard Sullivan
Eric Chambers
Marny Janson
Bill Tuel, Francesco Berna, Jennifer Anolik, Jeremy Heyl
Marilou Abramshe, Geoffrey Miller
Susan Wassberg Johnson, Richard Heyl de Ortiz
Irene Berner
Judy Swallow
Boyd Herforth
Chuck Mishaan
Lewis Brownstein
Lorna Tychostup
Priscilla DeConti

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Long-time Member - Gail Gallerie

Gail Gallerie is a past President and member of LLI from conception. Her professional career was spent at SUNY New Paltz as the executive assistant for six different presidents over the span of 34 years.

LLI: *In the beginning what did you hear about the creation of LLI and what were your impressions of LLI?*

GG: I heard from friends who were involved in getting LLI established about the development of what I thought was an exceptionally wonderful opportunity for those of us who had reached a point in our lives when we could pursue new interests. I considered the offering of non-credit courses without exams or the usual academic standards particularly appealing. I became an LLI member the very first semester and became vice president at the first annual LLI meeting.

As enthusiastically supportive of the LLI concept as I was, my agreement to become involved as an officer, was due almost entirely to what I still consider the genius of how the organizational structure that established a finite term, where the elected person serves as vice president, president and past president. That has assured our LLI of avoiding the problems of institutionalized leadership that some organizations suffer from and made my commitment to LLI seem doable.

LLI: *Do you feel LLI stayed true to their mission and how well have they grown and adapted?*

GG: I have found it very gratifying to find that our LLI has indeed remained faithful to the central mission for which it was established by offering an ever-increasing number of both academic and personal development courses. And, from the very beginning, this LLI has demonstrated an amazing capacity for adaptation to changing circumstances.

I continue to be in awe of the success of our founding members in launching, in a matter of only months, a full semester of courses. That was due in great measure to such early success in recruiting the legion of volunteers needed to organize, offer and support classes. LLI's amazing pivot to offering classes on Zoom has made me reminiscent of how LLI had to move all of its classes off campus just one year after the first classes were offered because the College was short of classrooms due to the renovation of the Old Main Building. Finding space, negotiating for its use and arranging for alternatives for the media support offered on campus seemed positively Herculean but a challenge that was very successfully met.

LLI: *Are you still participating in all that LLI has to offer?*

GG: I have continued to take LLI classes on a regular basis, including a Zoom class just recently concluded. I have also continued to attend the annual meetings and programs, again, including those offered via Zoom.

LLI: *What do you see for the future of LLI?*

GG: Because of how it has been able to serve its central mission while adapting to changing times, I see a very bright future for LLI. Even before the pandemic, LLI had already embraced so many of the advantages of technology to relieve the heaviest of early administrative burdens that fell to the officers and Council. That example of how LLI has adapted offers assurance that our LLI will continue to meet new demands and use new opportunities in the future.

A Note from Our Registrar

Hello LLIers!

As most of you know, we began using a Google Form for online registration this past year. We will continue to use it, as most found it much easier and faster than using the former print form. Our online catalog, which is a separate document, will become available online in late July. An email announcement will go out, along with a modest postcard mailing – designed for those, who chose not to join this past year and may not be aware that we are no longer mailing out a hard copy of our catalog.

Classes will take place online again for the fall, as we have not been cleared to have our classes on campus. For many, the online format has been easy and convenient using Zoom as our delivery method. However, other classes lend themselves to an in-person learning format. We do hope to go back to this format, but we are considering maintaining some online classes for those where traveling, or mobility is an issue, and where the content lends itself to this format.

Adding and dropping classes – our best and preferred method for adding or dropping classes is making your request directly through email and sending to the LLI email address at lifetime@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu.

Sending you wishes and kindest regards for a lovely summer!

Sincerely,

Jean Poirier, Registrar and Administrative Assistant

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Take the attitude of a student, never be too big to ask questions, never know too much to learn something new

- O.G. Mandino



**Like the Marines, LLI is looking for a few good
VOLUNTEERS**

The Classroom Management Committee needs at least two volunteers to work together to procure space, assign classrooms and provide needed equipment for onsite classes.

