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President's Message by Nancy McGrew

It is hard to believe that summer is finally here and we have our first year as UW Green Bay Life-

long Learning Institute behind us. We had a lot of "firsts" this year. We had our new name, we welcomed our new advisor Jason Mathwig and our new Office Manager Susan Pike, my first year as President, our first year without JoAnn Feeney as she retired February 24, our first year with 1021 members and 374 classes and last but not least our first year with monthly social breakfasts that were organized by Keith Pamperin. Thank you Keith as they were enjoyed by all who attended.



Thank you to our many volunteers, coordinators, presenters and Board of Directors members. We want to thank the outgoing members of the Board: Past President Frank Moon, Secretary Jan Hess, Members at Large Fred Delie and Jim Hinckley as well as committee chairs Curriculum Bob Cook and Social Arlene Molzahn.

Thank you to JoAnn Feeney for over 12 years as the Office Manager. We really appreciate all that she did for us. Thank you to Alycia Winter, our student intern, and Karen Carvenough, our Office Volunteer Coordinator; they kept the office going in JoAnn's absence.

At the Annual Meeting the election results were announced as follows: Secretary Jim Huss, Members at Large Sue Sorenson and Wes Carvenough with returning member at large Dan Malcore. It was also announced that the membership fee for 2017-2018 is \$125. This increase covers increasing fees from the university as well as rental facilities. We still are a bargain when

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.

On July 25,2017 from 10:00 to 12:00 at the Neville Public Museum interested people and potential new members can "sample" LLI. The communication committee is holding "The Introduction to the Lifelong Learning Program" overview. The program includes a presentation of what LLI is, two sample classes, (30 minutes each), a Q&A session and registration information.

Up-Coming Events

- "Dutch Treat" Breakfast, 8:30 Bay Family Restaurant: July 26, 2017
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- "Introduction to the Lifelong Learning Program, Neville Public Museum, July 25, 10:00-12:00
- Art Street , August 25-26, downtown Green Bay
- "Fall Kick Off, September 27, 2017 Swan Club at Legends, 11:00

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compared to other LLI's in the state. For example, UW LaCrosse only offers 10 classes from April to July with fees for most of them, registration fees of \$35 and parking fees of \$35. If one went to all the classes and paid all the fees it could cost an individual \$290 and that is for only 1 semester!

We still have a need for volunteers. Members are needed to work 4 hour shifts in the office, or as a coordinator, a presenter or a committee member. We also need an Office Volunteer Coordinator as Karen Carvenough is the incoming Social Committee Chair. Upcoming events at Art Street and the Botanical Gardens where we let the community know about LLI need volunteers to "man" the booth for a few hours at a time. Consider sharing your time with LLI.

Curriculum Committee by Bob Cook, committee chair

This is my swan song as the Chair of the Curriculum Committee. I am passing the gavel to Frank Moon, who will do an outstanding job. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who have been on the Curriculum Committee during the two years that I have been its chair. The almost 400 courses that you find every year in the catalog do not magically appear. They are the result of the hard work and dedication of those members of the Committee who have the ideas, find the presenters, and then bug me to get them scheduled. Without them this organization would grind to a halt. However, that can be said for all of the others of you who volunteer your time and energy in a myriad of ways to keep LLI going- my thanks to all of you.



You will notice that this year we have limited the number of classes that you can sign up for on the INITIAL REGISTRATION to fifteen (15) classes. With the unlimited number of classes

you could sign up for we experienced an increase in unexcused absences from classes. The Curriculum Committee and the Board of Directors believe that this is a function of that unlimited option. In addition, the fifteen class limit seems to give everybody a chance to get most of the classes that they really want. Before panic sets in, remember that we STILL have Supplemental Registration and you can add whatever classes you wish in that period. I can't stress strongly enough the fact that many of you take the opportunity to add classes then and that will remain an option for you. If you look at the list of open classes that you get with your confirmation letter you will see that you have many options. We believe that this will help with the unexcused absence problem, while giving members the opportunity to get the classes that they want.

