



Lifelong Learning Institute at Waubonsee Community College

President's Corner

As I sit here pondering what information to share with you, I am looking out the window of our den at the beautiful fall colors of the trees across the street.

This year we have 373 members of whom 50 are new members. Last year at this time there were 340 members, 38 of them new.

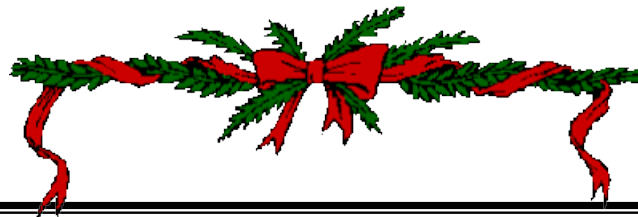
The Sustainability Committee met September 28 for the first time. There are 10 members serving on this committee. They will be addressing the ideas expressed at the June 12, 2018 Imagination Session relating to the future direction of our LLI organization. The committee is also reviewing historical data related to activity offerings, facilitators and members that will assist them in developing recommendations that ensure our LLI organization is prepared to address the current and future needs and interests of our members.

The Technology Committee is pursuing the future direction of our registration process. At this time three alternatives are being explored: utilizing Waubonsee Community College's registration software, selecting an outside vendor's registration product or continuing to use the current LLI database. It is likely to take several months before the feasibility studies will be completed and a recommendation made.

A special Board meeting took place November 9 to discuss the future of our LLI Rush. If this activity is to continue, a member must step forward to serve as chair. If you are inspired to fill this position, please contact me at (630) 262-0602.

I wish each of you a very happy holiday season!

Robert Goetz
President



Insights from Founding Member Kally Klose...

"Looking back at my life and nursing career, I heard 'put them to bed' many times." Assuredly, this was not the best advice. "My strong belief is that **learning** is the key to wellness, whether it be listening, speaking, writing or reading. With this belief, I feel I broke through barriers in my field. My goal was always to assist people."

Kally's advice (to quote an Ella Fitzgerald's song), "Accentuate the positive." Excellent words to live by!!

Curriculum Council Corner

The Curriculum Council appreciates the input you provide on the course evaluation forms. Frequently members suggest topics for future courses. Below is a list of suggested topics of interest to LLI members. Perhaps one of the suggestions will stimulate you to facilitate a course. Please contact a Curriculum Council member if you're interested in facilitating a course. The list of Curriculum Coordinators is on page 12.

The Curriculum Council would also like to remind all members that LLI trips need to be associated with a facilitated course. The trips will then augment and expand on the facilitated course.

Course suggestions:

- Histories of China, North Korea, Manchuria, Russia, Ottoman Empire, Poland, Africa
- Mystery writers
- Weather/science
- Ronald Reagan, LBJ
- More First Ladies
- Technology courses
- The Masons
- Sports history
- Great artists, their works, their lives



This is an excellent opportunity for you to become involved and share your passions. We often hear from your members, "I would love to facilitate but I don't have a topic." Now is your chance— we would love to hear from you!

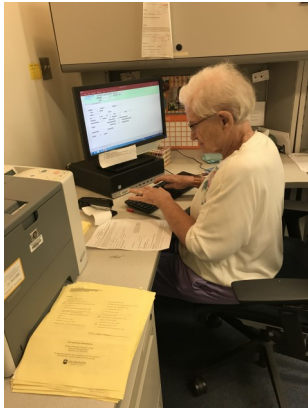
Facilitator Assistance Bureau Announcement

For all past, present and potential LLI facilitators, a workshop will be held **Tuesday, February 5, 2019 from 1 – 3:30 p.m. in Collins Hall, Room 206.** Topics covered will be using the Waubensee technical equipment and how to Skype an author. Participants are encouraged to bring their course DVDs to use in the hands-on instruction. Please register by phoning the LLI office at (630) 466-2593 and leaving your name.



Registration— Behind the Scenes...

