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July - December 2011 NEWSLETTER

Summer Membership Meeting and Luncheon

Wednesday, July 27, 2011

11:30 a.m. check-in and exhibits

Lunch at noon

Community Room, Capital Mall

(J C Penney wing)

3600 Country Club Drive, Jefferson City

Entertainment: Jefferson City Chamber Ensemble

Our Summer Membership Meeting and Luncheon is one of our many events that welcomes all our current members and extends an invitation to prospective members! This year's summer meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 27th, in the Community Room at the Capital Mall. (The closest parking and entrance to the Community Room is near Wilson's Fitness Center). Check-in and exhibits begin at 11:30.

Educational Travel, Clubs, and Curriculum displays will be available to visit before lunch. An opportunity to register for trips, courses, and clubs will be available following the business meeting. Door prizes for free courses will be given.

Osage Catering will once again provide us with a generous and delicious buffet lunch. Attendees will listen to a fabulous assortment of live classical music provided by an ensemble from the Jefferson City Chamber Ensemble.

President Mike "Pee Wee" Forck will conduct a short business meeting. Descriptions of upcoming trips, courses, and clubs will follow. Special guests will be LU student scholarship winners and presenters of LIR courses during the past year.

Invite a friend and register them with you on the registration form found in this newsletter. **The cost for the lunch is \$10.00 for members and \$15.00 for nonmembers.** Nonmembers may also register by calling 573-681-6152. July 21 is the final date for registration. Hope to see you there!

President's Notes

By PeeWee Forck



Fellow LIR Members,

Gosh! Can you believe this year is nearing the halfway mark? All I can say is time passes fast when you're having fun.

Having fun is what we are doing. Our clubs are in full swing. The new activities started are really going great. Bocce Ball on Mondays has a good turnout for both the morning and afternoon teams. Then there is Pinochle on the 4th Wednesday which is also off to a great start. Several other clubs are listed in the newsletter, so check them out.

Trips have been a big drawing card, again, this year with a few getting so much interest that extra trips were scheduled to the same locations. My wife and I went on the St. Elizabeth/Tuscumbia/Meta trip and also the Kingdom of Callaway one; and trip leaders did an excellent job on both. There are several interesting ones coming up. When trips are announced, you need to get your reservation in as soon as you hear about them. Just remember, "If you snooze, you lose." So, book them early!

We also have fall courses coming up with interesting topics; check your newsletter. If there are any questions, feel free to call the office. You won't know what they're like if you don't try them.

Don Alberti and Barb Swanson and their committee are working hard on the 20th Anniversary of Learning in Retirement. They have come up with a touching theme, "Honoring the Past and Embracing the Future." We will announce more plans, as we get closer to the date. We want to thank the foresight of the people involved for starting such a wonderful organization.

In closing I will repeat what I said in the first letter in January when I took over as President. We have a great organization, I will try to run the meetings and keep them on the path to the future. It is your organization and your involvement will be the fuel for the future. There are so many more activities we can try and hopefully succeed at; if not, we can say we had fun trying. So come on—I will lead, all you have to do is tell me which way to go!

- PeeWee

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Parking Hang Tags



Parking Hang Tag forms are included with this newsletter. Please return the completed form with your registration forms. Hang Tags will be given to those present at the July Membership meeting. Remaining tags will be mailed later.

To park on the Lincoln University Campus, a parking tag is required.

CHANGES IN LIR LEADERSHIP

Election to Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee, Judy Alexiou, Shelia Larkin Scott, and Barb Swanson, has submitted the following nominee for approval by the membership at their July 27 general meeting.

The term is for three years beginning January 2012:

David Linsenbardt

Officers Nominated for 2012

Approved by the Board of Directors

President – Mike (PeeWee) Forck

Vice-President – Marilyn Bacon

Treasurer – Sue Alberti

Secretary – Ellen Richardson

Board members, other than officers, continuing in office for 2012

Judy Alexiou

Mary Grillos

Charles (Chuck) Lahmeyer

Paul Shank

Celia Smith

Harry Spray

Theresa Sullivan

Barbara Swanson

Ex Officio Members

Marilyn Graham, Office Manager

Kathy Pabst, LU Liaison

Marigene Brewer, Clubs Chair

Kathel Cooper, Membership & Marketing Co-Chair

Henry Dahl, Travel Co-Chair

June Glaser, Historian

Dr. David Linsenbardt, Curriculum Chair

Paula Nordstrom, Newsletter & Website

Vera Rust, Membership & Marketing Co-Chair

Rosemarie Turner, Travel Co-Chair

Your Board of Directors welcomes your suggestions.



