

LiR @QVCC Member Update

September 2021

Nominating Committee Report:

At the June 2021 Executive Council meeting: Since a traditional Annual Meeting cannot be held, the motion was made by Bill Brower and seconded by Dotti Durst to accept the slate of officers as presented by the Nominating committee for the 2021-22 LiR year. Motion carried unanimously.

President – Barbara Schreier
Vice President – Bill Brower
Treasurer – Frank Aleman
Secretary – Joan Buell
Past President – Mary Saad

Members-at-Large to Executive Council: Dotti Durst
Dorothy Fazzina
Mabel Green
Lenore Gudmunson
Jim Hamel
Pat Hertzfeld
Barbara Scalise

Committee Chairs:
Richard Anger, IT
Lee Felpel, Membership & Promotion
Barbara Laliberte, Programs
Judy Swayze, Refreshments
Bill Brower, Scholarships

College Liaison: Krissy Larrow

Interested in participating in a leadership role? Reach out! Use the new email address, and we'll talk!

*Teaching and Learning,
no matter what a person's age,
keeps us engaged with life.*

A Greeting from LiR President Barbara Shreier:

As we leave the "sheltering in place" state of affairs that Covid 19 brought us, we look forward to re-opening LiR's schedule of programs and presenters. The CEO of QVCC Dr. Karen Hynick and facilities manager Martin Charette indicate that they can advise us the first week of November whether an LiR Winter Session is feasible or a Spring Semester, whether as a full schedule or limited. Our Program Committee is eager to recruit top presenters and re-ignite the learning and interaction that LiR offers.

Got an idea for LiR? Your ideas will direct our re-launch activities! Maybe a presenter or a topic that you want to put forward? How about a constructive comment about "the way it always was" so we can consider improvements? Favorite topic or presenter? Best times/spaces for events? Can you help us out?

USE THIS DEDICATED LiR EMAIL FEEDBACK ADDRESS QVLiR21CC@gmail.com to weigh in. Or use U S Mail at 742 Upper Maple Street Danielson 06239 c/o K. Larrow.

Thanks! *Barbara*



Have you checked out  the fun time LiR Council Members are providing for our members on Facebook? No, not just rainbows and puppy dogs! You will also find great ideas, what people are doing that they never did before...even music including opera. Go ahead and check it out! The LiR fb hosts, Barbara Scalise, Barbara Jensen and Bill Brower can even let you submit a post!

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A memo from Retiring President Mary Saad:

Dear LiR Members:

We hope this message finds you all safe and healthy. The process of returning to some kind of LiR normalcy is underway, but continues to take longer than anticipated, and because the health and safety of our membership remains our highest priority, the Executive Council of LiR has voted to cancel all programs for the Fall 2021 session at QVCC. The Executive Council continues to work preparing for a future time when we can gather together again safely for additional exciting and informative learning opportunities. We anticipate planning and presenting a Spring 2022 session.

We are carefully monitoring CDC guidelines, as well as receiving updates on the CSCU (Connecticut State Colleges and Universities) required protocols. We continue to be grateful for the partnership we have with QVCC and appreciate the generous staff support and the benefits of this outstanding facility.

In these challenging times, despite all precautions, vaccinations, and planning that have taken place, we must continue to adapt under some difficult circumstances, keeping in mind that nothing is more important than the well-being of all LiR members.

As always, thank you for your patience and cooperation. Take care and be well. *MS*

Financial Report: LiR has been inactive for the entirety of 2020-21 with no revenue and only a few necessary expenses which came to \$628.

From the previous active semester, the remaining balance for that fiscal year end was \$4240. Our many-year reserve of \$8000 remains in full. To regain our membership, it may be necessary to utilize our reserve, but only after use of our \$3612 current working funds are expended.

There was no donation to scholarships in 20-21; we believe this to be only a pause.

Today's LiR present full balance of \$11,612 is sufficient to reactivate LiR to the activity level of years past and also, if necessary, to take actions to restore membership numbers.

An estimate of Initial Start-Up costs (advertising, mailings, copies, staff support, and other basic needs) is \$2500. And whether LiR activation is in spring or fall, additional revenue will be nearly immediate from members at the beginning of the semester.

LiR has a good history of money well directed and is sufficiently funded for reactivation.

Woody Durst, 2020-21 Treasurer *WWD*

*Some people want it to happen,
some wish it would happen,
others make it happen.*

Michael Jordan



Ed Morin, in whose memory the 2021 scholarships were given.

Ed, a past President of LiR, served for years as Chairman of the Membership and Promotion Committee. With their help he raised LiR membership to its recent levels of over 400 members each year.
Thanks, Ed!

Scholarship Report: *The *LiR Credit Student Scholarship Endowment Fund* gave three \$1,200.00 scholarships this year in the name of Doctor Ed Morin, much loved LiR Past President. Ed also presented more than one hundred very popular programs for LiR, truly part of the LiR backbone. *The *LiR Community Engagement Scholarship Fund* gave out over one thousand dollars in "block grants" for books and supplies for students in certificate programs: i.e. Certified Nurse's Assistant, Veterinary Assistant, Advanced Manufacturing and thirteen other areas that lead to better jobs for people. This Fund now is only \$999.05 dollars short of reaching our \$50,000.00 goal.

If you donate, please put "LiR Fund" on your check!

Bill Brower: *Bill*

LiR Scholarship Liaison to the QVCC Foundation