

Annual Report
2016-2017

Quinebaug Valley Community College
Community Engagement

Committee Members

Executive Council Members:

Joan Buell, President, Barbara Laliberte, Vice-President, Barbara Jensen, Secretary, Roger Pellerin, Treasurer, Lenore Gudmundson, Past-President, Richard Anger, Bill Brower, Lois Brower, Dorothy Fazzina, Lee Felpel, Mabel Green, Jim Hamel, Barbara Schreier, Judy Swayze, Marilyn Thanas

Program Committee Members:

Barbara Laliberte, Temporary Chairperson, Bill Brower, Lois Brower, Jean Cass, Clare Despathy, Dotti Durst, Judy Kramer, Mary Saad, Barbara Schreier, Marilyn Thanas, Ron Tillen

Refreshment Committee Members:

Barbara Laliberte, Chairperson, Judy Swayze

Membership & Promotion Members:

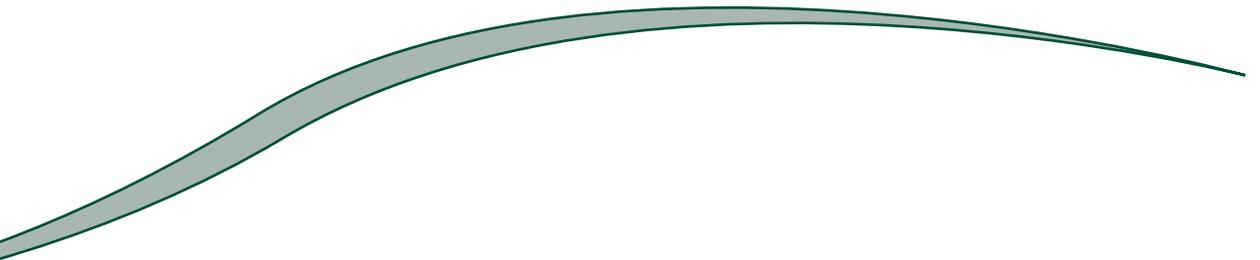
Lee Felpel, Co-Chair, Jim Hamel, Co-Chair, Bill Brower, Joan Buell, Dotti Durst, Dorothy Fazzina, Ed Morin, Roger Pellerin

Scholarship Committee Members:

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

Finance Committee Members:

Roger Pellerin, Chair, Bill Brower, Woody Durst, Lenore Gudmundson, Bart Smith



President's/Vice-President Report

The 2016-17 year at LiR has been enjoyable and effective, and this is a result of the hard work put forth by our volunteers as officers, committee chairs and committee members. When each person and each committee does its work willingly and efficiently, the organization runs smoothly. It has been a pleasure to have some new people step up to help fill these roles, and the benefit of new ideas and new ways to do things has been evident.

At the end of the fiscal year, our membership is 414. We had two successful Open Houses, one in the fall featuring "1964-65 NY World's Fair" and the spring one, featuring Ed Morin, who entertained us with "You must Be This Tall", a presentation on Rocky Point Amusement Park. At both we also presented the visual rundown on courses to be offered, which always helps in choosing which courses to take. We appreciate Ron Tillen's and Bill Brower's hard work on that. Our two socials did not disappoint: In the fall we enjoyed Gino LoRico's band, LUGNAUT, and in the spring, we enjoyed music by Tom Callinan and Anne Shapiro.

Our Program Committee did a marvelous job of planning fascinating and informative classes this year. We thank Barbara LaLiberte for stepping in to chair this committee when Shiela Johnson had to step down. Their careful planning kept the courses running well, and we even reached a "first" of having one of our classes filled to capacity.

Lee Felpel and Jim Hamel were new to the Membership and Promotion Committee, and they got their feet wet by being co-chairs. They revamped our trifold advertising board, increased our advertising on WINY, saw to the updating of our website, which is being used more and more. Richard Anger, our IT Liason, developed a member survey, to which there was a great response. We will be using the data gathered as we move ahead. Dotti Durst has volunteered to revive our Newsletter, and you received the first edition in March. We are very grateful that she is willing to work on this, and you can expect it to evolve in the months ahead. Our goal is to have quarterly issues sent out.

We express our thanks to Krissy Larrow, who is our liaison with the college and very involved with our scheduling, mailings, and communications with the college. Also, we thank Margie Huoppi, in Marketing, who assists with any publications.

As we present a new slate of officers and committee members to you for 2017-2018, you can be sure that we plan to continue to serve you in the year ahead. Our desire is to continue offering stimulating programs, both educationally and socially, and provide a place for sharing ideas, meeting and making friends, and interacting with our wider community.

***Joan Buell, President
Barbara Laliberte, Vice President***

Annual Meeting – May 13, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM in the QVCC cafeteria by president Lenore Gudmundson.

