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January - July 2015 NEWSLETTER

Winter Membership Meeting

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Snow date Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Registration begins at 12:45 p.m.

Meeting at 1:30 p.m.

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

January brings with it the onset of colder weather, but LIR can offer a warm alternative at their Winter Membership meeting. We are thrilled to have one of Jefferson City's most talented pianists Mike Michelson, to perform selections from his extensive repertoire. We will kick off 2015 by introducing a lineup of trips, courses and clubs that will help cast off the winter doldrums. And, what meeting would be complete without some tantalizing snacks!

Registration begins at 12:45 p.m. with the meeting being called to order at 1:30 p.m. by our 2015 LIR President, Judy Alexiou. We encourage anyone that wants to sign up for a club, course or trip to please do so prior to our meeting in the Exhibit Area. Membership dues may be paid at this meeting and we encourage all prospective / new members to attend to see what LIR offers.

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 free courses will be awarded to five lucky individuals! Hope to see you on Wednesday, January 21nd at the St. Martins Knights of Columbus Hall. Invite a friend and join us as we "kick" off a

President's Remarks



By Judy Alexiou

Dear LIR members:

What an exciting time to be a member of Learning in Retirement! Our membership has grown to over 400 members and our trips, classes, and clubs are full of excited, interested participants.

Our current past president, David Linsbardt, has guided our organization for the past two years with dedication and patience. Having worked closely with him, I can assure you it has not all been easy. We owe him a great debt of gratitude for all he has done. Under his leadership, the Constitution/By-laws and Organization Policies have been updated. Also, new equipment and furniture for the office have replaced older, very used pieces.

It is an honor to have been selected as your president for the next year. We have some wonderful classes and trips coming up. Take a look through this newsletter and see some of the exciting offerings the committees have organized for you. The curriculum committee has also added some additional free classes. The LIR clubs are always happy to have more members, and if you don't find a club that interests you, check with Marigene Brewer, Clubs Chairperson, about starting a new club.

Stay informed by checking our website and by reading the monthly Active Times articles written by Erika Gerth. (An easy way to get to the website is to Google "Jefferson City LIR" if you don't have the regular web address handy.) Erika does a wonderful job of keeping the public updated on our activities.

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Dues Reminder

Your 2015 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 21, 2015 or mail to the LIR Office, PO Box 105166, Jefferson City, MO 65110. Thank you!

President's Notes (Cont'd)

I would like to thank our outgoing Board members, Paul Shank and Celia Smith, for their dedicated service, and Sue Alberti for agreeing to stay on as Treasurer for one year. A warm welcome to our new Board members: Tom Quinn, Robert Maxwell, and Becky Washburn.

Remember we are a volunteer organization with only one part-time paid staff person! We need our members to get active on committees, and to participate in clubs, classes and trips. In addition, you can volunteer to help out in the office or assist in other ways to keep us a strong and vibrant organization. There is something for everyone in Learning in Retirement, so get involved soon!

Constitution/By-Laws Update

With an increase in membership, comes an increase in courses, trips, and clubs. This has also caused an increase of work in keeping the web site updated. To meet this need, the Board has determined that a position of Web Administrator needs to be added to Article VIII, Committees. This addition will be voted on at the January General Membership Meeting.

Notice of the proposed revision is currently listed on the website.

Judy Alexiou, Constitution/By-Laws Chairperson

Know B-4 U Go –Talk Time

January 15, 2015 – Thursday

Bring your questions about any of the scheduled trips to our "Talk Time" and the Travel Committee will have the answers!

Refreshments will be served and we'll have plenty of hot coffee. Non-members are welcome to attend: however, to register for a trip you must be an LIR member.

It's a great time to socialize, meet new friends and receive additional information about the scheduled trips.

