Lifelong learning is about education. At the NSU Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI), the learning experience is not confined to the classroom. Learning is also a social experience, one that often involves exploration of new places (field trips) and celebration of special events (birthdays, holiday parties, and luncheons). The Lifelong Learning Institute prides itself on the social components of the learning experience.

With a membership ranging in age from 50 to 90, the LLI constantly looks for ways to engage its members socially. The LLI Membership Advisory Committee stays at the forefront, working to provide fun and informative activities. In the fall 2015 semester, the LLI members participated in field trips to Fort Lauderdale Children’s Theatre productions of *Beauty and the Beast* and *Jesus Christ Superstar*, the Holocaust Memorial on Miami Beach, and the South Florida Wildlife Center. Last year, trips included the Frost Museum of Art, Bonnet House, a backstage tour at the Broward Center, and NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale and Halmos College of Natural Sciences and Oceanography.

In addition to field trips, the LLI members celebrate their birthdays with a monthly bagel breakfast—highlighted later in this edition—that was the brainchild of LLI member Bob Lieberman. Bob also created holiday celebrations for Thanksgiving, as well as Easter and Passover.

Off campus, the parties continued with an annual holiday party in December and will include a spring luncheon. A third of the LLI membership routinely attends these events.

All in all, the LLI membership is a social, friendly group. After all, who doesn’t love a party or a celebration?
FROM THE DIRECTOR
Linda E. Maurice, M.A.

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Happy 2016!

EXPLORE MANY FACETS OF FUN WHILE VISITING THE LLI
By Rudy Ameerally, LLI Member 2010-Present

Our activities offer the most unique, diverse, and flexible way to enjoy lifelong learning. That is why our members stay. Our success comes from our interactive and inclusive social programs, promoted by our own elected Members Advisory Committee. Daily lunch roundtables offer interesting and spontaneous chats about everything under the sun. Some say it’s the best feature.

In addition to monthly field trips, many enthusiastic members lead discussion groups, read or write stories and poems, demystify science, perform magic, create art, and explore philosophical issues. Promotion of better health and stress reduction is available through Tai Chi, a new addition in our popular fitness program.

You cannot find a more distinct and inspiring LLI than ours. Bring your friends.

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From the Members Advisory Committee Chairman
A common conversation heard around the quad:
LLI 1: “You coming tomorrow?”
LLI 2: “Of course, I live here.”
LLI 3: “Absolutely, it’s Toscano in the morning.”
LLI 4: “Nah, no interest in physics in the afternoon.”

The conversation exemplifies the ways we decide on which classes to attend. LLI 1s have no decision to make, because like Moe and others, they are happy attending every class. LLI 2s, make a selection choice based on experience or by asking others. Lastly, LLI 3s, choose based on a topic.

Most people enjoy a wide range of topics—politics, history, the arts, music, and literature or STEM—and therefore tend to choose courses accordingly. The LLI vets realize that regardless of the reason one chooses to attend a class, what brings us back to that class is the professor, who can make a topic exciting.

I speak from experience, since without any interest in romance literature, I discovered Susanne Ferris, and through her, the beauty and nuance of her field. With more than 75 new members, there are many of you who try new courses and find many new worlds to discover.
BYOB: BAGEL BREAKFAST OFFERS GREAT TOPPINGS AND TOGETHERNESS

By Bob Lieberman, LLI Member 2013-Present

Since June, we have enjoyed a birthday bagel breakfast every month at the Lifelong Learning Institute. When we first began this program, we simply had cream cheese and three dozen assorted bagels. By November, it had grown to include over 30 different toppings—peanut butter, tomatoes, capers, onions, hummus and a ‘hole’ lot more. Assorted hard cheeses, as well as many different cream cheeses, have graced our table. Two students actually brought delicious nova to Nova Southeastern University.

On the second Tuesday of every month, fellow students purchase or prepare the various toppings and bring them to school. The socialization and fun makes the breakfast a dream come true. We’ve been told many students come on that day just for the bagels. The numbers continue to increase each month.

NSU LIFELONG LEARNING IN NORTH MIAMI BEACH

After a wonderful fall launch with Judith Etzion, Ph.D., the LLI plans to offer two more series classes in North Miami Beach (NMB). Scheduled classes will take place on Mondays, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2016. NMB classes are free for LLI Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus members. Registration is required.

