

# ICL 2018 Slate of Officers

## **For President: Gina Jobson**

Virginia (Gina) Jobson - She retired from AT&T 2011. Graduated from University of Phoenix, with Bachelor of Science in Business Management. She earned her certification from Toastmasters International. She speaks English and Spanish fluently.

Gina and her husband moved to the Enchanted Valley of Young Harris six years ago with their two dogs. They all fell in love with Georgia's beautiful mountains, waterfalls, lakes, and clean air.

In spare time she enjoys practicing piano, gardening, hiking, kayaking, cooking, baking, making wine and reading biographies, plus traveling as much as possible.

She believes in continued education no matter how old you get. Learning is the secret to happiness through books, art, music, and classes at ICL. Learning is Living! Loving life in Young Harris, Georgia until my last breath.

## **For Vice President: Steve Demand**

A few years after graduating from UWW (Yes, Wisconsin), I kissed Wisconsin winters Good-Bye. My former employer in the music industry offered this snowbird the opportunity to move south.

After a few successful home sales, I purchased a condo in Atlanta and a weekend home in Blue Ridge. The condo provided life in the city and a position on the Condo Board for almost sixteen years. The cabin provided peace of mind.

An industry buy-out allowed me the means of pursuing an adventurous career path. Eventually, at 62, I gladly accepted the government's retirement package, sold the condo and moved to Blue Ridge.

The college, my desire for a contemporary home and a yard to putter in brought me to Young Harris.

Today I am in the midst of remodeling my home of two years, enjoying puttering in the yard, work PT at Brasstown Valley Resort, volunteer at the Towns County Food Pantry, and take as many classes as possible through ICL.

Life is GOOD. I look forward to tomorrow.

## **For Treasurer: Linda Jones**

I've worked in the field of accounting for over 45 years; this includes at least 20 years in the banking industry, 10 in not-for-profit industry, another 10 doing income taxes and miscellaneous other. My educational background includes over 6 years of college education completed as an adult while working full time (night school, took years) plus the continuing education required for my CPA certification (now retired). I received CPA certification in 1995 when I passed all four parts at the two day exam at the first setting, accomplished by less than 10% of those taking the exam at the time.

## **For Secretary: Melinda Bradley (Current Secretary)**

I grew up in the small town of Alliance, Ohio and graduated from Miami University (Oxford, Ohio) with a B.S. in Education, majoring in English with a minor in Library Science and Speech. I taught 3 years in Columbus, Ohio and then moved to Ft. Myers, Florida where I was a Media Specialist in an elementary school for 27 years. My husband Art and I discovered the area when we bought our fixer-upper farmhouse in Warne, N.C. in 1989. We spent most of our holidays and summers in Warne until I retired in 2005 and then we moved here permanently with our dogs, Dakota and Cheyenne. We have been enjoying our retirement by traveling and the never-ending job of remodeling our house. I also enjoy reading, birding, and gardening.

## **For Member-at-Large: Janet Trlica**

I am a native Texan and a graduate of North Texas State University.

I worked 34 years in Corporate America. The first 16 years was with Anderson Clayton Foods, followed by 18 years with JC Penney at their home office in Plano, Texas. The major portion of my career was spent in Purchasing.

We first came to this area in 2004 and within two weeks had purchased a cabin in Suches. We continued to live here part time until 2010, when we purchased yet another home and decided to make Blairsville our permanent residence. The choice we have never regretted!

I am a life-long student of yoga. My retirement years are spent playing Mah Jongg, volunteering at the Blue Ridge Theater, a member of a book club and an active parishioner at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. I enjoy being a member of the Women's Guild as well as St. Vincent de Paul.

**For Member-at-Large: Elaine Delcuze**

Elaine has lived in Young Harris for 48 years and has been with ICL since its inception, teaching courses in antiques, birding, botany, genealogy, local natural and cultural history, wild edibles, and wildflowers. Elaine has served as ICL President, ICL Board Member-at-large, and member of the curriculum committee. She was a naturalist for Georgia State Parks in the early 70s and a library assistant in reference, genealogy, and public service at the Mountain Regional Library until her retirement. Elaine is a member of the Community Council of the University of Georgia's Research & Education Center and on the Council's Preservation Committee as co-chair of Appalachian Native Botanical Sanctuary Committee.

**For Member-at-Large: Mark Westhafer**

Mark Westhafer was born in Dayton, Ohio in 1954. He received his undergraduate degree with honors in Agronomy from Ohio State University in 1977. Mark then moved to Rhode Island where he received his master's degree in plant science in 1980. Mark initially enrolled in a Ph.D. program in Agriculture at Texas A&M University, but soon switched programs and transferred to the biochemistry department where he could focus on molecular biology techniques to study viral gene expression and RNA processing.

After graduating from Texas A&M in 1988, Mark moved to Atlanta and did post-doctoral studies on HIV at the Centers for Disease Control. His research at the CDC included investigating cross activation of several HIV strains, studies on the level of gene expression of several HIV-2 isolates, and construction of chimeric infectious clones using genes and regulatory regions from both HIV-1 and HIV-2.

Mark then switched gears again and decided to become an intellectual property attorney where he specialized almost exclusively on obtaining patents for biotechnology inventions. Mark initially worked at the Atlanta intellectual property law firm of Needle and Rosenberg where he focused on inventions from both the Centers for Disease Control and The National Institutes of Health. After several years of the law firm life, Mark decided to go in-house at the large chemical company BASF, which was just starting the new spin off company BASF Plant Science, where he started and ran that group's legal team.

In 2006 Mark decided to move back to Atlanta and did legal work for a start-up biotech company in Newnan, Georgia and also served as Counsel for the large law practice of Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan. After years of looking for property in the North Georgia mountains, in 2010 he and his wife found a great property in Blairsville and Mark now tries to spend as much time there as possible.

**For Member-at-Large: Judy Baldwin**

I was born and raised in Coral Gables Florida. I was a registered nurse and faculty member in the School of Nursing at the University of Hawaii and the University of Miami. Later I had the opportunity to work in marketing for Southern Bell and AT&T. My husband and I moved to Blairsville in 1997 when Hank retired. I have a passion for tropical plants and was a Florida Master Gardener. My interests include reading and promoting childhood literacy, but most of all visiting with my three granddaughters!

In the past I have served as the president, vice president, and board member of ICL.