Date: 1:30 p.m., January 15, 2015, Thursday

Place: LU South Campus, Lorenzo Green Hall
900 Leslie Blvd., Jefferson City, MO

Board of Directors for 2015

Elected Members

- Judy Alexiou, President
- Kathel Cooper, Vice-President
- Ellen Richardson, Secretary
- Marilyn Bacon
- Marigene Brewer
- PeeWee Forck
- Dan Hermann
- David Linsenbardt
- Robert Maxwell
- Tom Quinn
- Teresa Sullivan
- Becky Washburn
- Donna White

Ex Officio Members

- Ann Claypool, Office Manager
- Sue Alberti, Treasurer
- Marigene Brewer, Clubs Chair
- Carol Ellinger, Curriculum Chair
- Delinda Fitch, Membership & Marketing Chair
- Mary Ann Wipperman - Hospitality Chair
- Joan Solomon, Historian
- Barbara Maxwell, Newsletter
- Rita Grace, Interim Web Administrator
- Rosemarie Turner, Travel Chair

Your Board of Directors welcomes your suggestions.

Reminder for "Shear Madness"

Attendees

January 14, 2015

New Theatre, Overland Park, Kansas

Departure time: 7:30 a.m. Return: 7:30 p.m.

Escorts: Rosemarie Turner	635-3175
Donna White	659-8495



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Touring Your Own Hometown

March 16, 2015

March is the perfect time to be a tourist in your hometown! A full day has been planned for you to once again visit more of the hidden treasures in Jefferson City.

First we'll explore the Missouri Military History Museum, which has been expanded to over 6,000 square feet of exhibit space. Collections include artifacts, photographs and documents related to military service in both peace and war time. Displays vary from a chaplains' exhibit to a 1967 Cobra Helicopter. The museum director is anxious to share a wealth of information.

Next we tour the Missouri Supreme Court Building. This French Renaissance building was completed in 1907, using a portion of the proceeds from the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis. The main feature of the building is the massive staircase in the lobby and of interest are permanent displays relating to important cases such as the Dred Scott decision. Would you believe, the library has a glass floor?...can you explain why?

Lunch will be a sampler plate of favorite German dishes at Das Stein Haus. Following lunch we visit the Kirkpatrick State Information Center, which houses state documents dating from 1770. These include court cases, maps, military records and penitentiary records. The Reference Library offers genealogy resources and you will be instructed on how to access information stored here if you are working on your family history. The Wolfner Library for the visually handicapped is also located in this facility.

Our last stop will be the Missouri Highway Patrol Safety and Educational Center. This facility has a comprehensive display of information concerning traffic safety, law enforcement, drug abuse and many items relating to the history of the Missouri Highway Patrol. Exhibits focus on the services and responsibilities of the patrol on and off the highways.

Due to security purposes, you will not be allowed to take purses in the Supreme Court Building; however, they may be left on the bus. Cell phones must be checked at the door. Your coach today will be a 'Yellow School Bus.'

Departure time: 8:30 a.m. Return: 5:00 p.m

Escorts: Mary Kay Linsenhardt - 636-3727
Betty Doerhoff - 573-619-2920.

Cost: \$35.00 due with registration

"KINKY BOOTS" at the FABULOUS FOX

March 28, 2015

Join us at the Fabulous Fox in St. Louis for the 2013 Tony Award winner of Best Musical, *KINKY BOOTS*! It is an exhilarating Broadway musical that will lift your spirits to new high-heeled heights! Winner of six Tony Awards, this inspirational story follows a struggling shoe factory owner who works to turn his business around with help from the most unlikely person. Together these two become an unstoppable team and find that they have more in common than they ever dreamed possible....proving that when you change your mind about someone, you can change the whole world.

Inspired by a true story, *KINKY BOOTS* features a joyous, Tony-winning score by CYNDI LAUPER, direction and Tony-winning choreography by JERRY MITCHELL and a hilarious, uplifting book by four-time Tony winner HARVY FIERSTEIN. Come join the sold-out audiences who've discovered why sometimes, the best way to fit in is to stand out! Check out the reviews at <http://kinkybootsthemusical.com>

Following the performance we dine at the award-winning Vito's Italian Ristorante just around the corner on Lindell.

Departure time: 10:00 a.m. Return: 8:30 p.m. (est.)

