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## Winter Membership Meeting

Wednesday, January 22, 2014

Snow date Wednesday, January 29, 2014

Registration begins at 12:45 p.m.

Meeting at 1:30 p.m.

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

“The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time”- (Abraham Lincoln), and as seniors we realize how important this statement is to us on a daily basis. With this in mind, our Winter Membership Meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 will provide us with the wisdom and witty quips that only Abe can offer. A special guest appearance by Abraham Lincoln (Mark Rehagen) will highlight our meeting, along with tantalizing snacks and tidbits of information about our clubs, courses and trips being offered this spring. A “short” business meeting will be conducted along with a vote on proposed changes to the LIR Constitution and resulting policy revisions.

Registration begins at 12:45 p.m. with the meeting being called to order at 1:30 p.m. by our 2014 LIR President, Dr. David Linsenbardt. We encourage anyone that wants to sign up for a club or course to do so prior to our meeting in our Exhibit Area. A Travel Information Center will also be set up in the Exhibit Area to answer questions and provide additional information regarding upcoming trips and their availability. We encourage all prospective/new members to stop by the Membership Information table to see what LIR has to offer. For our members’ convenience, we will also be accepting membership dues for 2014.

There is no cost to attend the meeting, but registration is requested to provide enough seating and refreshments. Please indicate your reservation on the *Membership Meeting/Course Registration Form* that is

inserted in this newsletter or you may call the LIR Office at 681-6152 to confirm your attendance.

Door prizes for a free course will be awarded to five lucky individuals! Hope to see you on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the St. Martins Knights of Columbus Hall. Why not bring a friend and be part of the “future”...one day at a time!

### President's Remarks

By Dr. David Linsenbardt



Hello LIR members:

The year, 2013, has been a very busy year, for our members as well as our board of directors. Membership continues to grow—we are now at 389 members.

Our classes continue to grow in size and number and have been very well attended. Likewise, trips have done very well, and trip evaluations have been excellent.

Our board has been busy. Our policy manual has been completely revised and has been approved by the board. Our constitution has also been amended and will be submitted to a membership vote at the winter membership meeting. The proposed constitution has been placed on the website for your review prior to the membership meeting. Should anyone wish a paper copy, contact Diana at the office and she will provide one for you.

In just a few months, our nominating committee will begin to seek candidates for election to our board beginning January 2015. If you are contacted, please give consideration to additional service as a voting board member. Remember, though, that eventually you may be asked to serve in a leadership position as an officer. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Ours is a great organization. Let’s all help to make it even better.

Dr. David Linsenbardt

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### Dues Reminder

Your 2014 membership fee of \$40.00 is due in January. Please fill out a Membership Application Form found in this newsletter and either bring your check to the Winter Membership Meeting on January 22, 2014 or mail to the LIR Office, PO Box 105166, Jefferson City MO 65110. *Thank you!*

**Board of Directors for 2014**

***Elected Members***

David Linsenbardt, President  
Marilyn Bacon, Vice-President  
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Celia Smith  
Teresa Sullivan  
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Kathel Cooper, Membership & Marketing Chair  
Henry Dahl, Travel Vice-Chair  
June Glaser, Historian  
Paula Nordstrom, Newsletter  
Rosemarie Turner, Travel Chair

*Your Board of Directors welcomes your suggestions.*

**In Memoriam**

On Tuesday, July 2, 2013 Harry Spray, passed away. Harry was a member of the LIR Board of Directors serving his second term. He was retired from Modine Manufacturing where he was Human Resources Manager. Harry was very active in the First Baptist Church as well as in LIR. He will be missed. Please keep Harry and his family in your prayers.

Dan Hermann was appointed by President Linsenbardt and approved by the board to take Harry Spray's place — his term will end on December 31, 2015.

**Constitution/By-Laws Updates**

Recently a committee was appointed by President Linsenbardt to update the LIR Constitution/By-Laws. The proposed revisions to the Constitution/ By Laws have been put on the LIR website for review by members before the January Membership Meeting. At that meeting they will be discussed and voted on. Please stop by or call the LIR office if you want a printed copy.

**Reminder for "Sister Act" Attendees**

Departure Time - January 26, 2014, 8:30 a.m.  
Return: 9:00 p.m. (est.)

