



Annual Report 2015 - 2016

QUINEBAUG VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Committee Members

Executive Council Members:

Lenore Gudmundson, President, Joan Buell, Vice President, Roger Pellerin, Treasurer, Barbara Jensen, Secretary, Barbara Schreier, Past President, Richard Anger, Sandra Brodeur, Bill Brower, Lois Brower, Dorothy Fazzina, Claudette Hoffman, Sheila Johnson, Barbara Laliberte, Ed Morin, Elizabeth Omerod, Bart Smith, Judy Swayze, and Marilyn Thanas

Program Committee Members:

Bill Brower, Co-Chair; Sandra Brodeur, Co-Chair; Lois Brower, Clare Despathy, Dotti Durst, Marge Hoskin, Sheila Johnson, Barbara Laliberte, Darla Pigeon, Mary Saad, Barbara Schreier, and Ron Tillen

Refreshment Committee Members:

Barbara Laliberte, Co-Chair, Judy Swayze, Co-Chair

Membership & Promotion Members:

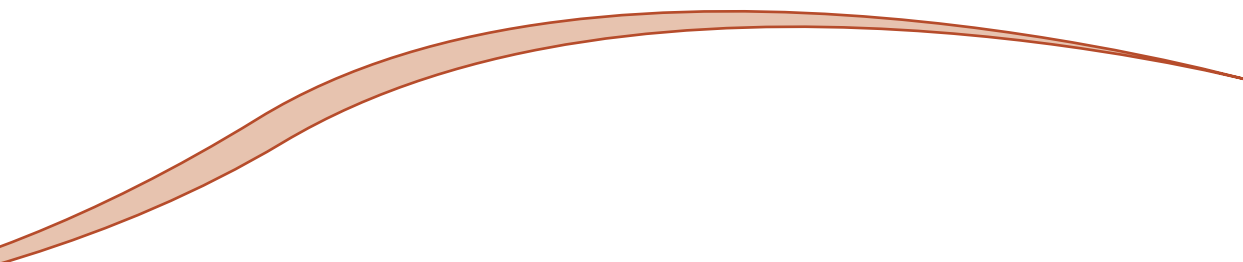
Ed Morin, Co-Chair, Lois Brower, Co-Chair, Bill Brower, Joan Buell, Dorothy Fazzina, Lee Felpel, Jim Hamel, Sheila Johnson, Roger Pellerin, and Marilyn Thanas

Scholarship Committee Members:

Bill Brower, Chair; Nancy Gale, Bart Smith, and Betty Smith

Finance Committee Members:

Roger Pellerin, Chair; Sandra Brodeur, Bill Brower, and Bart Smith



President's/Vice-President Report

- LiR has had a very successful 2015-2016 year, thanks to the combined efforts of officers and committees, as well as all of our members.
- Our membership totals 406.
- Membership and Promotion held two very well attended Open Houses to introduce the upcoming courses and programs. One featured Jason Scappaticci on the Ship “SS United States”. The other featured Ed Morin with a historical and entertaining presentation on “Hobo Life in America”. Feedback on both was excellent. Due to the legal limit in the auditorium, we were sorry to have to turn away some people. We are seeking a solution to this problem for the future.
- We commend and thank the Program (formerly Curriculum) Committee for their exceptional work. They continue to amaze everyone with such varied offerings. We also thank them for two great Socials. One featured Tammy Denease, portraying Elizabeth Keckly, a former slave and Mary Todd Lincoln’s confidant. The other featured Bruce John, Troubadour, for a return performance as he was so thoroughly enjoyed last year.
- Both of these committees have expanded their reach to promote the organization...flyers in new places, welcome and miss you postcards, placemats at a restaurant, bringing LiR to the Senior Expo, WINY, and to Putnam’s First Friday in August 2016.
- The Winter sessions continue to be a welcome diversion. Many of our members look forward to the movies and musical presentations.
- The new cafeteria has done an excellent job working with our Refreshment Committee and providing refreshments for our Open Houses, Socials, and Annual Meeting. It is also a great place to meet friends for lunch.
- We continue to provide funds for scholarships.
- Training was completed for auditorium and smart classroom equipment.
- We are grateful for the administrative support from QVCC and the Office of Continuing Education.
- We were saddened by the loss of Joyce Levesque, a long time Council member who also served as treasurer, secretary, a member of the Finance Committee and a member-at-large.
- LiR was invited by Dr. Drummer and participated in the nationwide James Baldwin project on November 3, 2015 in the auditorium.
- Members and guests enjoyed the Narragansett Bay Lighthouse Tour.
- Recruiting new volunteers for some offices and committees keeps this organization vibrant and vital for LiR to continue. We encourage members to inquire, explore by attending one of the committee meetings and consider serving. The real social part of LiR is getting involved in this way.

