As I contemplated a theme for my musings, the deadline from our editor drew near, and then passed! Whew, she hadn’t called, nor e-mailed, to badger me, so I was left with time to think. Curiously, I chanced upon some lines by Dr. Seuss. “How did it get so late so soon? It’s night before its afternoon. December is here before its June. My goodness, how time has flewn. How did it get so late so soon?”

In many ways, such rapid passage of time is a good thing. There is no time to be bored, no time to waste on regret, and no time to worry about what is yet to come. At the same time, there is still so much to do, to read, to learn, to see, to visit. Summertime is probably the slowest season of the year. We can get out in the yard to work on the lawn, the vegetables, and the flowers, oblivious to time spent, or just sit because it is too hot to do anything else. We have been so blessed this year with the spring rains that caused the trees and flowers to blossom two to three weeks earlier than usual. The garden was beautiful at the Neher home for our June LLI soiree. I imagine that Carl Heinish and many other gardener members will soon be offering their home-grown produce to friends and neighbors. Gardeners are so proud of, and generous with, what they grow.

In LLI, we continue to grow as well. Our conveners are the spring rains. They feed our minds with such nourishing information. It seems that after finishing a certain LLI class, I suddenly find myself drawn to a once ignored subject. Since Sharon Dowen’s women mystery writers class, I find myself reading more from the authors she introduced to me, as well as from authors suggested by class members. After Paul Pawlawski’s and Lou Pierce’s class on the Supreme Court, I listen more attentively to news about the court’s decisions, the nominees, and the balance between conservatives and liberals, and even to the views of pundits. After Jerry Smith’s class on philanthropy, I seriously consider donations to the very worthy local organizations that were highlighted. Oh, to be a billionaire!

Our children and grandchildren have always lived with computers. They are referred to as “computer natives.” In Denmark, Internet access is now considered a basic human need for all Danish citizens.

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OUR GUIDE TO SICKNESS & TO HEALTH

Running up and down the field as a soccer referee keeps Laszlo Hanzely in good physical shape. Teaching LLI study groups keeps him in good intellectual shape, he says, since he needs to stay current on the research on LLI course topics.

Laz started leading study groups because he wanted "to remain in touch with teaching." But he has kept at it because of "the pleasure of associating with the people; it's much more fun than teaching BIOS 101," he claims.

This fall, Laz is teaching Stem Cells, at the request of participants in the immune system class that he taught last spring for the second time. That class is a favorite for Laz because the immune system both affects everyone and intrigues him. He's also taught LLI courses on nutrition, human genetics, and herbal medicine.

Laz is one of LLI's most popular conveners. That is not surprising since, during over 30 years teaching biology at NIU, Laz received both an Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching award and a Presidential Teaching Professorship.

Laz came to NIU in 1969 after earning a Ph.D. in botany at Southern Illinois University and bachelor's and master's degrees from Colorado State. He had considered becoming a doctor but blood turned him off, so he turned to botany since "plants don't bleed."

But, as LLIers in Laz's classes know, he does have a fondness for Bull's Blood red wine from Hungary. Laz came to the U.S. from Hungary in 1957 with his mother and brother, having left Hungary in 1956 at the time of the Hungarian Revolution. They settled in Colorado because a church group there sponsored them. His father had died during World War II, probably in a Russian camp, though the when and where still are unknown to the family.

Laz has been passionate about soccer since his Hungarian school days. In the 1970s, he coached his sons in DeKalb AYSO, and then became a high school referee. "It keeps me in touch with the kids," he explains. Laz and his wife, Pat, divide the year between Illinois and Oregon, each state home to three grandsons, some of who play soccer.

MUSINGS (continued)

While I think computers and the Internet are both great inventions, isn't it nice that we in LLI, computer natives or not, can come together and learn from each other in a non-threatening atmosphere? The sharing of interests and experiences make our classes exciting and fun. We are so grateful to everyone who convenes and shares. May we never find ourselves hooked up to iPhones and iPods, like the student population we encounter on our way to classes. Interacting with real, live people is such a joy, and such a great learning experience. If time is going to fly by, let it fly while we learn from one another and together.
NOTABLES MOVE TO TUESDAY; STUDY GROUP TIMES SHIFT

Our NIU Notables lecture series is moving to Tuesdays this fall at the request of several active LLI members who have not been able to attend because of continuing commitments that they have on Wednesdays. So, we're experimenting with Tuesday Notables. This shift means that the class times for both Tuesdays and Wednesdays will change. Here's the new schedule:

Tuesdays
9 – 11 a.m.   Morning Study Groups
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. NIU Notables Talk
1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Afternoon Study Groups

Wednesdays (& Thursdays)
9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Morning Study Groups
1 – 3 p.m. Afternoon Study Groups

At the end of the term, we'll ask for your comments on this new schedule.

