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June 2017 Newsletter

ELLA 2017 in Review

- Over 900 active members
- More classes to choose from than ever before offered at Spring Session
- 600 registered participants at Spring Session
- Our own line dancing “flash mob” - click here to see the videos [YouTube Line Dancing](#)
- Thank you to the 146 volunteers who were responsible for the success of Spring Session
- ELLA volunteers provided live streaming of the Spring Session noon hour presentations so that when the lecture theatre was full the presentations could be viewed in another location
- Volunteer photographers took great Spring Session photos some of which are posted in the photo gallery—click here to go to the gallery <http://my-ella.com/photo-galleries/>
- ELLA members submitted photos and those attending the Art Show had the opportunity to vote for the photo they liked best.....the People Choice Award went to Mohamed Hirji's “Grain Elevator at Pincher Creek”



- Members connected with members to write stories about people, history and class activities—click here to review these stories <http://my-ella.com/members-stories/>
- Anne Fanning, ELLA member and instructor, Professor Emerita, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, is being inducted into both the Alberta Order of Excellence and the City of Edmonton Salute to Excellence Community Service Hall of Fame
- Over 99% of us said that Spring Session 2017 was good, very good or excellent and over 92% of us said it was very good or excellent
- We had a few items left in our lost and found box at the end of Spring Session; 2 scarves, an apple connection cord, a water bottle and a pair of sun glasses. If any of these items belong to you contact Cindy at hansoncindy@shaw.ca and make arrangements to pick them up.
- Over 80% of our first time attendees at Spring Session 2017 say they heard about Spring Session from an ELLA member. Please keep sharing information about the “ELLA Experience” with your friends and colleagues. We are our own best advertising!

A Message from our President

Spring Session 2017 has been by all accounts extremely successful. All of the planning and organizing paid off and the majority of people seemed to really enjoy their classes. I had several people tell me that it was the ‘best ever’. We had 600 people registered. The ages were from 50 to 88. The atmosphere in the Education Building was quite electric with all of the chatter and enthusiasm.

We know that it took 144+ volunteers to make this event the success it was – and I want to thank every single one who contributed in any way they could. It takes all of us to make spring session work – from the volunteers in the office answering the telephone and many questions, to the team that selects the courses and instructors, to the registration desk organizer, to the treasurer who pays the bills, to the implementation committee who find a place for every class – everyone contributing what they can is how it all comes together. Please consider volunteering.

We received lots of suggestions for courses and noon hour speakers, so thanks for your thoughtful consideration.

The Board is planning to do some work over the summer – finding candidates to serve on the Board and assessing our technology. We know we have some glitches in our membership system so that is a high priority, and the work on our website will continue. It is becoming a centre for us to communicate with you so we encourage you to check out my-ella.com regularly to see what is new.

Thanks to all who continue to make ELLA the organization that it is. Your commitment to the mission of providing outstanding educational opportunities is what keeps the ball rolling.