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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As most of you know by now, our duly-elected President, Marybeth Bridegam, recently experienced some health issues that led her to step down from that post. It's a loss for all of us; she had gotten LIR's 2017-18 year off to a good start, and we will miss her commitment and leadership. At its October 12th meeting, LIR's Council unanimously approved a resolution expressing (1) our understanding of the need for her decision; (2) our appreciation of her dedication to her duties, both as last year's Vice President and as President for the beginning of the current year; and (3) our best wishes for her rapid and complete recovery.

I'm confident that these words speak for LIR's entire membership.



Speaking personally, I was looking forward to working with Marybeth this year, and to assuming the Presidency in July of 2018. Needless to say, I've had to do some rapid re-ordering of my own priorities. I've made it clear to all concerned, moreover, that I'm going to need lots of help! Fortunately, LIR is blessed with an excellent Executive Committee, a hard-working Council, and a smoothly-functioning group of committees that do much of the heavy lifting. I'm anticipating a very good year indeed, as exemplified by the excellent array of seminars that are already under way.

Given the resulting absence of a Vice President/President Elect, we needed a new Nominating Committee to set up an election for filling that position. I'm happy to announce that the committee has been formed and is already at work! Its members are Chris Hurn (Chair), Jim Harvey, Bev von Kries, Joan Laird, and Miriam Whitney. They merit our collective thanks for taking on this assignment, and you'll be hearing from them.

On Sunday, October 22, approximately 80 of our members convened at the Eric Carle Museum in Amherst for a program featuring two major purposes. The first was to acknowledge and thank the work of Chuck Gillies and other members of the Campaign for the Future for their success in raising funds for an endowment. A resolution passed unanimously by LIR's Council on October 12th thanked this group for "helping to secure the financial future of 5CLIR and allowing us to open the door to the establishment of new programs, and enable the offering of special events." Working with Chuck on this undertaking were Sandy Belden, John Armstrong, Katherine Campbell, Larry Ambs, Joan Wofford, Betsy Loughran, Carol Jolly, Sheila Klem, and Gordon Wyse. It would be impossible, I think, to overstate our debt of gratitude to this group!

The second part of the program--and indeed the first event made possible by the newly raised endowment--featured a presentation by Stephen Gottlieb, Jay and Ruth Caplan Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the Albany Law School, on the Supreme Court's consideration of the gerrymandering issue. The presentation was highly informative, the ensuing discussion lively!

There is much more to be said about the types of programs that might be generated as a result of the Campaign for the Future, but I've written enough here and will save that for later. Meanwhile, I look forward to working with all of you!

Mike Brooks

[The Spring Preview is on Sunday, November 19th!](#)

Please join us
from 2:00 – 3:45 p.m.
at Mt Holyoke College's
Willits-Hallowell Conference Center



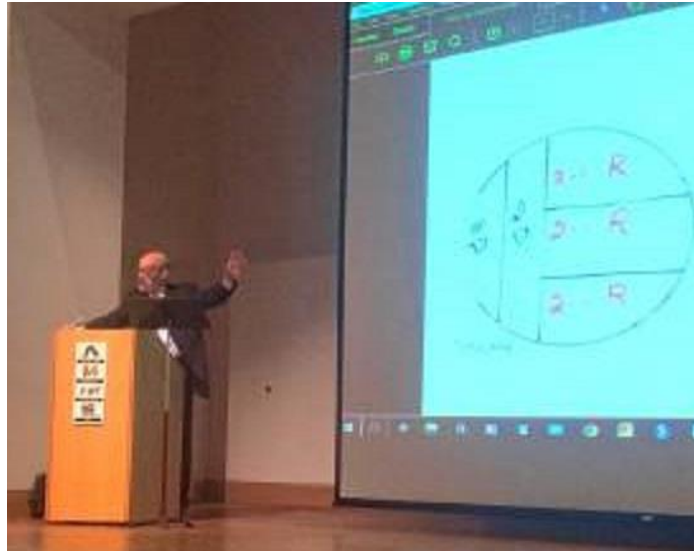
for our semi-annual preview of upcoming programs.
Light refreshments will be served.

Pick up your spring catalog,
meet and chat with
moderators and program leaders.



See You There!

SPECIAL LECTURE A SUCCESS



Gerrymandering in the Supreme Court: Democracy in the Dock

LIR held a special event on October 22 at the Eric Carle Museum,
with speaker Professor Stephen Gottlieb,
and honored member Chuck Gillies and his development team
for their work in support of LIR's future.

