



C L A S S N O T E S

President's Corner: Best Wishes for the Holiday Season!

As I write this I am compelled to reflect on just how quickly this year has gone by and how soon it will be 2014. Honestly, it seems like we were embarking on the year 2013 only yesterday. Where-O-Where have the days gone? With some holidays, Chanukah and Thanksgiving, recently behind us and Christmas and the New Year directly ahead, on behalf of your ILR Board, I convey best wishes for the Holiday Season to all ILR members and their families. May this holiday season be one blessed with the love of family, the company of good friends, good health, and memorable times.

2013 has been a very good year for your ILR. Membership continues to grow and by the time you read this we will have crossed over the 700 member level, with nearly a half a year to go in the current fiscal year. Thanks to the dedication of the curriculum, social and travel committee members the quality of our class offerings, social activities and travel outings continues at a high level. Moving some of the more popular classes to the Central Library auditorium has allowed us to accommodate more members and avoid the dreaded "wait listing" procedure. At a recent class on Theodore Roosevelt we had nearly 190 people sign up and none were turned away. I believe it safe to state that this was the largest class attendance in the history of our ILR. We could not have done this had we been restricted to using the classrooms at the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center. However, membership growth also brings with it

administrative issues that put added pressures on our limited, but very capable staff. To assist Theo in dealing with the added pressures of a growing organization, we have increased the amount of hours that Diane will be working each month. Together they make a great team, dedicated to making the ILR experience better for all.

As we approach the start of a New Year some of us may be inclined to make special resolutions to do, or to stop doing certain things. If you count yourself among this group, I ask that you consider making a resolution to attend more ILR classes in the New Year and to get more involved with the operation of your ILR. There are plenty of opportunities to serve on committees and on the Board. We are in the early stages of forming a Finance Committee that will be made up of our Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and a minimum of one other member. This would be a great volunteer opportunity for those with some financial savvy. Remember this organization exists solely to serve the needs of its members and is operated solely by its members, meaning that it cannot exist nor continue without your involvement. Stop by the office or talk with a Board member if there is an area of particular interest for you.

I leave you with an old Irish saying for the New Year, *"May you always find new roads to travel, new horizons to explore, and new dreams to call your own."*

~~Mike McGraw

Splinters from the Board

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.

The Board took the summer off! There were no meetings of the Board in July and August.

September 11 Meeting of the Board

Mike McGraw invited the Board to consider the topic of "what we want to be when we grow up?" The membership numbers are putting increasing pressure on our resources and we need to make sure that we are structured in a manner to handle this growth. (See accompanying article)

October 9 Meeting of the Board

Mr. Jim Russell, the outside Reviewer of the ILR books, reported to the Board that in his opinion,

- The current procedures adequately protect the assets of the organization; and
- The transactions selected for review were supported with legitimate documentation; and
- The general ledger and the financial statements generated from it accurately reflect detailed transactions made during

the year.

The day trip to Edenton in December is on schedule. Because of the large number of registrants, the Travel Committee has engaged a second bus. The Committee regretted the necessity to cancel the overnight trip to the Shenandoah Caverns because of insufficient sign-ups.

ILR purchased a new computer to improve the operations of the Administrative Office. The office now has two computers.

The Board approved the formation of a Finance Working Group with three members to assist the Treasurer.

November 13 Meeting of the Board

Membership reported that ILR's current membership now totals 694 including 154 new members.

The Board discussed plans for the Annual Meeting Luncheon next March in which the luncheon speaker will be Hope Mihalap.

The Travel Committee is looking into an overnight trip to Chadds Ford and Longwood Gardens at the end of April as well as a day trip to the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

~~Robert Chapin



7th Annual ILR Art Show

...will be on display from April 21-May 16, 2014 in the VBHEC Atrium.

This event features the works of ILR artists displaying so many styles---using a variety of media--oils, watercolors, pastels, acrylic, batik, silk painting, wood, photography, pen & ink, brush painting, needlepoint, and paper parquetry. All original and new works.

If you have not had a chance to view this display, don't miss it. We have many talented artists in our midst.

For more information, call Daisy Smith 467-2270 or email artsy@macs.net

If we “back up” a bit and look around us we see that the world is changing. The Generation Xers, born between 1961 and 1981, are retiring at the rate of about 10,500 a day across the nation. Most of our members live in Virginia Beach. According to Wolfram Alpha, an online research service, Virginia Beach has 6,136 citizens age 65 to 66. Making daring assumptions, we might conclude that 3,000 of our neighbors are retiring each year and are looking for something else to do. The population figures for this

The Board of Directors is beginning to address these questions. The discussion is likely to be protracted. There is always the zero option, make no changes, but that might have undesirable effects on our ability to serve our members and future members. Even if we decide not to change, the world will change us. The Board hopes to hear from you. How would you answer these questions?