Escorts: Vicki Ford – 573-635-0210
Marla Buechter – 573-636-54

Cost: \$130.00
\$ 75.00 due with registration

Final payment: \$55.00 due January 23, 2015

Powell Gardens

April 15, 2015

Come take a stroll through Powell Gardens, Kansas City's botanical garden, experiencing the open terrain of the rolling 915-acre garden in Kingsville, Missouri. The garden features 6,000 varieties of plants with 225,000 plants in seasonal displays and stunning architecture. Powell Gardens is the only public garden to feature more than three structures by one of the best-known disciples of Frank Lloyd Wright, E. Fay Jones. While enjoying the flowers, you can visit the Marjorie Powell Allen Chapel, the Missouri Barn to view the flower/vegetable Quilt Gardens from the 45 foot silo, the Insectary Gardens surrounding a fountain, the water Gardens with its Monet-inspired planting palette with water lillies, lotus and giant Victorias and so much more. Before leaving this oasis we will enjoy lunch on the grounds.



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Powell Gardens (cont'd)

Then on to the many cottages of Cockrell Mercantile Company which boasts a store full of gourmet delights. While visiting the five cottages you will be amazed by the collection of kitchen gadgets, gourmet foods, cookware, linens, candles, scents, Fiestaware, flower pots, garden and porch décor. Everything to amaze the gift shopper's delight.

Next we're on to Warrensburg and the beautiful park-like campus of the University of Central Missouri for a step-on guided tour of the campus. Founded in 1871, the campus offers the old as well as the new. From the University President's Home in Selmo Park, built in 1866, to the James C. Kirkpatrick Library opened in 1999, to additions to the Audrey Walton Stadium in the fall of 2014, UCM respects the past as well as moving forward. Before leaving the campus we will be treated to a lovely dinner at "Traditions" located at Pertle Springs Golf Course.

Join us for this delightful day hitting the gems of Highway 50.

Departure time: 7:00 a.m. Return: 8:30 p.m.

Escorts: Marge Kudrna – 573-635-0370
Vicki Ford - 573-635-0210
Donna White – 573-659-8495

Cost: \$82.00 \$42.00 due with registration

Final payment: \$40.00 due April 7, 2015

Southwest Missouri in the Spring

Missouri History and Beautiful Places
April 28-29, 2015

Register early for this two-day trip to beautiful and unique Missouri places where, perhaps you have always wanted to go, but haven't managed to get there on your own.

On our first day we travel to Springfield, Missouri, where we visit the world-famous Bass Pro Shop. Its new "Outdoor World" exhibits are scheduled to open by the time of our visit. We'll enjoy a buffet lunch at Hemingway's Restaurant before leaving for the Nathan Boone Home just south of Springfield. Nathan Boone was the youngest child of Daniel and Rebecca Boone and his home, located in Ash Grove, has been restored by the Missouri Division of State Parks. Motoring on to Roaring River State Park we visit another beautiful Missouri spring, view the CCC-constructed spring pool and participate in an optional tour of the trout hatchery. Our overnight stay will be at the Park's Lodge where a buffet dinner will be served, as well as a breakfast buffet in the morning.

Day 2 - Following breakfast we depart for Table Rock Dam to visit the new Dewey Short Visitor Center, view the dam from below and have the opportunity to tour the Department of Conservation's Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery. (Make sure you have quarters for food to feed the fish!)

Lunch will be on your own at "The Only Home of Throwned Rolls" (Lambert's Cafe #2) in Ozark, Missouri.

Traveling only a short distance, we arrive at Rock Ridge Farm, Laura Ingalls Wilder Home and Museum, for a guided tour. Laura Ingalls Wilder spent many hours here writing her childhood experiences of pioneer life which became the favorite "Little House" books that children love today.

Filled with memories and added knowledge of Missouri history and beautiful sites, it's time to journey back to Jefferson City. A comfort and food stop is planned in Camdenton.

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

Escorts: Rosemarie Turner- 573-635-3175
Marjorie Smith - 573-893-3118
Marge Kudrna--573-635-0370
Joe Goedde (guest escort)- 573-893- 4367

Cost : Single--\$248.00 Double--\$193.00
\$75.00 due with registration

Final payment due February 1, 2015
Single: \$173.00 Double: \$118.00

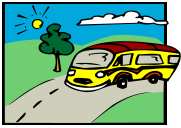
Mississippi – The Magnolia State

May 11 – 15, 2015

Located along the mighty Mississippi, Civil War history buffs and foodies alike flock to Vicksburg and Natchez, two of the cities on our itinerary. We hope you'll join us!

