



Dear Members,

A new day is dawning at Learning in Retirement! We've made some changes that we believe you will like.

1. Our Fall semester will consist of morning and afternoon programs on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays from September 12 through November 4. We hope to eventually get back to five days a week.
2. You will be asked to register for *individual programs* instead of courses. This will allow you to pick only the programs in which you are truly interested and will attend.
3. Our fee structure will be changed for the 2022-2023 year (and will likely save you money). Membership will remain the same at \$20 per year. Those who choose Membership only with no other program selection (total cost of \$20) will be able to attend the Social and the programs indicated as free in the guide. The new cost for programs is \$15 per semester, whether you opt to attend one program or all 40+ programs this fall. These fees will be reviewed yearly and may be adjusted as needed. The chart below gives a quick comparison for you.

| FEE STRUCTURE | PREVIOUS | 2022-2023 |
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| Membership | \$20 per year | \$20 per year |
| Benefits for <u>all</u> members | 4-5 programs indicated as free in the guide per semester 2 Socials/year · Library access Free Winter sessions · Annual Meeting (if held in person) | SAME |
| Cost for registered members | \$7.00/course · Choice of 10-12 courses Example: Register for 3 courses = 9-12 programs = \$21.00 | \$15.00 per semester Choice of 40 or more programs individually selected by you |

In the past, if you selected two courses at \$7 per course, it cost you \$14. If you selected four courses, it cost you \$28, and you may have skipped some of those programs because they didn't interest you or something unexpected came up. Now you can pick and choose as many programs as you'd like for only \$15 per semester after paying the membership fee! We want to give you the best value possible, and we feel this is a step in the right direction.

4. Topics will be on multiple days. Previously, all Travel was on Fridays, or all Wellness was on Wednesdays. Now, if you can't attend on a particular day, your favorite topic may be available on another day.

5. We're hoping by having you select specific programs that the attendance will improve. In the Spring, some people signed up for a course but only attended one program (Ex. 68 sign-ups and 30-35 attendees). This is a disappointment to the committee and to the speakers who volunteer their time and expertise for our organization. We know that last minute things happen; illness, appointments, etc., but having only 40-60% of sign-ups attend a program reflects poorly on LiR.
6. Of course, all plans are subject to Covid-related restrictions and changes set by QVCC.

We've listened to your feedback and hope these new changes will meet some of your needs and suggestions. Our Fall schedule has many new speakers and your favorites as well. We hope you find these changes beneficial, resulting in a more exciting experience for you.

If you have questions or comments, you can email us at QVLiR21CC@gmail.com or call Barbara Laliberte at 860-774-4176.

Best,
Barbara Laliberte, Chair