(Departure time was not in the July *Learning Times*.)

**Know B-4 U Go Talk Time**

**Trip Previews**

Once again, the Travel Committee invites you to visit with us while we share information about our up-coming trips. Planners and escorts will review itineraries and general information and you have the opportunity to ask questions or voice concerns you may have about the events. Bring a friend as this session is open to non-members interested in LIR activities and membership. New members may enroll and registrations for trips and other LIR activities are accepted. Refreshments will be provided; this is a great time to socialize with past friends and meet new ones.

**Date: Wednesday, January 8, 2014, 1:30 p.m.**

**Location: Lincoln University South Campus, Lorenzo Green Hall  
900 Leslie Boulevard, Jefferson City, MO 65101**



## TRIPS January — July 2014

### Man of LaMancha

St. Louis, MO

**February 8, 2014**

Enter the world of Don Quixote as he pursues his quest for the 'Impossible Dream'! This lyrical and amusing adventure is a classic tale of the triumph of man over his follies. The performance will be at the **Peabody Opera House**, downtown St. Louis; many will recall this magnificent structure as the 'Kiel Auditorium' of our by-gone days.

Following the performance, dinner will be at **Favazzas** on 'The Hill'.

Departure : 10:15 a.m. Return: 9:00 p.m. (est.)

Cost: \$126 due w/registration

Escorts: Mary Grillos – 573-694-0038  
Donna White – 573-694-2988

### Holocaust Museum Shaare Emeth Synagogue

St. Louis, MO

**Wednesday, February 26, 2014**

**Note:** Members enrolled in Dr. Cain's Holocaust course will be given first choice to register for this trip. The trip represents the fourth session of the course; Dr. Cain will accompany the group to St. Louis. After January 15, 2014, if space is available, the trip will be open to all LIR members.

Members not enrolled in the course, but interested in making the trip, may register by checking "**Wait List**" on the travel registration form. After January 15, if seating is available, you will be contacted and instructed to complete the final registration process.

The Holocaust Museum and Learning Center houses a 5,000 square foot core exhibit providing a chronological comprehensive history of the Holocaust with personal accounts of survivors who emigrated to the St. Louis area. A Holocaust survivor will speak to our group about their personal experiences.

We will also Visit Shaare Emeth Synagogue in Ladue where a member of the congregation will explain the sanctuary, Jewish Holidays, and the four basic movements in Judaism in the U.S.

Lunch will be at Granite City Brewery in Creve Coeur.

Departure: 7:00 a.m. Return: 5:30 p.m. (est.)

Cost: \$54.00 due with registration  
(course enrolled members please send payment with course registration)

**Wait List** members will be contacted individually after January 15 if seats are available. Payment will be requested at that time.

Escorts: Mary Kay Linsenbardt - 573-636-3727  
Cell - 573-353-7427  
Vera Rust – 573-690-8804

### Experience St. Louis **March 20, 2014**

Our first stop in the city will be the **St. Louis Art Museum** where the new East Building recently opened. The structure, of dramatic and transformational design, allows the museum to display far more of its collections. We will view a special exhibition co-organized by the St. Louis Art Museum and the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Arts, **Impressionist France: Visions of Nation from Le Gray to Monet.** A docent will accompany us as we tour this special exhibit followed by a limited time on your own to view other exhibits of your choice.

Craving Italian food? Lunch will be "On the Hill" at the famous **Cunetto House of Pasta**, serving traditional Italian cuisine.

Following lunch we board our coach and head for the new **Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate Company** also in the Hill neighborhood. We will have a glimpse into the candy-making process and an opportunity to purchase our favorite treat.

Then off to the world-renowned **Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis** called by Pope Paul VI "the outstanding cathedral of the Americas". Here our tour, led by a docent, will include the world's largest collection of mosaic art, the museum and gift shop.

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

Cost: \$38.00 due w/registration  
Final pay \$37.00 due February 1, 2014

Escorts: Bob Maxwell – 573-418-8864  
Rosemarie Turner – 573-635-3175



## TRIPS January — August 2014 (cont'd)

### The Mennonite Community

**April 23, 2014**

Join your LIR friends for a trip through Missouri's scenic countryside with a visit to the Mennonite community in Versailles and the Excelsior area. We will, however, get to travel by coach, not horse and buggy.

