

July-December 2016

# **The Learning Times**

### A Publication of Learning in Retirement, Inc.

### SUMMER MEMBERSHIP MEETING & LUNCHEON

Wednesday, July 20, 2016

11:15 a.m. Check-in & Exhibits Lunch at noon

### **Pre-registration Deadline: July 12**

Entertainment: Sylvia Ferguson

St. Martins Knights of Columbus Hall Highway 50W – Route T

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### President's Message

### Lifelong Learning

I made a promise to myself to learn one new thing every day. There doesn't seem to be a lack of new information to absorb, but I find myself reminiscing about by-gone days and people, places, and things that I want to re-acquaint myself with or re-learn.

Many of us, especially after retirement, are now finding the time to pursue our self-interests, hobbies, far-off places, lesser-known relatives, and a world filled with a lot of unknowns.

Sometimes we don't need to go very far from home to learn and see something new. By traveling with LIR, you can explore places close to home or miles away, attend wonderful theatrical performances, breathe in the clean air and enjoy the vistas within our beautiful state parks, partake in regional festivals, and sample foods from many different areas.

For those of us who like to learn at home, the LIR courses are fine-tuned to members' interests and are also very timely. With this being an election year, it has been an ideal time to feature some topics with both political and historical emphasis, as noted in our summer/fall course line-up listed within this newsletter.

Although LIR offers all these avenues of travel adventures and topics of interest, the best benefits from membership are the people you meet, the friendships you form, the fulfillment of volunteerism, and the laughter that makes us all feel younger! For individuals who are not currently members, you can take advantage of our mid-year membership for only \$25 and join the hundreds who are fulfilling their lifelong learning goals of exploring new things.

*Kathel Cooper* LIR President, 2016

### **Election of Board of Directors**

The LIR Nominating Committee is submitting the following slate to be approved at the July 20<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting for the Learning in Retirement, Inc., Board of Directors. The three-year terms will start January 1, 2017.

Steve Buchholz (1<sup>st</sup> 3-year term) Kay Freidinger (1<sup>st</sup> 3-year term) Inga Gauck (1<sup>st</sup> 3-year term) Rita Grace (1<sup>st</sup> 3-year term) Kathel Cooper (2<sup>nd</sup> 3-year term)

### Officers for 2017 Approved by the Board of Directors May 2016

President – Kathel Cooper Vice President – Don Neumann Secretary – Ellen Richardson Treasurer – Becky Washburn

### **Outgoing Board Members**

LIR Board members who are completing their elected terms at the end of 2016 are Marilyn Bacon, Theresa Sullivan, and Ellen Richardson. We wish to thank them for their dedicated service to our organization. A special thank you to Ellen for accepting a one-year appointment to fill in as Secretary of the Board for 2017.

### The Learning Times - Special Edition

As our membership continues to grow, so have the travel and course offerings that are included in our semi-annual newsletters. To accommodate this growth and interest in LIR, we will be publishing two additional informative flyers – *The Learning Times* – *Special Edition* to be mailed to our members in October and April. We hope that the additional information about upcoming trip and course openings/wait list, club activities, cancellation policy reminders, general membership opportunities, etc., will benefit our members on a more timely basis.

The Summer Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2016, at the St. Martins Knights of Columbus Hall on Route T. Registration will begin at 11:15 a.m. Following check-in, members and guests will have an opportunity to visit the Exhibit Area highlighting planned summer/fall travel, courses, and club activities. Representatives from each of these committees will be present to provide information to interested prospective and current LIR members. A catered luncheon will follow at noon. Pre-registration (form enclosed) is required for this event along with the *prepaid* luncheon cost of \$11 for members and \$15 for non-members.

President Kathel Cooper will preside over a short business meeting. Committee chairs will provide information on upcoming trips, courses, and clubs. Special guests will include ROTC and LIR/LU scholarship recipients and LIR course presenters during the past year. Back by popular request, Sylvia Ferguson will provide entertainment for your enjoyment. Door prizes will be given away at the conclusion of the meeting.

Please sign up on the enclosed registration form and include any guests you may have invited on the same form. You may call 573-681-6152 if you have questions concerning the luncheon meeting. Final date for the luncheon meeting registration is July 12, 2016. Looking forward to seeing you at the LIR Summer Meeting!

DeLinda Fitch, Membership Committee Chair

### New Members May Join at Mid-Year!

New members who join after June 30 pay a membership fee of \$25 for the remainder of the calendar year. Mid-year membership applies only to a person who has never belonged to LIR or has not been a member for the past 12 months. A membership application form is enclosed in this mailing.

### A Note From LU

#### LIR Members,

On behalf of Lincoln University and the Division of Continuing Education, I would like to welcome new and returning Learning in Retirement (LIR) members to the 2016-2017 academic season. The LIR board members and the various committees have planned an assortment of trips, clubs, and courses that are guaranteed to provide exceptional educational experiences designed specifically for senior learning.

As similar to other senior learners participating in adult learning programs around the world, significant benefits are associated with seniors who actively participate in programs similar to LIR. In my opinion, LIR is more than just an education program; it is a community of lifelong learners and, in some instances, resembles qualities of family.

During my two years at Lincoln University and while working closely with LIR board members, I have seen LIR grow in size, have seen examples of lifelong friendships, as well as watched members create innovative ways to provide programs and opportunities that stimulated learning among its members.

I am assured that this semester will be great, and I am very excited about the new and exciting things to come.

