

September 19, 2008
President's Letter

Dear ICLer's,

I love Fall! It's my favorite time of the year. I'm a cool weather person, and of course, there's FOOTBALL!! Yes, I'm one of those Fantasy Football junkies you often hear about. For hour after hour during August, I pore through player statistics and projections as I get ready for the draft. I'm in 2 leagues this year - one with former co-workers, and one with mostly family. The important one is the one with my former co-workers. Our league is about 15 years old and really competitive. I won my game the first week, and I had the high score, but I lost the second week, just like "Da Bears." We'll see.

What else do I like about Fall? Well of course it's the ICL. Things really start to ramp up in the Fall. We had a successful Taste of ICL in late August in which 30+ new members joined us. In early September we had a "Coordinators Appreciation" luncheon in which we celebrated and thanked the 60 Coordinators who put together all the outstanding Study Groups in 2008. Also, we just finished what some have said was the best Humanities Seminar of them all. About 85 people were in attendance and the Professors who lectured were excellent.

Finally, on Thursday afternoon we had a really great lecture by Professor Paul Green at Friendship Village in Schaumburg. There was a nice crowd with about half from ICL and half from Friendship village.

A HEARTY THANKS to everyone involved in planning all these events. Also, a SPECIAL THANKS to Dr. Toni Potenza for her kind words about the ICL at the luncheon and the seminar.

What do we have to look forward to? First, we had a great start to the Fall semester on September 15th. We have a really outstanding selection of Study Groups, and we have filled close to 900 seats across them. I hope that all of you enjoy the Study Groups you have selected.

Please don't forget about our noon time (11:45 AM to 12:45 PM) activities. On Tuesday's we have "Tuesday Encore", on Wednesday's we have "Plato's Place" and on Thursday's we have "The Lighter Side". All of these activities are great fun, and if you haven't tried one out, do so, you won't regret it.

BULLETIN: Within the last 24 hours we have scheduled two events for October. On October 15th we will have our Oktoberfest celebration, and on October 17th we will have a field trip to the Morton Arboretum. More information will be shared on these events in the near future.

I have one last note before I sign off on this letter. We are always looking for members who want to get more involved in the ICL. We have a lot of opportunities for you to participate, give a little back to the organization, and make us a better place to spend your valuable time. Please contact me if you are interested.

That's all for now. See you in the Study Groups and around the halls.

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