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Dates to Remember:

Get ready for Spring!

The LLI Spring Semester begins March 24th

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 10th – So you can get your choice of classes!

To register online: <u>Click</u> <u>here</u> for the online catalogue. For those who prefer to register by mail, the traditional catalogue can be found<u>onour</u> <u>website</u>.

Register for the Spring Luncheon!

Guest Speaker: Pamela Hull, author of SAY YES! Flying Solo After Sixty

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 25th





Thank You, Class Managers! This talented team scored 100% on taking class attendance

The LLI Council would like to recognize the steadfast work of our Class Managers. Last spring, LLI adopted a new practice to take attendance every week of classes, not just the first two weeks. Although this meant more work for Class Managers, especially in the larger classes, this fall we received completed attendance records for every class!

This attendance information is very valuable; it is being used by both Curriculum and Registration Committees for planning and decision-making. For example, we can now answer questions about when and by how much attendance drops off and make informed decisions about over-enrolling some classes.

Thank you, Class Managers, for your help in improving our LLI operations!

Interested in being a class manager? Contact Carol Goss: Ili.carolg285@gmail.com

Thumbs Up

Great Reviews for Electronic Class Evaluations and Fall Classes

The move to electronic class evaluations last spring has had many benefits. Just ask Class Managers, who no longer have to distribute and collect pounds of paper, or the Curriculum Committee and producers who no longer have to review and compile results by hand. For LLI members, the electronic process



has made it easier not only to rate classes, but to submit comments freely. Thanks to the LLI AV/IT committee for making this possible.

This past fall, LLI members completed more than 650 class evaluations online. All evaluations were tabulated electronically, reviewed by the Curriculum Committee and producers, and shared with each presenter. Beyond that, the Curriculum Committee also mines the feedback, especially comments, for planning purposes, such as areas to improve, new course suggestions, or topics to repeat.

The good news is that fall 2016 classes overall were rated highly, receiving mostly 8-10 on a 10-point scale. The not-so-good-news is that most evaluations came from multipresenter classes; the response rate for some smaller classes was too low to be useful.

This spring, please contribute to LLI by giving us your feedback through class evaluations. Thank you!



The Communications Committee is looking to expand!

Are you interested in helping LLI enhance its member communications? Do you have writing, photography or technical skills? We'd love to talk with you! E-mail <u>amy.messing@gmail.com</u> or call 845-684-5279.

Reminder: Emergency and Closing Information

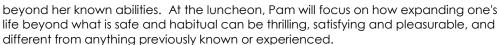
Bard has an on-campus response team for **medical emergencies:** call 7777 from a red phone on campus or 845-758-7777 from your cell.

LLI follows the Red Hook Central Schools regarding whether classes will be cancelled. **Closings and delays** are posted on their <u>website</u> under Tweets on the left side of the page, or call 845-758-2241.

Meet Pamela Hull, speaker for the 2017 Spring Luncheon

A career interior designer and painter, our guest speaker Pamela Hull wrote her first book at age sixty. Pamela will discuss SAY YES! Flying Solo After Sixty, her current release.

Following the death of her husband of 36 years, Pamela found herself with a new, unwelcome freedom. She took advantage of an unusual opportunity to live abroad for two months, an event which utterly changed her life, as she moved out of her comfort zone to find what was



"Anyone, whether married or single, young or old, can find herself/himself pursuing a new passion, living new adventures," says Pamela.

LLI AT BARD 2017 SPRING LUNCHEON, MARCH 8TH at 12 noon BERTLESMANN CAMPUS CENTER, MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM \$20.00 per person Reservation deadline: February 25th

Please note: This event is open to LLI members, their friends and the public. To ensure you have a seat, please be sure to RSVP as soon as possible! See page 3 for registration details.



Bard's Psychology Laboratory Recruiting Participants for Cognitive Aging Study

Research in the Cognitive CTRL Laboratory at Bard College seeks to understand how cognition changes with healthy aging. The lab, located within the Psychology Program at Bard College, is recruiting volunteers between the ages of 60 and 80

to participate in a research project to be conducted during the Spring 2017 semester.

For the current project, participants will be asked to come to the lab (located on the Bard campus) and complete computerized tasks for up to two hours. These tasks will include simple memory, vocabulary, and attention tasks. The results of this research will have important implications for understanding how cognition changes with aging and will lead to the generation of novel training paradigms to improve cognitive performance in the older adult population.

If you are interested in participating or would like any additional information about the project, please email Professor Tom Hutcheon at thutcheo@bard.edu or call 845-758-7380. He will begin scheduling interested participants starting in Spring 2017.

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Guest Speaker: Pamela Hull, author of SAY YES! Flying Solo After Sixty



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Her current book, SAY YES! Flying Solo After Sixty, explores how neither age nor being single is an impediment to living a rich life.

You are invited!

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Please cut on the line and return with your check made payable to "Bard College" by February 25th.

PLEASE make your check payable to "Bard College" – NOT LLI – and mail to:

Special Events Committee LLI at Bard College PO Box 22 Annandale-on-Hudson, NY 12504

Yes! I plan to attend the luncheon on March 8th! Number of people attending _____

My check in the amount of _____ is enclosed

Name _____

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Address _____

Phone: ________ e-mail ______