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*Celebrating 50 years of lifelong learning*

## February 2026 Newsletter



**Drum Circle**



**Forever Euchre Club**



**How to Avoid Scams**

## Greetings from FLI!

We hope this message finds you safe and warm.

Mother Nature has certainly made her presence known this January, and we're all hoping for a calmer February ahead. We truly appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate winter weather, always with your safety in mind while doing our best to keep classes running whenever possible.

Spring registration is right around the corner and will open on Monday, February 9 at 9:00 AM. If you plan to register using paper and pencil, please submit your forms as soon as possible. Paper registrations are processed in the order received and

entered into the system promptly at 9:00 AM on registration day, alongside online registrations.

There are still a few tables available for our Annual Trivia Night on Friday, February 13. This is always a fun and lively evening, and we hope you'll consider joining us.

We also have extra Course Guides available. If you know of a location where they might be helpful and not currently distributed, feel free to stop by the office to pick some up and share them.

This month's newsletter is packed with helpful information and important dates, so we encourage you to take a few moments to read through it carefully.

As always, please don't hesitate to stop by and say hello—we love seeing you. Stay safe, stay warm, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

George, Toni, and the Board at Forever Learning Institute

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## Forever Announcements

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### FLI Regular Office Hours Resume

8 AM - 3:30 PM Monday-Friday

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### Exciting News from Forever Learning Institute!

We are incredibly grateful to the Harvey R. and Doris Klockow Foundation for their generous \$5,000 grant in support of our Forever Connected program 🤝💻. Their recognition and commitment mean so much to us and help make a lasting impact in our community ✨.

Thank you for believing in our mission! 💙🙌

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### Stop the SPAM!

Tired of unwanted solicitor calls 📞❌? You're not alone—and there is a solution! Take a few minutes to register your phone number with the Do Not Call registries below to help reduce those annoying, unsolicited calls:

◆ Indiana Do Not Call List

<https://www.indonotcall.org/registrations/new>

◆ National Do Not Call Registry

<https://www.donotcall.gov/register.html#step1>

It's quick, free, and can bring a little more peace and quiet to your day!

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## Discover the Hidden Key to a Meaningful Retirement

Have you thought beyond the financial side of retirement? This insightful Wall Street Journal article explores a critical — and often overlooked — piece of the retirement puzzle: mattering — the sense that you're valued, needed, and still contributing in meaningful ways. When people feel they matter after leaving the workforce, their well-being, purpose, and happiness soar. When they don't, retirement can feel empty even with a solid nest egg.

Forever Learning Institute is here to help you stay engaged, connected, and relevant — because what you do next matters!

Read the full article [here](#).

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## Spring Registration Updates

- If you plan to register using a paper form and check, please submit your materials as soon as possible. Paper registrations are processed in the order they are received and are entered into the system on registration day at the same time as online registrations. To ensure your spot, please don't wait!
  - Please come pick up catalogs to share with your community!
  - Please note: The Mishawaka-Penn Public Library has recently updated its policy and is no longer able to display or distribute materials from nonprofits that charge a fee. As a result, our course guides will no longer be available at the Mishawaka library. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding.
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## Free Community Events

Check out [these](#) great free community activities from Agent Connections of Michiana!

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## Volunteers Make FLI Possible

For over 50 years, Forever Learning Institute has relied on volunteers to support classes, events, and office projects. Opportunities range from event setup and cleanup to registration and occasional office help. Volunteers simply

respond when an opportunity interests them — many help just once a year. To join our volunteer list and receive opportunities as they arise, contact Toni at [toni@foreverlearninginstitute.org](mailto:toni@foreverlearninginstitute.org).

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## Volunteer Opportunities in our Community


At FLI, we love seeing the impact volunteering has not only within our organization but throughout the wider community. If you're interested in volunteering but aren't sure where to start, we keep a resource book in our office listing local organizations in need of help.

Opportunities include working with children, animals, food programs, seniors, office support, physical help, and sit-down roles — there's truly something for everyone. You're always welcome to stop by the office and explore the options.

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## Closings/Cancellations

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

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

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## 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.

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## 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](mailto:george@foreverlearninginstitute.org) or feel free to drop it off at our office. We can't wait to hear from you!

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## Forever Events

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### **Forever Learning Institute's Annual Trivia Night!** **Tables are going fast!**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13th  
6:00pm doors open  
6:30pm trivia starts  
Gymnasium

Join us for an evening of fun, friendly competition, and community spirit. Gather your team, brush up on your trivia skills, and get ready for one of our most popular events of the year!

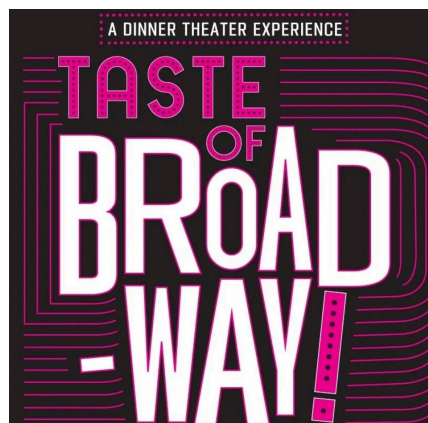
Register [here!](#)

We can't wait to see you there!

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## Forever Travel

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## **A Taste of Broadway** **Wednesday, February 25th, 2026** **ONLY A FEW TICKETS LEFT!**

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 and register [here!](#)

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## **Fredrik Meijer Sculpture Gardens** **Tuesday, May 5, 2026**

CHIHULY at Meijer Gardens will transform both the outdoor gardens and indoor galleries into a dynamic showcase of the artist's range and masterful creativity.

