



# The Learning Times

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## Winter Membership Meeting

Friday, January 20, 2012

Snow date Friday, January 27, 2012

Registration begins at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church Gym

2027 Industrial Drive

(Corner Dix Road and Industrial Drive)

Please park and enter through the rear of the church.

The Winter Membership Meeting will be held on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, at Faith Lutheran Church. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. with the meeting being called to order at 1:30 p.m. by our 2012 President, Pee Wee Forck.

A musical group from Lincoln University directed by Michelle Gambling-Green will provide entertainment.

President Forck will conduct a short business meeting, followed by brief descriptions of upcoming travel events, engaging learning opportunities, and individual club interests.

Educational Travel, Clubs, and Curriculum displays and an opportunity to register will be available **after the meeting**. You may also pay dues for the upcoming year at that time.

Light refreshments will also be available after the meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

There is no cost to attend the meeting, but registration is needed to plan seating and refreshments. Please indicate your reservation on the Membership Meeting/Course Registration Form that is inserted in this newsletter.

Door prizes for free courses will be given. Hope to see you Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>! Bring a friend!

## President's Notes

By PeeWee Forck



Fellow LIR Members:

Believe it or not the Holiday Season is upon us. What has happened to the year? It has gone by so quickly. Each year seems to go faster than the year before.

The year 2011 has been very successful for LIR. Our membership is up! We are now nearly 300 members strong, a sizeable increase from last year. It seems as the word gets out about our wonderful trips, clubs, and courses the membership numbers just keep rising. We have such a wonderful bunch leading all these different activities that our members keep coming back for more.

There have been several very interesting and fun-filled trips. Our Travel Committee keeps coming up with new ideas and works to make our trips as interesting, pleasant, and accommodating as possible. Some trips were repeated to accommodate the number of interested members. Remember, "If you snooze, you lose." So, book early!!

Keep posted on all the interesting courses being offered. Those this year were great and 2012 promises to be as interesting and educational. You won't know what you're missing if you don't give them a try.

Our clubs continue to prosper with great times had by all who attend. Just wish there was time to join more of them. Can't believe retirement is so time-consuming!!

Barb Swanson and Don Alberti, along with their hard working committee, are diligently planning for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Learning in Retirement. "Honoring the Past and Embracing the Future," is the exciting theme.

In closing I will repeat what I said in my first letter in January. We have a great organization. I will try to run the meetings and keep us 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!

**Have a Blessed and Wonderful Holiday Season!**

**PeeWee**

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## **Dues Reminder**

Your 2012 membership dues of \$40.00 are now needed. Please fill out a Membership Renewal Form found in this newsletter and either bring your check to the General Membership Meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup> or mail to the LIR Office, PO Box 105166, Jefferson City, MO 65110.

Thank you!

## **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of LIR** **“Honoring the Past and Embracing the Future”**

Get ready for a celebration! On Friday, April 27, 2012, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel we'll mark the beginning and the first 20 years of LIR. We'll also move into our future by continuing to learn at breakout sessions during this daylong conference

Watch your mail for registration information coming directly to you about the event. Advance registration is required for this fun and informative day that includes lunch for only \$15 for our members, non-members \$20. You'll have a glimpse of Jeff City in the past and yet to come, and chuckle with comedian Bill Atterberry. Breakout session topics include using current technology, senior living to the fullest, consumer tips, volunteer opportunities, exercise designed for us, and tips on healthy eating. Exhibitor booths will make available additional information and services for active retirees.

### **Board of Directors for 2012**

#### ***Elected Members***

Mike (PeeWee) Forck, President  
Marilyn Bacon, Vice-President  
Ellen Richardson, Secretary  
Sue Alberti, Treasurer  
Judy Alexiou  
Mary Grillos  
Charles (Chuck) Lahmeyer  
David Linsenbardt, Curriculum Chair  
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 Chair  
Henry Dahl, Travel Vice-Chair  
June Glaser, Historian  
Paula Nordstrom, Newsletter & Website  
Vera Rust, Membership & Marketing Vice-Chair  
Rosemarie Turner, Travel Chair

***Your Board of Directors welcomes your suggestions.***

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### **Change to the LIR Constitution**

Insert the following at the end of **Article VIII Committees**:

Committee Chairpersons of Membership & Marketing, Educational Travel, and Curriculum are voting members of the LIR Board of Directions during their appointment by the President.

