

Third Age Learning Burlington

Annual Report

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The following report reflects the activities of the fiscal year 2018 – 2019. Two series were presented during the course of the year– “Climate Change, Catastrophe and the Tides of History” (Fall 2018) and “I’m Back! And Here’s What Is New” (Winter 2019). These mark the fourteenth and fifteenth series offerings which began with the first series in January 2012. The planning for the organization started in March 2011, making this the eighth year of operations. Each series has been well received and fully subscribed and 3ALB is grateful for the support of the members.

Planning for the 2019 – 2020 series is well underway with the Fall 2019 program, “Prosperity and Equity: Finding Common Ground”, confirmed and work continuing on the Winter 2020 series.

The following reports will provide a short summary of the activities during the past year and the financial status of the organization.

The report will conclude with the introduction of the new Third Age Learning, Burlington Board of Directors who will assume their responsibilities as of May 1, 2019.

Program Committee:

Judith Johnson, Chair, Program Committee

As noted above, two programs were presented during the course of the year– “Climate Change, Catastrophe and the Tides of History” (Fall 2018) and “I’m Back and Here’s What Is New” (Winter 2019). Each program series was sold out within a very short period of time and we continue to receive a good number of walk-ins for each session.

The program committee continues to work at providing varied formats for series presentations. Last fall, our presentation on Climate was presented in entirety by Dr. Tony Davis. The Fall 2019 program, “Prosperity and Equity: Finding Common Ground”, is being coordinated by one speaker, who will present two of the lectures and he has invited 6 other presenters to shape this programming under his guidance.

We are responding to your responses in the surveys and our Winter 2020 series will focus on one of the topics you rated highly. We have suggestions from you for the following 2 series, so planning is well in hand into 2021!!

This year, Les Robb left the committee, contributing great enthusiasm and knowledge during his time on the committee. Next year, I will be retiring as Chair of the Committee and our Chair for 2019-2020 will be Doug Fraser. Thank you to the members listed below, who share in the excitement and hard work of bringing series to you twice a year.

Program Committee Members:

Shobha Ahuja	Doug Fraser	Sharon Gibbons	Gretchen Harris
Coco Johnson	Lois McNally	Mike McNally	Bernice Pedreschi (secretary)
Les Robb	Marg Tracz	Judith Johnson (Chair)	

Membership Committee:

As of February, 2019, Third Age Learning Burlington has a membership of 330 with 48 new members this year. Membership numbers have not changed significantly from year to year.

Membership is included with the registration fee for a session and continues for a period of one year from the date that the registration fee is received.

In January 2019 a call for interested volunteers to serve on the Board was circulated. Seven individuals responded and of that group, six will assume positions on the new Board. The group will be presented at the March 2019 Annual General Meeting for approval by the membership.

Facilities Committee:

Bernice Pedreschi, Chair, Facilities Committee

The Art Gallery of Burlington remained the venue for the presentations and will continue as the site for the foreseeable future.

A special "Thank You" to the following volunteers who welcome our members and distribute the information sheets at each session:

Facilities Committee Members:

Valerie Barnes Diane Edelsward Bernice Pedreschi Pat Taylor

Website:

George MacRae, Website Chair

Our website provides information to the general public including:

- details of all previous series and presentations
- links to information related to presentations and other sites
- information about the organization
- registration for each session allowing both registration and payment to be made online – 3ALB no longer accepts payment by cheque
- mailing list

- contact information

Individuals interested in receiving information on upcoming series are encouraged to provide their contact information using the 3ALB.org website and becoming part of the mailing list.

The ability to pay online using a credit card or a PayPal account is handled through a link to the PayPal website. The PayPal interface has been a little confusing for some despite the tutorial that we have provided on our website. We have investigated using other credit card processing services but have found the price prohibitive so far.

Replacing the current website with a new website has begun and will continue through the coming year. Information on the process and the new website will be communicated to the members as work proceeds.

Treasurers Report:

Barbara Pickworth, Treasurer

Series 14 and 15 were fully subscribed and thus on budget. Walk in proceeds have continued to surpass the budgeted number with an average of 18 to 20 walk-ins per session during each series. The additional revenues have contributed to the surplus for the year.

Some \$1,700 in anticipated costs for website fees, small equipment purchases, consultation fees and travel costs did not materialize and an additional \$1,500 for the investigation of a new website was not required, resulting in a surplus of \$4,000 for the year. This amount may be adjusted slightly prior to the close of the fiscal year.

Cortech Computer Services continued to provide AV services for both the Fall and Winter series. The benefits of the service were considered substantial by the Board, the Program Committee and the speakers and are anticipated to continue for the 2019 – 2020 series.

Overall revenues were in line with projections with online payments continuing to increase and account for total payments.

New Board of Directors:

Third Age Learning, Burlington wishes to welcome the following individuals to serve as the Board of Directors commencing May 1, 2019.

Chair: Mary-Ellen Heiman

Treasurer: Marjorie Dieterman

Secretary: Jane Ann Newson

Members at Large: Vito Barbera Graham Swanson

Summary:

The Board wishes to thank all the members for their support and participation in Third Age Learning Burlington. Subscriptions continue to support the programs developed by the Program Committee and the response to the individual speakers has been quite positive.

Greater volunteer participation of members in the organization remains a challenge. The mandate to provide stimulating, informative and affordable programs that are accessible for the 55+ community remains the focus of the organization.

Board Membership for 2018 – 2019

Penny Hersh

George MacRae

Barbara Pickworth

Judith Johnson (Associate Member)

Bernice Pedreschi (Associate Member)

Susan Savage