Cut and paste this link to read The Gazette's front-page article on the event:

<http://www.gazettenet.com/Law-professor-Stephen-Gottlieb-tackles-gerrymandering-13280149>

Metropolitan Opera Live in HD 2017-2018

It's fall and opera season is upon us. See the Cinemark schedule below, and note the addition of an afternoon Encore series (a change that seniors may be happy to see).

Another change. The Friday afternoon Opera Prep talks have been moved from Northampton Lathrop **to the Inn at Easthampton Lathrop. 2:00 to 3:00 pm.**

If you have questions, please make a note of my new address and phone number:
217 Bassett Brook Drive, Easthampton MA 01027, 413:203:5562.

E-mail remains Peggotty25@gmail.com

Prep.	Live.	Encore. 1:00pm.	Encore. 6:30pm.			Start Time.	Run Time
10/6.	10/7.	10/11.	10/11.	Bellini.	NORMA.	12:55	3:30
10/13.	10/14.	10/18'.	10/18.	Mozart.	DIE ZAUBERFLOTE,	12:55.	3:30
11/17.	11/18.	11/29.	11/29.	Ades.	THE EXTERMINATING ANGEL	12:55.	2:55
01/26	01/27.	01/31.	01/31.	Puccini.	TOSCA.	12:55.	3:20
02/09.	02/10.	02/14.	02/14.	Donizetti.	L'ELISIR D'AMORE.	12:00.	3:00
02/23.	02/24.	02/28.	02/28.	Puccini.	LA BOHEME.	12:30.	3:20
03/09.	03/10.	03/14.	03/14.	Rossini.	SEMIRAMIDE.	12:55.	3:50
03/30.	03/31.	04/04.	04/04.	Mozart.	COSI FAN TUTTE	12:55.	4:00
04/13.	04/14.	04/18.	04/18.	Verdi.	LUISA MILLER.	12:30.	4:00
04/27.	04/28. 12:55.	05/02. 3:15	05/02.	Massenet.	CENDRILLON.		

The Science Round Table

The Science Round Table will meet this fall on:

Oct. 19, Nov. 16, and Dec. 21

from **2:00-3:30pm**

at **The Hitchcock Center for the Environment.**

The meeting on Oct. 19 will feature

Prof. Ian Grosse of the UMass Amherst College of Engineering.

He will review recent progress in the field of Additive Manufacturing (sometimes referred to as '3D printing'). He will review the various technologies available commercially and highlight the capabilities of the new UMass Advanced Digital Design and Fabrication lab.

The meeting on Nov. 16 will feature

Prof. Richard Palmer, director of the UMass Northeast Climate Science

Center, speaking on "climate change, facts and alternative facts, and the Connecticut River impacts more specifically."

The meeting on Dec. 21 will feature

Prof. Elizabeth Vierling of the UMass Biochemistry Department, speaking on "GMOs (genetically modified organisms) and the scientific evidence of their utility and safety. "

tasting circle

Foods from the Land of Don Quixote: POACHED CHICKEN

By Nina M. Scott and Katy van Geel

Sancho's Heaven

Sancho, Don Quixote's squire, is much more focused on his belly than is his master, but he's also relegated to meager fare: often cheese and bread, stored in his donkey's saddlebags for many a day.

Invited to a rich farmer's wedding, however, Sancho finds himself in culinary paradise. Cruising the food preparation area, where entire steers stuffed with suckling pigs are roasting, a hospitable cook gives him three poached chickens and two geese, a pot in which to carry them, and these instructions:

"Eat, friend, and break your fast with these appetizers until it's time to eat."

Poaching chicken is an excellent way to get tender meat and a fine stock.

Poached Chicken

1 whole 2-3 lb chicken
Salt and pepper
3 cloves garlic, peeled
1 medium onion, chopped
2 chopped carrots
½ cup chopped celery
1 bay leaf
1 tsp Herbes de Provence
Few sprigs parsley
1 tsp each salt and black peppercorns
1 ½ cups organic, low-sodium chicken stock
1 ½ cups dry white wine
1 ½ cups water

Wash chicken and check for giblets, which can be cooked alongside the chicken, except for the liver. Place chicken in large pot.

Add all other ingredients, cover pot, bring slowly to a boil, then reduce heat so that the chicken simmers for about 1 ½ hours. Cool in stock.



Drain chicken. Put on a platter and peel off the skin, then remove meat, reserving the gristle, skin and vegetables for a grateful dog.

