



# Institute for Continued Learning Digest

## Welcome to the 92nd Edition of the ICL Senioritis

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### *Happy New Year!*

#### ICL Update:



It is with great sadness we let you know about the death of member, **Margaret Vander Weyden**. Margaret became a member of ICL in September of 1995 - over 26 years ago! Pre-COVID, she attended ICL classes regularly and also enjoyed the Tuesday lunch gatherings during the summer months.

#### ● **Membership Message from Vernelle:**

ICL has a long waiting list, and for good reason. This past Summer we had openings for 26 new members. Upon calling from the top of the waiting list, many who answered were at a loss as to what they had signed up for so many years ago. However, we were able to bring onboard a wonderful full new class of folks who were ready to enjoy the bounty provided by this organization.

In the ensuing months, three of those have met with obstacles precluding them from continuing so have opted out. Three members who have been with ICL for many years have also come to the same conclusion, and three more have taken leave. One, our Peter Ronai, moved on to peaceful pastures. So, we currently have openings for 10 new members come next Autumn's gathering.

In the month's ahead, there will be more changes due what Father Time hands out. Please know that the ICL program is strong, viable, and a bright light to the continuing membership. We are a population who are privileged to experience aging. Thankfully, we are wise enough to know that membership is always in flux. So, be prepared for new faces each Autumn as time marches on.

**I wish you a Happy, Healthy New Year**

**Vernelle J Judy, WU-ICL Membership Director**

#### Handy Links:

- Link to [ZOOM](#) classes, Board meetings, Coffees, Happy Hour,... almost all things ICL
- [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...

- [Virtual Happy Hour](#) on Fridays at 4:30 PM.
- [ICL Wine Club](#) on the third Monday each month at 4:30 PM.

#### Book Recommendation from Vernelle Judy:

To the Naturalists, Gardeners, Biologists, Scientists, Curious... ICL'ers at large, I highly recommend the book by Elisabeth Tova Bailey, [The Sound of a Wild Snail Eating](#), for your New Year's consumption. You will be enthralled, I promise.

#### [USAFacts 10 most-read articles of 2021](#)

#### Here are the data that got readers through the second year of the pandemic

This year, Americans turned to USAFacts for nonpartisan data to understand the priorities of the Biden administration, the nation's changing population, and, most prominently, the ongoing pandemic. Here are the most-read reports of 2021.

- **The new Spring Semester** starts on **Tuesday, January 11, 2022. That's next week!** A reminder that we will be using **Zoom** and the link [remains the same](#). Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. See [Class Schedule for January](#) [Full Spring Schedule](#) (subject to change)
- **Parking Permits** for the Willamette Heritage Center for the period January to May 2022 are \$40. There is no *pro rata* reduction in the cost for periods when ICL is not in session at Kaneko Commons.
  - A check payable to Willamette Heritage Center in the amount of \$40 is due **January 11, 2022**. On this date the checks will be given to Willamette Heritage Center. Please mail your payment to Gary Slangan (see membership directory for address).
  - When I receive your check I will email you an acknowledgement.

- If you have emailed me a request for a permit and now do not want one, no action is necessary.
- If you have not emailed me a request for a permit but now want one, just mail me a \$40 check.
- Please do not contact the Willamette Heritage Center regarding parking permits.

## Share Your Best!

Tell us the best thing that happened to you in 2021 despite all the events of the year. What are you most happy about or grateful for?

Link to us here: [ICL Newsletter Sharing My Best](#)

## Willamette University Update:

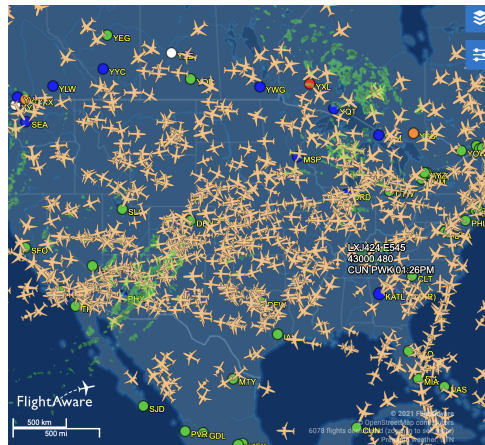
- **Vaccination Policy Update:** Willamette University originally encouraged students, staff, and faculty to get their COVID booster shots by Fall 2022. They are now *requiring* that the booster be completed by February 1, 2022.
- **Quiet Period:** Willamette will enforce a two-week “quiet period”, during which students will be encouraged to limit their in-person activities and interactions. Many classes that can be made remote will move online during this two-week period with the intention of returning to full in-person instruction after the quiet period is completed. For the Salem campus, the quiet period will begin January 10. For the PNCA campus, the quiet period will begin January 18. *(Looks like the Board made the right decision to not meet in person in January.)*

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**The year in COVID, visualized**  
[COVID-19 case rates by county in 2021](#)

