

Lifelong Learning at the Mayborn Museum October 2021 Newsletter



A Message from our president

We're off and running, or at least 'Walking (in Memphis)', as our August 27th, 2021 Kick Off Event started our year with a great mini-concert by the Baylor Faculty Group After Midnight as they weaved a tapestry of American music from gospel through the early 1990s. It was great to see in person old friends and meet several new members to Lifelong Learning. Since this was our first face to face meeting since the spring of 2020, it was an honor to ask those who served last year, and this year in a volunteer position to stand and be recognized. Based on the percentage standing, we are truly a participatory volunteer organization.

As of August 18th, we had reached 200 members for 2021-2022 for Lifelong Learning. This exceeded the total membership of 2020-2021. As you read this, four of our face-to-face classes for the fall have gotten underway, and another two are on the cusp of starting. If you have not, please check your brochure, or visit our website (www.baylor.edu/lifelonglearning) and check out the offerings that begin later this fall. Three of those are Zoom courses and can viewed from anywhere you have internet access. For those who registered for classes before mid-August, we have been working with the Museum and you can now "continue shopping" without checking out after each course selection. The Museum continues to improve their processes during the learning process.

We are hopeful you will make the drive with us to the Amon Carter Museum in Fort Worth, November 5th. Yes, this has been a bus trip in the past, but because of restrictions that were in place when we were planning this event last spring, the easiest way we could ensure it would happen was by our personal vehicles. More information will follow.

Just wait till you see what we have in store for the spring!!

We're Back!



Baylor Lifelong Learners kicked off the fall semester with a concert by After Midnight at the Lee Lockwood Library. The audience clapped, shouted encouragement, and sang along to "Mustang Sally." There were even reports of some dancing in the aisles. It was a great way to kick off our new year. Be sure to mark your calendars for the following events: Coffee at the Mayborn October 8, a trip to Amon Carter Museum of American Art in Fort Worth November 5, and our annual Christmas Luncheon at the Cashion Academic Center on December 3. Details about each event can be found on our website



Volunteers Make It All Happen



Pictured: Seated—Sherry Cragen, Jane Winston, Nancy Moore; Second Row—Sherry DeHay, Diana Ramey, Jin Surovik, Judy Staples; Back Row—Tom Purdy, Rick Moss, Terry Wright.

One of the best parts about belonging to Baylor Lifelong Learners is the opportunity to be part of the program planning and implementation. Our volunteers work tirelessly to bring it all together. Enduring friendships are formed as we work toward common goals. Here is a list-in-progress of members who are sharing their time with us this year.

- **Leadership Team:** Terry Wright, Doug Baldwin, Dianne Sawyer, Judy Staples, Jane Winston, Tom Purdy, Nancy Moore, Dorothy Schleicher, Rick Moss, Sherry Cragen, Jin Surovik, Diana Ramey and Mary Gerecke. Mayborn staff Cindee Millard and Sherry DeHay work with the Leadership Team.
- **Curriculum Team:** Larry Smith, Chair—Carl Cox, C.C. Adams, Doug Baldwin, Dick Kettler, Jan Purdy, Bob Anne Senter, Vicky Kendig, Terry Wright, Susan Stephens, Judy Staples. Mayborn staff members Amber Hansen and Cindee Millard work with this group.
- **History Team:** Mary Gerecke, Chair and Judy Staples.
- **Special Events Team:** Rick Moss, Chair—Nancy Moore, Sara Moore, Jane Winston, Debbie Adams, Bob Cragen, and Cynthia Romeo.
- **Publicity Team:** Diana Ramey, Chair—Bill Dube, Carol Sedberry, Jim Newkham, Joann Simpson, Randy Ramey, and Sharon Lavendar.
- **Course Host Team:** This is an excellent place to begin working with LLL. Sherry Cragen and Jin Surovik invite members from each LLL course to act as the person to official begin each session and to act as a liaison for the group. These folks are the faces of our organization for the people who take our classes, both former and new members.

Registering for Classes

If you need to register for more classes this fall, going to our website is the easiest way to do this.

Check out the courses and sign up at baylor.edu/mayborn/lifelonglearning

Are You a Member of a SIG (Shared Interest Group)?

One of the benefits of your LLL membership is that you have access to Shared Interest

Groups. As of now, we have four of them. Members may join the Travel SIG and Genealogy Sigs by emailing Judy Staples at judy@judystaples.com.

Contact Nancy Moore to join Eager Eaters (they meet at a local restaurant once a month to enjoy Waco cuisine) at nmmore@grandecom.net. To sign up for the Memoir SIG, contact Elaine White at elainewhite2013@gmail.com.

If you would like to sponsor a SIG, contact Terry Wright for information about the process.

Would You Like to Write an Article for Our Newsletter?

We have many accomplished writers in our organization, and our newsletter readers would enjoy hearing from you. If you would like to interview one of our presenters, share a bit of your memoir, tell us about a neat venue in Waco, contact Elaine White at elainewhite2013@gmail.com. We would love to share your work.

A Special Thank You to the Mayborn Museum

Thank you to Charlie Walter and his incredible staff for welcoming Baylor Lifelong Learners into the Mayborn Museum. They have been attentive and gracious as we transitioned into their program, thoughtfully weaving the two programs together in a way that maintained the heart of Lifelong Learners. We look forward to continued growth as part of the Mayborn family.

Submitted by Elaine White, Newsletter editor

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