

PRESIDENT'S LETTER
JANUARY 2009

Dear ICLers,

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU! Whatever happens this year, I hope it's better than last year. If last year was tough for you, I hope this one is easier. If last year was great for you, I hope this one is even greater.

Well, it's back to work now. I pretty much took off the whole month of December and did very little in the way of ICL activities. With the New Year I am energized and ready to roll. There are several things on my list to cover so I'll get right to them.

Winter Lecture Series

First, the Winter 2009 Lecture Series begins on January 21, 2009 with John Callaway from Channel 11. As I mentioned in last month's letter, Schaumburg has an occupancy code for the Penthouse. As a result of this code, we can only accommodate 185 ICLers at each lecture. As a result, for the first time we required pre-registration for the lectures.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

ONLY COME TO A LECTURE IF YOU HAVE PRE-REGISTERED FOR IT. WE WILL BE CHECKING EVERYONE IN, OUTSIDE THE PENTHOUSE DOORS, AND WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO LET YOU ENTER UNLESS YOUR NAME IS ON THE REGISTRATION LIST.

The lectures are scheduled to begin at 10:00 AM each Wednesday. Because the check-in process could take time, please arrive early so we can get everyone in and seated by 9:55 AM. When you are finding a place to sit, please move to the center of the aisle you choose, and don't leave any empty seats.

Finally, we have a waiting list for many of the lectures. If you will not be able to attend a particular lecture, please call or email Mary Fioretti in the ICL office and let her know. She will then be able to call or email the next person on the waiting list and tell her/him there is room.

NEW Telephone Announcement System

Next on my list is to let you know that we now have a telephone announcement system available to let you know of emergency cancellations. The phone number is 630-830-3649. If we should have to cancel an event like a lecture or a study group because of weather, or some other factor, a message will be available at that number. This is not an answering system, so messages cannot be left. Also, there is only one line, so it may take a while to get through.

As an additional way to get out information I have created a web page using my Comcast account. This web page will have emergency and non-emergency information available. The address is <http://home.comcast.net/~remasterson>
Please create a bookmark for it on your computer for easy access.

Remaining Lectures and Classes

Lastly, we still have room in a few of our lectures, and several Winter Study Groups also have room left. Please take a look at what's open online and register for these activities.

As usual, I hope to see you around the halls.

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