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Celebrating 50 years of lifelong learning

November 2025 Newsletter



French and Indian War



Beginning American Mah Jongg



George Azar celebrated his 1 year anniversary at FLI!

Greetings from FLI!

Thank you to all the students and instructors who shared such kind words and congratulations on my one-year anniversary this past month. The year has truly flown by; it feels like I just started yesterday! I'm deeply grateful for your encouragement, support, and partnership in helping us grow our organization and share the essence of our mission.

Very soon, you'll see information about our Winter Semester, which will be released within the next week or so. We're excited to offer a wide variety of in-person classes

at Little Flower this winter. Paper course guides will be available in the office and distributed in classrooms, and all course details will also be posted online. Registration opens Monday, December 1.

As November reminds us to be thankful, we're also collecting donations to support both St. Vincent de Paul and the Little Flower Food Pantry. Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping these important community partners. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything.

George, Toni, and the Board at Forever Learning Institute

Forever Announcements

FLI Food Drive

Food Drive for St. Vincent DePaul Society and the Little Flower Food Pantry.
November 10 through November 21.



Stay Independent: Prevent Falls and Stay Healthy

Learn simple steps to reduce your risk of falling and maintain your independence. [This brochure](#) includes a quick self-assessment and practical tips from the CDC's STEADI program to help you stay active and safe.

Home Repair Program

The City of South Bend is launching its 2026 Home Repair Program to provide free roof replacements for eligible homeowners. This program provides vital support for seniors facing costly repairs, ensuring their homes remain safe and habitable. See more [here](#).

Closings/Cancellations

Wondering if the Forever Learning Institute will be closed due to inclement weather? Tune in to WNDU or WSBT for updates!

Be sure to also check your email regularly, as all cancellation and closing announcements will be sent directly to you.

Missing Email?

Haven't received an email from your instructor or from FLI?

Be sure to check your junk or spam folders. Occasionally, our emails may be mistakenly filtered there by your email provider. To ensure you don't miss important updates, consider adding FLI to your safe sender list.

How Has Forever Learning Institute Changed Your Life?

You mean the world to us, and your stories are a powerful way to share the impact of our mission with others! We'd love to hear how the Forever Learning Institute has made a difference in your life. Whether through a written note, video, photo, or any format that best expresses your experience, your story matters.

Please send your submission to george@foreverlearninginstitute.org or feel free to drop it off at our office. We can't wait to hear from you!

Forever Events

Fall End of Semester Festival

POTLUCK LUNCHEON
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24th
11:00am to 1:00pm
Gymnasium

This festival is an opportunity for classes to share their learned classroom activities and celebrate the end of another successful semester with fellow FLI students!

Come share a meal and conversation at this FREE event for all to enjoy!

We ask everyone attending to bring a dish and/or dessert to share.

FLI will supply beverages, utensils, and paper goods.

Attendees will enjoy table displays and performances first, then enjoy lunch.

No need to register, just come and enjoy!

Outside friends & family are welcome.

Forever Travel



A Taste of Broadway **Wednesday, January 28th, 2026**

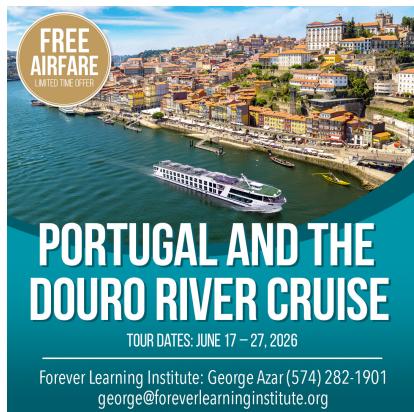
Join us for A Taste of Broadway—an unforgettable afternoon of music and dining. While you enjoy a delicious four-course lunch, sit back and experience a toe-tapping performance featuring hits from legendary Broadway shows, including Wicked, Chicago, Guys & Dolls, and Legally Blonde. In addition to the lunch and show, you will also have the opportunity to browse the quaint country store and purchase fresh, homemade baked goods from the bakery.

Learn more about this opportunity [here!](#)

Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap **Wednesday, February 25th, 2026**

Join us for a thrilling performance of Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap at Beef & Boards in Indianapolis.

Learn more about this opportunity [here!](#)



FREE
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**PORTUGAL AND THE
DOURO RIVER CRUISE**

TOUR DATES: JUNE 17 – 27, 2026

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SOLD OUT!

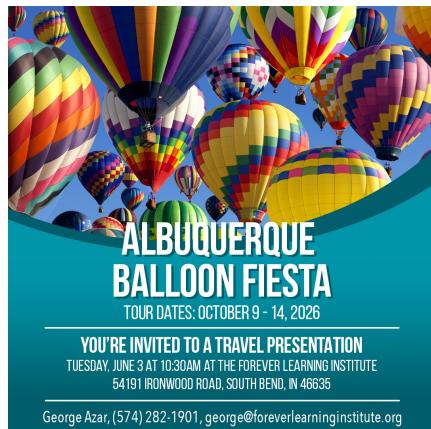
Portugal and the Douro River Cruise
June 17-27, 2026!

ADDING ADDITIONAL CRUISE

Portugal and the Douro River Cruise
July 8-18, 2026!