[2] U.S. Census Bureau.

Kayaking the Oyster Trail



In early August, some of us learned all about oyster restoration in Lynnhaven Bay. We heard about making artificial reefs, sprats, and oyster farming in the Bay. A month later, about 20 of us gathered at the 64th Street put-in at Seashore State Park to enjoy a couple of hours on Lynnhaven Bay and to see close up the business of oyster farming.

After putting on the life vests, discussing safety procedures with our guides, and launching the kayaks provided by the kayaking company, we headed north on Broad Bay, the eastern arm of Lynnhaven Bay. We paddled past some “farmers” planting wire baskets containing old oyster shells to encourage sprats to settle down and

grow fat. We looked at some artificial oyster reefs created from concrete blocks that might be described as castellated. The weather was pleasant if overcast.

After hanging out together, some might call hanging out “resting,” we paddled back to the beach, unfolded ourselves out of the kayaks, picked up our keys and ventured back into our daily lives. The kayaking trips, scheduled for the spring and fall, offer opportunities to see our community from a very different perspective. Sitting on the water is as close as you can get to nature, to see how the world might have looked before the Colonists arrived, to see the daily lives of some of the original inhabitants.

~~Robert Chapin

2014 Calendar Events

Jan. 1st New Year's Day
11th ILR Board meeting
20th Martin Luther King Jr., Day
29th Coffee & Conversation

Feb 2nd Groundhog Day
14t Valentine's Day
14th Valentine Potluck Dinner
17th Presidents' Day

Mar. 5th Ash Wednesday
9th Daylight Saving Time begins
17th St. Patrick's Day
28th Annual Luncheon & Meeting

A Conversation with Leonette Adler

Leonette has been an ILR member and lecturer for 14 years, after concluding 24 years as a teacher of studio art and art history at Norfolk Academy. She was an art teacher in the Norfolk Public Schools, and also taught at the Chrysler Museum Art School. Leonette has presented many classes for ILR on every aspect of art from masterworks to forgeries. Her lectures have included art of the Renaissance, Baroque, and Impressionists, and have featured the lives and works of many artists: Degas, Monet, Toulouse-Lautrec, Van Gogh, and Andrew Wyeth (to name a few). Her classes are so popular that ILR members know early registration is a must to avoid the waiting list. What is her secret for explaining art in such an engaging and easy-to-understand manner? Well, being an artist herself certainly helps - her paintings have won many awards, including "Best In Show" at the Boardwalk Art Show. Her work has been selected for exhibits in museums and galleries throughout the East Coast, and many of her paintings are included in private, corporate and governmental collections.

Q: Where were you born and when and how did you first become interested in art?

A: I was born in New York City. I must have shown artistic talent as a child because my father enrolled me in classes at Parsons School of Design when I was 9 years old. At the age of 12, I switched to the Art Students League, and travelled by subway into Manhattan every Saturday morning by myself. They were excellent classes, and I was fortunate to have had that early experience because it laid the foundation for my life's work as an artist.

Q: Do you recall any specific noteworthy events?

A: I'll relate one amusing incident. The "life drawing" class offered nude models, both sexes. Because of my tender age my father had to give approval for my being in that class. My reaction to that experience: if you've seen one nude, you've seen them all.

Q: Where did you receive your formal education, and what brought you to the Hampton Roads area?

A: I received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art Education from Hunter College, and also received a scholarship to Yale University Art School located in Norfolk, Connecticut. I also was selected to membership in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. Shortly before graduation I was

swept off my feet by a young, handsome Navy Ensign who carried me down to Virginia (he says "rescued"). A native of Norfolk, he was a legal officer and was stationed at, of all places, the Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base. I've been here ever since, first in Norfolk and for the past 30 years in Virginia Beach.

I taught over 800 students in my career at Norfolk Academy. It has been extremely rewarding for me because many of those students have told me over the years of their joy in visiting museums as adults and recognizing the works of artists they had been exposed to in their art history class

Q: Do you have any favorite museums?

A: My husband and I have visited many museums here and abroad. One of my happiest experiences was in a cathedral in Venice and unexpectedly seeing a Titian that I recognized from art books but had never actually seen up close before. Another was visiting an English Country Manor House and suddenly coming upon a clearly recognizable Rembrandt hanging on the wall in plain view.