Lenore Gudmundson, *President*
Joan Buell, *Vice President*

Annual Meeting – May 22, 2015

The Annual Meeting of LiR was held in the QVCC cafeteria on May 22, 2015.

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon by President Lenore Gudmundson. She welcomed all present, pointed out that our membership is now over 400, and expressed thanks to the college for the space and support it provides to LiR. She specifically thanked the Office of Community Engagement.

Lenore then introduced our keynote speakers. First, was Dr. Carlee Drummer, newly inaugurated president of QVCC. She brought warm greetings to our membership from the college, and noted the special relationship between LiR and QVCC. She then introduced an alumnus, Joseph Carvalho, Class of 2013, who spoke of his experience at QVCC and the value of his education. Next, Lenore introduced each LiR committee and its members for recognition by the general membership.

Our Special Recognition award this year was given to Ron Tillen. His wife Gwyneth accepted the award for Ron, as he was away tending to family responsibilities. We appreciate all that Ron does for our organization, but most especially his hard work in introducing our courses at each open house. He always creates an original, inventive, and highly entertaining visual presentation that catches every one's attention and boosts enrollment. He has also served as president, and co-chair and then member of the Curriculum committee

At 12:35 pm a delicious buffet lunch was served by Heather Plourde and her staff. This consisted of roast beef, lemon pepper fish, Mediterranean stuffed chicken, Pasta Primavera, roasted vegetable medley, and garlic smashed potatoes.

Business meeting resumed at 1:15 pm. The minutes from the May 16, 2014, Annual Meeting were read. Bill Brower moved, and Bart Smith seconded, that the minutes be approved, and it was so voted. Sandy Brodeur presented the financial report, including the proposed 2015-16 budget, in Roger Pellerin's absence, and summarized the main points for the membership. (See printed Annual Report.) The report was accepted and the proposed budget passed.

Joan Buell then presented the proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws. These included:

1. The change of "Office of Community and Professional Learning", wherever it occurs, to "Office of Community Engagement".
2. In Bylaws, Article V, changing "six standing committees", to "five standing committees, the Information Technology liaison".

3. Article VI, change “five” to “six”, and delete “Information Technology”.

4. Under Article VIII, add “A quorum which is defined as 60 LiR members must be in attendance for any votes to be cast at the Annual General Meeting, or any special meeting called for the purpose of conducting necessary business.”

Joan moved and Joyce Levesque seconded that these changes be accepted. It was so voted. Barbara Schreier presented the report of the Nominating Committee, listing the nominees for officers and members-at-large on the Executive Council:

President – Lenore Gudmundson

Vice President – Joan Buell

Secretary – Barbara Jensen (nominated from floor by Lenore Gudmunson)

Treasurer/Finance Chair – Roger Pellerin

Members-at large – Dorothy Fazzina, Claudette Hoffman, Sheila Johnson, Barbara Laliberte, Joyce Levesque, Elizabeth Omerod, Bart Smith, Marilyn Thanas

Barbara moved that this slate of nominees be accepted, Cookie Omerod seconded, and the slate was approved by the membership.

Under New Business, President Lenore announced that beginning this year any closings of classes and events for weather reasons, will be based on the Killingly school system. We will no longer go by QVCC closings.

Monique Wolanin made an announcement that Donuts for Donations will occur this year at all Baker’s Dozen locations from 6–9 am on June 18, 2015. Proceeds go to the QVCC Foundation.

Barbara Schreier moved and Dot Fazzina seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Buell, *Secretary, Pro Tem*

Curriculum Committee (now Program Committee)

The Curriculum Committee has changed its name. We are now the “Program Committee”. We are responsible for the LiR courses each semester and the special programs at LiR socials.

Our committee, (whatever we call it), tries to engage a wide range of presenters so that each LiR member can find something of interest. This year, over 400 LiR members signed up for 2,000 paid courses, an average of five classes per member. These figures do not include the free classes offered each semester or the free winter presentations. History and travel remain our most popular offerings.

