

Annual Report 2017-2018

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, Mary Davis, Dotti Durst, Woody Durst, Dorothy Fazzina, Lee Felpel, Mabel Green, Jim Hamel, Marian Marchesseault, Barbara Schreier, Judy Swayze, Marilyn Thanas

Program Committee Members:

Barbara Laliberte, Chairperson, Bill Brower, Jean Cass, Clare Despathy, Dotti Durst, Marian Marchesseault, Darla Pigeon, Mary Saad, Barbara Schreier, Marilyn Thanas, Ron Tillen

Refreshment Committee Members:

Judy Swayze, Chairperson Barbara Laliberte

Membership & Promotion Members:

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

Scholarship Liaison:

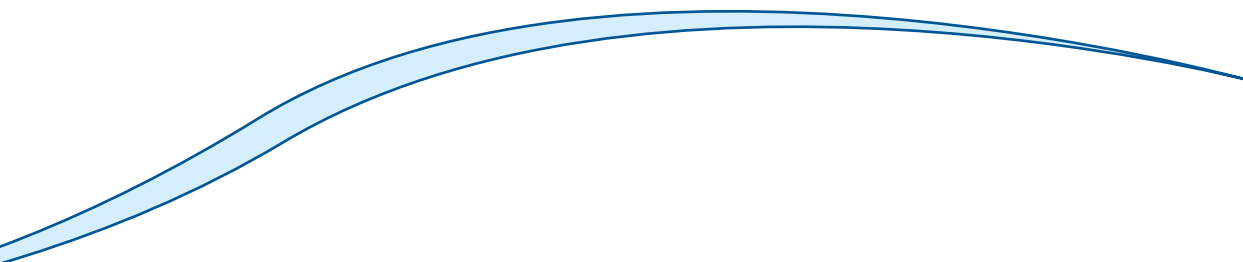
Bill Brower

Finance Committee Members:

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

IT Liaison:

Richard Anger



President's/Vice-President Report

LiR concludes its 24th year of existence this year, which means we will be having a 25th Birthday Party next year. Be watching for ways we will celebrate, and please plan to join in!

At the end of this fiscal year, our membership is 380. This is the first downward trend in a few years, and the Executive Council is looking at potential reasons and will consider changes where indicated. We welcome comments from our membership. This is the first year that we have tracked attendance at individual courses, so we cannot yet see trends there. Be assured that we are not “taking attendance,” simply counting people to compare the number to the number that signed up.

We had two well-attended Open Houses in the Fall and Spring. In August, Jason Scappaticci acquainted us with a side of Mark Twain that many of us did not know, as he presented *Mark Twain and the Spirits*. Ed Morin did a fascinating presentation on *The Early Days of Motion Pictures* in Spring. We are sad to say that Ed Morin has stepped down from doing these presentations, and will be sorely missed. Ed has done more than 100 presentations for LiR! Bill Brower prepared the course presentation overviews, and did a great job. Ron Tillen was a hard act to follow, and we so appreciate the many years that Ron did this for us. Our Fall Social was enjoyed by many, who were delighted to hear Mary Jo Burke's presentation of her experiences as part of the Burke Family Singers. In April, *Eleanor Roosevelt* came to call, in the person of Sheryl Faye. Our Program Committee, under the direction of Barbara Laliberte, provided us once again with varied and stimulating courses and field trips. We appreciate Barbara doing double duty, serving as chair of this committee as well as Vice President.

The Membership and Promotion Committee, headed by Lee Felpel and Jim Hamel, saw to it that the Quiet Corner knew what was happening at LiR. Dotti Durst kept our membership informed through our quarterly newsletter. They also represented us at the Senior Exposition at Ellis Tech, and at the Senior Fair held by the Putnam Commission on Aging.

We continued to offer a winter session as a free bonus, with movie and video offerings that provided welcome entertainment and learning during January and February. Class attendance in this session as well as the spring session was adversely affected by the frequent snowstorms, and prolonged winter — something over which we have little control.

We are grateful for the support that QVCC provides to us, through Krissy Larrow, the marketing department, security, facilities management, and the food service department, which not only caters our refreshments but provides a good place for lunch for attendees and committee workers. Heather Plourde works closely with Judy Swayze to provide us with attractive and delicious food at our social events. The library staff troubleshoots when we have technical problems with presentations, and does this with an amazing attitude of helpfulness. Problems do not always occur at convenient times!

