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LIFE: A Shelter from the Winter

Happy 2019 to all my friends at LIFE! Judging from the Winter 2019 LIFE Catalog, we are going to have a spectacular year. Can I first recommend the class at the Mayo High School Planetarium? I have been taking a number of these classes through Community Education and was amazed at these facilities. A state of the art planetarium in a High School in my town, with a director who not only knows his stuff, but presents it in an interesting and understandable manner. We also have some of our most popular presenters back - Tim Penny, Melonie Shipman, Todd Lefko and Carol Veldman Rudie just to name a few. A number of trips, Blues, Jazz, and Vivaldi, OH MY!

My job with the Board these past four years has been to compile the information on the evaluation forms you fill out after each class. With my committee of three, Walter Menning and Chuck Stupca and I enter all this information on a computer and each quarter present to the Board a report of the results. All comments about the class, LIFE, and suggestions for topics are reported and we spend time looking at what works, what doesn't, and what we should plan for the future. So if you ever think filling out this form is worthless, please know every bit of your input is used to chart our course. If you see me walk into a full class and roll my eyes, ignore me. My first thought is "This is going to be a lot of work," but my next thought is "We are doing the right thing." We love large classes. They seem to be getting larger. In Fall 2014, the average attendance in a class was 18, while the average attendance in Fall 2018 was 24.

So keep the evaluations coming!!

Comments! Which comments are the most popular. Surely the good outnumber the bad! Most of you like the content and feel the instructors are interesting and are in command of their subject. You usually like their style and their manner of presentation. You appreciate their willingness to accept your questions.

Many of your negative comments are on the environment of the facilities. Too hot, too cold? Our rooms are centrally controlled and aimed at college students, not us seniors! Dress appropriately as this probably cannot be immediately changed. Can't see slides or PowerPoint presentations? This is particularly a problem in HB117. This room will be undergoing changes in the next year, so hopefully the projector will also be updated.

Sound? I feel your pain!! We have told instructors they must wear a microphone.

You have heard the phrase "If you SEE something, SAY something!" If you are in a class, and you NOTICE something, SAY something! If you can't hear, raise your hand and TELL THEM! All the mics are adjustable. If you cannot hear a question by an audience member, ask for it to be repeated. And if there is something about the class that bothers you, make a note of it on the evaluation.

SO! Enjoy the quarter and enjoy the classes and have a blessed and prosperous 2019. Make RCTC LIFE a shelter from the winter storms.



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