Day I – We board our motor coach for our day of travel to Mississippi and stop for lunch at Lambert's in Sikeston, Missouri, famous for their "throwned rolls." Missouri has its "foodie" places too! We continue on to our destination for the first night in Tunica, Mississippi, visiting Tunica River Park with its nature trails and Mississippi River museum. Our hotel for the evening is Sam's Town House and Casino. Your evening is free to partake in one of the great buffet dinners offered at this and other nearby casinos, and you may want to explore one of the gambling venues or rest up for the two busy days ahead.

Day 2 – After a complimentary breakfast at Sam's Town, we board the coach for our first destination, Vicksburg. Following lunch at the Cracker Barrel, we head to the Vicksburg National Military Park, which Mississippi tourism named the "Travel Attraction of the Year." We begin our tour at the Visitor's Center and then have a guide for a two-hour trip through the park which commemorates the campaign, siege, and defense of Vicksburg in



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1863. We follow this with a guided tour of the city of Vicksburg itself and then check-in at the Comfort Suites, which will be our home for the next two nights. This evening we have a pork tenderloin dinner in the ballroom of the magnificent 1840's Greek Revival Mansion, Cedar Grove.

Day 3 – After a complimentary buffet at the Comfort Suites, we board our motor coach for the 75 mile trip to Natchez. As stated in the Natchez Official Visitor Guide, “Want a taste of the real South? Then come to Natchez, where you will find a melting pot of cultures with a distinctive attitude toward music, food, and old-fashioned hospitality.” We will be taking a guided tour of the city of Natchez as well as touring three plantations (one known for its architecture, one for its period furniture, and a Greek Revival Mansion built by a cotton magnate, where we will also have lunch). We return to Vicksburg utilizing part of the Natchez Trace Parkway, a scenic byway which begins in Natchez. The evening will be free to explore downtown Vicksburg or you may decide to shop at the Outlet Malls close to the Comfort Suites, where we will be spending a second night.

Day 4 – After breakfast at the Comfort Suites, we check out of the hotel and go to downtown Vicksburg. Here we visit the Old Depot or Old Courthouse Museums as well as the Biedenhams Coca-Cola Museum. You will have free time to explore, shop and lunch before we begin our journey home in the early afternoon. Our destination for this evening is Jonesboro, Arkansas, where we stay at the Hampton Inn. For dinner that evening we experience local culinary offerings at Ron's Catfish.

Day 5 – After a hot breakfast at Hampton Inn, we continue our travels home via Highway 63. A stop is planned at Mammoth Spring Park, Mammoth Springs, Arkansas. We will stop for lunch near Rolla and plan to arrive in Jefferson City mid-afternoon.

Departure time: 7:00 a.m., May 11
Return: 2:00 p.m., May 15

Escorts: Marla Buechter – 573-636-5425
Vicki Ford – 573-635-0210
Marge Kudrna – 573-635-0370

Cost: Single - \$682.00 Double - \$505.00
\$225.00 due with registration

Final payment due March 27, 2015
Single: \$457.00 Double: \$280.00

Under the Eight Ball Tipton's Inside Story

June 3, 2015

Discover what's under that 8-ball water tower you see as you

drive along Highway 50 between Jefferson City and Sedalia.

Located in the center of the state, Tipton was founded in 1858 after the Union Pacific Railroad laid out the route, beginning important historical events in the area. The town was a transportation hub from the beginning. The Pacific Railroad ended here for a period of time beginning in 1858 when Tipton became the freight and shipping hub of central Missouri. The first Butterfield Overland Mail stage to San Francisco left Tipton on July 16, 1858. A driving tour will highlight such things as the Tipton Correctional Center, the Price James Library built in 1891, a Civil War cemetery and other points of interest.

Lunch will be served at the Downtown Café.

Following lunch we tour Orvis-Gokey Manufacturing where leather shoes are made by hand. The shoes have a lifetime guarantee and the Tipton plant also repairs all the company's luggage products.

A short drive north will take us to Dick's Mill located at Cotton. The steam-driven mill was built around 1868 and has been restored by two local families to show how wheat and corn were made into meal and flour.

The day will conclude at Zimmerman's Produce and Greenhouses near Latham. Not only do they sell plants, hanging baskets and various produce items, they also grow and sell tomatoes commercially year-round.

Departure time: 7:15 a.m. Return time: 6:45 p.m. (est.)

