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With Great Sorrow: Ron Steiner died on April 26, 2024; he was 85.

After waiting over 3 and a half years to become an ICL member, Ron and his wife, Caren Ann Jackson, finally became members in 2022. Due to health issues they were not able to renew this past academic year, but got to enjoy ICL presentations for that year.

Ron is well known in the Salem area for leading the group [Oregonians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty](#) (OADP), a cause he was very passionate about for many, many years - even before coming to Oregon.

Before becoming an ICL member he gave a presentation at ICL on that subject titled "In the Executioner's Shadow" (March 17, 2019).

A great civic leader, organizer, and volunteer, Ron will be missed by many.

"Seek Peace, Give Service, Be Happy" - Ron

Services will be on **June 14, 2024** from 4 to 7 pm at Queen of Peace Catholic Church. [Obituary](#)



"School's out for Summer!"

Congratulations! Well Done! Kudos! Thank you!

It's been a great year! Let's give a hand to our fabulous Curriculum Committee for bringing us 2 semesters of excellent presentations! 🙌🙌🙌

And to all the folks who helped put it all together and make things run smoothly: Social Services: Dee Iltis and Priscilla Hibbard, Financial Director: Jan Petroski, University Support Services: Eric Reif, and Technical Services: the amazing GwenEllyn Anderson!

Great jobs! Thank you all! 🙌🙌🙌

Welcome to new board members!

Social Services: Colleen Spedale and Debbie Robinson

University Support Services: Helen Mazur-Hart and Tom Hibbard

Thank you for stepping up to fill these board positions. 🙌🙌🙌

And Thank You! to the board members who went above and beyond and are now stepping down:

Priscilla Hibbard and Dee Iltis (Social Services), and Eric Reif (University Support Services)!

Great job! 🙌🙌🙌

You can see the entire [2024-2025 Board of Directors here](#).

New Members of the Curriculum Committee:

The Curriculum Committee is already hard at work filling time slots for presentations Fall semester. And they're doing it with the help of some new members on the committee. Here is a list of the current [Curriculum Committee members](#). *Thank you for volunteering!*

Save the date: Curriculum Committee Meeting on Thursday, May 16 at noon on [Zoom](#)

ICL **Tuesday Summer Lunches! Taproot Old Mill Café (1313 Mill Street SE)**

Missing your friends at ICL, yet? A longtime tradition at ICL is meeting in the summer months for lunch once a week on Tuesdays. Before Covid we met in Goudy as it was open in the summers to feed students attending band camps and the like. But Goudy has not been an option for 4 years. Last year we met at Taproot Old Mill Cafe (across the street from TIUA and Kaneko). They weren't open on Tuesdays, so we met on Thursdays. However, Taproot has expanded their hours, and is now open on Tuesdays.

So, let's meet on Tuesdays, starting tomorrow, **Tuesday, May 7 at 11:30 AM**. *All are welcome!* Look for us inside and outside. Here's the [menu](#). At that time we can discuss date, time, and venue options.

Goudy Schedule:

Breakfast on **May 9th** will be the last meal Goudy will be open this semester.

TOMORROW! Elephant in the Room (KMUZ Radio: 88.5 and 100.7 FM): 8:00 AM

ICL member, **Tom Ellis**, hosts a monthly radio program about climate change on the [KMUZ](#) Radio “**Willamette Wakeup**” program the *first Tuesday* of the month. His very special guest TOMORROW is ICL member, **Vernelle Judy**. Vernelle is the author of several books, including [The Big One: What To Do Before-During-After the Imminent Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquake](#). Vernelle has a lot of good insights about disaster preparedness!

Tune in at 8:00 AM tomorrow on FM 88.5 or 100.7.

Follow-up on presentation 2 weeks ago:

- From [Climate Central: Climate Shift Index](#) (left out of last week’s newsletter)
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Follow-up to other presentations:

Volunteer for Salem Harvest!

Elise Bauman, Executive Director of [Salem Harvest](#), gave a talk this spring about food waste at the farm level. Now is your chance to help by becoming a volunteer harvester. You need to register as a volunteer to be eligible to sign up for harvests. Each harvest is two hours, and you must donate at least 50% of what you pick. You can take the rest home or donate more. The website tells you all about Salem Harvest, and if you wish to volunteer, click the Volunteer tab and follow the instructions. <https://www.salemharvest.org/>

For The Birds!

Mike Unger gave a talk on bird ecology this spring and sent along information on good apps to use for birding. All of these apps are available for both iOS and Android phones wherever you get your apps..

- **Sibley V2** - Has a nice comparison feature. \$19.99
- **iBird Pro** - A great overall app. Subscription based now at \$9.99 a year.
- **Audubon Birds** - A very good app that is free.
- **Raptor ID** - The best raptor app, and it is free
- **Merlin Bird ID** - Has Sound ID and Photo ID capability. It is also free.

The best birding website is **Cornell Lab of Ornithology All About Birds**: <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/>

Also, everyone is welcome to join [Salem Audubon Society \(SAS\)](#) for their free bird walks. All levels of birdwatchers are welcome. The schedule can be accessed from the SAS website at <https://www.salemaudubon.org/>. The Event Calendar is on the right side of the page. You can also access the monthly newsletter, **The Kestrel**, which gives more details on each bird walk and other activities. A link to the current [Kestrel](#) is also on the front page of the website.

Workshop: Computational Thinking for Adult Life-long Learners

If you are interested in participating in the summer workshop *Computational Thinking for Adult Life-long Learners*, here is the link to give your input into scheduling and format. **Dr. Fred Agbo** and his student **Connor** will be facilitating the workshop. [Here is your chance to work in 3-D using Virtual Reality glasses!](#)

Dates to remember (see [Google Calendar](#)):

- **ICL Lunches during the Summer months**: Every Tuesday at 11:30 AM at Taproot Old Mill Café.
 - **ICL Board Meetings**: 2nd Thursday each month at **1:00 PM** on [Zoom](#). All members are welcome. *Subject to change during the Summer.*
 - **Curriculum Committee Meetings**: 3rd Thursday of each month at 12:00 PM. Subject to change during the summer. *Next meeting, Thursday, May 16th on [Zoom](#).* .
 - **Wine Club**: 3rd Monday each month at 4:30 PM. Contact [Dave MacMillan](#) for details or to get on the mailing list. We will continue to meet during the Summer. Cheers! 🍷
 - **Friday Virtual Happy Hours** on [Zoom](#) at **4:30 PM**. Open to all *past* members, *current* members, and *new* members! We’d love to see you and chat. *BYOB*
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