



## Third Age Learning Burlington

### Annual Report

March 5, 2020

Art Gallery Burlington

1333 Lakeshore Road

Burlington, ON L7S 1A9

**Fiscal Year - May 1, 2019 – April 30, 2020**

#### **Opening Remarks** - Mary Ellen Heiman Board Chair

Mary Ellen welcomed those in attendance (28), declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 15:00. Motion to open our 2020 Annual Meeting – Graham Swanson and Coco Johnson.

Mary Ellen acknowledged the excellent work accomplished by those on the Program Committee, Board Members and George MacRae – Webmaster and Barb Pickworth – Past Board Chair.

#### **Finance Report** - Marjorie Dieterman

Series 16 and 17 were fully subscribed and thus on budget. Walk in proceeds are below the budgeted number with an average of 14 to 18 walk-ins per session during each series. There were deficits for speaker travel, parking passes, website fees, insurance

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and office supplies totalling \$1,300. Surpluses for meeting rentals, bank fees, TAN membership and small equipment resulted in a total of \$750. There were also fees paid for the use of photos that we had on our website. These amounts may be adjusted slightly prior to the close of the fiscal year.

### **Hospitality Report - Bernice Pedreschi (report given by Vito Barbera)**

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

We changed our name from FACILITIES to HOSPITALITY in order to better describe the services we provide at each session.

A special “Thank You” to the following volunteers who welcomed our members and guests and distributed the Speaker Abstract sheets at each session:

Diane Edelsward, Elaine Evenson and Patricia Taylor.

### **Membership Report – Marjorie Dieterman**

As of February 2020, Third Age Learning Burlington has a membership of 319. 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.

### **Program Report – Doug Fraser**

The Program Committee presented two successful Series over the last 12 months. Our Fall 2019 Program, Prosperity and Equity: Finding Common Ground focused on two important elements of the Canadian economy, the challenges to Growth in Average Living Standards and the challenges addressing Income Inequality. Our just completed Winter 2020 Series, My Road to Innovation focused on innovators from several fields describing how they first embraced innovation and subsequently dealt with the opportunities and challenges, they met along the development road. Both Series were fully subscribed and well received by our members.

Our Fall 2020 Program will be “**Reaching People Through the Arts**”. Why are the Arts Important to us? Artists from various disciplines will reflect on this question. Registration

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for the Series will follow later this spring.

Over the last few months, we welcomed 4 new members to our Program Committee - Alan Baynton, Anne Clifton, Linda Feldman and John Hyslop. All are hard at work on developing our programs for 2021.

Two members of our committee will be retiring later this year.

Judith Johnson has served on the Program Committee for several years in various capacities including Speaker Host, Series Coordinator and Committee Co-Chair and Chair. She has played a pivotal role in the development of the processes we follow and the tools we use in planning and managing the high-quality Series, we present twice each year.

Gretchen Harris has made valuable contributions to program planning and management, acted as Series Coordinator and Speaker Host and was always fully engaged at committee meetings. We thank them both for their years of service.

### **Website** – Marjorie Dieterman

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
- 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. Replacing the current website with a new website was begun last year and will continue throughout part of this year. Information on the process and the new website will be communicated to the members.

### **TAN report** – Graham Swanson

The third age learning, lifelong learning and other groups of learners meet as the Third Age Learning Network (TAN). There are 31 members of this group from across Ontario that meet twice a year as a Board to share common goals, achievements, and problems. Every second year TAN puts on a symposium to explore ideas that are common to many groups.

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TAN is headquartered at Ryerson University in Toronto. Ryerson has a third age learning program that has some funds to allow paid staff work to with their program development.

Each organization is independent running their education sessions with varied programs that suits their members.

3ALB members are all members of TAN. Part of our registration fees go to TAN. I attended the symposium held in Guelph last spring. It was very helpful to see how other groups ran programs. There are many ways to bring education to people.

TAN sends out a newsletter several times a year. The latest newsletter is available <https://thirdagenetwork.ca>. Click on News in the menu and find the Current newsletter in the drop down menu OR go to the 3ALB web site: [3alb.org](http://3alb.org) and follow the links. Your board finds it beneficial to share with and learn from other groups providing ongoing lifelong learning to their communities. I am honoured to be able to represent 3ALB at the TAN board meetings and attend the bi-annual symposia

## **2020 Board of Directors**

<b>Chair</b>	Mary Ellen Heiman
<b>Past Chair</b>	Barb Pickworth
<b>Treasurer</b>	Marjorie Dieterman
<b>Secretary</b>	Jane Ann Newson
<b>Members at Large</b>	Vito Barbera Graham Swanson
<b>Hospitality</b>	Bernice Pedreschi
<b>Program Chair</b>	Doug Fraser

## **Closing Remarks**

As there were no questions, Mary Ellen Heiman asked for a motion to adjourn at 15:20.

Motion to close our 2020 Annual Meeting – Vito Barbera and Sharon Gibbons.

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