Brandon Hildreth, Director for Continuing Education & Extended Studies

### LU / LIR Parking Permits

Lincoln University parking permits for LIR members will be available for purchase at the membership meeting on July 20 or after that date at the LIR office. Parking permits are good only for parking on the Soldiers Hall lot and are not needed at the Lorenzo Greene (South Campus) facility. Permits are valid from September 1, 2016, through August 31, 2017. To obtain the permit, you need the following info: vehicle make, model, color, license plate number, and your driver's license number.

Cost is \$10.00.

### LIR SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Three Lincoln University students are recipients of LIR academic scholarships for 2016. ROTC scholarships were awarded to two cadets, Cadet Brown and Cadet Watson. The LIR/LU General Academic Scholarship will be awarded to Makayla James.

*Cadet Ryan C. Brown*, a sophomore Criminal Justice major with a minor in Military Science is from Paris, Missouri, and has earned a cumulative GPA of 3.786 at Lincoln University. Ryan is a member of the Missouri Army National Guard and recently completed basic and advanced active duty training in the Military Police Corps at Fort Leonard Wood. He has earned the National Defense Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon. Cadet Brown is active with the ROTC Color Guard, representing Lincoln University at numerous campus and community events.

*Cadet Michelle K. Watson*, a sophomore majoring in Social Work with a minor in Military Science is from Waynesville, Missouri, and has earned a cumulative GPA of 3.195 at Lincoln University. Michelle is physically fit, consistently scoring a perfect 300 on her Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT). Michelle has been active with the ROTC Color Guard and the Ranger Challenge Team. She has a strong and beautiful singing voice and has represented the ROTC Program and Lincoln University at various ceremonies.

*Makayla James*, a junior from Vienna, Missouri, will receive the LIR/LU General Academic Scholarship. Her goal is to achieve her BS in Art Education and teach in high school while she pursues her Masters in Art Education. She currently has a GPA of 4.0. She has worked as an assistant teacher, a peer, and a classroom tutor while pursuing her BS degree, as well as having many other roles.

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# DECEMBER HOLIDAY SOCIAL

All members are welcome. Admission cost is your LIR name tag. Time: 2:00 — 3:30 p.m.

December 4, 2016

Location: To Be Announced

Please mark your calendars now for the LIR Holiday Social Event. Reminder invitations requesting an RSVP will be mailed to members prior to the event.

Light refreshments/drinks will be provided.

### Payment Procedure Trips, Courses, Dues and Events

To streamline the payment process for trips, courses, membership dues, and catered luncheon fees, the following payment procedure is recommended for efficient recording and processing.

• TRIPS: A separate check should be issued for trips. Trips may be combined on one check, or a separate check for each trip may be submitted if that is your preference. Couples may combine payments on one check. Be sure to attach check(s), with trips noted, to the <u>Trip Registration Form</u> found in this newsletter.

• COURSES: A separate check can be issued for one or all of the courses that an individual wants to attend. Please note which course(s) are being paid. The <u>Membership Meeting and Course Registration</u> <u>Form</u> is included in this newsletter.

• NEW MEMBER APPLICATION/DUES: A separate check should be issued for membership dues. A <u>Membership Application</u> form is included in this newsletter.



### **Drowsy Chaperone:** At Stages

August 21, 2016 Robert G. Reim Theatre in Kirkwood, MO

Come with us to the ever popular Robert G. Reim Theatre in Kirkwood, MO. In honor of their 30th Anniversary, STAGES brings back one of their most requested shows, THE DROWSY CHAPER-ONE – a musical about people who love musicals. With its laugh-a-minute script and one showstopping song and dance number after another, it's easy to see why THE DROWSY CHAPERONE won the most Tony Awards of any musical on Broadway in 2006, including Best Book and Score. It all begins when a die-hard musical theatre fan decides to play his favorite cast album in his small brownstone apartment – a 1928 smash hit musical called "The Drowsy Chaperone." The show magically bursts to life before him as audiences are instantly transported to an earlier time and place and are immersed in the glamorous and hilarious tale of a celebrity bride and her uproarious wedding day, complete with gangsters, mistaken identities, an off-course aviatrix, and an uplifting ride to the rafters.

After the performance, we will enjoy dinner at the nearby Jefferson Grill.

Departure time: 10:00 a.m. Return: 9:00 p.m.

Escorts: Vicki Ford, 694-0014 Marge Kudrna, 694-8550

Cost: \$112 Total due with registration: \$112

### TRIPS: AUGUST 2016 - JANUARY 2017

### Fort Osage and Lexington

August 30, 2016 Sibley & Lexington, Missouri

Spend a day with LIR and take a tour of history by visiting Fort Osage and the battlefield of Lexington. Start the day by traveling to Sibley, Missouri, and tour historic Fort Osage. The fort was erected in 1808 on the hillside overlooking the Missouri River and served many purposes, including protection of the recent Louisiana Purchase. The fort continued to function until 1827 at which time it was abandoned. The nationally recognized site has been restored by Jackson County Parks and Rec and includes a museum and the restored Fort Osage.

Leaving the fort, we will stop at Buckner for a picnic lunch and then travel to Lexington. The Battle of Lexington State Historic Site is better known as the site of the "Battle of the Hemp Bales." Union and Confederate soldiers battled here September 18 -20, 1861, before Union Soldiers surrendered. Confederate soldiers used hemp bales as shields and rolled them towards the Unions lines.

