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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



DR. STEPHEN THORSETT  
PRESIDENT OF WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY

*I am very pleased to offer my sincere congratulations to the Institute for Continued Learning (ICL), celebrating its twenty-year partnership with Willamette that fosters teaching, learning and friendship, and enriches the experiences of its members and our campus community.*

*Since my arrival as Willamette's 25<sup>th</sup> president in July 2011, I have noted the high level of participation in ICL programs and events, which speaks to the quality and value of its mission and goals. I also have been pleased to see so many ICL members at campus events of all kinds, including theatre and music department performances, convocations, lectures and athletics – even volunteering with Willamette Academy. It is clear that ICL is a valued member of the 'Willamette family,' one that underscores the university's noble mission to "... prepare graduates to transform knowledge into action and lead lives of achievement, contribution and meaning."*

*Thank you for exemplifying our commitment to the value of life-long learning, and for your continued contributions and support of excellence at Willamette University.*

Stephen E. Thorsett  
President

## HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTE

Kathy and Gene Fletcher, working together, set into motion the process that evolved into what is now called Willamette University Institute for Continued Learning.



GENE & KATHY FLETCHER

Gene grew up in Oklahoma and got his BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Kansas and an MS in Mechanical Engineering from Oklahoma State University. After graduating, Gene spent 24 years in the U.S. Air Force as a research engineer and pilot. This included flying combat missions in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars for which he was awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses and nine Air Medals. Kathy grew up in Pittsburgh and graduated from Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida. Kathy and Gene met while she was attending college and he was in pilot training. They were married November 1, 1952, raised two daughters, and have four grandchildren.

They loved the Pacific Northwest, so after Gene retired from the Air Force, they settled in the Salem area where they both pursued further education and new careers. Kathy earned a graduate degree from Western Oregon University in counseling with an emphasis on gerontology. She became the Oregon State Director for Elderhostel where she served for ten years, concurrently serving on the National Elderhostel board for five years as chairman of the Long-Range Planning Committee. Gene began an ROTC assignment at Willamette University which included programs at Western Oregon University and Linfield College. He then returned to graduate school at Oregon State University and earned a degree in Industrial Engineering and Business. He was hired by the state of Oregon as Fiscal Officer for the Oregon Parks System. After retiring from these jobs, the Fletchers saw the need for a program of continued learning for retired and semi-retired persons in the Salem area. They founded the Willamette Institute for Continued Learning in 1992, where they remain active members, as well as arranging educational presentations where they reside at Capitol Manor, a retirement community in Salem.



In February 1992, after several months of research, Kathy Fletcher led a group of Salem citizens who engaged the support of Willamette University President Jerry Hudson, to propose a new education program of continued learning for adults over fifty. The proposal was based on an Elderhostel model which could become a sustaining feature of Willamette University's outreach to the community.

The teaching/learning program would be administered by elected member officers. This would be a self-run program where all members would participate in researching, presenting lectures, and participating in discussions on a wide variety of topics organized by a curriculum committee. University faculty and other experts would be invited to do presentations as well.



MARK O. HATFIELD LIBRARY

President Hudson and his staff, led by Jim Booth, offered support services and the use of facilities without charge. A planning board was established which included Gene Fletcher as President and Kathy Fletcher as University Liaison. A summer pilot program was organized with seventeen participants, while planning went forward for the fall academic year of 1992-1993.

SOME MEMBERS OF ICL'S PILOT CLASS  
SUMMER 1992



Al Jones, Walt Fairfax, Ruth Cameron, Barbara Hanneman, Ray Heller, Carole Eggers, Harold Murray, Walt Achterman, Pat Achterman, Gene Fletcher, Wes Robinson, Jim Oaks, (Not Shown: Kathy Fletcher, Stan Tepper, Francis Allen, Lloyd Ramey, Cliff Schmidt )

The 1992 fall program opened with 29 members and six board officers. Four of the original seventeen members are still active in ICL. These are Gene and Kathy Fletcher, Wes Robinson, and Francis Allen. The institute continued to evolve and by 2002 there were 140 members. Presently there are 160 members, plus emeritus members, several of whom remain active.

