

The Learning Times

SPECIAL EDITION

FALL 2021

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been a busy and delightful summer for LIR! We had a large turn-out for our Summer General Membership Meeting in July, and it was enjoyed by all attendees. The spirit level and enthusiasm were palpable as members enjoyed being together again after months of limited activities due to the pandemic! I want to add my thanks to the members of the Hospitality Committee, along with the Membership and Marketing Committee, for arranging such a lovely meeting at the St. Martin's Knights of Columbus Hall.

I also want to add my thanks to the Curriculum and Travel Committees, along with my thanks to the clubs of LIR for offering their course, travel, and club opportunities for our membership at their sign-up tables. As a result, we have many folks engaged in classes, trips, and club activities for this fall semester.

Our membership has now rebounded to well over 300 after a bit of a downturn during the pandemic. My thanks to Cheri and Marla for staffing the sign-up table for membership at the July meeting as well.

We still have had a few episodes of COVID exposure among the members that has occurred on trips and classes and club gatherings – but overall, it appears, as long as we continue following CDC guidelines, we can keep these at a minimum. We are to a point that it is important to continue with our activities as you, the membership, continue to enjoy them and take the precautions necessary to remain healthy.

I do want to remind you that we will have our holiday gathering on December 12, 2021, this year at a new location, the Masonic Temple. The time will be 1:30-3:00 p.m.

There is another date that would be good to keep in mind, the January General Membership Meeting – it will be held on January 19, 2022, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in St. Martin's.

I hope all enjoy the fall semester classes, educational trips, and club meetings – and that each of you stay healthy and well.

Stephen Buchholz, President

LIR Holiday Social:

**Sunday, December 12,
2021**

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m

**Masonic Lodge
3211 Masonic Court
Jefferson City, MO**

CLUB NEWS

All of the LIR Clubs are now active, except for the Jammers. Dominoes is resuming on the first and third Mondays of each month. Pinochle will continue while a new facilitator is being sought. We have two new clubs: Hand and Foot meets on the third Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. Mah Jongg meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 1:30 p.m. All of these clubs meet in Room 8 of Soldiers Hall. More information on each club can be obtained on the LIR website or by contacting the LIR Office.

Barb Barnard, Clubs Coordinator

LEARNING IN RETIREMENT

Missouri's First Learning in Retirement Institute



COURSE INFORMATION

As of January 2022, there will be an important change to the fee for classes. At the September meeting the Learning in Retirement Board decided that the **fee for 4-week courses will remain at \$12**. However, **all other classes will have a fee of \$3 per session**. The committee is currently working to bring you an interesting line-up of classes.

Four Week Courses:

“Getting to Know Lincoln University” — Presentations by key LU leaders, including Interim President Dr. John Mosley, will focus on the successes achieved by LU and the challenges and opportunities LU faces in the future. LIR members will also learn how to audit certain LU classes.

“Potpourri of Local History” — This class will feature some of our favorite local historians: Mark Schreiber, Walter Schroeder, Wayne Johnson and Gary Kremer. Topics to be covered include, but are not limited to, convict labor, German Progressives influences, the first bridge over the Missouri River, a historian’s perspective on Missouri’s Bicentennial, and more.

“March Movies: All the News and More” — *His Girl Friday, All the President’s Men, Absence of Malice, and Good Night and Good Luck.*

“Hispanic Awareness” — presented by Deacon Enrique Castro. This course will highlight an awareness of Hispanic culture and heritage. You’re in for a well-informed session flavored with a sense of humor.

“Post-Civil War Reconstruction Period” — presented by Dan Hermann, LIR member and occasional presenter

Single Courses:

“Astronomy” will be presented by Valentine Germann Observing Assistant, Laws Observatory, U of M. This class will be about the most brilliant constellations of our Milky Way Galaxy and their location. The beautiful Seven Sisters star cluster highlights our evening viewing along with much more information about the heavenly bodies in the sky.

“Three Exciting Trips” — Lois Bax, who has led trips to all corners of the world, will make a presentation about three of the most exciting locations she has visited.

