



# Institute for Continued Learning Digest

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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## ICL Update:

- **Pet Peeve:** The Curriculum Committee asks that you *"Please be on time for classes."* Classes start at 10:00 AM. We will be striving to stick to the schedule and ask the presenters to start at 10:00 AM. If you want to socialize, please stay after the class and Q&A have ended. *The Zoom meeting will be held open for the purpose of socializing at that time.*
- Remember to keep the Chat area for Questions unless otherwise asked to comment.
- **Thursday, March 18th:** ICL **Board Meeting** at 10:00 AM on [Zoom](#). All members are welcome.
- **Willamette's ROC update:** On Wednesday, March 10, Willamette's Reopening Operations Committee (ROC) shared that they continue to review their on-campus policies. The recent reduction of Marion County from 'extreme risk' to 'high risk' allowed WU to open admission tours to prospective students, broadened event guidelines to allow more than 6 people for both indoor and outdoor in-person events and to open residence hall lounge areas to 6 people.  
They continue to reassess campus community priorities and, within the Oregon Health Authority guidelines, will keep us all posted about future access to the campus.

## Curriculum Committee Meeting Notes:

The Curriculum Committee continues to look ahead to next Fall and Spring for a robust set of presentations. While potpourris are important and missed these days, they are more difficult to present via Zoom. There is also consideration to set aside a special Thursday morning for the book discussion. Kasia and Eric will be in touch with Willamette to get an idea of when we might be able to return to campus. In the meantime, the Committee is going forward with a schedule via Zoom in the Fall.

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[Salem City Club](#) presents Willamette President, Dr. Stephen Thorsett: [The State of Higher Education](#)

**Friday, March 19, 2021** - Noon program via **Zoom Webinar**

The last few years have been eventful for academic institutions, and Dr. Thorsett has attracted national recognition as a leader in higher education, with articles in both the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal citing his work and ideas.

On March 19, he will share with the City Club perspectives in three related arenas. First, we will hear about economic and demographic challenges

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## The Spring 2021 Schedule is posted online:

- [Link to ZOOM classes](#).  
*This is the same link each week.*
- on the [Google Calendar](#)
- the [full online version](#)
- and the [Schedule Reports](#)
- [Recorded Presentations!](#)

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## Missing ICL Friends?

Join us for...

- [Virtual Happy Hour](#) on Fridays at 4:30PM.
- [Zoom Help](#) - Find tips, FAQ, and other resources available on the ICL Website.

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## Hayloft Concert - Reader's Theatre - Thursday, March 18 at 6:30PM.

1. [Computer School](#) by Bailey White
2. [Macbeth Murder Mystery](#) by James Thurber
3. [The Walrus and the Carpenter](#) by Lewis Carroll
4. [The Truth About George](#) by P.G. Wodehouse
5. [Everything is Wild](#) by James Thurber
6. [O Kaplan, My Kaplan](#) by Leo Rosten  
Tune in to via [Zoom](#).

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[16 female scientists you should know about.](#)

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facing higher education in general. Further, we will consider private liberal arts education and in particular conditions here in the Northwest with our community of similar institutions. Finally, we look forward to honing in on the health and wellbeing of Willamette University itself. How is it surviving the pandemic? What new programs and innovations should we know about, and what does the financial and academic future have in store?

Dr. Stephen Thorsett has served as Willamette University's 25th president for the last ten years, and the City Club is proud to welcome him for the first time in several years. We look forward to an update on the venerable institution that has touched many of our lives.

In response to the pandemic, Salem City Club presents programs as Zoom webinars. In this format, audience members can enjoy the program in the comfort of their own homes. You can join the webinar on a computer or smart device to hear/see the speakers, see any visuals they share, and ask questions of the speakers after their presentation. You can also join by telephone, but, of course, then you will only hear the presentation.

The structure and presentations are the same as our in-person meetings, including the question and answer period. To ask a question, those joining on a computer or smart device have the option of typing in a question or asking the question live. Those joining by telephone can "raise hand" to ask questions live. (To raise your hand on a regular telephone, press \*9 )

With the online format, you are required to register for each program. After registering, you will receive an email with instructions for joining the webinar. You will also receive reminders with the same information.

[Register for March 19](#)

*This program is proudly sponsored by the Oregon Alliance of Independent Colleges and Universities.*

### Capitol Celebrates Beginning of Spring

As spring begins to bud again in Oregon, we hope you will join us in celebrating the annual Cherry Blossom Day at the Capitol, online March 20, from 10 AM - 2 PM.

Cherry Blossom Day is a popular Saturday event for Capitol visitors. And while this year's virtual event does not substitute for a live stroll through State Capitol State Park's fragrant, blooming, cherry trees, we are happy to continue the tradition of honoring Japanese culture in Oregon and celebrating the start of spring.

