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WINTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Snow Date
Wednesday, January 24, 2018

Doors open at 12:30 p.m.
Meeting at 1:15 p.m.

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

President's Message

Welcome to another year of learning!

As we enter our second 25 years as an organization, we will be offering unique educational, travel, and recreational opportunities. A variety of low-cost and free courses are available to attend throughout the year. Several exciting trips have been planned that should interest those members who desire to travel. We have more than a dozen clubs that offer everything from playing cards to jamming with fellow musicians to walking/hiking. Take a look at the activities in this newsletter—there will be something for you.

Any organization is only as strong as its membership. We are very fortunate to have numerous volunteers who organize trips, teach courses, and coordinate clubs. We all owe a debt of gratitude to these volunteers. It is their dedication that makes Learning In Retirement a success.

If you are interested in helping to plan a trip, set up events, teach a course, or organize a club, please contact me or the individual coordinators listed in this newsletter. We need you and your ideas.

Looking forward to another great year!

Don Neumann
LIR President, 2018

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Winter Membership Meeting

New Year greetings to all LIR members and prospective members!

The Winter Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 17th, at the St. Martins Knights of Columbus Hall on Route T. Check-in will begin at 12:30 with the meeting beginning at 1:15 p.m. Snacks will be served after the meeting. Door prizes for free courses will be given.

Following check-in, members and guests may visit the exhibit area where representatives from travel, curriculum, and clubs will be available to answer questions and have signup sheets available. You are encouraged to visit the area **prior** to the meeting and sign up for a trip, class, or club. Membership dues can also be paid at this time.

A short business meeting led by President Don Neumann will be held where descriptions of upcoming trips and courses will be given, and new officers, committee chairs, and board members introduced.

The meeting costs nothing, but registration is needed to plan for seating, handouts, and snacks. Please indicate your reservation on the Membership Meeting/Course Registration Form included in this newsletter, or you may call the LIR office at 681-6152 to confirm your reservation.

Final date for registration is **January 10, 2018**. We look forward to seeing you there!

Judy Alexiou,
2017 Membership and Marketing Chair

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: a post on the LIR website, an "ALERT" group email to all members with email addresses, and/or a call tree. Education Travel trip cancellations occur **ONLY** when the contracted coach company cancels the trip due to its determination of highway safety. Travelers are contacted individually should a cancellation occur.

The make-up date for the Winter (January) General Membership meeting is typically the same day/time/location during the following week. Length and content of the meeting will be adjusted to accommodate the make-up situation. In the event that a second weather-related cancellation occurs for the meeting, a business meeting **ONLY** will be held within one week of the cancelled meeting. Place and time to be determined.

Board of Directors – 2018

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Jeffrey Freelin, Lincoln University Liaison

25th Anniversary Thanks

Mary Lou and I would like to thank the members of the 25th Anniversary Committee as well as the LIR membership for their participation in the celebration of LIR's 25th Anniversary.

All of the special events were well attended, and the extra door prizes were appreciated.

The members of the Anniversary Committee were David Linsenhardt, Don Neumann, Mary Kay Linsenhardt, Carol Ellinger, DeLinda Fitch, Mary Ann Wippermann, Marigene Brewer, Marge Kudrna, and Kathel Cooper. Without their planning, hard work, and perseverance, the year would not have been the success it was.

Special thanks also to Becky Washburn, LIR Treasurer, for keeping us on track, and Barb Maxwell, Newsletter Editor, for her wonderful article on the history of LIR.

Mary Lou Gillilan and Judy Alexiou,
25th Anniversary Committee Co-Chairs

DUES REMINDER

Your 2018 membership fee of \$40 is due in January. Please fill out the Membership Application form found in this newsletter and bring your check to the Winter Membership Meeting on January 17, 2018, or mail to the **LIR Office, PO Box 105166, Jefferson City, MO 65110**.

THANK YOU!

LIR's first 25 years ended on a celebratory note during 2017. It also marked the end of my two years as President of this super organization. It has been an honor to serve in this capacity, knowing that I am also a member of the largest volunteer-driven organization for seniors in our community. I look forward to LIR's ensuing years as we continue to grow and offer new and exciting educational opportunities for our members.