Rationale: Voting privileges are reasonable for these chairpersons who attend all meetings of the Board of Directors. They work closely with LIR members as they lead their committees in planning the major functions offered to members of LIR.

### **Know Before You Go**



The Travel Committee will again offer an opportunity for you to obtain detailed information about our upcoming trips, including itineraries and venues..... AND register for trips.

Bring your questions, comments and a friend! Non-members welcome; however, to register for trips you must be an LIR member. Refreshments will be served!

Date: January 12, 2012  
Place: Soldiers Hall, Room 204  
Time: 1:30 p.m.



## **TRIPS January — July 2012**

### **New Theatre - Overland Park**

#### **Pump Boys and Dinettes**

**January 26, 2012**

This fantastic performance starring Gregory Harrison from Trapper John M.D. and One Tree Hill will surely delight all-part musical, part revue, part theatre and 100 % amazing! Actors perform music live on stage with guitars, piano, bass, and even kitchen utensils, bringing their musical tribute to "Life by the Roadside".

Join LIR friends for a funny, touching, toe tapping show with fabulous food, including a dessert. Surprise!!! Our up front, reserved seats are in the Grand Orchestra Section!

Limited tickets available; early registration recommended.

Departure time: 7:45 a.m.  
Return: 7:00 p.m. (est.)

Cost - \$82.50 payable with registration

Escorts: Mary Grillos - 496-2955  
Rosemarie Turner - 635-3175

### **Think "Asian" - Columbia**

**March 22, 2012**

The evening will begin with a unique dining experience at Jina Yoos Asian Bistro where we experience true "Asian Cuisine". Following dinner we depart for Jesse Hall for the award winning show, "The Golden Dragon Acrobats", which combines acrobatics, traditional dance, spectacular costumes, ancient and contemporary music and theatrical techniques of breathtaking skill and spellbinding beauty.

The art of Chinese acrobatics has been practiced for more than 2500 years and the Golden Dragon Acrobats are among the most successful practitioners today. They will astound and amaze you when the troupe takes the stage at Jesse Hall!

Departure time: 3:45 p.m.  
Return: 10:45 p.m. (est.)

Cost: \$78.50 due with registration

Escorts: Mary Grillos - 496-2955  
Rosemarie Turner - 635-3175

### **NAUVOO & QUINCY, ILLINIOS**

**APRIL 17 & 18, 2012**

Enjoy a relaxing trip to Nauvoo, IL. Our first stop in Nauvoo will be Grandpa John's for a tasty lunch. After lunch, we will see a short film about how Nauvoo developed. A step-on guide will be our host on a wagon tour of the early Mormon settlement. Following the tour, you will have time to explore the settlement more closely.

Then it is on to Quincy, Illinois for dinner on your own, at a local restaurant close to our hotel. After a continental breakfast, a step-on guide will share some of the local history and architecture of Quincy. We will be invited into one of the many period homes for a personal tour by the owner. After lunch at a local restaurant, we will be treated to a sample at a German bakery. Our Quincy visit ends at a Gothic Revival-style Catholic Church. We plan to be home by about 6:30 p.m.

Departure Time: 7:00 a.m. April 17  
Return: 6:30 p.m. April 18

Single cost - \$190.00 Double - \$142.00  
\$50.00 due with registration.  
Final payment for Double room is \$92.00  
for Single room is \$140.00 both due March 15.

Escorts: Jo Clare Meyer - 636-5762  
Fern Lemasters - 893-4347  
Vera Rust - 893-2507 — cell: 690-8804

### **Aviation and Botany**

**May 15, 2012**

A visit to Scott Air Force Base, one of the oldest, continuous service Air Force installations in the country, has long been on our list to tour. Finally, we have secured a date...only to be changed should a national security alert occur.

Following a two hour guided tour of the base with stops at key points, lunch will be a unique and probably new experience for most as we dine at the "Scott Club" on base.

