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A T A L B E R T U S M A G N U S C O L L E G E

Holiday Membership Gathering Planned — December 6, 2011

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- 37 courses featured at Fall semester
- 12 speakers took part in our Discovery Series
- 23 Study Group Leaders conducted courses.
- 272 members registered for Fall classes
- Classes were held in Hamden and Orange as well as on-site at varied locations

The ILR semi-annual meeting and holiday membership gathering will be held December 6, 2011 at the 6th floor Whitney Center Common Room from 1-3 pm. A short business meeting will include the 2012 proposed budget, followed by a reception honoring our Study Group Leaders and speakers for our fall semester.

After the reception, a tour will be conducted at the newly expanded Whitney Center.

As part of the expansion, a large theater style room has been added seating 300 people. In the future, we are hoping this will allow more ILR members to attend large classes such as the Bruce Harvey movie series. Whitney Center is located at 200 Leeder Hill Drive in Hamden.



Entertainment will be provided by Joyce Anisman-Saltman, a Gestalt therapist and professor at Southern Connecticut State University who delivers "Laughter: It's good for you." on the importance of humor in our lives. Joyce did stand-up comedy at places like Dangerfield's in New York City and has appeared on ABC News and the Regis Philbin Show.



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Harlem Trip a Success

Marcia Jamron led a full busload of 55 ILR students on a day trip to New York to Washington Heights to view the Morris Jumel mansion, home to Aaron Burr and, yes, Washington did sleep there.

The colorful African market was close to the restaurant and featured interesting and unusual artifacts. Barbara Brandt is shown beside one of the murals at the market.



The group then feasted on southern cooking at Amy Ruth's in Harlem.

In September, members enjoyed visiting the New York Public Library.

Remarkable Connecticut Women



Mary Mullin, Joan Jackson, Jane Tedeschi

On October 19, Joan Jackson initiated the first of a 4 part series of Remarkable Connecticut Women. Joan said that we share a community with such women and never know what they have accomplished.

The first guest was **Mary Mullins**, 92 years young, born in Great Britain, drafted in 1942 to the Royal Signal Corps, who became skilled in military code. During the Blitz in London, the recruits slept in bunkers underneath the subway trains and also at Regency Hall, owned by Mrs. Wallis Simpson. Mary was transferred to General Eisenhower's division, stationed at Versailles. She then went on to Frankfurt Germany where she met and married her American husband. With permission from the American government they married in a civil ceremony performed

by the mayor of Versailles, and were provided a sumptuous reception by the US Government. By August of 1945 she was out of the military and settled in Milford Connecticut where she and her husband were active in the arts community, opening an art store and raising her daughter and son. In 2006 she was awarded a medal by Queen Elizabeth for her service to the country.

The second guest was Jane **Dunbar Tedeschi**, also 92 years young, and a



Jane Dunbar Tedeschi 1942

former member of the Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASPs). Her hero was the founder Jacqueline Cochran and she retains a picture of her to this day. A neighbor in Washington DC was an instructor in flying and in 1942 started the Civil Air Patrol championed by Eleanor Roosevelt. Jane was one of the first women pilots

from a group of 25,000 women applicants, 1900 making the group. Their duties were to fly the damaged planes back to be repaired. After 35 hours of training, she flew in the middle of many bombings. The pilots paid their own way to the base in Sweetwater Texas and received no benefits. No uniforms were originally issued but turbans were used to cover hair.

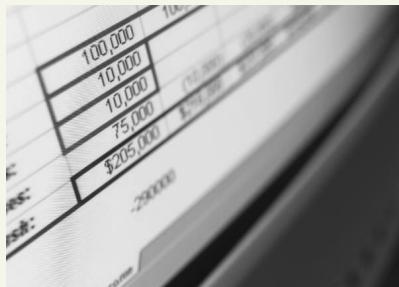
In the 70s the WASPs were finally recognized as a military branch and received veterans' benefits. Gold medals were issued to the group and Jane shared her medal with us.

The third guest was **Barrie Collins**, a tower fighter in Bethany and a tower figure in conserving West Rock and forming the West Ridge Assn. among other causes.

The 4th guest will be Ann Lehman, founder of the Audubon Creative Arts Center, followed by Derry Gorski, First Select-woman of Bethany.

We are in awe of these remarkable women and their achievements.

