



# Institute for Continued Learning Digest

## Welcome to the 75th Edition of the ICL Senioritis

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### ICL Update:

- **Pick up Membership Directory Sept. 1st and 2nd from 10am to noon:** Vernelle Judy (Membership Director) and Tracy Ragland (Secretary) will be handing out hard copies of the Membership Directory in the Willamette Heritage Center parking lot. Look for a table setup, hopefully in the shade. 1313 Mill Street SE (across from Tokyo International University of America).
- **New Proposed Constitution:** There will be a vote at a brief general meeting on September 7th, first day of classes, for the purpose of adopting the proposed constitution.
  - [Revised Proposed Constitution \(PDF\)](#)  
Accompanying documents: [Explanations](#) | [Showing edits](#)
- **Technical Class for new members** (and anyone else!): **September 2nd** at 10:00 AM on [Zoom](#). Practice Zooming, explore the Willamette and ICL websites, learn where to find things online, and more!

### Willamette Updates

- [Willamette updates pronoun and gender identity options](#)
- [International student arrival and study abroad moving forward](#)
- **Opening Day** (College of Arts and Sciences): August 25th
- **COVID Case Communications:** We will no longer send a separate communication for each confirmed case. Instead, there will be a dashboard on our [COVID website](#) by the end of this week that will be updated as cases are confirmed that will be broken down by the campus and affected population (students, employees, contractors). We will continue to communicate with close campus contacts of any individual who tests positive for COVID as well as notify affected employees (those who worked in the same facility or in the same well-defined portion of the facility such as a particular floor) that an individual who was present in the facility has confirmed COVID-19, per OSHA's requirements.
- **Follow the Willamette community on social media:** Stay updated on all four of Willamette's colleges and learn more about our expanding community. This directory features social media pages affiliated with Willamette University's academic departments, offices and programs. [Willamette University Social Media Directory: willamette.edu/go/social](#)

### Interview with Joan Robinson, our new Executive Director

From August 25th ICL Newsletter: The nominating committee presented their nomination for Executive Director of ICL to the board on Thursday, August 19th in a board work session. The board voted unanimously for Joan Robinson. We all thank Joan for stepping up to fill the remainder of Kasia Quillinan's term as Executive Director.

### Handy Links:

- [Link to ZOOM classes, Board meetings, Coffees, Happy Hour, etc.](#)
- [Calendar:](#) Classes, etc.
- [Schedule Reports](#)
- [Recorded Classes!](#) More recordings are available in the [password protected area](#) for members only. Others are not available at all without permission from the presenter.
- [Zoom Help](#) - Find tips, FAQ, and other resources available on the Website

### Missing ICL Friends?

Join us for...

- [Tuesday morning Coffee Hour:](#) 10 AM Tuesdays.
- [Virtual Happy Hour](#) on Fridays at 4:30 PM.
- [ICL Wine Club.](#) Every third Monday at 4:30 PM.

### Documentary: [Fantastic Fungi](#) (on Netflix)

Fantastic Fungi is a descriptive time-lapse journey about the magical, mysterious and medicinal world of fungi and their power to heal, sustain and contribute to the regeneration of life on Earth that began 3.5 billion years ago. ([IMDB](#))

### New Netflix Series: [Penguin Town](#)

In a picturesque South African town, an eclectic group of endangered penguins flock together to find mates, raise

Joan joined ICL in 2014 and has become our resident Supreme Court 'expert' with her annual October SCOTUS update. This week she met with long time ICL member Don Gallagher for an interview.



**Don:** So Joan you have been involved in ICL in several different roles but this is your first experience on the Board of Directors. Of course we are grateful that you are willing to step in, but tell me how did it all happen?

**Joan:** Well first of all the nominating committee asked me whether I was interested in filling the position. Since I have personally enjoyed ICL and appreciate the volunteer effort by others I felt that I should take the offer seriously. I felt ICL deserved a thoughtful response and after some analysis concluded that I had something to offer.

**Don:** What is the first thing you are going to do as chair?

**Joan:** I plan to listen a lot!

**Don:** Where were you born and raised?

**Joan:** I was born in Washington DC, on August 8, 1945, between the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. My twin sister Nancy and I were taken home from the hospital a week later amid cheering and jubilation in the streets. After the war my parents moved to Boulder, Colorado, then to Philadelphia and, the summer I turned 8, to Portland, Oregon.

**Don:** Tell us about your parents?

**Joan:** My parents met when both were code breakers in Washington DC during the Second World War. My father was in the army; my mother was a civilian. Eventually both became math teachers in Portland - my father at Reed College, my mother at the Catlin Gabel School.

**Don:** Did you have siblings?

**Joan:** Three sisters, one was my twin. Unfortunately they are gone but they have left me a blessing and big responsibility as a stand-in grandmother. (None of my sisters lived long enough to see her grandchildren.) The grandchildren are currently 3, 6, 6, 8 and 9. The 9 year-old is the only one in Oregon but when there is no pandemic, I see all of them fairly regularly.

