

Dear ICL Members,

We're finishing up 2007 with a wonderful flourish:



- The Fall, 2007, Study Groups are history. We have received very positive feedback on them from the largest number of participants in ICL's history. Thanks so much to the Coordinators.
- The new Membership Directory is out. It lists the largest number of members in our existence.
- What a great Holiday Party – the Penthouse was full; the food tasty; and the entertainment super.
- We had a wonderful guided tour to Pullman in November and a great one to the Dawes House and an Alfred Hitchcock Exhibit in December.

So, what is ahead for us? Lots:

- The Winter Lecture Series begins on Wednesday, January 23rd with Dr. Middleton discussing "Follow the Union Jack Road! The Reform Act of 1832 and the Growth of British Democracy". The Winter Lectures are being sponsored by a major contribution by Friendship Village.
- Plato's Place continues with challenging subjects like "What is the difference between wisdom and knowledge?" (Dec 12); "What is your favorite fiction and favorite non-fiction book?" (Dec 19); and "Compare the pros and cons of a graduated income tax and flat income tax. Which is better?" (Jan 2)
- We will have our first Winter Study Groups: There will be 4 choices on Wednesday afternoons after the Lecture and Plato's Place. Details will be mailed out later in December.

As the "Year 2007" comes to a close, members of ICL have so much to be thankful for – the activities, the chance to meet new people and make new friends, and the opportunity to stimulate our brains.

Take care, enjoy the Holiday season, give back and take a few chances – why not?

See everyone next year.

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