In the afternoon enjoy the Missouri Botanical Gardens at its best! Following a private narrative tram tour, enjoy a leisure stroll through acres of landscaped display gardens, indoor conservatories and historic structures, the gift shop or refreshments in the café.



**TRIPS January — July 2012 (cont'd)**

**Aviation and Botany (cont'd from page 3)**

Departure time: 6:30 a.m.  
Return : 7:30 p.m. (est.)

Cost - \$66.50  
\$35.00 due with registration  
\$31.50 final payment due April 23

Escorts: Henry Dahl - 635-2139  
Bob Irvin - 634-4495

**Day Trippin' — visit a Winery, Inn and Museum, local Manufacturing Plant**  
**Thursday, May 3, 2012**

Enjoy a day in Osage County for a glimpse back in time as we travel to Westphalia, the oldest German Catholic community west of the Mississippi River.

First stop, Westphalia Winery, founded in 2005 by the Neuner family. Terry Neuner will take us on a tour us though the family vineyards, all green and beautiful at this time of year, and we'll visit the remodeled, imposing barn, now the 'Winery', where luscious grapes become Missouri fine wine.

Then it's off to Westphalia Inn, an old Osage County landmark, for wine tasting and a delicious meal served family style. Wine tasting prior to lunch is optional for an additional \$5.00 charge. Following lunch there will be time to browse the Westphalia Historical Museum filled with hundreds of artifacts, furniture and photos dating back to the founding of the city in 1835.

Our final stop is Freeburg, home of the Quaker Window Products Company, a long standing family business that has successfully manufactured window products for over six decades. Here there is much to see and learn about manufacturing processes and green energy!

Departure time: 9:30 a.m.  
Return : 5:00 p.m. (est.)

Tour cost - \$49.00  
\$25.00 due with registration  
\$24.00 final pay due April 16

Escorts: Rosemarie Turner - 635-3175  
Henry Dahl - 635-2139  
Virginia Irvin - 634-4495

**All Around ALTON**  
**June 13, 2012**

An experience never to forget as we travel to Alton for a day of fun and education!

First stop, National Great Rivers Museum for a movie entitled "Power of the River" and tour of the museum dedicated to telling the story of life on the Mississippi River and how it shaped our culture, history, economy, ecology and people of the region.

Then a tour of the Melvin Price Locks and Dam- from eight stories in the air we see the best view of Alton and the Mississippi. As one of the largest locks on the river it is central to river traffic for commodities transported via the river. Think positive and we will see barges going through..... it worked in Clarksville! (This dam is quite different from Lock and Dam #24 in Clarksville)

After lunch at "My Just Desserts", we tour the Alton Museum of History and Art. Here one of the favorite rooms pays tribute to Robert Wadlow, Alton's "Gentle Giant" and the World's Tallest Man. Learn about the Alton connection to the Lewis and Clark Expedition, Civil War, Lincoln and Douglas debate, Underground Railroad and more.....

A narrated tour of the city with step-on guide completes our day in this historic Mississippi river town in our neighboring state.

Departure time: 7:00 a.m.  
Return: 8:00 p.m. (est.)

Cost \$58.50  
\$35.00 payable with registration  
\$23.50 final payment due May 23

Escorts: Mary Kay Linsenbardt - 636-3727  
Ginny Irvin - 634-4495

**A Day in Kansas City**  
**July 17, 2011**

A visit to 'Steamboat Arabia' is a unique adventure into the past! Discover the fabulous collection of actual cargo, uncovered in 1988 by a group of modern-day adventurers in a Kansas cornfield. Steamboat Arabia, headed north on the Missouri River in the fall of 1856, struck a tree snag and sank just north of Kansas City. What an amazing piece of history!

## TRIPS July 2012 and Travel (cont'd)

Lunch time finds us dining at Winslow's, an award winning restaurant boasting 'some of the finest tasting barbeque' in the city, plus leisure time at City Market.

The afternoon tour site is Boulevard Wheat Brewery where we will receive a behind-the-scenes private tour, followed by thirty minutes of sampling in the brewery's tasting room. Boulevard is now the largest independent American brewery in the state of Missouri.