NEW MEMBERS MAY JOIN AT MID-YEAR!

New members that join LIR after June 30, pay a membership fee of \$25.00 for the remainder of the calendar year. Mid-year membership applies to a person who has never belonged to LIR or has not been a member for at least a year.

PAYMENT PROCEDURE CHANGE



To enhance office registration and the processing of dues/fees, we ask that you use the following guidelines. This will allow for an improved tracking payment system and less confusion when preparing the multiple office attendance lists.

Membership Dues—1 check

Course Registration(s)—combined course registrations—1 check

Travel Registration(s) —combined travel registrations —1 check

Couples may combine payments on each of the above.

Making payments for all three of above would require three checks.

Travel Payment Changes Beginning with the August trip, all refunds and trip payments will be processed through the LIR office. If a member should cancel a registered trip, payment by the substitute traveler is to be made to Learning in Retirement. The office manager will then request reimbursement monies (when applicable) for a direct payment from the Treasurer to the cancelling member.

Travelers Wait List --If paid registrations for a given trip are filled due to capacity limits the following procedure will be followed.

1. Check will be returned if payment is for one trip.

(The Office Manager will place you on the “Wait List” and notify you..)

2. If check is for more than one trip, it will be deposited.

(You will be placed on the “Wait List” and notified that the check has been deposited.).

Reimbursement will be requested by the Office Manager if trip request cannot be fulfilled.

Preview of Travel Events

Thursday, July 14, 2011

Soldiers Hall – Room 111

Time – 1:30 p.m.



The Travel Committee invites you to come to a presentation of trips planned August through December 2011. We will have detailed itineraries, brochures, and refreshments. You may register for trips at this time and we will be happy to assist you with forms. Bring your questions, comments, and a friend.

Non-members are welcome; it's a great opportunity to learn about LIR Travel. However, to register for a trip you must be a member of LIR.



TRIPS July — December 2011

LYCEUM THEATRE -- HISTORIC BLACK-WATER

August 11, 2011

Today our first destination is the historic town of Blackwater, Missouri named by the Indians for the river that flows nearby. Upon arrival our tour guide will meet us for a one-half hour walking tour as we visit the small town's many landmarks including Main Street, City Hall, the Calaboose and Windmill over the original town well, an 1887 Missouri Pacific Depot, and other legendary landmarks.

Lunch will follow at the Iron Horse Hotel and Restaurant, the fully restored railroad hotel built in the late 1800's.

Following lunch you will have a short time to browse the interesting and unique shops of Blackwater or enjoy the outdoor gardens along Main Street before departure to the Lyceum Theatre in Arrow Rock.

Here we will watch the performance of "Agatha Christie's "Black Coffee", a mystery involving family feuds, old flames and suspicious foreigners. This play is full of twists and turns, true to the Agatha Christie tradition.

Cost--\$73.00 payable with registration

Departure time—9:30 a.m. Return time—5:30 p.m.

Tour Escorts: Mary Grillos 573-496-2955
 Ginny Irvin 573-634-4495

BEST OF OMAHA

September 12 – 15, 2011

Unique attractions, exploring various countries and their cultures, tasting numerous ethnic foods are all a part of this awesome four-day trip to Omaha, Nebraska. Guided tours include the City of Omaha, Father Flanagan's Boy's Town, Lauritzen Botanical Gardens, and Strategic Air and Space Museum.

Arriving in Omaha mid-afternoon, we will first tour the world famous "Father Flanagan's Boys Town", an inspirational stop on any group tour, before checking into **Comfort Inn West Dodge** for a three night stay. After a rest break we're off to the "**German American Center**" for dinner and October Fest Entertainment. A German folk dancing group will perform. A spirited men's singing group will entertain us.

Next morning (**Day II**), we're on our way to the Markworth residence for a "**1927 Kimball Theatre Pipe Organ Performance**" which includes touring rooms containing all pipes and musical instrument varieties, then enjoying the sit down musical concert. Requests for songs are welcome and may include ethnic songs, music of the 40's and 50's or maybe Big Band songs or popular Broadway musical hits. The performance includes sing-a-longs and silent movies too. Sure to be a highlight of the trip!