Microsoft Access Expert Trainee



Several years ago, Howard Treat introduced use of the Microsoft Access database to maintain the records of members and attendees at the classes of ILR.

An ILR member who is familiar with Microsoft Access (or Excel) is needed to maintain membership and course registration information

since Howard plans to step down from this responsibility after the Spring semester.

If you are interested, please let him know so that you could be shown the ropes or strokes (htreat@optonline.net or 203.795.5333).

Registration facts and deadlines

Linda Sheehan reports that many registrations for classes came in for the Fall semester classes well after the September 20th deadline. This creates administrative headaches.

“We hate to turn members

away because of procrastination, but it happens every semester. Since space is limited, we are sometimes forced to limit class size. It’s important to register before the deadline—getting your requests in early

is even better.”

Linda can be reached at 203.795.6902 if you have questions. And don’t forget to send us your winter address if you have not already done so. Otherwise you may miss receiving winter mail from ILR.



President’s Letter

Dear ILR Members:

By the time you read this newsletter you will probably already have turned back your clock as winter approaches. ILR and its volunteers, however, have not turned back anything, and we continue to move ahead and plan for 2012. Meanwhile we have Fall courses still in session. The last one will end in early December.

Our one-day courses have been very popular this fall and have enabled us to sign up special speakers who are unable to conduct a course lasting several weeks. This fall we have had classes for over seventy members and as few as five. Finding the space to accommodate such a wide range of class sizes has been

a challenge but thanks to Albertus Magnus College, Whitney Center and the Orange Community Center we have done our best. Since we never know how many will register for a given course, it is often difficult to give you early notice about time, location and room number where the course will be held. Two initiatives will, we hope, make the registration process run more smoothly. First we have streamlined our website (ilralbertus.org) which will be continuously updated to reflect any changes. Secondly we will soon introduce a new email service by which we can contact you on a class-by-class basis to inform you of changes as they occur. .

Two thirds of you have now given us your email addresses. If you have an

email address but have not told us about it I would urge you to do so at your earliest convenience—just email it to me at new-haven-ilr@optonline.net or htreat@optonline.net either one. My hat goes off to Vincent McMahon who has been in the forefront of moving these two projects to a point where they will be of great use to ILR.

Finally, I expect that we will have a great attendance at our December Semi-Annual Meeting and Holiday Membership Gathering. You can help make it happen! Hope to see you there.

The best to you,

Howard Treat, President

Decisions by Board

At the recent meeting of the ILR Board, decisions were made to invest in audio materials used for classes, and to update methods of contacting members.

The group will purchase a portable microphone that can be used on field trips where it is difficult to hear the speaker from a distance. This is a portable battery pack that magnifies the voice and can be heard within a 30-40 foot radius.

The second allocation will be for a method of

emailing to ILR members with email addresses who now number almost 300. Most emails do not accept over 99 names for a group announcement. The new program is called **Constant Contact**. See page 4 for details.

Honorariums to be given to the organizations hosting most of our classes were also discussed.





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You are invited to the Holiday Reception and meeting December 6th.

Help wanted—ILR Board

Chairman Howard Treat will be ending his term of office in June, and the ILR is looking for a new dynamic person to head up this organization. Howard moved the ILR forward by introducing the Microsoft Access database to assist with the organization of classes and registration helping to better organize the members into the classes scheduled.

Vice President of Curriculum Trish O'Leary Treat will also finalize her term of office in June, and a new curriculum vp is encouraged to step up

to the plate to head the hard working committee. The curriculum committee introduced new and innovative classes into the ILR schedule. Trish works with about a dozen members of the committee who will continue on under the newly elected officer.

Please contact Howard Treat if you are interested in serving in any capacity on the Board. New faces are always welcome and appreciated. New people always bring fresh ideas into any organization.



Email for ILR Members

Email is a valuable resource at ILR. It is a fast, convenient way to reach all of our members in the fastest possible time regarding class cancellations, upcoming events, changes in rooms etc.

The ILR **DOES NOT** sell their email list to any outside company for marketing purposes.

2/3 of our members have email. Please help us bring the ILR up to date with

your email. You will **never** receive unsolicited non-ILR email, only that which pertains to the ILR itself.

The subject line will always include ILR.

The ILR is purchasing a plan called "Constant Contact" that

will broadcast important events to all ILR members only.

