ILEAD

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Campion Awards

Each year up to two individuals can be honored for "Outstanding Good Service" by receiving a Thomas B. Campion award. As ILEAD's primary founder and first president, Tom led the way for all of us with his optimism, wise guidance and deep devotion to lifelong learning.

At our Annual Meeting in May we presented two Thomas B. Campion awards for **"Outstanding Good Service"** to two very special members of ILEAD:

Chica Maynard

"Good Food, Good Music and Great Murder" is the title of one of more than ten study groups that Chica has led. As soon as she has finished leading one course,



she is plotting the next. And yet, she still devotes time to the workings of ILEAD. Chica is past-chair of the Membership Committee and past secretary of the Executive Council. She organized and led the 2007 Alaska trip and currently chairs the Study Travel Committee.



Diane Crowley

Diane's ILEĂD leadership and service record is most impressive and indicative of the many talents she has brought, and continues to bring to ILEAD.

• Finance: Vice-Chair and then Chair of Finance Committee 1998-2001.

• Management: Vice President then President of ILEAD's Executive Council 2001 to 2005.

• Personnel: Currently Chair of the Nominating Committee. In addition to seeking candidates for the Executive Council, Diane provides advice and counsel to standing committees in support of their needs.

• Legal: Diane's expertise has been called upon more than once to advise on issues when requested. She has just completed a revision of the ILEAD By-Laws required to resolve inconsistencies that emerged during nominating activities.



eighteenth year. Fortysix fall term classes are underway with many members taking more

than one course. Total registration was 971 including 228 in multiple courses! The fast-working Curriculum Committee has completed the lineup for winter courses.

Our Annual Meeting was held May 27 at the scenic and comfortable Lake Morey Inn. The speaker, news correspondent Bob Hager, enlightened and entertained us with anecdotes from the front lines of television reporting. Campion awards for outstanding service to ILEAD were presented to Diane Crowley and Chica Maynard. A change in ILEAD's By-Laws relative to the selection of at-large Executive Council members was unanimously approved.

The Executive Council new members include Tom Brody, Hilda Sokol and Tim Thacher as at-large members; Townsend Swayze, Curriculum; Mary Ann Holbrook; Membership Services, and Sandra Hoeh; Communications. Our thanks to George Sutherland and Walter Barndt who completed their at-large terms, and to Susan Cohen who completed her term as Curriculum Chair and now chairs Study Leader Support. The planning of ILEAD's future is actively underway. Please read the Planning Committee report included in this issue of the NEWSLETTER.

The successful 2008 Summer Lecture Series addressed positive solutions to critical problems facing America. Our thanks to those who made this so successful: the Program Committee of Bruce Macdonald, Brian Quinn and Tom Blinkhorn; Associate Program Chair Evva Larson; and Publicity Chair Jeff Holmes.

As always, our organization continues to flourish with new and vibrant members, forward-thinking ideas and careful and considered planning. It is a continued pleasure to help guide this strong and outstanding organization.

From the Office of **The Provost**

Many of us have said that we wish we could go back to college as an adult, and peruse the



eclectic course selection list, wondering which fabulous topic we might study this term. We would love to have the opportunity to dig into new ideas, learn about different histories and religions, explore current events with experts, or even take a stab at writing a biography. ILEAD offers this opportunity to the Upper Valley community, and you do it so well.

The ILEAD Summer Lecture Series this year gave many ILEAD members as well as Dartmouth employees the chance to hear inspiring messages about the world's challenging issues: health care, water, the environment, the financial system, etc. For the first time, there was active collaboration during the summer program between the College and the ILEAD. Dartmouth faculty and administrators joined ILEAD leaders and guest speakers on the stage, at meals and in discussions. I worked closely with Evva Larson to coordinate the participation in these events, and I look forward to more collaboration in the future.

In addition, on a glorious day this summer, I joined the ILEAD leadership for a retreat at the Quechee Club to participate in discussions about the program and its future. The shared values of this program became more apparent to me as the day unfolded. The men and women who teach as well as take classes spoke passionately about how much they gain personally by sharing their knowledge as teachers and students. Everyone spoke of the excitement of learning, of friendships, of community, and of the important link to Dartmouth.