Lunch today is in the "**Czech Republic**" where a traditional Czech lunch and "Kolacky" desserts will be served at the Bohemian Café; wait staff will be in traditional Czech dress. Following a community history presentation we will enjoy a Kolacky making demonstration.

Next will be a "**Historical City Driving Tour**" with an entertaining introduction to Omaha's past, present and future. The tour includes a drive-by of Warren Buffett's house and the birth-site of President Gerald Ford. A stop at Pioneer Courage Park will encourage a walk to view a new, life-size sculpture replica of the 1850's wagon train.

Returning to our hotel, there will be a "**Ukrainian Presentation**" in the Hotel Breakfast Room by Olesia Reprichowskyj. Olesia will give us an entertaining presentation about the linen connection to Ukrainian history, customs and traditions. She will share personal stories of surviving her early life in Ukraine which will inspire all.

Following "**Happy Hour**" at the Hotel, we will board the coach for the "**Historic Old Market Area**". Dinner is on your own in this old warehouse district of Omaha which offers unique shops and a variety of restaurants in a three block area. Shop bookstores to bakeries, art galleries to antiques, then dine in one of the more than 30 restaurants. An optional opportunity would be to take a horse-drawn carriage ride across the market area.

Day III (Wednesday) begins with a tour of "**Lauritzen Gardens**", Omaha's Botanical Garden with a narrative Tram Tour which includes Kenefick Railroad Park. The tram will take us on a narrated tour of the gardens 100 acres, travel to the new mini-railroad garden with toy trains weaving in and out of the gardens, and finally travel up a steep hill to Kenefick Park where the largest steam locomotives are displayed.

Lunch time—an "**Irish Luncheon and Folksinger Performance**"! We'll visit a traditional Irish pub/restaurant and enjoy a common Irish luncheon dish called "cottage pie". There will be Irish music and a folksinger will perform, making us feel like we are in Dublin itself.

Next on the itinerary is the "**Spanish Style Cathedral Tour**", a City Landmark! The cathedral alone is worth the visit to Omaha.

Two bell towers make visitors feel like they are in colonial Mexico. After a tour of the cathedral museum, venture into the extensive colonial Spanish art collection hidden from view behind a circular wall. You will be amazed at the million dollar collection of paintings, statues



TRIPS July—December 2011 (cont'd)

and crosses. For many, the behind-the-scenes tour of the organ is a tour highlight. The 25-ton organ took almost three years to hand-build and install; it's worth over \$1.5 million.

Following the visit to the Cathedral, we will tour the “**Joslyn Castle**”, a 25 room Scottish style mansion built in 1903. Its huge front doors and elaborate wood interior is very impressive!

Then, time for more food and entertainment as we motor to “**Saint John’s Greek Orthodox Church**” where we will be served a delicious Greek dinner and a lesson in Greek culture and dancing.

Day IV—Following check-out at our hotel, we will travel to Ashland, Nebraska for a 10:00 a.m. tour of the “**Strategic Air and Space Museum (SAC)**”. The museum focuses on United States Air Force military aircrafts and nuclear missiles. It is regarded as having one of the best collections of all strategic aircrafts.

This tour takes us to many fascinating places in Omaha requiring many ‘off and on the coach’ activities. Please wear comfortable shoes and dress casually. Some venues, because of their specific ethnic foods, do not allow menu choices; be prepared to have a great ‘tasting’ experience!

We hope you will join us for a memorable, fast-paced, fun-packed, happy-tasting four days in Omaha!

Departure—Monday, September 12, 2011, 6:30 a.m.

Return—Thursday, September 15, 2011, approximately 8:30 p.m.

Cost: Double Room--\$410.00 Triple Room--\$376.00
Single Room --\$536.00

Deposit due w/registration--\$140.00

Final payment due August 10, 2011

Escorts: Mary Kay Linsenhardt 573-636-3727

Henry Dahl 573-635-2139

Virginia Irwin 573-634-4495

Mary Grillos 573-496-2955

AUTUMN SPLENDOR IN CLARKSVILLE

Friday, October 14, 2011

Enjoy the best color Missouri has to offer while traveling with LIR members to the river town of Clarksville. The little Victorian town is home to wintering Bald Eagles, a Mississippi River Lock and Dam, as well as a number of artisans and their shops. During the morning we will visit shops offering bentwood furniture, blown glass, baskets, pottery and jewelry making. Some of the local artists will be providing demonstrations of their craft for us. Lunch will be included at Overlook Farms in the Clarksville Station Res-

taurant. The restaurant includes a Chef’s garden of herbs used in the daily food preparation. The nearby fields are used to grow heirloom vegetables for use by the Chef.

