



# The Lifelong Learner

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## President's Message



Spring – my favourite time of the year. Winter is over and evidence of new growth is everywhere. Like animals in hibernation, a new awakening occurs. The warmth of the sun, the smell of wet earth, the extra hours of daylight all contribute to a sense of new beginnings.

Spring rituals entail many things – buying daffodils and tulips to brighten areas in our homes, starting plants indoors, taking swing lessons for golf and walking in the river valley. For ELLA members it also includes registering for Spring Session.

Attending ELLA is another sign of spring for me. Ideas, planted like seeds, germinate new thoughts and contribute to personal growth. Snowbirds, who flew south for winter, have returned and are welcomed back. We escape from our house-bound activities to share time with friends who also have been hiding out all winter. No wonder we call it Spring Session.

Our annual course guide, like spring gardening catalogues, showcases a wide range of options. We can hardly wait to try some new and exciting course titles. Or maybe it would be worthwhile to keep an eye on new facets of favourite topics or stay with an inspiring professor. Whatever the challenge you choose, we hope you take delight in our offerings to awaken your mind.

See you at Spring Session 2012.

*Nancy Rae – President, 2011-12*

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## What to Expect at Spring Session

### *8:00 am Monday, April 30th*

It all starts at the ELLA information table just down the hall from the main-floor cafeteria of the Education Centre. Please arrive early enough before your first class, to pick up your name tag, find out where your classes are, and receive a coupon for a complimentary coffee or tea. The coupon is redeemable at the cafeteria, on either April 30th or May 1st for a coffee or tea of any size.

### *Highest Ever Enrolment!*

Wow! We had to cap our registration this year at 425. This exceeds last year's total of 348 students. The ELLA Board wanted to provide as much access as possible to our courses, so in 2012 we added an additional course in each time slot and booked larger classrooms.

There is a limited amount of space for the noon-hour presentations and events, so make sure that you arrive or sign-up early. Most sessions are drop-in. You must sign-up for the Investment Series at the ELLA information table during Spring Session. More information is in this newsletter's article [Lunch-and-Learn Investment Series](#).

### *Change of Location of Noon Hour Presentations*



*Edmonton Clinic Health Academy  
(ECHA)*

*11405-87 Avenue*

*Lower level L1-490*

In late March we were informed that the University will be renovating the north wing of the 2nd floor in the Education Centre. Therefore we will not have access to lecture theatre N2-115 in Education North (only the 2nd floor is affected).

**All of the noon hour presentations and the Annual General Meeting previously scheduled in ED N2-115 will now be held on the lower level (theatre L1-490) of the Edmonton Clinic Health Academy (ECHA).**

This is a great opportunity for ELLA members to experience the newest building on the University of Alberta campus. The Edmonton Clinic Health Academy (ECHA) is the multi-coloured glass building which is located at the southwest corner of 114 Street and 87 Avenue, “kitty-corner” about 200 yards away from the Education Centre. A campus map showing the Education Centre and ECHA is included in this newsletter.

The Monday, April 30th noon hour Welcome Event and most of the noon-hour presentations and events will be held on the lower level of ECHA in theatre **L1-490**. Events held at this venue will run from 12:10 to 1:00 pm.

- Ambassadors will be waiting by the elevators on the main floor of Education Centre South to assist ELLA members to walk to ECHA.
- The Investment Series, Feedback Forum, and Luncheon will still be held in the Education Centre.

ECHA offers some additional options for lunch and coffee. There is a cafeteria on the 2nd floor and a Starbucks on the north side of the main floor.

### ***Welcome Event on Monday, April 30th at 12:10***

The Welcome Event will feature a welcome from ELLA President, Nancy Rae, an acknowledgment of our [long-term members](#) and [volunteers](#), and the popular **GeriActors and Friends**, an intergenerational theatre company that performs original work about the lives and concerns of seniors.

To allow additional time to find your way and walk to L1-490 in the ECHA, mid-morning classes will end five minutes earlier at 11:30 am, and early afternoon classes will start five minutes later at 1:20 pm for this day only.

### ***Fragrance-Free Zone***

Due to the allergies/sensitivities of many of our members, ELLA respectfully requests that all participants refrain from the use of perfume, after-shave or any cosmetics or lotions with a fragrance.