Morning Class: 10:00 a.m.—noon
“An Introduction to Music-Drama Relationship in Select 19th-Century Operas,” with Judith Etzion, Ph.D. • Six sessions: $70*
This is an introductory course to the understanding of the diverse musical approaches of 19th-century composers to the dramatic-literary potential of their opera libretti. Four 19th-century operas of extraordinary dramatic tension, emotional conflicts, and psychological depth will be discussed in detail: Donizetti’s Maria Stuarda, Haënü’s La Juive, and Verdi’s Macbeth and Don Carlos. All the operas will be presented in DVD live performances with English subtitles.

Afternoon Class: 1:00–3:00 p.m.
“Remembering our Lives: 1940s–2000,”
with Vincent Toscano, Ph.D. • Six sessions: $70*
Together, we will explore the intersection between public events and private lives. How did the seminal events of those years affect us? How are the events remembered today? How have we been shaped by the events of the past 60 years? Join Toscano as he explores the historic, cultural, and popular topics from these six decades.

For more information about winter NMB 2016 classes, contact the LLI office at lli@nova.edu.

*Cost for those who are not already members of the LLI on the Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus

EXERCISE YOUR MIND AND BODY AT THE LLI

Enjoy LLI exercise classes each day after regular lectures have concluded.

Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:15–3:15 p.m.
Tai Chi with Carlos Londoño
(suggested donation: $5 per class)

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:15–3:15 p.m.
LLI Fitness Class with Barbara Norgren
/incorporates aerobics and weights tailored for individual abilities/needs/
Free and sponsored by
A Family Member HomeCare

A bagel is simply a hole with dough wrapped around it. At the LLI, that hole is filled with the well-rounded education we receive (for very little dough).
The LLI Newsletter is a product of the LLI Members Advisory Committee.

**LLI Mission Statement**

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) provides a vibrant educational environment for mature adults in South Florida. Programs promote intellectual stimulation, physical well-being, and social growth that enrich the lives of its members and the community.

**NEW MEMBERS – FALL 2015**

- Calman Abrams
- Michael Greenhawt
- Stephanie and Larry Pearson
- Carolyn Alon
- Sonia Gruenwurzel
- Conrad Planas
- Myra Applebaum
- Sue Gunzberger
- David Pollard
- Martin Bakalar
- Fern and Sheldon Harr
- Sandy Raizin
- Shari Balmuth
- Stuart Herman
- Sharon and Sanford Rothbard
- Anne Bellissimo
- Fanny Himmelstern
- Mel Rubenstein
- Sue and Wayne Bizer
- Grant Hustad
- Andrea Sanders
- Deanna and Jerome Blafer
- Kevin Jarrell
- Perla Saye
- Harry Boreth
- Ken Joseph
- Judy Schwartz
- Arlene Kasovitz
- Paul Seedman
- Colleen Kay
- Marcia Krivitzkin
- Sandy Shelley
- Marian and Ed Campbell
- Paul Krauth
- Jewel and Larry Smith
- Allan Cooperman
- Charlotte and Frank Lerner
- Louis Soskin
- Elaine and Len De Vries
- Joan Leschel
- Anita Stein
- Bonnie Eletz
- Sheryl Linn
- Joyce and Richard Topolski
- Herb Epstein
- Brenda Livingstone
- Edgar Tufts
- Patricia Fraser
- Rick Maisel
- Bonnie Urbanski
- Audrey Frieman
- Harry Markoff
- Barbara Velasco
- Harriet Frohman
- Maggie Montgomery
- Janet Wyckoff
- Freda and Israel Goldstein
- Mildred “Nitz” Nitzberg
- Toby and Allen Greenberg

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**LLI Tribute Fund Donations – Summer and Fall 2015**

- **General Fund**: [https://nova.edu/giving/LLIGeneralFund](https://nova.edu/giving/LLIGeneralFund)
  - Broward Coalition on Aging
  - Ralph DiSanto, in honor of Welcome Week volunteers
  - Bookworms
  - Maxine Jordan, in honor of Sylvia Ruskin’s birthday

- **Speakers Fund**—utilized for non-NSU faculty speakers who receive an honorarium: [http://nova.edu/giving/LLISpeakersFund](http://nova.edu/giving/LLISpeakersFund)

- **Scholarship Fund**—invaluable funds that help your fellow LLI members: [http://nova.edu/giving/LLIScholarshipFund](http://nova.edu/giving/LLIScholarshipFund)

Donations can be made online at the above links or via a blue booklet available at the LLI.

If anyone is interested in a larger donation or potential endowment, please see Linda or email lmaurice@nova.edu.