A symbol of Portugal's birth and growth as a nation, the Douro has long been the country's lifeline. Spend two nights in the cosmopolitan capital of Lisbon, Portugal with a tour showcasing the famous sights of this remarkable city. Enroute to Porto, visit the pilgrimage site of Fátima and the university town of Coimbra. Navigate a path through Portugal's enchanting countryside while cruising along the dramatic Douro River. Terraced vineyards rise from the river banks, historic landmarks pepper the distant horizons and charming towns lay hidden in the rural hillsides. From Spain's walled city of Salamanca to the charming baroque village of Lamego, enjoy a new perspective of Europe as you sail the along the Douro.

Register [here!](#)



Limited spots left!

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta
Join FLI for a high flying trip
October 9th–14th, 2026

Founded in 1972, the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta began with just 13 balloons and has since grown into a spectacular event featuring over 600 balloons from around the globe. Immerse yourself in the charm of historic Albuquerque, a city steeped in Native American culture, as you witness the breathtaking "mass ascension" of uniquely shaped balloons soaring into the sky at sunrise. Explore the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, stroll through the captivating streets of Old Town, and discover the beauty of Santa Fe, nestled in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains at the foothills of the Rockies. The tour also includes a visit to the Pecos National Historic Park, home to ancient archaeological ruins and 19th-century ranches, offering a rich blend of history and adventure.

[Flyer](#)

Contact the office if interested!

Forever Learning

FLI New Free Offerings!

Communication Freedom Through Relay: Connecting Beyond Words

Wednesday, November 12 2:30-3:30 - Room 4

Discover how Relay Indiana's Speech-to-Speech (STS) and captioned telephone services empower individuals with speech or hearing challenges to communicate confidently. This engaging presentation includes a brief history of relay services, personal stories of impact, and videos created for T-Mobile

showcasing real-life applications. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and receive informational materials about these invaluable communication tools.

Register [here!](#)

Zoom Made Easy

Monday, November 17 at 1 PM – Room A

Discover how simple it can be to connect online! Learn to use Zoom to take classes, chat with others, and stay engaged from home. Bring your phone, tablet, or laptop (and earbuds), and our Forever Learning Institute instructors will guide you through installation and setup. Co-instructors, Dorothy McGovern, Cindy Nikolai, John Chapleau, and George Azar.

Register [here!](#)

Classes still available for registration:

Wealth Management Insights

[https://fli.coursestorm.com/course/wealth-management-insights?
sort=alphabetical&page=2](https://fli.coursestorm.com/course/wealth-management-insights?sort=alphabetical&page=2)

Teach Your Passion!

Submit your interest [here!](#)

Forever Upcoming Dates

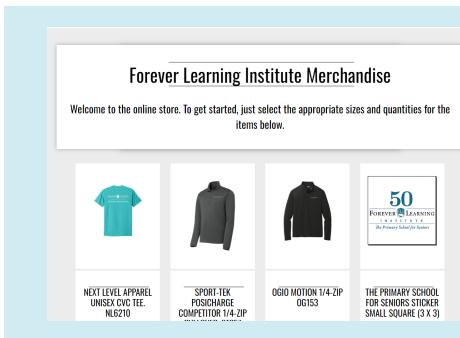
- November 5-7 — Forever Travel Fun in Frankenmuth, MI
- Thursday, November 6 — Exploring Ceramics and PrintMaking with the South Bend Museum of Art 3:30 PM – 5 PM.
- Monday, November 24 — Fall End of Semester Festival
- Monday, December 1 — Winter Semester Registration Opens 9 AM
- Monday, January 5 — Winter Semester Begins

- Wednesday, January 28 — Forever Travel: Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap. Register [here](#).
- Friday, February 13 — Winter Semester Ends
- Friday, February 20 — Forever Trivia Night
- Wednesday, February 25 — Forever Travel: A Taste of Broadway. Register [here](#).



If FLI has made an impact in your life, consider leaving a positive review for Forever Learning Institute on Google with the link below.

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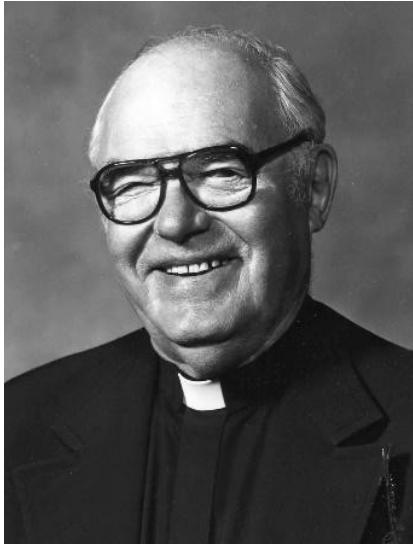
FLI Spirit Wear

Forever Learning Institute hosts an online store where you can purchase t-shirts and jackets with our logo. Show all your friends your love of lifelong learning!

[Forever Store](#)

Our Founder, Fr. Louis J. Putz, C.S.C.

Fr. Putz viewed life as a chain with three distinct links: the age of learning, the age of earning, and the age of returning. As he approached retirement in the early '70s, he envisioned a school for the "third-agers," where students returned to share their collective experience, knowledge, and talent in service to others. As Fr. Putz often said, "Service adds years to



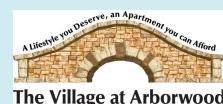
your life and life to your years." He envisioned a school for seniors who would come together for the pure joy of learning and social interaction, as well as personal and spiritual growth. On September 27, 1974, that vision became a reality.

Improving the quality and dignity of senior adult life through continuing intellectual challenge, spiritual reflection, and social interaction for 50 years.

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