



LIFE TIMES

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Thursday, September 21
from 1:00 – 3:45 pm

Fall into Learning!

Fellow LIFER'S,

A school bus just passed my house – making me even more aware that a new school year is beginning. As our community's young people are returning to opportunities for gaining more life experiences and increasing their knowledge of the world around them, we certainly don't want to be left behind!

We are excited to announce a new "captain" at our helm. Kerry Novotny will become our new director on September 5. Kerry's past experiences with the Rochester Public Schools in scheduling after-school activities and her delightful enthusiasm for working with people make her a great "fit" for our program. **Please come and meet Kerry on Thursday, September 7, from 2 – 3 pm at the Heintz Center Commons.** We are anxious for her to know what a committed group of life-long learners we have in our community. It will be a wonderful opportunity to meet Kerry, enjoy time with other LIFE members, and enjoy refreshments. Jamie will be planning for the refreshments so please let her know if you plan to attend. (507-280-3157)

Officially our new year at LIFE started on July 1 but you may have been too busy attempting to stay cool that you haven't been taking full advantage of all that LIFE has to offer in the last two months. Now that fall is approaching, I encourage you to renew your membership (if you haven't already done so) and check our fall catalog. By my count, LIFE is offering twenty-seven classes during the month of September and two of them are being held at the Heinz center – Paul Koeller will present *The Women of Rock and Roll* on September 14 and Don Borcharding is presenting the *History of Oakwood Cemetery* on September 26. The LIFE board is very aware that one of the benefits of our program in the past has been the opportunity to meet with other seniors in person and we continue to look at ways to continue to increase our person-to-person contact. The pandemic afforded us the opportunity to add speakers from all of the United States and some foreign countries but we know that a Zoom classroom isn't ideal for everyone.

We can't offer you the excitement of choosing a new backpack for the coming year – but we do know that the learning opportunities LIFE offers will surpass your expectations. Looking forward to seeing you in person on September 7 and at classes throughout the month!



Jane Hallman
LIFE Board Member

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Featured Class Not in Catalog!

The Unimaginable Journey of Peter Ertel

This offering includes two parts: Film Showing and Q & A with Film Director

In the midst of great evil it is the courageous man or woman who refuses to succumb, and Peter Ertel was one such man. Forced to serve in the German army despite his open contempt for the Nazis and his refusal to kill the enemy, Ertel would not only miraculously survive World War II but would also be regarded as family by his Jewish employers. THE UNIMAGINABLE JOURNEY OF PETER ERTEL is a riveting, award-winning account of the life of a man who defied insurmountable odds in an unforgiving environment and who later found peace in America. This film combines archive footage – much of which has never before been shown – with Ertel's own brave telling of his extraordinary odyssey. A true story so bold, brave, and beautiful it will restore your faith that humanity can survive even the darkest of days. Winner of the "David Ponce Best of the Fest Award" at the 2017 Chagrin Documentary Film Festival, the "Founders' Choice Award" at the 2016 G.I. Film Festival, and the "Local Heroes Competition" at the 2017 Cleveland International Film Festival. The link to the film's trailer (strongly recommended): <https://www.peterertelfilm.com/press-kit-trailer>