



# The Learning Times

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July - December 2010 NEWSLETTER

## Summer Membership Meeting and Luncheon

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Registration: 11:30 AM

Lunch: Noon

Community Room, Capital Mall

1600 Country Club Drive

Jefferson City

Entertainment: Fiddlin' Rick Stokes

Join your old friends and make new ones at our Summer Membership Meeting on Wednesday, July 28, in the Community Room at the Capital Mall. Registration will begin at 11:30.

Educational Travel, Club, and Curriculum displays will be available to visit before lunch at noon. **An opportunity to register for trips, courses and clubs will be available following the business meeting.**

By popular demand, Osage Catering will again serve a **generous** buffet lunch with two choices of meat, salad, vegetables, and dessert.

Fiddlin' Rick Stokes will entertain us with his foot tappin' music after lunch.

President Barb Swanson will conduct a brief business meeting including election of new members to the Board of Directors and Board Officers. Chairs of Educational Travel, Clubs and Curriculum will highlight upcoming offerings.

Our special guests will be LU student recipients of LIR scholarships and presenters of LIR courses during the past year.

Be sure to invite a friend who can be registered with you on the registration form found in this newsletter. The cost for the lunch is \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. **July 22 is the final date for registration.**

(See 'Summer Meeting' page 2)

## President's Notes

By Barbara Swanson



*This is another productive year for LIR! At this time we have 229 LIR members. New members may join mid-year with dues of \$25 for the remainder of the year. (See the article on mid-year membership in this issue.) Invite a friend to become part of the LIR family.*

*Members are actively involved in LIR offerings again in 2010! The courses by the Curriculum Committee have been extremely well attended, with 204 members gaining new insights on topics presented. The Educational Travel Committee had 254 attendees on trips, learning and enjoying sights with LIR friends. Our Clubs have 112 participants, and new Pinochle and Scrabble groups have begun.*

*The BIG LIR event for 2010 was the successful "Living Healthy in Retirement" Conference. With their committee, co-chairs, Rosemarie Turner and Kathy Pabst, spearheaded the major, full-day event for 159 attendees. LIR members were joined by others from our community in learning about keeping healthy in mind and in body from the array of breakout session presenters, keynote speakers, and exhibitors. We thank the co-chairs and all who contributed to this LIR conference! An attendee commented, "I wish I could have heard all nine of the breakout speakers. The three I went to were excellent!"*

*LIR is a vibrant, volunteer organization. All of the LIR offerings happen only because members make them happen. When asked to help, please respond with a hearty, "Yes!" Join a committee, start a club, offer helping hands, or help us begin a new offering for learning and enjoying LIR friendship. Call 681-6152, or email [lir@lincolnu.edu](mailto:lir@lincolnu.edu) with your new ideas and offer to volunteer. We want to continue to grow LIR!*

Barb

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Your Board of Directors welcomes your suggestions.

## 2010 Board of Directors

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

We remember Charles Mahoney, a member of Learning in Retirement and *ex officio* member of the Board of Directors as co-chair of the Curriculum Committee. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Dr. Carolyn Mahoney and her family. A contribution was made to the Soldiers Memorial at Lincoln University in his memory.

## **Changes in the LIR Organization**

### **ELECTION TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Nominating Committee, Mary Kay Linsenhardt, Don Alberti, and Sheila Larkin Scott, chair, submitted the following slate to be approved at the July 28 Membership Meeting for the Learning in Retirement, Inc. Board of Directors for 3 year terms beginning January 2011:

Marilyn Bacon  
Ellen Richardson  
Teresa Sullivan  
Charles (Chuck) Lahmeyer

### **OFFICERS FOR 2011 APPROVED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President - Mike (PeeWee) Forck  
Vice-President – Celia Smith  
Treasurer – Sue Alberti  
Secretary – Harry Spray

### ***THANK YOU***

Thank you, Kathel Cooper, Newsletter Editor and Web Site Coordinator for the past two years. Kathel served LIR very well, providing the membership with comprehensive information in a professional format by her attendance at Board and committee meetings. She supported the faster delivery of the newsletter by first-class mail. She improved the design and initiated renaming the newsletter, The Learning Times. Kathel managed the web site, keeping it updated with current LIR events and information. We appreciate the contributions she made as editor and her friendly involvement in the organization. Thank you, Kathel!

