President’s Message by Nancy McGrew

April is National Volunteer Month. Lifelong Learning Institutes thanks and appreciates all our volunteers that help us make this organization what it is.

In the past eight months Lifelong Learning has lost three significant volunteers. These “volunteer angels” were Mary Johnson, Mary Eisenreich, and Tom Chase.

Mary Johnson was a charter member, presenter of the popular games class and served as president from 1999-2001.

Mary Eisenreich has served on the Board of Directors as a Member at Large and was a very popular presenter. Her musical presentations, the choir and the course “My Favorite Song” were highlights for members.

Tom has served as Vice-president of LLI for the past two years, was a member of the Board and offered members journeys along the famed Route 66 which he and his wife traveled yearly. Tom’s passing has left a big void on our Board of Directors.

A big thank you for our Board of Directors, Ron Niesing, Jan Rickert, Dan Malcore, Frank Moon, Jim Huss, Sherry Moon, Karen Carvenough, Wes Carvenough and Sue Sorenson and to ex-officio members Jason Mathwig and Susan Pike, for all the work accomplished these past two years.

As a thank you to all our volunteers there will be an Appreciation Event on Thursday, May 17th at the Mauthie Center. Details will follow later.

Also a thank you to all those who said yes to running for office or for a Member at Large position on the Board. Remember to vote in April for the Board of Directors and the proposed By Law changes.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as President of Lifelong Learning these past two years. On July 1 I will “pass the gavel” to the next President of LLI.

Up-Coming Events

- “Dutch Treat” Breakfast, 8:30
  Bay Family Restaurant: March 28, 2018
- “Dutch Treat” Breakfast, 8:30
  Bay Family Restaurant: April 25, 2018
- Spring Fling Social: Wednesday
  May 2, 2018, 11:00 Tundra Lodge
- “Dutch Treat Breakfast, 8:30
  Bay Family Restaurant: May 23, 2018

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Social Committee, by Karen Carvenaugh, chair

The Social Committee is now making plans for the Spring Fling/Annual Meeting which will be held on May 2nd at the Tundra Lodge, 865 Lombardi Ave. We will send out invitations closer to the date and hope you will join us for lunch, the annual meeting and entertainment, the Ashwaubenon Show Choir “Encore”.

The question has been asked why are our socials held on Wednesday? We want to make it easy for members to attend so it has been agreed that if at all possible no classes will be scheduled on the days of the social. As classes are often scheduled a year in advance the only way to make this happen is for the socials to be scheduled consistently. Thus, socials are held as follows: Spring Fling/Annual Meeting is the 1st Wednesday in May; Fall Kickoff, the 3rd Wednesday of September (this date becomes the 4th Wednesday if the 3rd Wednesday is a religious holiday) and the Winter Social, the 1st Wednesday of December. Hopefully this answers the question and makes it easier for everyone to schedule.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Social Committee for all they do. That includes the assembling of centerpieces used at each social; offering to come early to set up and staying late to pick up and pack up. Members of the committee are Kathy Lepak, Sherry Fuller, Margaret Guzek, Mary Kroening, Arlene Molzahn, Shirley Garthwaite, Karen Carvenough, Gloria Gaie, Linda Alexander, Marty Berry, Jennifer Scott, Judy Charles and Wes Carvenough.

Volunteer Development Committee by Jan Rickert, chair

Most every article in the past has asked for volunteers, new people to step up. However, this is the time to thank all our volunteers, whether you have stuffed envelopes or are the President of the LLI Board of Directors. Some volunteers serve for two years. Those are the elected officers of the BOD and Chairs of the various committees. Others, like coordinators, volunteer until they decide to move on to something else. Then we have the occasional volunteer who will work a few hours in the office getting confirmation letters ready to be mailed or at the LLI booth at Art Street. Whatever it is that you have done to make LLI the great organization that it is… THANK YOU! And to show our thanks, the Volunteer Development Committee will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Event on Thursday, May 17 at the Mauthe Center from 2:00-4:00. Details to follow.

Remember!

Our Web page is a great source of LLI information. It has forms, registration information, even class notes. www.uwgb.edu/lli Also check out Facebook to see what members are up to; while you are at it be sure to “like” us.
**Travel Committee** by Ron Niesing, chair

It’s Happening has been transformed into the LLI Travel Committee. The new Travel Committee will be looking at traditional one-day trips that everyone knows as It’s Happening. We are looking at a potential of 2-3 trips for the upcoming summer season. More on that to come.

Due to the success of the Ireland trip in September, the committee will be looking at more long-trip options for 2019. All LLI members recently received a survey to gauge interest in travel locations, length of the longer trips, and desired time of year for these trips. After that information is reviewed, the Travel Committee will work on at least one long-trip destination.

**New**: Trips of 1-3 overnights, depending on the destination. These shorter trips need planning well in advance of the travel dates due to issues regarding accommodations for large groups. You will be seeing more information on these short-term trips in the future.

