

"Partners in Learning"

THE MORNING PROGRAM

**REGISTRATION
AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** 9:00 - 9:30 A.M.

WELCOME 9:30 A.M.
Nancy Christie, Living and Learning in Retirement, Toronto

KEYNOTE SPEAKER 9:45 A.M.
David Crombie - *Being an Active Senior*

Session 1: ROUTES TO LEARNING 10:30 A.M.
*Many formats for learning which include lectures,
peer-led groups and others.*

Chair: **Gillian Anchel**, Hamilton Third Age Learning

Linda Tu,
Academy for Lifelong Learning, Toronto

Julian Sale,
Third Age Learning, Guelph

Session 2: COMMUNITY OR COMMODITY 11:30 A.M.
An analysis of what members want and how to provide it.

Chair: **Norma Wiens**, Later Life Learning at Innis

Jeanette Brown,
LIFE Institute at Ryerson

Gina Barber,
Society for Learning in Retirement, London

LUNCH 12:30-1:30 p.m.

THE AFTERNOON PROGRAM

Session 3: USING TECHNOLOGY 1:30 P.M.
Is there an app for that?
Chair: **Nora McAuliffe**,
Lifelong Learners, Mississauga

Gaylen Racine,
Living and Learning in Retirement, Toronto

Ilana Wilner,
Launchbox Inc., Toronto

Session 4: OPEN FORUM 3:00 P.M.
Discussions and questions.

Chair: **Judith Levkoe**
LIFE Institute at Ryerson

CONFERENCE CLOSE 3:45 P.M.

**The TAN Annual General Meeting
will be held at 4:00 p.m.
following the close of the symposium.**

**Symposium attendees are invited
to stay for this meeting.**

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

WELCOME

Nancy Christie - Living and Learning in Retirement, Toronto

Nancy Christie was an association manager in the disability field, retiring in 2001. Her involvement with Third Age Learning initially was with Living and Learning in Retirement (Glendon) and she has worked with TAN since its inception.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

David Crombie

David Crombie is a former Mayor of Toronto, Federal Cabinet Minister; and Chair and CEO, Canadian Urban Institute. He is currently Chair, Toronto Lands Corporation, Chair, Nuclear Waste Management, Advisory Council and Chancellor Emeritus, Ryerson University. He is an Officer of the Order of Canada and a member of the Order of Ontario.

SESSION 1 - ROUTES TO LEARNING

Gillian Anchel - Hamilton Third Age Learning

Gillian Anchel's professional career was spent working as a psychology professional in education. Upon her retirement, she read about Third Age Learning groups that existed in other localities and with a few interested people, started such a group in Hamilton. Since then the Hamilton Third Age Learning has become a very successful fixture in the community and attracts sold out registrations to two lecture series a year. She also joined the Academy for Lifelong Learning in Toronto and hopes the Hamilton group will expand to include some of the many social opportunities that members of the Academy enjoy.

Linda Tu - Academy for Lifelong Learning, Toronto

Linda has been a member of the Academy for Lifelong Learning since

the early 1990s and has offered a science related workshop since the second year after joining the Academy. She has been on several committees and was president of the Academy in 1996. Her background is strongly rooted in the sciences with degrees from Wales and the USA. Chemistry, Biochemistry and Biophysics are her main academic interests. She has taught at the university level and informally to bright children.

Julian Sale - Third Age Learning, Guelph

Julian joined DuPont in 1967 having graduated in mechanical engineering from the University of Waterloo. He started in the polymers business in Kingston and from there went on to various sales, marketing and management roles in Montreal, Toronto and Mississauga. In 1996 DuPont sold its medical imaging business to Agfa Inc and Julian was appointed Vice President Medical Imaging. He retired from Agfa in 2002. In 2009 Julian and his wife moved from Toronto to Guelph. He has been on the board of Third Age Learning Guelph (TAL-G) and he has been active with TAN in various capacities since joining TAL-G.