In 2001, Willamette University President M. Lee Pelton initiated a significant change in the status of the institute, establishing it as an agency of the university's instructional program. No longer a guest program, the Institute became Willamette University Institute for Continued Learning (WUICL). Roger Gillette chaired the Long-Range Planning Committee of ICL. The Committee worked with Willamette University Vice President, James A. Bauer and Alice Sorensen (WU/ICL Liaison) to redefine the Institute, and to revise the constitution and the by-laws. They were approved in March 2001.



ROGER GILLETTE



DR. M. LEE PELTON  
PRESIDENT OF WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY 1998-2011



JAMES A. BAUER  
WU Vice President



ALICE SORENSEN  
WU/ICL Liaison  
1996-2010

## CURRICULUM

Curriculum is the lifeblood of ICL. Well-researched member presentations represent about one-third of the curriculum. Other presentations are given by from the Willamette University College of Liberal Arts, the Law



School, the Atkinson Graduate School of Management, the School of Education and from outside professors and other specialists.

ICL members bring a lifetime of learning and experience from which they can draw to create informative and enjoyable presentations.



PHIL HANNI  
Curriculum Director  
2000-2005

ERIN HANNI  
Favorite Books Coordinator  
Cheerleader



The Tuesday and Thursday lectures include a wide range of subjects: Art, Music, Medicine and Health, History, World Affairs, Sociology, Economics, the Sciences, Technology, Religion, and Literature; including an assigned book each semester for reading and discussion.



DON GALLAGHER:  
ICL Curriculum Director  
2006-2010



GRANT HAGESTEDT  
Music Coordinator



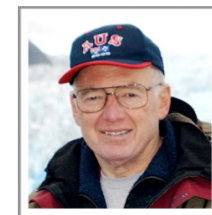
SHARON WRIGHT  
Art Coordinator



CLIFTON CORNWELL  
Executive Director  
2001-2006



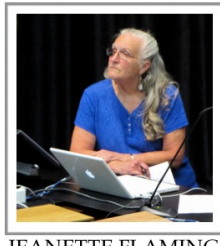
VIRGINIA CORRIE-COZART  
ICL Member/Presenter  
Poetry, Art and Music



PETER RONAI  
Information Services  
2005-2013



ICL TALENT DAY 2010



JEANETTE FLAMING  
Great Decisions Coordinator

A field trip is a highlight of each semester as is the dramatic presentation by the ICL Players.



EVERGREEN AVIATION  
MUSEUM FIELD TRIP  
2011



EASTERN OREGON FIELD TRIP  
2010



THE 2012 ICL PLAYERS

## SOCIAL LIFE

ICL members enjoy many social activities. These activities not only benefit ICL but also Willamette University, since ICL members regularly support and attend campus activities such as concerts, recitals, sports events, theater presentations, and lectures.



HUDSON HALL EVENT

ICL members are willing promoters of students and their various projects.



LUNCH WITH TIUA STUDENTS

ICL has enhanced the social lives of its members, led to lasting friendships, and over the years, several extracurricular special interest groups have evolved.



FRIDAY MORNING WALKING GROUP

Each semester session opens with a coffee and conversation reception and ends with a luncheon catered by the Willamette University food services, Bon Appétit.



ERNIE  
WILLIAMS



There is a well attended annual summer picnic in August where current and new members meet and mingle.



FRANCIS  
ALLEN

On meeting days, members share lunch at Goudy Commons, the Cat Cavern in Putnam, or bring a bag lunch and visit with friends in the lounge.



SMULLIN HALL



FORD HALL

Willamette University's Institute for Continued Learning is ideal for further pursuit of intellectual interests that leads to growth of mind and expansion of knowledge, provides social activities and opportunities, and proves that members continue to evolve with and in today's world.

