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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ILR?

An Important Update to Members

Bob Ross, the immediate Past President has something to say to start off this edition of the ILR Newsletter

My Opinion

ILR is made up of a group of generous and caring people. This year we are facing a pandemic which has shut down our most treasured ILR events. We will recover, and the fear will end - we are tough and we are persistent Americans. This is how we react.

ILR has a talented leadership team and they are taking the right steps to keeping us going. Please join the movement to keep ILR alive and well. Please open your computer or tablet and renew your membership.

I feel privileged to be able to fund the ILR scholarship fund for our selected students this year. That will allow ILR to concentrate on maintaining our instructor base and invest in new technology. I would also like to personally thank those who sent cards thanking me for offering this stipend. Now let's learn remotely with Zoom classes and have fun with ILR.

Bob Ross Past President - ILR

MEMBERSHIP

Please note: If you currently share an email address with one or more individuals, you need to get your own email address.

With the new ILR online system, each person must have their own email address. Your **own individual email address** is your **unique ILR member identifier** in the new ILR ProClass online system.

You can get a free email address through Gmail, Yahoo, etc.

If you have renewed your membership through our new online ProClass system and have received an email confirming your membership and the payment of your dues, you are all set. You are an ILR member for the year August, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

If you have NOT renewed your membership through our new online ILR ProClass system, please click on the **Login button** below and register to renew your membership.

A credit card is the only method of payment accepted. You may use your Visa, Master-Card, Discover or American Express. Other types of credit cards are not acceptable in our system.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your membership registration, please send an email to the ILR Help Desk. The Help Desk is here to assist you. Our wonderful, dedicated ILR volunteers monitor the Help Desk every day, 7 days a week. You may use this link to go directly to the Help Desk or simply copy the link and use it any time you have questions. <u>ilrhelpdeskbwu@gmail.com</u>



CLASS REGISTRATION

We will open ON-LINE Registration on Tuesday, September 8th and close on Friday September 25th.

Once you have registered your Membership, you will be able to view the list of Classes (just like the "old" Catalog). There are 31 Classes being offered in the Fall Quarter, 2020.

The class sessions start on Monday, October 5th and end on Thursday, November 12th.

What You Will Need for Membership, Registration and Classes

• You need to have any one of the following devices: a computer, iPad or other tablet, or smartphone.

• Your computer or other device needs a camera, speakers and a microphone. Most computers in the past 8 years have these items built in. If your device does not have these items, there are some very inexpensive ways you can add these items to your computer.

• You need to have your own, individual email address. Our new online membership / registration systems and our Zoom classes all use your own individual email to identify you as a member. An individual email address is required to Login.

• You must have a credit card to pay for membership and registration. The system

will only accept the following credit cards: Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. No checks or cash will be accepted.

FREE ZOOM CLASSES

For the safety of our members, teachers and coordinators, all classes will be held on Zoom. If you have never been on Zoom or if you would just like to become more comfortable using Zoom, the ILR is offering a "How To Attend a Zoom Class." It's **FREE** to all our members.

For your convenience, we have scheduled the "How To Attend A Zoom Class" at 10:00AM and 2:00PM on each of the following days: September 9th, 10th, 11th, 16th, 17th, and 18th. This is one class. It will be repeated at the dates and times listed.

This Zoom training class has been created especially for our members. It will be presented by our ILR President Mary Kolk and our 2nd V.P. Gary Erlinger. Don't Miss It! The class will be easy, fun and informative.

Invitations to these classes will be sent to you via email. Please watch your email and this Newsletter for more information.

ILR HELP DESK

We are excited to announce the creation of an exclusive new assistant for members, the ILR Help Desk. Our office has been closed for over five months. We do not want any of our volunteers exposed in any way to the Coronavirus. Yet we want to stay in touch with everyone. The Steering Committee knows you have questions and concerns about what is happening with the ILR during this time of transition from in-person to digital classes. Each of your questions and concerns are important to us. We realized the need for one central communications center for our members. The ILR Help Desk is that central communications center.

If you have any questions or concerns, please send an email to ilrhelpdeskbwu@gmail.com.

Our staff of volunteers is monitoring the help desk emails daily and safely from their own computers. When we receive your email, we will reply within 24 hours. Your questions and concerns will be answered in a timely and efficient manner.

If you have a question, a comment or something that you think should go into this newsletter, contact the Editor – John Koliha *kolihajohn215@gmail.com*