LLI CELEBRATIONS & CONGRATULATIONS
May, 2012

50th ANNIVERSARY PLANS, ETC.

The Institute for Retired Professionals (the very first lifelong learning program for older adults) was established in New York City in 1962. This year they are celebrating their 50th Anniversary. Many exciting events are taking place during this year-long celebration. As part of the celebration, *IRP Voices on Line*, to be published Fall 2012 will include poetry, prose (fiction, non-fiction), and memoir.

The IRP is also planning a Road Scholar charter program to Cuba in January, 2013 as part of their year-long celebration. Prior to the actual program three different courses on Cuba will be offered to help prepare members for travel to this long off-limits island, now accessible through Road Scholar charter programs.

As part of the celebration, the Institute for Retired Professionals at The New School hosted a program on *The New South Africa*, in honor of the late Heather Monroe, a dedicated student leader of the IRP. The program, followed by a reception, was held on Friday April 27th. The public was invited. The year 2012 also celebrates the 100th anniversary of the founding of the African National Congress. There were presentations from the Young South Africans in New York Society. The members, representing the diversity of their country, are currently engaged in higher education and finance in New York. The panel was chaired by South African scholar Teboho Moja, Clinical Professor of Higher Education at New York University. Heather Monroe, a former member of the IRP, directed programs at the African American Institute which brought young Africans to the United States for higher education. She had a lifelong interest in Africa and its cultures and visited South Africa frequently. This event was supported by her bequest to the IRP.

And speaking of the IRP, there was an article posted on the Fox News web site about them recently. Here is the link - http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2012/03/10/lifelong-learning-gift-college-all-over-again/

10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Peconic Landing community and their Lifelong Learning program (started by Sylvia Holtzburg, an alum from the ILR at Harvard) on Long Island is celebrating their 10th anniversary this summer with some outstanding events Beginning in May with a 5K race and a large newspaper insert, events include a nationally known keynote speaker, a Rose Garden reception, luncheons and dinners for various constituencies, a judged Sculpture Garden opening, a presentation by the PL Theater Company and concluding with "Pianofest". August, which is the actual anniversary date, will have a performance by Itzak Perlman's group, a huge BBQ, a major concert and fireworks. It is during this time that the resident committees and clubs (including Lifetime Learning) will present and "Crazy About Words" is under consideration.

5CLIR MEMBER PUBLISHES NEW BOOK

I, Lobster; A Crustacean Odyssey, by Nancy Frazier is the latest book to be written, thanks to membership in a lifelong learning institute.
In the fall of 2006 Nancy Frazier enrolled in Jim and Nina Scott's seminar at the Five College Learning in Retirement program in Massachusetts on "The Secret Life of Lobsters," for which she created a spectacular PowerPoint on "Lobsters in Art."

It garnered such raves that Nancy was invited to share her work at an Encore Presentation, and has gone on to give this talk in other places, such as Waldoboro, Maine, where she and Jack have a summer home. Then the project continued to grow. In 2009 Nancy published an article, "Salvador Dalí's Lobsters: Feast, Phobia, and Freudian Slip," in *Gastronomica. The Journal of Food and Culture*, and now is about to publish a book which has been many years in the making.
I, Lobster; A Crustacean Odyssey will be published by the University Press of New England in September 2012. In 13 chapters Nancy looks at the lobster as cultural icon, biological being and delicacy on our plate, among other considerations. The pre-press description of the contents is already mind-stretching: "Lobster is a tasty though messy meal, but if you think that's all it is, think again. Listen carefully and you will hear the voice of the lobster. This strange creature speaks to us from ancient myth to new wave rock. In our own words and images it tells us who we are. The lobster is our mirror. *To consider the lobster throughout history is to contemplate ourselves*." Nancy wrote to tell of the birth of this "5CLIR offspring" by saying, "I am emerging now from what has occasionally seemed a long, dark tunnel but most of the time has been a great adventure some indefinite number of leagues above and beneath the sea." Congratulations, Nancy!

OLLI STUDENT PUBLSHES BOOK

Thanks to inspiration received in writing classes at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Alabama, Huntsville, Hosoo Yoo is the proud author of *A Pair of High Heels in the Korean War*, a book about her mother's experience during that era. It is published in Korean so that Yoo's mother, who lives in Seoul, can read it. Yoo, who has been a member of OLLI since fall term in 2009, began writing her mother's story in the "Write Your Life Story" class, at OLLI. Another OLLI class, "Is it a Dream or Goal?" also assisted Yoo in helping her realize that writing her own book was a dream in her early life. Since Yoo's book is about the Korean War, she decided to use book sale profits to support the "Valor Flight" project to express her gratitude to the veterans for their hardship. "Valor Flight" assists these veterans in the Huntsville and Tennessee area in taking flights to Washington, D. C. to see the Korean War Memorial. "Valor Flight" is similar to the "Honor Flight Program" where WWII Veterans are flown to D. C. to see the WWII Memorial. Yoo has sold over 100 books and has received about $3,000 in sales and donations toward the "Valor Flight" project. Congratulations, Hosoo Yoo!

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Academy of Lifelong Learning at Lincoln Land Community College in Illinois has been funding a LLCC Scholarship that allows ALL family members, such as grandchildren or relatives, an opportunity to go to college, thus embarking on their journey into lifelong learning. Members have been very generous in their donations to this scholarship fund each year, and donations are tax-deductible.