Dartmouth is grateful for the learning community that ILEAD has developed, and is eager to see ILEAD continue to flourish. At this meeting, we also discussed how ILEAD can continue to grow and reach its vision under the current



SUMMER PROGRAM

ILEAD expanded the leadership of the Summer Lecture Series, adding two more co-chairs, and a great decision that was.

Retired Tuck Professor, Brian Quinn, and World Bank graduate, Tom Blinkhorn, contributed both their extensive personal experience and excellent speaker contacts to produce another outstanding program.

We're proud of the summer team, headed up by Evva Larson, and including Ina Yalof, Diane Crowley and Nancy Dwight.

"Positive Solutions: Changing America's Crises into Opportunities" fascinated us with the realization that there are solutions to problems. We were extremely fortunate to have the leading experts in each subject to tell us how it can be done, and what we need to change America's crises into America's opportunities.

> Bruce Macdonald, Summer Program

Is Mentoring on Your Bucket List?

If not, maybe it should be among your desired accomplishments on your life "to do" list.

Windsor County Partners (WCP) offers mentoring partnerships to Windsor County youth between 8 and 17 who could benefit from a long-term, trusting relationship. Our program is similar to Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. Adult volunteer mentors (Senior Partners) initially commit to meet with their youth mentees (Junior Partners) for about two hours each week, or 6-8 hrs/month for a minimum of one year. Partners are matched according to proximity, interests and personality. All prospective mentors are individually trained after completing a thorough application process and background check.

The office provides ongoing support and guidance, along with recreational and educational opportunities for Senior and Junior Partners.

WCP is located in Windsor and is on the web at www.WCPartners.org.

If making a difference in the life of a child, while making a difference in yours, sounds intriguing and you'd like to learn more, call Kathy Kinter at 802-674-5101 or or e-mail her at Kathy@wcpartners.org.

Report of the Planning Committee

A Focus Group of 20 ILEAD members selected for their commitment to and enjoyment of ILEAD and Mary Gorman, Associate Provost of Dartmouth College, met on July 24, 2008 to forecast what ILEAD might be in 2013 and what needed to be accomplished to get there. Background materials were provided to bring all participants to a common level of knowledge of ILEAD's past and present. The participants identified the following issues as important to ILEAD's future:



- FacilitiesGovernance
- Continued Close Relationship with Dartmouth

Facilities

Demographic information suggests that ILEAD could have 2000 members by 2013. In order to serve them, additional space will be required. A Facilities Requirements Committee, chaired by Tuck Professor John Vogel, has been created to identify options for satisfying the future location and space needs of ILEAD based on an assessment of the number and size of classrooms and administrative space required. The Committee will look at acquiring and adapting existing facilities as well as possible new construction.

The Executive Council has approved funding for a Feasibility Study to see whether or not ILEAD might be able to raise capital funds to acquire such a facility. The study will include interviews with approximately 50 members and will be conducted during the fall or early winter. The purpose of the interviews is to determine whether there exists:

- An urgent and compelling case for support
- Volunteers willing to take on leadership roles in a campaign
- Donors and possible donors to invest in ILEAD's future
- Development infrastructure and resources to support a campaign effort

If the Feasibility Study determines that ILEAD is likely to be able to raise sufficient capital funds to acquire a building ILEAD may, after consulting with Dartmouth and in full cooperation with the College, ask ILEAD members to create a 501(c)(3) organization with the ability to accept tax deductible donations. ILEAD will then conduct a capital fund drive. If successful, ILEAD will acquire a home of its own.

Governance

Independent of the Feasibility Study and its outcome, the Planning Committee intends to address governance of the organization. ILEAD is presently governed by the Executive Council whose members are the officers and chairs of the standing committees and three at large members. The Council and its committees are responsible for the operational and day to day programming of ILEAD. A Board of Overseers/Trustees, charged with responsibility for policy and planning, might be a valuable addition to the Executive Council, whose responsibilities for operational matters would continue.

