



# Institute for Learning in Retirement, Inc. at Albertus Magnus College

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*The ILR Board of Governors*

*Cordially invites you to the*

*ILR Semi-Annual Meeting and Holiday Tea*

*Wednesday, December 13, 2017*

*The Cultural Arts Center at the Whitney Center*

*200 Leeder Hill Drive*

*Hamden, Connecticut*

*1:00 PM to 3:00 PM*



The Neighborhood Music School Ragtime Stompers will entertain us with their extensive repertoire of traditional jazz. The group has performed at many area venues including the Katherine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center in Old Saybrook.

The ILR Board of Governors is hosting this event and there is no charge for ILR members. There is a \$20 fee for non-member guests. Members will receive an email explaining how to RSVP via CourseStorm, our on-line registration system. Members without email should respond by telephone: 203-283-5362.

If after you respond you are unable to attend, please let us know. ILR is charged for each confirmed reservation.

## **Membership Survey**

Within the next few days you will receive an email from Survey Monkey asking you to complete an ILR survey, our first membership survey since ILR was established more than 25 years ago. A survey will be sent via US Mail to those who do not use email.

We need your response to assess how we are doing as an organization and whether we are meeting your needs and expectations. We welcome your suggestions and comments to improve your experience with ILR. The survey is brief and should take only a few minutes to complete. We appreciate your participation and welcome your comments.



## *Greetings from the President*

Dear ILR members,

Where does the time go? As we look back over the past few months, we can say with certainty that we have accomplished a lot in a very short time. This year's offerings had some of the best courses, social events and trips in our history. We have increased membership not only by word of mouth but by reaching out to community venues where we post information on our organization and courses. Most significantly, we rebranded ILR with a new logo and website to position us for future growth in a digital age.

As always, we want to thank you for your enthusiastic support, suggestions, and social interactions. You, our members, are the heart of the organization. By your unwavering commitment to the organization and offerings, you provide the board with strong incentive to make ILR the best it can be.

We wish you the very best of the holiday season and invite you to join us on December 13 for our year end membership meeting and Holiday Tea. We would love to say "thank you" in person.

Keep learning,

Susan Vallillo, President



Susan Valillo, ILR President



ILR Members visit

Naumkeag in Stockbridge, MA on a glorious late summer day.





## ILR REBRANDS



We are proud to announce that we redesigned our website, [www.ilralbertus.org](http://www.ilralbertus.org), in conjunction with the beginning of Fall 2017 online registration. You will notice a few changes when you view the site. We have updated our logo to a modern, professional image that brands us as an organization for lifelong learning. The new website layout is clean, modern and portrays us in a positive light.

Although the website name hasn't changed, you will find it is more responsive and can be viewed on multiple-sized mobile devices including phones and tablets. The layout is efficient. You can easily find the information you seek and the information you need on new and current events at ILR. There is a "Frequently Asked Questions" page that answers many of the questions that you may have about membership, registration and volunteer opportunities.

We strive to provide the best tools to keep our members informed of ILR activities and events. We think this updated website is a strong step in that direction. We will continue to make it as relevant as possible and hope it becomes the "go to" resource for questions and general information.

Please take a look. We invite you to surf the website so you can learn about the many aspects of ILR.

### Info for ILR Members

**Vote to Adopt Revised By-Laws:** A by-laws revision committee was convened in early 2017 to update the by-laws to allow rolling membership and to reflect the changing needs of the organization. Please review the enclosed copy of the proposed by-laws and be prepared to vote on them at the December 13 membership meeting.

**ILR Two Year Rule:** Beginning in 2018, if two years have passed (e.g., 2016 and 2017) since a member has paid membership dues, the paper catalog will no longer be mailed to the member.

**"No Shows"** Some ILR courses are over-subscribed and waiting lists are developed. If you find that you cannot attend a course or courses for which you have registered, please notify Joan Murphy at (203) 314-6352 or by email at [Joansmurphy81@gmail.com](mailto:Joansmurphy81@gmail.com) as soon as possible so a member who has been wait listed may attend. If you do so in writing (email is okay) five days prior to the first class, you will be eligible for a refund.

**Leadership Opportunity:** An ILR member is needed to coordinate volunteer activities, recruit and train volunteers and plan recognition events to thank them for their efforts.



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### **Spend Next Summer Learning at the University of Cambridge**

Founded in 1869 Girton College is one of the constituent colleges of the University of Cambridge. This residential summer school gives lifelong learners from around the world the exceptional opportunity to experience something of Cambridge student life in the context of a program specifically designed for adult learners. Participants can choose to attend the full two-week program, Saturday 19 August – Saturday 1 September 2018 or opt to attend for just one week.

Various courses are offered in History, Literature, Art History and Architecture. Only an interest in the subject is required. There are no exams; participants study for the joy of learning. A varied social program is offered to help lifelong learners experience Cambridge to the full.

For more information visit [www.girton.cam.ac.uk/lifelonglearning](http://www.girton.cam.ac.uk/lifelonglearning) and contact Dr. Nick Godfrey, the Director of Summer Programmes, at [lifelonglearning@girton.cam.ac.uk](mailto:lifelonglearning@girton.cam.ac.uk) with any questions, or to simply register your interest in this or future programs.

ILR member Lynne Peck attended last summer and plans to return for 2018. Feel free to contact Lynne about her experiences last summer. Her email address is [lynnecpeck@gmail.com](mailto:lynnecpeck@gmail.com).