Tour the museum, portions of the battlefield, and the Anderson house, which on occasion served as a hospital for both Union and Confederate soldiers. The house still shows damage from the battle.

From Lexington, the tour will continue east on Highway 24 to view the many peach and apple orchards. The bus will stop at Peters Market to give you an opportunity to purchase locally grown fruits before heading back to Jefferson City.

Departure time: 7:00 a.m. Return: 8:00 p.m.

Escorts: Mary Stiefermann Wilde, 619-1299 Felix Wulff, 635-8352 Marge Kudrna, 694-8550

Cost: \$52 Total due with registration: \$52

### Whiteman Air Force Base & Mid-Missouri Ethanol Plant September 9, 2016

Come travel to Whiteman Air Force Base for one of the Spirit tours. The tour includes a wing mission brief highlighting each unit on base and how each contributes to the defense of America, an Oscar-01 missile launch control facility tour, or viewing of a 442d Fighter Wing A-10 Thunderbolt II, viewing of a 509th BW B-2 Spirit static display, and a windshield tour of the base. By base regulations, this trip will be limited to 40 travelers.

After the morning on the Base, we will travel to Traditions Restaurant on the grounds of Pertle Springs Golf Course, part of the UCM campus. Here we will enjoy a buffet lunch.

The focus of the afternoon will be Mid-Missouri Energy, which is committed to good corporate citizenship and utilizes state-of-the-art technology to protect our environment while producing renewable fuel that reduces America's dependence on foreign oil. The corn-based ethanol plant is located in Malta Bend, midway between Kansas City and Columbia. They started distilling corn in early 2005 and are now producing around 60 million gallons of ethanol per year. A large portion of the corn supply comes from the nearly 18 million bushels produced locally.

**Note:** Personally identifiable information (PII) must be sent to the 509th BW Public Affairs Office 30 days prior to the tour. This information is NOT requested on the "trip registration form." The travel committee will gather this information in a confidential way at the July LIR meeting or contact you individually if you are not able to attend that meeting. Please proceed to register for this trip in the usual way.

Departure time: 6:30 a.m. Return: 7:00 p.m. Escorts: Marjorie Smith, 893-3118 Felix Wulff, 635-8352 Marge Kudrna, 694-8550 Cost: \$48 Total due with registration: \$48

### **TRIPS** Continued

### Kansas City Royals Baseball

September 18, 2016

Take me out to the ballgame – but this time on the west side of the state! It's time to check out the World Champion Royals! Will they be able to repeat in 2016? Put on your favorite Royal t-shirt and join us as we travel to Kaufmann Stadium to watch the Royals play the Chicago White Sox at 1:15 p.m. on Sunday, September 18th. After the game, we will drive to Independence and dine at the famed Corner Cafe (on your own).

Departure time: 8:30 a.m. Return: 9:00 p.m.

Escorts: Vicki Ford, 694-0014 Randy Ford, 694-0084 Marge Kudrna, 694-8550

Cost: \$75\$50 due with registrationFinal payment:\$25 due by August 15, 2016

### Covered Bridges, Historic Mills, Civil War, Bones and Rocks

Missouri History and Beautiful Places Tuesday & Wednesday, September 27 & 28, 2016

Sign up early for this two-day trip to beautiful and unique Missouri places about which you may have heard, but haven't managed to visit.

Our first day, we head to Mastodon State Historic Site. We will tour the museum, which houses a mastodon skeleton and bones of other beasts that once inhabited Missouri. We will enjoy a picnic lunch at the park's shelter before heading to nearby Sandy Creek Covered Bridge, one of the two covered bridges we will see of the four remaining in Missouri. The second covered bridge, Burfordville Covered Bridge, at Bollinger Mill State Historic Site near Cape Girardeau, will be our next stop. We will tour the three floors of the mill and stroll across the covered bridge, completed in 1868.

Upon leaving the covered bridge, we will head to Jackson, Missouri, where we have reservations at *(Continued in next column)* 

the Drury Inn. After a brief rest, we will take the motor coach a short distance to Cape Girardeau for a relaxing Italian buffet dinner. After dinner, we plan to pass through the Mississippi River flood gates where we may watch the river go by for a few minutes.

The next morning, we will depart for the Ironton area, where we will tour Fort Davidson State Historic Site. Fort Davidson was the site of the Battle of Pilot Knob, where Union forces were able to blunt the last Confederate offensive into Missouri. Then we will enjoy lunch at Thee Kitchen, located in the Arcadia Valley Academy. Some of you may remember this was a food highlight of our trip to the area a few years ago.

After lunch, we will head down the road a few miles and walk off our lunch at Elephant Rocks State Park. We have the opportunity to hike the mile-long "Braille Trail" to the top of the rock formations, and again, try to locate the rocking boulder we could not find on our last trip.

Then it's off to Dillard Mill State Historic Site, one of Missouri's most picturesque sites according to State Park literature. We will tour the mill and enjoy the scenery for about an hour before heading back home. This trip will include a good amount of walking on undeveloped surfaces, so be sure to pack your comfortable walking shoes. On the way home, we will stop for dinner (on your own) at one of several fastfood restaurants in St James. Our Jefferson City arrival time will be approximately 8:00 PM.

Departure: Tuesday, September 27, 2016 7:15 a.m. Return: Wednesday, September 28, 2016 8:00 p.m.