After lunch we will enjoy a tour of a restored Victorian home, the Elgin/Cottrell House, recently featured in a national magazine. A short distance away down the Great River Road is an authentic 1930’s soda fountain...a great place for an included sweet treat before our colorful day trip to Northeast Missouri concludes.

Moderate activity: walking and standing with some stairs in Elgin/Cottrell House.

Departure time—7:15 a.m.; return about 6:00 p.m.

Cost \$63.00 --- Payment due with registration, \$35

Final payment of \$28.00 due Sept. 23, 2011

Escorts: Vera Rust 893-2507

Becky Washburn 635-3194

ST. LOUIS ART MUSEUM & PLANETARIUM/SCIENCE CENTER

November 10, 2011 6:45 am

Claude Monet ‘s WATER LILIES is in three sections and for the first time in 30 years the sections will be reunited to display the full 42 feet. After a docent-led one-hour tour of the Monet exhibition, you will have time to explore the many other exhibits in the Art Museum.

Lunch will be on your own in the Art Museum.

After lunch we’ll board the coach and motor to the McDonnell Planetarium, which is part of a four Building complex including the Science Center.

Now you have choices:

A Planetarium show at 1:30 for \$4.

Science Center/Omnimax offers two options of different topics at 1:00 and another at 2:00 for \$8

Explore the Center on your own.

We will board the coach at 3:30 p.m.; plan to be home by 6:00 p.m.

Cost \$40.00- Payment of \$ 40.00 is due with your registration form.

Escorts: Fern Lemasters 893-4347

Jo Clare Meyer 636-5762

Vera Rust 893- 2507



Courses July—December 2011

Our Missouri State Government-- What Does It Do and How Is It Paid For?

Tuesdays September 6, 13, 20, 27

Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Room 8, Soldiers Hall, Lincoln University

Presenters: (Vary each session)

A selection of Missouri State Departments or Offices with explanations of what they do and how what they do is paid for.

Sept. 6 1:30 p.m. Dept. of Insurance, Professional Registration and Licensing: Keeping Us Safe

2:30 p.m. Public Service Commission and the Public Counsel: Our Public Utilities

Sept. 13 Office of Secretary of State: Responsibilities include Securities, Corporations, Archives, Library, Elections, et. al.

Sept. 20 Dept. of Health & Senior Services: Provides a Wide Variety of Programs for Children, Adults, Seniors

Sept 27 1:30 p.m. Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education: Educating our Missourians

2:30 p.m. Dept. of Economic Development: Assisting Companies and Finding New Businesses for Missouri

Coordinator: Carol Ellinger, 893-2331

Medley of Presidents

Wednesdays September 7, 14, 21, 28

Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Room 8, Soldiers Hall, Lincoln University

Presenters: Connie Reichert and Jim Nelson

Learn more about some of our presidents including James Monroe, Zachary Taylor, John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, FDR and Teddy Roosevelt.

Coordinator: Sharon Nelson, 635-2662

Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain

Thursdays September 8, 15, 22, 29

Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Room 8, Soldiers Hall, Lincoln University

Presenter: Faye Zumwalt

Our text *Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain* by Dr. Betty Edwards will help you improve your drawing skills, whether you are a beginner or experienced. If your eyes work well enough to read a newspaper, and if your hands have enough dexterity and endurance to handwrite a legible letter, you have the prerequisites for this course.

A basic understanding of brain hemisphere specialization will lead into exercises that will help us begin to see like an artist and overcome previous drawing limitations by learning to access the right hemisphere's functions. This four week course will cover three of the five basic perceptual skills of drawing: 1) the perception of edges, 2) the perception of spaces, 3) the perception of relationships, 4) the perception of lights and shadows, and 5) the perception of the whole, or gestalt.

Optional additional practice at home will result in a more dramatic improvement in your drawing.

This class has a maximum of 18 students. A list of required materials will be given to the registrant at registration.