### ***Ambassadors***

New to ELLA? Keep your eye out for a volunteer Ambassador who will assist you to find your way and answer any questions that you may have about Spring Session. Read this newsletter's article [Ambassadors of Goodwill](#).

### ***Bring-A-Buddy***

Know someone who would like a “taste” of Spring Session? Students can once again bring-a-buddy from Thursday May 3rd to Friday May 18th. Please pre-register guests in advance for a specific day. There may be restrictions for some classes. Full information will be available at the information table during Spring Session.

### ***Camera-Shy?***

ELLA keeps photographic records of Spring Session to use in our course guides, newsletters, on our website and for other promotional purposes. If you do not wish to have your photograph taken, we ask you to please inform the photographer and move out of camera range.

## *Feedback Forum*

Join us at noon-hour on May 7th in the 4th floor lounge of Education North to find out how our volunteers make Spring Session happen, to share your thoughts on how it can be improved, and the ways that you can help.

## *May 8th Luncheon*

Luncheon tickets will be sold at the ELLA information table for \$10 (subsidized by ELLA). Committee Chairs have provided the names of all ELLA volunteers, excluding Board members, and 50 names were drawn to receive free luncheon tickets. The names of the winners will be posted on a bulletin board by the ELLA information table. We can do this because the unexpected high enrollment has allowed us to reward our exceptional team of volunteers.

## *Wind-up Party*

Please note the correct date of the Wind-up Party is **4:30 pm on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** at the Faculty Club. Tickets are \$20 and are available until Monday, May 14th from the ELLA information table.

All instructors have been invited, so come and party with your fellow students and your favourite instructors.

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## **ELLA Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

Please plan on attending the ELLA Annual General Meeting (AGM) on:

**Tuesday, May 15th at 12:10**

Theatre L1-490, Lower Level

Edmonton Clinic Health Academy (ECHA)

Southwest Corner of 114 Street and 87 Avenue

The notice and [agenda](#) for the AGM is included at the end of this newsletter. The agenda includes a Special Resolution (motion) to amend ELLA's Bylaws.

Recommended Bylaw changes are “housekeeping” to clarify ambiguous clauses, updating to reflect the new titles of some Committees and a correction to replace a clause which was missed when the Bylaws were last updated in 2008. A summary of significant Bylaw changes is included at the end of this newsletter. A copy of the Bylaws, showing both the original wording and all the proposed amendments is available for your review on our [website](#). You can also contact the ELLA office to request that a full copy of the complete Bylaw changes be mailed to you. Please take a few minutes to review the amended Bylaws and 2011-12 reports prior to the AGM.

If members wish to have specific motions brought up at the AGM, they must be received in writing by the Secretary at least 5 days prior to the meeting. If you have a motion, you can leave it at the ELLA information table in an envelope addressed to **Secretary ELLA Board, AGM Motion**, no later than Friday, May 11, 2012.

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## Ambassadors of Goodwill

Thirty members have volunteered as Ambassadors to enhance the ELLA experience for all, especially our new members, and help make this an exciting and memorable Spring Session.

Ambassadors identified by their nametags will be circulating throughout the Education Centre to ensure that participants find their way. Each morning and lunch hour, Ambassadors will assist at the information table by addressing questions and concerns, selling tickets to our luncheon and wind-up party, accepting donations, renewing memberships and assuring our Bring-a-Buddy program runs smoothly. The Ambassadors will also host and provide assistance during all noon-hour events, and assist members in finding their way to the Edmonton Clinic Health Academy.



*Mary Anne King and Lois Pawl, Ambassador Team Leaders*

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## Join our Innovative, Fun Team!

This is ELLA's 11th year of producing a quality, fun filled, stimulating university level Spring Program for adults 50+. We are very proud of the wonderful feedback we get from participants, and proud to be part of the University of Alberta Faculty of Extension, which is celebrating its 100th year in 2012!

*"Many hands make light work."*

(John Heywood,  
1497-1580)

The ELLA Spring Session is unique amongst Canadian universities in both its approach and structure. No other program offers an intense three weeks of courses. No other university associated program is fully designed and led by volunteers. Almost 100 people have put together Spring Session 2012. A [list of volunteers](#) will be posted at the ELLA information table.