**Twelve of the [happiest stories from 2021](#).**

[Girl dances as if she were the object getting squished by the hydraulic press - So Creative!](#)

**National Geographic: [Why ‘tiny forests’ are popping up in big cities](#)**

### [ODOT TripCheck:](#)

**TripCheck Has a New Map and Features!**

- **Live Traffic Layer:** Esri and HERE are providing ODOT with near real-time traffic congestion information.
- **Interactive Map Legend:** We’ve upgraded the Map Legend to include control over the maps layers. Now you can toggle any feature layer and save your view using the check box next to the feature. Be sure to expand the layer’s legend with the expand icon to view all the features you can toggle.
- **Pan and Zoom:** TripCheck now has maps that allow you to pan and zoom. Left-click and drag to pan the map. Use your scroll-wheel, or the +/- buttons on the map to zoom in and out.

[Support Salem and Keizer groups and get rid of your Christmas tree \(Statesman Journal\)](#)

### [On PBS: Extinction: The Facts](#)

Starring: Sir David Attenborough  
 53m 44s | closed captioning  
 With a million species at risk of extinction, Sir David Attenborough explores how this crisis of biodiversity has consequences for us all,

## Oregon Global Warming Commission to Meet Virtually on January 6

SALEM – The Oregon Global Warming Commission will meet Thursday, **January 6, 2022**. The public meeting will be held from **1 to 2:30 p.m. online**.

At this meeting, the Commission will hear an update and discuss modeling for the forthcoming Roadmap to 2035 to help the State develop a long-range agenda for meeting Oregon's emission reduction goals. The work supporting the Roadmap involves identifying and analyzing potential actions across sectors to reduce GHG emissions and/or sequester carbon and provide additional co-benefits for Oregonians.

Public comments may be submitted through the contact form online or by email ([oregon.GWC@energy.oregon.gov](mailto:oregon.GWC@energy.oregon.gov)). Members of the public will also have an opportunity to sign up for public comment during the meeting. Those wanting to testify will need to sign up at the beginning of the meeting.

The agenda and additional meeting information, including how to listen in, is available on the Commission's website.

If you need special accommodations to participate in the meeting, please contact Linda Ross at 503-378-6874 or at [linda.ross@energy.oregon.gov](mailto:linda.ross@energy.oregon.gov).

### Senior Texting Codes

Teens have their texting codes (LOL, OMG, TTYL, etc.).

Not to be outdone by these kids, now senior members have their own short-hand codes.

- ATD - At the Doctor's
- BFF - Best Friend's Funeral
- BTW - Bring the Wheelchair
- BYOT - Bring your own teeth
- CUATSC - See You at the Senior Center
- DWI - Driving While Incontinent
- FWIW - Forgot Where I Was
- FYI - Found Your Insulin
- GGPBL - Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low
- GHA - Got Heartburn Again
- LOL - Living on Lipitor
- TOT - Texting on Toilet
- TTYL - Talk to You Louder
- WTP - Where are the Prunes?

Hope these help ....

GGLKI ! (Gotta Go, Laxative Kicking In)

### Local and Virtual Events!

- [Salem City Club - Powering the Northwest: Balancing Our Energy Needs with Resources Now and in the Future](#) - Friday, **January 7, 2022** | 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
- [Elsinore Theatre Winter Film Series](#): 2pm and 7pm; Tickets: \$10
- [OMSI Goes Under Water](#) - from South Africa to Southern Alabama: Connecting History and Archaeology. Thursday, January 13 at 7:00pm. [RSVP](#) here to tune in via Zoom!
- [Science on Tap](#): 7pm, January 20 - Online: [What Insects Do and Why](#); \$5 for General Admission; FREE tickets also available!
- [CCRLS Community Wellness and Recovery Workshops](#) - throughout January, February and March. Free with Registration.

threatening food and water security, undermining our ability to control our climate and even putting us at greater risk of pandemic diseases.

**Aired: 3/31/21 Expires: 1/19/22**

### The science behind [Champagne bubbles](#)

[8 Quirky New Year's Eve traditions around the world](#)

**New Year's Eve around the world, [in photos](#).**

Each moment is a place  
you've never been.  
- Mark Strand

**Word to Know: Grandiloquent** (gran-DIHL-ə-kwent) adjective  
Origin: Latin, late 16th century  
1. A lofty, colorful style of speaking intended to impress

**The Guinness World Records** reports that the largest snowflake ever recorded was found in Fort Keogh, Montana in 1887, and was 15 inches wide and 8 inches thick.

### Just Say NO to Snow!

In 1992, after record-breaking snowfall, Syracuse, New York attempted to take matters into their own hands after the heavy snow started to dampen morale. On March 30 of that year, the city declared further snow illegal until December 24. Unfortunately, the resolution didn't do much to phase weather patterns, with snow falling just two days later. However, the city's attempt did provide a flurry of comic relief, which was much needed after the winter storms.

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