



The Institute for Learning In Retirement of Greater New Haven, Inc. Winter Newsletter 2023

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**Check out our website:
<https://www.ilrnh.org>**

Online Winter catalog will
be available soon!



*Racebrook Country Club, Orange
December 6—1:30 to 3:30 P.M.
RSVP by November 27
(to insure refund if plans change)
\$10 for members, \$25 for non-members
Register at: ilrnh.org*

*Aside from celebrating the holidays with a light
lunch and some fun entertainment,
it is an important meeting because members
must vote to approve the budget
that will carry us through 2024.*

*If you are bringing a nonmember guest,
please contact
Susan Galli, susankgalli@gmail.com, event chairperson,
as you are unable to register them yourself.*

See you there!

Officers and Board of Governors

Leadership in ILR is by a volunteer Board of Governors and officers who meet twelve times a year to develop our programs, set policy and oversee all operations of the organization. Officers are elected to one-year terms and the Board of Governors are elected to two-year terms.

Officers

- Joel N. Feimer, President
- Rita Esposito,
Vice President
- Pat Maiorino, Secretary
- Diane Olin, Treasurer
- VPs Curriculum
Serena Guerrette
David Phelps
- Susan Vallillo
Ex-officio President

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- Eva Arnott
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- Debbie McKeever
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Joan Murphy,
Anita Bellmore
Publications

Your ILR Leadership Team

ILR Officers and Board Members serve on various committees as part of their commitment to ILR. To volunteer, contact chair by phone.

Chair of Communications:

Doug Fenichel (973) 769-0688
Events
Outreach
Publications (catalog, newspaper etc.)

Co-Chairs of Curriculum

Co-Chairs: Serena Guerrette (203) 988-5128
David Phelps (203) 731-0750

Chair of Finance

Diane Olin (203) 430-8713

Chair of Membership & Registration

Susan Vallillo (203) 747-9675

Chair of Nominating

Sue Cohen (203) 464-7441

Chair of Social Events

Susan Galli (203) 389-4732

Chair of Technology

Robin Lewis (203) 876-8137

Co-Chairs of Volunteers

Rita Esposito (203) 687-8966
Pat Maiorino (203) 795-3956
Email: volunteers@ilrnh.org

We thank all the following volunteers for their services on the curriculum committee, hosting zoom classes, hosting live classes, outreach at community events, personal touch telephoning, catalog preparation, and social events,

Without the help of volunteers, ILR would not rank as one of the leading organizations helping seniors lead more informative and productive lives. If you have not volunteered so far, join this group of dynamic men and women changing our world.



Rosemary Addario
Marc Blossveren
Betty Lou Blumberg
Jane Bouvier
Steve Brieger
Jenny Briggs
Lauren Brown
Patricia Burke
Maureen Carey
Marlene Carolla
Priscilla Clark
Elizabeth Dalton
Ann Dellavalle
Joy Duva
Mary Elia
Suzanne Eisner
Karen Fenichel
Sue Fitzgerald
Bonnye Frost
Ann Griffin
Deborah Grossman
Phyllis Gwatkin
Doby Hall
Judith Hurwitz
Roz Klein
Ira Kleinfeld
Jackie Koral
Diane Krevolin
Helen Knudsen
Margaliet Ligtenstein
Cheryl Lipson
Gayle Logan
Lucille Mahon
Orla Mardin
Lynn Maser
Cindy Mathieson
Susan Millen
Carolann Morrissey
Marie Musco
Leona Nalle
Trish O'Leary
Arlene Reid
Karen Schneider
Genie Schwartz
Linda Sheehan
Pat Sirulnick
Carolyn Starr
Maura Stavoy
Joan Stenner





Holiday Greetings ILR Colleagues,



I hope the coming winter season finds you in good health and that you are looking forward to sharing your holidays with those whose **company you most enjoy**. I also hope you found this past Fall's offerings by ILR informative and fun. If you have a favorite course that you would like to see repeated or more of, please let us know. ILR depends on your feedback after each semester as it plans for the next round of offerings. As usual, the Curriculum Committee is canvassing **ILR's membership soliciting Study Group Leaders and interesting** topics. If you know of someone whose field of expertise would enhance our offerings, please let the Curriculum Committee co-chairs know. (phelps2829@sbcglobal.net; petitewar1@gmail.com).

Last June, ILR celebrated its first in-person get together at Racebrook Country Club in three years. It was gratifying to reconnect with so many friends and make a few new ones. This December we will host a holiday tea at the same venue. I hope to see more of you there. Although Covid seems to have abated, it is still a threat that we take seriously. Be sure to get your boosters, or wear masks if you cannot. Keep all of us safe. Current events have produced another safety concern. The JCC has enhanced its security procedures because of the current turmoil in the Middle East and increasing manifestations of antisemitism at home. Be assured, there is no immediate threat, but extra caution is always a good idea.

At this point I would like to address several topics crucial to the continuance of ILR. Our membership was severely diminished by the effects of the pandemic. We have begun an aggressive recruitment campaign with the help of the newly constituted Communications Committee and Welcome Committee. You may have spotted their intrepid members at local fairs and other gatherings or know of someone who has received a phone call inviting her or him to return to the group. You can help. Tell someone you know about ILR and how much you enjoy its classes and events. Encourage your friends to join! You can also assist the Volunteer Committee in its efforts to support the on-site and Zoom courses by offering to become a liaison or Zoom host or co-host. Please contact the co-chairs of the Volunteer Committee (volunteers@ilrn.org) and offer your help. I know that you know that you are ILR. You are the reason for our existence and our continued efforts offer you the courses and lectures that you have enjoyed for so many years. This coming Spring, ILR will celebrate its thirty fifth anniversary at the New Haven Country Club. Information will be forthcoming. **That's quite a landmark. Please ensure that ILR continues its mission. Encourage a friend to join.** Become more involved in delivering the courses you love to our ILR community. Above all, continue to nourish your appetite for learning and to satisfy your intellectual curiosity. You may be sure that ILR will continue to do its best to assist you.

