



Institute for Continued Learning Digest

Welcome to the 24th Edition of the ICL Senioritis

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ICL Updates: Successful Zoom Practice

GwenEllyn and Dave hosted about 21 members during the two-hour drop-in practice session on Tuesday morning. Guests got a chance to practice joining the meeting, turning on their video and unmuting themselves, Speaker and Gallery View, and how to use Zoom Chat in order to post questions during the Q&A of upcoming Zoom presentations. Members 'zoomed' in on laptops, tablets and cell phones.

A second practice session will be **Thursday morning, September 3rd between 10:00 AM and Noon**. If you haven't had a chance to practice, please join us [here](#).

Evelyn and Jerry Smith Obituary

Evelyn L. and Jerry G. Smith tragically passed away together on July 6, 2020 at their beloved home in Salem, Oregon, both aged 77. They were much loved and appreciated by their community of friends.

Evelyn was born on Nov. 6, 1942 in San Francisco, CA Jerry was born Feb. 2, 1943 in Philadelphia, PA. Jerry's early experiences included camping, hiking, sailing and firefighting. Evelyn also enjoyed the outdoor life, and the two became accomplished outdoorsmen, devoting most summers to hiking in Alaska, Yellowstone, Grand Tetons and anywhere else there was true wilderness, and few tourists.



Jerry and Evelyn met while on a hike with the Sierra Singles group. Jerry, being gallant, tried to help Evie cross a creek, but accidentally dropped her in; thus began their 45 year relationship and marriage. They loved each other deeply. Jerry became a journeyman plumber and spent his career in San Francisco, working mostly on new commercial projects. Evelyn's experiences as a young adult included two trips to Europe, and living for a short time in Alaska where she piloted her own bush plane. She finished her education earning a BA in art education. She loved teaching, and spent 30 years as an art teacher, mostly in inner city schools. She was a ceramicist and watercolor artist.

They retired to Salem in 1998, and continued to pursue their love of the outdoors. They became accomplished wildlife and landscape photographers. Evelyn created exquisite slide shows/videos set to music of their photos. She often did watercolor paintings of wildlife, old barns

Missing ICL Friends?

Join us for...

- **Virtual Happy Hour** on Fridays at 4:30PM. [Zoom in here](#)
- **Coffee Breaks:** *Taking a break*
- **Zoom Help** - Find tips, FAQ, and other resources available on the ICL Website.

The Fall 2020 Schedule is posted online:

- on the [Google Calendar](#)
- the [full online version](#)
- and the [Schedule Reports](#), also found online.

These presentations will all be online via ZOOM. You will receive an invitation for the classes.

Sign up for the Collegian e-Newsletter. If you enjoyed reading the Collegian, it is going online. Enter your email address at the bottom of the homepage at willamettecollegian.com to sign up to receive it in your email.

Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man - Episode 8:

Protesting the National Anthem - NFL Commissioner, Roger Goodell, sits down with Emmanuel Acho to have an Uncomfortable Conversation with a Black Man. Emmanuel asks Goodell what he would say to Kaepernick and how he

and landscapes. They were extremely talented, but also very modest. They never realized or acknowledged how talented they really were.

Evelyn joined the Institute for Continued Learning at Willamette University, a Senior life-long learning group, in 2004. She gave several presentations over the years, including one on old barns and their history, and one on photosynthesis, as well as the slide shows of wildlife.

They hosted the Joan Galbraith Watercolor Society which met weekly in their home studio to socialize and paint. Once a month they held a "movie night." Movies were chosen by vote of the attendees, and were always classics in their field. As many as 50 people enjoyed a potluck dinner and movies, commenting on how warm and welcoming their home felt. Evie and Jerry used to marvel, "We can't believe all these important people want to be around US!?"

They had no children. Jerry is survived by a brother, Dan Smith of Washington D.C. Evelyn is survived by a sister, Terry Rhodes currently in New Mexico. They have a niece, Frances DeSienna, and a nephew, Fred DeSiena.

There will be no public memorial service. In light of their love of the outdoors, a gift in their memory to the Nature Conservancy or to Willamette Valley Humane Society would be a wonderful way to honor them for being our friends.

Don Gallagher interviews Eric Reif

Note: Eric Reif, who was elected our Director of University Support Services last spring, has just been chosen by our Board to emcee our Zoom meetings and to be in charge of announcements to be made for our limited fall semester offerings. Eric has been an ICL member since Fall 2018.



Don: It is going to be much more difficult this year to get to know each other better, so thanks for taking the time. Some of us know that you are from Pennsylvania, but for those who don't, tell us about it?

Eric: My wife, Donna, and I were raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; were married there in June 1970; raised our family in Pittsburgh; and spent our working lives there. Donna was a realtor for 28 years, and I spent 45 years as a partner in a Pittsburgh law firm specializing in civil litigation and trial work.