Continued Close Relationship with Dartmouth College

The Focus Group and the 2006 survey of members made it clear that ILEAD's members treasure the association with Dartmouth. Members enjoy the use of facilities, libraries and access to Dartmouth's faculty. Further the Dartmouth "name" makes it possible to attract top level speakers to the Summer Lecture Series.

Speaking at our annual meeting in May, Mary Ella Zeitz, Assistant Provost and liaison to ILEAD, stated in her remarks, "I hope you know how much Dartmouth appreciates ILEAD and values its relationship to this group...Dartmouth is eager to see ILEAD continue to flourish...Dartmouth is proud to have ILEAD, and we hope that our relationship will always remain strong."

Ann Hargraves, Chair

Trans-Canada by Rail • September 30 – October 12, 2008



ILEAD travelers on board Rocky Mountaineer dome cars.

British Columbia bear greets trans-Canadian rail travelers.



COMMUNICATIONS



Sandra Hoeh has recently retired from her position as Director of Community Relations at Dartmouth College. We are pleased to announce that she has agreed to chair ILEAD'S new Communications Committee. The Upper Valley repre-

sents a dynamic population and may become more so in the future. We recognize the important need for making the community aware of the many opportunities offered by ILEAD.

The Communications Committee will include the web-site, the newsletter, archives, materials design, annual report, photography, college coordination, outreach and publicity.

In addition to her ILEAD responsibilities, Sandra Hoeh serves on the following boards: Friends of the Norris Cotton Cancer Center, Hood Museum Membership, Upper Valley Transportation Management Association, and the Hanover Democratic Town Committee. She has three grown sons and has five grandchildren.

Welcome, Sandra Hoeh!

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structure. While the College provides much support and many benefits to ILEAD, there are some advantages, primarily the ability to have more space and better space, that we cannot provide. The ILEAD group is exploring whether a structure separate from the College will allow this organization to take its next important step.

The decisions about the future are for the ILEAD leadership to make with the support of the College. Whatever the group decides, we hope that Dartmouth will continue to be connected to this group. Dartmouth is proud to have ILEAD, and we hope that our relationship will always remain strong.

Ît takes many people giving time and energy to make this volunteer organization so successful. I acknowledge the many contributions of study leaders, committee members, executive council members, program staff, and to all members who contribute in making ILEAD a valued member of the Dartmouth and Upper Valley communities. And I look forward to a continued association with this fine group.

> Mary Gorman, Associate Provost and Executive Officer

CURRICULUM

We had a very successful fall, with 46 courses and a record enrollment totaling 971. The evaluations were consistently very high. The winter courses are equally rich in flavor,

with courses ranging from Bach to Ballet to Birds and Polygamy. This year we have many more winter mini-courses (3-4 weeks), which in subsequent years may grow into full courses, but for the moment they offer a shorter time commitment for travelers.

We have substantially expanded our series on special lectures. These are usually morning lectures that we schedule so that they do not conflict with ILEAD courses. These are exciting speakers with wide ranging topics – among which are: the sheep boom, DNA, ice sculpture and ballooning. Attendance has been very encouraging, often challenging Lisa to find sufficiently large auditoriums. We plan on one special lecture a month this year, and if members continue to show strong interest, we will continue the monthly program next year.

With regard to our housekeeping, we have developed a monitory matrix for systematic course development, which helps committee members track the various steps from initial prospective study leader contact to final proposals, and each member has subject areas of special responsibility.

As usual, our enormous thanks to all those who continue to contribute so much to the program and a warm welcome to the new study leaders.

Townsend Swayze, Chair

Poetry & Writing Instructors Share Teaching Styles

On September 15, about a dozen study leaders who offer writing courses of all varieties met in a workshop led by Joe Medlicott and Margaret Edwards. They exchanged ideas on presenting courses in memoirs, fiction, poetry, non-fiction and other forms they had tried.

The workshop was designed to encourage and support new and returning leaders in the writing area, and resulted from a request from several new leaders.

If there is anyone starting out in another area who thinks a similar workshop for math and science, literature and art, etc. would be helpful, contact Susan Cohen, Study Leader Support Committee, or Evva Larson, Curriculum Committee.