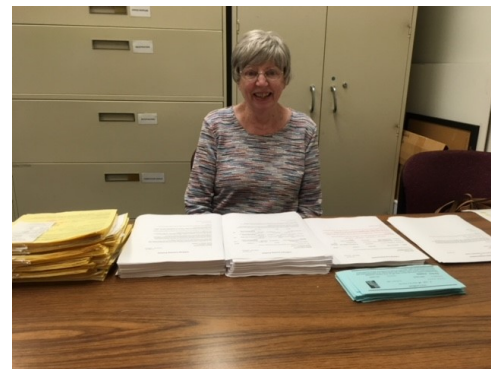
It all seems like magic! I send in my registration form with payment and anxiously wait for my confirmation to be returned. Did you ever wonder what goes on behind the scenes to make this “magic” happen? The process below represents our registration volunteers hard at work to process the Fall Registration Shuffle from 8/13—8/23/18.



Each day envelopes were pulled at random, requests processed and input manually into the database until round one was completed (first three choices). The entire process was repeated in reverse order for round two (remaining choices).

Note: only one person can perform data entry at a given time.

This step took 52 hours.

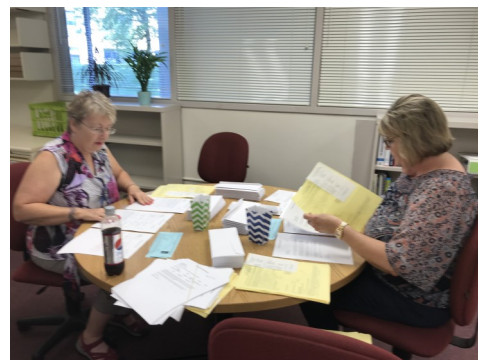


All letters and certificates were printed and prepared for envelope stuffing. **This process took 4 hours.**



All letters and forms were organized onto tables where volunteers determined which were to be included for each member response. This takes great concentration because each response is customized. Error resolution also took place at this time.

This step took 24 hours.



The total volunteer time for the Fall Shuffle was 80 hours! Let's all give the registration committee and volunteers a big round of applause and our sincere gratitude!!

Fall Offerings

Socrates Cafe

Co-facilitated by Lynne Mattingly and Jerre Henriksen

Written by Gail Tattersfield



"Where do we find meaning in our lives?"
"Where is the line between what we call art and not art?"

These are just two of the questions discussed at the fall 2018 Socrates Cafe course. About 17 LLI members gathered under the leadership of Lynne Mattingly and Jerre Henriksen.

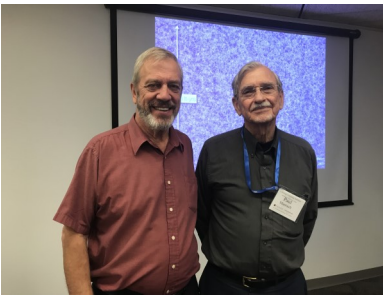
The concept of Socrates Cafes was developed by Christopher Phillips and today people all around the globe meet to discuss philosophical questions. The aim is to help participants better understand themselves and to challenge and examine ideas. Personally, I see value in the chance to gather together and just have a face-to-face discussion.

Socrates loved questions. The Cafe concept brings back the idea of exchange of ideas and discovery through a question and discussion format.

Lynne has been leading just such a monthly group for over a year in Oswego. She and Jerre found a long list of topic ideas and encouraged us to expand on that list. We voted on five suggestions and finally picked one for the class to explore. It was fascinating to see how each of us viewed the chosen topic and how the discussion developed.

Discovering the Universe

Organized by Paul Mantsch



Paul Mantsch (far right in left photo, pictured with Dr. Mike Albrow) recently retired from a 42-year career with Fermilab and is currently a Scientist Emeritus. He wanted to extend science into the community, giving talks and now coordinating a six-week course for LLI. Each session included a presentation and discussion led by a Fermilab scientist working in “cutting edge” research in astrophysics and cosmology.