We are seeking individuals who love to help create learning opportunities! We welcome all those who love hanging around with interesting, entertaining people. There are a myriad of ways you can be involved! The more people we have involved the lighter the work load for everyone and the greater our capacity to be an innovative and exciting organization.

We know that semi-retired and retired people have many demands on their time. Who said we would be sitting around wondering what to do?? ELLA volunteers create a program that is responsive to the desires and needs of participants. We gather input from you at Spring Session, review and analyze and build the next year based largely on what you have said. We also receive input throughout the year on possible topics and instructors.

You can get a sense of who some of our volunteers are and their volunteer roles by reading the profiles in our newsletters. This newsletter profiles three volunteers: [Celeste Zurbrigg, Jean and Ed Posyniak](#). ELLA committees have different schedules, so busy times vary, giving you the flexibility to fit into your time availability. Each individual can contribute according to their ability and time. For example, we need [volunteers to take digital photos during Spring Session](#), and we also need volunteers immediately following Spring Session to assist in compiling the evaluations.

The board of directors provides the leadership necessary to maintain an effective efficient organization. Join our team if you are:

- comfortable in a leadership role,
- familiar with board governance, particularly the style of a management board, and
- enjoy the satisfaction associated with impacting an area you really care about.

Nominations for the Board must be submitted by Thursday, May 10th. We have the capacity for 17 board members and are aiming this year to achieve a full slate. Board members are elected for a three-year term. Most board members serve in an executive position or chair a committee depending on their interests. Committees are responsible for the implementation work of ELLA. New board members participate in an orientation session and are guided by those with a longer history with ELLA.

If you are interested in finding out more, check out our website at [www.extension.ualberta.ca/ella](http://www.extension.ualberta.ca/ella), and come to the Feedback Forum during Spring Session which starts at 12:05 noon, on Monday, May 7 in the 4th floor lounge, Education North.

*Liz McCord, Recruitment Committee Chair*

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## **A Remarkable Lifelong Learner: Meet Patti Osborn**

*At previous Spring Sessions, you may have noticed a woman with a white cane and a big smile – Patti Osborn. This article profiles Patti, a truly inspirational lifelong learner.*

Patti Osborn discovered ELLA and attended her first Spring Session in 2006. She was visiting her daughter who lives outside of Killam. Her daughter read to her a newspaper article about ELLA's Spring Session. Patti recognized ELLA as an ideal opportunity to learn a variety of new topics and to provide her with a much needed break from her intensive volunteer work chairing a group of teachers with disabilities.

Patti raised two children, graduated from university with an education degree, and taught public school for twenty years. As a child she bumped into things, and at university in the 1970s she found that it seemed to take her longer than other students to read course materials. It wasn't until the 1990s that she was diagnosed with bilateral optic neuropathy or optic atrophy. This condition involves the deterioration of fibres of the optic nerve resulting in loss of vision. The cause of Patti's rare condition is not known, it is not genetic; and there is no cure. Her ophthalmologist told her that she would have been considered legally blind during her student years at the University of Alberta.

Patti taught school until 1995, and then became the organizing chair of the group for teachers with disabilities with the Alberta Teachers Association. Her dedicated service in this role was recognized by the Association with an award, appropriately a statue of a child reading a book, rather than the usual certificate.

### *Exemplary Lifelong Learner*

A true lifelong learner who seeks challenges, Patti is undeterred by having just “a speck of sight in one eye” (how Patti describes her vision). During winters, she has taken a number of visual arts courses including levels 1 and 2 courses in drawing and painting. One of her painting instructors noted that she had a talent for abstract painting.



Patti has attended four ELLA Spring Sessions and has registered for 2012. At last year’s Spring Session, she took Gary Delainey’s **Putting the Funny in Funny Papers** course. Patti said “*The class would be laughing. Then Gary and some students would describe what they were laughing at, and then I would laugh too*”. She sounded disappointed that she would not be able to take Gary’s 2012 Spring Session course **Introduction to Cartooning**.

Patti will travel to and from Spring Session with fellow ELLA member and neighbour John Ross, and will have assistance on site from ELLA Ambassadors. Patti said “*I find ELLA stimulates me to keep on learning. The people who attend ELLA want to learn. It is energizing to be all around people like me, who want to learn a range of topics. ELLA instructors and students are responsive and helpful to differing abilities.*”

Take the opportunity to introduce yourself to Patti at this year’s Spring Session, and I’m sure that you’ll find her love of life and lifelong learning as inspirational as I did.

