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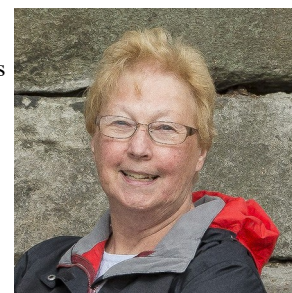
The Newsletter of Lifelong Learning

LLI Matters



President's Message by Nancy McGrew

We are in a new year, new semester and almost to a new Spring. I hope that everyone is enjoying the classes so far. Our Office Manager, JoAnn Feeney, retired as of Friday February 24 after over 12 years of service to LLI and previously LIR. Thank you JoAnn for a job well done! We welcome JoAnn to LLI as a member and volunteer as she begins her retirement.



Until we fill our Office Manager position, please call the LLI office before coming in. We may not have an office volunteer, it may be a holiday for the university or Alycia (our student employee) may be off. We do not want you to make a trip and find the office closed.

February 6th marked a new beginning for LLI as we welcomed our new advisor, Jason Mathwig. He replaces Rebecca Sievers who was with us for a short time. Jason comes to us from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire where he was the Camps and Conferences Coordinator.

Volunteers are always needed to help keep LLI a well oiled machine. Remember that we are a peer led volunteer organization and that things do not get done by themselves. All of the committees can use help. You can contact any of the committee chairs: Robert Cook on Curriculum, Arlene Molzahn on Social, Sherry Moon on Communications, Ron Niesing on Finance and Jan Rickert on the Volunteer Development Committees to see where your talents can be utilized.

This has been an interesting winter with the snow, ice and warm temperatures scattered in between. Just a reminder that LLI classes are canceled when the Green Bay Public schools are canceled due to weather. If schools are delayed two hours LLI is not affected. Remember that you can make the determination for yourself. If you feel that conditions are not safe to venture out, do not. Please call or email your coordinator if you are not coming to class.

Wishing you a Happy Easter and Celebration of Passover. We hope to see you at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday May 10th at the Tundra Lodge.

Telling the LLI Story---

Do you know someone who is interested in being active mentally, physically, and socially? Then perhaps you need to share the LLI story with that person. Person to person sharing of this great organization is the most productive means of garnering new members. We speak to local organizations, staff booths at Arti Gras, Art Street and other community events, and distribute brochures to help inform the area about LLI. But you as a member also can tell the story. Please share your experiences with others. Also coming in July is the "All You Want to Know about LLI" event. If you know of someone who might be interested in this event please send his/her contact information to the office.

Up-Coming Events

- "Dutch Treat" Breakfast, 8:30 Bay Family Restaurant: March 22, 2017,
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- Spring Fling/Annual Meeting, May 10, 2017, Tundra Lodge
- Gallery of Creativity at the Spring Fling, Tundra Lodge
- "Everything You Want to Know about LLI" July 25, 2017 (for possible new members)



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Curriculum Committee by Bob Cook, Curriculum committee chair

Is registration a nightmare for you? Do you always seem to miss out on classes that you really want? Maybe, just maybe, you are not using the registration system effectively. What will follow are a few helpful hints that the Curriculum Committee has developed based on our collective experience with the system.

First, look at the size of the venue. It is unlikely that the Kroc or Rose Hall 250 (the large lecture hall between the other two Rose Hall classrooms) will fill to the extent that you will not be able to get into courses that are scheduled there. Our advice is to give these venues a higher number on your list of courses. Will this always work? No, but your odds of being closed out are less. By the same token an interesting class in either of the other two Rose Hall classrooms has a much higher probability of having a wait list.

Second, look at the presenter. We all know that certain presenters will always draw a large audience. If for some reason they are in a regular classroom, they should be in your top five choices. That doesn't guarantee that you will get in the class; but it helps your chances.

Finally, when you are on the wait list for a class you really want, call the coordinator and let them know that you want the class and will keep the date open in case anyone cancels. Every coordinator has had the experience of calling 15-20 people and only talking to 5, all of whom have other things scheduled in for that time. Your interest saves them that experience and guarantees that an interested person will be in the course. Of course, this presumes that you will in fact keep that date open. You will be surprised how this will work for both you and the coordinator.

We hope that you will find this information helpful and that it will work toward a more enjoyable LLI experience. Don't be a stranger. If you see me in a class or "on the campus" and you have a question – ask me. I will always have an answer; although sometimes it may be "I don't know". We can always use your input.