Escorts: Joe Goedde, 619-5896 Marjorie Smith, 893-3118 Bill Gerling, 220-4319 Marge Kudrna, 694-8550

Cost: Double - \$172 Single - \$220 Due with registration: Double: \$72 Single: \$100 Final payment due by August 20, 2016 Double: \$100 Single: \$120

### **TRIPS** Continued



#### Nashville Tour: "Music City" and More Monday - Thursday, October 10-13, 2016

What could be finer than Tennessee in the fall, Music City history, entertainment and architecture, traveling with Learning in Retirement friends, and enjoying a bit of Kentucky on the way home? See IT, Hear IT, and Enjoy IT! All that and more is what we have planned for a four-day three-night trip to Nashville.

We'll board our coach at 7:00 a.m. Monday morning and head south to begin our Nashville adventure, arriving in late afternoon for an early dinner at The Aquarium Restaurant in Opry Mills Mall. Following dinner, we are off to the Hyatt Place Hotel to check-in, where we will lodge for three nights.

The following day's activities begin with a step-on guide for a driving tour of the city, including famous landmarks such as the Historic Downtown District, Honky Tonk Highway, Music Row, the River Front, the Tennessee State Capitol, the Parthenon, Vanderbilt University, and a guided tour of the Ryman Auditorium, the "Mother Church of Country Music." The Grand Ole Opry performed here from 1943-74, and the building was completely renovated in 1994.

Another guided tour stop is the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, noted for its "state of the art" design containing dynamic exhibits, historic video clips, and records, which contribute to an enjoyable museum experience.

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Last, but not least, we will have a guided tour of Studio B, known as one of the cradles of the "Nashville Sound" where stars Elvis Presley, Dolly Parton, Willie Nelson, and Floyd Crammer - just to name a few - recorded their music. We will have lunch "on your own" at Café 2|22 at the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Late in the afternoon, we will arrive back at our hotel to freshen up before we enjoy dinner at Claim Jumper Restaurant, also located in Opry Mills Mall.

Following dinner, we will walk across the street and attend a live performance of the Grand Ole Opry where we have front-row center-balcony seats!

Our third day in Nashville begins with a visit to the Hermitage, home of President Andrew Jackson. Guides in 1837 period costumes will lead us through the home, and there will be time to visit the Heirloom Garden and tomb where the president and his wife are buried. Next stop is Belle-Meade Plantation for lunch and a guided tour of its mansion. Belle-Meade Plantation, originally a 5,400 acre working plantation, was well known as a thoroughbred farm, producing many Kentucky Derby winners.

In addition to the 1853 Greek Revival Mansion, the property includes a winery, carriage houses displaying antique carriages, a 1790 log cabin, a smokehouse, and an 1840 mausoleum and creamery.

We should complete this tour around 3:30 p.m. Then we are off to Gaylord Opryland where you may explore on your own. Completed in four phases over a twentyyear period, this facility is the largest non-gambling hotel and convention complex in the USA. The hotel features one of the largest atriums in the United States and has an indoor river with delta flat-bottom boats available for tours of the hotel. If this isn't enough, many shopping opportunities await you in the unique gift shops and numerous restaurants for a delicious dinner on your own. If the 8:00 p.m. scheduled coach time to return to the hotel is either too late or too early for you, a shuttle is available to transport you from Opryland to the hotel. (Continued on next page)

#### **The Learning Times**

### **TRIPS** Continued

Now it's that time—the day we begin our trek home. We will ease into Kentucky, driving through the "Land Between the Lakes" nestled in Western Kentucky and Tennessee. More than two million visitors from all over the nation and foreign countries visit this national recreation area each year. We'll stop at Patti's 1880 Settlement, Grand Rivers, Kentucky, for an early lunch and to browse the unique gift shops.

Next, we will take the short drive to Paducah, Kentucky, to tour the Quilt Museum. If quilts are not your thing, a beautiful river walk with a mural-sea wall is within five minutes walking distance for you to enjoy while the quilters in the group tour the quilt museum.

After our stop in Paducah, we head back to Jefferson City and should arrive at the Wal-Mart parking lot at approximately 10:30 p.m., as tired LIR travelers with new knowledge of the origins of country music and many fond memories of the Nashville area.

Departure: Monday, October 10, 2016 7:00 a.m. Return: Thursday, October 13, 2016 10:30 p.m.

Escorts:	Henry Dahl	635-2139
	Kay Martellaro	893-7889
	Kay Freidinger	636-8919

Cost:Double \$691Single - \$957Due with registration:Double:\$250 Single:\$350Final payment is due September 5, 2016.Double:\$441.00Single:\$607.00

Cost includes all admissions and activities listed in the itinerary, tour-related taxes and gratuities, three night's lodging, three breakfasts, two dinners, and two lunches.





November 20, 2016 Kansas City Music Hall

This mind-blowing spectacular showcases the talents of seven of the most talented illusionists on earth. **THE ILLUSIONISTS – Live From Broadway** has shattered box office records across the globe and dazzles audiences of all ages with a powerful mix of the most outrageous and astonishing acts ever to be seen on stage. Join us at the Kansas City Music Hall for this non-stop show that is packed with thrilling and sophisticated magic of unprecedented proportions.

Be ready to bend your mind with fantastic feats. Audiences will drop their jaws when they see illusions ranging from levitation to mind reading. Guests will witness a daring escape from a watery torture chamber. Inspired by illusionists of the past, this is an entirely new take on the classics.

Departure time: 9:15 a.m. Return: 7:45 p.m.

