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Joe Lombardi John Wargo Dear Members,

I hope everyone is well and that you have had some success in getting the COVID vaccine. We have completed the successful winter semester where for the first time, members who are in warmer climates were able to attend classes. Our focus now turns to the upcoming spring semester. The curriculum committees have presented an outstanding selection of courses for your enjoyment.

I realize we all miss the social environment at Locust Grove. A committee is looking into how fall classes might be offered in person for a limited number of attendees, and what logistics



would be required to create a safe environment. There is a long way to go before the start of the fall classes. We will inform everyone once a decision is made.

The Council would like to thank everyone who renewed their membership. If you have not renewed yet, there may still be time. A number of members chose not to renew. Once again we have reached out to the membership to invite their friends to become members of CLS.

I know everyone enjoys the opportunities available to CLS members. While the educational programs are continuing, the trips and social aspect of membership are paused. When conditions permit, they will once again be part of the CLS experience. None of these opportunities would be available without the dedication of the many volunteers who make it all happen. If you have been a member for more than a couple of years, I would strongly ask that you seriously consider becoming part of the volunteer community. We can't do it without you. Please contact me (clspresident1@gmail.com) or the CLS office (centerforlifetimestudy@marist.edu) to get additional information and hopefully become a member of one of the committees, or the council.

I offer my continued best wishes to you and your families for continued good health and safety. I hope to see you all in person when conditions permit.

Bob Nasser

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Special Event

Insurrection to Inauguration: A Witness to History

Guest Speaker: Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, NY 18th District

Date: Monday, March 8, 2021

Time: 1:30 — 2:30 PM

Coordinator and Emcee: Dewey Lee, CLS Secretary and Member

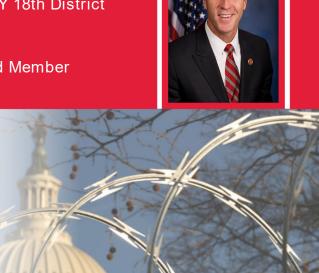
CLS is pleased to announce a special event with guest speaker, Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney on Monday, March 8, 2021 from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm via Zoom.

Congressman Maloney will tell us what he saw, heard, and felt during those fateful days in our country, January 6 - 20, 2021. Don't expect a "stump" speech. Instead, we will hear from a witness who was at the center of an historical period in our nation. Members will be allowed to ask questions using the Chat function.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Registration Begins: Friday, February 26 at 8:00 AM **Last Day to Register:** Friday, March 5 by 12:00 Noon

ZOOM information will be sent to registered members on Friday, March 5.



March 8, 2021 at 1:30 PM REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Registration link:

https://www.marist.edu/professional-programs/cls/event-registration (click on the above link to register for this event)

UPCOMING EVENTS





What Are the Limits of Free Speech? A moderated panel discussion

Date: Monday, April 12

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Description: In this moderated discussion, we'll explore the appropriate lines which should not be crossed. Rather than looking at the legality and constitutionality of those limits, we'll talk about the morality, justice and wisdom of those limits. You may have heard of speech codes in schools and at work, microaggression, hate speech and the "cancel culture." Our speakers will bring differing views to the table with an opportunity for class members to ask their own questions.

Coordinator/Moderator: Dewey Lee

Panelists & Affiliation: Mike Gonzalez, Senior Fellow, The Heritage Foundation

Rachel Pereira, Legal Affairs Advisor & Director of Equal Opportunity/Title IX Coordinator, Vassar College



History of Wappinger

Date: Monday, April 19

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Description: Join us for a talk on the history of the town of Wappinger, NY. Our speaker, Joey Cavaccini is the town's historian. This past fall, when he gave his talk, parts of the audio were not heard so he has offered to repeat it. He will share many facts and stories about the town as well as pictures of many historic buildings. He also has a large collection of maps of the many hamlets in Wappinger.

Presenter & Affiliation: Joey Cavaccini, Town of Wappinger Historian/Curator, Dutchess County Sport Hall of Fame

Class Manager: Barbara Sweet

There is still time to register for these events.

Contact the CLS office by email: centerforlifetimestudy@marist.edu

COMMITTEE NEWS & UPDATES

Keeping CLS Going During the Pandemic

The winter mini semester is over, and by the time you read this, you have already registered for the spring semester. So, just a few facts about these semesters:

- ♦On average, almost 100 members participated in each of the 8 courses over a three-week period in January with courses ranging from American Poets to the Fundamentals of Evolution.
- ♦ This spring you had a choice of 16 courses ranging from 4 weeks to 8 weeks in duration. These courses covered such topics as Opera as Politics, 2020 Election Postscript, the History of Mathematics and many more. All of this while we remain safe.