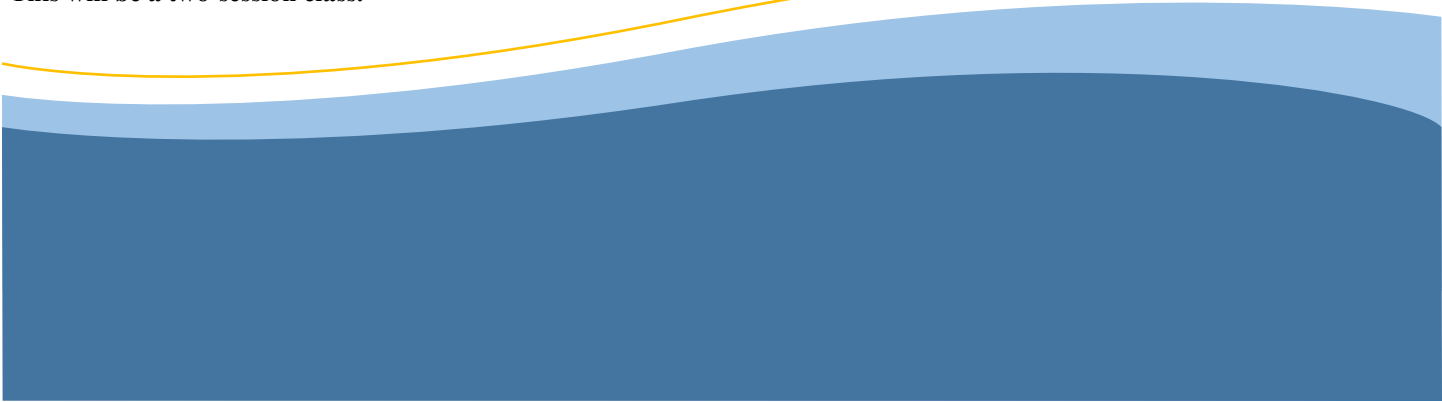
“JC Area Chamber of Commerce and JC Convention and Visitors Bureau Developments” — Gary Plummer and Diane Gillespie, the leaders of these two important organizations, will discuss important developments affecting Jefferson City and its future.

“Stretching for Seniors” — Ben Fury will be the presenter.

“Technology Serving Seniors: Focus on iPhone” — Tom Piper will give a detailed presentation about major and minor features of the Apple iPhone, plus descriptions of how to get the most out of the essential apps in the iOS operating system, culminating with problem-solving responses to questions.

“Technology Serving Seniors: Focus on iPad” — Tom Piper will give a detailed presentation about major and minor features of the Apple iPad, plus descriptions of how to get the most out of the essential apps in the iPadOS operating system, culminating with problem-solving responses to questions.

“Indian Mounds in Missouri” — presented by Linda Vogt and **“Native Culture Sacred Mounds”** — presented by Ben Yahola. Why are the burial mounds “sacred”? What does it mean for indigenous people? These and other questions will be answered by a Native elder who organized a nation-wide run to save the “sacred mounds.” Hear how this initiative became a world-wide success. **This will be a two-session class.**





Travel News

Know B4 You Go: Travel Sneak Preview

Put **Tuesday, November 30** on your calendar now if you'd like to find out what travel adventures are being planned for the spring/summer of 2022! This will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the Clydesdale Room, Schepper's Distributing (Budweiser) at 2300 St. Mary's Blvd. in Jefferson City. The trip escorts will present full descriptions of each trip from January-July 2022, including dates, trip descriptions, and costs. Non-members are welcome to come and see what's offered.

REMEMBER: This is for your information only. Registration takes place after the January 2022 newsletter comes out.

Current Trips

At this time, all the fall/winter 2021 trips are full. If you are on the Wait List, don't despair. We have seen extensive use of the Wait List this past session, so never give up! If openings become available, we'll give you a call and, if you are still able to go, you'll be added to the list of travelers.