I especially want to thank our outgoing board members: David Linsenbardt, Bob Maxwell, and Ellen Richardson, and committee chairs: Judy Alexiou, Carol Ellinger, and Mary Kay Linsenbardt, in whom I saw first-hand how their dedication and professional service was given without reservation to our organization. We are truly grateful to have individuals like these, and so many others, who step forward and assist in a variety of ways.

Sincerely,
Kathel Cooper

A Note From Dr. Jeffrey Freelin:

Coordinator of Extended Studies,
Division of Educational Innovation and Extended Studies

I feel I ought to start with an introduction, so here goes: my name is Jeff Freelin, and I am the new liaison between Lincoln University and Learning in Retirement.

Please allow me to offer the happiest of returns in celebration of twenty-five years of Learning in Retirement and its affiliation with Lincoln University. I am fortunate to be able to be involved, if only in a small way, with the activities of Learning in Retirement.

Lincoln University and Learning in Retirement have had a long and mutually beneficial partnership; the University is privileged to be associated with this fine organization that fosters education, adventure, and social interaction amongst its members. From courses to trips to the theater and the ballpark, to the many clubs that it sponsors, LIR offers its members intellectual stimulation and entertainment, as well as meeting that most human of all needs, fellowship.

The very concept of Learning in Retirement invites us to reflect on the value of education and knowledge over the course of our lives. Studies have consistently shown that we live longer, fuller, and happier lives as learned and knowledgeable individuals. Indeed, knowledge can be valued either as an end in itself, or as instrumental to other goods. While the instrumental value is often at the forefront in society today, to value knowledge merely instrumentally (that is, as a mere means to increased earning potential and the like) is to, in a sense, mis-value knowledge. Knowledge is good, even if it does not lead to anything else.

LIR is especially to be saluted, because clearly LIR values knowledge for its own sake. Education is the cornerstone of civic virtue and allows us to be better citizens and, indeed, better people. LIR is the living testament that such endeavors are always worth the time and effort to seek them out.

So, here's to another twenty-five years of partnership between Learning in Retirement and Lincoln University. It is to be hoped that the best is yet to come.

LU / LIR Parking Permits

Lincoln University parking permits for LIR members will be available at the membership meeting on January 17th, or during regular hours at the LIR Office. Parking permits are good only for parking on the Soldiers Hall lot. Permits are valid from September 1, 2017, through August 31, 2018.

To obtain the permit, you need the following information: vehicle make, model, color, license plate number, and your drivers' license number. Cost of the permit is \$10.

SOMETHING NEW!

Golf Scramble

Time: 9:00 a.m.
Date: Thursday, May 24, 2018
Place: Oak Hills Golf Course
932 Ellis Blvd., Jefferson City

If you love to play golf, you will enjoy this event! LIR will hold its first ever golf scramble this spring, and who knows, it might turn into an annual event! This is open only to LIR members. Each team will consist of two members. You may sign up with or without a team member. If you do not have a team member, you will be paired with a fellow LIR golfer. The cost is \$25 per player, which includes greens fees and cart rental. Food and drinks will be available for purchase from the club house.

All golfers will depart the club house at 9:00 a.m. for a shotgun start, so plan to arrive early, warm up, and get ready to play.

Registration will run through May 1, 2018, and will be limited to the first 72 golfers. Registration for this event is available on the Membership Meeting and Course Registration Form included in this newsletter.

The scramble has been planned as a social event, and no prizes will be awarded.

Coordinator: Bob Hentges, 821-5722

Cost: \$25 due with registration



Payment Procedure Trips, Courses, Dues and Events

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

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

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

MEMBER APPLICATION/DUES - A separate check should be issued for membership dues. A Membership Application form is included in this newsletter.

Info B4 You Go:

- On our trips, we visit both public- and government-sponsored sites. It is the responsibility of the traveler to follow the guidelines as dictated by the venues we visit.
- All LIR travel via coaches depart and return to Wal-Mart Super Center, 724 W. Stadium Blvd. (near the Central Bank ATM). Coaches most often arrive 30 minutes prior to departure time.
- Gratuities: Gratuities (tips) are covered for the coach driver, for all included meals, and for step-on guides. Hotel house-keeping tips are at your discretion. Donations are included for charitable venues.
- Comfort stops are planned anytime the travel time is between 2 and 2 1/2 hours. Passengers are encouraged to leave the coach for a short walk for their health.
- Water is provided for the passengers on all coach trips. Take advantage of it.
- If special dietary needs are required, you should call the LIR office to express that special accommodation.
- Wear your name badge on every trip. For your safety, care should be taken to remove or cover name badges when walking on streets in major cities.
- If you are registering with a friend for trips, we strongly encourage you to mail or drop off registrations together. Each registration is recorded as received.