Coordinator: Marilyn Bacon, 893-3193

"Herstories": Women Who Made a Difference

Tuesdays October 4, 11, 18, 25

Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Room 8, Soldiers Hall, Lincoln University

Presenter: Elizabeth Wilson

There are women who made a difference in America that you and I may not have learned about in school — women like Josephine Salome Yates who changed Lincoln Institute with her leadership in 1880. What did she do and what do we owe her for her courage and vision? Do you want to learn more about women like her? We will have some guest speakers and you can bring snacks, relax and learn through participatory activities.

Coordinator: Mary Kay Linsenhardt, 636-3727

Courses July– December 2011 (cont'd)

Bars, Saloons, and Breweries of the Southside **The 2,000,000-Year History of the Missouri River**

Wednesdays, October 12, 19, 26

Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Clydesdale Room at Scheppers Distributing Company

Presenter: Dr. Walter Schroeder

October 12—German immigrants drank beer socially among friends. This ethnic custom required a large brewing industry and numerous saloons and outdoor beer gardens, especially in the German southside of Jefferson City. This class will trace these developments from before the Civil War to 1950.

October 19 & 26—People who live along the Missouri River should know something about the great river's history. The Missouri River has had a fascinating evolution. This course explores how it came into existence as ice caps, retreated and how it created its channel, flood plain, and bounding bluffs. For the past 150 years humans have attempted to manage it for floods, navigation, water supplies, hydropower, recreation, and fish and wildlife, often in conflict. Management issues will be treated. To what extent can the river be "controlled"? Jefferson City and vicinity provide most of the examples.

Coordinator: Dr. David Linsenbardt, 636-3727

Film Series

Thursdays October 6, 13, 20, 27

Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Missouri River Regional Library

Presenter: George Dillard

In the 1940's films depended on good acting, direction, screen sets, and editing--no special effects. These factors made Dracula, The Wolfman, and Frankenstein film classics. They will be shown as follows:

October 6: Dracula

October 13: The Wolfman

October 20: Frankenstein

October 27: Abbot and Costello Meet Frankenstein will conclude the film series.

Coordinator: Jim Nelson, 635-2662

Walking Tour of Munichburg

Wednesday, October 5

Time: 10:00 a.m.– 12 noon (approximately)

Location: Northeast corner of Dunklin and Jefferson Streets

Presenter: Dr. Walter Schroeder

People who were placed on the waiting list from the May 18 tour will be given priority. After that, new registrations will be taken until the tour is filled at 25 participants. There is no charge for this tour.

The tour will begin and end at the northeast corner of Dunklin and Jefferson Streets, where the memorial has been built.

All persons wanting to participate, whether on the waiting list or not, need to register with Marilyn at the LIR office. Participants must be able and willing to walk for approximately one mile.

Coordinator: Dr. L. David Linsenbardt, 636-3727

20th Anniversary of LIR

Mark your calendar to celebrate 20 years of Learning in Retirement, Inc. on April 27, 2012 at the Capital Plaza Hotel. The theme, "Honoring the Past and Embracing the Future," sets the tone in remembering early leaders who began our extraordinary organization, those programs and volunteers who have helped to sustain it and to expand it allowing us to continue to learn and enjoy friends in clubs and on trips together. Plans are underway with the committees focusing on what has made LIR significant in our retirement and living it fully. Contact committee co-chairs Don Alberti and Barb Swanson with your suggestions and to volunteer.

OUR HISTORY IS OUR STRENGTH

Lincoln Co-Sponsors Conference on Women's Issues

September 15, 2011, 1-4 p.m.

Lincoln University

This free conference will reflect on the past challenges of working women, discuss present areas of concern, and build hope for the future. Topics presented will include many issues impacting women. The event will include speakers, exhibitors, panel discussions, presentations, and an open forum. All are welcome to attend. Reserved parking is available in the Collier-Hatcher Parking Lot. This is a cooperative effort between Lincoln University's Division of Continuing Education, U.S. Dept. of Labor-Women's Bureau, and the Missouri Women's Council. For more information, contact the Missouri Women's Council at 573-751-0810.



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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/Walking; others

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

CONTACT INFO.....(573)681-6152; lir@lincolnu.edu

Web site - (<http://www.lincolnu.edu/web/learning-in-retirement/learning-in-retirement>)

Office hours: Hours – 10-12 noon, Mon. - Thurs.

OFFICE LOCATION.....903 Lafayette Street, Soldiers Hall - Rm. 7, L.U. campus

Mark your calendars for the Winter Membership Meeting to be held on January 20, 2012 (Snow Date January 27, 2012). Time and place to be announced at later date.