Escorts: Marge Kudrna - 573-635-0370
Henry Dahl – 573-635-2139
Gloria Knipp - (guest escort guide) 573-230-2541

Cost: \$52.00 \$27:00 due with registration

Final Payment \$25.00 due May 3, 2015

University of Missouri Tour

Behind the Scenes and More

July 9, 2015

Ever wonder what the locker rooms in the Mizzou Arena look like? How about the view from the Press Box at Farout Field? Did you know Mizzou has a new Athletic training complex? If you register for this trip you will find answers to those questions and MORE!

Following arrival at Mizzou we spend two and one-half hours touring their athletic facilities followed by lunch at Shakespeare's Pizza South; Shakespeare's Pizza is a Columbia icon for pizza and a nationally reviewed local favorite.

After lunch we continue our Columbia experience by visiting the Enns Entomology Museum which is the primary source of insect and arachnid specimens representative of the Ozark Plateau. The facility is used by research and extension staff and faculty for identifications and confirmations. It is part of Plant Sciences in

TRIPS July - August 2015 (cont'd)

Bond Life Science Center which was among the first institutions to commit to interdisciplinary research to discover what impacts humans, plants and animal health and enhances environmental quality. The final tour will be to the State Historical Society of Missouri located on campus, where our own historian, Gary Kremer, serves as Executive Director. At this facility you will find a full art gallery of local history and Missouri fine art from the past, as well as a huge Missouri archive library.

Our final Columbia destination topping off the day will be at Buck's Ice Cream Shop, the official ice cream of the Missouri Tigers.

Departure time – 8:15 a.m. Return time – 6:00 p.m. (est.)

Escorts - Randy Ford – 573-635-0210
Mary Kay Linsenbardt – 573-636-3727

Cost: \$50.00 \$30.00 due with registration

Final Payment \$20.00 due May 28, 2015

The Addams Family

New Theatre – Overland Park, Kansas
July 29, 2015

“They’re creepy and they’re kooky...Mysterious and spooky..... They’re altogether together oooky.” Of course, that could only be the theme song from *THE ADDAMS FAMILY*.

The musical features an original story and it’s every father’s nightmare. Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family, a man her parents have never met. And if that weren’t upsetting enough, she confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he’s never done before – keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday’s “normal” boyfriend and his parents.

An extremely exhilarating live musical comedy filled with familiar upbeat songs! You’ll love it!

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

Escorts: Vicki Ford – 573--635-0210
Marjorie Smith –573- 893-3118

Cost: \$73.00 \$40.00 due with registration

Final payment: \$33.00 due June 12, 2015

Anything Goes

Robert G. Reim Theatre, Kirkwood, MO
August 9, 2015

All aboard for an uproarious and tune-filled trip across the Atlantic where *ANYTHING GOES!* This classic musical comedy from Broadway’s golden age features such meltingly romantic Cole Porter melodies as “I Get A Kick Out OF YOU,” ”It’s Delovely,” “Easy To Love,” “You’re The Top,” and “Anything Goes.”

Set sail on the S. S. American with a zany group of travelers, bound from New York to merry old England, where gangsters, socialites, and arrow-collar lads collide in a true tap-sensation from a by-gone era when travel was still fun and as unpredictable as the weather. There’ll be laughs a-plenty set to a raucous and romantic Cole Porter score. You won’t want to miss STAGES’ mid-summer sensation—the delightful, delicious and delovely—*ANYTHING GOES!*

Dinner following the performance will be at “Tony’s on Main Street” in historical St. Charles.

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

Escorts: Rosemarie Turner - 573-635-3175
Betty Doerhoff - 573-619 2920

Cost: \$113.00 \$50.00 due with registration

Final payment: \$63.00 due June 18, 2015

COURSE CANCELLATION POLICY

The registration fee may be refunded if the LIR Office (681-6152) receives notification one week prior to 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. Refund to be considered on a case-by-case basis by Curriculum Chairman and Office Manager

Free Courses

This issue of *The Learning Times* has several one-day free classes. These will be indicated with asterisks before and after the title. Ex: ** Title **. Please register for these classes to ensure enough chairs are provided.