### **NEW NEWSLETTER/WEB SITE COORDINATOR**

Paula Nordstrom is now heading LIR communication as our Newsletter/Web Site Coordinator. Having been on the Web Site Committee, she began updating our site last year and now is editing our newsletter. Thank you, Paula, for keeping our members and web site visitors well informed of LIR happenings!

## **Summer Meeting** (cont'd from page 1)

New members joining after June 30, 2010, pay \$25.00 for the remainder of the calendar year. Mid-year membership applies to persons who have never belonged to LIR or who have not been members for at least a year. A membership registration form is enclosed for a current member to give to a potential member!

Parking Hang Tag forms are included herein. Please return the completed form with registration forms. Hang Tags will be given to those present at the July Membership meeting. Other Hang Tags will be mailed later.

Door prizes for free courses will also be given.  
Hope to see you Wednesday, July 28!

## **PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE LIR CONSTITUTION**

The Board of Directors is requesting the following change be made to the Constitution by a vote of the membership at the July 28, 2010 meeting. The Constitution may be reviewed at the LIR office or, for further information, talk to any board member.

### **CHANGE to Article VIII – Committees --**

- The President shall appoint all Committee chairpersons. Committee Chairpersons shall serve one-year terms, and shall be eligible for reappointment.....

Standing Committees/Positions of the Board of Directors: Membership & Marketing, Educational Travel, Curriculum, and Nominating Committees.

**ADD: Newsletter/Web Site to Standing Committees.**

*Rationale: Current information is vital to keeping members informed of LIR happenings.*

## **Preview Date for LIR Trips Set**

On Thursday, July 8, the Travel Committee invites you to learn more about the trips planned through December 2010. It's a great opportunity to get details on all trips, socialize with fellow LIR friends, enjoy refreshments, AND register for the events. It will be an excellent opportunity to get answers to your questions regarding the extended trip to Chicago in September!

We will meet at Soldiers Hall, Room 111 at 1:30 p.m. Bring a friend; membership is not required to attend.



## TRIPS August—December 2010

### Vatican Splendors—A Journey through Faith and Art

August 26, 2010

Explore the splendors of Vatican art, history, culture and religion at the Missouri History Museum as we witness 2000 years of Vatican Art. Works by masters Michelangelo, Giotto, Bernini and others comprise one of the largest Vatican collections ever to tour North America. St. Louis was chosen as one of only three cities in the U.S. to host this exhibit.

Included in this day trip will be lunch at Favazza's on 'The Hill' with time to browse, shop if you like, through an Italian bakery, deli and market. To complete the day we will tour the historic St. Francis de Sales Church popularly known as the "Cathedral of South St. Louis".

Our coach will leave promptly at 6:45 a.m. and should return by 6:45 p.m. for this 'once in a lifetime' exhibit experience!

Cost--\$87.00

Payment of \$35.00 due with registration. Final payment of \$52.00 due August 10.

Your escorts will be Henry Dahl – 635-2139

Rosemarie Turner - 635-3175

### Gentle Reminder

- Please arrive a minimum of ten minutes prior to departure.
- If a trip is full you are always welcome to add your name to the 'Wait List.' Cancellations do happen!
- Call the trip escorts or Rosemarie Turner, Travel Chair (635-3175), if you desire additional information.
- Please Notify trip escorts if you have special needs.

### Set Your Sails for the Windy City

September 8 – 12, 2010

Chicago, a city with unsurpassable beauty and something for everyone, will be our travel destination for early fall. We have attempted to allow flexibility to the schedule allowing each traveler time to explore their individual interests. The 'Go Chicago Card', which we are purchasing for events at the Museum Campus (Friday), offers many other options if you prefer to venture out on your own. Or, if you like, you may decline the purchase of this card and have a day to do exactly as you please.

#### Day I – "The Drive"

We will take the scenic route, traveling 54 North, connecting to I-55 in Springfield, Illinois.

Appropriate stops will be made along the way for breaks, food and walking.

Plans are to arrive at the Hyatt Regency, Chicago about 5:00 PM, which will be our 'home' for four nights..

Following check-in at the hotel, we will board the coach for a short ride to Millennium Park for a glimpse of the wonders in the park and to familiarize all with the area. The park is within walking distance of the hotel and you may want to spend free time there—so much to discover and enjoy!