SESSION 2 - COMMUNITY OR COMMODITY

Norma Wiens - Later Life Learning at Innis

Norma Wiens worked in elementary school education beginning as a classroom teacher and retiring as a school principal. Norma sat on the executive board of the Ontario Reading Association serving on the conference planning committee and as treasurer for many years. In retirement, one of her favourite activities has been attending the lecture series at Later Life Learning, Innis College, University of Toronto. Norma has served on the Later Life Learning Board of Directors since 2009 including two years as president.

Jeanette Browne - LIFE Institute at Ryerson

Jeanette Browne is a member of the LIFE Institute Board and Chair of the Member Engagement Committee. Her background as an adult educator prompted her involvement in this committee. She could see the importance of ensuring that LIFE members feel involved in the organization and with each other as well as

stimulated by learning. The rapid growth of the LIFE membership has challenged the Member Engagement Committee to think creatively about how to do this.

Prior to retirement, Jeanette worked in community agencies developing programs, writing manuals and training facilitators.

Gina Barber - Society for Learning in Retirement, London

Gina Barber began her career as an elementary school teacher and librarian. Following a stint as a CUSO volunteer in India, she completed a Master's Degree in sociology at Western University and then began teaching at Fanshawe College in London, Ontario. In 2004 she retired to focus on her avocation, politics. Elected to city council in 2006, she pioneered the age-friendly initiative in London, making it the first city in Canada to be accepted as part of the World Health Organization network of age-friendly cities. A former president of the Society for Learning in Retirement London, she recruited university student volunteers to teach information technology skills to its members, a program which she still supervises.

SESSION 3 - USING TECHNOLOGY

Nora McAuliffe - Lifelong Learning Mississauga

Nora McAuliffe is a founding member of Lifelong Learning Mississauga and is currently its Board vice-Chair. This group started in 2012 and is affiliated with the City of Mississauga. Nora worked as an Occupational Therapist in the area of mental health and finished her career as a project manager at the Local Health Integrated Health Network (the LHIN), coordinating the integration of addiction and mental services within the Mississauga Halton area. Nora has been a volunteer for many years, starting when her children were small, as a Brownie leader and more recently, at a drop-in centre for marginalized people in Mississauga.

Gaylen Racine - Living and Learning in Retirement - Toronto

Gaylen attended Queen's University and graduated in 1963 with a degree in Engineering. He worked for Imperial Oil from 1963 until 2006. While employed at Imperial Oil he worked in Engineering,

Product Supply, Systems and Management. In every case, he used information technology to improve work processes. Gaylen lived in a wide variety of settings including Regina, Sarnia, New Jersey, California, Edmonton and Toronto.

Gaylen is an active member of the Living and Learning in Retirement group in Toronto. He is their AV Coordinator and systems consultant. He built and maintains their website, participated in the project to add online registration/payment functionality, creates PowerPoint presentations for class announcements, issues mass emails to LLIR members, and conducts member surveys.

Ilana Wilner - Launchbox Inc., Toronto

Ilana Wilner is a Web Developer based in Toronto, Ontario. After graduating from York University in 1996 Ilana started her first company, Alternet Web Design in 1997, later expanding and incorporating her business as Launchbox in 2001.

As there were no practical courses in web design or HTML coding, Ilana set about teaching herself and built her first professional website in 1997 – still early days for the World Wide Web as we currently know it, with the first commercial websites only beginning to appear around a year or two earlier. At that time, websites had to be designed to download and display efficiently via slow dial-up internet connections, with Netscape Navigator being the browser of choice.

SESSION 4 - OPEN FORUM

Judith Levkoe LIFE Institute at Ryerson

Judith has been an active member of the LIFE Institute at Ryerson University ever since she graduated from there, (for the second time), in 2001. She has a background in both early childhood education and adult education, and began her volunteering in LIFE with the Calendar Committee and the Moderator Development Committee. Since then she has taken on various roles with the Board as Ombuddy and President. Judith has been involved in TAN since 2010, chaired the last Symposium Committee in 2013, and is currently a member of the Executive.