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Message from the President

The beginning of our spring semester was an opportunity for us to finally get together for in-person classes and events. After two years of suspended animation, we were able to resuscitate the spirit of our CLS community. It seems that as we were becoming technically proficient at virtual meetings on Zoom, we may have gradually lost important social skills. When we finally were able to get



back to Locust Grove it was especially challenging to recognize old friends through their N-95 masks. A lot of the conversation seemed to be related to what booster vaccine was current and when we were going to reach the next milestone...the coffee and snack breaks.

The transition from virtual to in-person meetings was a welcome challenge. Fortunately, Robin Will was assisted by Madeline Whelan, RongYi Pan and Len Turkenkopf. They worked feverishly through the weekend before the close of registration to ensure that we were complying with the COVID regulations developed by the Council. They organized the registration process and verified the lottery system to allow for equitable allocation of classroom and hybrid choices. They could be in charge of the electoral college!!

Since the last edition of the Chronicle, the Long Range Planning Committee has been resurrected and will be chaired by Bob Kaminski. The committee will develop long-term policy to recommend to the Council and the membership. They will be eager to hear your input and ideas on where Marist CLS should be going in the future.

The educational and social experiences at CLS depend on the interactions between our membership. The diversity of our cultural backgrounds adds to the richness of those conversations. This is an area that we seek to further develop and enhance. In February, several Council members participated in a meeting of regional LLI groups on the subject of diversity. Along with nine other lifelong learning institutes in our area, we compared notes and shared our vision for future programming. We had a lively discussion of the role that diversity can play in our own learning environment. We recently established a Committee on Diversity here at CLS to be led by Pat Luczai. We noted that Marist College has already made a large investment and commitment to diversity. We look forward to taking advantage of the expertise that is already on campus to increase and enhance the diversity of our programs and membership at CLS.

We remain a lively venue to discuss, debate and understand the continuing challenges that confront our local and worldwide communities. We weathered the COVID crisis and adapted to the stresses it created for collegial learning. Nevertheless, we are reengaged with courses ranging from astronomy to the current dilemma of a resurgent Russia. The opportunity to do all this with members of CLS, who contribute their rich life experiences, is invaluable.

CLS 2022 ANNUAL MTG & PICNIC LUNCHEON AT LOCUST GROVE

SAVE THE DATE => TUESDAY, JUNE 7th, 2022 at 10:30am

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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WATCH FOR UPCOMING e-MAILS CONTAINING THE AGENDA AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ANNUAL MEETING EVENT

The theme of our upcoming 2022 Annual Meeting and Picnic Luncheon will be **CLS's 30th Anniversary** emphasizing our success as one of the first LLI's in the Mid-Hudson Valley. Last January Marist CLS launched its Winter 2022 Mini-Session courses thereby embarking on CLS's 30th anniversary year – a major milestone - as a Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) having been founded by Jonah and Joan Sherman in conjunction with Marist College and formally announced back in February 1992.

Meeting Coordinator: Mike Cowan, VP of Administration Picnic Luncheon Coordinator: Betsy Kopstein-Stuts

The Guest Speaker at this year's in-person Annual Meeting at Locust Grove will be Dr. Kevin Weinman, President of Marist College who will share his insights on Marist College and its future.

As highlighted above, the Annual Meeting will take place on June 7th starting at 10:30am and will be held in-person at Locust Grove in CR A. The Annual Meeting program will feature introductory remarks by VP of Administration, Mike Cowan, and welcoming comments by CLS President, Dr. Jack Fein, as well as Marist's College President.

NOTE – <u>ALL</u> attendees must show AND wear their 2021/2022 CLS Name Badge showing they are fully vaccinated <u>and</u> MUST also wear a mask.

The other purpose of this meeting, in addition to the social aspects via an in-person gathering, is to provide the membership with a review of CLS's past 2021/22 academic year by its Officers and Committee Chairs and to elect our slate of new CLS Officers and other Council member candidates for the next academic year 2022/23. This new slate of candidates will be shared via email with the membership by the Nomination Committee Chairperson, Bob Nasser. This way you will know who you are voting for prior to the Annual Meeting.