## ICL BOARDS OF DIRECTORS

### 1992-2012

#### 1992-1993

Gene Fletcher, President  
Harold Murray, Vice President for Curriculum  
Jim Carey, Treasurer  
Pat Achterman, Secretary  
Kathy Fletcher, University Liaison  
Margaret Hunter, Secretary

#### 1993-1994

Gene Fletcher, President  
Harold Murray, Vice President for Curriculum  
Jim Carey, Treasurer  
Margaret Dionesotes, Treasurer\*  
Margaret Hunter, Secretary  
Phyllis Bauer, Secretary\*  
Kathy Fletcher, University Liaison  
Carole Eggers, Publicity and Promotion

#### 1994-1995

Jim Oakes, President  
Harold Murray, Vice President for Curriculum  
Margaret Dionesotes, Treasurer  
Phyllis Bauer, Secretary  
Carole Eggers, Publicity and Promotion  
Kathy Fletcher, University Liaison  
Lloyd Ramey, Member-at-Large  
Ray Heller, Member-at-Large

#### 1995-1996

Sidney Coleman, President  
Beth Tucker, Vice President  
Harold Murray, Curriculum Chair  
Margaret Dionesotes, Treasurer  
Phyllis Bauer, Secretary  
Carole Eggers, Publicity and Promotion  
Ray Heller, Member-at-Large  
Lloyd Ramey, Member-at-Large

#### 1996-1997

Sidney Coleman, President  
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Harold Murray, Curriculum  
Jim Carey, Treasurer  
Muriel Lauderdale, Secretary  
Kathy Fletcher, University Liaison  
Pat Grove, Member-at-Large  
Roger Gillette, Member-at-Large

#### 1997-1998

Rol Healy, President  
Harold Murray, Vice President Curriculum  
Phyllis Bauer, Vice President Membership  
Dorothy Snyder, Treasurer  
Donna Scheever, Secretary  
Jean Gore, Secretary  
Kathy Fletcher, University Liaison  
Shirley Van Brunt, Member-at-Large  
Roger Gillette, Member-at-Large

#### 1998-1999

Rol Healy, President  
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Sidney Coleman, Vice President Curriculum\*  
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Helena Kadota, Secretary  
Gene Fletcher, University Liaison  
Sybil Westenhause, Member-at-Large  
Shirley Van Brunt, Member-at-Large

#### 1999-2000

Kathy Fletcher, President  
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Margaret Vander Weyden, Vice President Membership  
Dorothy Snyder, Treasurer  
Helena Kadota, Secretary  
Fred Ratzeburg, Secretary  
Phil Hanni, University Liaison  
Shirley Van Brunt, Member-at-Large  
Sybil Westenhause, Member-at-Large



**2000-2001**

Glenn Beier, President  
Phil Hanni, Vice President Curriculum  
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Wes Bauer, Treasurer  
Jean Christoffersen, Secretary  
Walter Achterman, University Liaison  
Sybil Westenhause, Member-at-Large  
Al Kaelin, Member-at-Large

**2001-2002**

Clifton Cornwell, Director / Board Chair  
Phil Hanni, Curriculum chair  
Gene Fletcher, University Support Chair  
Marian Canaday, Membership Chair  
Daniel Saltz, Treasurer  
Dorothy Dobson, Secretary  
Jeanne Cassidy, Member-at-Large  
Al Kaelin, Member-at-Large  
Roger Gillette, Member-at-Large\*

**2002-2003**

Clifton Cornwell, Director  
Glenn Beier, Past Director  
Phil Hanni, Curriculum Chair  
Gene Fletcher, University Support Chair  
Donna Moran, Membership Chair  
Daniel Saltz, Treasurer  
Beryl MacDonald, Secretary  
Judy Voelker, Member-at-Large  
Roger Gillette, Member-at-Large

**2003-2004**

Clifton Cornwell, Director  
Glenn Beier, Past Director  
Phil Hanni, Curriculum Chair  
Bob Thomas, University Support Chair  
Jeanette Flaming, Membership Chair  
Al Kaelin, Treasurer  
Beryl MacDonald, Secretary  
Edward Elston, Member-at-Large  
Judy Voelker, Member-at-Large

**2004-2005**

Clifton Cornwell, Director  
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Phil Hanni, Curriculum Chair  
Roger Gillette, University Support Chair  
Jeanette Flaming, Membership Chair  
Dan Saltz, Treasurer  
Beryl MacDonald, Secretary  
Roger Colburn, Member-at-Large  
Edward Elston, Member-at-Large