*Barbara Leung – Communications Committee Chair*

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## **Photographers Wanted!!**

Would you be interested in helping ELLA by taking photos at the 2012 Spring Session? This would be a great opportunity if you registered in Bob Lamb’s **Digital Photography: General and Travel** course. Even if you aren’t registered for the photography course, ELLA needs volunteers to record the full range of activities at Spring Session. You don’t need to miss any of your classes or activities. Just take a few photos wherever you go.

We need photos of classes in session, instructors, learners, social events, and breaks, to convey the energy and diversity of people and activities. The photos will be used for our website, newsletters, the course guide and promotional materials. If you have a digital camera and can help us even with a few photos to record Spring Session, please call the ELLA office at 780-492-5055 or email us at [exella@ualberta.ca](mailto:exella@ualberta.ca).

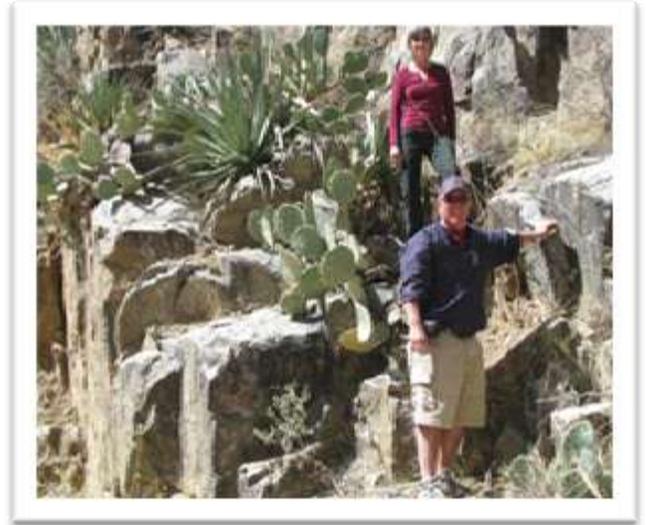
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## Volunteer Profile: Meet Jean and Ed Posyniak

*Jean and Ed Posyniak are two busy ELLA members who readily share their time, smiles and talents helping ELLA. This article highlights just some of their volunteer contributions.*

Jean and Ed are recent retirees - Jean from a career as a Systems Analyst and Ed as a Professional Engineer. They have one daughter, Krista, who is a contemporary indie dancer in Toronto.

Both are avid travellers, with recent trips to England, France, Portugal, Spain and New Zealand. Upcoming trips to Spain and a river cruise to Europe are in the works. Jean has hiked parts of the El Camino while Ed takes his hikes while golfing. Golfing, fishing and travelling to Manitoba and Ontario to visit friends and relatives takes up most of their summers. They escape the Edmonton winters for a month or two in Arizona to golf and hike.



ELLA is very lucky that Jean and Ed choose to contribute their time and skills to ELLA.

When asked why they volunteer with ELLA, they responded: *“It is a pleasure working with a great group of people and to help an organization entirely run by eager volunteers.”* Ed started volunteering for ELLA in 2009 and Jean a year later.

Jean volunteers on the Administration and Implementation committees. This includes working in the office, answering voice mails and maintaining the ELLA database. Jean spent two days re-organizing the files on the ELLA desktop computer, and prepared and delivered the February training session for office volunteers handling registration. During Spring Session, she volunteers as an ambassador, where her responsibilities include mentoring the Spring Session assistant.

Ed volunteers on the Administration, Communication and Implementation committees. His jobs include working in the office, helping to set up voice mail, contributing articles to newsletter and coordinating the printing of the course guides. Ed’s skills with audio-visual (A-V) equipment are put to good use during Spring Session to assist with training and to provide A-V support during the noon-hours sessions.

Despite their busy lives, Jean also manages to squeeze in volunteering at Meals on Wheels, Alzheimer’s Society, St. Vincent de Paul and Sports Central. Ed delivers furniture for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

*“We really enjoy the variety of courses and instructors at ELLA as well as the three week format of learning. The company can't be beat as everyone is there to learn.”* Both are excited about the 2012 ELLA Course Guide and are looking forward to getting back to Edmonton and expanding their minds once again.