Escorts: Vicki Ford, 694-0014 Betty Doerhoff, 619-2920 Marge Kudrna, 694-8550

Cost: \$100 \$60 due with registration Final payment \$40 due October 10, 2016 **Missouri's First Learning in Retirement Institute** 

### **TRIPS Continued & COURSE INFORMATION**



Christmas at the Lake December 8, 2016

Last year's trip was so popular that we decided to repeat this fun-filled day again in 2016. Get in the Christmas spirit by spending an afternoon and evening at the Lake of the Ozarks.

We'll begin our trip with a mid-afternoon festive meal at JJ's Copper Pot in Laurie, Missouri, followed by a 5 p.m. drive-through tour of the Enchanted Village of Lights, also in Laurie. This proved to be a highlight for many last year. Then, we'll cross the Lake to attend the Christmas show at the Main Street Music Hall. This show really puts you in the holiday spirit!

Departure: 2:00 p.m. Return time: 10:30 p.m.

Escorts: Marjorie Smith, 893-3118 Betty Doerhoff, 619-2920

Cost: \$80\$40 Due with registrationFinal Payment \$40 due on November 1, 2016

### Capital City Players: First Date

January 22, 2017 Shikles Auditorium, Jefferson City

When those dreary mid-January days begin to get you down, join your LIR friends for a Sunday afternoon musical at the Shikles Center in Jefferson City! We have booked a group of tickets for Sunday, Jan. 22, at the popular dinner theater to see the musical comedy **First Date.** 

When blind date newbie Aaron is set up with serialdater Casey, a casual drink at a busy New York restaurant turns into a hilarious high-stakes dinner. As (Continued in next column) the date unfolds in real time, the couple quickly finds that they are not alone on this unpredictable evening. In a delightful and unexpected twist, Casey and Aaron's inner critics take on a life of their own when other restaurant patrons transform into supportive best friends, manipulative exes, and protective parents who sing and dance them through icebreakers, appetizers, and potential conversational land mines. Can this couple turn what could be a dating disaster into something special before the check arrives?

Transportation to this event is on your own.

Doors open at noon. Dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m. with the show beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Escorts: Vicki Ford, 694-0014 Henry Dahl, 635-2139

Cost: \$34 \$15 Due with registration Final Payment \$19 due on January 6, 2017

### **Miscellaneous Course Information**

•Registration forms are provided in the LIR newsletter or on the LIR web site. Each course is \$12.00 unless otherwise noted.

### **Registration will be accepted at the Summer Membership Meeting to be held on July 20, 2016.** *(See front page)*

•Location of courses varies, depending on topic and size of class. Specific locations are named with each course in this newsletter.

### **Course Cancellation Policy**

The registration fee may be refunded if the LIR Office (573-681-6152) receives notification one week prior to the start date of the first class. Refunds are processed after the session is completed.

Should an emergency occur after the deadline that prevents the registrant from attending the course, the LIR Office should be notified as soon as possible. Refunds will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the curriculum chair and the office manager.

Free Courses (Page 13) Follow Regular Courses



## ELECTIONS: HOLLYWOOD STYLE (Movies)

Time: 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Dates: Wednesdays, August 10, 17, 24, 31 Place: Missouri River Regional Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

We all know how elections go in real life. Join us and grab a chair to see what Hollywood does to elections in the movies.

August 10: <u>Mr. Smith Goes to Washington</u>: 1939 American political comedy/drama starring James Stewart and Jean Arthur about one man's effect on American politics. The movie was controversial when it was released, but was a success at the box office and made Stewart a major movie star. In Washington, Smith, played by James Stewart, discovers many of the shortcomings of the political process.

August 17: <u>The Candidate:</u> 1972 American satirical comedy-drama starring Robert Redford and Peter Boyle. The Academy Award-winning screenplay, which examines the various facets and machinations involved in political campaigns, was written by Jeremy Larner, a speechwriter for Senator Eugene J. McCarthy during McCarthy's campaign for the 1968 Democratic presidential nomination. Idealistic young lawyer, Bill McKay (Robert Redford), thoroughly involved with civil rights, legal aid, and ecology, agrees to run for the U.S. Senate – not to win – he tells himself, but to bring vital issues before the voters.

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August 24: <u>Primary Colors</u>: 1998 film based on the novel <u>Primary Colors</u>, about Bill Clinton's first presidential campaign in 1992. It was originally published anonymously, but in 1996 was revealed to have been written by journalist Joe Klein, who had been covering Clinton's campaign for Newsweek. Jack Stanton, played by John Travolta, is running for president. The election is seen through the eyes of young Henry Burton, who is working on the campaign.

August 31:<u>The Ides of March</u>: 2011 American political drama directed by George Clooney from a screenplay written by Clooney, Grant Heslov, and Beau Willimon. Stephen Meyers is a young idealist who is brilliant at communications, is second in command to Governor Mike Morris's presidential campaign, and is a true believer. Stephen may be too trusting. What's most important, career, victory, or virtue?

Coordinator: Karen Sander, 635-0931

### YOUR JEFFERSON CITY GOVERNMENT

Time: 10:00 a.m. to NOON Dates: Thursdays, September 1, 8, 15, 22 Place: South Campus, Lincoln U, 900 Leslie Blvd

Ever wonder how much power the mayor has in making decisions for the city? What about your city council member? What factors does he/she take into consideration in deciding where a new street can be constructed? Who represents the city when it is sued by someone claiming negligence against the city? Have recent national events caused the police department to review its policies? Who is in charge of making regulations within the city?