> Evva Larson, Co-chair, Curriculum Susan Cohen, SL Support Committee

STUDY TRAVEL

Tim and Liz Knox plan to lead a Study/Travel group to England in May 2010. Themes will be "British

Themes will be "British Theatre, a Historical View" and British Gardens, espe-



cially those connected to Shakespeare or the Elizabethan period.

The trip will involve visiting famous gardens, particularly around the Stratford area, and seeing several theatrical productions in London and Stratford. More information about this travel opportunity will be forthcoming!

> Chica Maynard, Co-Chair Lyn Mead, Co-Chair

SPECIAL EVENTS



Our Special Events committee has planned some interesting trips for ILEAD members, some already taken and some in the works.

In July we went to the NYC Ballet at their Saratoga summer home,

an annual event due to its popularity, and in August to Tanglewood to see YoYo Ma with the BSO, also an annual event.

September we took a day trip to see the Friesians of Majesty Farm in Townshend, VT, with 43 horses, bred and raised on the 650 acre farm. All of these trips have been sellouts with a wait list.

October we will be going to the Boston Ballet for *Cinderella* and in December, another sold-out trip to the Boston Pops Christmas show at the Verizon Wireless Arena. That will complete the last half of 2008 trips and we'll begin planning trips for spring and summer early in 2009. Perhaps you'll find one of interest to you.

Barbara B. Holmes, Chair

Membership Services

Membership Services held its first event on September 16th. The cocktail party at the Dartmouth Outing Club entertained 100 people, specifically new members, leaders and guests. The food was prepared by a committee of 8 who



have been loyal hostesses in the past and by a few new members to the group. The next function sponsored by Member Services will be the Holiday Party for all committee members and study leaders early in December.

Mary Ann Holbrook, Chair



Helen's Cows

From the field on the other side of our stone wall comes a prolonged insistent mooing If it were another season it might signal a calving but this is the first day of Fall so it must be the bewildered anguish of a cow whose calf has been taken from her,

her calf whose weight she'd carried inside her whom she'd licked clean at birth, who's tugged at her full udder, whom she'd kept close to her as he struggled onto his wobbly, new legs, who could find her anywhere among the wandering herd, and whom she'd watched fatten and grow handsome.

Helen says when the fattened vealers are sold for slaughter, their mothers bellow for three or four days, and then forget.

I want to tell Helen, "They may quit bawling but they don't forget...they don't forget. "



Help Wanted!

ART HISTORIAN: a volunteer who enjoys working independently on your own schedule. ILEAD is in need of an Art Historian or someone interested in art, and the art of sorting and organizing slides. ILEAD is fortunate to have a large slide collection used by many study leaders. Help would be greatly appreciated.

ARCHIVIST: a volunteer who enjoys working independently on your own schedule and likes to rummage among old papers and photographs. ILEAD is in desperate need of a person who would be part of the newly-formed Communications Committee but basically on your own when working in the file cabinets and helping Lisa organize ILEAD'S history.

NEWSLETTER PERSON: a volunteer who enjoys working independently on your own schedule and who enjoys writing, collecting articles, interviewing members, small editing, and being creative with ideas for inclusion in an evergrowing newsletter. Position to be



part of the newly-formed Communications Committee.

SEASONAL PHOTOS NEEDED: We're always looking for photos for our newsletter and course catalog covers. If your photo is selected for a catalog you will receive a free course for that term! Photos should be submitted in high resolution digital jpegs.



ILEAD needs <u>YOU</u>!

ILEAD is run completely on a volunteer basis and always needs instructors. ILEAD offers peer-led, peer-taught study groups.

Without YOU, the members, leading these courses, there would be no ILEAD. So contact us! Share your knowledge in the discipline you desire!



Need help putting a course together? Work

with ILEAD's Study Leader Support Committee and take your idea and make it into a reality! A course!

Please contact Lisa King, Program Coordinator, at (603) 653-0154 or email lisa.king@dartmouth.edu if you would like to lead an ILEAD study group, or you know of someone who would be willing to be an ILEAD Study Leader.

For more information, please visit www.dartmouth.edu/~ilead/