Our socials this year with Tammy Denease portraying Elizabeth Keckly—Mary Todd Lincoln’s dressmaker and confidant, and Bruce John returning to lead the sing-a-long were very well attended and received. If you attend a show or concert that you think would work for LiR, please contact a member of the committee.

Program/Curriculum is the backbone of LiR. Please consider joining this committee—many hands make light work. Come to a meeting (first Tuesday each month at 2:15) to see how we work. Check location in the Continuing Education (CE) Office. You might want to help us find speakers—just check local papers for presentations at area historical societies, churches, clubs or other groups. Participation in LiR committees is rewarding in many ways.

Each semester, we have a few classes that have to be canceled. Your patience is greatly appreciated. We call or email all members registered for a cancelled class but sometimes we find no phone number or email with the registration. We hate to have someone come to the campus to find that there has been a cancellation.



Bill Brower
Sandy Brodeur
Co-Chairs

Refreshment Committee

The 2015/2016 LIR year was another success. There were two socials and two open houses which were very well attended. We are looking forward to the Annual Meeting in May.

As new Refreshment Committee co-chairs, we were greatly helped by the groundwork laid by Elizabeth Ormerod and Kathy Schimmelpfennig. Heather Plourde of the EASTCONN Catering Services has been invaluable in assisting us with menu suggestions. She and her staff did a superb job in the preparation and presentation of the refreshments. The general feedback from those in attendance was positive as to the variety and amount of refreshments. The costs were kept well within the budget set by the Financial Committee.

Barbara Laliberte, *Co-Chair*
Judy Swayze, *Co-Chair*

Scholarship Committee

This May, two \$950.00 scholarships were awarded from LiR's Endowed Scholarship Fund to two worthy QVCC students. This original endowment fund has now reached a principal of \$48,019.25. We believe this fund will be capped at our original goal of \$50,000.00 this year.

Our new LiR Community Engagement Endowment Fund was started in November of 2013 to help students who pursue the noncredit programs at the college. These programs include such areas as Certified Nursing Assistant, Veterinary Assistant and Pharmacy Technician, which can provide instant access to better jobs and better lives. This endowed fund has already attained a principal of \$18,851.96. No scholarships can be given out of this fund until spring of 2017, so LiR has donated our usual \$1,500.00 to help CE students this year.

Remember that scholarships will only be awarded from the interest earned on the funds, so students will be benefitting from your gift for as long as QVCC exists.

LiR, QVCC, and our scholarship recipients give sincere thanks for your incredible generosity.

Bill Brower, *Chairperson*

Membership & Promotion Committee

The Membership and Promotion Committee of LiR tries hard to let people in the area towns know what a great group, and what a great bargain we are. Most of us remember to use the acronym “LiR” (not the “r” word) as we are an adult learning group accepting all adults, not just the wonderful retired folks.

Membership and Promotion works to keep our membership at around 400 people. This year, a new advertising venture—placemats at 4G’s Restaurant, has had a very good response. Ads appeared in the Shopper’s Guide/Turnpike Buyer, on all of the area calendars, and on WINY. Members were also on the WINY Talk Show with Bob Young or John Mahan. LiR flyers were distributed in multiple locations in our ten town area. Thanks to Sheila Johnson, we have sent postcards to welcome new members and to check on previous members who did not renew their LiR privileges.

There were two wonderful LiR Open Houses: “The S.S. United States” with Jason Scappaticci and “Ridin’ the Rails” with our own Ed Morin (we actually had to turn a few people away). Membership and Promotion arranges this Annual Meeting each year with the Refreshment Committee providing the food.

The current M&P Committee members are: Dorothy Fazzina, Roger Pellerin, Sheila Johnson, William Brower, Joan Buell, Marilyn Thanas, Lois Brower and Ed Morin, Lee Felpel and Jim Hamel. Ed and I are retiring as co-chairs at the end of this semester. Our new co-chairpeople, Lee and Jim, will be great.

Finally, we would be remiss as a Membership and Promotion group if we passed up the opportunity to seek new members. We meet about once every six weeks and have fun working together. If you have an interest, PLEASE contact one of us.