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## Volunteer Profile: Meet Celeste Zurbrigg

*The impressive selection of noon-hour presentations offered during Spring Session 2012 is thanks to leadership and work of Celeste and her sub-committee.*

Celeste is the girl with the brightest of smiles and with an aura of youthful energy. She caught the ELLA bug from her aunt, who had attended ELLA sessions and its forerunner 26 years ago. After hearing her aunt's experience, Celeste decided to follow her footsteps after retirement. In fact she even timed her retirement so she could attend her first ELLA session in May 2009!

She is grateful to all the pioneering volunteers who rescued Spring Session in 2001 and formed ELLA, and to all current volunteers who provide an opportunity for lifelong learners to experience the magic of interaction between professors and students, young and old, in the unique setting of the beautiful University of Alberta campus. In Celeste's words “It is a wonderful coming together of a learning community.”

Celeste's volunteer contributions to ELLA encompass:

- Putting up posters, distributing ELLA pamphlets and business cards
- Advertising ELLA by making presentations to various groups
- Working in the Program Development Committee by contacting a few professors
- Being a course facilitator at ELLA's spring sessions
- Heading the Noon-Hour Speakers sub-committee

Celeste also volunteers for the Cine-Club d'Edmonton (a French language movie club) and the Rocky Mountain Seniors Ski Club, where she leads bicycle rides in the summer.

Celeste is passionate about skiing (alpine and Nordic), cycling (wouldn't you know?) hiking, camping, music, cultural events, traveling, gardening, making jewelry, reading, history, geography, anthropology, discovering new foods, learning and spending time with family and friends.

She is fluently bilingual in French and English and is in the process of learning a third language: Spanish. She recently spent time in Mexico in a Spanish language immersion setting to speed up the learning process. We wish her good luck in all her endeavors.

*Inge Hess, Volunteer, Communications Committee*

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## Instructor Profile: Meet Dr. Margaret-Ann Armour

*Did you know that an ELLA instructor is one of Canada's most powerful women? Dr. Margaret-Ann Armour was recognized in December 2010 as one of Canada's top 100 most powerful women for her exemplary work volunteering tirelessly to encourage girls and young women to consider careers in the sciences and engineering. ELLA will once again benefit from her expertise and passion during Spring Session 2012.*



Dr. Margaret-Ann Armour is an advocate for the joy of learning who readily makes herself available to assist ELLA whenever she is asked. She has taught a number of Spring Session courses for us, including: **Pesticides**; **Climate Change**; **Chemistry in our Everyday World**; **Famines, Past, Present and Future**; and **Global Environmental Issues**. Dr. Armour “just can’t say no to ELLA”. She

describes teaching at ELLA “*as a special experience because ELLA students make for the best possible teaching/learning context. They are in the course because they want to be; they bring knowledge and wisdom from life experience; they enjoy interacting in class, and they bring a diversity of experience that leads to rich discussion.*”

### ***Water: A Precious Resource for Life***

Dr. Armour’s 2012 course **Water: A Precious Resource for Life** will cover a topic of increasing importance in Alberta and around the world. Among the issues that Dr. Armour will address in her course are:

- The worldwide supply of fresh water and the contamination of water in rivers, lakes, oceans and aquifers.
- The large amounts of water used in the oil sands industry and in “fracking” for both oil sands and natural gas.

### ***A Distinguished Career***

Dr. Armour was born in Scotland and received her BSc. and her MSc. at the University of Edinburgh as well as a PhD (Physical Chemistry) at the University of Alberta. At the University of Alberta, she was Assistant Chair, Department of Chemistry, and in 2005 she was appointed Associate Dean of Science, Diversity. In addition to authoring or co-authoring over 100 papers on chemical education, hazardous waste disposal and women in science, she has received a great many honours at the provincial, national and international levels.

Some of Dr. Armour's many awards include a 3M Fellowship for undergraduate teaching, a honorary doctorate from the University of British Columbia, and the McNeil Medal from the Royal Society of Canada. Dr. Armour is a member of the Order of Canada, one of the Edmontonians of the Century, and she received an Alberta Centennial Medal. In 2011, Dr. Armour was a member of the Canadian delegation to the United Nations Summit on Women in New York. As well, she was a member of the Canadian delegation to The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit on Women in the Economy where she was honoured as an Innovator.

