Dear potential member of PEIR,

Welcome to our "Institute for Learning in Retirement", the third oldest association of its type in the United States. We have been conducting our exciting programs here on the Hofstra campus for twenty-five years. We are proud of our organization and the membership who comes from every area of business, industry, education and all of the professions.

Our curriculum is truly unique among the ILR's that meet on college and university campuses all over the world. We plan and conduct courses that are scheduled during three semesters, fall, spring and summer. Classes are scheduled mornings and afternoons, four days each week during the fall and spring and two days a week in the summer. You, as a member may attend any and all classes that are of interest to you without enrollment - no attendance, no homework. Your tuition for the year includes participation in the full course of study, extra curricular activities and access to almost every resource and event on the Hofstra campus. There are no charges for parking but we do have a small $10.00 fee for "Good and Welfare" that must be paid by check made out to PEIR at the time of registration.

How is all this accomplished? We do it ourselves. Members are expected to submit course suggestions for the following year, serve on committees, become course leaders and be presenters, all after being a member for at least two semesters. Everyone is encouraged to be an active participant in the PEIR program.

In order to help you become comfortable facing an audience and conducting a session, all new members are required to enroll and attend every session in the course "PEIR 101". The eight session program that starts in October and meets on alternate weeks on Monday mornings will explain how the curriculum is developed, how to prepare and conduct a class session, how to use the library and audio-visual equipment. You will have an opportunity to make a very short presentation to your friends and colleagues in the class. There is no pressure and any concerns you may have about talking to a large group of people will be resolved in this intimate setting.

We hope that you will attend some classes and that you will join the hundreds of interesting members who help make PEIR an outstanding experience for retirees here on Long Island.

Sincerely,

Norma Kohan, Chair