



# Institute for Continued Learning Digest



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### From, about, and for our Members



#### Park bench dedication in honor of ICL members, Kasia Quillinan and David Engen:

The **City of Salem** donated a new park bench, installed recently, in **Englewood Park** in honor of ICL members, **David Engen** and **Kasia Quillinan**. Kasia and David have walked in the park frequently and on nearby streets for many years, picking up trash and planting trees in the park.

There was a celebration and dedication to honor Kasia and David's volunteer contribution to Salem on Saturday, February 12th in Englewood Park.

Kasia was a past Executive Director of ICL and served in other capacities. The two of them have contributed many presentations to ICL as well as performances with the ICL Players. Kasia served on the Salem City Council.

“Our community deeply appreciates the care and time both of you have committed to make Englewood Park and the City of Salem a better place to live. **Thank you for your love of trees and parks!**”

#### Congratulations, Eric!

Every year the members of the Silverton chapter of Rotary elect a Rotarian of the Year for their efforts in promoting Rotary. Eric Reif (an ICL member and member of the board) has been the Silverton Rotary Membership Director for the past two years and was elected as this year’s recipient - primarily for increasing membership. Eric received the **Rotarian of the Year** plaque after being introduced by Rotary’s President last Saturday evening at an awards banquet at the Oregon Garden. It was a big event drawing about 200 people.



#### Member Spotlight: The Saga and Life of B - Lee Coyne – By Marje S Wallace

We have all met B-Lee Coyne at our ICL meetings. But do we really know him?

Lee became a member of ICL in September 2013. He was brought into the group by his now deceased spouse, Carmela Coyne. She was a Math professor from Manila, in the Philippines. She and Lee were married for 30 years.

Lee was born November 1941, just before Pearl Harbor was attacked by Japan and World War II began.

Lee's father, Al Coyne, was the first man drafted from Brooklyn. He appealed it...and lost, leaving Lee without a father figure in his earliest years of development. After Dad shipped out, Lee and his mother, Ida Coyne, went to live with his grandparents, a single aunt, and an uncle; five adults who surrounded, supported, and protected him. Lee was essentially treated as a diminutive adult.



B - Lee Coyne

Lee's home life was news and war broadcasts on the radio, Big Band music and radio stories of the period: The Shadow, Laurel and Hardy, Amos and Andy, Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton and many more.

He remembers doing jigsaw puzzles, playing with the typewriter, learning geography and letters while he drank his milk. He gave me an example of his memory of this moment in time. His mom would give him a glass of milk and have him pretend to be a train engineer and each sip of milk would be a whistle stop on the rail line. That was how he learned his letters, reading and names of the east coast states and their capitals. Last stop Key West, Florida!

Another method of teaching his mother used, was providing many fun opportunities to expose a very young Lee to the world of words. He also had the Webster Dictionary at age 5, and it left an imprint on a budding writer.

Following the end of World War II, Lee's father made it home to Brooklyn, to his grandparents house. Like many soldiers returning from war, he carried home a case of PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder/ Shell Shock). Bouts of anger were not unusual, and a young Lee was the target during some of these outbursts. The emotional abuse dealt out during these encounters, was a likely impetus for becoming the Lee I am interviewing today.

Lee's quiet home was no more...despite this, Lee grew and developed his love for the written word. By the 3rd grade, Lee was selling his love poems to his peers for 1 penny each. Good money for the period! A less poetry gifted peer hired Lee to write love poems for a young girl he was trying to impress. This was the launch pad for Lee's future writing career.

Jumping forward, Lee is now a young adult of 22, he is now attending Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey. While there, he ran for office on the student board and became the school Treasurer.

During all this growth, a young activist was emerging...

Lee's Causes and accomplishments were:

Principal Letter 1956: Lee wrote a proposal letter on needed lighting improvements for study hall area at school and getting the library open for students on Sunday. The proposal was accepted, and the principal led the fund-raising campaign to pay for the needed changes. This was quite a feather in Lee's Press Reporter hat of the future and wet his appetite for even more.

English Essay Contest 1959: A Daily News writing contest and Lee wrote a paper and his piece wins!!

Ask Me? Presentation 1962: Lee's subject this time was "Weather Satellites". These early ventures into public speaking and answering questions concisely and with researched, up to date information, further prepared young Lee to become the B- Lee Coyne of the future.

Interviewed a "Freedom Rider- Barbra Lehman 1963

Lee Joined the Civil Rights Movement

Launched first use of shut-in teleconferences in the USA, called the Sunshine Line. NY City

Prevented 4 suicides on Lifelong

5 articles published nationally (2 in Philadelphia and 1 in Kansas City)

Lee was on his way...

Lee's Future Project is to put Senior recreational equipment in at least two city parks, showing parity with playgrounds for kids.

Lee and his love relationship with words has only grown. Here are some "Lee Coyne" coined words: (Happy coincidence):



Marjorie Wallace

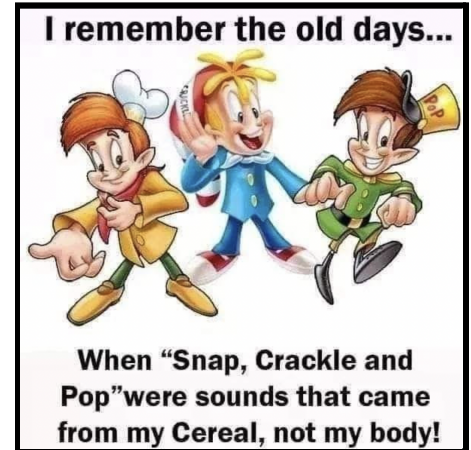
-Yesterdata -Humorifics -Vesuviate -Spyify -Vamporious  
-Commatose -Captioneer -Boozeblues -Surrealspeil -Cagerage

Quite a mental picture these words invoke. As you can see, seeing each other twice a week during an ICL session/year, does not mean we know them. Ask Lee about himself. He loves to share his stories!

**From Judy Gram: Paraprosdokians** (Winston Churchill loved them) are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous.

- Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
- The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
- Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
- We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.
- War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
- Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit . . . Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
- To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
- In filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, Notify:' I put 'DOCTOR'.
- Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
- You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
- I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
- To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
- Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a mechanic.
- You're never too old to learn something stupid.
- I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

Haven't had enough? [Here's some more by famous people.](#)



### Unanswered questions in life:

- Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard when he lives in the jungle without a razor?
- Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are flat?
- Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they know there is not enough?
- Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?
- What is the speed of darkness?
- Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up every two hours?
- If the temperature is zero outside today and it's going to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold will it be tomorrow?
- Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?
- Why do toasters always have a setting so high that could burn the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?
- If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then \*what is baby oil made from?\*
- If electricity comes from electrons, \*does morality come from morons?\*
- Why do the \*Alphabet Song\* and \*Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star Song\* have the same tune?
- \*Stop singing & read on.....
- Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him on a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?
- Does pushing the elevator button more than once make it arrive faster?

