

PRESIDENT'S LETTER
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Dear ICLer's,

To paraphrase Gerald Ford "Our long National Campaign is over"! The votes have been counted. The results are in. Some of us are happy; some of us are sad. The only thing we can be certain about is that regardless how we feel about our newly elected officials, we must rally around them, and hope and pray that they make good, sound decisions on our behalf. We need to watch them closely. We need to let them know when we are pleased with what they do, and most importantly, when we are unhappy with what they do.

Now, on to other important things: We are quickly approaching the end of our Fall Study Groups. By all accounts they have been very successful and well attended. This week and next week you should be receiving the evaluation forms from your coordinator(s). Please take the time to fill them out and let us know your thoughts. It is very important that we hear from you. In order to keep providing Study Groups that meet your desires, we need to know what you like, and what you don't like about the sessions you attended. To steal from the business world, "Continuous Improvement" is one of our goals and we need your help to achieve it.

We are entering the final stages of planning the Winter Study Group sessions. We have seven to nine excellent topics on tap. Study Groups will be held on Tuesday (AM/PM), Wednesday (PM) and Thursday (AM/PM). They will start on January 27, 2009 and run for five weeks. We expect to have the lineup ready for you in early January and we will let you know when registration starts.

Of course, this process really never ends. Even though it is four plus months away, we need to start planning for the Spring 2009 Study Groups. Anyone who has plans to coordinate a Study Group in the spring should let Steve Wolf (Program Committee Chair) know as soon as possible. Send a note to Steve at: stevengwolf@att.net.

Our Winter 2009 Lecture Series brochure has gone to the printer and you should be receiving it in the near future. What a series we are going to have!! Our first lecture will be presented by John Callaway of PBS Channel 11. Ahead in the series are Dr. Charles Middleton and Dr. Paul Green along with Geoffrey Baer of Channel 11, and a host of other interesting and enjoyable presenters.

PLEASE NOTE: City codes limit us to no more than 175 ICL attendees at the lectures in the Penthouse. Because of the expected popularity of many of the lectures, we must institute a registration process for them, and they will be limited to ICL members only. We will let you know in advance which lectures will require registration, and when registration for the lectures will begin.

I have some advance information for you on a planned Pilot Program we will be conducting this Winter 2009. We will pilot a program for interested ICL members that will provide an opportunity for new and veteran presenters to experiment with techniques and strategies for energizing presentations, using media effectively, and encouraging audience participation. We really think this will be a fun and interesting program for anyone who participates. In about two weeks you will be getting additional information on the program.

Finally, don't forget to put the ICL Holiday Party on your calendar. It will be on Wednesday, December 3, 2008, in the Penthouse. More information on the Party will follow later this month.

See you around the halls.

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