Some topics covered: an introduction to the field, Artificial Intelligence in the “sky,” astronomical observations and measurements, exoplanets (planets around other stars) and high energy cosmic rays. The presenters shared their knowledge with enthusiasm and clarity. A tour was also offered to interested participants of the Fermilab campus from the Wilson Hall Observatory.

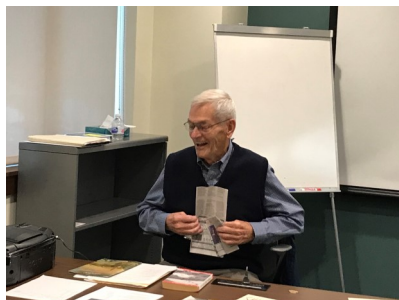
Dr. Brian Nord (pictured at right) presenting *The Co-evolution of Computing and Cosmic Understanding*.

Optional text: *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry* by Neil deGrasse Tyson



Shakespeare's Julius Caesar

Facilitated by Adam Holtz



Who would think studying Shakespeare could be this much fun?! Adam Holtz is a retired English teacher who taught primarily in the Glenbard School District for a total of 37 years. He took one of the first offered courses in our LLI chapter and has been sharing his passion for literature with members ever since.

Adam has a talent of making this political drama dialogue very understandable. Participants listened to audios of the play, reviewing one scene at a time. Questions were then posed for reflection, such as, "What ingredients set up future events?" The historical backdrop and roles of the characters were discussed for better understanding. The result- great participation and interaction!

Adam also shared stories and news articles relevant to this play to make the topic more relevant and encouraged members to do the same. Participants were also encouraged to present class reports.

There was a lively discussion of theories that Shakespeare was not the author of his claimed works. Could one person have had all of these experiences and talents? Little is known of Shakespeare's personal life, promoting such theories. Of course, devoted fans shudder at this thought. Just food for thought...

Patton

Co-facilitated by Richard J. Larson and Ellen Neupert



Dick Larson is a new facilitator and retired judge of the 16th Circuit Court, Kane County. He served as legal officer in the Illinois Air National Guard. Dick was ten years old when WWII ended. When he read O'Reilly's book, *Killing Patton*, Dick became interested in Patton's story.

Ellen Neupert is thoroughly grounded in the subjects she loves - history, biographies and current affairs - having taught history, geography, psychology, social studies and government. For 22 years she has facilitated classes at LLI, often two at a time and two sections at a time, in addition to mentoring new facilitators.

Patton is best known for his leadership of the U.S. Third Army in France and Germany following the Allied invasion of Normandy in June 1944. Patton "rushed in where angels feared to tread." He was said to be arrogant and personally flawed, but his success as a commander and ability to inspire his troops made him one of the greatest generals of WWII.



Required text: *Patton: The Man Behind the Legend, 1885-1945* by Martin Blumenson

The Long 19th Century: European History from 1789-1912, Part 1

Co-facilitated by Dick Sackett and Bridget Tryon



Dick and Bridget (left) share a love of history and stressed neither of them has a formal background in education or history. Bridget responded to Dick’s invitation to co-facilitate after having taken a *History of Eastern Europe* course led by the Sacketts.

Bridget was struck by just how many subjects and themes jumped out at her that could be follow-up courses. In preparation for facilitating, she has taken LLI-offered courses *Challenge: You’ve Got Talent* and *Let a DVD Be Your Co-Facilitator*.

This course is based on “The Great Courses” videos and attempts to answer the question, “Why did an era that began with the idealism of the French Revolution and the power of the Industrial Revolution close with World War I - the greatest tragedy of modern European history?” Each of the sessions explored an event in this historic period with videos and discussion. Handouts included outlines of each video, selected important dates of this period and related maps of Europe. Our history buffs loved this course as evidenced by their engaged participation!

Part 2 will follow in spring 2019.