Q: As an artist, where do you get your inspiration?

A: I am basically an oil painter, although I have done pen and ink drawings, engravings, wood sculpture, creative stitchery (I taught wives of high ranking officers at what was then the Armed Forces Staff College) and ceramics. I love to do landscapes of the mountains of Virginia and pastoral scenes of the Eastern Shore and Pungo and, for that matter, of scenes in places my husband and I have visited in our travels in this country and overseas, such as in England, Ireland, France, Switzerland and Italy. (cont'd)

Q: What is the reason for many people being "turned off" by modern art, in your opinion?

A: In every generation the work of contemporary artists builds upon those who have gone before. Nothing comes out of nowhere. Often this new work is misunderstood. In France, when the "impressionists" submitted their work to the Salon their work was rejected out-of-hand, and the artists were derided and insulted. Today we recognize those artists as being among the giants of the art world. The same can be said of Picasso, the creative genius of the twentieth century.

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Trivia BUT Important Information

Parking permits **MUST** be displayed at all times when parking on the VBHEC campus to avoid a citation. Make sure the expiration date is displayed. Hang the permit from the mirror **or** display on the dashboard.

Any donation made to ILR from members is **tax deductible** as we are a 501c3 non-profit organization.

The Central Library has a policy that **no food or drink is allowed in the lecture hall**. Please abide by this rule.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Aug. 2, 2013 - Nov. 6, 2013

Chesapeake: Gary Blumenstein, Peggy Lidstrom, Barbara Mangum, Mike Posta.

Norfolk: Robert Bonner, Wanda Bunting, Linda Cameron, Stan Marcus, William Zimmerman.

Virginia Beach: Joyce Adams, Ann Allen, Sid & Marilyn Allison Bass, Bill Bentley, Richard Bourdon, Douglas & Patricia Braidwood, Sandra Breeden, Marianne Cappeto, Mary Jay Chaney, John & Barbara Chatteleton, Julia Clark, Connie Cofield, Suzanne Cooper, Kay Delaney, Maureen Diton, Cindy Dixon, Sandy Etheridge, Christine Ferguson, Henry and Vickie Fisher, Teresa Fleming, Sharon Gargaro, Mary Gaskill, Gwen Gehring, Eleanor Gore, Nell Grant, Anne Gregory, Carol Gundlach, Eldridge & Mary Hamm, Pam Jennings, William & Betty Jones, Gerald Keller, Kay Kesser, Robert & Geri Kjome, Joe Kuhn, Mary Lindstedt, Peter Lothrop, Maude Lupton, Mary Luskey, Cynthia Meier, Judith Morris, Benjamin & Iris Moss, Julia Mulligan, Karen O'Meara, Debra Polak, Chrstine Powers, Pamela Reed, Mary Ann Schmidt, Frances Shaneyfelt, Nancy Shum, Bridget South, Dorothy Spitalney, Ruth Strommen, Janis Tisza, Bob Walker, Karen Way, John & Fran Woodward and Allan Zarse.

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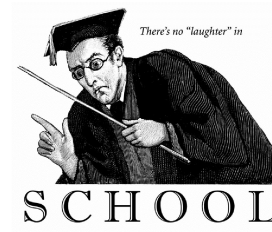
Q: Tell us about your family.

A: I am married to Beryl Adler, a prominent attorney, and we have three married daughters, and five grand-children One grand-son is an engineer, another is an investment counselor, a third is in his fourth year at the University of Virginia, and the two grand-daughters are students at Norfolk Collegiate School. Our eldest daughter is an Administrative Law Judge in the Department of Labor, another daughter is Director of Development at Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters, and our third is a public relations consultant.

Q: Will you be doing a future ILR lecture?

A: I certainly hope so, but the topic has yet to be defined.

HUMOR CORNER



Q: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

A: If you cut classes, no one calls your parents!



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Welcome Jane Martin!

Jane Martin, one of the new co-chairs of the Curriculum Committee, was raised in a Navy family and then married a Naval officer. After raising children she returned to school and went on to a 19 year second career as a licensed clinical social worker. She retired and joined ILR 7 years ago.

Jane has three sons, two daughters and five granddaughters. She is married to Ed, an ILR member, and they enjoy many of the cultural, educational and recreational opportunities offered by this community.

Her current interests include genealogy research and volunteer work with the Appalachian Trail Club and WHRO.

In Memoriam

Frances Beirne Sattes

Died October 24, 2013

Save the Date:

Friday, March 28, 2014

ILR Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon

Westminster Canterbury, Shore Drive, Virginia Beach

Mark your calendar today!!!