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Intersession Dates

The Intersession Catalog will be emailed to members and be on our website: bardlli.com on December 10th.

Intersession programs will be held on the following Wednesdays: January 10, 17, 24, and 31.

Spring Semester Dates

The Spring 2018 Catalog will be out in early January with the registration deadline in February.

Spring semester orientation for presenters, producers, and class managers will be on Friday, March 16.

Spring semester Friday class dates are: March 23, 30; April 6, 13, 27; May 4 and 11. Saturday dates are the day after scheduled Friday classes. Off-Friday dates vary and will be announced in the catalog.

*Seasons
Greetings*

President Tom Esposito's End-of-Year Message



Photographer: Gus Pederson (LLI)

Tom Esposito speaks to a large group of presenters and volunteers celebrating their work at the Presenters Reception in November

The last year has brought many positive changes to LLI. We were able to increase our enrollment to more than 285 members, of whom 58 are new. That's the largest group of new members since the organization began. The mentor program, as recently developed by the Volunteer Leadership Development Team, held a successful wine and cheese reception for new members and introduced them to committees that run our programs. Those who came to the wine-and-cheese reception in October are enthusiastic about their participation in our organization.

We expanded our course offerings to include Saturday and summer sessions as well as off-Friday classes. Thanks to the Curriculum Committee, classes were of the same high caliber as they are during our regular sessions, and they were well attended.

The new Bard LLI website bardlli.com is a major resource for all members, whether they want to check the calendar, look at course catalogs, or explore volunteer options. Thanks to Chuck Mishaan and Mary McClellan whose efforts made this such a success.

More changes are coming as a result of our new bylaws. Future newsletters will outline the revised Council organization and alert you to the schedule for nominating officers and the date of our annual meeting.

Finally, I want to thank the many volunteers whose enthusiasm and dedication have allowed LLI to run smoothly and grow. At the end of this newsletter, you'll see a list of those who have contributed their time and skills. We are all the beneficiaries of their efforts.

Best wishes to all for a joyous holiday season and a peaceful and prosperous 2018.

Class Manager: An Essential Job with Benefits

Did you ever dream of having "management" on your CV? It's not too late: LLI looks for about 50 volunteer class managers for each seven-week term. The job is not demanding but ensures that each class runs smoothly. It's also a good way to get acquainted with fellow LLI members and presenters. Class managers coordinate with the class producer, presenter, and participants before the class begins to ascertain any special needs and to circulate materials on behalf of the presenter. Most classes have two class managers, so there's no pressure to perform solo.

Class managers get a sneak preview of the upcoming term's courses and are given the option of listing their top three class choices—and they have priority for getting into the class to which they are assigned.

As the class progresses, the managers inform members of new developments in the schedule. The managers keep attendance, so that the LLI curriculum committee can later assess engagement in the class. As each class has a roving volunteer IT or AV expert, no particular technical skills are required of class managers other than sending emails. The main requirement is to show up and be available to the class members and presenter so that a seamless learning experience can happen!

To volunteer, please contact Carol Goss (lli.carolg285@gmail.com) or Maddy Watterson (llimaddywatt@gmail.com).



Photographer: Chuck Mishaan (LLI)

Carol Goss, Class Support Chair

Come To A Council Meeting

The next Council meeting will be on Monday, December 18, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. We meet in Bertelsmann Campus Center, Room 214. All LLI members are welcome to attend.



November Council Notes

Council minutes are posted on our website, bardlli.com, after they are approved. Click on [About Us, Governance](#), to find minutes from the last several months. Here are some highlights for November.

- Representatives from nine organizations like LLI, from locations ranging from Westchester to Schenectady, met to compare notes and programs. The meeting was organized by Donna Warner and Jill Lundquist and attended by Donna, Jill, and Tom Esposito.
- The member survey asking for feedback on the program and, specifically, on communications is planned for this December.
- The Curriculum Committee's open meeting attracted eight members who are interested in working on future courses.
- Several committees are working on plans to implement our new bylaws, which will change our annual meeting date from September to May (look for much more detail in the January newsletter).

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CELEBRATING OUR LLI VOLUNTEERS, FALL 2017

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Tony Herles
Rudy Hellenschmidt
Annie LaBarge
Chuck Mishaan
Lauren Piperno
Evan Quimby
D. Michael Simpler
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Fall 2017

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Jane Diamond
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Prudence Garcia-Renart
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Dona McLaughlin
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...and all those who
contributed money and treats.

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