### *Instilling a Passion for Science*

Dr. Armour has initiated a number of activities to support young people to understand the relevance of science and to consider science as a career. These include organizing a 6-week science internship program through WISEST (Women in Scholarship, Engineering, Science and Technology) for grade 11 girls at the University of Alberta; presentations to Edmonton and area schools; mentoring aboriginal students; and coordinating the Faculty of Science mentorship program.

When asked how she felt about teaching at ELLA, Dr. Armour responded “*It is a privilege for me to be part of this highly stimulating, challenging and rewarding experience*”. The sentiments are mutual. ELLA is very privileged to have such a renaissance woman as Dr. Armour presenting once again in 2012. I look forward to a fascinating course on “Water” in this year's spring session. See you there!

*Ken Miller, ELLA Member*

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## Lunch-and-Learn Investment Series

In response to suggestions from members, ELLA (under the leadership of Board member and Certified Financial Planner, Anna Luk) has initiated [a new series](#) featuring accounting and investment professionals. The series will be held every Wednesday and Friday from noon until 1:00 pm. Details on the topics, speakers, location and sign-up will be available at the ELLA information table. The Series is offered as an alternate noon-hour event for Spring Session registrants. Following are two examples of what you can expect.

On Friday, May 4th, Philippe Potvin, District Vice-President of Fidelity Investments Canada will speak about **Capital Markets**. His presentation will focus on:

- What's happening in the capital markets in Canada and around the world,
- Different ways to assess where we are in the economic cycle,
- What this means for the average Canadian investor.

On Wednesday, May 16th, Trevor Merrick, Regional Vice-President of Invesco, will present: **Managing Uncertainty and Opportunity: Preparing your portfolio for the Unexpected**.

Trevor will discuss:

- The three broad economic environments that we face: recession, low-inflationary growth and inflationary growth,
- Preparing our investment portfolios for the unexpected risks in each of these environments,
- Protecting our portfolios during downturns and capitalizing on opportunities when the economic environment is positive.

Space is limited, so make sure you sign up early. You are welcome to bring your lunch.

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## Early-Bird Winners

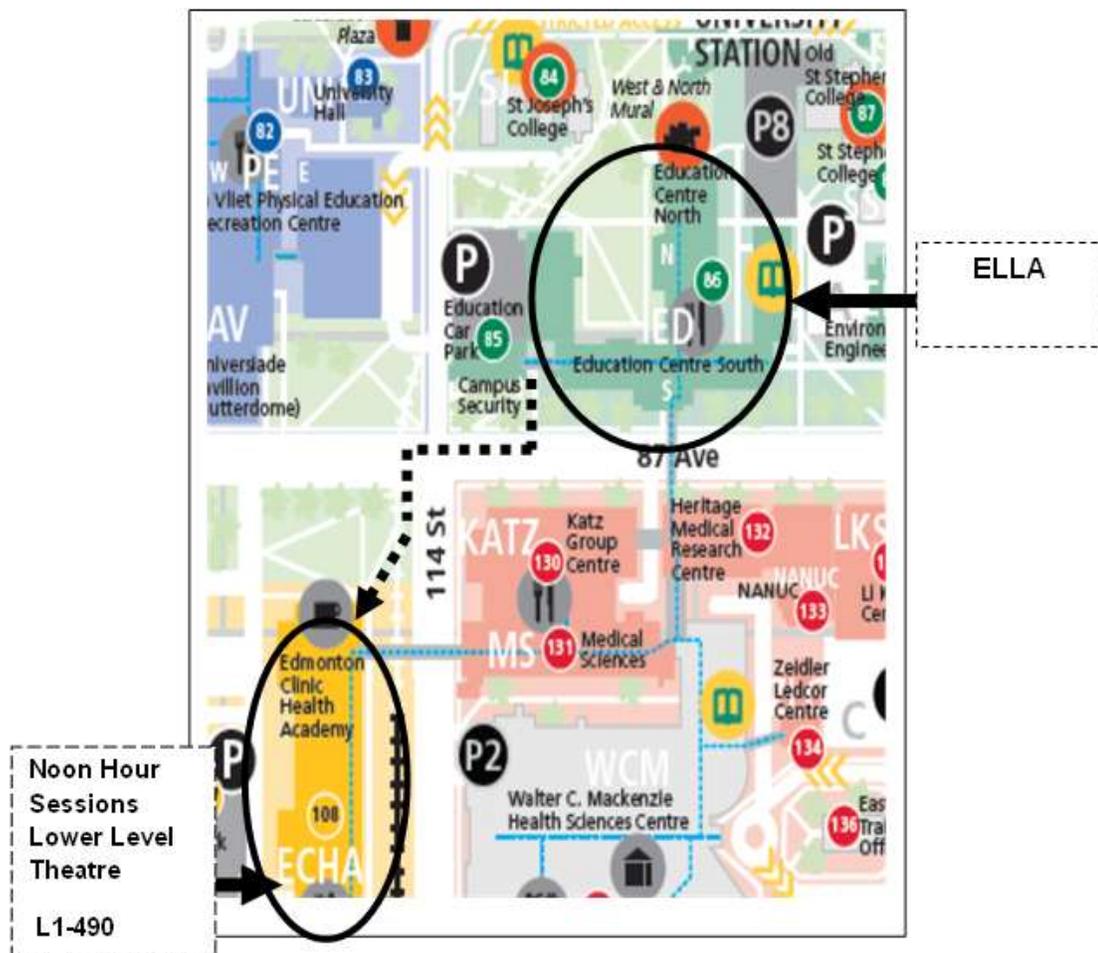
If you registered for the Spring Session by March 31, your name was entered in a draw. Congratulations to these two Early Bird Winners!

