



# THE MILE VIEW



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## **MILE Fall Semester - A Return to Zoom**

As we planned this fall semester, it became clear that we still would not be able to hold classes on-site at MxCC. With the presence of the Delta variation and the continuing mask mandates, it seemed clear that our best option was to return to the Zoom format. Although we continue to look forward to a time when we can return to meeting in person, Zoom presents an opportunity for MILE to continue offering sessions to our lifelong learners right now. Those of you who joined us last year told us you appreciated that you were able to access our presentations from the comfort of your own home. Because of that, we are expanding to a winter session via Zoom, and we are looking at options that would enable us to record presentations in the future. An introductory/refresher **Zoom session will take place on Thursday, September 23rd**. The link will be sent out the weekend before that session.

The format will be just like last year. **We will hold two MILE Zoom presentation sessions each week: on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. from September 28<sup>th</sup> to November 18<sup>th</sup>. Our Great Decisions program will be held for those members, who join the series, on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 beginning on September 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**The fee for the year is \$60**, as MxCC graciously continues to reduce their share of our dues from 30% to 15%. **This fee includes all sessions for the year: fall, spring, and our newly added winter session.** Reminder: We know that Zoom does not take the place of meeting and greeting each other in person, but we believe that MILE can continue its educational mission, as we try to remain safe. We are hoping that we will be able to return to an in-person format as soon as the situation allows us to do so safely. In the meantime, we hope that you will join us again for this interesting fall semester.

Reminder of our **SPECIAL MILE INCENTIVE for all 2021-22 Members**: The MILE Advisory Board is offering an incentive to all who register for the 2021-22 academic year. We have ten \$20 Downtown Middletown gift cards to raffle off at the start of classes in the fall. One raffle ticket will be given to each registered member along with an additional ticket to the sponsor of each newly registered member. Stay tuned for information about drawing date, which will be held via Zoom.

**Registration materials were emailed to you with this newsletter.** The session Zoom link will be emailed to our members each week. Written instructions are also posted on our website [www.mileonline.org](http://www.mileonline.org). **To register, you only need to fill out the top part of the registration form; no need to sign up for individual sessions.** Since we are not reserving space at the college, we can offer you the flexibility to attend whatever you choose, even if you decide at the last minute. The course descriptions and introductions by the presenters are posted on our website [www.mileonline.org](http://www.mileonline.org).

**Directions for mail-in registration are listed below.**

### Registration Procedure for Zoom MILE Presentations:

- Registration form and link for Zoom introductory sessions to be sent out by September 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Print out the registration form and complete the top (name, address, membership number, which is located on your badge). *You will automatically be enrolled in all presentations.*
- Mail the completed registration form and your \$60 payment for annual dues by check or credit card to:

Susan Kulesza, MILE Membership Chair  
517 Little City Road  
Higganum, CT 06441

Please send your registration materials so they are received by September 10<sup>th</sup>.

### MILE Dates to Remember

- By September 3<sup>rd</sup> Virtual MILE Orientation posted on [www.mileonline.org](http://www.mileonline.org)
- By September 3<sup>rd</sup> Registration materials to be emailed
- September 10<sup>th</sup> Registration materials due to Susan Kulesza
- September 23<sup>rd</sup> Zoom Training Refresher/Introduction 1:30-3:00  
(The link will be emailed the weekend before)

Please continue to support Middlesex Community College students with donations to the Magic Food Bus and the Extra MILE Fund. Checks made out to the MxCC Foundation may be sent in with your registration or directly to the college at 100 Training Hill Road, Middletown, CT 06457 with the direction of your donation noted on the memo line.

We also encourage our MILE members to support the Red Moon Fest on October 2nd.



### Red Moon Fest is October 2

Come help support scholarships and student success by celebrating at the 10th anniversary [Red Moon Fest](#) on **Saturday, October 2**. Please join us for a great evening featuring gourmet pizza, wine tastings, craft beer, raffle, and auction. The fundraiser takes place outdoors in the Grove with music by the **Small Town Roots**. [Become a sponsor!](#)