TIME TO TRAVEL!

9 – 5: The Musical

Capital City Players Dinner Theater
Shikles Auditorium, 1200 Linden Blvd.,
Jefferson City, MO
Saturday, February 17, 2018

When those dreary mid-February days begin to get you down, join your LIR friends for a Saturday afternoon musical at the Shikles Center in Jefferson City! We have booked a group of tickets for Saturday, February 17th at the popular dinner theater to see the musical comedy *9 to 5*.

The show is based on the 1980 movie about three working female employees of a sexist, egotistical, lying, and highly critical bigot. It tells how they turn the tables on their boss. It promises to be a very funny show.

Transportation to this event is on your own.

Doors open at 11 a.m.

Dinner will be served at 12 noon.

Show begins at 1 p.m.

Escorts: Pat Miner -- 298-2965
Mary Wilde -- 619-1299

Cost: \$38 Total due with registration.

Barefoot in the Park

The New Theatre, Overland Park, KS
Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Neil Simon's *Barefoot in the Park* is a romantic comedy focusing on a pair of newlyweds, Corie and Paul, as they begin married life in a tiny 5th-floor walkup apartment in a Manhattan brownstone.

Paul is a straight-laced attorney; Corie has a far more spontaneous, free spirit. As the young couple contend with a lack of heat, a skylight that leaks snow, five flights of stairs, oddball neighbor Victor Velasco, and Corie's well-meaning mother, they must also reconcile their own personal differences in how they approach life's challenges. Adjusting to married life isn't so easy!

In addition to the laughs, travelers will also enjoy the wonderful New Theatre lunch buffet prior to the matinee.

Depart: 7:30 a.m.

Return: 7:30 p.m.

Escorts: Carla Brandes -- 353-9654
Lela Bunch -- 893-3271

Cost: \$74 Total due with registration

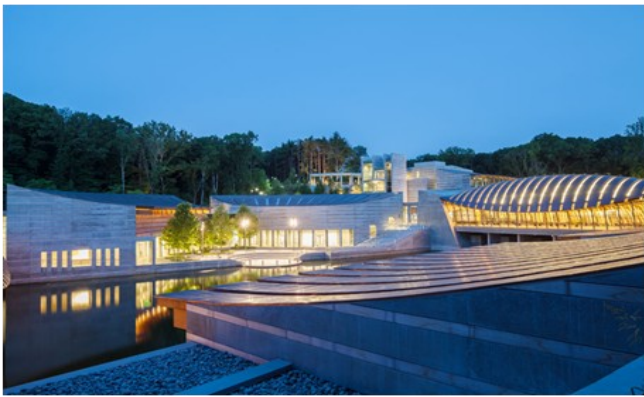
TRIPS: JANUARY — JUNE 2018

Crystal Bridges and Everything Bentonville, AR

Wednesday-Friday, April 4-6, 2018

Join us for a fun-filled three-day trip to experience all Bentonville, Arkansas has to offer. This small town located in north-west Arkansas has bloomed with the headquarters of Wal-Mart being its driving force. We will take a short comfort break at a Wal-Mart in Springfield, Missouri, in case you forgot to pack something, before arriving in Bentonville in time for lunch.

Our first stop upon arriving in Bentonville will be the beautiful Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, including the Bachman-Wilson house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in 1954, now located on the Crystal Bridges Museum grounds. Lunch will be on your own at the Eleven Restaurant located inside the Museum.



In the afternoon, we will tour the iconic Italianate Victorian Peel Mansion built in 1875 by Colonel Samuel Peel. Dinner will be at Fred's Hickory Inn, a Bentonville staple since 1970.

We will be spending two nights at the Holiday Inn Express in Bentonville where we will be treated to a complimentary buffet breakfast each morning.