COURSES January—May 2015

**** A Peek Backstage ****

History of the Development of Theatre in Jefferson City

Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2015

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Missouri River Regional Library, Art Gallery (2nd Floor)

Have you ever wondered how Jefferson City became so rich in theatre opportunities? Come and explore the history of theatre in Missouri's Capital City. Learn about the different venues available and what it takes to put a production together from start to finish. Curious about what happens at an audition or what goes on backstage during a performance? Want to know how to become *just a little bit* involved in this remarkable form of community art? Then this is the offering for you.

Our guides for this experience with theatre will be veteran actor/directors Jack Renner and Mark Wegman. Be prepared for an added treat as they even share a sample of their remarkable acting talent with us.

Presenters: Jack Renner and Mark Wegman

Coordinator: Theresa Sullivan, 635-6404

**** Planning a Vacation? ****

Check out Missouri Parks

Date: Thursday, January 22

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

Place: Clydesdale Room, N. H. Scheppers, 2300 St. Marys Blvd

Dreary January? Time to plan what you want to do for vacation. Have you checked out Missouri State Parks? They are celebrating almost 100 years (2017) of developing a wide variety of parks to serve the people of Missouri. Those parks not only include sites that we expect (boating, fishing, hiking and other physical activities) but they also include historic sites, sites of beauty, and other important land formations. A representative of the Parks System will share with us not only the history of Missouri State Parks but also the wide variety that it offers to us. They are jewels worth exploring. Come explore with us.

Presenter: Staff from Missouri State Park System

Coordinator: Michael Hare, 353-9449

The World's Most Terrible War----WW II

Dates: Tuesday, February 3, 10, 17, 24

Times: 10:00 to Noon.

Place: Faith Lutheran Fellowship Hall, 2027 Industrial Drive

This will be an in depth review of the world's most terrible war, World War II, 1939 to 1945. It will include events leading to America's entry into the war in 1941. Military events will be discussed as well as political personalities. 70 years ago it ended but its events and its results have significantly impacted our world, even today. Join us to learn more about the war which was so terrible but which also spawned "The Greatest Generation".

Presenter: Mike Jeffries, Retired history instructor, Helias Catholic High School.

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

Science or Religion

Which one is the correct one?

Dates: Wednesdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Location: Masonic Lodge

The discussion between science and religion is an ongoing one.

This class will present the history of the relationship between the two fields; cosmic origins and creation by God; evolution and God's providence; and genetics and human freedom and ethics.

Presenter: Rev. Cliff Cain, PhD., Westminster College

Coordinator: Dr. David Linsenbardt 636-3727

Landscaping Basics for Beauty and Easy Care

Date: Thursdays, February 5, 12, 19 and 26

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

Place: Providence Bank, 300 Ellis Blvd, EXCEPT Feb 19, at Longfellow's Garden Center, Centertown

An attractive landscape doesn't have to be hard to care for. Be ready for spring and planting season. Alice Longfellow of Longfellow's Garden Center will discuss ideas and tips for any landscaping situation. The February 19 class will be held at Longfellow's Garden Center in Centertown. Landscaping with Missouri Native Wildflowers will be highlighted February 26 with local Missouri Wildflower grower, Mervin Wallace.

Presenters: Alice Longfellow and Mervin Wallace

Coordinator: Pat Sanders, 635-2474

COURSES February–March 2015

Peace Corps---Then and Now

Date: Friday, February 6, 13, 20, 27
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Place: Riback DKB meeting room on Christy Drive
(North of Riley Chevrolet)

This course will explore the Peace Corps from its inception as an idea in 1961 to the present time. There will be multimedia clips, presentations by former and recent Peace Corps volunteers, and discussions on the experiences, challenges and changes in the Peace Corps, its goals, its successes and its processes down thru the years.

Coordinators: Kathy Penfold 635-8374, Betty Mudd 634-2212

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 pm.

Place: Missouri River Regional Library, 2nd floor

March 11: *Mrs. Miniver* is a 1942 drama starring [Greer Garson](#) and [Walter Pidgeon](#). Based on the 1940 novel *Mrs. Miniver*, the film shows how the life of an unassuming British housewife in rural England is touched by World War II. *Mrs. Miniver* won six [Academy Awards](#). In 2009, the film was named to the [National Film Registry](#) for being "culturally, historically or aesthetically" significant and will be preserved for all time.

