Presidents Letter

With classes at the half-way mark in B.I.L.L.’s first semester, this seems like a good time to review our purposes and objectives.

At the very top of our bylaws it states we are designed to:

“Encourage members to be on committees to be planners, course coordinators and facilitators.” This is of special significance right now. B.I.L.L. needs more participation from its members. This is a volunteer organization and depends on your help.

The second main objective is to “Provide courses that enrich, educate and involve.” Our first semester’s courses did that very well. We do not offer How-To-Courses for that reason.

The last objective is to “Provide a varied program of special events.” The trip to Williamstown described elsewhere in this issue was the first of many great events Chet Soling’s committee has scheduled.

Special thanks this month to Ann Dulye and the public information committee. Ann, Harriet Vine and committee members deserve our thanks for all their great work including this issue of B.I.L.L. Board.

Tom Easton

Super Spring Semester

With attendance surpassing all expectations, the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday B.I.L.L. courses for Spring ’95 were filled to capacity with 200 class spots registered by 150 B.I.L.L. members.

Comments for all the courses were in the superlatives. The opera class soared music lovers to new insights, and Shakespeare, from Page to Stage, unfolded broad historical information regarding the Bard. The economic group held question and answer sessions worthy of any Wall Street economists. Speakers for the leadership classes fulfilled all the attributes of their skills. Maureen Stapleton, who starred in Queen of The Stardust Ballroom, visited the Hollywood musical class to discuss making the film and her professional career. Many B.I.L.L.ers continued class discussion and social rapport during lunch in the BCC cafeteria.

Preview of Fall Courses

The curriculum Committee has submitted a diversified expanded fall schedule which tentatively includes: Great Trials – six individual great historical trials. American Playwrights, Psychology-Human Development, Herman Melville’s Short Stories, Antiques As Art, Dante’s Divine Comedy, Biology, Memory, Todays Headlines (current event discussion), and a repeat of the popular Cosmos course.

Complete information on classes and instructors will appear in the fall catalogue.

Fall semester will be starting mid September.
Special Events

Williams College

Thirty B.I.L.L. members enjoyed a tour of Williams College on April 11th. This was the
groups first special event.

Following a gourmet lunch at the College’s
Faculty Club, the group was escorted through the
prestigious Sawyer Library, the Chapin Library
of rare book collections and the noted Williams
College Art Museum.

Tanglewood Second Special Event

The Special Events committee is offering
its second event for members. An afternoon at
Tanglewood on Tuesday, July 18th. There will be
a special V.I.P. tour of the facility. Participants
should be at the Main Gate by 11:30 AM. We
will then go the their cafeteria to buy our own
lunch. After that, we will tour Tanglewood, in-
cluding the new Ozawa Hall.

Since there is a limitation in the number
of people we can take, interested members should
send in their check for $4.50 per person, to Chet
Soling, at 223 Bee Hill Road, Williamstown, MA
01267, no later than July 1st. If you have any
questions, call the trip organizer, Lucille Ferbel at
413-637-2864. Everyone must be punctual for
there are several cafeterias at Tanglewood and late
members will be hard put to find the group.

Chet Soling, Chairperson

Bill Rose Volunteer Award

Tom Easton, B.I.L.L. President was cited
as one of 4 outstanding recipients of the 10th an-
nual Bill Rose Volunteer of the Year Award.

Sponsored by the Junior League of Berk-
shire County and the Berkshire Eagle, Easton was
recognized for his efforts and organizational skills
in establishing B.I.L.L. within a year, which af-
ffords cultural and educational programs to Berk-
shire County Senior Citizens.

More than sixty nominees were presented. Congratualtions Tom, for sharing your dream and
making it a reality. We are proud of you –

Elder Hostel Acceptance

B.I.L.L. has officially become a member
of the Elderhostel Institute Network. All B.I.L.L.
members will receive their bulletins, newsletters
and notification of trips and programs.

Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee has reported that
after a review of the balance sheet incorporating
dues payments and course income and projecting
ahead one year that B.I.L.L. is in a sound finan-
cial state. Therefore, the Committee recom-
meded to the Board, and the Board approved,
that the initial Institute dues be carried over until
June 1996. Only new members will be sent dues
bills.

Norman Avnet, Chairperson

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