The Picnic Luncheon will immediately follow the Annual Meeting. Details about the picnic luncheon and a request for members to RSVP was sent via email on April 29th. Finally, at the end of the meeting the Scholarship Committee will announce the winner of the 30th Anniversary Trivia Contest.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at this important gathering at Locust Grove.



Member Corner



Membership Renewal for the 2022/2023 Year

On Friday, April 29th, the CLS office sent out a personalized email to all current members about renewing their CLS membership for the coming 2022/2023 year.

* Dues are \$240 for the 2022/2023 year (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023)

* Renewal <u>starts</u> on Monday, May 2nd at 8:00 AM <u>ends</u> on Friday, June 17th at 5:00 PM * Payments are due by Friday, June 24th

The membership renewal process is done electronically, <u>no more paper forms</u>! The process is similar to the class registration process, so everyone should feel somewhat comfortable navigating to the CLS website gateway and completing the electronic form.

Click the link/URL below to access the **Membership Renewal Form**: https://www.marist.edu/professional-programs/cls/membership-renewal

Don't delay, renew today and mail in your payment!

CLS IS ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS

CLS is back to in-person classes at Locust Grove and we are ready to grow our membership. Please tell your friends that CLS is accepting new members for the 2022/2023 year.

As you are well aware, the dues we collect are vital in delivering and sustaining the quality CLS program we are used to and known for in the Hudson Valley region.

Membership inquiries should be sent by email to: centerforlifetimestudy@marist.edu

* When sharing information about membership, please mention that <u>all</u> members will be <u>required</u> to have an email address and access to a computer, smart phone, or other device with internet capabilities.

> *In Memoriam* CLS mourns the loss of fellow members Michael Silberstein (April 2022) Oscar Weiss (March 2022)





This section is used to recruit volunteers to help with CLS related activities, events and projects.

Member Services needs volunteers to help with the beverage station on Tuesdays & Wednesdays during the month of May. Contact Tom or Pegeen Wall at: memberservicesclsmarist@gmail.com to volunteer.

PhoneMail Volunteers are needed for Summer/Fall 2022, contact Kathy Carroll by email: rdf6395@gmail.com.

Scholarship Committee needs volunteers to help with raffle ticket sales. Contact Ken Knapp: kjkloon@gmail.com

CLS Office Support Needed! The CLS Office is looking for office volunteers to help with phone calls during the membership renewal and class registration processes in May, June, July & August between10AM and 3PM. Contact Robin in the CLS Office to sign-up for a date and time slot (845) 575-3902.

CLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAFFLE BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

WHEN: JUNE 7TH WHERE: AT THE ANNUAL PICNIC AT LOCUST GROVE \$3000 in PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES!

ComputeBring your friends on a "Wine Tour of France"Wine Tasting for up to 12 VALUE: \$420

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Treat 3 pals to a Golf outing at Southern Dutchess Golf and Country Club VALUE: \$200

Be cool with these shades! Hilfiger Sunglasses with case VALUE: \$199





Dine out with restaurant vouchers from all around Dutchess County VALUE: \$50 - \$100

Take that grandchild down to the pond with a new Fishing Line and Tackle Box VALUE: \$65



COMPLETE LIST AVAILABLE SOON!

Every Prize has been donated Every ticket purchased is a chance to win Every dollar spent goes directly to CLS Scholarship Fund

WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU!

Make your donation & get your tickets at Locust Grove lobby

Tickets will be sold in \$10 increments Every ticket purchased gives you 2 chances to win valuable prizes Every \$50 donation will receive 12 chances to win

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT AT THE DRAWING TO WIN



CLS Members Enjoying the Hudson Valley Region By Mary Lou Davis, Special Events Chair

CLS members enjoyed three trips in April to an art museum, museum village and tea factory.