March 18: *One Against the Wind*: English Countess Mary Lindell, former Red Cross nurse in the First World War, lived in France. The movie shows her support to the Allies especially British and American soldiers in France. This is based on a true story.

March 25: *Swing Shift* is a 1984 film produced by and starring [Goldie Hawn](#) with [Kurt Russell](#). During the Second World War, the lead character signs up to work in an armament factory in California while her husband is overseas in naval service.

April 1: 2 Documentaries (both short)

Top Secret Rosies: The Female 'Computers' of WWII: In 1942, when computers were human and women were underestimated, a group of female mathematicians helped win a war and usher in the modern computer age. A secret US military program was launched to recruit women to the war effort. Sixty-five years later their story was finally told.

No Job for a Woman: Before World War II, war reporting was considered No Job for a Woman. But when the United States entered the war, American women reporters did not want to miss covering the biggest story of the century so they fought for and won access. They reached beyond the battlefield and deep into human lives to tell a new story of war.

Coordinator: Karen Sander: 635-0931

Travelogues

Dates: Tuesdays, March 10, 17, 24, and 31
Times: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Place: Masonic Lodge (3211 Masonic Ct.)

Many Jefferson City citizens—including several of us in LIR—travel after retiring. Enjoy personal travelogues, where you learn about places some of us in Jefferson City have visited. Travel with us as we vicariously visit the following places.

- Berlin to Munich and Points in Between
(Peggy and John Landwehr)
- China—The Red Giant (Bill Gerling)
- The Holy Land (Gary Sonnenberg)
- Iceland and Greenland (Ellen Richardson)
- The Rhine River (Warren Solomon)
- Travels in Eastern Europe (Sharon Strickland)

Coordinator: Joan Solomon: 893-4407

Women Heroes of WW II

Are you tired of the cold winter weather and staying at home? Come join us. Each week we see how different women played an important part during the war in both Europe and the United States. They may not have been on the actual battlefield, but they did fight. These women were strong and brave and have left their mark on history.

Dates: Wednesdays, March 11, 18, 25 and April 1

Missouri's Civil War Battlefields

Dates: Thursdays, March 12, 19, 26, and April 2
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Place : Clydesdale Room, N. H. Scheppers 2300 St. Marys,
EXCEPT March 26 at Faith Lutheran

Did you know that Missouri was the site of more battles during the Civil War than most states, behind only Virginia and Tennessee? Many of these battlefields have been saved through the Missouri State Parks system. We shall explore the impact of some of those battles on the war and on Missouri, 150 years ago.

March 12: Battle of Carthage. The impact and importance of

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this early battle.

March 19: Battle of Lexington. The impact of this battle on the secessionist movement's attempt to win Missouri to the Confederacy.

March 26: Battle of Pilot Knob. The battle and how it impacted General Sterling Prices' last raid through Missouri. (**Note: This is at Faith Lutheran Church, Industrial Drive.**)

April 1: Missouri in the post-Civil War years.
(Back at Clydesdale Room.)

Presenters: Staff from Missouri State Parks

Coordinator: Michael Hare, 353-9449

An Ounce of Prevention...But What If ???

Dates: Friday, March 6, 13, 20, 27

Time: 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Place : Riback DKB meeting room on Christy Dr,
(North of Riley Chevrolet)

An ounce of prevention is so important, but what if, for all you do, something happens?

March 6: Strokes: What you need to know about the signs, symptoms and emergency procedures. This will educate you not only on the warning signs and what to do but also the mechanics of what happens in the brain if a stroke takes place.

March 13: Diabetes: How to prevent it with lifestyle changes and exercise and how to manage if you do develop it.

March 20: Nutrition and Physical Activity: What you need to know about nutrition and physical activity to make these golden years the best they can be by staying active and independent.

March 27: Independent Living: When to know you need help and what help is available to you at home such as transportation, fall prevention, assistance, etc. When independent living is no longer possible, what alternatives are available for you or your loved one and how to choose wisely.

Presenters: Staff from Missouri Department
of Health and Senior Services

Coordinator: Bill and Verna Luebbert, 635-8060

****Letters from a World War II Soldier****

Date: Tuesday, April 14

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

Place: Clydesdale Room, N. H. Scheppers, 2300 St Marys Blvd

When Connie Hubble's mother recently downsized, she gave Connie her "treasure box" saying it was probably time. Connie found 147 letters written to her mother from her father from the time he left for military service in the U. S. Army thru his combat in Europe during World War II. She will share a very personal insight into what those soldiers felt and did during that war. Also, we hope that some of you will share reminiscences of your life during that war and some of your memorabilia. The war ended August, 1945, 70 years ago.