THE PLAY – OR CONCERT – IS THE THING!

The Cultural Events Committee has combed through lists of plays, concerts, lectures and other events in our area to recommend a few to our members. Attending won't give you extra credit in classes, but it will give you chances to enjoy yourself -- and learn something too -- in the company of fellow LLI members. You'll hear more about the events in our catalogs and e-mails and at LLI sessions.

We plan to organize get-togethers for LLI members in conjunction with two of the fall events:

September 26   All in the Timing: A matinee performance of a set of one-act comic plays, all involving wordplay, presented by the NIU theatre department.

Nov. 10 Avalon String Quartet Concert: A free concert by NIU's noted faculty string-quartet-in-residence. In summer 2009, quartet members presented a wonderful program for LLI about themselves and how they work.

The committee welcomes suggestions for future events and for any area arts or culture organizations whose mailing lists LLI should be on. Please send your suggestions to me at modsspanish@yahoo.com.

-Jan Modloff, Cultural Events Committee Chair
COMING THIS FALL TO LLI
September 14—November 4

Words We Love More than the Things Themselves – Joe Gastiger
A Geologist’s View of the Modern Solar System – Clarence Casella
World War I – Elaine Spencer & George Spencer
Hoffmann’s Stories: Nutcracker and More – Paul Pawlowski
Topics in the American Civil War – Dick Dowen
Roadside Attractions – Dan Dillman
"I Just Couldn't Put It Down" Book Group – Sharon Dowen
The Symphony Orchestra: Instruments, Players, and Composers –
  Al Resis (4 weeks)
Stem Cells – Laz Hanzely (5 weeks)
The Politics of Mid-Term Elections – Carol Zar & Elizabeth Bass
“My mistress’ eyes are nothing like the sun” - Shakespeare’s Women –
  Lisa Schlosser
Elvis Lives…and Appears at LLI – Jerry Smith (6 weeks)

MAKE NEW FRIENDS, GREET OLD FRIENDS - LLI FALL LUNCHEON

Saturday, September 11, 2010
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
American National Bank
Bethany Rd. & Rte. 23 (Sycamore Rd./DeKalb Ave.)
$10/person payable at door   Members & Guests Welcome
Advance Reservations Required by Wednesday, September 8
RSVP to Sharon Tourville at stourville@comcast.net or 815-758-0236 (leave a message)

E-MAIL
If you don't get occasional LLI e-mails, then LLI does not have your e-mail address. E-mail is particularly
important to let you know if a class is cancelled or when a convener needs to get in touch with you. So, if
you use e-mail but do not get LLI messages, please send your e-mail address to apetty@niu.edu, putting
“LLI e-mail address” in the subject line. The information will only be used for LLI purposes.

NAMETAGS
Remember to wear your nametag, especially during the first weeks of the term. It’s an
easy thing we can do to make new members welcome – and
to help returning members.

BRING A FRIEND
High school students who visit a
college campus are much more
likely to attend that college than
students who don’t visit...and
we think the same is true for
LLI. So, bring a friend to any
study group session or NIU
Notable. And please pass along
the names and addresses of
prospective members for our
mailing list to any steering
committee member or to Anne
Petty Johnson in the LLI office
at apetty@niu.edu.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Fall LLI Luncheon          September 11
LLI Fall Term            September 14—November 4
LLI Winter Term          January 18—February 10

Remember: Fall Notables move to Tuesdays.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Summer 2010
John Countryman, DeKalb
Mary Lincoln, DeKalb
Walt Owens, DeKalb
Mary Wheeler, DeKalb

Spring 2010
Jim Mickey, Rochelle
Daniel Thomas, St. Charles