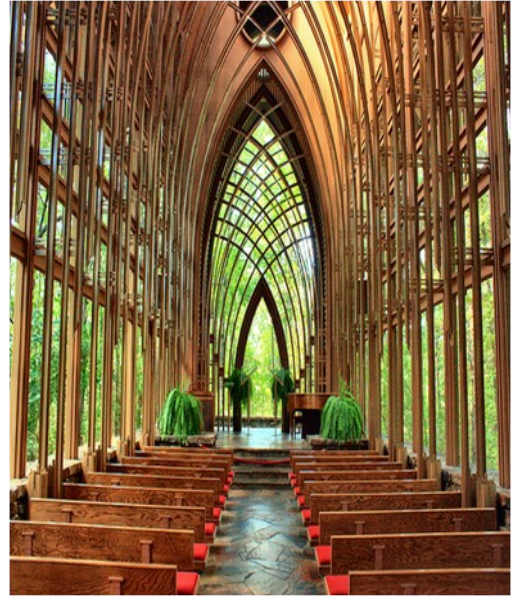
Day Two begins with a tour of the Walton Museum, the birthplace of Wal-Mart, located on the town square. Walton's 5 & 10 is a real, working store chock full of retro toys, candies, and souvenirs. Following the tour, travelers will have time to explore Bentonville's beautiful town square, enjoying the small shops and choosing one of the many restaurants on the square for lunch on your own.

After lunch, we will tour the Native American History Museum. The exhibits are arranged in chronological order, starting with the early Paleo through the historic periods. The museum contains one of the largest and most diverse displays of stone tools, arrowheads, and pottery.

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We will tour the new addition to the Bentonville tour scene: The Brightwater Culinary. Its goal is to develop leaders who combine culinary skills with the ability to recognize and address complex food issues focusing on nutrition while reducing waste. Dinner on Thursday night will be at Joe's Italian Grill located just off the town square.

Our first stop on Friday morning is for a moment of peace and serenity at the Mildred B. Cooper Chapel in Bella Vista. The Chapel, with glass walls and a ceiling standing 48 feet high, reaches out to nature with oak and pine forests framing the view.



Afterwards, we will board the coach for home, stopping at Sandstone Gardens at Joplin, Missouri, for an early lunch at Sandstone's Bistro. Time will be available for a bit of shopping for garden and home amenities. The afternoon will find us continuing our journey home.

All admissions and gratuities, plus dinners at Fred's Hickory Inn, Joe's Italian Grill, and lunch at Sandstone Gardens' Bistro, are included in the trip cost. Arrangements can be made at each of these restaurants to accommodate special dietary needs. Breakfasts are complimentary at the hotel. Lunches at Crystal Bridges and the town square are on your own.

Depart: Wednesday, April 4, 2018, at 7 a.m.

Return: Friday, April 6, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.

Escorts: Kay Freidinger -- 645-3116
Kay Martellaro -- 680-6058

Cost: Single \$465 \$250 due with registration.
Final payment: \$215 due by March 6, 2018.

Double \$315 \$200 due with registration.
Final payment: \$115 due by March 6, 2018.

TRIPS Continued

Pella, Iowa, Tulip Festival, and Amana Colonies

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, May 2, 3, & 4, 2018

Tiptoe through the tulips with LIR as we travel to Pella, Iowa, for the annual Tulip Festival. Arriving in Pella, we will have a buffet lunch at Monarchs featuring Dutch food. A step-on guide will join us for a tour of the town after lunch.

We will spend the rest of the afternoon touring the Historical Village and Vermeer Mill. You will have time to explore the town on your own before heading to the Best Western Holiday Manor in Newton, Iowa. Dinner is on your own at Hy-Vee.

On Thursday, we return to Pella for the actual first day of the festival. Places to tour include the Scholte House and Fire House Museum, the fabulous tulip tower in the park, and the array of tulips that adorn the town. Lunch is on your own at the festival.

Afternoon activities include the Grandstand Show, which features Dutch singing, dancing, and a costume style show. The scrubbing of the streets demonstration is a must see. The Queen of the Festival and her court will be introduced. The parade follows.

Dinner on Thursday will be at Pella Ranch Pizza (included) followed by the Blackwood Brothers Quartet at the Pella Opera House.

On Friday, we will skip over to the Amana Colonies for a guided tour that will take us to many shops and points of interest. We will see the communal kitchen and copper shop, a bakery, and a woolen mill among other sites. Lunch is included at the Ox Yoke Inn in Amana.

