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Homing her stagnating genes is Mary Cociattini. She has assumed the position of the association on the Student Council. She has been a member of CLR for four years and has served as one of our invaluable volunteers in the main office for most of those years. She will put to work some of the skills she used several years ago in her position as Lourie’s volunteer. Mary loves the social aspect of CLR and is amazed at the number of individual events that she hasn’t seen in years. When not in a class or trying her hand at water coloring, she enjoys reading, walking and gardening, and she has for many years. Encourages someone you’d like to get involved in order to fully appreciate CLR.

SSLSS = Some Spring Semester Selections

By Jackie Spelman

What is your idea of a best vacation? Travelogue: Southeast Asia and Turkey. Speaking of traveling, several classes this spring will be held in “the number of individuals she runs into that she only sees a couple times a year.” With the number of relationships she has developed, she is amazed at the number of ideas that flow from her committee members. They are also appreciative of the number of suggestions from our members on the recent annual survey. Both Carol and Larry love the classes available at CLR. They have taken classes in the history, music, and arts program and have enjoyed reading and traveling. They have visited Japan, Turkey, Egypt, and somewhere in Europe.

The twenty-year history of CLR.

Carol commented on CLR doing for a wonderful job of serving the community and said that she and Larry plan to keep it flowing according to her needs. The most important in Don Baker who has served as the director of the Special Projects Committee for the past two years and now Carol will take over this position. Carol is amazed at the number of ideas that flow from her committee members. They are also appreciative of the number of suggestions from our members on the recent annual survey. Both Carol and Larry love the classes available at CLR. They have taken classes in the history, music, and arts program and have enjoyed reading and traveling. They have visited Japan, Turkey, Egypt, and somewhere in Europe.

Anniversary Luncheon Celebration

The 20th Anniversary Luncheon Celebration for the Center for Learning in Retirement was held at Giovanni’s restaurant on Wednesday, October 2, with over 500 reservations. Giovanni’s provided a beautiful setting and a delicious meal. Background music during lunch was provided by SwingShirt who played instrumental versions of familiar songs. Following lunch, sangspree Diane Lewis, accompanied by the band, sang standards by some of the most great stylists. In addition to the wonderful entertainment, the anniversary committee had put together a hall of memories containing a collection of photos; newsletters; newspaper articles; and various posters, flyers, etc. of events and highlights from the past twenty years.

Sponsorship of CALL (Consumer Advisory Advocates for the Elderly)

The 20th Anniversary Committee who worked and planned for over a year and a half. Iris Laird and Jim Deihler, Co-Chairs, and Mary Ann Kelly, Mary Jo Kafeter, Tammy Lewis, and Pat Sadler

The sub-committee that produced the beautiful artwork.

CLR members and instructors who donated items for the art raffle (tickets sold to help pay for the anniversary booklet and increase the size of our scholarship fund): Roger Benedict, Ken Biddle, Ingrid Dohm, Dana Donohue, Nimble Fingers, Charlotte Hasske, Iris Laird, Valerie LaFenve, Kathy Lyon, Joanna McKinney, Rosemary O’Connor, and Marshall Stolberg

The 150 members who participated in the luncheon.

Rock Valley College and its staff who provided support.

RVC Friends of the Estelle M. Black Library Membership Campaign

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Book Nook

By Geni Pfister

Do you recall reading “The Snow Child” by Jeffry Baker? There are several versions and they are based on a Russian folk tale. In the house of a widower in Alaska, Willa Cather. Now Eowyn Ivey has given us The Snow Child for adults.

Jack and Mabel. The story begins in Alaska. Mabel seeks to overcome sadness and has overhauled them yet, since losing their only child at birth, twelve years ago, they have been unable to have any more children. They are now funding the world coming. One evening, in a rare bit of levity, they build a snowman. Jack carves eyes, a nose and a mouth to create a snowman and straws for hair. Mabel suggests the snowman should go as far as he goes, which he will on a snowboard. When Jack gets the snowman to his feet, he is still just a snowman. Mabel adds a scarf and mittens and their snow girl is complete. They retire to bed, happier than they have been in many months. It was December, and there was a flash of blue and from the sky... It was a little girl. Jack returns to snow girl and sees only a heap of snow and straw. The scarf and mittens are no longer there. Mabel worries about a little girl living in such a harsh environment. She leaves food items on a stump. For a long time. After going to find the food she has disappeared. She finally comes closer and eventually learns that the little girl is born only in the cold winter. Whenever Winter is indoors, Mabel always opens the door. Faina leaves it so that it is warm and returns at night. During these years Mabel and Jack are befriended by another family. The youngest boy in the family, Garrett, helps Jack with the farming. When Garrett finally sees Faina he is attracted to her. They spend a lot of time together and Faina becomes pregnant. She agrees to marry Garrett even though it would mean enduring the heat of summer. Is this something she will be able to do? Are you now thinking about Frosty the Snowman? The Snow Child is an enchanting novel. However, keep in mind that not all fairy tales and happily ever after.
Myths and Facts of Immigration

