

PRESIDENT'S LETTER
DECEMBER 2008

Dear ICLers,

The Holidays are almost here and I am sure all of you are busy planning your activities and festivities. Some of you will be staying home and some of you will be traveling. For the first time in a number of years it looks like we'll be doing double duty on Christmas, spending part of the day with each of our families. It's a lot of driving, and quite hectic, but we always have a good time with both families.

As you may have noticed, this month's letter is a departure from the normal email distribution. While the letter will be posted to the web site, I wanted to make sure that as many members as possible get this one as close to the same time as possible. There are a number of very important things that you need to be aware of. Hence, I have asked that it be included in this special mailing.

With this mailing you have received the Winter 2009 Lecture Series brochure. If you have looked it over, you will see that we have one the best lineups ever. We anticipate that many, if not all, of the lectures will be packed.

As many of you know, Schaumburg has an occupancy code for the Penthouse at Roosevelt University. As a result of this code, we can only accommodate 185 ICLers at each lecture. As a result, for the first time we must have pre-registration for the lectures.

On Friday, December 12, 2008 members can begin registering for the lectures. You will be able to register on the web site, by mail, or by dropping off your registration with Mary Fioretti at the ICL office.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU REGISTER EARLY. ONLY THE FIRST 185 WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND. FOR NOW, WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT RESERVATIONS FROM ICL MEMBERS. IF WE FIND THAT SPACE IS AVAILABLE FOR NON-MEMBERS AT INDIVIDUAL LECTURES, WE WILL LET YOU KNOW.

Also, while you can register for all of the lectures at once, please register only for the lectures you know you will be able to attend. We would hate to turn someone down, only to find that space is available on the day of the lecture.

When registering on the web site, if you see the word "CLOSED" next to one of the lectures, we have reached the 185 limit and we will not be able to register you. If you mail in your registration, or drop it off and the lecture is "Closed", you will be notified as soon as possible.

Also included in this mailing is the Winter 2009 Study Group brochure. Registration for the Winter study groups will also begin on December 12, 2008. As with past sessions, room sizes are limited. So, please register early, only register for the study group(s) you plan to attend, and if you register for a study group and later find out you cannot attend, please let the coordinator know.

I know that some of you may be disappointed (and upset) if you can't get into the lectures or study groups that you want. I sincerely apologize for that in advance. However, we have to realize that we must follow the safety and occupancy guidelines as they apply to the University.

Everyone please have a happy and safe Holiday season. I hope to see as many of you as possible in January.

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