

For the members

## Welcome to the New ILR

After our disrupted spring semester, the ILR is open and ready for business! Due to the ongoing threat of COVID-19, the ILR is going online. We will hold a “virtual” semester with a full catalog of classes but without trips, lunches, or gatherings. This approach has been fashioned from your responses to our member survey.

Most of our 2020 spring semester instructors have agreed to teach their previously scheduled classes via Zoom. The classes will be broadcast directly into your home or other location. You can view on desktop, tablet, laptop, or even your phone! If you are unfamiliar with Zoom technology and how it operates - relax. Christine will be holding at least two training sessions this summer. Information will be forthcoming when we finalize the dates.

Virtual classes create new, flexible options for us. In addition to opening up the schedule to hold classes in the evening - as requested by the majority of our members in the survey sent out a few weeks ago - we are able to remove the 12-class maximum\* due to Zoom’s ability to host up to 100 participants in a meeting! Moreover, we can recruit instructors from outside our immediate geographic area, thus broadening our offerings. And finally, we can open up memberships to those outside of the Butler-Mercer-Lawrence county area. Snowbird? Take classes from Florida! As always, ask your friends to join us – distance is no longer an issue!

We are excited to offer UNLIMITED\* classes according to the following dues schedule:

<b><u>ILR Dues for the 2020 Fall Semester</u></b>	
<b>Single</b> .....	<b>\$70</b>
<b>Dual</b> (Two-Member household) .....	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Guest</b> (3 Classes/Semester).....	<b>\$25</b>

The fall semester catalog will be available for viewing on the website by August 3, 2020, and Member registration will open on August 10, 2020\*\*. You will be able to email the ILR through our website or via your personal email to register. Confirmations will also be sent by email - much more quickly than by postal mail. Just think! There will be no need to come to the Fowler Building and risk exposure to the virus (or any need to worry about a November snowstorm, either)!

There are many reasons to be excited about the fall semester as our beloved ILR returns! Thank you for sticking with us through these unprecedented times.

In anticipation of a mind-stretching semester and on behalf of the ILR Board of Directors,

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\*There will be a few exceptions; however, those classes will be repeated via recording later in the semester (with one exception) for those unable to register due to limits requested by the instructor.

\*\* Registration is still necessary. Please provide an individual email address for each member/guest for linking to the Zoom meetings. Dual memberships may share an email address.