The Witch Trials of Salem

Co-facilitated by Llona Steele and Lynn Steele



Before a packed classroom, Llona and Lynn launched into the very complicated political, social, economic and religious background of the 1692 Salem witch trials. These trials were a series of hearings and prosecutions of people accused of witchcraft in Colonial Massachusetts between February 1692 and May 1693. More than 200 people were accused and 19 found guilty and hanged. It is considered one of Colonial America’s most notorious cases of mass hysteria,

The class viewed the film, *Three Sovereigns for Sarah*, which depicts the story of an accused woman who, like her two older sisters, was tried and convicted as a witch. She survived but her sisters were found guilty and hanged. Ten years later she appealed their convictions to magistrates who listened to her story.

Llona, a French and Spanish teacher for 39 years, and Lynn, a Viet Nam veteran and macroeconomist, met at the University of Kansas and have been married 51 years. Both of them are related to the three women, the Towne sisters, depicted in the film. The Steeles have facilitated many LLI courses which are always well received by our members.

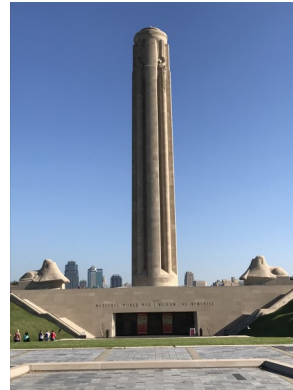


Go West, LLI Adventurers

This seven-day, six-night trip was managed by Lynn and Llona Steele and took participants to Kansas City, Missouri, into eastern Kansas (Lawrence and Fort Scott), then through Fulton and St. Charles, Missouri before heading home. Many sites were related to LLI courses,



Director of Haskell Indian Nations University Cultural Center and Museum in Lawrence, Kansas sharing historical background.



WWI Monument in Kansas City, Missouri.



What fun it was creating a jazz performance at the American Jazz Museum in Kansas City!



Park Ranger providing tour of the historic Fort Scott.



Participants listening attentively at Gordon Parks Museum in Fort Scott.



Interior of Church of St. Mary, Aldermanbury (designed by Christopher Wren) at National Winston Churchill Museum in Fulton, Missouri.

Get on the Bus!

Submitted by Kim Carew



Frequently *thought* questions:

Q: Why were there no trips in the fall catalog?

A: No one submitted a proposal to organize a trip.

Q: Don't we have a trip coordinator?

A: Yes, but that person is only responsible for security, paperwork and guidance.

Q: So, who does trips?

A: YOU! Any member can plan and manage a trip using the *Outing and Trip Planning Kit* and guidance from the Curriculum Council Trip Coordinator Mary Ochsenschlager.

Q: Does the trip manager buy the water, ice and bring a cooler?

A: Yes, everything regarding the trip is performed by the trip manager.

Q: Are two trip managers required on every trip?

A: Yes, for safety reasons there needs to be a co-trip manager on board.

Q: Where can I get this *Outing and Trip Planning Kit* and *Trip Proposal Form* and when are the deadlines?

A: You may pick up the kit in the LLI office or from the trip coordinator. A Trip Proposal Form is in the kit for you to duplicate and also available at

www.waubonsee.edu/lli

Deadline for spring is January 20.

Deadline for summer is February 20.

Deadline for fall is July 20.

“The meaning of life is to find your gift.
The purpose of life is to give it away.”

William Shakespeare

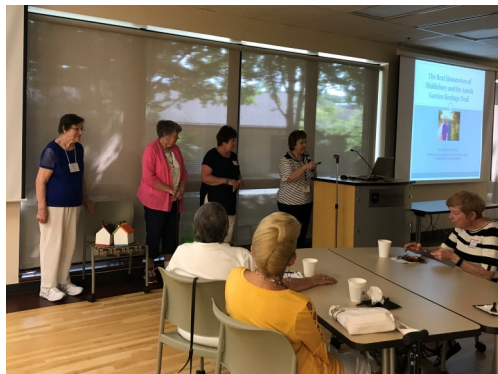


Coffee Klatch

LLI members and guests always look forward to our annual Coffee Klatch, this year held on August 8, 2018. It is an opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new members in a casual and fun atmosphere.



Members and guests signing in (upper left) while others (upper right) are actively socializing!