LiR continues to give scholarships to QVCC students. On May 2nd we awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to degree students, and one \$800 gift to a continuing education student. Our members donated over \$3,500 this year, almost twice as much as in previous years. Thank You!

Our IT Liaison, Richard Anger, continues to keep us up-to-date on the technology front. He updates our websites and documents, trains volunteers to use the equipment, and resolves many technological problems. He informs us that our website had 5,768 “hits” in a year’s time, a decided increase as our membership catches up with using our site.

Charging a nominal fee for our Annual Meeting luncheon helped to cut down on costly no-shows, and we thank you for understanding that we needed to do that and will continue to do so.

Roger Pellerin has been treasurer and chair of our Finance Committee for a number of years, and has now decided to step down. We thank him for a job well done, especially realizing that this is a task that many of us would never touch! We have really appreciated you, Roger.

As you can see, several people are stepping DOWN, and some are stepping BACK a little, after serving as volunteers for many years. Of course, this means that we continue to need others to step UP. We are asking that each of you would consider where you might be able to help...as a presenter, a valuable committee member, a member-at-large on the Executive Council, or an officer. The rewards are many: a sense of accomplishment and service, new friends, socialization, honing new skills, and dusting off old ones, and — dare I say — fun!

Joan Buell, President
Barbara Laliberte, Vice President



Annual Meeting – May 12, 2017

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

PRESIDENT’S WELCOME: There are 418 members. The president thanked the committee members for all their work. Also thanked was Krissy Larrow our college liaison. She mentioned that members can audit college courses for no charge if room is available. There was approximately \$150,000 in scholarships awarded to students including those from LiR.

RECOGNITION AWARD: Bill Brower recognized Ed Morin for all his contributions to LiR including committee memberships, especially the growth of the organization during his chairmanship of the Membership and Programs Committee. Ed has given more than 90 presentations including at Open House.

LUNCH: At 12:15 PM we broke for a marvelous luncheon buffet served by Heather Plourde and her staff.

BUSINESS MEETING: Called to order at 1:00 PM.

- ***Approval of Minutes:*** The minutes of last year’s meeting were approved.
- ***Treasurer’s Report:*** The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Roger Pellerin. As of April 4, 2017, the Financial Report was reflecting a profit of \$8,889. Expenses yet to be incurred for the year were estimated at \$5,406. Therefore, a profit of approximately \$3,500 was forecasted. The Proposed Budget Expenses for FY 2017/2018 totaled \$18,600 and were accepted by the membership on hand.
- ***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.

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

One of the many things I have learned as chairperson of the Program Committee is the vast amount of talent and resources available in our Quiet Corner. We have had excellent presentations by doctors, veterans, travelers, historians, professors, astronomers, rangers, scientists and teachers, and that was just in the fall!

This spring, we had the opportunity to learn a new language, hone our bridge skills, learn about classical music and opera, travel the world through the experiences of others, explore nature and Native American culture, and much more. Our presenters look forward to coming to LiR classes. Most are eager to come back to share more of their knowledge and experiences.

Our committee works hard to make each semester interesting, educational and fun, and we appreciate your ideas, feedback and suggestions. It takes a great team to put together a great program, and this team is one of the best! Every one of them shares in the responsibility of doing what needs to be done, and I truly appreciate each and every member.

Thank you all for your support over the past year. I invite you to join us to help make the 2018 – 2019 programs even better.

Barbara Laliberte, Chairperson



Refreshment Committee

As chairperson of the Refreshment Committee, it was gratifying for me to see so many people staying to enjoy the goodies and to socialize after the Open Houses and Socials.

As always, we try to provide tasty treats for your enjoyment. We have a wonderful resource in the EASTCONN Catering Service which works with us to provide the varied menu.

We heard many positive comments about last year's luncheon after the Annual Meeting. We hope to continue providing the same quality items in the future.

Judy Swayze , Chairperson

Scholarship Committee

Last year, our original LiR Endowed Scholarship Fund had been capped at our goal of \$50,000. From the interest on this fund, two \$1,000 scholarships were awarded on May 2nd, to degree earning students.

