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Our Mission: To offer adults, in partnership with the Faculty of Extension, high quality and affordable non-credit educational courses, seminars and workshops which stimulate both mind and body by exploring liberal arts, fine arts, sciences, humanities and physical activities.

November 2017 Newsletter

Presidents Message

Joyce Madsen

President



I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the lovely fall we have been having. I wanted to let you know how things are progressing from the Board perspective.

Firstly, as those at the AGM know, we started the year off with some openings on the Board and I am pleased to advise you that we have 4 new board members – Shirley Forest our President Elect, Linda Riopelle our Chair of the Administration Committee, Doug Davey our Volunteer Program Committee Chair and Mary Anne Yurkiw sitting as a member at large.



Shirley Forest



Linda Riopelle



Doug Davey



Mary Anne Yurkiw

We do continue to have an opening for a Secretary and if that is a role that you would consider, please let me know. The Secretary sends out notices of meetings, takes the minutes and sits as a member of the Executive. It is not a terribly onerous role, but one that requires use of technology.

Presidents Message (continued)

There will also be several openings when we come together at Spring Session. We have 5 members of the Board who will be retiring. If you can help by providing leadership we would love to hear from you. We need help with finances, course and program development, organizing spring session, and Board leadership.

Some of you have asked what has happened to Encore, the program that was providing programs outside of the spring session. The Board decided to close this program until we have a better understanding of what we need to provide. We are so aware of the many programs being offered by others in this City. Check out the Other Learning Opportunities tab on the [my-ella website](#). We have started listing programs that are available that you might find interesting.

The Program Development Committee have identified a great program for 2018, and the Implementation Committee have begun their work to match classes to spaces, so you can mark your calendar for the April 30 beginning of Spring Session 2018 and we will send you more details as they are ready.

Our Office Has Moved

The ELLA office has moved! Still located in Enterprise Square but easier to find, we are now located on the lower level right at the top of the stairs from the LRT, room L-022B. If you're coming in on the main floor from Jasper Avenue simply take the escalator down to the lower level and you'll see our sign on your left.

Office Hours from now to December 11, 2017

- Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm
- Closed November 13 2017 for Observance of Remembrance Day
- Closed from December 12 to January 7, 2017—Happy Holidays!
- Re-opening January 8, 2018

Renew your ELLA membership

The membership year runs from October 1st to September 30th so don't forget to renew your membership. It's quick and easy to renew online!! [Click here!](#)

2018 Spring Session

“Oh, the places we’ll go...” Your Program Development Committee has finished assembling our course offerings for 2018’s Spring Session and we hope you will be as pleased as we are. First, 2018 will see us offering the largest number of courses ever! Over 50 of them! We have increased the number of available art courses and fitness courses, as well as adding to our offerings of Arts, Humanities and Sciences courses. 2018 course information will be available online on February 16, 2018.

Of course, we will be bringing back some of our old and more recent favorites: we will be able to relax with Yoga or kick up our heels with Line Dancing. What I am most pleased with, however, is the new areas we will be able to explore - broadening our horizons and turning our attention to places and topics we have not visited before. May, 2018 should be a lot of fun!

By Gay Madin

Volunteers

Calling avid walkers!

We are looking for volunteers to lead walking groups before classes and/or at lunch hour during the 2018 Spring session. It would be good if you were familiar with the campus area, but we will see to providing maps (including some indoor walking routes). We envision each volunteer leading perhaps two groups per week at a minimum, but you would be welcome to do more if you wish. A meeting/orientation will be held to outline what we are hoping to offer members. We hope you will consider volunteering in this way if you are one of those who enjoy starting their morning off with a good walk, or walking at lunch to break up a day that can otherwise involve a lot of sitting!

Check Out Our Website



Go to my-ella.com and check out what’s happening with ELLA.

- Click on the Other Learning Opportunities tab to see [additional learning opportunities in and around the Edmonton area](#) and [articles of interest](#).
- Go to the [Photo Gallery](#) to see pictures of ELLA members at Spring Session.
- The [Volunteer](#) tab lists some of the volunteer opportunities available with ELLA.
- The About Us tab has information about ELLA and some [amazing stories](#) about some of our members and their [history](#) and accomplishments.