Attendees will have a chance to ask these questions and more of eight city officials who will tell us about their backgrounds, experiences, policies, and plans concerning governing of Jefferson City. Two officials at each session will present information and answer questions. (Continued on next page)

The cast of city officials includes: Mayor Carrie Tergin, City Councilman Glen Costales, Chief of Police Roger Schroeder, Director of Building Regulations Larry Burkhardt, Transportation Director Janice McMillan, City Counselor Drew Hilpert, Parks and Recreation Director Todd Spalding, and Director of Public Works Matt Morasch.

Coordinator: Bill Gerling, 573-220-4319



### **CHINA: LAND OF VASTNESS**

Time: 10:00 a.m. to Noon Dates: Tuesdays, September 6, 13, 20, 27 Place: South Campus, LU, 900 Leslie Blvd

China – land of vastness, land of culture. Come join us as Dr. Hwei-Yiing Johnson shares a look into the history, culture, art, traditions, holidays, writing, martial arts, acupuncture, geography, and food of China. Dr. Johnson was born in Taiwan of Chinese parents and often returns not only to Taiwan but also to China to visit her family. She is eager to share with us her knowledge and love of China. She is even going to cook some delicious Chinese food for us.

Presenter: Dr. Hwei-Yiing Johnson, Cooperative Extension, Lincoln University

Coordinator: JoClare Meyer, 636-5762

### NATIVE PLANTS OF MISSOURI

Time: 10:00 a.m. to Noon Dates: Wednesdays, September 7, 28, October 5, 12 (NOTE DATES) Place: South Campus, Lincoln U, 900 Leslie Blvd

Missouri has a plethora of native plants, some we even call weeds. Some are beautiful, some are edible, some help monarch butterflies, some butterflies help with pollination, some make landscapes more active and ecological, and some make our food more tasty. So let's explore the Native Plants of Missouri.

- September 7: Native plants, butterflies and other pollinators. How to help butterflies survive
- September 28: (NOTE DATE): Native plants and ecological landscaping
- October 5: (NOTE DATE): Edible native plants (See how they taste and spice up other foods)
- October 12: Native plant propogation and some hands-on opportunities

### LIMIT: 20

Presenters: Dr. Nadia Navarrete-Tindall and other LU Native Plants Program staff

Coordinators: Bill and Verna Luebbert, 635-8060



### **BRIDGE CONVENTIONS**

Stayman? Transfer? What language are you speaking? I thought we were playing bridge!

Time: 10:00 a.m. to NOON

Dates: Wednesdays, September 14, 21, October 19, 26 (Note date intervals) Place: South Campus, Lincoln U, 900 Leslie Blvd

Have you ever sat down at a bridge table and had your partner ask if you play "Stayman" and "transfers"? What does that mean? How are Stayman and transfers used in bridge? Join us as we review these conventions and discuss the messages sent by these bidding processes. This class will incorporate some playing time to put this new knowledge into practice.

This class is NOT a beginning bridge class. It is assumed that you already understand the basics of bridge Presenter(s): and have an interest in adding these conventions to your bag of tricks.

September 14 and 21, we will spend two weeks working on Stayman. Then on October 19 and 26, we will work on Jacoby Transfer. This is a 4-week course.

LIMIT: 20 Participants Presenter: Rita Grace, LIR Member ACBL Accredited Bridge Teacher

Coordinator: Rita Grace, 634-5358

### BILL OF RIGHTS, PART 2 RIGHTS FOUND IN AMENDMENTS I, II AND IX

Time: 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Date: Thursdays, October 6, 13, 20, and 27 Place: South Campus, Lincoln U, 900 Leslie Blvd

This course, which follows last spring's course, is organized by The Missouri Bar's Director of Citizenship Education, Millie Aulbur, and will explore the rights of citizens found in Amendment I of the Bill of Rights as well as the right of privacy, which has been

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based on Amendment IX. With much opportunity for participation, members of the class should anticipate discussion of relevant Supreme Court cases focused on the following topics:

Freedom of Religion: The "Establishment Clause" and the "Free Exercise Clause"

The Right to Privacy: Origins, Controversies, and the Role of Amendment IX

Freedom of Speech: Origins, Evolution of the Right, Limitations, Applications in School Settings

- Freedom of Press: Origins, Evolution, and Issues Related to New Technologies
- Freedom of Assembly: When do Assemblies Become Unlawful?
- Right to Bear Arms: Is this Right one that Is unlimited?

Presenter(s): Will include active members of The Missouri Bar and professors from MU Law School

Coordinator: Warren Solomon (893-4407, 645-5676, or <u>whsolomon@mchsi.com</u>)

### ADVENTURES OF A BOY IN JEFFERSON CITY IN THE 1940s

Time: 10:00 a.m. to Noon:

Dates: Tuesdays, October 11, 18, 25, and Nov. 1

Place: Masonic Hall, 3211 Masonic Court (off Truman Blvd)

In this class, Dr. Walter Schroeder will talk about his experiences with his gang of friends while growing up on the south side of Jefferson City. Included are stories of making sauerkraut, killing chickens, playing with marbles and golf balls in the Capitol, playing in the Missouri River, and learning to speak German. He will tell tales of segregation, memories of the air raid drills and other life changes during World War II, and other stories of his boyhood.