#### Day II – "Oak Park Day"

We begin the day with a guided tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio, then a guided tour of Unity Temple, one of the most acclaimed buildings in the world. Following lunch at an area restaurant (included) we will tour the birth home and museum of Nobel Prize winning author, Earnest Hemmingway. This evening, those interested may want to visit the Art Institute which is also within walking distance of the hotel.

#### Day III – "The Unusual Plan" ("Go-Chicago' Card Day)

We will be providing a 'Chicago-Go Card' for the planned visit to the Museum Campus (Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium and the Planetarium).

However--today you have the option of planning 'your personal day in Chicago' if you wish. (Go-Chicago Card offers many additional venues other than the Museum Campus including the Art Museum.

A group dinner (included) is planned this evening at a Greek Restaurant.

#### Day IV – "Chicago Special" (My Kind of Town Tour w/ Leah)

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**TRIPS August—December 2010 (cont'd)**

Today we will experience the city's architectural and cultural legacy with our personal step on guide. We will begin the day in one of Chicago's many ethnic neighborhoods visiting a Mexican bakery where you may enjoy a taste. We will tour many parts of the city visiting Elks National Memorial, Chicago Temple, Merchandise Mart and Lily Pool Garden. Lunch will be in Little Italy (included).

At 4:00 PM we will be ready to board our boat at Navy Pier for an architecture tour on the Chicago River, observing many historic Chicago landmarks. Upon returning to the Pier, there will be time to visit the many shops, displays and to select a dining place for your evening meal, before returning to our hotel.

**Day V – Homeward Bound**

Today we board the coach for our journey home. There will be a stop in Bloomington for brunch, then travel on to Springfield, Illinois, where we will visit the Washington Park Botanical Garden and tour the Carillon Bells. Plans are to be in Jefferson City by 8:00 p.m.

Cost- Total cost--\$ 790.00 (Double)  
\$1150.00 (Single)

Deposit due with registration--\$275.00

Final payment due August 15, 2010----Double-\$515.00  
Single -\$875.00

Escorts—Vera Rust

Rosemarie Turner 635-3175

***If you wish to decline the 'Go-Chicago Card', final payments due are \$ 451.00 (Double) , \$ 811 .00 (Single)***

**Historical Sedalia Tour, History of Women's Fashions and Tour the Daum Museum**

Thursday, Oct 14, 2010

Leg-o-mutton sleeves, flapper dresses, poodle skirts, polyester suits, miniskirts...of course we are all too young to remember many of these, but join LIR for a delightful program on the History of Women's Fashions from the Victorian Era to the 1970's. Then we will tour the Vintage Apparel Museum with 100 years of fashions on display in room-like settings. After a light lunch we will tour Sedalia with step-on guide, Becky Imhauser. Becky is the author of five books on Sedalia and Pettis county history. We will cover downtown Sedalia, the Missouri State Fairgrounds and State Fair Community College. We will have a stop at the Daum Museum of Contemporary

Art. It contains nine galleries of art from the last 30 years.

Cost: \$58.00 due with registration

Leave Jefferson City 8:30 AM. Return about 3:30 PM

Coordinators: Mary Kay Linsenbardt 636-3727

Becky Washburn 635-3194

**Christmas at Cathedral Basilica**

Sunday, December 5, 2010

Let's ring in the Christmas holidays with "Great Music in a Great Space" as we experience the joy of a 20-piece orchestra, 120-voice Adult Choir, 70-voice Children's Choir and 5-octave Handbell choir at the St. Louis Cathedral. Following the concert we will drive to Our Lady of the Snows National Shrine in Belleville for the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Way of Lights, 1½ miles of breathtaking displays of over one million lights, electro-art sculptures and creative displays celebrating the birth of our Savior.

Upon arrival at the Shrine, a buffet dinner will be served. After dinner and before the tour of lights, there will be time to leisurely browse the Christmas tree and Christmas wreath displays, while listening to area choirs and music ensembles singing beautiful songs of the season.

Departure time from Jefferson City is 10:45 AM and return time (estimate) is 11:00 PM.

Total Tour Cost-\$99.00. A deposit of \$50.00 due with registration and a \$49.00 payment due November 1.

Be sure to join us for this memorable holiday event!!!