Social Committee by Arlene Molzahn committee chair

The Kentucky derby may have been over but not for the LLI members attending the Spring Fling. Hats with flowers and ribbons decorated walls, tables and guests. Entering the Tundra Lodge on May 10th LLI members admired the outstanding examples of members' accomplishments in the Gallery of Creativity. Water colors, birdhouses, tatting, crocheting and photography were on display. Our line dancers also displayed their talents as well.



President Nancy McGrew gave the annual state of LLI report. She stated that LLI is vibrant with over 1000 members. It is very grateful for all the volunteers that make the organization a success. LLI also has a new UWGB advisor, Jason Mathwig, and a new office manager Susan Pike.

The Ashwaubenon Encore choir provided outstanding entertainment, receiving a standing ovation for its efforts. Their haunting renditions of Taps filled everyone with patriotic memories.

A unique side-story happened after the social. Basil Lepak won the dice toss, but the story belongs to his wife, Kathy.

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She reported to her crossing guard job in her hat decked with flowers and ribbons. The students enjoyed her hat, cars honked their horns and drivers opened their windows to compliment her. Nice going Kathy.

Numerus members left the Spring Fling wearing hats that they won. Derby fever had overtaken LLI. Member feedback was very positive. The social committee had planned a social that was fun and will long be remembered.

The social committee thanks all members who attended the Spring Fling. It also reminds everyone to save the date for the LLI Fall Kickoff banquet at the Swan Club at Legends in DePere on <u>September 2017 at 11:00</u>





Volunteer Development Committee by Jan Rickert, committee chair

As another semester comes to an end, I would like to thank all the coordinators who signed up to coordinate multiple classes. Without their active and willing participation LLI would have difficulty being the great organization that it is. That being said, Lifelong Learning needs YOU!! I am talking to those members who have been in the organization for a while, but only take classes. We have all become accustomed to a few people doing the many things to keep this organization one of the best, if not THE BEST, in the nation. These members seek out interesting courses, coordinate these courses, keep our finances in the black, plan enjoyable social events, keep the community informed of who we are and what we do, train coordinators, help staff the office, evaluate and update our technology, monitor our venues, and wel-



come new members. We do a lot and we do it through volunteers. It may seem like a lot of work but it really isn't. When we give of our time and are involved we gather meaning and purpose. So please give any of the committee

Communications Committee, by Sherry Moon committee chair

How does our LLI compare with Others ?

Six years ago, LLI member Mike Murphy wrote an article answering that question—and his article brought LLI to the attention of the <u>New York Times</u>, which then featured our LLI program in its nation-wide article on lifelong learning. Murphy recently updated his article to reflect the recent changes across the country, but his conclusion hasn't changed: few if any LLIs can match our program, in terms of the number and variety of courses, the variety of class formats, the quality of the courses and the convenience of parking. To read the entire article, go to our website: <u>www.uwgb.edu/lli</u> and click on the FAQ link. And as noted in the article our website is one of the most informative in the nation. Murphy's recent research also revealed that he can no longer complain about not being able to join LLI on a semester by

Communications committee continued.

the country have followed our lead in adopting an annual membership fee. Many have both a membership fee and a per class charge. Our LLI is a bargain!

The communication committee is also planning the event "Introduction to the Lifelong Learning Program" at the Neville Public Museum on July 25th from 10:00-12:00. This is an opportunity for anyone interested in learning about LLI to do so. The program includes a presentation of what LLI is, two sample courses (30 minutes each) questions and answers, and registration



information. Please spread the word to your friends, aquaintinances or even strangers who might have an interest in learning about what LLI is and offers.

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 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, July 26, 2017.

LLI travelling again? Frank Moon, Past-President and in-coming Curriculum Committee Chair



Some of the long-term members may remember back to when Lifelong Learning was able to offer group overnight trips to our members. Well, those days may be returning. Your Board of Directors has been quietly working to develop a travel plan that is acceptable to LLI and UW-Green Bay. We anticipate that the "Its Happening" day trips will be supplemented with longer overnight educational opportunities. Stay tuned for more information.

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 UW—Green Bay campus library, but also to the entire University library system through inter library loan connection.