By Roberta Flaherty

At the October 14 Diversity Awareness Council sponsored presentation, Sara Dady with Dady and Hoffman, LLC, gave an in-depth session on the myths and facts regarding today’s immigration issues. Taking the common myths regarding immigration, e.g. (1) It’s easy to immigrate to the U.S., (2) It’s a federal crime to be unlawfully present in the U.S., (3) Immigrants are bounders to the U.S. medical/social services, and (4) Immigrants are more likely to commit crimes. Ms. Dady proceeded to build her case for an accurate understanding of immigration issues.

"Justice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere"

Martin Luther King, Jr. from Letter from a Birmingham Jail

Early in our country’s history, Congress adopted the Naturalization Act of 1800 stating that any free white person could apply for citizenship after two years of residency. The Alien and Sedition Acts of 1798 changed the residency requirement to fourteen years and authorized the president to deport those people considered a threat to the peace and safety of the U.S. In 1846 the U.S. contracted with China (Burlington Treaty) to import some 200,000 workers to help build the railroads. However, the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1885 suspended Chinese immigration and barred Chinese in the U.S. from citizenship. Fears surfaced that these immigrants were “depressing the wages on the West Coast” and “racial purity” was being threatened. After World War I, immigration laws dealt with quotas restricting most immigration from Northern Europe. In 1945 America again needed workers and repealed the Chinese Exclusion Act and made a treaty with Mexico (Bracero Program) to import workers. The Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 abolished quotas but set a 300,000 maximum on annual visas and the Bracero Program ended with mass deportations back to Mexico. Under President Reagan, the 1986 Immigration Reform Control Act legalized aliens who had resided in this country since 1982, established sanctions prohibiting employers from hiring aliens known to be unauthorized to work in the U.S., created a new classification of temporary agricultural worker, and established a visa work pilot program.

The U.S. agencies that handle immigration issues are: Department of Homeland Security, the Department of State, the Department of Justice, and the Department of Labor.

Attorney Dady stated that obstacles to lawful immigration are limited visas and/or long waits for a visa (14-17 years) or no visa at all due to criminal record (however minor), unlawful presence, and false claims to citizenship and voting. As the removal of criminal aliens from a civil process, these people have no right to a free attorney, have limited due process rights, payment of bond is set at 100%, and immigration judges are severely backlogged so proceedings can take several years.

Finally, studies have shown that immigrants are five times LESS likely than the native-born to be in prison, that undocumented immigration is NOT associated with higher crime rates, and undocumented workers are not eligible to claim social security benefits. Federal law generally bars undocumented immigrants and legal immigrants from receiving Medicaid and CHIP coverage.

What can you do? Read, Study, Write, and Call!

1. immigrationpolicy.org;
2. Write and/or call your congressperson: 1. immigrationpolicy.org; 1. immmigrationpolicy.org; 1. immmigrationpolicy.org; 1. immmigrationpolicy.org
3. Write and/or call your congressman:
4. District 16, Kiezing; District 17, Gusts
5. Share your thoughts on this issue by writing an editorial to your newspaper.

Conversation: The name of Faye Marcus was mistakenly omitted from the credits for the article on Diversity Awareness Programs in the last issue. We apologize for this oversight.

Thanks to Summer Office Volunteers

By Nancy Kunnert

There are many people who ask not what CLIR can do for them but what they can do for CLIR. A special category should be the women who helped out weekly in the office this summer when Susan Williams, former Administrative Assistant, was dealing with a health issue and then taking on a new job. Helping out over the summer months were Mary Cascio, Marilyn Chace, Pat Edwards, Becky Hanna, and Sandy Smith. The other scheduled volunteers were also very much appreciated.