Lois Brower, *Co-Chair*
Ed Morin, *Co-Chair*

Nominating Committee Report 2016 - 2017

The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers and members-at-large for LiR in the year 2016-17:

Officers and Committee Chairs:

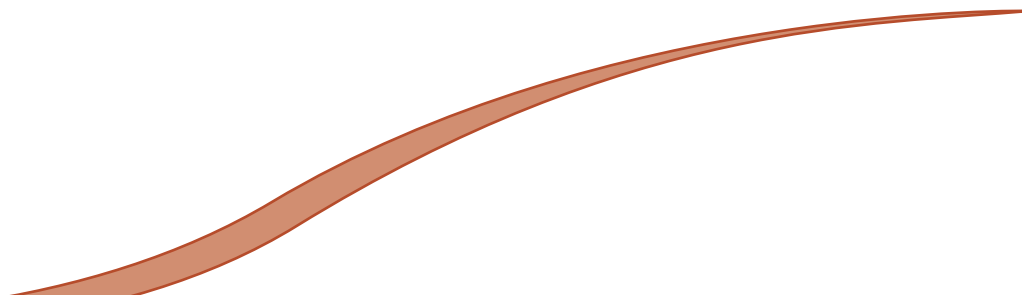
President: Joan Buell (1st Term)
Vice President: Barbara Laliberte (1st Term)
Secretary: Barbara Jensen
Treasurer: Roger Pellerin
Past President: Lenore Gudmundson

Members At-Large:

Sandra Brodeur
Lois Brower
Dorothy Fazzina
Lee Felpel
Mabel Green
Elizabeth (Cookie) Omerod
Barbara Schreier
Marilyn Thanas

Submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Joan Buell
Ed Morin
Barbara Schreier



Financial Report

	2015 - 2016 Budget	Actual a/o 4/5/15	2016 - 2017 Proposed Budget
Operational			
Copies	400.00	481.11	800.00
Postage	500.00	662.22	700.00
Supplies	300.00	108.48	300.00
QVCC	6,700.00	7,136.50	7,000.00
Subtotal	7,900.00	8,388.31	8,800.00
Promotional Committee			
Ads	2,000.00	1,183.00	2,800.00
Subtotal	2,000.00	1,183.00	2,800.00
Refreshments Committee			
Catering	3,000.00	875.00	3,500.00
Misc.	50.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	3,050.00	875.00	3,500.00
Program Committee			
Courses	200.00	0.00	200.00
Entertainment	1,200.00	600.00	1,800.00
Books & Materials	100.00	0.00	100.00
Subtotal	1,500.00	600.00	2,100.00
Executive Committee			
Information Tech Materials	500.00	0.00	500.00
Travel & Misc.	400.00	0.00	400.00
Scholarships	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Subtotal	2,400.00	0.00	2,400.00
Total Budgeted Expenses	16,850.00	11,046.31	19,600.00
Bus Trips - non-budgeted		925.00	
Trip Admission - non-budgeted		2,132.00	
GRAND TOTAL ALL EXPENSES	16,850.00	14,103.31	19,600.00

Membership Fees: \$8,120.00
 Tuition: \$9,645.00
 Trip Fees: \$5,550.00
 Total Revenues: \$23,315.00

Endowed Scholarship Balance: \$48,019.25
 CPL Endowment Fund: \$18,851.46
 Amt. in Carryover (4/15/16): \$8,000.00

Reserves:
 Catering \$2,125.00
 Scholarship \$1,500.00
 Various \$1,700.00
 Ads \$800.00
 Trip Expenses \$2,500.00
 Total Reserves \$7,825.00



Riding the Rails Hobo Life in America

-With Hobo Ed



Joyce H. Levesque

1936 - 2016



Members of LiR were saddened earlier this year when they lost long-time member Joyce Levesque. Joyce was more than a name on a membership list; she was an active participant in all aspects of LiR. First, she served as secretary, then treasurer, finance committee and social committee member. "Joyce was a hard working, full participating member of every committee she was on," said Marguerite Dumaine. "Whenever I go to anything at LiR, I miss her presence."

Raised locally, after nursing school Joyce married a fellow Plainfield High School graduate who was a career Marine. As a result, Joyce lived in various parts of the United States, including Hawaii, which always held a special spot in her heart. There she raised her family and earned an associate's degree.

When she was diagnosed with cancer a few years ago, Joyce fought it with her indomitable spirit, working for LiR and attending programs to the last. LiR misses all of its members who for various reasons can no longer participate in its activities, but Joyce will hold a special place of gratitude in our hearts for all she did to make LiR strong and relevant.