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME: This was the 20th Anniversary of LiR, founded in 1996. There are 410 members strong. The president thanked the committee members, the college for the space we use and their continued support, and the Office of Community Engagement Continuing Education.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr. Carly Drummer, president of QVCC was the speaker. Dr. Carly mentioned the new 10,000 sq.ft. manufacturing facility that would open this September; new paving for the driveway and parking lots. On June 11th, a veterans stand down. She announced the speaker at graduation would be the president of Electric Boat, Jeffrey Geiger.

RECOGNITION AWARD: LiR recognized Richer Anger as a creative, energetic and resourceful long time member of LiR and IT trainer.

LUNCH: At 12:22 we broke for a luncheon buffet served by Heather Plourde and her staff.

BUSINESS MEETING:

- Approval of Minutes: The minutes of last year's meeting were approved.
- Treasurer's Report: The Treasury Report was presented by Roger Pellerin. As of April 15, 2016 the budget was showing a \$1400.00 profit. There have been increased costs for promotional ads, refreshments, a winter social and entertainment. The annual dues would remain the same at \$20.00 but the cost of classes would increase from \$5.00 to \$7.00. This is the first increase in twenty years. The treasury report was approved.
- Recognition of Committees: The committee members were introduced and recognized for all their work.
- Proposed By-Law and Constitutional Changes: Richard Anger presented the changes. The quorum requirement to be changed from sixty to fifty. The Curriculum Committee's name to be changed to Program Committee. The changes were approved.
- Nomination Committee Report: Ed Morin presented this report. The report was approved.

President - Joan Buell

Vice President - Barbara Laliberte

Members-at large - Mabel Green

- New Business: No new business.

Thanks was given to Lenore Gudmundson for her two years as president. A request was made for more people to join committees.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 PM for dessert.

*Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Jensen, secretary*



Program Committee

It has been another successful year for LiR and the Program Committee. This committee is responsible for choosing the courses, enlisting the presenters and setting up the calendar of events. We work hard to find topics that will be of interest to everyone and strive to educate, entertain and enlighten our members. We are open to suggestions, and we always seek new members to join our group. New ideas will keep the programs fresh, and your suggestion may be the highlight of a future program. Please consider sitting in on a meeting, held the first Tuesday of the month from September to June at 2:15 pm.

This year, we traveled around the world, received advice on topics from finance to wellness, enjoyed music programs, wandered through local historic events, learned about health and safety, and heard about how to appreciate and conserve this great planet. There are more great programs to come. We hope you have enjoyed our offerings and that you will encourage your friends to join LiR so they too can see what an enlightening experience it can be.

We thank you for being loyal members and supporting our programs and encourage you to become more involved. It's a lot of fun and very rewarding. Have a safe and restful summer, and we'll see you in the fall.

Barbara Laliberte, Temporary Chair



Refreshment Committee

Another wonderful year of LiR has ended with great programs, two open houses and two socials. If you attended any of these, I think you will agree. We were again fortunate to work with Heather Plourde and her staff of the EASTCONN Catering Services in providing a varied and tasty menu for the refreshment part of the socials and open houses. We also consulted with her on the meal provided at the Annual Meeting last May. It is not always easy to offer something everyone will enjoy, but it is always rewarding when we hear comments such as, “delicious” and “wonderful.”

We are looking forward to another year of providing “goodies” for your enjoyment.

Judy Swayze , Chairperson

Scholarship Committee

This year, our original LiR Endowed Scholarship Fund has been capped at our goal of \$50,000. Out of the interest on this fund, two \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to degree program students.

Our newer LiR Endowment Fund, which was started three years ago to help students attending the Continuing and Professional Education (CPE) section of the college, has already attained a figure of \$22,382.18. No scholarships can be given out of this fund yet, so LiR has donated our usual \$1,500 to help CPE students this year. CPE programs, which include the Certified Nursing Assistant, Pharmacy Technician and Veterinary Assistant programs, among others, can provide instant access to better jobs and better lives.

This year, LiR’s Executive Council voted to disband the Scholarship Committee as language has been added to our documents to automatically take care of scholarship fund needs. No decisions need be made by a committee. A position has been created of Scholarship Liaison which will represent LiR on the QVCC Foundation.

Bill Brower, Chairperson

Membership & Promotion Committee

We have completed our first full year as co-chairs of the Membership and Promotion committee. We want to thank everyone who has stayed with us as we navigate our way. We are confident simply because everyone wants to see us succeed, and the support has been overwhelming. Keep it coming! Our talented committee members have brainstormed for new ideas to keep the LiR name out there, and keep membership levels above 400.

This year we expanded our presence on WINY radio by broadcasting our thoughts on “What LiR means to me.” This is in addition to appearing on the talk show to promote our open houses to attract new members. You can almost be guaranteed to hear a familiar voice when you listen to “Jukebox Gold” with Ron Carson every Sunday morning!