Leading up to the event, our "bloom cam" will post updates on the Capitol's Facebook Page, with photos of the trees on the Capitol Mall. Amateur and professional photographers alike are welcome to visit [State Capitol State Park](#) on their own time to take pictures. Visitors are expected to comply with all public health guidelines. Due to the recent ice storm, be sure to check with the Oregon State Parks and Recreation department on the status of the park prior to your trip.

On March 20, celebrate Cherry Blossom Day online through our [Facebook Event](#) and [Capitol Event\\*](#) pages. Both will feature videos and other digital

### Helping Hands could use men's clothing and raingear,...

so if you are culling items from your closets, consider donating to Helping Hands on 13th Street.

[Helping Hands Resources](#) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that gathers donated clothing, bedding and household items and provides them to anyone in need at no charge.



### [The battle to become Oregon's official state vegetable \(OPB\)](#)

Onion allies want to celebrate their alliums. Potato proponents say no way. Hashing out the path to a new state symbol is messier than you might think.



### A Word to Know: Demonym

(DEM-ə-nim) noun

Origin: Greek, mid-19th century

1. A noun used to denote the natives or inhabitants

content from our Cherry Blossom partners. \*The Capitol Event Page will go live March 18, so save the link and check back soon.

This event is sponsored by the Oregon State Capitol Foundation.

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## [Rocky Intertidal Habitat - 2nd Grade Day at the Bay](#)

Friends of Netarts Bay **Watershed, Estuary, Beach, and Sea** - WEBS

*Note: this is a follow-up of last week's Thursday presentation.*

The Friends of Netarts Bay WEBS (#NetartsBayWEBS) in partnership with Tillamook School District #9, created 2nd Grade Day at the Bay over a decade ago! This program allows 2nd graders from South Prairie School and Garibaldi Elementary School to explore and compare the habitats, animals, and plants found in along our #rockyshores to those found in #NetartsBay. We hope you enjoy this [video about the beach and exploring life in our local #tidepools!](#)

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## [Library Homebound Services](#)

We can deliver the library to you!

**Salem Public Library** provides delivery services to library card holders who are unable to visit or use the library because of disability, extended illness, residence in a care facility, or advanced age.

**Operation Bookshelf (OBS):** Home and individual delivery; the library homebound services program for individuals. OBS users may borrow up to 20 items per month including:

- Regular or large print books
- Audiobooks
- Magazines
- Music
- DVDs

OBS is a partnership between the Salem Public Library and the Assistance League of Salem-Keizer. Salem Public Library staff collects the items you request and prepares them for delivery. Assistance League volunteers deliver items to you once a month. If you would like to know more about this service, contact the OBS staff at the library at 503-588-6089 or email [library@cityofsalem.net](mailto:library@cityofsalem.net).

[Find out more...](#)

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## **Tech Tip: Beware of the Gift Card Scam**

Thieves call you claiming to represent a legitimate company. They tell you that if you pay half of your next month's bill upfront with gift cards, that same gift card company will pay the other half. They allege that it is a promotion to get the word out about gift cards for this company. If you hesitate, they can sweeten the deal and offer some additional perk – like AT&T offering free movie channels. Gift cards to scammers are like cash and there is no way for you to recuperate anything after the gift card numbers and the transaction are shared. It is always a scam if someone asks you to use gift cards to pay a bill, to bail someone out of jail, or to fix any other emergency.

of a particular country, state, city, etc.

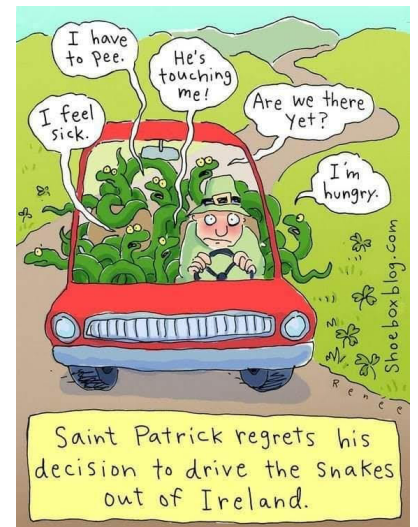
2. Descriptive term used by a writer as a pen name.

**Success is not greedy, as people think, but insignificant. That is why it satisfies nobody.**  
- Seneca

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## **Zoom Cat Lovers...**

Ancient Egyptians worshipped cats so much that they would be mummified and entombed after death. Egyptians would shave their eyebrows on the occasion of a beloved cat's death. The mourning period would last until their eyebrows grew back.



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## **Palindrome:**

Are we not drawn onward, we few, drawn onward to new era?

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