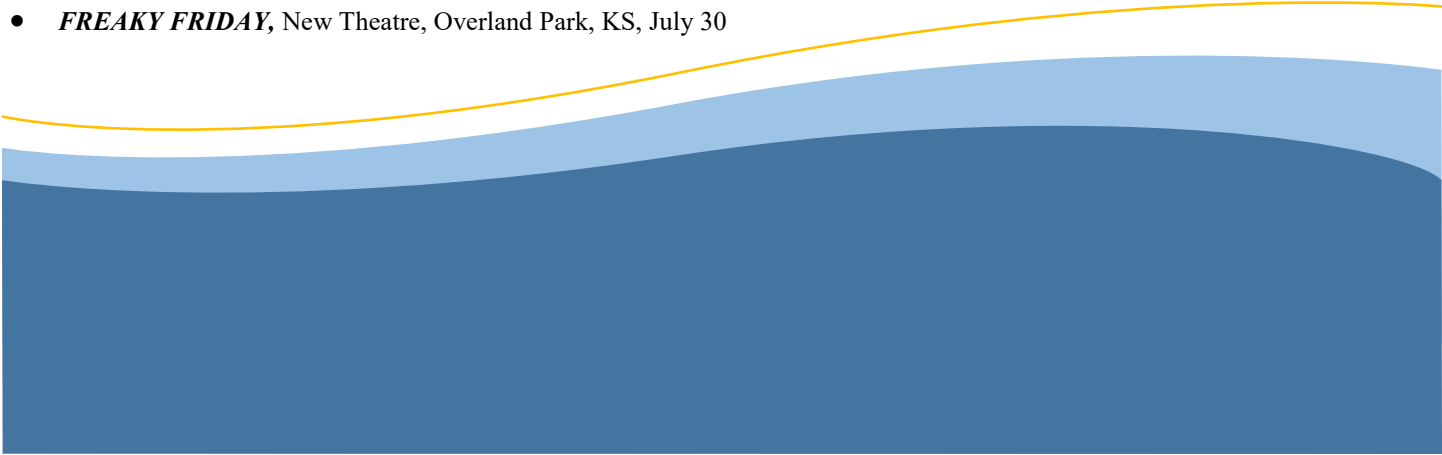
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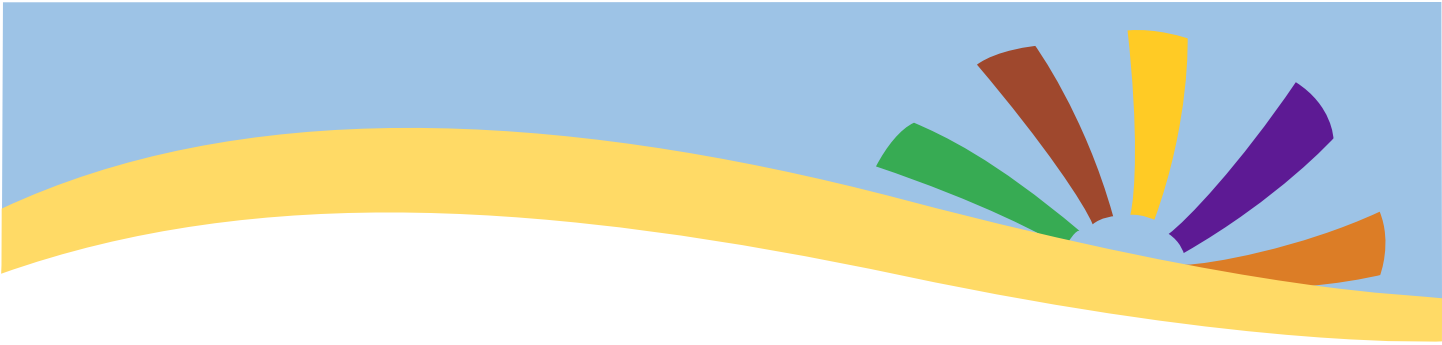
All trips will follow LIR COVID precautions that are in place at the time of the trip. Right now, that entails wearing a mask in any indoor venues, including the coach. As the situation with COVID evolves, LIR will advise members as to any updates.



Traveling with LIR 2022 Spring/Summer

Looking ahead, your LIR Travel Committee is planning some fun, educational opportunities for January-July, 2022. Most will be one-day coach trips with one overnight at this time.

- **Auschwitz Holocaust Exhibition** at Kansas City Union Station, January 11.
Please note: Because of the early 2022 date, we have included the trip description and registration for this particular trip in this newsletter. The registration form should be filled out and returned to the LIR office at this time.
 - **ELVIS**, Capital City Productions, Jefferson City, February 12
 - **Show Me Columbia: Tour of State Historical Society and Worldwide Mobility**, March 22
 - **Small Town Washington: One More Time!** (Sometime in March or April)
 - **Osage County Tour**, May 4
 - **"Where the Wild Things Are,"** May 25
 - **Rollin' With the Rivers**, June 29-30
 - **FREAKY FRIDAY**, New Theatre, Overland Park, KS, July 30
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Auschwitz. Not long ago. Not far away

Exhibition at Kansas City Union Station

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

This is the most comprehensive exhibition dedicated to the history of Auschwitz and its role in the Holocaust ever presented in North America, and an unparalleled opportunity to confront the singular face of human evil—one that arose not long ago and not far away.

The exhibition explores the dual identity of the camp as a physical location—the largest documented mass murder site in human history—and as a symbol of the borderless manifestation of hatred and human barbarity. Featuring more than 700 original objects and 400 photographs, the exhibition allows visitors to experience artifacts from the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, including hundreds of personal items—such as suitcases, eyeglasses, shoes—that belonged to survivors and victims of Auschwitz. Other artifacts include concrete posts that were part of the fence of the Auschwitz camp, fragments of an original barrack for prisoners from the Auschwitz III-Monowitz camp, a desk and other possessions of the first and the longest serving Auschwitz commandant Rudolf Hoss, a gas mask used by the SS, Picasso’s Lithograph of Prisoner, and an original German-made Model 2 freight train car used for the deportation of Jews to the ghettos and extermination camps in occupied Poland.

Join Learning in Retirement on this special trip! **Please note you must fill out the enclosed registration form and return it to the LIR office NOW!** Registrations will be opened ten days after this newsletter is mailed. All members will receive notification of their status (“on the trip” or “on waitlist”). The trip is limited to 40 members.

Departure time: 9:30 a.m.

Escorts: Vicki Ford 573-694-0014

Return: 9:30 p.m.

Lee Bunch 573-797-3271

Cost: \$66 Total due with registration

Registration cost includes coach fees, driver’s tip, exhibit tickets, and water/snacks on the coach. Meals will include an early lunch at McDonald’s and dinner at Southside Bar & Grille, Kansas City, and **are on your own (not included in registration cost)**. If you have any questions, please call the LIR office or one of the escorts.