Our trip begins at the historic 1860's Morgan County Hotel, one of the oldest structures in Morgan County. The hotel guest register includes signatures of Civil War soldiers who stopped for room and board, many with an I.O.U. following their name. We'll also tour their museum which includes a barber shop, weaving room, war relics room, beauty parlor and much more.

From there our step-on guide, a member of the Old Order Mennonites, will take us through some of the many historic shops in the area, to include a clock shop, fabric shop, book store, harness shop and the ever popular Weaver's Country Market. We will also have the opportunity to visit a school and the Excelsior Mennonite Church.

Lunch will be served buffet style at Lehman's Family Restaurant, a well-known and favorite eatery among the local community.

Departure Time: 7:30 a.m. Return: 5:30 p.m. (est.)

Cost: \$26.00 due w/registration

Final Pay: \$20.00 due March 12, 2014

Escorts: Mary Kay Linsenhardt - 573-636-3727,  
Cell - 573-353-7427

Henry Dahl - 573-635-2139, cell-573-680-5139

### "Sweet Alabama" – Yesterday and Today

**May 13, 14, 15, 16, 2014**

From a small cotton town to the leader in the Space Race, the city of Huntsville at the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in North Alabama, is equally at home in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century or the 21<sup>st</sup>. Huntsville tourist attractions repeat the heritage of Alabama's first English speaking city, the strife of the Civil War, and the accomplishments of America's rocket scientists. Come experience Antebellum to Antigravity – only found in Huntsville- with friendly LIR travelers!

In addition to spot-lighting this diverse Alabama city, we also visit several Tennessee attractions. Jack Daniel's Distillery,

Lynchburg, dates back to the 1860's, the nation's oldest distillery. The charcoal mellowing process was originally perfected here more than a century ago. The Belle Meade Plantation near Nashville, originally a 5,400 acre working plantation, was well known as a Thoroughbred Farm, producing many Kentucky Derby winners. In addition to the onsite 1853 Greek Revival Mansion, the property includes a winery, carriage house displaying antique carriages, 1790 log cabin, smokehouse, and an 1840 mausoleum and creamery.

**Day I** - Enjoy the spring foliage as we travel South to Nashville, Tennessee for the night.

**Day II** – Just two hours away from Nashville, arriving in Huntsville we meet our tour guide for a narrated **City Tour** which includes historic districts, a stop at the Historic Weeden House Museum and a visit to the Harrison Brothers Hardware Store (circa 1879).

Following lunch in the downtown area, we're off to the **US Space and Rocket Center**, recognized as one of the most comprehensive U.S. manned space flight hardware museums in the world. The vast museum features approximately 150 space artifacts. Lodging tonight will be at Huntsville Embassy Suites.

**Day III** – Following a continental breakfast at the hotel we visit the **Huntsville Botanical Gardens**, a beautiful 120 acre site with stunning collections, inviting woodland paths and broad grassy meadows; it is home to the nation's largest open-air butterfly house.

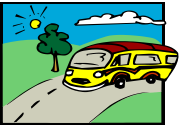
A **Riverboat Cruise** follows on the Pickwick Belle, an authentic paddle wheel riverboat operating on Wheeler Lake on the Tennessee River. Lunch will be served on the riverboat with a guide narrating points of interest as we are "rollin' on the river".

Following the cruise, our coach will be waiting to begin our journey north with a stop in Lynchburg, Tennessee to tour the **Jack Daniels Distillery**. The distillery, the oldest registered distillery in the United States, averages 250,000 visitors each year. Every ounce of Jack Daniels Tennessee Whiskey is produced there, fed by the pure, iron-free cave water springs nearby. (No samples, it's a dry county).

Continuing north we stop for a restful night in Fairfield, TN.

**Day IV** – The final day of our trip begins with a tour of the **Belle Meade Plantation** located in Belle Meade, Tennessee, a southern plantation noted for its History, Horses and Hospitality.

Another exciting stop as we make our way home will be lunch at **Patti's 1880 Settlement**; it's always been Patti's 1880 Restaurant but now it is so much more. Located in the 'Land Between the Lakes' area, the restaurant serves over 350,000 people annually in a



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little town of 350 people. Visitors come from all over for the great food, beautiful gardens and Patti's great southern hospitality. With their log cabin gift shops, animal park for viewing, streams, fountains and miniature golf, remote controlled boats, Patti's needed a meaningful name to describe it all....Lunch! (Those who traveled with us to Nashville, 2008 will surely remember Pattie's).