The last session will be held at the Central United Church of Christ where the presenter will speak of the architectural features of the church and his youthful years growing up in the church.

Presenter: Dr. Walter Schroeder, Local historian and retired University of Missouri Professor Coordinator: Dr. David Linsenbardt 636-3727

# \*\*\*Free Courses\*\*\* This issue of *The Learning Times* has several

one or two-day free classes. These will be indicated with asterisks before and after the title, for example,

#### \*\*\*Title\*\*\*

Please register for these classes to ensure enough chairs are provided.

#### \*\*\*LITERACY IN JEFFERSON CITY\*\*\*

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Date: Tuesday, August 16 Place: South Campus, Lincoln U, 900 Leslie Blvd

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Jefferson City has a long history of a strong commitment to improving the literacy and basic skills of our residents. Low literacy has profound effects on the individual and on our communities—from unemployment and poverty to health and welfare issues.

The Adult Education and Literacy program provides instruction for high school equivalency preparation (reading, writing, math, science and social studies), English for Speakers of Other Languages (reading, writing, speaking, and listening), and workforce readiness skills for all students. The ABLE program provides private tutors who assist learners with individual reading and writing instruction.

Most recently, ABLE has added volunteer tutoring for 6<sup>th</sup> graders who are reading just below grade level at Thomas Jefferson and Lewis and Clark Middle Schools. Come learn more about these programs AND the opportunities available to use YOUR unique skills for the education and service of others in Jefferson City.

Presenters: Sarah Porter, Felicia Poettgen, teachers and volunteers

Coordinator: Betty Mudd, 634-2212

### \*\*\*MEDICARE\*\*\* WHAT DON'T YOU KNOW?

Time: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Date: Monday, Sept. 26

Place: Room 119/120, Page Library, Lincoln U, 712 Lee Drive

MEDICARE, whether you are new to the game or have been on Medicare for years, this class is for you. CLAIM is the state and federally funded Missouri *State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)*. CLAIM is not affiliated with any insurance company and will not try to sell you anything. Its purpose is to educate about Medicare and assist with problems individuals are having with healthcare coverage.

This presentation will include a one-hour educational discussion about Medicare and a one-hour hands-on computer lab demonstration on how to use the *Medicare Plan Finder* website for annual open-enrollment shopping needs.

The room will accommodate 70 people, but there are only 40 computer terminals, so we may need to double up on the terminals for the lab demonstration. Ten parking spaces have been reserved for us, so carpooling is encouraged.

Maximum enrollment: 70

Presenters: Tracy Wetzel and Cindy Carr Coordinator: Linda Bohrer, 619-2773



#### \*\*\*INTERNMENT OF PEOPLE OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY IN THE UNITED STATES DURING WW II\*\*\* Nov. 10: Dogs have become so much more than just lovable pets. They help with rehabbing invalids, rehabbing

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

Date: September 29

Place: South Campus, Lincoln U, 900 Leslie Blvd

In 1942, our US government rounded up 120,000 Japanese-Americans and sent them to internment camps until the war ended. President Roosevelt signed the order. These people were generally loyal Americans who had been living in America for decades, the majority of whom were US citizens. In 1980, President Carter ordered a formal investigation of the internment, which concluded that a grave injustice had been inflicted upon these people. Reparation payments were ordered for the surviving internees.

Chuck Lahmeyer, the course instructor, has followed the history of the internment for many years, including the time that he and his wife, Lois, lived in California and attended internee reunions at the Manzanar Camp there. He has made the acquaintance of several camp internees, including one family with a Jefferson City connection. Chuck's late mother, Kay, had a dear friend who taught English and art at Camp Rohwer in Arkansas. Internment is nothing but a fancy word for imprisonment.

Join us as we explore the events surrounding this regrettable chapter in America's history. It behooves us all to see that such an injustice does not happen again.

Presenter: Chuck Lahmeyer, B.S. (LIR member) Coordinator: Warren Solomon (573-893-4407; <u>whsolo-mon@mchsi.com</u>)

### \*\*\* DOGS, THEIR EVOLUTION\*\*\* THEY'RE NOT JUST PETS ANYMORE

Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Dates: Thursdays, November 3 and 10 Place: South Campus, Lincoln U, 900 Leslie Blvd

How we love our pets! But are we aware of what dogs were and now are? Come for two free sessions and explore DOGS.

<u>Nov. 3:</u> How did dogs first encounter man and then evolve from wolves? How did their physical structure change? How did so many breeds develop? What do we have today, and what may be their future? So many questions!

<u>Nov. 10</u>: Dogs have become so much more than just lovable pets. They help with rehabbing invalids, rehabbing prisoners, rehabbing hospital patients, rehabbing and protecting people with special needs. But they also protect us from danger, explosives, and drugs; they help search and rescue people from harm. They are not just pets anymore.

Presenters: Barbara Barnard (Member, LIR) Veterinarian Mai Doering Cole County Sheriff's K-9 staff & Snoopy Coordinator: JoClare Meyer, 636-5762

#### \*\*\*WHO IS COLLECTING?WHAT & WHY?\*\*\*

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Date: Tuesday, November 8 Place: Clydesdale Room, N H Scheppers Distributing, 2300 St. Marys Blvd.