Fall Semester

Fall semester is coming! The catalog is at the printer. You should receive it mid-July. It contains many choices, around 190 courses of various and interesting topics. Some courses are repeat, some are continuing and some are new. Here are just a few of the titles to whet your appetite: "Nepal—Land of Temples and So Much More", "Silk Ribbon Embroidery", "Cusco to Machu Picchu and Beyond", "Sampler of Toni Morrison Novels", "The American Story: Who are We Now?". Of course there are many more and soon you will be able to persue the catalog and determine your choices. If you cannot wait you can check our the catalog on-line.

Lottery registration

Lottery registration will open on August 1, 2017 and close the evening of August 15th. A letter will be mailed the week of August 21st confirming your lottery registration. This year the board determined that lottery registration will be limited to 15 courses. Any member may register for more that the 15 classes when open registration begins, August 21st. <u>Open registration begins after the lottery closes and open classes (classes with out waiting lists) are determined.</u>

Online registration is preferred—If you are a returning member you will receive an email link for registration. New members may register through the LLI website by clicking on the registration link.

All registration information, policy notes and pertinent information is found in the catalog. Please read it carefully.

All of us look forward to another exciting semester learning for the fun of it!



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Solar Eclipse

On August 21, 2017 there will a partial solar eclipse in Wisconsin. Approximately 80% of the sun disc will be covered by the moon. This is a unique life time experience and of course we want to observe it. However, that being said it is <u>not safe to look at the sun</u> <u>during a partial eclipse without eye protection.</u> There are several options available. Number 14 welder's glass is okay, but light weight aluminized mylar or black polymer lenses are available at various online sites. Black polymers are more expensive but provide better color. Protect your eyes and enjoy this cosmic event. Thank you Gary Dallman for these viewing tips



<u>Wanted</u>

The LLI office is looking for the following items:

- Microwave
- Adding machine with paper tape
- Paper shredder—preferably cris-cross cut

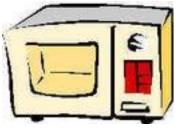
Must be in very good condition

Remember!

Our Web page is a great source of LLI information. It has forms, registration information, and even some class notes. www.uwgb.edu/lli don't forget to 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. We are trying to minimize the wait list wherever possible.





"We are LLI" by Sherry Moon, Communications Chair

Susan Pike

LLI Office Administrator, Gardner, Volunteer, Traveler & Lover of Art

LIFE Pre-LLI:



Susan is one of six siblings raised near Luxemburg on a farm. She is a farmer's daughter. She attended Luxemburg-Casco Schools and NWTC where she earned a degree in Marketing Communications. She began her early career during the summer as a student worker on a napkin machine at Fort Howard. Her first 'real' job was at the Boston Store service desk. This experience allowed her to move into the customer service area at Fort Howard. Her career pivoted when she was pulled from the customer service area and assigned to Information Technology to assist with a new Order Management system. She stayed in the IT area as a Business Analyst. She witnessed and participated in the multiple mergers that took place over the years at Fort Howard. She also worked at Barnsite Art Gallery/Kewaunee Academy of Fine Art in Kewaunee, Kinnard Heating & Cooling, Grandy & Associates and was the office manager at Atonement Lutheran Church.

LIFE beyond LLI:

Susan and her husband Tom have two adult sons. She enjoys art and has taken classes at the Academy of Fine Art in Kewanee. She also enjoys scrapbooking with friends at the Glidden Lodge . Travel is part of life beyond LLI. For their 25th wedding anniversary she and Tom took a Mediterranean Cruise. She has been on a Medical Mission Trip to La Paz, Mexico, and has led several groups of teens on mission trips. Volunteerism is a very active part of her life. Susan has been part of the "Big Brothers Big Sisters" program. She mentors teenage girls. In 2008 she was named Wisconsin Big Sister of the Year. Gardening, walking, reading and in the past, pottery are among other things that occupy her "free" time.

What Does LLI mean to me:

I have only been here since the first of May but in that time I have witnessed a community that is the "best of the best". The passion of the program impresses me. The expertise and the experiences that the members have to share with each other is amazing. It is a community that gains from each other. "The commitment of the volunteers blew

me away". I feel this position is an ideal match for me. I am very excited to be part of LLI.

Most people don't know but:

In my early years I was a Green Bay Packer cheerleader. We were paid \$10.00 for home games and \$15.00 for Milwaukee games. When we had Milwaukee games, we had to change in an old men's bathroom — quite an experience.





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