**First Prize:** Marge Burnett – a ticket to ELLA’s Wind-up Party

**Second Prize:** Michael Brooke – a ticket to the ELLA Luncheon

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## Campus Map



# Information Centre

## ELLA Board 2011-2012

<p><b>Board Members</b></p> <p><i>President:</i> Nancy Rae  <i>Vice President:</i> open  <i>Secretary:</i> Anna Luk  <i>Treasurer:</i> Eileen Szakacs</p> <p><b>Members at Large:</b>  Susan Jacobs, Chips Reid,  Charles Toth</p>	<p><b>Committee Chairpersons</b></p> <p><i>Administration:</i> Faith Fernalld  <i>Bylaws &amp; Policies:</i> Nga de la Cruz  <i>Communications:</i> Barbara Leung  <i>Finance:</i> Eileen Szakacs  <i>Program Development:</i> Ted Snow  <i>Program Implementation:</i> Germaine Chau  <i>Publicity:</i> Enneke Lorberg  <i>Recruitment:</i> Liz McCord  <i>Social:</i> Peter Wightman</p>
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## How to Contact ELLA

<b>Phone:</b>	(780) 492-5055. <i>Please leave a message; calls will be answered year round.</i>
<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:exella@ualberta.ca">exella@ualberta.ca</a>
<b>Visit or Write:</b>	Edmonton Lifelong Learners Association (ELLA) U of A Faculty of Extension Suite 2-936B, 10230 Jasper Avenue Edmonton, AB T5J 4P6.
<b>Office Hours:</b>	<p>Please note that as this is a non-profit organization, our office is run entirely by volunteers.</p> <p>Mid-April – April 27, 2012  <i>Open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm</i></p> <p>April 30, 2012 – September 30, 2012  <i>Office closed during spring session and over the summer*.</i></p> <p>October 3, 2012 – December 12, 2012  <i>Open every Wednesday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm</i></p> <p>December 19, 2012 to January 2, 2013  <i>Closed for Christmas</i></p> <p><i>* When the office is closed, volunteers check regularly for voice mails, emails and Canada Post letters. Efforts will be made to respond promptly to all messages.</i></p>
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.extension.ualberta.ca/ella">www.extension.ualberta.ca/ella</a>

**NOTICE**  
**THE ELLA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday May 15, 2012**

Room L1-490, Lower Level

Edmonton Clinic Health Academy (ECHA)

11405 87 Avenue (Southwest Corner of 114 Street and 87 Avenue)