These are exciting changes for LLI travel fans. If you have a taste for travel, join our committee. If you enjoy sharing travel stories and pictures, we are your opportunity to spread the joy of travel. We currently meet the 3rd Friday of each month at 8:00 AM. Our next meeting will be at the Aging and Disability Resource Center atrium located at 300 S. Adams Street. Come and give us a whirl!

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** by Ron Niesing, treasurer

The current members of the LLI Finance Committee are Richard Aicher, John Arneth, Mark Lampereur, Kris Lewins, Kathy Nielsen, Ron Niesing, Rick Nuetzel, Diane Vanderheiden and Glen VanGheem. This dedicated group of volunteers meets the 3rd Monday of every month at 8:00 AM at the Village Grille in Allouez. If you are interested in how your investment in LLI works for you, feel free to stop in for one of our meetings. Give the Finance Committee a test run and join in on the camaraderie of this hard-working group.

The committee is now working on pulling together the budget for the 2018-2019 academic year. All the standing committees of LLI – curriculum, communications, social, and volunteer development – provide their budget requests to the finance committee for review prior to submittal to the LLI Board of Directors for approval. In addition, the Finance Committee works with the LLI office to determine budgets for office expenditures, capital outlays, computer updates and maintenance, and salary estimates for the year.

The Finance Committee then gathers information about expected income that funds all these expenses. As could be expected, the lion’s share of our income is derived from membership dues. We currently have 1,048 members. All this information, once put into the final budget, is then presented to the general membership at the May annual meeting. If you have a knack for dollars and sense (pun is intended), join us on our journey through dollars and cents!!!

**Voting**

Ballots to vote for LLI Board Officers and Members at Large will be sent to all LLI members on March 29, 2018 and must be returned to the LLI office no later than April 20, 2018. Ballots will be sent via email. The balloting results will be announced at the May 2, 2018 Spring Fling.
Curriculum Committee by Frank Moon

YOUR HELP NEEDED….now

Lifelong Learning has an indispensable and important committee that needs your help. This committee recruits and organizes over 400 LLI courses each year. Some say LLI would not exist without this committee, what do you think?

Of course I’m talking about the Curriculum Committee (CC). Members recruit and evaluate classes and presenters, complete course proposal forms, schedule and coordinate all the details required to have each of the 400 courses printed in the Course Catalog each of our 1000 LLI members receive.

This committee has only 11 active course recruiting members. Each member, on average, has had to be responsible for almost 40 classes each year. One long-term member alone recruits about 100 of these classes; what happens to LLI when we no longer have this member?

It’s a big important job! Your help is needed to help insure that the Curriculum Committee has the necessary volunteers to continue doing LLI’s important course recruiting work.

CC members that are actively recruiting new and repeat courses this semester are: Bob Cook, Gary Dallman, Fred Delie, Jim Hinckley, Eileen Johnson, Judy Johnson, Julie Lindley, David Manke, Patty Payette, Sharon Revolinkis and Sue Sorenson. These recruiters have earned a big THANK YOU!

So you ask what can I do…..Join the Curriculum Committee and help keep LLI a success! If you can do the following you can be a successful CC course recruiter and important part of LLI:

- Attend about 10 two-hour monthly meetings a year (Normally 1st Monday of month).
- Know how to send email with attachments (or willing to learn).
- Know how to fill-in blanks on a computer screen course proposal form (or willing to learn).
- Enjoy being alert for possible new LLI courses, and/or following-up on leads from others.
- Have time available during the busy recruiting months of about February 1 thru mid-April for the Fall semester and September 1 thru mid-October for the Spring semester.
- Have a desire to work alongside a diverse and interesting group of volunteers.

Do it now: Contact the Curriculum Chair Frank Moon (fsmoon@centurytel.net) at 920-866-1555, or any of the committee members to find out more. Your help is needed!

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The Pulaski Story

Steve Peplinski, a lifelong resident of Pulaski has been researching the history of Pulaski. During his research he learned about a radio broadcast special that told the story of Pulaski. Based on that 1950 Wisconsin College of the Air radio broadcast, Steve has created a multimedia presentation using period photos to bring the narrative to life. The DVD was created as a fundraiser for the Pulaski Historical Society. Learn how Pulaski overcame a declining population and diminishing tax base to become a thriving and growing village with a nationally recognized Community Education program. The DVD is available in the LLI Office for you to borrow and to enjoy.
Grandparents University

July 19-20, 2018 University of Wisconsin Green Bay

Share your love of learning at Grandparents’ University! You will experience quality time with your grandchild and enjoy summer days and an optional night on the UW-Green Bay campus.

Grandparents’ University is designed for children ages 7-14 accompanied by their grandparent(s). All are welcome to participate! Classes will be offered in various classrooms across the UW-Green Bay campus. Offerings include ceramics, drawing, cartooning, jewelry making, animal studies, geology, health, rocketry, game theory, painting, volcanoes, and improvisational theatre! You will have plenty to do while you enjoy each other’s company. Get ready for some activities and enjoy the fun and relationship-building time at UW-Green Bay’s Grandparent’s University. Registration and further information can be found on the UW-Green Bay web-site.