Departure time: 7:00 a.m.  
Return: 8:00 p.m. (est.)

Cost - \$68.50  
\$40.00 due with registration  
\$28.50 final pay due June 26

Escorts: Henry Dahl 635-2139  
Rosemarie Turner 635-3175

### TRAVEL CHATTER

All coaches depart from Wal-Mart,  
West Stadium Blvd.

\*\*\*Departure Time\*\*\*

Coach LEAVES boarding site for destinations

Scheduled trips, dates and destinations, are now posted on LIR's website given on the last page of this newsletter.

We hope this will assist you to 'Save-a-Date' for trips of your interest that are planned. Registrations, however, are only accepted following delivery of your newsletter which you should receive in very early January.

Should you have suggestions for future trips, the Travel Committee welcomes your ideas. Talk to a member of the committee or call the Travel Chair at 635-3175

Trips fill up fast—register quickly, place your name on the 'Wait List' should registrations be filled. *Cancellations do happen!*

Please arrive at least 10 minutes before departure time to get settled so the coach can depart promptly at the scheduled time.

Please notify your trip escort if you have special needs.

Visit with us at the "Know Before You Go" session on January 12. (See article on Page 2.)

## Clubs



**Bocci Ball Club:** Meets Mondays - 2 Sessions :  
10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at Prison Brews

*Facilitator:* Sue Alberti, 635-2436

**Book Club:** Meets the 4th Monday at 1:00 p.m.

*Facilitator:* Carolyn Lott, 635-2967

**Bridge Clubs:** #1 Meets the 2nd Monday, 1:00 p.m.  
#2 Meets the 1st Monday, 1:00 p.m.

*Facilitator:* Marilyn Graham, 634-7918

**Creative Writers' Society:** Meets the 2nd Thurs. at 9:30 a.m.

*Facilitator:* Richard Sandler, 759-7475

**Pinochle:** Meets 4th Wednesday at 10 a.m.

*Facilitator:* Mary Ann Ruth, 659-7875

**Scrabble Club:** Meets on the 3rd Monday at 1 p.m.

*Facilitator:* Marigene Brewer, 636-8183

**Walking/Hiking Club:** Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.,  
locations of hikes vary.

*Facilitators:* John and Ellen Richardson, 893-4909  
E-mail: johnellen@mchsi.com

Note: All clubs meet at the LIR office unless otherwise indicated.

As a current LIR member 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 the club facilitator. Information/interest in additional clubs; i.e., crafts, investments, music, travel, may be directed to Marigene. **You may also sign up for a club at the January membership meeting.**



## Courses February—March 2012

### *Out in the Garden with Alice Longfellow*

Tuesday January 31, February 7, 14, 21  
Time: 1:30 to 3:30 PM  
Location: Room 8, Soldiers Hall, Lincoln University  
Presenter: Alice Longfellow

This will be a class of generalized gardening, caring for plants, and the general maintenance of the landscape of our yards.

January 31: Container gardening  
February 7: Caring for your house plants  
February 14: Visit Longfellows Garden Center, Centertown, MO  
February 21: General landscape maintenance

Coordinators: Ginny Irvin 634-4495  
Dr. David Linsenbardt 636-3727

### *History of the Reformation*

Wednesday February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2012  
Time: 1:30 to 3:30 PM  
Location: Room 8, Soldiers Hall, Lincoln University  
Presenter: Dr. Roger Jungmeyer,  
Professor of History, Lincoln University.

The Reformation of the 16<sup>th</sup> century was a movement dividing European Christianity into Catholic and Protestant traditions.

This revolution included religious, intellectual, political, economic, and social life in Europe. There was an impact on Western thought, science, education, literature, and music as the Reformation became a turning point in history.

Coordinator: Dr. David Linsenbardt 636-3727

### *CURRENT EVENTS and ISSUES*

Thursday February 2,9,16,23  
Time : 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
Location: Room 8, Soldiers Hall, Lincoln University  
Moderator: Ed Hughes

The moderator is a retired newspaper reporter, who covered the assassination of President John Kennedy. He will lead discussions of current events and issues suggested by participants. Topics could include: Public debt, caustic political advertising, infrastructure, Adrian's Island.