Kim Carew (pictured at podium) led a discussion of *The Real Housewives of Middlebury and the Amish Quilt Garden Heritage Trail Trip* held on July 19. Some members of this trip shared their favorite stories, ranging from the Amish schoolhouse to a favorite lunch prepared in Amish tradition.

Reflections from a valued LLI member...



- How do you describe the JOY of learning?
- The “aha” moment when the lightbulb of understanding turns on?
- The instant you know you don’t know the answer but are eager to learn?
- The collaborative spirit of class members offering their experiences?
- The enthusiasm of the facilitator sharing his/her knowledge with the class?
- Lingering after class discussing the highlights with each other?
- Leaving the classroom with a bone of information anxious to dig for more?
- That social interchange of people + involvement = happiness.

This is LLI!

Facilitator Round Table



Facilitator Round Tables are hosted by the Curriculum Council and are held quarterly. These workshops provide a forum for information-sharing and facilitator input.

This session, held September 7, 2018, focused on reviewing the new *Facilitator Guide*. All input will then be incorporated into a modified version. Guide sections include: What is a Facilitator? How to Get Started, Facilitator Guidelines, Facilitator Resources, Special Situations and Sample Forms.

Reminder to use “X” number



Please remember to use your “X” number when registering for spring 2019 offerings. A space will be included on the registration form for this information. Your “X” number was provided to you (if you have one) at the top of your fall 2018 confirmation

letter.

The spring catalog will be mailed on December 19.

To reiterate information published in the September 2018 Newsletter, anyone who takes a WCC class, a Community Education trip or has submitted vendor paperwork for reimbursement is assigned an “X” number. The Bursar’s Office has asked LLI to provide these numbers on our registration forms for ease of processing payments.

If you have any questions, please leave a message at (630) 466-2593 and an LLI volunteer will return your call.

Ride in Kane

Ride in Kane is a public transportation service providing curb-to-curb bus or taxi service to seniors 65 and older, disabled individuals, and those with low income who qualify for the service in Kane County. It operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Rates are affordable.



For more information, see their website www.rideinkane.org or call 888-480-8549.



Calling All Members!

In memory of George Tattersfield, friend and colleague...

It was over four years ago that I met George, both of us newly appointed to the Board. His commitment to his position as Operations Coordinator struck me— George had truly done his homework to present his first report. Over the years a friendship developed. George was always open and committed to doing what was sensible.

A favorite memory was shadowing George and his Therapy Dog Dickens at Arden Court for a newsletter article. I saw first hand how he loved to touch the lives of others, how he made a difference through his connection to the human spirit. On another occasion we marched for a common cause to raise our voices for change.

George connected with so many people because he had convictions and compassion. He was authentic. Let us remember him for the joy he brought to the world, truly “bigger-than-life” and one who made a difference because he was present.

Cheers to a life well lived!

Mary Maiers



Member Survey



You should have received a member survey by now, **requested return date of November 16, 2018**. This information is used by various LLI committees to better understand the skills and interests of our members. If you have not returned your survey, please do so ASAP. If you have related questions, please leave your name and contact number with the LLI office. Member Services is coordinating this effort and will contact you to address your questions and concerns.

Goodbye, adios, ciao, auf wiedersehen

As your Newsletter Editor for the past four years, I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support and input. This has been such a rewarding and enriching experience for me, learning and meeting so many members along the way. I hope you have enjoyed these publications as much as I have loved working on them.

Look for great things to come. If you are interested in being a newsletter contributor, please contact Marjorie Logman, Member Services Coordinator (contact information on page 12).

Sincerely,
Mary Maiers



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Our **Values** include continued learning, intellectual inquiry, social interaction, and active member participation in lifelong learning.

Our **Mission** is to provide our membership with a defined and member-generated framework for life-enriching, dynamic educational experiences through lifelong learning programs.

Our **Vision** is to be a self-sustaining and self-governing community of active mature adults offering a diverse and intellectually stimulating array of noncredit educational offerings in a wide variety of academic disciplines.

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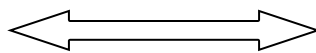
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