A normal month of volunteer hours in the office would be somewhere between twenty-five to thirty hours. However, the volunteer hours in June, July and August tallied 350 hours. That’s a lot of hours of service! Each of the five named volunteers gave one day a week throughout the summer to assist in the office.

Tammy Lewis, Program Director, says, “We could not have made it through the summer without them.” She also said she appreciated the patience and understanding of the CLIR members during the transition this summer. A big “thank you” to all the dedicated and hard-working office volunteers but especially Mary, Marilyn, Pat, Becky and Sandy!
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By Mel Oberg

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In her book, Betty DeGeneres recounts the moment her daughter, comedienne and famous actress, Ellen DeGeneres, came out as gay. Betty explained how her conservative upbringing had left her na"ıve about these issues, however, she genuinely loved her daughter and wanted her to be happy. So, she did some research on homosexuality, discarding many of her misconceptions on the topic. She also became more involved in her daughter’s life; she met her female friends and attended events sponsored by the Human Rights Commission (HRC) and Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG). In time, Betty grew to appreciate Ellen’s lifestyle and enjoyed being around her and her friends.

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Through Grandmother Eyes
By Nancy Harvey, Word Weavers (2015)

I’ve been told that I don’t see clearly. When watching the grandchildren I love dearly. My adult children are quick to surmise, That I see them through Grandmother Eyes. God blesses grandmas with much understanding. To see innocence and clouds with silver linings Grandchildren see not naughty little boys; When you view them through Grandmother Eyes. One day Andrew decided to have a party. So proud of himself, this cute little “smarty!” The three year old tyke was left all alone. While his mother talked at length on the phone So, he carried a bowl of strawberry gelatin, He removed from the refrigerator in the kitchen. While his mother talked at length on the phone. Across the living room and down the hall it slopped. Across the living room and down the hall it slopped. When Mom hung up the phone and turned on her heels, It was easy to guess how upset she feels. Seeing her white carpet stained strawberry red. She ordered Andrew to go straight to his bed. I hope she’ll decide his intentions were good He found something to do, as little boys would. Oh daughter, I pray you’ll be wise, Please see him through Grandmother Eyes.

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SHEDD AQUARIUM IN CHICAGO, IL

Wednesday, January 29, 2014

We are off to the John G. Shedd Aquarium on the shores of Lake Michigan in Chicago. It opened in 1930 and is one of the largest indoor aquaria in the world. Upon arrival, we will have free time for a self-guided tour. During this time, we will be able to view many of the over 20,000 specimens of some 1,500 species of fish (fresh water and seawater) and other aquatic animals from around the world. The total water capacity is five million gallons. There are several exhibits to view, including the following:

**The Oceanarium**
Features a tank that circulates 90,000 gallons of seawater nearly every hour and contains a wide variety of marine animals, including nurse sharks, sea turtles, moray eels and numerous rare and colorful varieties of fish.

**The Aquarium**
Boasts the world’s largest indoor marine-mammal pavilion. It creates a Pacific Northwest coastal environment and exhibits beluga whales and dolphins in a series of adjoining pools holding three million gallons of water. Other animals include seals, sea otters, penguins and sea horses.

**The Amazon Rising**
Seasons of the River exhibit recreates a year in the life of the Amazon River. The wild reef exhibit has 26 interconnected habitats that allow patrons to explore a Philippine coral reef.

In the afternoon, following lunch on your own at the food court, we will see the “One World” Aquatic Show where you’ll get up-close with sea lions, dolphins, and beluga whales. You will also experience the 4D Sea Monsters: A Prehistoric Adventure Show where you will be back in time with photorealistic animation and stunning 4D effects.

**Note:** The aquarium is handicap accessible.

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Myths and Facts of Immigration

By Roberta Flaherty

At the October 14 Diversity Awareness Council sponsored presentation, Sara Dady, with Dady and Hoffman, LLC, gave an in-depth session on the myths and facts regarding today’s immigration issues. Taking the common myths regarding immigration, e.g. (1) it’s easy to immigrate to the U.S., (2) it’s a federal crime to be unlawfully present in the U.S., (3) immigrants are burdens to the U.S. medical/ social services, and (4) immigrants are more likely to commit crimes. Ms. Dady proceeded to build her case for an accurate understanding of immigration issues.

“Justice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

Martin Luther King, Jr. From Letter from a Birmingham Jail.

