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Missing Your Hangtag?

Stacey Adams at Bard Security reports she has about 100 unclaimed vehicle hangtags issued to Bard LLI members. If you have not claimed your hangtag or if you have lost yours, please go to the first floor of Security, the stucco building near Olin Hall. Look to the left for the glass window as you enter the building. Someone there will be able to check whether they have your hangtag. Remember, your hangtag must be displayed with the number clearly visible from the mirror or on the dashboard whenever your car is parked on campus.

If you have questions please call Stacey Adams, Resource Coordinator, Office of Safety and Security, 845-758-7394, or contact Linda Stanley, Bard LLI Member Services, by email (lindastan627@gmail.com) or phone (845-876-8074).

Bard LLI classes will not be in session the week of October 9th. Classes resume the week of October 16th.

A Message from President Tom Esposito: Many New Changes

Welcome to a fresh start for our Bard LLI Fall 2017 semester. It has been quite hectic as we have been breaking in a new registration program along with welcoming many new members. Our Council members and their committee members have been working hard to respond to member questions and concerns.

Some members were disappointed that they did not get all the classes they requested. This happens every semester. For those classes that have more members wanting to take the course than openings available, we conduct a lottery. Preference is given to very active members such as Council members, committee heads, and ad hoc teams; then we use a random-number program to run a lottery. The preference is our recognition for the many hours of work that some members contribute to LLI.

That brings us to asking you to think about helping LLI. On the next page, you will read about the Volunteer and Leadership Development Team, and about how to use our website, bardlli.com, to learn about LLI committees and volunteer opportunities. We are not asking our members to start a new career, only to help us when the need arises. If we all do our share, the work goes quickly.

I am looking forward to seeing you in class and about campus.

New Feature! Notes on the LLI Council Meeting

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. Before the minutes are posted, the newsletter will carry notes about what happened at the most recent Council Meeting. Here's the report for September.

- The start of the 2017-2018 year was mostly positive, with some bumps to iron out in our new systems. Thanks to the 28 mentors to the 62 new members! A much-improved orientation for new members also received raves.
- Online drop/add works well, but class managers need updated information sooner.
- LLI is now under the aegis of the Bard College Center for Civic Engagement and 2nd VP Jill Lundquist is sitting on CCE's Advisory Board.
- Everybody loves the ease of parking for Saturday classes.

Next Council meeting: October 16, 2017, 9:30 a.m., Bertelsmann Campus Center, Room 214. All LLI members are welcome to attend.

Volunteer and Leadership Development Team

Who are we? What do we do?

This LLI Team—VLD for short—is a newly formed team made up of LLI members who also sit on other committees, e.g., Class Support, Elections, Hospitality, Member Services, Planning and Evaluation, Registration, and Special Events. VLD has a two-fold purpose: to support prospective and new members and to build and sustain LLI’s capacity to run itself!

VLD has ten members currently; Mary Deady, Kathleen Evans, Irene Esposito, Bob English, Ollie Johnson, Deborah Lanser, Barbara (Bobbie) Post, Linda Stanley, Donna Warner, and Madelaine (Maddy) Watterson. Starting in November, Maddy Watterson and Mary Deady will serve as VLD co-chairs. Every VLD team member contributes substantially, serving as project leaders and taking on tasks outside of our monthly committee meetings



VLD Members from left to right: Donna Warner, current VLD Chair; Mary Deady, Maddy Watterson, new VLD co-Chairs. Photographer: LLI Member Lauren Piperno

Support prospective and new members. Since January, VLD has been busy creating programs and materials for prospective applicants and new members—starting with a new online application and a Mentor Program. Coming up on Friday, October 27, new members and their mentors will have an opportunity to meet LLI Committee Chairs at a wine and cheese reception. Invitations were mailed earlier this month. VLD will also send lists to Committee Chairs of new members who expressed interest on their applications in their

Helping LLI—Building and sustaining capacity to run LLI. With significant help from Deborah Lanser, the VLD team initiated a project to make it easier to learn about LLI committees and their needs.

Wondering How to Get Involved?

Check out Helping LLI on the LLI website: bardlli.com. Here you will find a list of all active LLI committees. Click on a committee to view the committee description, when it meets, and the Chairperson’s contact information. Please contact the Chair to learn more or express interest.

LLI Is Member Run

Last year, more than 100 members contributed in large and small ways to run LLI.

LLI Committees Currently Recruiting: Registration, Hospitality, Audio Visual, Communications, Information Technology, Special Events, Volunteer and Leadership Development, and Curriculum.

New Member Orientation

On September 6, Linda Stanley kicked off an Orientation Program for a near-capacity audience of new members and their mentors. Maddy Watterson and Bob English, Mentor Program managers, greeted our largest-ever group of new members from the podium and, for the first time, offered walking campus tours with stops at Olin, Central Services, and Security.

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