Do you ever wonder about other folk's collections and why they collect? Did you know there is a Collector's Club in Jeff City? Four of the members of that club have agreed to share their collections with us. I am sure it will be interesting to find out about the "why" and "what" of their unique collections. Who knows, it may give you the incentive to become a collector too or even become a member of *"River City Collector's Club."* 

Come and join us for an afternoon of fun and sharing. The presenters are John Petitto: Pocket Watches & Clocks Barbara Chillcut: Valentines Bob Herman: Walking Sticks and Canes David Linsenbardt: Kaleidoscopes

Coordinator: David Linsenbardt 636-3727

#### **\*\*STATE-OF-THE-ART FIRE STATION #3\*\*\***

Time: 1:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2016 Place: Fire Station #3, Mo Rte 179

Fire Station #3 isn't just a kids' destination. Jefferson City's newest fire station located on Rt. 179 (north of West Truman Blvd. under the water storage tank) is "state of the art" and "hardened to be tornado safe." It is the headquarters of the **911** emergency call system and is large enough to house the city's largest equipment. So come tour with us to see this fascinating station AND the protective equipment each firefighter wears. Jefferson City is well protected. Tour is approximately one-hour. Coordinator: Bill Luebbert, 635-8060 Missouri's First Learning in Retirement Institute

### **COURSES & CLUBS**

#### \*\*\*WEST AFRICAN DRUMMING\*\*\*

Time: 1:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. Date: Tuesday, November 15 Place: Clydesdale Room, N H Scheppers Distributing, 2300 St. Marys Blvd.

Do you want to learn something entirely new? LIR has never offered this type of class before. We will have the unique opportunity to learn the art of West African drumming from Dr. Allison Robbins, Assistant Music Professor at the University of Central Missouri. Her area of expertise is the music of the Ewe people, who live in Ghana, Togo, and Benin. She teaches using hands-on experience with drums, shakers, and bells. This will give you something fun and different to talk about with friends and family at all those upcoming holiday parties and events. What do you say? Be adventurous and try something new!

Presenter: Allison Robbins, Ph.D. Coordinator: Linda Bohrer, 619-2773

### **Do You Play Pitch?**

Bob Maxwell is interested in facilitating a Pitch Club. If you are interested in playing pitch, contact him at 418-8864 or Marigene Brewer at 636-8183. You may also sign up at the Membership meeting on July 20.

#### **Book Club Reading List**

The LIR Book Club has selected the following books for reading in the last half of 2016: <u>The Soloist</u> by Steve Lopez; <u>Pride and Prejudice</u> by Jane Austin; <u>American</u> <u>Rose, A Nation Laid Bare</u> by Karen Abbot; <u>The Ice</u> <u>Cream Girls</u> by Dorothy Koomson; <u>Washington's</u> <u>Circle, The Creation of the President</u> by David S. Heidler & Jeanne T. Heidler; and <u>A Christmas Escape</u> by Anne Perry.

If you are interested in participating, call Arlene Stayton at 660-433-2415.

### **CLUBS ARE FREE!**

You are invited to join, at no extra cost, any of our LIR clubs by calling Marigene Brewer, LIR Club Coordinator, at 636-8183, or you can call any of the clubs' facilitators.

If you are interested in starting additional clubs, such as crafts, investments, travel, or some other, please direct your suggestions to Marigene.

### CLUBS

Bocce Ball: Mondays, Sept-Nov & April-June Two Sessions: 9 a.m. & 12:15 p.m. *Facilitator*: Linda Schwartz 635-5392 Location: Prison Brews, Ash Street Book Club: 4th Monday, 1-2 p.m. Facilitator: Arlene Stayton, 660-433-2415 Location: LIR Classroom 8 Callers: Teresa Sullivan 635-6404 & Arlene Stayton 660-433-2415 Bridge Club I: 2nd Monday, 1 p.m. Facilitator: Keith Krueger, 462-0779/659-3834 Location: LIR Classroom 8 Bridge Club II: 1st Monday, 1 p.m. Facilitator: Mary Ann Ruth, 659-7875 Location: LIR Classroom 8 Canasta: 2nd Tuesday, 10 a.m.-Noon Facilitator: Barbara Barnard, 896-9485 Location: LIR Classroom 8 Creative Writers: 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m. Facilitator: Denise Kliethermes, 395-4662 Location: LIR Classroom 8 Caller: Dorothy Tighe, 491-3927 Dominoes 1: 1st & 3rd Mondays 10 a.m.- noon Dominoes II: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m. Facilitator: Shirley Denkler, 635-7754 Location: LIR Classroom 8 LIR Jammers: 1st & 3rd Monday, 9-10:30 a.m. Facilitator: Peter DeSimone 393-0940 Location: Theresa Sullivan's home Pinochle: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Facilitator: Cathie Middleton, 761-1425 Location: LIR Classroom 8 Scrabble: 3rd Monday, 1 p.m. Facilitator: Marigene Brewer, 636-8183 Location: LIR Classroom 8 Caller: Marilyn Miller, 636-8233 & Carole Evans, 896-4836 Walking/Hiking: Thursdays 8:30 a.m. Summer, 9:30 a.m. Winter Location varies. Facilitators: John & Ellen Richardson, 893-4909

You may sign up for clubs at the membership meeting or by calling Marigene Brewer or the facilitators.



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	Hiking/Walking & others
GATHERINGS	Membership Meetings twice annually; Holiday Social
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PARKING	Tag required for L.U. campus
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Mark your calendars now for the Winter Membership Meeting January 18, 2017 St. Martins Knights of Columbus Hall Inclement weather date: January 25, 2017