

COME ... JOIN US

Most of us are retired from a career that put us in daily contact with a broad spectrum of personalities and experiences. If we were lucky, we found this atmosphere very stimulating. After the first thrill of retirement freedom, we often find ourselves less informed than we once were, and looking for engaging activities and social connections.



A good place to reconnect is Partners in Learning. We offer well organized but informal courses and discussions. But we also have time and place for private friendship. We are not a school; we are not scholars. We are curious and open to new thinking.

And we enjoy sharing the experience and knowledge of a lifetime of discovery.

INFORMATION AND CONTACT

Please make your way to our website,
located at

partnersinlearning.ca

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It is not knowledge but the act of learning; not possession, but the act of getting there, which grants the greatest enjoyment

—Carl Friedrich Gauss



Partners In Learning



**A Grand Bend
Gathering
Of
Lifelong
Learners**

A LITTLE HISTORY

Partners in Learning was established in the Grand Bend Area in 2005 to address the desire for learning opportunities for mature citizens of our community. By tapping into the impressive store of expertise available in the area, **Partners in Learning** provides relevant and novel courses for healthy mental and social stimulation in a welcoming atmosphere.



A FEW SAMPLE TOPICS FROM RECENT YEARS

- * Paint Ontario with Josy Britton
- * Genetics and Medication
- * Realizing Reconciliation
- * Introduction to Drawing
- * Under the Trees
- * The Donnelly Saga
- * The Sea around us
- * Spanish Art
- * Fabulous Fifties

When are courses offered?

Courses are held on MONDAYS during the day, through the fall and winter. Normally a course is an hour and a half long and runs for five weeks.

Where are courses held?

We meet at the newly renovated Huron Shores United Church at 25 Main Street in Grand Bend. Practical classes, discussion groups, and peer learning courses are held in the beautiful and well-equipped facilities of HSUC. Field trips and other special events involve other locations as needed.

TYPES OF COURSES

Each course has a moderator who organizes and keeps discussions on topic, on time, and cordial.

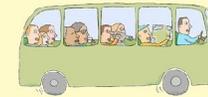
Several different kinds, to appeal to a wide range of learning styles, are offered.

- * **Peer Learning Courses** require all participants to contribute a short talk on something relevant to the topic. A variety of formats are used: notes, audio visuals, internet resources, or activities. We keep presentations informal. Very few speakers elect to stand up before the group. Discussion follows and all members may choose to take part.
- * **Discussion Courses** may have a moderator who has special expertise in a chosen topic, or who uses video to stimulate discussion on a topic. Sample topics: Inuit Art, Creative writing, Organic Farming. Participants do not provide presentations, but do participate in the discussions.
- * **Activity Courses** have a moderator or guest speaker with developed background in a practice such as drawing, intelligent movement, or bird watching.



SPRING POT POURRI

Our Spring series follows a different format entirely. In April and May, we offer one meeting each Monday. Each meeting features



a lecture or presentation by a guest speaker or small group. Representatives from

local councils have come to keep us informed on local developments. Medical professionals have presented reviews of recent findings. People who have remarkable skills have come to demonstrate. We also arrange field trips to discover fascinating places and events outside our classrooms.

OTHER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

For those who especially enjoy discussing and debating the issues of the day, we hold a once-monthly round table called **SOCRATES CAFÉ**. In summer, Socrates Café is held outdoors at the homes of members, and a full picnic lunch is provided. The conversation is spontaneous. No preparation is required.

At least three times during the year, we hold gatherings for social and information purposes:

- The autumn **OPEN HOUSE** begins our program year.
- Our **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & POTLUCK LUNCH** happens in early December.
- The **WINTER WARM-UP** in January will introduce our winter courses and cure our holiday fatigue. In winter, our companionship keeps us warm.