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## LLI PRESIDENT'S LETTER



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I am honored to have been elected President by LLI's Board of Directors for the 2020 - 2021 year. I have been an LLI member for approximately five years, joining when I was partially retired. I have served on the Curriculum Committee and have been on the Board since last year. Little did I know that as discussions were

taking place concerning my assuming the President's role, we would soon find ourselves in the midst of a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic crisis forcing the cancellation of classes for spring and moving us to an on-line platform.

I know that most of you feel as I do, that we miss attending classes and Lunch and Learn sessions in person where we not only learn about a wide range of subjects but also get to socialize with our LLI friends. Classes on Zoom are clearly not the same thing. I am pleased to report that our committees and the Board are working energetically to both make the on-line learning environment and our social interaction as good as they can be while also doing our best to get us back on campus for in person sessions.

I ask that every member consider what LLI has meant to you over these last few years when considering taking classes on-line and maintaining your membership. Like so many businesses struggling to make it through this unprecedented crisis, LLI needs your support to survive. Give the on-line

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## FALL TERM

We're back in session... via Zoom. LLI has a terrific lineup of 14 classes presented by many of your favorite instructors. There is one course scheduled in each time slot, so there are no conflicts. Enjoy as many courses as you like without having to choose among your favorites! The Monday through Thursday classes are at 10:30 AM - noon, 1:00 - 2:30 PM and 3:00 - 4:30 PM. The Friday class is in the morning 10:30 AM - noon. Each course runs six weeks.

Look for the complete catalog and registration information coming in mid-August via email. In the meantime, here are the planned fall 2020 on-line courses:

*African American Voices in Poetry* - Sandy Soson  
*American Radicals* - Steven Phillips  
*Art of Iconoclasts* - Darby Cartun  
*Bubbles & Manias, Panics & Crashes : A History of Investor Exuberance* - Ted Wolff  
*Current Events* - Mark Albertson  
*A Decade of Great Music: The 1960's* - Gary Lishnoff  
*The French Revolution* - Mark Albertson  
*Gershwin Revisited* - Josh Berrett  
*Great Decisions* - Harris Hester  
*Law in Literature, Drama and Film*- Art Gang  
*Let's Get High! 13<sup>th</sup> Century "High Middle Ages"*- Elissa Kaplan  
*Mad, Mad World of Advertising* - (new) - Frank Izzo  
*Movers and Shakers Who Shaped the Course of History* - Jean Bennett  
*Seated Gentle Stretch* - June Bird

**DO NOT CALL OR EMAIL THE LLI OFFICE. THE CATALOG WILL HAVE COMPLETE INFORMATION INCLUDING COURSE DESCRIPTIONS, DAYS AND TIMES AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURES.**

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## LLI in the News

One of our long-time instructors, Dick Rauh, was featured in the Sunday, July 5 Arts & Styles Supplement in the Hearst Connecticut newspapers, including Norwalk's *The Hour*.



Kudos to Sandi Sachs for leading LLI's efforts in bringing presentations via Zoom to our membership!



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## FALL LUNCH & LEARN

Here's the fall Lunch & Learn lineup also coming to you via Zoom. A variety of interesting topics! These presentations will be held on Fridays from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

*Some Famous Legal Cases* – Berit Berger

*Be Gentle with the Giants: Africa's Elephants* – Les DeVillerrs

*Romeo and Juliet* – Themes and Choreographers – Felice Lesser

*Plastic Pollution of the Waterways* - Jack Egan

*Norwalk Public Library* – Alex Knopp

*The Bronx Zoo and Beardsley Zoo: Supporting Conservation in the Wild*– Amy Ewing and Carol Story

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classes a chance - you may find that you enjoy them more than expected. Many of our instructors have adapted to using the Zoom platform and, while the classes are different than what you are used to, they are still an outstanding experience. So please consider maintaining your membership during this trying period. It will pass, and we will be back to our old selves sooner rather than later.