How did all this happen? The answer is simple.

- It was the results of the work of those volunteers (your friends, neighbors, and follow members of CLS) in the 4 curriculum committees.
- ◆ These committees are meeting on Zoom and developing the courses you register for each semester. I am sure, no, I know that they would love to have your input, you new ideas and fresh perspective in what new courses to offer. So, if you are interested in volunteering, contact me at curriculumclsmarist@gmail.com and I will get you into the appropriate committee(s).

By the way, if you are interested in teaching a course or being a class manager, let me know that also.

Len Turkenkopf, VP for Curriculum

TREASURES

The Curriculum Committee is busy fine-tuning classes for the Fall 2021 semester and wants to create a potpourri class for members who want to share their knowledge in a single session about the "STUFF" that they love and the desire to let other members know about their "STUFF" as well.

Are you a collector or in possession of personal "treasures"? More importantly, do you have KNOWLEDGE about these "treasures"? What is worth keeping, what should be sold or passed on to your children...what should be tossed with the weekly garbage as you de-clutter? Do you know the history of your "treasures", have any

Here are some ideas, come up with something different and we will be happy to consider it.

*baseball cards *stamps *dolls & dollhouses *antique toys *vinyl records *furniture *antique electrical fixtures/lamps *old sterling *clocks & timepieces *antique jewelry *antique religious items

firsthand knowledge of their net worth, what is a "real" treasure? Equally important, do you know any professionals you deal with who might be able to join you as you share your knowledge with the class?

Please email your ideas ASAP to Rita Minnerly at rminnerly@bhhshudsonvalley.com



MEMBER CORNER

CLS Welcomes New Members

Jocelynn Banfield Susan Boyce Roberta Brady William Brady Irene Coburn Eileen DAmbrosio John Devine Jacqueline Forbes

Jon Garlett
Lucina Green
Robert Green
Jamie Lynn Gutierrez
Mary Jones
Valerie Low
Margaret Okraski
Betty Olson

Christopher Parks Rochelle Perlman Stanley Perlman Sandra Pullinger Patricia Reilly Susan Saluga Bonnie Walker Lewis Wrobel

~ IN MEMORIAM ~

CLS mourns the loss of fellow members

Dennis W. Newman (Jan. 2021) Hyman 'Hy' Kaplan (Feb. 2021) Eileen M. Tiess (Feb. 2021)

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHRONICLE ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

If you would like to contribute an article for a future edition of the Chronicle, contact the editor by email: clspubinfo@gmail.com

SPREAD THE WORD

As you are well aware, our members and the dues we collect are vital in delivering and sustaining the quality CLS program we are used to and known for. In order to bring our membership base back up to 650 members, CLS has decided to start accepting new members immediately. The CLS office has recently communicated with a number of people that requested to join CLS over the past several months and invited them to submit an application and dues check to become an official member. Now, we are reaching out to our current members to ask that you share the news with friends and family -- CLS is now accepting new members.

- Membership drive open until Wed., March 10th
- **Email:** centerforlifetimestudy@marist.edu
- Call: 845-575-3902.

Please note: when sharing the news about membership, make sure to mention that all members will be required to have an email address and access to a computer, smart phone, or other device with internet capabilities.



CLS & the Marist Physical Therapy Program

The Collaboration Continues

A year ago, 9 CLS members met in person with students in a doctoral program in Physical Therapy. This February, another group of 9 CLS members are meeting virtually with another group of students in the same program. When solicitation for volunteers went out to the CLS membership, the response was overwhelming. Unfortunately, not all who applied could be included. There appears to be a high-level of interest in the program. The collaboration is in its early stages, and holds great promise for both the CLS program and the Physical Therapy program at Marist College.

By Joe Lombardi

Goodbye 2020 Special Event

By Barbara Van Itallie

2020! What a year, hopefully never to be repeated! Since we were not able to travel or take local trips since the pandemic, CLS held a virtual special event to say goodbye to the year. Barbara Van Itallie organized the event for mid-February using several Zoom features.

2020 was all about COVID, the election, and protests. But other things happened as well, and members participated in quizzes about some of these other events. **Merrilee Osterhoudt** was the winner of the events of 2020 quiz, successfully identifying events like the Oscar and Emmy winners, the Super Bowl winner of a year ago, Brexit and the Murder Hornet.