Departure: Tuesday, May 13 - 7:15 a.m.  
Return: Friday, May 16 - 9:00 p.m. (est.)

Cost: \$250.00 due w/registration  
Final Pay: Single - \$ 529.00 Double - \$ 311.00  
due April 1, 2014

Escorts: Marge Kudrna - 573-635-0370  
Rosemarie Turner - 573-635-3175

### Osage & Gasconade County Adventure

**June 12, 2014**

Take a pleasant spring road trip to Osage & Gasconade Counties! The day includes a tour of Sassman's Prairie Restoration farm, a tour and lunch at the White Mule Winery, the Gasconade Historical Museum and Martha & Tom's Farm, Owensville, MO.

Bruce and Jan Sassmann's Restoration Farm is located in Osage County between Bland and Belle. The 124 acre farm offers peace, outstanding views and amazing fields of wildflowers surrounded by projects that include grassland, woodland and aquatic restoration as well as the restoration of an 85 year-old barn for educational programs. Jan and Bruce are always anxious to share their story, knowledge and experiences about land restoration.

Lunch will be at White Mule Winery located in the old community of Charlotte. Four acres of grapes surround the winery along with farm land, cattle and of course a pair of beautiful white mules. Come enjoy a little piece of country life.

Gasconade County Historical Society focuses on items related to Gasconade County and its residents. Display rooms tell the story of people, depict their homes and farms, clothing and tools, churches and schools. It tells the story of people who were involved in six wars, founded businesses, civic and social organizations and left a wonderful heritage of music, art and literature.

Before leaving Gasconade County we tour Martha & Tom's

Farm where raising cows, making cheeses, operating a B&B are all part of the action on the farm. Their daily operation recently became licensed meaning their cheese brand, **Cool Cow Cheese**, is now for sale at the farm. Here we enjoy a food-cheese-wine pairing adventure.

Departure: 7:45 a.m. Return: 6:00 p.m. (est.)

Cost: \$26.00 due w/registration  
Final pay: \$30.00 due May 1, 2014

Escorts: Marge Kudrna - 573-635-0370  
Randy Ford - 573-635-0210

### "They're Playing Our Song"

Stages, Saint Louis, Missouri

**June 29, 2014**

Meet Vernon, a neurotic, witty composer and Sonia, an ambitious free spirited lyricist who form an unlikely partnership to write the next great love song. A rocky and hilarious start leaves them struggling to find a creative harmony—and romance was definitely not what they expected! But a series of unlikely events lead to a match made in musical comedy heaven. They're Playing Our Song is inspired by the real life love story of Academy Award-winning composer Marvin Hamlisch, with script by Neil Simon.

A sweet and sophisticated musical romp from the 70s, it's filled with soulful reflective ballads such as *Fallin, If He Really Knows Me, Just for Tonight, and I Still Believe in Love. They're Playing Our Song* will have you singing along from curtain up to curtain down and wanting to dance in the aisles!

Dinner (included) will be at Jefferson Grill.

Departure Time: 10:15 a.m. Return: 9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$35.00 due w/registration Final Pay \$71.00 due May 19, 2014

Escorts: Rosemarie Turner - 573-635-3175  
Pat Barding - 573-635-4130

### **Word to the Wise: Trips Fill Up Quickly**

We encourage all to complete the Travel Registration Form as soon as possible following delivery of the newsletter, then mail or bring it to the LIR office.

## TRIPS January — July 2014 (cont'd)

### Cruising on Lake of the Ozarks

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

Let's have a fun day at Lake of the Ozarks! First, a stop at **Willmore Lodge**, a historic log building now serving as home to the Lake Area Chamber of Commerce as well as the Bagnell Dam History Museum. Then enjoy a one and a half hour luncheon cruise on the air-conditioned 80' motor yacht, the **Celebration**. This includes a delicious table-service lunch and an informative narration about the Lake, all the while enjoying exceptional scenery. The lunch menu consists of BBQ pork, potato salad, BBQ beans and rolls with coffee and tea.