Doug Fine  
 LLI President

**LLI 2020 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS****Elise Fiorito**

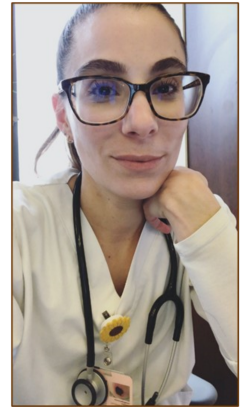
My name is Elise Fiorito. I am a mom of two young girls three & four years old. I am currently studying Nursing. I come from a family of nurses, both my mother and grandmother are/were both in the profession. I was born in Stamford but have resided in Norwalk for most of my life. I expect to graduate May 2021 and hopefully end up working in the Emergency Room at a hospital. My goal is to further my education in obtaining my BSN and eventually becoming a Nurse Practitioner.

Thank You Letter:

To the Terry Rees Memorial Education Award

I cannot thank you enough for this scholarship. I am a single mom who works part time while going to school and caring for my two young children. I was recently furloughed due to the corona pandemic so this is a huge help and I will always be thankful and grateful for your kindness. I look forward to graduating and pursuing my dream of being able to provide quality care to my patients.

Thank you again!

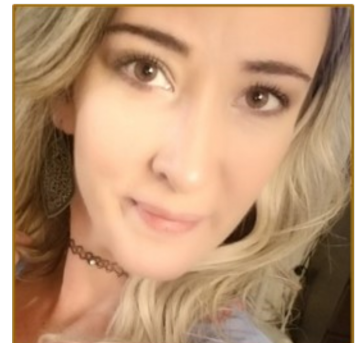
**Zuzana Colahan**

I am originally from the Czech Republic. I have always leaned towards working with people, so the decision of becoming a nurse made perfect sense. I am so happy I chose this road! Participating in the clinical experience that NCC offers only solidified this decision further. I passionately love helping patients. Thank you so much for your kind contribution toward my education, I am very grateful. The ultimate goal for the future is to become a Nurse Practitioner and your contribution helps me to be one step closer to that goal.

Much appreciation,

**Sheila Deoliveira**

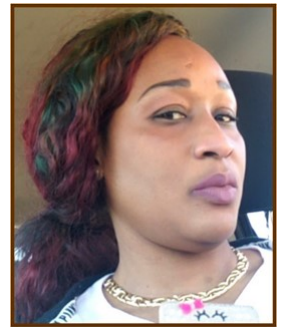
I am from Brazil originally, but I've been living in Connecticut since I moved here with my family 21 years ago. I am a mother of three wonderful teenagers who support me and are really proud of my school journey. My plans for the future are being able to help and support people in need as much as I can, and to have a profession that not only brings me financial support but also happiness and joy. I am planning to specialize in maternity nursing after I graduate from NCC and pursue my bachelor's degree.



Thank you again for this great financial boost this scholarship is going to offer me. I am really grateful.

**LLI 2020 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS (continued)****Leanthia McKenzie-Wallace**

Leanthia says she comes from one of the roughest areas of Kingston, Jamaica. She intends to pursue specialty nursing training in either Psychology or SANE, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner. Her ultimate goal is to work with and facilitate abused young men, especially in the black community.

**Rockson Bajonc**

Rockson Bajonc knew he wanted to become a nurse when he watched on television how medical personnel flew from all over the world to assist his country, Haiti, which was in ruins from the 2010 earthquake.



“Nursing is diverse, exciting and always evolving,” he said. “I view nurses as expert clinicians, scientists, healers, health translators, communicators, and teachers – all... needed to ensure the health and wellness of individuals, families and communities. Moreover, the warm feeling of helping others out, giving back to the community and influencing the success of worldwide healthcare makes nursing an intrinsically rewarding career to pursue.”

Rockson currently works part time to help support his family. This scholarship will allow him to buy more books and take summer classes which are not covered in his Federal grant. Rockson's goal is to achieve his Bachelor and Master's degrees in Geriatric Nursing. He then plans to start a non-profit organization providing healthcare to elderly Haitians and also promoting quality education for Haitian children.