



President's Page: Welcome and Welcome Back!

Once again I am privileged to welcome back all returning members of ILR and to give a hearty welcome to those of you whom have just become first time members of ILR. We ended our 2013/2014 fiscal year on May 31 with a membership of 774, and in the latter part of August, as I write this article, our membership for the new fiscal year is approaching the 600 level, with about 70 of that number being new members. The 2014/2015 fiscal year of ILR is off to a great start, not only with the membership numbers, but with a wonderful and challenging lineup of classes and events for the summer months. By the time you read this you may already have the lineup of classes and events for the Fall in your hands, and I am confident you will find it even better.

As we begin another great ILR year, I need to inform you of some administrative changes that have taken place. Sandy Barczak, our current vice president, has been serving double duty as the editor of our quarterly newsletter. Sandy is stepping down as editor and turning over the reins of this important task to Carolyn Schmick. Dave Netherton who, along with his wife Toby, was among those who founded our ILR organization more than twenty years ago, asked to be replaced as our webmaster so that he could devote more time to family matters. Fortunately for us, Dave Hamby stepped forward and has assumed the important role of recreating our website and managing the content thereon. We give special thanks to Sandy Barczak and Dave Netherton for all the work they have done for the betterment of ILR. We truly have been blessed by their service, and thanks to Carolyn Schmick and Dave Hamby for stepping forward to fill these two important roles in the future of ILR.

I am pleased to inform you that a new recipient of the ILR Scholarship Award has been selected and will begin work on a graduate degree at ODU this fall. Nevin Mapp will soon begin her quest for a graduate degree in International Relations and more about Nevin may be found in this newsletter. Nevin is the fourth recipient of the ILR Scholarship Award, and the first since the Board raised the amount of the award from \$6,000 to \$8,000, paid over a two year period of study. You will be hearing more about Nevin as she progresses through her studies at ODU.

It is with a sense of sadness that I report that Diane Johnson, for personal reasons, has tendered her resignation as our Assistant Administrator and will be leaving us at the end of September. Diane has played a major role in the success of ILR, and has handled the important responsibility of keeping our financial records with the utmost of accuracy and timeliness. There is no question that we will all miss Diane, and wish her well for the future. Between now and the end of September please stop by the office and let her know how much her service to ILR has been appreciated.

Your Board continues to look for ways ILR can be made more meaningful to all members and to this end we welcome your comments and ideas. If an interest area of yours is not being addressed we need to hear from you. Remember, the purpose of ILR shall be to foster the interests of members in continuing education; to promote quality programs for its members; to provide opportunities for members with common interest to pursue those interests; and, to encourage member participation in study, discussion, and social activities.

Thanks again to all of you for renewing your relationship with ILR and to those of you who have become a member of ILR for the first time.

~~Mike McGraw

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream"

C. S. Lewis

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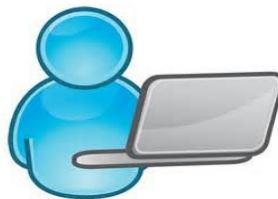
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Welcome Our New Web Master!

Davy Hamby, a new member, has stepped up to taking over the ILR web site. You can find his impressive bio in this edition of the newsletter (below). After discussions with Dave Netherton, the Communications & Technology Committee, and the office staff, Dave Hamby has landed on his feet, running. He has proposed a new design for the ILR website that includes a number of new features that should serve us well. Since the design is still very much a work-in-progress, this article is deliberately vague about the changes. Stay tuned!

If you have some ideas about what the new website should provide to the public and to the members: both the interface and the substance, please forward your ideas to the author of this article at k4ybz@cox.net, or drop a note off at the office.

~~Robert Chapin

In his own words, meet Dave Hamby!

In my misspent youth, I grew up in Gales Ferry, Connecticut, attended college at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute graduating with BS and ME degrees in Electrical Engineering, and a commission in the USNR. While in the Navy, I completed nuclear propulsion training, served as a division officer on the USS Jack (SSN 605), and qualified in submarines. After the Navy I worked in civilian nuclear power as a software developer for plant monitoring systems and operator training simulators, where I was adept at bringing order to mad scientist code. My last 12 years, I worked on Navy modeling and simulation for the flight trainer program and battle group tactical training programs.

Since January 2014, I've been a moocher at Retired.org, and have been working on dealing with 20 years of accumulated stuff, renovating the house, fighting order into the garden, and developing web sites for my church and for ILR. I'm also a member of the Norfolk Botanical Garden and Hampton Roads Digital Shutterbugs. However, my retired greyhounds have first claim on my time. Lord Nick is my current hound and I have plans to add another later this summer or in the fall.

~~Dave Hamby



Splinters from the Board

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The purpose of this article is to give the membership greater access to the issues discussed at the meetings of the Board of Directors. Our intent is to provide short, pithy, pointed descriptions of the more important issues that came before the Board in the previous quarter that affect our members.

June 11 Meeting of the Board

Don Christensen reported his discussion with Rachel Crockett of using Skype technology for extending the classroom. The Board assigned the topic to the Communications & Technology Committee and requested that the Committee bring back a complete proposal to the Board for further discussion at its next meeting.

After reporting that new procedures for issuing and recording vouchers were in place, Robert Chapin moved that the ILR staff be permitted to issue vouchers up to a limit of \$20 for a refund for a cancellation of any class or other ILR event. The intent of the motion was to reduce the workload on the ILR staff caused by cancellations. The Board approved the modest expansion of the use of vouchers.

The Board approved a summer vacation for the Board: there will be no Board meetings in July and August. The next meeting will be on September 3rd.

~~ Robert Chapin

Curriculum Committee

In between reading at the beach or poolside, traveling all over the world and visiting with family and friends, ILR members found time to attend summer classes without any perceptible slow-down. Our format of offering two-hour, single session classes has been the choice of ILR members and allows for a wide spread of topics which are well attended.