These discussions may be occurring on the legislative floors of federal, state, and local as well as in Room 8 Soldiers Hall.

Bring your ideas, be ready for a lively discussion. See you then.

Coordinator: Vera Rust 893-2507

### *COLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT, WHAT DOES IT DO?*

Tuesday, March 6, 13, 20 & 27  
Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Location: Room 8, Soldiers Hall, Lincoln University  
Presenter: Varies each session

What does Cole County Government provide in services and how?

March 6: Aid to Individuals:  
Marilyn Schmutzler - Public Administrator  
Jim Casey - Cole County Residential  
Services  
Jim LePage - Auditor

March 13: Organization:  
Chris Estes - Assessor  
Larry Vincent - Collector of Revenue  
Marvin Register - County Clerk

March 20: Justice and Public Safety:  
Mark Richardson - Prosecuting Attorney  
Greg White - Sheriff  
Michael Couty - Prenger Juvenile Center,  
and the Circuit Judge

March 27: Services to all:  
Marc Ellinger - Presiding Commissioner  
with Several Department Heads (Health, Public  
Works, et. al.)

Coordinator: Carol Ellinger 893-2331

**Courses March 2012 (cont'd)**

**Travelogues**

Wednesdays: March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2012

Time: 1:30 to 3:30 PM

Location: Art Gallery, Missouri River Regional Library  
(second floor)

March 7: US and Canada

Presenters: Stan and Teresa Neuner

March 14: Exploring Rivers, Cathedrals, and Castles of Germany  
between the Cities of Light.

Presenter: Sharon Strickland

March 21 South Africa

Presenters: John and Ellen Richardson

March 28: Argentina, Falkland Islands, Antarctica and Chile

Presenter: Marilyn Bacon

Coordinator: Marilyn Bacon 893-3103

**Miscellaneous 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 January 20, 2012.** (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. Courses begin on page 6.

**Women's Film Series**

Thursdays March 8, 15, 22, 29

Time: 1:00 to 3:30 PM

Location: Missouri River Regional Library (Art Gallery)

Presenter: George Dillard

March 8: TEMPLE GRANDIN. This film is about a child diagnosed with autism at age 4 and who proceeded through life, obtaining a doctorate degree, becoming a best selling author, and a pioneer in the humane treatment of livestock.

March 15: OUT OF AFRICA. This is a story of a woman who runs a coffee plantation in Kenya, falls in love with the land, its people, and a mysterious white hunter.

March 22: A WOMAN CALLED GOLDA. This is the story of the first female prime minister of Israel, who was involved in Zionist politics at an early age, and focused her life on helping to establish a Jewish homeland in Israel.

March 29: COCO CHANEL. This is the story of one of the most influential designers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. This is the story of a glamorous woman who was hard to love and harder to ignore. This is a "must see" film for every lover of fashion and romance.

Coordinators: Dr. James and Gloria Leslie 635-5254

**Cancellation Policy for LIR Sponsored Events**

The annual and semi-annual general membership meetings are always scheduled with a cancellation date in mind, typically the same day during the following week at the same location. If the Holiday Social is cancelled, it is not rescheduled.

In the event of inclement weather or any other catastrophic situation(s), the following guidelines will be followed for cancellation (postponement) of any Learning in Retirement annual and semiannual meeting and the holiday social.

**The event will not be held, in general, if the Jefferson City Public Schools (and/or the Cole County Senior Center) are closed due to inclement weather.** Radio: KWOS (950), KLIK (1240) and television stations: KRCG and KOMU (that allow community cancellation) will be notified along with one or more of the following: posted on the LIR website; an "ALERT" group email to all members with e-mail address; and / or a call tree.

In the event that a second weather related cancellation occurs for the annual membership meeting, a business meeting ONLY will be held within one week of the cancelled meeting. Place & time to be determined.



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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](mailto: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 Summer Membership Meeting to be held on  
July 25, 2012 at the St. Martin's Knights of Columbus Hall.***