Our final stop will be **Bridal Cave** where we take a one hour guided tour conducted on concrete pathways. The cave maintains a 60 degree temperature so plan on a cool tour regardless of the outside temperature.

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

Cost: \$30.00 due w/registration  
Final pay - \$45.00 – due June 4, 2014

Escorts: Henry Dahl - 573-635-2139  
Betty Doerhoff - 573-493-2240

### Smokey Joe's Café

New Theatre, Overland Park, Kansas

August 20, 2014

**Smokey Joes Café** is a dazzling song and dance celebration of over 40 rock'n'roll greatest hits. Who doesn't remember "Hound Dog", "Kansas City", "Stand by Me", "Fools Fall in Love", and many others? These timeless songs had audiences and critics raving during its record breaking Broadway run. We dare you to sit still during the performance!

Upon arrival at the theatre you will be treated to a delicious buffet lunch. What a great opportunity to spend the day with LIR friends, share good food and an awesome performance of compelling rock'n'roll music!

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

Cost: \$35.00 due w/ registration.  
Final pay: \$38.00 due July 9, 2014

Escorts: Mary Grillos – 573-694-0038  
Donna White – 573-694-2988

## Courses January - July 2014

### Not Just a Pretty Face

What Dog Show Judges are Really Looking For

**Date:** Thursday, January 14

**Times:** 1:30—3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Lorenzo Green Hall, South Campus, Lincoln University

When you watch a dog show on television, you have to wonder how they choose the winners when all the dogs look so great, act so great and are so cute. Barbara takes us behind the scenes and shows what makes "Best of Show", "Best of Breed" and what breeds are considered. The Westminster Kennel Club show is televised live in early February and after this class we shall know what we are viewing. Perhaps you can pick the winners, NOT JUST A PRETTY FACE.

**Presenter:** Barbara Barnard, Professional Dog Breeder and Exhibitor, Owner of 5 Champions

**Coordinator:** Marilyn Bacon - 893-3193

**No charge for this course but please register to ensure we have enough chairs.**

### The American West

Learn How the West Was Won

**Dates:** Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25

**Times:** 1:30—3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Faith Lutheran Church meeting room

American West will take you out on the Great Plains in the post-civil war period where we will examine first the culture of the Indians who lived on the Northern Plains. We will then follow the Indians in their conflicts with immigrant expansion brought about by the Oregon Trail, gold strikes and the railroad. Finally we'll take a look at the Indian Wars with an emphasis on the Great Sioux War and Custer's battle at the Little Big Horn. If time allows we also take a look at the legendary cowboys and gunfighters.

**Presenter:** Mike Jeffries, retired History teacher and wrestling coach, Helias Catholic High School

**Coordinator:** David Linsenbardt, 636-3727

### Shoah - The Holocaust in Historical and Contemporary Understanding

**Dates:** Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2014.

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

**Location:** Masonic Temple meeting room.

This course will examine one of the most tragic events of the

## **Courses January - July 2014 and Clubs**

previous century and of any century, the systematic attempt to annihilate an entire people. The Shoah (“Holocaust”) drew together political, economic, social, historical and religious forces in such a way as to portray Jews as expendable and then set out to murder them. This intended genocide killed at least 6 million Jews (a large portion of them children), plus several million others who were also regarded as “expendable.”

This course will include lectures, discussions, film clips, and a visit to a Jewish synagogue and the Holocaust museum in St. Louis. Participants should be alerted that the subject matter of this course is graphic and can be at times disturbing and uncomfortable.

**Presenter:** Reverend Cliff Cain, Ph.D., Westminster College

The 4<sup>th</sup> session (Feb. 26) will be a trip with Dr. Cain to the Holocaust museum in St. Louis. Persons registering for this class will be given first preference for this trip. Please register for this trip when you sign up for the class. Class members register on the regular “course registration form” NOT on the “trip reservation form”, and include the trip fee with that form. After January 15<sup>th</sup>, if space is available, this trip will be opened to LIR members who have not registered for the class.