**From 12:10 – 1:00 pm**

**AGENDA**

**Call to order:** 12:10 pm

**Welcome to the AGM:** by the President Nancy Rae

1. **Adoption of Agenda**
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Previous AGM – Tuesday, May 17, 2011
3. **Reports of Officers:**
  - President: Nancy Rae
  - Treasurer: Eileen Szakacs
    - Acceptance of Audited Statement 2011
    - Appointment of an Auditor(s) for 2012-2013
4. **Reports of Committees:**
  - Committee Chairs:
5. **Introduction of Candidates for the Board of Directors:**
  - Recruitment Committee - Chair, Liz McCord
6. **Election of Directors:**
  - Motion - Adopt the slate of directors as presented
7. **New Business:**
  - Motion – Adopt the Bylaws as amended
8. **Closing Remarks:** President Nancy Rae

The minutes of the 2011 AGM, Reports of Committees for 2011-12, and the complete proposed Bylaw changes can be viewed and downloaded from our website:

[http://web.extension.ualberta.ca/extcms/index.php/ella/annual\\_general\\_meetings](http://web.extension.ualberta.ca/extcms/index.php/ella/annual_general_meetings)

or requested by contacting the ELLA office.

- Please review Reports and the Bylaw Changes prior to the meeting. This will allow more time to be devoted to discussion, the introduction of candidates for the Board and responding to any questions.
- To save on printing costs, only a limited number of copies will be available at the meeting.

**Summary of Significant Bylaw Changes**  
**ELLA AGM Tuesday, May 15, 2012**

A full version of the current Bylaws with all of the proposed changes can be viewed on the [ELLA website](#). A copy can also be requested by contacting the ELLA office.

The majority of the changes are editorial, such as:

- “Members” and “Meeting” in the current Bylaws have been replaced by “members” and “meeting” in the revised Bylaws.
- All references to numbers will be followed by the numeric form, for example, “50” will be replaced by “fifty (50)”.

The following table highlights proposed amendments that are more significant.

<b>Current</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>Reason for Amendment</b>
<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <p>1. To offer older adults with a variety of educational courses, seminars and workshops which stimulate both mind and body.</p> <p>2. To explore liberal arts, fine arts, science and the humanities, as well as emphasize physical and material well being.</p>	<p><b>Objectives</b></p> <p>To offer adults, in partnership with the Faculty of Extension, University of Alberta, high quality and affordable non-credit educational courses, seminars and workshops which stimulate both mind and body by exploring liberal arts, fine arts, sciences, humanities and physical activities.</p>	<p>Updated wording to be consistent with the Mission Statement in the 2011 Strategic Plan.</p>
<p><b>Article 2.10 Eligible to Vote</b></p> <p><b>Article 3.14 Definition of Honorary Member</b></p>	<p>Delete ‘Honorary Members’</p> <p>Delete ‘has all the rights and privileges of a full member’</p>	<p>Clarifies that Honorary Members do not have privileges of a full member, specifically that they are not expected to vote, become a Board member or participate in meetings, or pay membership fees.</p>
<p><b>Article 4.2 Board of Directors</b></p> <p>The Board shall consist of no fewer than 10 nor more than 17 current members of ELLA eligible to vote.</p>	<p>The Board shall consist of no fewer than twelve (12) and no more than twenty (20) current members of ELLA eligible to vote.</p>	<p>An increase in the minimum and maximum number of board members to recognize the additional human resources required.</p>

<p><b>Article 14.2 Standing Committees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Newsletter</li> <li>- Program</li> <li>- Nominations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Change to Communications</li> <li>- Change to two committees: Program Development and Program Implementation</li> <li>- Change to Recruitment</li> </ul>	<p>Reflects existing Standing Committees</p>
<p><b>Article 15 - Bylaws</b></p> <p>15.1 The Bylaws may be rescinded, altered or added to by a Special Resolution passed by two-thirds of the votes cast by members eligible to vote at a General or a Special Meeting...</p>	<p>The Bylaws may be rescinded, altered or added to by a Special Resolution passed by seventy-five percent (75%) of the votes cast by members eligible to vote at an AGM or a Special Meeting, where a notice of the motion for changes to the Bylaws has been given at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the meeting.</p>	<p>This change was missed when the Bylaws were last updated. This clause is now consistent with other clauses in the Bylaws.</p>