Trip Escorts: Mary Grillos - 496-2955

Rosemarie Turner – 635-3175

***?? Float Trip ??***

As the newsletter goes to press, we have been informed that DNR is unable to staff a day of floating this year. We have been encouraged to try to plan one for 2011, as they enjoy demonstrating how they check the river.



## Courses September 2010

### Understanding Microsoft Office Power Point

*Tuesdays, September 7, 14, 21, 28; 1:30 – 3:30 PM*

**Location:** Room 8, Soldiers Hall, Lincoln University

**Presenter:** Hal Hebert, Computer Specialist

Learn to create presentations and to use multi-media.

Bring Laptop to class.

Coordinator: Dr. David Scherr 635-1217

### From the Stage to the Screen - Historic Films

*Thursdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23; 1:30-3:30 PM*

**Location:** Missouri River Regional Library

**Presenter:** George Dillard

Four films of the 1950's rose from the stage to the screen without many changes to the script. Two were major academy award winners; all were critically acclaimed.

**September 2: *HAMLET*** – Lawrence Olivier's production of Shakespeare's most famous work. It won best picture and best actor for Olivier, who also directed a great cast, including Basil Sydney, Eileen Herlie, Jean Simmons, Filex Alymer, Peter Cushing, and Stanley Holloway.

**September 9: *ANDROCLES AND THE LION*** – George Bernard Shaw's sarcastic wit shines through this film which features the struggles between Christians and Caesar, in the movie played by Maurice Evans. Playing Christians are Jean Simmons, Victor Mature, and Robert Newton, among others.

**September 16: *STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE*** – Tennessee William's greatest play became an award-winning film, which introduced Marlon Brando. His supporting cast included Vivion Leigh, Kim Hunter, and Karl Malden. They and the film won Academy Awards, but Brando, who dominates the film, did not.

**September 23: *THE PAJAMA GAME*** – Adler and Ross wrote this musical and brought it to Broadway. Most of the cast, including John Raitt, Carol Haney, and Eddie Foy, Jr., made the switch from stage to screen. The only newcomer is the female lead Doris Day.

Coordinator: Jim Nelson 635-2662

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### The Many Moods of Music

*Wednesdays, September 1, 8, 15, 22; 1:00 -3:00 PM*

**Location:** United Church of Christ Music Room

**September 1: *CELTIC MUSIC*** - Presented by Marsha Richeson (retired economist)

**September 8: *POPULAR MUSIC*** - with Mike Michelson at the piano (local performing artist)

**September 15: *CLASSICAL MUSIC*** – presented by Ann Riggs (professional musician)

**September 22: *RAGTIME MUSIC WITH A TOUCH OF JAZZ*** – presented by Winona Thomas (longtime lover of ragtime music; has attended many ragtime festivals) and Marilyn Bacon

Coordinator: Marilyn Bacon 893-3193

## Courses October 2010

### Bridge for Beginners

Tuesdays, October 5, 12, 19, 26; 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Location: LIR Office, Soldiers Hall, Lincoln University

Presenter: Marilyn Graham, Bridge Teacher and Player

Learn to play bridge. This is a course for beginners using the Goren Method.

Coordinator: Marilyn Graham 634-7918

### Early Development of Jefferson City,

#### Missouri

Wednesdays, October 13, 20, 27, and November 3; 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Location: Clydesdale Room in N. H. Scheppers Distributing Co., 2300 St. Mary's Blvd.

Presenter: Walter Schroeder, Ph. D.; retired professor, at University of Missouri, Columbia.

Come hear about the early establishment and development of our city. Dr. Walter Schroeder will discuss the planning and development of the physical environment, populating the city in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and the development of neighborhoods.

Dr. Schroeder is a retired professor from the University of Missouri. People who attended his last class on the cultural regions of Missouri should find this class most interesting. He is back by popular demand.

Coordinator: Dr. David Linsenhardt 636-3727

### LIR Transportation Sessions:

#### MoDOT – Past, Present, and Future

Thursdays, October 7, 14, 21, and 28\*; 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Location: MoDOT facility at 1320 Creek Trail Dr.