The Curriculum Committee welcomes your ideas for future topics and especially for future speakers. Share your ideas with one of the Co-Chairs or any of the Committee members. We thank you for your feedback on classes you have attended and look forward to your comments, evaluation and interest.

~~Jane Martin

Trip to Gloucester County, Virginia

A morning of modern marine science and an afternoon of local history

On June 4, we departed for a short bus ride to Gloucester County, Virginia. We had a full bus with 54 ILR travelers and the notorious tunnel traffic cooperated so we were able to arrive in Gloucester on time.

Our first stop was at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) at Gloucester Point located directly across the York River from Yorktown. VIMS is the home of the William and Mary's graduate School of Marine Science and is unique among marine science institutions in its legal mandate to provide research, education, and advisory service to government, citizens, and industry. This was not a typical tourist destination and our members were grateful to their staff and faculty for accommodating our large group.



Visiting the Teaching Marsh

Our visit to VIMS began with a fascinating presentation by Professor Carl Hershner, director of the Center for Coastal Resources Management at VIMS, explaining the factors contributing to sea-level change and the threat that sea-level rise poses to our area. We learned that estimates for sea level rise rates in Hampton Roads range from three feet to over seven feet over the next century, about three times the global average. We continued our visit in smaller groups with stops in several research laboratories and a stop at the VIMS teaching marsh.

We left VIMS at noon and proceeded to Historic Gloucester Village. After lunch at Olivia's in the Village, we split into two groups and alternatively toured the Gloucester Museum of History and the historic Court Circle buildings.



Listening to Revolutionary War re-enactor, Gloucester Museum of History

At the museum, we saw a collection of artifacts from Gloucester history ranging from pre-history to the recent past. A highlight was a presentation by a costumed revolutionary war re-enactor about the Battle of the Hook. Although rather brief, it was the largest cavalry engagement of the war. The Battle of the Hook cut off Cornwallis's supplies and escape forcing his surrender on October 19, 1781. One hour after the surrender at Yorktown, British and Hessian forces in Gloucester surrendered...the last surrender of the War. Our group also toured many of the historic courthouse buildings. We concluded our afternoon by watching a video about Gloucester County history in the historic courthouse.

The weather was perfect; we learned a lot and, most importantly, we had fun. We hope that you will consider joining us on some of our future travel adventures.

~~Mike Newbill



Meet Nevin Mapp, ILR Scholarship Recipient



The ILR has awarded the 2014 two-year scholarship totaling \$8,000, to ODU graduate student, Nevin Mapp.

This year our selection committee received eighteen applications (a new record), and spent a number of days studying the paperwork of these capable students.

Nevin Mapp impressed us with her personal history, international travels, challenges, determination, maturity, and her pursuit of international education. She was recently admitted into ODU, where she intends to pursue a Master of Arts degree in International Studies, with a concentration in Cultural Studies.

Nevin was born and raised in Portsmouth, VA., and is the youngest of five children. She graduated from Churchland High School and received her undergraduate degree from Tennessee State University in Business Administration, with a concentration in Marketing. As a student at TSU, Nevin served as secretary and later president, of the university's Multicultural Friendship Society. The organization helped to promote cultural diversity through campus activities and encouraged international travel.

As an undergraduate student, Nevin studied International Economics, Chinese History/Culture and received Mandarin language lessons in Tianjin, China. For additional cultural enrichment, she traveled to Beijing, Shanghai, Hangzhou, and Suzhou. In addition to studying abroad, Ms. Mapp volunteered for projects in Jamaica, Mexico and the Dominican Republic.

Nevin actually attended the ILR Coffee and Conversation on July 9th, and got a chance to meet the people behind the scenes. We were all impressed with her presence and maturity.

Congratulations, Nevin, on joining our scholarship recipient list. Welcome to ODU, and the ILR fold!

~~Sandy Barczak

A Robin Williams quote- "What's right is what's left when everything is wrong!"

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Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2014 **Time:** 10AM-12PM; 1PM-3PM

Both classes will be held on the same day with an hour break for lunch.

Location: VBHEC 1881 University Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23453

Cost: \$20.00 for the two sessions- pre-paid to ILR / \$10.00 for packets purchased at the door

Class size is limited to 20 , so please sign up early.



NEWCOMERS

May 17, 2014 - August 15, 2014

We hope you will participate in our classes and volunteer your time and talent.

Chesapeake: Bill & Debbie Myers.

Norfolk: Jack Hornbeck, Charles Johnson, Loretta Lambert, Susan Mantz, and Frederick Vaughan.

Portsmouth: Nancy Cherry and Linda Wright.

Virginia Beach: Nancy Alain, Beverly Boyer, Oscar Brown & Shyrlee Hurwitz, Richard & Betsy Coffelt, Janet Danielson, Bonnie Fischer, Peter & Roseann Fitzpatrick, Suzanne Gregg, Robert Harris, Barbara Hoover-Bergey, Evelyn Kirk, Hank Kofron, Linda Kuhr, Pamela Lawrence, Jay & Nancy Lazier, Nancy Lekberg, Carolyn Lothrop, Margaret Masiwchuk, Patricia Maurin, Rebecca Maxey, Zu Mayo, Aubrey McCormack, Trish Mims, Sylvia Pitzer, Betty Poplett, Patricia & Michael Rapp, Bert & Carol Reavis, Roy & Suzanne Reel, Antonia Robertson, Kristie Rotz, Kathy Sacks, Louise Schroeder, Donice Schumm, Janice Sharp, Jim Sullivan, Kitty Toth, Bob Vann & Jenny Windsor, Eileen Walsh, John Westbrook, and Jill Zimmerman.