This presentation will feature numerous outdoor installations such as Chihuly's monumental glass towers and other dramatic, site-specific artworks nestled within Meijer Gardens' lush landscapes. Indoors, within the sculpture galleries, the exhibition *Chihuly: Radiant Forms* will immerse visitors in a rich and varied selection, highlighting more than four decades of Chihuly's artistic evolution.

Read more about this opportunity and register [here!](#)

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## **Run For Your Wife** **at Cornwell's Dinner Theatre** **Thursday, June 11, 2026**

This British farce thrilled audiences in its 1982 debut. John Smith is a seemingly ordinary London taxi driver — with an extraordinary secret: he has

two wives in different parts of the city, each unaware of the other's existence. Thanks to his carefully crafted schedule, John manages to juggle his double life...until an unexpected incident throws everything into chaos. As the police, neighbors, and nosy reporters close in, John scrambles to keep his secret safe in this fast-paced, laugh-out-loud British farce.

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

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**One Cabin NOW AVAILABLE!**  
Portugal and the Douro River Cruise  
June 17-27, 2026!

**ADDITIONAL CRUISE ADDED**  
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.

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

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## Holland & Belgium in Bloom April 4th–12th, 2027

Sail through the heart of the Netherlands and Belgium on this captivating Emerald Cruises journey. From Amsterdam’s charming canals to the colorful tulip fields of Keukenhof, experience iconic Dutch beauty and culture. Discover the historic windmills of Zaanse Schans, the artistic treasures of The Hague, and Antwerp’s medieval splendor. Enjoy exclusive experiences like clog painting, guided bike tours, and private museum visits—all while relaxing aboard your luxurious Star-Ship, where comfort, cuisine, and culture flow seamlessly together.

Learn more about this opportunity and register [here](#).



## Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, & Mt. Rushmore! September 8th–17th, 2027

Journey through the heart of the American West on this unforgettable 10-day

Mayflower Cruises & Tours adventure. Begin in Denver and travel through Colorado, Wyoming, and South Dakota to marvel at Mount Rushmore and the Black Hills. Experience an exhilarating jeep ride through Custer State Park and explore historic Deadwood and Devils Tower. Continue to Cody to uncover the legacy of Buffalo Bill before venturing into the breathtaking beauty of Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. Enjoy scenic float trips, cowboy cookouts, and authentic Western entertainment in Jackson Hole. Conclude your adventure in Salt Lake City, exploring its rich pioneer history before bidding farewell to your fellow travelers.

Learn more about this opportunity and register [here](#).

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## Forever Learning

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### Course Guide Updates!

**Time Change:**

Tue26 Dante's Divine Comedy - class time is from 1 PM to 2:20 PM

**Removed Class:**

Tue13 Sign-Me-Up Sign Language Skill Seminar

**Updated:**

Wed23 iPad Photo Editing Workshop - Early Spring

<https://fli.coursestorm.com/course/wed23-i-pad-photo-editing-workshop>

**New Classes:**

Mon36 Building Photography Skills Using Digital and Cellphone Cameras

<https://fli.coursestorm.com/course/mon36-building-photography-skills-using-digital-and-cellphone-cameras>

Wed43 Walking Mishawaka History Tour

<https://fli.coursestorm.com/course/wed43-walking-mishawaka-history-tour?page=3>

Tue31 Anthony Trollope "The Last Chronicle of Barset"

<https://fli.coursestorm.com/course/tue31-anthony-trollope-the-last-chronicle-of-barset>

Wed41 How to Successfully Declutter Your House

<https://fli.coursestorm.com/course/wed41-how-to-successfully-declutter-your-house?page=4>

Wed42 Fun with Stitching - Appliqué

<https://fli.coursestorm.com/course/wed42-fun-with-stitching-appliqu?page=3>

Wed44 iPad Photo Editing Workshop - Late Spring

<https://fli.coursestorm.com/course/wedge-i-pad-photo-editing-workshop-late-spring>

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Teach Your Passion!

Submit your interest [here](#)!

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## Forever Upcoming Dates

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- Monday, February 9 — Spring Semester Registration Opens at 9 AM
  - Friday, February 13 — Winter Semester Ends
  - Friday, February 13 — Forever Trivia Night. Register [here](#).
  - Wednesday, February 18 — Spring Instructor Luncheon
  - Wednesday, February 25 — Forever Travel: A Taste of Broadway. Register [here](#).
  - Monday, March 2 — Spring Semester Begins
  - Wednesday, March 25 — Mayflower Travel Show Presentation at 10:30 AM
  - Friday, April 3 — Good Friday (No Classes)
  - Monday, April 6-10 — Spring Break (No Classes)
  - Tuesday, May 5 — Forever Travel: Frederick Meijer Sculpture Gardens
  - Friday, May 15 — End of Spring Semester
  - Tuesday, May 19 — Spring End of Semester Festival
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If FLI has made an impact in your life, consider leaving a positive review for Forever Learning Institute on Google with the link below.

[Leave Forever Learning a Review](#)

### Forever Learning Institute Merchandise


Welcome to the online store. To get started, just select the appropriate sizes and quantities for the items below.

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| <br>NEXT LEVEL APPAREL<br>UNISEX CIVIC TEE<br>N6270 | <br>SPORT-TEK<br>POSICHARGE<br>COMPETITOR 1/4-ZIP<br>N6270 | <br>OGIO MOTION 1/4-ZIP<br>N6270 | <br>50<br>FOREVER LEARNING<br>THE PRIMARY SCHOOL<br>FOR SENIORS STICKER<br>SMALL SQUARE (3 X 3) |
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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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