(Turn off Edgewood by Brickhouse Deli. I-70 Classroom. AMPLE PARKING

*\*October 28 will be a guided tour of the Construction and Material Laboratory at 1617 Missouri Blvd. (west of District 5 office). Following the Lab tour, we will drive south on MoDOT Drive to the sign shop.*

#### **October 7:**

1:30 PM History of MoDOT – its origins and how the department has evolved  
*Bob Reeder, Historic Preservation Manager, or designee*

2:15 PM Break

2:30 PM Cultural Resources Overview – including historic preservation and archaeology  
*Bob Reeder, Historic Preservation Manager or designee*

#### **October 14:**

1:30 PM Idea to Reality – steps involved in building a road  
*Bob Brendel, Outreach Coordinator, Design, or designee*

2:00 PM Statewide Transportation Improvement Program- overview and progress  
*Michelle Watkins, Transportation Planning Director or designee*

2:30 PM Break

2:45 PM Multimodal Transportation – MoDOT's involvement in aviation, railroads, waterways, public transportation, biking and walking  
*Brian Weiler, Multimodal Division Director, or designee*

#### **October 21:**

1:30 PM MoDOT's Five-Year Direction  
*MoDOT Interim Director Keven Keith, or designee*

2:00 PM Transportation Funding  
*Missouri Transportation Alliance*

2:30 PM Break

2:45 PM Central Missouri Transportation Overview

## Courses October 2010 (cont'd)

*Roger Swartze, District Engineer,  
Central District or designee*

### **October 28:**

- 1:30 PM Tour Construction and Materials Laboratory (Park on west or south of Lab)  
2:15 PM Break  
2:30 PM Tour Sign Shop (south on MoDOT Drive from Lab)

Coordinator: Bob Irvin 654-4495

### *Course Information*

- Courses are offered four times a year. There are two sessions in the spring and two sessions in the fall.
- Registration forms are provided in the LIR newsletter or on the LIR web site. There is a \$12.00 fee for each course unless otherwise noted. **Registration will be accepted at the General Membership Meeting to be held on July 28, 2010.** (see front page)
- Location of courses varies depending on topic and size of class. If a course is located on the Lincoln University Campus, a parking tag is required.
- Parking permits may be acquired through the LIR Office located in Soldiers Hall or call 681-6152 to request the form.



## *Clubs*



**Book Club:** Meets on the 4th Monday at 1:00 PM

*Facilitator:* Carolyn Lott, 635-2967

**Bridge Club:** Meets the 2nd Monday, 1:00 PM

*Facilitator:* Marilyn Graham, 634-7918

**Creative Writers' Society:** Meets the 2nd Thurs. 9:30 AM

*Facilitator:* Richard Sandler, 759-7475.

**Pinochle:** Meets 4th Wednesday of each month at 10 AM.

*Facilitator:* Mary Ann Ruth, 659-7875

**Scrabble Club:** Meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 1 PM.

*Facilitator:* Marigene Brewer, 636-8183

**Walking/Hiking Club:** Each Thursday at 10:00 a.m., location of hikes will vary.

*Facilitator:* Bill Wolkoff, 636-3088 or [bnb@socket.net](mailto:bnb@socket.net)

As a current LIR member you are invited to join, at no extra cost, any of our LIR clubs by calling June Glaser, LIR Club Coordinator at 635-4254 or the club facilitator. Information/interest in additional clubs; i.e., crafts, investments, music, travel, may be directed to June. **You may also sign up for a club at the July membership meeting.**

### *December Holiday Party*

*Save the date Sunday, December 12, 2010, from 2:00-4:00 PM for the second annual LIR Holiday Party. Invitations requesting an RSVP will be mailed to members prior to the event. There will a nominal fee to cover the cost of refreshments and other expenses.*



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**P.O. Box 105166**  
**Jefferson City, MO 65110**

*Address Correction Requested*

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**LEARNING IN RETIREMENT, INC.**  
**MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

- EDUCATION.....Short courses planned for LIR members' interests**  
**TRAVEL.....Educational trips with old and new friends**  
**CLUBS.....Book, Bridge, Writing, Hiking; others pending**  
**GATHERINGS.....Business / social meeting twice annually**  
**COMMUNICATION.....Semi-annual newsletter, web site**  
**LIBRARY ACCESS.....Access to library cards for L. U.'s Page Library and  
Missouri State Library**  
**PARKING.....Tag for L.U. campus provided**  
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*Mark your calendars for the Winter Membership Meeting to be held on  
Friday, January 21, 2011 at Faith Lutheran Church on Industrial Drive.  
(Snow date January 28, 2011).*