The stock is quite wonderful as is, but it can be made even better by reducing it over high heat.

You can now make all sorts of chicken dishes: chicken salad, chicken soup, curry, and Nina's husband's favorite: creamed, sherried chicken with mushrooms served in patty shells.

Freeze extra chicken and stock.

In Santiago, Chile, there is a famous recipe for "Chicken in Brandy," which I enjoyed in a restaurant years ago. Add a third of a cup brandy to the other stock ingredients, flame it to cook off the alcohol, then simmer as above. Chicken livers were made into pâté, served with crusty bread as an appetizer, then with the chicken. The incredible stock was served in small demitasse cups after the chicken.

Both versions of poached chicken are best served on the second day.

5CLIR Technology Committee Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers for help on the Technology Committee in 5CLIR. The Technology Committee provides 5CLIR members with information on and instruction in relevant digital and audio-visual technology related issues. You may feel you don't have sufficient experience to help other members, but all kinds of assistance are needed and in many cases, you probably know more than you think about current technology. While some members may have significant technical expertise, others are needed so that we can identify issues that nontechnology minded 5CLIR members may be facing. Please respond to our President, Mike Brooks, if you are able to help.

TECH ASSISTANCE: Individual Tech Help is Available

The Technology Committee is pleased to announce that it will offer one-on-one assistance to members of 5CLIR who have questions regarding a range of digital devices and selected software. Should you need such assistance, please choose the type of device or software concerning you and then email the appropriate Tech Committee member for assistance. Note that while we will attempt to satisfactorily solve your problem, we cannot guarantee a solution.

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5CLIR CALENDAR 2017-2018

2017

- July** No Executive Committee Meeting
 No Curriculum Committee Meeting
 No Council Meeting
 17 First Day of Short Seminars
- August** No Curriculum Committee Meeting
 4 Executive Committee meeting, Time TBA, Five Colleges, Inc.
 11 Council meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 31 Last Day of Short Seminars
- September** 7 Executive Committee meeting, 1:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 7 Curriculum Committee meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 14 Council meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 19 5CLIR Potluck Lunch Picnic @ Gaustad home, 12–3
 21 [Rosh Hashannah]
 21 Rain date for Potluck Lunch Picnic
 25 First day of fall seminars
 25 Deadline for spring 2018 seminar proposals
 28 Optional extra Curriculum Committee meeting
 29 [Yom Kippur]
- October** 5 Executive Committee meeting, 1:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 5 Curriculum Committee meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 12 Council meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 22 Special Lecture event
- November** 2 Executive Committee meeting, 1:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 2 Curriculum Committee meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 9 Council meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 19 Spring Preview, 2:00–3:45, at Willits-Hallowell Center, Mt Holyoke College
- December** 7 Executive Committee meeting, 1:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 7 Curriculum Committee meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 7 Last (snow) day of fall seminars
 8 Close of registration for inclusion in lottery for spring seminars
 14 Council meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 22 Lottery for oversubscribed spring 2018 seminars

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- January**
- 4 Memorial Program, 10-12, Amherst Alumni House
 - 5 Snow date for Memorial Program, same time and place
 - No Executive Committee meeting
 - No Curriculum Committee meeting
 - No Council meeting
- February**
- 1 Executive Committee meeting, 1:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 - 1 Curriculum Committee meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 - 8 Council meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 - 15 New Members Coffee, 10–12, Lathrop Northampton
 - 19 First day of spring seminars
 - 23 Moderators' Meeting, time and location TBA
- March**
- 1 Executive Committee meeting, 1:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 - 1 Curriculum Committee meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 - 8 Council meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 - 9 Deadline for fall 2018 seminar proposals
 - 12 – 15 Optional extra Curriculum Committee meeting
- April**
- 5 Executive Committee meeting, 1:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 - 5 Curriculum Committee, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 - 12 Council meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 - TBA Spring social event, TBA
- May**
- 3 Executive Committee meeting, 1:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 - 3 Curriculum Committee meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 - 3 Last (snow) day of spring semester seminars
 - 6 Annual Meeting, 1:30-2:00/Fall Preview 2:00-3:45,
Smith College Campus Center
 - 10 Council meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 - 18 Close of registration for inclusion in lottery for fall seminars
- June**
- 1 Lottery for oversubscribed fall 2018 seminars
 - 7 Executive Committee meeting, 1:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 - 7 Curriculum Committee meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.
 - 14 Council meeting, 2:15-4:15, Five Colleges, Inc.

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