**Don:** Tell me about your education.

**Joan:** After graduating from Cleveland High School, I attended Wellesley where I received my BA in Philosophy. While at Wellesley I developed a serious interest in philosophy. I was accepted as a PhD candidate in the philosophy department at Columbia University. After 4 years I changed my goals and applied to Rutgers Law School where I received my JD in 1976.

**Don:** So tell me your job search after graduating from law school in the mid-seventies and searching for a job. Had women been accepted in the law profession yet?

**Joan:** Not widely, at least in Oregon. I returned to Portland immediately after graduating from law school and began interviewing with large and midsize firms. The managing partner of one midsize firm had been away when I first interviewed at that firm, so I came back to meet with him. The

families and mix with the locals. ([IMDB](#))

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[Three young boys in Ireland discover a message in a bottle from a Canadian fisher.](#)

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[A visual snapshot of how Americans spend their day.](#)

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[An Australian farmer pays a unique tribute to his aunt with his livestock.](#)

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[World War II vet reunites with rescued Italian children.](#)

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[A farmer couldn't go to his aunt's funeral because](#)

of covid. So he used sheep to send a heart-shaped message. [Read the article and watch the video of the sheep making a huge heart.](#)

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**Drama is very important in life: You have to come on with a bang. You never want to go out with a whimper.**  
- Julia Child

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**A Word to know:**

**Salubrious**

(sə-LOO-bree-əs) adjective  
Latin, mid-16th century

1. Health-giving; healthy.

Examples of Salubrious in a sentence

"Regular exercise is always a wise, salubrious habit."

"My mother teasingly called my salubrious dinners "rabbit food.""

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[Some favorite museums around the world.](#)

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first thing he said to me was “my reaction to the idea of a woman lawyer is hell no.” Others did not say it out loud but in fact there were few women practicing in large firms at that time.

**Don:** Then I understand that you interviewed for a position in the Oregon Legislature?

**Joan:** Yes. A friend showed my resume around and I was offered a job for the session beginning in January 1977. I accepted that position and as it turns out spent 30+ years working for the Legislature. I worked mostly in the Office of Legislative Counsel, drafting bills and giving legal advice to legislators.

**Don:** Tell me about any passions in retirement?

**Joan:** Travel, family, and time at the beach. I have taken several trips abroad, by myself, with friends and with an outfit called “Wilderness Travel.” I have taken three trips to India with Wilderness Travel, one of which also included Bhutan and Nepal. I have also been to England, Central Asia, Fiji, Corfu, Morocco, Italy and Hawaii. I travel to see family when I can - currently Atlanta, Tumwater, Washington and Cloverdale, Oregon. And I travel (though not far) to my house on Cascade Head overlooking the mouth of the Salmon River and the beautiful Pacific Ocean.

**Don:** I have some serious questions about the alarming direction the SCOTUS is making but guess that I need to wait until October to ask you. I am looking forward to your presentation. Thank you again Joan for your willingness to assist ICL at this important time.

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### **Library Reopening Postponed!**

Due to increasing COVID-19 infections, the City of Salem has postponed the public reopening of the renovated Main Library and the West Salem Branch until further notice. A new opening date will be announced later.

The new Main Library outdoor book drop - located on the Liberty Street side of the building - will open on Wednesday, September 1. Planning is underway to restart curbside service and to look for other ways to help patrons better engage with the Library. More information will be released as available.

Downloadable eBooks and eAudiobooks and other virtual library services are available.

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### **[10 Great Spots for Outdoor Dining Around the Salem Region](#)**

The Salem area is awash in buzzworthy outdoor options, from the region’s only rooftop dining room to restaurants overlooking lush parks and verdant gardens. So as you look for your next favorite meal—and a scenic locale to enjoy it in—here are 10 great spots for alfresco dining around the Salem region this summer (and, in some cases, all year long). [[Travel Salem](#)]

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### **Local and Virtual Events!**

- [Gaiety Hollow “Musical Open Gardens”](#): Free!
- **Hayloft Concerts.** Contact [Sharon Moore](#) for details and to get on the mailing list for concerts this summer.
- [A Celebration of the Life of Local Artist James Kirk](#): Ends 9/5/21

### **Hawaii is begging tourists to stay away!**

Governor David Ige is asking tourists to wait until at least the end of October to visit the State. Hospitals and ICUs are at capacity after Hawaii recently relaxed its strict entry requirement and has allowed unvaccinated travelers to visit without needing a test or to quarantine.

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**“Linkboys” were young,** low-class males who escorted pedestrians through dark city streets with a torch. The job ultimately became obsolete with the installation of streetlamps. The phrase “can’t hold a candle to” is supposedly a reference to linkboys; anyone who couldn’t ‘hold a candle’ better than a low-class linkboy was considered extremely inferior.

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### **Before there were emojis,**

there was the classic yellow smiley face.



Though copyright claims have been mixed throughout the years, the design is generally attributed to graphic artist Harvey Ross Ball, who created it in 1963 for a morale-building campaign at an insurance company. He was paid only \$45 and never copyrighted the design, which went on to become an enduring cultural phenomenon.

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### **Questions?**

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