Committee responsibilities include:

- Working cooperatively with the Curriculum Development Chair and Catalog Chair to set dates for classes
- Advising SUNY Registrar of classes and times of fall/spring classes
- Arranging locations for classes held off campus
- Notifying SUNY IT Dept of dates needed for internet access for presenters (and students if required)
- Overseeing LLI equipment/supplies

For further information contact:

Marilou Abramshe at 914-582-2864

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD

We trust you enjoy your classes and extracurricular activities. LLI would love your friends and family as members, therefore let them know about LLI.

LLI at SUNY NP Membership/Benefits

Membership fee of \$120 entitles you to enroll in 6 classes out of a diverse selection of courses in both the Fall and Spring semesters. You are also invited to many other LLI events, including trips and informative seminars.

Once the campus reopens for visitors: The classrooms we use on Wednesdays and the technical support the presenters receive during classes are all provided free from SUNY. The SUNY administration is happy to have LLI on campus and offers the following discounts and opportunities to our students beyond our reduced-price parking tags:

Members are allowed to join the new Wellness Center on campus for a reduced fee for one semester or for the year. This gives one access to the circuit, the weight room and the dance classes. The old Elting Gym also has a swimming pool, racquetball courts and ping pong tables available.

The Department of Fine and Performing Arts gladly accepts the LLI membership card as a form of student identification. The card allows one to pay the reduced student rate for art (Dorsky Museum), theater (McKenna and Parker) and special events (Lecture Center). You can use the library but by becoming a Friend of the Library for a minimum donation of \$30, you are able to take books out of the library as well.

The various campus dining options are always available to everyone. The remodeled Wooster Hall (which is just across the concourse from Humanities and Lecture Center classes) now hosts a lovely restaurant.

You can sign up for email from the college to receive announcements of the events on campus or check out www.newpaltz.edu.

Auditing SUNY-New Paltz Classes

Once the campus reopens for visitors: Persons over 60 years of age, who would like to audit a course must obtain an audit form from the Office of Records and Registration. The completed form must have the approval and signatures of the chair of the department offering the course and the course instructor. The audit form must be returned to the department offering the course by the end of the "course add period."

The audit privilege permits the auditor to attend a course, providing there is room in the course and the necessary approvals have been granted, and to do assignments, but it does not permit the auditor to take examinations in the course or to have his/her work evaluated in any other way. The auditor receives no grade for the course, nor is any record of course attendance kept in the Office of Records and Registration.

Audit privileges are not ordinarily available in studio, online, laboratory or performance courses, or courses where class participation of students is of major importance, nor are they available in credit-free courses offered by the institution or in any foreign study program or course.

Off-Campus Discounts Available

- 20% off art supplies at Manny's and Rhinebeck Artist Shop.
- \$5 student admission to Denizen Theater.
- Student priced entry at DIA Beacon, MASSMoCA
- Discounts at widespread theaters and museums when showing your student ID.

Free Fun & Educational Seminars



The Events Committee hopes you have participated in our Virtual Seminars. LLI plans to offer additional virtual seminars via ZOOM during Fall 2021. We look forward to these events being in-person gatherings in future semesters.

If anyone knows potential presenters or they themselves are willing to step up to share their knowledge of a topic they are fluent in, please contact Margaret McDowell via email at Bbermac@aol.com or via telephone at (845)399-8105. I look forward to hearing from several of you.

Enjoy your Summer,

Margaret McDowell, Events Coordinator

Past Seminars:

On June 24, there was an in depth look at the life of a group of seniors. Margery Schab's most recent photography project explored the lives of seniors living in residential care facilities. The impressive photos were turned into a gallery exhibition. After the slide show and talk, a local Health Professional gave a presentation on some local services available to in-need seniors.

Potential Upcoming Seminars:

A discussion of local Libraries' Challenges thru the COVID pandemic and how libraries will look in the future.

A field trip to Mohonk Preserve for a lecture and a tour of the area.

LLI MISSION STATEMENT

The Lifetime Learning Institute of New Paltz promotes diverse and enriching learning experiences for older adults, provides opportunities for social interaction, and encourages individuals to use their knowledge and skills in creative ways.

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Wednesday,

September 22th through

Friday, November 12th

**Watch your email for the catalog
in August or check our website**

www.newpaltz.edu/lifetime/catalog.html



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