Finance Committee by Ron Neising, Finance committee chair

All sorts of computer errors are now turning up. You'd be surprised to know the number of doctors who claim they are treating pregnant men." – Isaac Asimov

Got your attention, right? Just another example of why we need a Finance Committee in LLI! It takes people-power, not glitzy computers, to sit down and discuss what is important to LLI, crafting a budget, and then determining how we want to use the money and the talents that LLI members invest in our programming and activities. Number crunchers are still important, even in today's tech-crazy world. Kevin Kalkhoven, a leading voice in auto racing, summed it up well, saying, "The budget is not just a collection of numbers, but an expression of our values and aspirations." People, not computers, have values and aspirations.

You don't need to have a passion for numbers, or even a particular talent for all things math. You do need to have a passion for LLI programming, and for wanting to have the best possible LLI program available to those in the UWGB LLI community and all the perspective members out there. LLI has an ever-evolving membership, and we need to make sure the program appeals to those newly looking to expand their knowledge and community awareness. While the Finance Committee does not necessarily decide on the content of our programming, we do help to determine if our programs and activities are financially possible. We keep folks on task, ensuring that once budgets are passed that they are ultimately followed.



If finance is not your cup of tea, you are invited to give some of our other committees and volunteer opportunities, if you will, a reading of the tea leaves. Find your niche, get involved.

Volunteer Development Committee

by Jan Rickert

Change. It seems we are really dealing with much of that right now. The weather is almost a change from day to day. But Lifelong Learning has probably had the biggest change in the past few months. First, our advisor, Rebecca Sievers left and a new one hired, Jason Mathwig. Then JoAnn, our office manager surprised us with her announcement of retirement. She left us at the end of February. Third, was our office volunteer coordinator, Sue Jonet, who announced, because of health reasons, she could no longer cover that position. It looks like it's three strikes for us, but we're not out. I know the volunteers of this organization will step up to the plate and we'll still be in the game. However, we can't keep asking the same people over and over again to give more. We need some new faces to take the plunge and become involved. All the committees need new members, who can bring new ideas to the table. And I can attest to having been a member in this organization for twenty years, that once I began volunteering in it, it really was rewarding. You take a course, meet new people, many of similar interests, you become friends, form groups, like bridge clubs, tating groups, writing groups, etc. which meet outside of class on a regular basis. It may cost you a few dollars, but in the end you get no bigger bang for your buck than belonging and volunteering for Lifelong Learning.

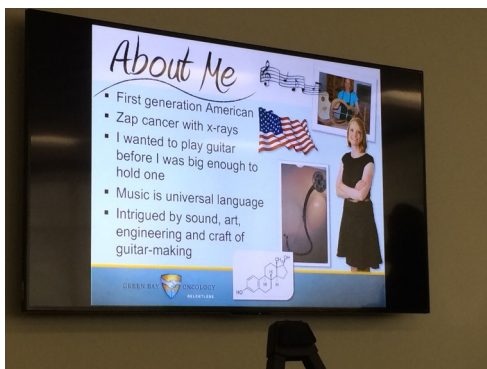


MAYBE HISTORY ISN'T SO BAD AFTER ALL by ED Smith

It was pure serendipity when I attended the LLI course "Guitars - History and Making: My Year As a Luthier's Apprentice" presented in December by a local radiation oncologist. Dr. Eva Christensen had a semester to wait between completing her M.D. in oncology and starting her Ph.D. program in radiology. Since she had always been interested in guitars, she decided to take advantage of an opportunity to spend this time with one of the top luthiers in the U.S, and build her own guitar.

I had expected to learn a little about the construction of guitars with a healthy, but boring, session on its history. It was far more than this, and far more interesting that I ever expected. It was an absolutely delightful presentation on "Everything you ever wanted to learn about guitars but were afraid to ask." It even included the development of guitar music and was capped by a performance by Dr. Christensen using her own guitar that she had made.

We hope that she will repeat this presentation for other LLI members. If she does, DO NOT MISS IT!