Don: Where did you go for your university studies?

Eric: I attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where I received my B.A. in 1963 as an English Major. I then entered Michigan Law School, where I received my J.D. in 1967. I also served as Law Clerk for the Hon. Timothy C. Quinn of the Michigan Court of Appeals from September 1967 through September 1968.

Don: So tell me about choosing Oregon for retirement?

Eric: By 2013 we were both ready to retire and the question became where to live in retirement. The answer was surprisingly easy, and we moved in 2013 to Silverton, Oregon to be close to our son, Brian, his

feels about the National Anthem Protests in the NFL.

[How can you not fall in love with this orchestra?](#)

The **Bahia Juvenile Orchestra** rejoices its Sunday with the contagious "Tico-Tico no Cornmeal", by Zequinha de Abreu, in arrangement for piano and orchestra of Jamberê. At the piano, the starter conductor of the orchestra and our general director, Ricardo Castro, with com Almeida.

The presentation took place during the closing concert of the Europe 2018 Tour, seventh international NEOJIBA Tour, at Philharmonie de Paris, in 17/09/2018.

[Salem Area Plant Exchange & Discussion:](#)

On Facebook (you do not need a FB account; free sign up). A place to buy, sell, trade & discuss indoor and outdoor plants in the Salem and surrounding area. Post pictures of your garden, share a good deal you found, ask questions about lighting, or ask if anyone has a plant you're in search of.

[Mesmerizing slow-motion videos of strange insects taking flight](#) - Wow!

Life During COVID-19:

"Every morning I pull the car out of the garage, and in the evening I put it back." - Don Gallagher during ICL Happy Hour (8/28/2020)

[The 50 coolest neighbourhoods in the world](#)

wife, Sarah, and our two grandchildren, Nate and Eliza, who also live in Silverton. Nate and Eliza are 7 and 10, respectively, and Brian is a nurse in the medical-surgery unit at Salem Hospital. Sarah is the Energy Coordinator with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and has spent a considerable amount of her time in the past two years working on various issues relating to the Jordan Cove project whereby a liquefied natural pipeline would be constructed through Oregon to a terminal in Coos Bay.

Don: How did you learn about ICL?

Eric: I learned about ICL, which has been a wonderful program that I've thoroughly enjoyed, because, after retiring, I was looking for a way to keep my mind active. I began to research college programs in Oregon with the idea that possibly I could monitor as part of a continuing education program a course in areas such as English or History. My research led to Willamette University and ICL..., with the long waiting list, I was despairing of ever being admitted before being notified after a three year wait that a spot was available.

Don: I know you shared one life experience with us at one of our Up Close sessions. Is there another life experience you would like to share with us?

Eric: I feel extremely fortunate during my 77 years to have had good health, a wonderful wife and family and having been able to spend 45 years in a legal career I found challenging and fascinating. Litigation and trial work can involve some unexpected and unwelcome outcomes that can make a young lawyer never want to step into a courtroom again - especially when juries are involved. A story which might amuse the ICL members is that, in order to avoid scaring young litigators, the law firm where I spent my first 27 years and had wonderful mentors, made it a point to be sure your first jury trial was one that factually should be a sure winner. One of our firm's clients was the Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad that was owned by U.S. Steel and hauled raw materials to its steel plants in the Pittsburgh area. My first jury trial in Pittsburgh involved defending the Bessemer in a lawsuit filed by an older couple who lived in rural Pennsylvania who, unbelievably, had managed to drive into the 38th and 39th cars of a 59 car Bessemer train as it was proceeding through a railroad crossing in broad daylight in rural Pennsylvania. Fortunately, their car was spun out by the train and they suffered only minor injuries and, given the good visibility at the crossing for motorists approaching from any direction, were not successful in convincing the jury that the crossing was ultra-hazardous and should have been protected by flashing lights and gates, rather than the crossbuck or X railroad crossing sign commonly used at crossings in rural areas. I did manage to win that trial and several others during my career and also lost a few. Regardless of the outcome, almost every trial involved getting an education about new facts and topics, working with many expert witnesses, and they kept the adrenaline flowing.

Don: Thanks Eric for your willingness to be interviewed. I guess that we will at least see you on Zoom very soon!

[Pigeon hangs on](#) for dear life as the plane takes off (video)

Where were these when we went to school?

These are some of the unusual areas one can now major in:

- Nautical archeology
- Surf science and technology
- Bakery science
- Existential-Phenomenological Psych
- Adventure Education
- Turf Grass Science
- Bagpiping
- Astrobiology
- Citrus
- Puppet Arts
- Auctioneering
- Bowling Industry Mgmt
- Race Track Engineering

Need to know more about what these are about? [Check them out here.](#)



Vocabulary: Opsimath \ 'äpsə, math \ - noun
[C19: from Greek opsimathēs, from opse late + math- learn]
- a person who begins to learn or study only late in life.

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