**Class coordinator:** David Linsenhardt - 636-3727

**Trip coordinator:** Mary Kay Linsenhardt - 636-3727

## **DEVELOPMENT AND PERFORMANCE OF DANCE**

Dates: Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2014

Time: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: Central United Church of Christ, gymnasium

Learn the history of some of our most popular dances—waltz, swing, salsa, line dancing and many others. Witness the steps executed as they are demonstrated, and then, if you wish, share in the fun and excitement of the dance by your participation. Dancing has been a source of enjoyment down through the ages, and is an excellent means of therapeutic exercise. If time permits, we will explore some native and ceremonial dances also.

**Presenter:** Theresa Ferguson,  
Vice President of Student Affairs, Lincoln University

**Coordinator:** Betty Mudd - 634-2212, cell 659-2963

## **Historic Preservation, Geology and Building Roads**

Dates: Tuesdays, March 11, 18, 25, April 1

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

Location: MoDOT Construction and Materials Lab,

**1617 Missouri Blvd, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, Conference room 201.**

There is an elevator as well as stairs to second floor.

### **MARCH 11 Respecting the Past While Building for the Future.**

**Presenters:** Michael Meinkoth, Historic Preservation Manager; Toni Prawl and Karen Daniels, Senior Historic Preservation Specialists.

MoDOT has to consider the effect its federally funded or permitted projects may pose to significant cultural resources because of the National Historic Preservation Act.

They will explain how projects may impact cultural resources including archaeological sites, buildings, structures, objects, or districts, and interesting findings.

### **March 18 How Geology Shapes Transportation Projects**

**Presenters:** Kevin Maclain, Geotechnical Director and George Davis, Geologist.

Missouri’s geology and soils are the foundation for the entire state’s highway and transportation system. Learn about Missouri bedrock and how it affects choices for structures, and materials used in highway construction.

### **March 25 The Wonders of Bridges**

**Presenters:** Keith Ferrell, P.E., Senior Structural Engineer

MoDOT’s Bridge Division is responsible for the structural design for all state highway bridges. This session will explain how a bridge goes from a need to reality, provide information about the bridge inspection program, and highlight unique bridges and their stories.

### **April 1 Protecting and Preserving Our Natural Resources.**

**Presenters:** Gayle Unruh, Environmental and Historic Preservation Manager

Highlight efforts made to evaluate the impact that transportation projects will have on Missouri resources, such as floodplains, farmland, wetlands, wildlife, and water quality. MoDOT strives to be environmentally conscious with all of its transportation projects

**Coordinator:** Bob Irvin - 573-634-4495



Courses February—March 2014

World War I Movies

2014 marks 100 years since the start of World War I, the "WAR TO END ALL WARS". We will watch a variety of films with that war as their background. The films deal with the horrors of war on the battlefield and how the lives of people change due to the effects of war.

Dates: Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26

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

Location: Missouri River Regional Library, 2nd floor

Week 1: All Quiet on the Western Front is a 1930 American war film based on the Erich Maria Remarque novel of the same name. All Quiet on the Western Front is considered a realistic and harrowing account of warfare in World War I. It was the first to win the Academy Awards for both Outstanding Production and Best Director. It is considered a "great" example of filmmaking.

Week 2: Grand Illusion is a 1937 French war film that concerns class relationships among a small group of French officers who are prisoners of war during World War I and are plotting an escape. The perspective of the film is generously humanistic to its characters of various nationalities. It is regarded by critics and film historians as one of the masterpieces of French cinema and among the greatest films ever made.

Week 3: A Very Long Engagement is a 2004 French romantic war film. It is a fictional tale about a young woman's desperate search for her fiancé who might have been killed in the Battle of the Somme during World War I. It was based on a novel of the same name published in 1991.

Week 4: War Horse is a 2011 war drama film directed by Steven Spielberg. Set against a sweeping canvas of rural England and Europe during the First World War, War Horse begins with the remarkable friendship between a horse and a young man. The First World War is experienced through the journey of this horse. The film was nominated for six Academy Awards including Best Picture.

Coordinator: Karen Sander - 635-0931

Play Me Something Quick and Devilish: The Life and Times of the Fiddle/Violin in Early Missouri

Dates: Thursdays, March 13, 20, 27, April 3

Times: 1:30—3:30 p.m.

Location: Masonic Temple, 3211 Masonic Ct. off Truman Blvd

Did you know that the state instrument of Missouri is the fiddle?