"We are LLI" by Sherry Moon, Communications committee chair

Karen Wojahn

Presenter, CPA, embroiderer, traveler, former finance committee member, community volunteer, golfer, cross-country skier and grandmother

Life Pre-LLI:

Karen was born in Milwaukee and moved to Wauwautosa when she was five. She graduated from Wauwautosa East High School and then attended the University of Wisconsin—Madison majoring in business. She graduated from the UW in 1968 with a BBA in accounting and shortly thereafter obtained her CPA. She and Dennis married in 1968 on the day he received his draft notice. Under the direction of "Uncle Sam" they relocated to Colorado Springs. Dennis served Uncle Sam and Karen began her career in accounting. Karen practiced accounting for the university system and at the vocational board, at MATC and in business. She has lived in a variety of places including Buffalo, New York during the blizzard of 77. She returned to Wisconsin in 1978, first living in Appleton before settling in Green Bay in 1985. When she moved to Green Bay, she began a new career as a community volunteer. In this occupation she served the Literacy Council, Heritage Hill Foundation Board, the United Way, and her church among others.



LIFE beyond LLI:

Karen and Dennis have been married since 1968. They have two children, a daughter living in Minnesota and a son living in Maryland, and four grandchildren. Karen greatly enjoys her family and visiting them.



Whenever she is able she practices her avocation—embroidery. Embroidery is her true passion. LLI has been fortunate to have Karen share this passion, teaching many embroidery classes to the members. The community has also benefitted from Karen's passion. She worked with the Neville Museum to bring the Embroiderers' Guild of America's traveling needlework art show to the community. She has been president of the National Guild and has held every office save secretary in the local chapter. When asked about this passion Karen said that "she learns so much history and culture through the needle work. As an example Catherine, Henry VIII's first wife, was a Blackwork artist and if you look at pictures of the Tudor era you will see black embroidery on cuffs and collars". Karen is passionate about all types of needle work including Hardanger, Needlepoint and Surface Embroidery.

Karen also enjoys traveling. She and Dennis visited among other places the WWI battle fields in France, Venice, Ireland, Croatia, Montenegro, the Ivory Coast, Israel, the Sahara and Churchill Manitoba. As a supporter of the "New Ways Ministry" she was on the stage for an outdoor Papal Mass— a very moving experience.

What does LLI mean to me:

I love the classes. I use them to extend my learning. It also enables me to meet great people and to share my passion, embroidery. I have many favorable memories: a dairy farm tour, multiple history classes, the music classes, and the list goes on.



Most people don't know but:

I met Dennis "on-line". When I was at Madison the computer science department set up "Operation Match". "I received a questionnaire to complete, then several weeks later I received a list of seven or eight names, among them was Dennis." "That was in 1965 and we are together in 2017 so one could say that "Operation Match" worked" I also heard the explosion at Sterling Hall, as I lived in Chadburn Hall which is located several blocks from Sterling Hall.



Spring Fling:

The social committee invites all members to a **Kentucky Derby party on May 10, 2017 at the Tundra Lodge beginning at 11:00.** Wear your own hat or marvel at the hats created by the committee. There are hats for men as well. With or without your mint julep, stroll through the Gallery of Creativity where members' accomplishments are on display. It will be a great party. The meal will be served at 12:00.



The annual meeting will follow lunch. At the annual meeting the officers and board of directors will be announced and the budget presented. The Ashwaubenon High School Encore under the direction of Teresa Schroepfer will provide entertainment. Watch for registration information. It will be coming your way soon.



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Join other LLI members

Join your fellow LLI members for breakfast, socialization and sharing. On the fourth Wednesday of the month join LLI members for a "**Dutch Treat Breakfast**" at the Bay Family Restaurant at 8:30. For the past several months members have been gathering at the Bay Family Restaurant to share fun and conversation. Keith Pamperin, communications committee, has been coordinating and facilitating this activity. If you wish to attend respond to the email blast announcing the breakfast or to Keith Pamperin, 920-494-3990, kjpamperin@aol.com. All are welcome, just bring your jokes, stories and photos. This is an opportunity for us to get to know one another. Next breakfast is Wednesday, March 22nd.



Remember: *Our Web page is a great source for LLI information. It has forms, registration information, and even some class notes. [Www.uwgb.edu/lli](http://www.uwgb.edu/lli) And like us on Facebook*

Can't make a class? Please remember to notify the coordinator. This allows the coordinator to notify someone on the wait list. Thank you for being considerate of your fellow members.



LLI in action—Learning, Presenting, Sharing and Communicating

Confrin Library at UWGB LLI members can use the Confrin library. Just stop at the desk, show your public library card and the Confrin library will issue you a card for the Confrin Library. This gives one not only access to the UWGB campus library but also to the entire University library system through the inter library loan connection.



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