**2005-2006**

David Cozart, Executive Director  
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Sharon Wright, Director of Curriculum Services  
Bruce Flaming, Directory of University Support Services  
Helen Wright, Director of Membership Services  
Julie Amen, Director of Financial Services  
Doris Dyer, Director of Secretarial Services  
Sybil Westenhause, Director of Social Services  
Peter Ronai, Director of Information Services

**2006-2007**

Roger Colburn, Executive Director Services  
Don Gallagher, Director of Curriculum Services  
Bruce Flaming, Director of University Support Services  
Sally Shriver, Director of Membership Services  
Julie Amen, Director of Financial Services  
Jean Rover, Director of Secretarial Services  
Irene Konopasek, Director of Social Services  
Peter Ronai, Director of Information Services

**2007-2008**

Jean Rover, Executive Director  
Don Gallagher, Director of Curriculum Services  
Bruce Flaming, Director of University Support Services  
Sally Shriver, Director of Membership Services  
Julie Amen, Director of Financial Services  
Nancy Richings, Director of Secretarial Services  
Eunice Porter, Director of Social Services  
Peter Ronai, Director of Information Services

**2008-2009**

(Tom Augustyn, Executive Director)  
Jean Rover, Acting Executive Director  
Don Gallagher, Director of Curriculum Services  
Bruce Flaming, Director of University Support Services  
Louise Schroeder, Director of Membership Services  
Dawn Smith, Director of Financial Services  
Pat Hoffman, Director of Secretarial Services  
Harlan & Margie Heyden, Co-Directors of Social Services  
Peter Ronai, Director of Information Services

**2009-2010**

Gary Beck, Executive Director  
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Don Gallagher, Director of Curriculum Services  
Gerry Lundeen, Co-director of University Support Services  
Patricia Lundeen, Co-Director of University Support Services  
Louise Schroeder, Director of Membership Services  
Dawn Smith, Director of Financial Services  
Rosa Barton, Director of Secretarial Services  
Irene Konopasek, Co-Director of Social Services  
Evelynn Smith, Co-Director of Social Services  
Peter Ronai, Director of Information Services

**2010-2011**

Ken Panck, Executive Director  
Gary Beck, Past Executive Director  
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Bill Griffiths, Co-Director of Curriculum Services  
Gerry Lundeen, Co-director of University Support Services  
Patricia Lundeen, Co-Director of University Support Services  
Louise Schroeder, Co-Director of Membership Services  
Eunice Porter, Co-Director of Membership Services  
Nancy Robinson, Director of Financial Services  
Peter Rasmussen, Director of Secretarial Services  
Irene Konopasek, Co-Director of Social Services  
Evelynn Smith, Co-Director of Social Services  
Peter Ronai, Director of Information Services

**2011-2012**

Ken Panck, Executive Director  
Gary Beck, Co-Director of Curriculum Services  
Bill Griffiths, Co-Director of Curriculum Services  
Peter Rasmussen, Director of University Support Services  
Louise Schroeder, Co-director of Membership Services  
Eunice Porter, Co-Director of Membership Services  
Nancy Robinson, Director of Financial Services  
Jyl McCormick, Director of Secretarial Services  
Oddny Everson, Co-Director of Social Services  
Karen Bender, Co-Director of Social Services  
Peter Ronai, Director of Information Services

## A New Decade Begins...



KEN PANCK  
Executive Director  
2010-2013

**2012-2013**

Ken Panck, Executive Director  
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Tom Zook, Co-director of Curriculum Services  
Hardin King, Director of University Support Services  
Louise Schroeder, Co-Director of Membership Services  
Eunice Porter, Co-Director of Membership Services  
Charlene Robbins, Director of Financial Services  
Jyl McCormick, Director of Secretarial Services  
Oddny Everson, Co-Director of Social Services  
Karen Bender, Co-Director of Social Services  
Peter Ronai, Director of Information Services

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September 6, 2012

### 20th Anniversary Committee Chair

Peter Rasmussen



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The WUICL mission is to provide a membership-initiated and -governed program of non-credit study that offers retired and semi-retired persons opportunities to continue their intellectual pursuits and activities within a university environment consistent with the values and policies of Willamette University.

(Original Mission Statement)