

From the Mail Bag

Readers comment on the last issue

I just read the latest *Continuum*. What a lovely read! Full of the glow and warmth of 60th Anniversary reunions, recognition of Alumnae contributions to your organization and even a "Long Distance Grandparenting" article! The warmth and support that Alumnae members continue with each other in the years after our initial investment in LLL seems universal. Congratulations on quite a universal (as opposed to a "particular to USA") issue!

—Christine Scothern, New Zealand

The article about the LLLI Pioneer Gala event brought me such good memories. Another terrific issue! —Hugs, LLLI Board Members Yanet Oliveres and Constance Pond

I already started reading my copy, enjoying it every time.
—LLL co-Founder Marian Tompson

In this issue

Carole Wrede, former *Leaven* Managing Editor commented that Andi LaMar's lead article is an example of the impact of friendship on the author's life. Might she have traveled as much without the pen pal friendship? Perhaps not. The lives of both friends are beyond what 6th grade girls could have imagined. What changes in communication have taken place since the 1960s and 1970s! Remember when long distance calls were expensive and not done often to places outside the country!

One fact that struck me from "The Hormone of Affiliation" was that eye-to-eye communication is affected by oxytocin. I thought you would enjoy the article, even if as a review.

I noticed that more Alums plan trips out of town in the summer or travel to a warmer climate during winter months. Did you know that bulk mail is not forwarded or saved with accumulated "on hold" first-class mail. Because "Return Service Requested" is on the back page, the U.S. Post Office returns the issue to me for a postage fee and with a note, "Temporarily Away." Or if the Post Office does not have a current forwarding address, it may be returned with a new address not in the automated postal system so we **EDQ** update the database. It is a benefit to have a new address.

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My daughter and I recently enjoyed a picnic lunch with friends in a wooded area, close to a nearby small river. On that warm day, the water tempted us to sit a while and cool our feet. So we did! We felt recharged!

What a treat to listen to the flowing river sounds and chirping birds nearby, while kids/adults with us waded further or went fishing. We heard, "Oh that one got away!" Others shouted with glee when a small trout wiggled on the end of a hook!

Time by water: restorative, restful, soothing

What exactly happens when you spend time by the water—a fountain, lake, river, pond, or beach? According to Rebecca Jane Stokes, spending time by the water can leave you feeling rested, recharged, soothed, and restored. Your brain relaxes. You drift into a relaxing state. The sound of rippling waves or crashing surf can put one in a meditative state and even bolster creativity. You are likely to unwind more than usual. You de-stress. Water is full of naturally occurring negative ions. Our minds are sent into a restful almost hypnotic space thanks to the soothing smells and sounds of the water. As they continue to study blue space, scientists are sure that spending time in water can't help but boost your mental health.

I look forward to your reply to the survey on p. 12.

If you have an article to share, send by August 15, 2017. ~

Until next time,

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Yes, I want to keep in touch, support the LLL Alumnae Association, and join: \$36/year US funds (\$44 **US dollars** outside USA)

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