

Thursday, September 10, 2020

Dear valued LIFE members,

Welcome to fall. Our nights are becoming cooler and soon we will be surrounded by a burst of spectacular autumn colour as the seasons change. We welcome and thank all returning members for their support and loyalty as the organization continues to successfully respond to COVID-19. And a special warm welcome to all new members.

“Membership has its benefits”. With your 2020-2021 membership, we offered you two (2) FREE Lunch & Learn sessions presented by Assantee Wealth that were held on September 8 and 10 and were well attended. We are also excited and pleased to offer you two (2) additional upcoming FREE lectures by LIFE member Dr. Thomas Axworthy, former Principle Secretary and Chief Speechwriter to Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau. Thomas will speak about Canada’s Fresh Water Threats on Tuesday, September 22 and U.S. Politics on Saturday, October 3. Registration is required, so please visit the website for additional information. While you are visiting the website, check out all the clubs that you can join and interact with like-minded members. Do you enjoy writing? A new Club Writers Circle Club is starting up. Stay tuned for additional details about this exciting new venture.



The New Course Development and Curriculum Committees have worked diligently to produce a fall roster of courses for all of you to learn and enjoy. Our course registration numbers indicate that you continue to embrace online learning and are pleased with the selection of quality courses being offered.

Many of you have asked when LIFE will be offering in-class courses again. A fair question. It has been six months since we have been working and learning virtually. As a society, we are still working with many unknowns dealing with COVID-19. At this time, LIFE’s upcoming winter semester will continue to be offered online. We anticipate the spring semester will be the same, factoring in the usual planning cycle of three to four months prior to the actual delivery of courses. In simple terms, all spring courses and logistics are determined and completed in the first quarter of 2021. Will more concrete information be known about COVID-19 at that time? This is the million-dollar question. As much as many of you would prefer to be back in an actual classroom setting, your safety and well-being is our top priority. The LIFE Institute will continue to make decisions on our delivery of courses as more information becomes known through Public Health.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 28th, the date for our Annual General Meeting. This is your time to ask questions and hear from your President, Milvi Ester, along with LIFE’s Treasurer, Alan Lavine and learn so much more. Stay tuned for further information.

Thank you for your support this past year. A huge thank you to all volunteers, and volunteer committees who, working collaboratively, have taken us through some tough but interesting times. You are the backbone of this organization. We cannot thank you enough for your dedication, commitment, expertise and, at times, patience.

Stay safe, stay connected.



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