For another quiz, we identified people who passed away in 2020. We may remember Alex Trebek, Kobe Bryant and Ruth Bader Ginsberg, but could you identity Jerry Stiller, Chadwick Boseman or Whitey Ford? **Barbara Zuccarello** came the closest, identifying 25 of 30 people we lost in 2020.

Participants broke into Zoom rooms to discuss things they missed in 2020, followed by a Zoom poll on the same subject. Other than missing family and friends - restaurants, live theater, and travel were among the top regrets among the group. On a more positive note, we then discussed good things that happened in 2020, followed by another poll. The group identified the winner of the election for both president and vice president, the rapid development of the COVID vaccine and the dedication of our health care workers as some top positives.

Music and humor about our memorable year were included in the presentation as well. "Ran out of toilet paper and started using lettuce leaves. Today was just the tip of the iceberg, tomorrow *romaines* to be seen."



Communications between CLS Membership and the CLS Council ~ New Procedures ~

In order to simplify and facilitate communications between the membership, the Council and committee chairpersons, as well as reduce the amount of emails that require handling by the CLS office, a new email procedure has been implemented.

Using this new procedure has two primary benefits for our members:

- 1. Members are not required to know the name of the individual in a particular position on the council, nor are they required to know the email for the individual.
- 2. An historical record of all communications between membership and the council will be kept on the email ID associated with each council position.

The procedure is as described here:

- 1. Address all emails to: clsmarist@gmail.com
- 2. In the **Subject line**, use one of the following **keywords** to indicate the general area of your communication. The keywords are NOT case sensitive.

| TO COMMUNICATE WITH | USE ONE OF THESE KEYWORDS IN SUBJECT LINE |
|-------------------------------|--|
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| Connections Chairperson | connections |
| CouciLink Chairperson | councilink |
| Finance Chairperson | finance; finances |
| Member Services Chairperson | member services; refreshments; cleanup; setup; food; snacks |
| Membership Chairperson | membership |
| Office Support Chairperson | office support |
| President | president |
| Scholarship Chairperson | scholarship |
| Secretary | minutes; secretary |
| Special Events Chairperson | events; special events |
| Treasurer | treasurer; treasury |
| VP for Curriculum | curriculum; class; classes; instructor; teacher; presenter; speaker |
| VP for Public Information | public information; outreach; newsletter; public; information; chronicle |
| VP of Administration | administration; annual meeting; convocation |

A list of CLS council members & committee chairs responsibilities has been included to assist you.

If an email sent to **clsmarist@gmail.com** does **NOT** include any of the above keywords, those monitoring the account will determine how it should be routed.

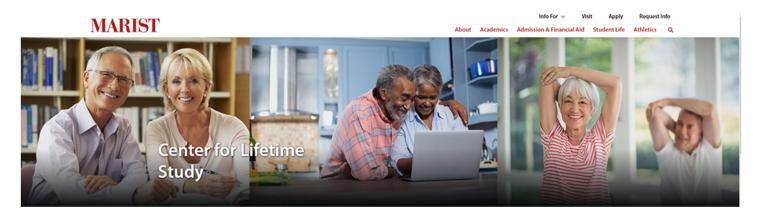
Bob Nasser, CLS President

How to Easily Access the Marist CLS Webpages

By Michael Cowan, CLS Council Member At Large

Embedded on the Marist College website is a selection of useful CLS related webpages that can help CLS members take advantage of, and maximize, the privileges afforded to a CLS member. Of course, the webpage that most CLS members are most readily familiar with and thus, most used, is the CLS "Course Registration" webpage. However, there is a full complement of other webpages that provide a wide range of helpful information to the CLS membership. The aim of this Chronicle article is to illustrate how quickly and easily it is to access these additional CLS related webpages.

Quick access to the CLS "gateway" webpage can be accomplished by going to Google's search page (URL = https://www.google.com/webhp) and typing the following search words *CLS Member Links* into the search window. Once entered click on "I'm Feeling Lucky" box and Google will take you **directly** to the CLS Member Links webpage which is shown below.



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Class Handouts

Newsletter Member Links

History

Member Links

Course Registration

Event Registration

Local LLI

CLS

• <u>Calendar</u>

Catalog of Courses - Spring 2021

Course Data Form

· Membership Handbook

Organizational Bylaws

Organization Committee Descriptions

• W-9 Form

Blow up highlighting all accessible Marist CLS links

(Left => Menu with 9 active links)

Imbedded on the webpage shown above are the full complement of live, fully accessible webpage links listed in the above figure. Consequently, with the easy access information described above the reader is strongly encouraged to experiment - try it, test it, play with it to become familiar with all the capabilities provided on each of the Marist CLS related webpages.