We have continued our ads on placements at 4G’s restaurant, and we participate in the Senior Expo every November at Ellis Tech. Last summer, for the first time, we hosted a booth at Putnam’s First Friday event. The theme of the evening was the city of Seattle, and our trifold display was given a fresh new look with Seattle travel photos, and lots of green embellishments to herald the Emerald City.

Other new promotional materials included a new pamphlet design, in coordination with Margie Huoppi of QVCC. Perks of LiR membership were updated and new photos added. Speaking of photos, you’ll see Jim running around at our socials and open houses with the big camera around his neck. Be sure to smile when he points his lens your way, and you may end up on our updated website or in a publication such as. . .our new newsletter!!!

We are so happy that our newsletter is back. Thank you so much Dotti Durst for tackling this. The premier edition was wonderful. Most of us cannot imagine the computer skills involved, but Dotti has done a beautiful job, and we are so grateful for her enthusiasm.

It’s been a busy and productive year for the M&P committee. If anyone is interested in joining our committee, please contact one of us. Our group keeps coming up with fresh ideas, and it’s an exiting job to put these ideas into reality!

Lee Felpel, Co-Chair
Jim Hamel, Co-Chair

Nominating Committee Report 2017 - 2018

The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers and Members-At-Large for LiR in the year 2017-18:

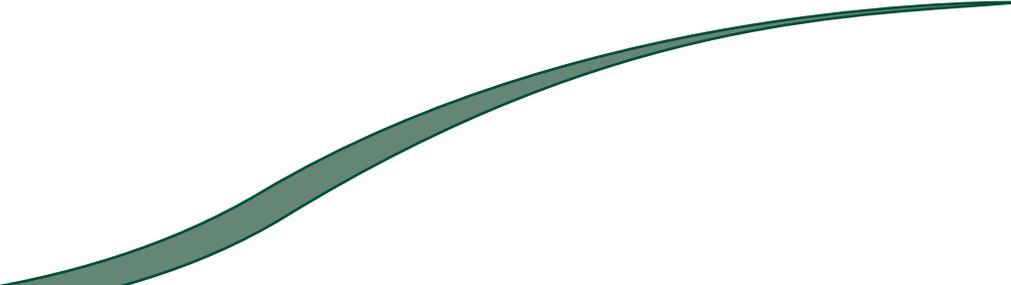
Officers and Committee Chairs:

President: Joan Buell (2nd Term)
Vice President: Barbara Laliberte (2nd Term)
Secretary: Barbara Jensen
Treasurer: Roger Pellerin
Past President: Lenore Gudmundson

Members At-Large:

Lois Brower
Dorothy Fazzina
Mabel Green
Barbara Schreier
Marilyn Thanas
Dotti Durst
Woody Durst
Marian Marchesseault
Mary Davis
Lee Felpel

*Submitted by the Nominating Committee:
Mabel Green
Barbara Laliberte
Lenore Gudmundson*



Financial Report

	2016 - 2017 Budget	Actual a/o 4/4/17	2017 - 2018 Proposed Budget
Operational			
Copies	800.00	466.26	800.00
Postage	700.00	417.30	900.00
Supplies	300.00	89.44	300.00
QVCC	7,000.00	5,897.50	6,200.00
Subtotal	8,800.00	6870.50	8,200.00
Promotional Committee			
Ads	2,800.00	2,176.00	2,800.00
Subtotal	2,800.00	2,176.00	2,800.00
Refreshments Committee			
Catering	3,500.00	1,287.50	3,600.00
Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal	3,500.00	1,287.50	3,600.00
Program Committee			
Courses	200.00	0.00	200.00
Entertainment	1,800.00	560.00	1,800.00
Books & Materials	100.00	0.00	100.00
Subtotal	2,100.00	560.00	2,100.00
Executive Committee			
Information Tech Materials	500.00	0.00	200.00
Travel & Misc.	400.00	50.00	200.00
Scholarships	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Subtotal	2,400.00	50.00	1,900.00
Total Budgeted Expenses	19,600.00	10,944.00	18,600.00
Bus Trips - non-budgeted			
Trip Admission - non-budgeted		2,042.00	
GRAND TOTAL ALL EXPENSES	19,600.00	12,986.00	18,600.00

Membership Fees: \$8,280.00
Tuition: \$11,445.00
Trip Fees: \$2,150.00
Total Revenues: \$21,875.00

Endowed Scholarship Balance: \$56,456.52
CPL Endowment Fund: \$23,963.33
Amt. in Carryover (4/4/17): \$8,000.00

Reserves:
Catering \$1,812.00
Scholarship \$1,500.00
Various \$1,400.00
Ads \$ 624.00
Trip Expenses \$ 0.00
Total Reserves \$5,406.00