Presenter: Connie Hubble

Coordinator: JoClare Meyer, 636-5762

****The Louisiana Purchase Exposition****

(aka The 1904 St. Louis World's Fair)

Date: Thursday, April 23

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

Place: Clydesdale Room, N. H. Scheppers, 2300 St. Marys

Bob Herman, renown expert and collector of memorabilia from the Louisiana Purchase Exposition of 1904 (more commonly known as the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair) will share some of his knowledge and details of that famous fair and also show us some of his remarkable memorabilia. The world came to St. Louis over 110 years ago. What did they find? This will help you know and understand the fair and what it presented.

Presenter: Bob Herman

Coordinator: Jo Donnelly, 635-8506

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Geo-Caching

Date: Tuesday, May 3
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Place: Clydesdale Room, N. H. Scheppers, 2300 St. Marys Blvd

Geo-caching is a game which developed after invention of hand held GPS navigating devices. A cache (some item, whether large or small) is hidden and to find it, one must follow coordinates given by the person who hid the cache. Using a GPS, gamers try to find that cache. There are over 1,000,000 caches nationwide. Chuck Lahmeyer has been geo-caching for seven years and will first explain to us how this works and then we shall all go find a cache. Join us for this new and exciting game

Presenter: Chuck Lahmeyer

Coordinator: Becky Washburn, 635-3194

Risk and Managing Risk in Our Lives

Dates: Thursday, May 21
Times: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Place: Room 8, Soldiers Hall

Who of us in LIR has not bought insurance? But when we have done so, how many of us have thought deeply about the concepts of "risk" and "risk management?" This short course will explore these topics: (a) What types of risk do we humans face in life? (b) How has the historically recent invention of the insurance company helped to address those risks? (c) What is self-insurance? How does it differ from buying an insurance policy where risk is widely shared? (d) To what extent are insurance companies regulated by state governments? Is there really a need for such regulation? (e) What do insurance agents and companies do in real-life cases when claims are made?

Our instructor, an engaging man who for over 20 years has had experience in the insurance industry, teaches risk and risk management to graduate-level business students at Concordia University-St. Louis, Missouri. Expect an interactive session where your questions will lead to great discussion.

Presenter: William Buck, Insurance Agent,
Guide One Insurance Agency

Coordinator: Warren Solomon, 893-4407

COMMUNICATE – ELECTRONICALLY

One of the goals of the Board is to assure that all members will have access to timely and complete LIR information. The use of electronic mail (email) is a quick way to transmit this information. For our members security, LIR policies prohibit sharing email addresses outside of our organization. Within our organization, email addresses are not shared (via blind copy) unless committee or club members are aware of these mailings.

It is important to notify the LIR Office of your current email address or any changes. We encourage you to list your email address on the 2015 Membership Application form found in this newsletter. If you do not own a computer and/or are not able to visit the public library computer area to access the websites, we ask that you find a friend that can share the information with you.

Transition

This is my tenth and last issue as editor of *The Learning Times*. I would like to express my appreciation for all the help and cooperation that I have received during my term as editor and during the few years I was web administrator.

Barbara Maxwell will assume the role of *The Learning Times* editor. Barbara comes to the editor position with a journalism background. I am sure you will see much improvement in the newsletter under her leadership. Barbara has established barb.newsletter@gmail.com as her e-mail address for newsletter correspondence.

— Paula Nordstrom

Miscellaneous and Clubs

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 21,2015.
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 to park on campus.
Special one-time classes may be scheduled at no cost and members will be notified mainly by email.

Clubs



Bocce Ball: Monday, Sept-Nov. 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: Arlene Stayton 660-433-2415
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

Genealogy: 3rd Tuesday, 1-3 p.m.
Facilitator: Carolyn Bening 573-634-3154
Location: Schepper's Building, St. Mary's Blvd.

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

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.

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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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Mark your calendars for the Summer Membership Meeting to be held on July 15, 2015 at the St. Martins Knights of Columbus Building.