Following an art museum course in the fall, members were interested in trips to the museums that were included. Mary Coiteux organized a tour of the William Louis-Dreyfus art museum. He was interested in art and collected it throughout all of his life. In addition to well-known and established artists, he was a connoisseur of lesserknown and even self-taught artists. His 3,700-work art collection includes a variety of styles and media. In 2014, the philanthropist made the decision to donate some of the proceeds from the sale of his collection to the Harlem Children's Zone with the intention of providing educational opportunities for inner-city youth. The works put on sale are carefully chosen so that the main focus of being an educational facility is not lessened.

Peggy Kelland organized a tour of Museum Village at Old Smith Clove where CLS members visited a schoolhouse, print shop, weave shop, log cabin, drug store, and general store.

Ingrid LaPolt and Linda DeRosa took CLS members to Harney and Sons, a global tea operation headquartered in Millerton, NY, to see how the company sources, blends, and packages teas from start to finish. The company sells more than 300 kinds of tea.

Three more trips are planned for May and one for June.



above photos taken at Museum Village of Old Smith's Clove, Monroe, NY



above photos taken at William Louis-Dreyfus Foundation, Mt. Kisco, NY

HOW FAR WE HAVE TRAVELED IN 30 YEARS!

By Merrilee Osterhoudt

In February of 1992, Marist Center for Lifetime Study co-founders, Joan and Jonah Sherman, scheduled the first CLS classes in the research room at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Museum and Library. Little did they know how many locations around Dutchess County would host an abundance of CLS classes and lectures over the years. I wonder how many of our members have attended classes at every location! If you have, visit the Marist Center for Lifetime Study Facebook Group Page and share a memory, or email your memory to merrileecls@aol.com.



Today's Trivia Question: How many CLS Scholarships have been awarded to date?

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Don't forget to check out our CLS Facebook Group postings. Some posts contain the answers to some of our CLS 30th Anniversary Trivia questions.

If you use Facebook and you aren't a member of the CLS Facebook Group page, send an email to <u>merrileecls@aol.com</u> so you can be part of our social media community.

MEMORIES FROM CLS 25TH CONVOCATION













HAVE YOU SEEN A PAST PRESIDENT IN THE HALLS OF LOCUST GROVE LATELY?

TOP LEFT: Then Future (& now past) President Bob Nasser & Past President Stan Schmidt TOP RIGHT: Past Presidents and Always A/V Supermen Leathern Mehaffey & Ange Rapa MIDDLE LEFT: CLS Grande Dames Lila Matlin & CLS 1st Female President Elaine Lipschutz MIDDLE RIGHT: CLS 1st and 25-year Admin Jodi Delahoyde with Then President Merrilee Osterhoudt BOTTOM LEFT: Past President & Member Services Guru Bob Kaminsky BOTTOM RIGHT: Past President Dick Herodes

How to Easily Access Marist's CLS-Related Webpages – A QUICK REFRESHER Mike Cowan, VP of Administration



Embedded on the Marist College website is a selection of useful and informative CLS-related webpages that can help CLS members take advantage of, and maximize, the privileges afforded a CLS member.

Of course, the webpage that CLS members are most readily familiar with and thus, routinely use, is the CLS "Course Registration" webpage. However, there is a full complement of other webpages that provide a wide range of helpful information to CLS members. The aim of this Chronicle article is to again illustrate how quickly and easily it can be to access these additional CLS-related

webpages.

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

Additionally, one can also use the following URL access link \Rightarrow <u>https://www.marist.edu/professional-programs/cls/member-links</u> to directly reach the following CLS gateway page.



Class Handouts Newsletter	 <u>Academics</u><u>Academic Schools and Program</u><u></u><u>school of Professional</u> Member Links 	Program <u>\$CLS/Member Link</u> \$
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Included on the webpage image shown above is the full complement of "live," fully accessible webpage links. Consequently, with the easy access information described above the reader is strongly encouraged to experiment - try it, test it, play with it in order to become familiar with all the capabilities provided on the CLS gateway webpage and then each of the active links shown to reach the various Marist CLS-related webpages highlighted.

NOTE – webpage URL = https://www.marist.edu/professional-programs/cls/member-links