Happiest of holidays and warmest regards,

Joel Feimer, President



Winter Course Selections



Winter Course offerings will be sent out separately so be on the lookout for information coming to you soon!



“Never stop learning, because life never stops teaching.” — Unknown

ILR Celebrates Long Time Member Lucille Mahon



Lucille Mahon at 97 years old, has been one of our active members for 35 years in ILR. Lucille participated in trips to Mexico and a Busby Berkeley course in Los Angeles during the early years of ILR. She continues her quest for interesting courses on zoom from the convenience of her home with closed captioned courses that pique her interest

Lucille has always been an enthusiastic member of ILR and encouraged many other seniors to join. She participated in many of the day trips with ILR and is a faithful attendee at the Spring luncheons. She keeps her mind sharp with her continued interest in courses.



Zoom Classes Useful Information



A confirmation with the Zoom login links will be emailed two days before the class starts. Please check to make sure you have it and know where to find it on the day before the class starts. If you don't have it, send an email to Karen Fenichel— Knollwood14@gmail.com or call (203) 747-9675.

Closed Caption feature for Zoom classes—After you join a Zoom meeting, look on the lower banner of your Zoom screen for the CC icon or tap on the MORE icon. To adjust the size of the text, tap on the “up” key next to CC icon. You can move the text box around on your screen, by clicking on it, and dragging it to where you want it to go.

Members of the same household who are sharing one device (computer, tablet or phone) **only need to register and pay for one person.**

If you've never used Zoom before or have a new device, please test your camera and microphone ahead of time. Click <https://zoom.us/test> to see if you have a working camera and microphone.

To login into the class with a computer or tablet, click on the link in the confirmation letter.

To login into the class with a phone, you may need to dial (646) 558-8656 and login by typing in the Meeting ID (Passcode from the confirmation letter) and Meeting passcode (Access Numbers from the confirmation letter.)

Late registrations for Zoom Classes. If you register for a Zoom class within two days of the start of class, you should contact the Registrar at (203) 747-9675 for the class link. This does not prevent you from registering at a later date, but it will ensure that you will get the link to the Zoom class. .

Zoom Class Recording —Many of our Members have asked if classes will be recorded so they can make up a missed session. We recorded some ILR Zoom classes this semester and have worked on the details of how this will work. More information will be included on the ILR website and the registration website soon. Members have the option when they register of not being included in the recording.

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ILR NEW MEMBER ENDORSEMENTS



Jill Wurcel: *The broad assortment of classes and lectures have been a great catalyst for mental enrichment in retirement. Thank you!*

Rob Klatzkin: *Being introduced to ILR after nine years of retirement has been a stimulating and enlightening experience for me.*



Why am I on a Waitlist?



There are so many wonderful instructors and topics each semester. ILR understands your disappointment.

Students are placed on a Waitlist when the registrants exceed the number of students which the SGL prefers in order to achieve his/her teaching objectives.

The venue has limits on the capacity of its rooms due to fire code restrictions.

Students enter the Waitlist in order of date and time of registration. They receive notification that they are on the Waitlist.

The Curriculum Committee may reach out to the SGL about their willingness to admit a few more students from the Waitlist. If the SGL is amenable, Waitlisted students are contacted in the order of their place in the queue about their admission.

It is not acceptable to arrive at class and expect admission by imploring the sympathy of the SGL. This is not fair to put the SGL on the spot nor fair to Waitlisted students who hold a higher place in the queue.

ILR does not offer the option of auditing classes.

ILR administration appreciates your adherence to these parameters to ensure smooth and conflict free learning experiences.

ILR Reaching Out to New Haven area Community-at-Large.

Like many of ILR's students, the Institute for Learning in Retirement is trying something new: turning its attention outside of its usual community to attract new members. This year, ILR formed a Communications Committee. The committee is reaching out to the community at large to tell ILR's story and attract new members. Its first steps have been successful. "As ILR approaches its 35th birthday, its leaders realized that without bringing in some new faces, the organization faces a tough road ahead. Members participating in the survey were getting older and the pandemic had cost the organization many members," said Doug Fenichel, APR, who heads the committee. "Traditionally, people learned about ILR by word of mouth. Our committee has developed a plan that builds on that and introduces the organization to a new group of people." Fenichel said the committee is targeting organizations and gatherings where older adults congregate. Over the summer, members of the Communications Committee and ILR volunteers staffed booths at festivals and fairs in Hamden, North Haven, Milford, and New Haven. It participated in small venues, such as local concerts, and larger ones, including the Milford Oyster Festival and New Haven's Folk Fest.



"People were intrigued," said Fenichel. "In some cases, we were reintroducing ourselves, but in most cases, we were talking to potential students who had never heard of us. And they were extremely interested. We also found a few potential SGLs." The committee turned over many names to the membership committee and spun off a group whose job was to call the people who had talked to members and requested more information. The Committee is about to begin visiting active-adult communities in the area to tell the ILR story there. It also plans to use the organization's 35th anniversary to garner some news coverage in local media. Current members of the committee include Fenichel, Eva Arnott, Lauren Brown, Holly Chepow, Jane Cerilli, Ann Griffin, Debby Kasowitz, Joan Murphy, Leona Nalle, Trish O'Leary, Arlene Reid, John Schneider, Pat Siruilik, Maura Stavoy and Diane Van Halley. Anyone interested in joining the committee can drop an email to doug.fenichel@gmail.com.