Professor Marshall will give a series of 4 lecture-discussions that introduce the fascinating saga of traditional "fiddle music" in the social and cultural heritage of early Missouri. Early Missouri here is defined in terms of cultural traditions as the musical traditions, from the French villages (Missouri's first permanent European settlements) of the late eighteenth century, through the many key periods of the nineteenth century, and into the World War I years and the 1920's age of ragtime and early jazz. Some fiddling included.

Optional text (Marshall's "Play Me Something Quick and Devilish:", University of Mo Press, available at Downtown Book and Toy.)

Presenter: Professor Emeritus Howard Marshall, Dept of Art History and Archeology, Univ of MO

Coordinator: Carol Ellinger - 893-2331

Current Events

Times: Fridays, March 14, 21, 28, April 4

Time: 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Place: Room 8, Soldiers Hall, Lincoln University

Content: The course aims to enrich the general education of participants by engaging in civil discussions and issue analyses related to current news stories and opinion pieces found in local, national, and international print media. The discussions will focus on articles submitted by both the instructor and the course's participants. Many of the articles the instructor will bring in for discussion will focus on events and developments taking place in other parts of the world.

Because discussions in this course are best carried out with lots of participation in small groups, the enrollment in this course will be limited to 25 participants.

Presenter: Warren Solomon, Retired Teacher and State Social Studies Curriculum Consultant

Coordinator: Joan Solomon - 893-4407, jmsolomon@mchsi.com

Reminder: Please check to be sure the LIR database has your correct address, phone number, and e-mail address. You do not want to miss any exciting updates of new events or activities.



Courses March 2014 (cont'd)

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 22, 2014.
Location of courses varies depending on topic and size of class.
Special one-time classes may be scheduled at no cost and members will be notified mainly by email.

Clubs



Bocce Ball: Monday, Sept-Dec. and April - June
Two Sessions: I: 9 a.m. II: 12:15 p.m.
Facilitator: Linda Schwartz 573-635-5392
Location: Prison Brews

Book Club: 4th Monday 1-2 p.m.
Facilitator: Carolyn Lott 573-657-1550
Location: LIR Classroom 8
Callers: Teresa Sullivan 573-635-6404
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 573-659-7875
Location: LIR Classroom 8

Creative Writers: 2nd Thursday 10 a.m.
Facilitators: Richard Sandler 573-759-7475
June Glaser 573-635-4254
Location: LIR Classroom 8
Caller: Marilyn Plassmeyer 573-893-2309

Dominoes I: 1st and 3rd Monday 10 a.m.-noon
II: 2nd and 4th Wednesday 1 p.m.-3p.m.
Facilitator: Sue Alberti 573-635-2436
Location: LIR Classroom 8

Pinochle: 4th Wednesday 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
Callers: Marilyn Miller 573-636-8233
Marilyn Plassmeyer 573-893-2309

Walking/Hiking: Thursdays 8:30 a.m. (summer); 9:30 a.m. (winter)
Facilitators: John and Ellen Richardson 573-893-4909
Location: Varies

Genealogy: 3rd Wednesday, 1-3 p.m.
Facilitator: Carolyn Bening 573-634-3154
Location: LIR Classroom 8 (Begins Feb. 19, 2014)

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 membership meeting.

Cancellations-Inclement Weather Policy

LIR membership meetings, classes and clubs will be cancelled due to snow or other inclement weather conditions if the Jefferson City Public Schools are not in session (weather related). Local radio and television stations that allow community cancellations will be notified along with one or more of the following: posted on the LIR website; an "ALERT" group email to all members with email address; and/or a call tree. Education Travel trip cancellations occur ONLY when the contracted coach company cancels the trip due to their determination of highway safety. Travelers are contacted individually should a cancellation occur.

The winter (January) general membership meeting is scheduled with a make-up date, typically the same day/time during the following week at the same location. Length and content of meeting will be adjusted to accommodate the make-up situation. In the event that a second weather related cancellation occurs for the 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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***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, periodic e-mails*

**LIBRARY ACCESS**.....*Access to library cards for L. U.'s Page Library and  
Missouri State Library*

**PARKING**.....*Tag for L.U. campus provided*

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***Mark your calendars for the Summer Membership Meeting to be held on July 16, 2014 at the St. Martins Knights of Columbus Hall.***