



# Institute for Learning in Retirement Inc. at Albertus Magnus College

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*All ILR member are cordially invited to the ILR Annual Spring Luncheon Meeting*



*Tuesday, June 13, 2027, 11:00—3:00*

*Birchwoods at Oak Lane  
1027 Racebrook Road  
Woodbridge, Connecticut*

*RVSP by June 3: 203-401-1307*

Comedians Kevin Dolan (left) and Dave Sheehan (right), son of member Linda Sheehan, will entertain us with their unique comic routines. Come and laugh with us!

"Kevin Dolan spent the first half of his life a kid actor, singer and dancer working on the NY Stage, in television and on film. After discovering cheeseburgers and chocolate cake, and realizing that he had bad health insurance and could not afford therapy, he shifted his focus to a day job and started performing as a stand-up comic at night. He currently slings jokes in nightclubs, comedy clubs, bars, theatres, colleges, special events, large family dining rooms, small front porches and various street corners all over CT, NY, RI and MA."



"Dave Sheehan is a lifelong resident of the New Haven, CT, area and has been a comedy regular in New England and New York for more than 10 years. He has also performed with various improvisational ensembles and was recently a semi-finalist in the Last Comix Standing competition at Comix



Mohegan Sun."

## BE A VOLUNTEER FOR ILR

Probably 97% of the work needed to run ILR smoothly is done by volunteers. All our curriculum committee members are volunteers, as are our officers, our publication committee, our social event planning committee, our dedicated technology committee and our classroom liaisons. Even our very capable Study Group Leaders are volunteers. Amazing, but true!!

We welcome volunteers for all our committees and we are always looking to fill classroom liaison positions, particularly at the beginning of each semester.

If you are interested in VOLUNTEERING, please contact Holly at [hchepow@gmail.com](mailto:hchepow@gmail.com).



***Greetings from the President***

Dear ILR members,

As my final term as the president of this dynamic organization nears its end I wanted to assure all of our members that ILR is in pretty good shape (trying to avoid superlatives here!!).

We now have fully embarked the digital age by migrating our member registration and class enrollment processes to an easy-to-use online platform (albeit only at our second attempt) while we still reach out to our members with the beloved paper catalog, and if needed, provide paper based registration. I want to emphasize that the streamlined processes have helped our volunteers significantly to deal with onslaught of membership and class registration. Your continuing support for the use of our new platform will be greatly appreciated.

ILR is a very active organization with more than 450 members who sign up regularly, approximating 1100 times each semester for one of our 40 plus study groups and trips! Just extrapolating from these numbers: 2.5 registrations per member. Clearly an indicator that every semester we manage to offer a wide variety of study groups and trips that seem to capture the interest of the membership.

I am proud of our accomplishments of the last three years based on the formidable teamwork at the board level as well as in the individual committees. Teamwork (and quite often readiness to compromise!) will never be out of fashion in my opinion.

I know that our great organization will be transitioned into very capable hands and I'll continue to enjoy the joys of having the wonderful exchanges in our study group discussions in the coming years. I would like to thank especially, Vincent McMahon, Susan Vallillo, Joan Murphy, Robin Lewis, Stephanie Jatlow and Holly Chepow for their tireless commitment and help to make the last three years (from my biased perspective!!) a wonderful joy trip!

Thank you all for the support and encouragement you generously gave me during my presidency and wishing all of us all the best for great things to come.

Warmest regards!

Mito Mardin

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**ILR Info for Members**

**Confirmation of Class Enrollment:** Members enrolling online will not receive a paper confirmation of enrollment; members unable to enroll electronically will receive paper confirmation. The Class Liaison will notify all enrollees of the start of classes and the location , if changed, either by email or telephone.

**Class Registration Closing:** Registration for classes will close 7 days prior to the start of the class ( current policy is 5 days). However, discretion by the registrar will be allowed to accommodate last minute withdrawals from the course, allowing for admission of members on the waiting list.

**Class Cancellation and Refunds:** Cancellation requests must be in writing (email is okay), at least 5 days prior to the first class to be eligible for a refund. No refunds will be made for cancellation requests after this time. If a class is cancelled by ILR, the member will receive a refund.

**Discount for ILR Members:** The Neighborhood Music School in New Haven is offering a 10% discount to their membership fee for ILR members. Please contact Holly Chepow at [hchepow@gmail.com](mailto:hchepow@gmail.com) for a discount coupon.

*ILR Communication Goes Green*

2017 has started with a bang and many of you are enjoying our Spring Semester! Our committees have been working to plan fun and social events for members. We recently sponsored a breakfast to say “Thank You!” to the many volunteers who make ILR function so well. We are planning our Annual Spring Luncheon, the Holiday Tea and a maybe a couple of more surprises for the coming year.

To communicate the details of these events, we have been using Evite.com., a program that allows us to send you announcements and event invitations by email and to receive your RSVP.

Using Evite.com saves time, money, and reaches a large number of people in a very short time. Since members can RSVP within the invitation, it provides an accurate headcount for details such as name tags and venue food guarantees. We can also respond to messages and send reminders to invitees individually or in a group. By reviewing responses and comments, we can determine if the event was well-received. This attendance feedback helps us to plan and present the kind of social interactions our members would like. If we are doing something right, we want to keep doing it! The event “Host Message” in the Evite will also provide a direct link to our course registration site where you can register online and pay by credit card. Another convenience we get from using Evite.com.

If you don’t use email, don’t worry. We are still accommodating this segment of our membership with paper materials about our events.

So, when you receive an ILR Evite in your email, do not be afraid to open it and RSVP. It is not spam or a virus. It is an ILR invitation to one of the events planned especially for you. We certainly hope you accept.



Above , ILR members enjoying a delicious lunch at Mory’s after an interesting tour of the Grove Street Cemetery in New Haven, the first private, nonprofit cemetery in the world. Mory’s and the Grove Street Cemetery are listed on the U.S National Register of Historic Places and the Grove Street Cemetery is also a U.S. National Historic Landmark.

ILR members with Professor Christine Kinealy, (1st row, 2nd from the right) after an excellent course on Irish history at Quinnipiac University. Professor Kinealy is a founding member of the Ireland’s Great Hunger Institute at Quinnipiac University.





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**PROPOSED SLATE FOR ELECTION—JUNE 2017**

Submitted by the 2017 Nominating Committee, Rita Landino, chairperson,  
 Cynthia Popoli, John Schneider, Patricia Walsh, Martin Wolf (ex-officio)

**OFFICERS (2017-2018)**

**President :** Susan Valillo  
**Executive VP:** Joel Feimer  
**Vice-Presidents for Curriculum:** Holly Chepow and Stephanie Jatlow  
**Secretary:** Rita Esposito  
**Treasurer:** Robin Lewis  
**Past-president:** Mithat Mardin



**BOARD OF GOVERNORS (2017-2019)** Eight members to be elected

Eileen Dubois	Patricia Walsh	Elizabeth Glynn (2017-2018)	Linda Sheehan
Cynthia Popoli	Genie Schwartz	John Schneider	Heidi Kaplan

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE (2018)** Three members to be elected

Cynthia Popoli	John Schneider	Patricia Walsh
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