Our newer LiR Endowment Fund started four years ago to help students attending the Continuing Education section of the college. This fund has already attained a figure of \$30,721.05. In response to our donation request in November, \$3,525 was added. One scholarship of \$800 will be awarded out of the interest on this fund in 2018.

Your amazing generosity, LiR members, is changing lives here in the Quiet Corner.



Bill Brower, Chairperson

Membership & Promotion Committee

The M&P committee of LiR works to get the word out to people about what a great organization we are for a bargain price. We seek to keep membership at around 400 through appearances and ads on WINY radio, participation at senior expos in our area, and distribution of flyers. We host two open houses a year; this year's August Open House featured Jason Scappitucci presenting a program on Mark Twain and the Spirits. In February, our own Ed Morin presented *The Early Years of Motion Pictures*. Our free open houses are always well attended, and bring in lots of new members.

Once again we hosted a booth at the November Senior Expo at Ellis Tech and, in October, we hosted a booth for the first time at the 2nd annual Senior Expo at St. Mary's Church in Putnam. A group of volunteers appear on air on WINY radio to promote the LiR Open Houses every August and February, and WINY runs ads year round where members explain what LiR means to them.

We continue to photograph various LiR events, such as open houses, socials and expos. These photos are then used in our wonderful newsletter, our website, the annual report, and to freshen our trifold.

We want to say "thank you so much" to all our committee members. A special shout out to Dotti Durst for taking on the challenge of writing a newsletter, and another to Ed Morin, who has "retired" after his last presentation. We thank him and wish him well. We can always use more help and new ideas, so if you'd like to join a committee, choose ours!!!



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

Nominating Committee Report 2018 – 2019

The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers and Members-At-Large for LiR in the year 2018 – 2019:


Officers and Committee Chairs:

President: Joan Buell (3rd Term)
Vice President: Mary Saad
Secretary: Open — Looking for a volunteer
Treasurer: Woody Durst
Past President: Lenore Gudmundson

Members-At-Large:

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

Submitted by the Nominating Committee:
Mabel Green
Barbara Laliberte
Marilyn Thanas



Financial Report

	2017 – 2018 Budget	Actual a/o 4/9/18	2018 – 2019 Proposed Budget
Operational			
Copies	800.00	665.05	1,300.00
Postage	900.00	832.41	900.00
Supplies	300.00	62.21	300.00
QVCC	6,200.00	6,573.00	6,400.00
Subtotal	8,200.00	8,132.67	8,900.00
Promotional Committee			
Ads	2,800.00	1,258.00	2,000.00
Entertainment/Open House			1,200.00
Subtotal	2,800.00	1,258.00	3,200.00
Refreshments Committee			
Catering	3,600.00	805.50	4,300.00
Subtotal	3,600.00	805.50	4,300.00
Program Committee			
Courses	200.00	0.00	200.00
Entertainment	1,800.00	600.00	1,300.00
Books & Materials	100.00	0.00	100.00
Subtotal	2,100.00	600.00	1,600.00
Executive Committee			
Information Tech Materials	200.00	0.00	200.00
Travel & Misc.	200.00	342.00	500.00
Scholarships	1,500.00	0.00	0.00
Special Celebration			2,000.00
Subtotal	1,900.00	342.00	2,700.00
Total Budgeted Expenses	18,600.00	11,138.17	21,000.00
Bus Trips — non-budgeted		995.00	
Trip Admission — non-budgeted		1,192.50	
GRAND TOTAL ALL EXPENSES	18,600.00	13,325.67	21,000.00

Membership Fees: \$ 7,580.00
 Tuition: \$12,453.00
 Trip Fees: \$ 5,672.00
 Total Revenues: \$25,705.00

Endowed Scholarship Balance: \$59,169.28
 CPL Endowment Fund: \$34,080.40
 Amt. in Carryover (4/4/18): \$ 8,000.00

Reserves:
 Catering \$2,495.00
 Various \$1,600.00
 Ads \$ 0
 Trip Expenses \$3,485.00
 Socials \$ 600.00
 Total Reserves \$8,180.00