Early in our country’s history, Congress adopted the Naturalization Act of 1990 stating that any free white person could apply for citizenship after two years of residency. The Alien and Sedition Acts of 1798 changed the residency requirement to fourteen years and authorized the president to deport those people considered a threat to the peace and safety of the U.S. In 1846 the U.S. contracted with China (Burlingame Treaty) to import some 20,000 workers to help build the railroads. However, the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 suspended Chinese immigration and barred Chinese in the U.S. from citizenship. Fears surfaced that these immigrants were “expressing the wages on the West Coast” and “racial purity” was being threatened. After World War I, immigration laws dealt with quotas restricting most immigration from Northern Europe. In 1945 America again needed workers and repealed the Chinese Exclusion Act and made a treaty with Mexico (Bracero Program) to import some 20,000 workers. The Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 eliminated those people considered a threat to the peace and understanding of the CLR members during the transition this summer. A big “thank you” to all the dedicated and hard-working office volunteers but especially Mary, Marilyn, Pat, Becky and Sandy!

Thanks to Summer Office Volunteers

By Nancy Kunnert

There are many people who ask not what CLR can do for them but what they can do for CLR. A special category should be the women who helped out weekly in the office this summer when Susan Williams, former Administrative Assistant, was dealing with a health issue and then taking on a new job. Helping out over the summer months were Mary Cacciatore, Marilyn Clouse, Pat Edwards, Becky Hanna, and Sandy Smith. The other scheduled volunteers were also very much appreciated.

A normal month of volunteer hours in the office would be somewhere between twenty-five to thirty hours. However, the volunteer hours in June, July and August totaled 357 hours. That’s a lot of hours of service! Each of the five named volunteers gave one day a week throughout the summer to assist in the office.

Tammy Lewis, Program Director, says, “We could not have made it through the summer without them.” She also said she appreciated the patience and understanding of the CLR members during the transition this summer. A big “thank you” to all the dedicated and hard-working office volunteers but especially Mary, Marilyn, Pat, Becky and Sandy!
New and Familiar Faces
By Mary Jo Kafter
The new 2013-2014 Advisory Committee, under the leadership of Carol Cacciatore, has several new faces this fall. There have been six changes in positions this year.

Hanging her stenography shoes, Mary Cociottiso. She has assumed the position of secretary on the Social Committee. Mary has been a member of CLR for four years and has served as one of our invaluable volunteers in the main office for most of those years. She will put to work some of the skills she used several years ago in her position as church administrator at Our Savior’s Lutheran. Mary loves the social aspect of CLR and is amazed at the number of individuals she has never heard from in years. When not in a corn class or trying her hand at water coloring, she enjoys reading, walking in gardens, and knitting. Mary encourages people to get involved in order to fully appreciate CLR.

No stranger to the Advisory Committee, Jackie Dehler will be rejoicing the group as the chairperson of the Speaker’s Bureau. Jackie served as Chairperson of the Advisory Committee in 2007-08. As a result of her efforts, Jackie was an educator in the Rockford School System for 33 years, including 23 years at Kennedy School. Jackie said that her goal is to bring to the members classes entitled, “The Immigrant Experience,” will use a few chapters of the book of why people choose foreign adoption. The author of “Just Be Love” will use a few chapters of the book by that title to explore the “concept and meanings of love, from our human and spiritual perspective.” As for travel, a presentation called “A River Cruise to the Christmas Markets” will be highlighted by a video journal of the presenter’s trip and will explain why he believes river cruising is THE best way to travel. The two-day Christmas Markets Cruise to the Christmas Markets will be illustrated by a photo journal of the presenter’s trip and will explain why he believes river cruising is THE best way to travel. The two-day Christmas Markets Cruise to the Christmas Markets will be illustrated by a photo journal of the presenter’s trip and will explain why he believes river cruising is THE best way to travel. The two-day Christmas Markets Cruise to the Christmas Markets will be illustrated by a photo journal of the presenter’s trip and will explain why he believes river cruising is THE best way to travel. The two-day Christmas Markets Cruise to the Christmas Markets will be illustrated by a photo journal of the presenter’s trip and will explain why he believes river cruising is THE best way to travel. The two-day Christmas Markets Cruise to the Christmas Markets will be illustrated by a photo journal of the presenter’s trip and will explain why he believes river cruising is THE best way to travel.
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