Communications Committee by Sherry Moon

The communications committee is planning the Sample LLI Event. The Introduction to the Lifelong Learning Program will be held at the Neville Public Museum on July 25, 2018 from 10:00-12:00. This event will offer an overview of the Lifelong Learning Institute, two sample classes and registration information. Last year, the first year that this event was held, over 125 people attended. We were excited about the interest in the “best kept secret in Green Bay”. We publize this event but we also ask your help in spreading the word. If you know someone interested in LLI please share this date with him/her. The best way to share LLI is person to person. This makes all of us part of the communication committee. Thank you for a telling your “best friend” about the wonders of LLI!

The Lifelong Learning Institute is a member-driven organization. We have over a thousand members but our membership changes annually. Each year we gain members and lose members. But our intent is to maintain a constant membership base. To do this the communication committee tries to share promote Lifelong Learning to the greater community.

I would also like to thank the members of the communication committee: Sally Bourbonnais, Mary Cook, Mike Murphy, Keith Pamperin, Ed Smith, and Bill Zoelle for all that they do to keep all members informed about all that is happening in LLI. The communications committee meets the second Monday of the month and is open to all members.
Gallery of Creativity

The Social Committee would like to remind all of our creative members that the Spring Fling will again have a display of any arts and/or crafts projects that were produced in classes this fall or spring. Oil painting, watercolors, pencil drawings, knitting, crocheting, tatting and Christmas ornaments are a few examples of items displayed in the past. If you made anything in an arts or crafts class please consider sharing your work so that our members can see what is done in these various classes. The luncheon is May 2nd at the Tundra Lodge. The Gallery will set up on the afternoon of May 1st and the morning of May 2nd. If you plan on participating, please contact Mary Cook, 920-321-0379 or mjcook42@att.net to tell her what you will be displaying. When you get to the Lodge with your work please check in with Mary. Your work will be on display before and during the Luncheon. Please take your work home with you when you leave. If you would like to display but will not be there to take anything home please ask a friend to do so. We are looking forward to seeing the creativity of our members.

Lifelong Learning Facebook Page

Lifelong Learning has a very active Facebook page. We encourage you to view it and to submit pictures for it. The following is a view of our page and access information.

If you haven’t been to LLI’s Facebook page, please check us out. You don’t even have to be a member of Facebook to visit it.

You can find it by clicking on the Facebook button at the upper right of our LLI Home page:

Or, you can go there directly on your internet browser by entering this into the address bar:

https://www.facebook.com/uwgb.lir/

And while you are there, be sure to “Like” us. (see below)

LLI tidbits: LLI has an extensive DVD library. This library is available to all members. A list of the DVD’s can be found on the LLI website and can be checked out through the LLI office. Members are encouraged to take advantage of this learning opportunity.
We are LLI by Sherry Moon

Normally this article highlights a particular member of the Lifelong Learning Institute citing the individual’s life prior to LLI, Beyond LLI, the meaning of LLI to the individual and something that most people do not know about the individual. In this newsletter the “We are LLI” column will highlight the multiple people who make up LLI: educators, nurses, dietitians, people in real estate, librarians, retail personnel, health care workers, financial people, engineers, firefighters, human resource personnel, information technology, farmers, public safety personnel, social workers, counselors, attorneys, office managers, sales personnel, small business owners, marketers, insurance personnel, doctors, managers, supervisors, accountants, CPAs, bankers, billing specialists, secretaries, pharmacists, CEOs, laborers, homemakers, and more. We are class presenters, class recruiters, Board of Director members, committee members, office workers, committee chairs, planners and doers. We are the diverse, talented members of the Lifelong Learning Program at UW-Green Bay. Because of us LLI is the outstanding successful program that it is. Thank you to all of us. Thank you to you. Most people don’t know how important each of you are to LLI. “We are LLI”
Elections for Lifelong Learning

This spring the membership will elect a new slate of officers. The nominating committee presented the following as the slate for the spring 2018 election.

**Officers**

President          Wes Carvenough
Vice President     Fred Delie
Treasurer          Rick Nuetzel
Secretary          Jim Huss

**Members at Large**—membership will vote for three

Sue Sorenson
Bob Vanden Huevel
Patty Payette
Roxy Huebscher
Sherry Wiese
Marty Lash

Biographies of the candidates will be sent via email to all members prior to the election.

Registration Changes

Starting with the fall 2018 registration—**There will be no Supplemental Registration period.** What does this mean? Supplemental registration is registration that takes place after the initial registration period. Members use this time to add additional courses or to waitlist courses. As a member can register for thirty classes there does not seem to be any reason supplemental registration. **If a member wants to enroll or waitlist a class that the member is not currently enrolled it is the responsibility of that member to contact the coordinator of the class an inform him/her that the member wishes to take the class.** Coordinators will formulate a waitlist from the members that contact him/her. **No waitlists will be kept by the office.** Supplemental registration puts a strain on the LLI Office staff and volunteers. Eliminating that strain will allow the office to operate more effectively.
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