Hotel space is LIMITED. We cannot add hotel rooms because accommodations are limited during the festival.

Depart: 7 a.m. on Wednesday, May 2, 2018
Return: 9:30 p.m. on Friday, May 4, 2018

Escorts: Carla Brandes – 353-9654
Wendy Hansen -- 645-2031
Mary Wilde -- 619-1299

Cost: Single: \$450 \$325 due with registration
Final Payment: \$125 due by April 2, 2018

Double \$340 \$225 due with registration
Final Payment: \$115 due by April 2, 2018

Phantom of the Opera

FOX Theatre, St. Louis
Thursday, May 10, 2018

Join LIR as we witness the return of the *Phantom of the Opera*, one of the longest running shows on Broadway. Made famous by Andrew Lloyd Webber, this is the story of a young soprano who becomes the obsession of a disfigured musical genius, who lives below the Paris Opera House.

Be prepared to cheer for Christine, Raoul, and even the poor Phantom and to be awed by the special effects of fire, rivers in underground caverns, and the majesty of an opera house. You will be humming the songs to yourself for days. Even if you have seen the play before, you will not want to miss this live performance.

We will follow the performance with dinner at Mimi's Cafe to keep the French atmosphere going.

Depart: 9:15 a.m.
Return: 8:15 p.m.

Escorts: Julie Cook -- 230-4914
Martha Kleindienst -- 353-7582

Cost: \$135 \$80 due with registration
Final payment: \$55 due by April 5, 2018

Mystery Trip

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Shhh! It is a mystery! We have planned a delightful spring outing for you "to a destination unknown." We will travel less than 50 miles beyond Jefferson City.



We encourage you to dress comfortably -- for the weather. Wear comfortable shoes ready for walking and exploring on this trip with a rural focus. Some walking on undeveloped pathways will be required -- but no high adventure activities are included. It is an outing in the country.

You will enjoy a delightful picnic lunch in the wonderful Missouri outdoors. What a bargain!

Depart: 8 a.m.
Return: 4:30 p.m.

Escorts: Joann Wulff – 291-0296
Felix Wulff – 690-3713
Marge Kudrna – 694-8550

Cost: \$38.00 Total due with registration

TRIPS Continued



Springfield Cardinals Baseball

Monday, June 11, 2018

Our last trip to see the Springfield Cardinals in 2016 was so good that members have been asking for a return trip. The Springfield Cardinals are an AA minor league team of the St. Louis Cardinals, and sometimes you will see one of the major league players with them doing rehab!

This is an EARLY day game (11:10 a.m.). We will leave the parking lot of the Stadium Wal-Mart at 7:15 a.m. and have a comfort stop before we arrive in Springfield at approximately 10:30.

Your \$96 fee will include seats in the Champion's Club (where you can choose to sit inside or outside to watch the game). The Champion's Club offers an all-you-can-eat buffet with 4 "adult drinks" per ticket. The Cardinals will take on the Tulsa Drillers, a farm club of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

This will be our ONLY baseball game in 2018.

Depart: 7:15 a.m.

Return: 6:30 p.m. (approximately)

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

Cost: \$96 \$50 due with registration
Final payment: \$46 due by May 1, 2018

Flowers, Wine, and Caves

Thursday, June 28, 2018

June is bursting out all over and we want to take full advantage of it. In the morning, we will visit Flower Hill Farm in Beaufort, Missouri. You'll meet a delightful couple who grow wildflowers and vegetables to sell. We will tour the farm and have a short workshop on growing and arranging flowers.

Then we are off for a delicious lunch buffet at White Mule Winery near Rosebud. We will learn more about growing grapes and producing wine. Wine tasting will be available — and you may want to purchase a bottle or two to take home.

After our visit to the winery, we are off to beautiful Meramec Caverns for a tour of this enchanting cave. Jesse James supposedly hid out here for a time. We then, weather permitting, will take a relaxing boat ride on the Meramec River.

This trip requires lots of walking, so wear very comfortable shoes.

Depart: 7:30 a.m.

Return: 7:30 p.m.

Escorts: Randy Ford -- 694-0084
Mary Wilde -- 619-1299

Cost: \$85 \$50 due with registration
Final payment: \$35 due by May 15, 2018



TRIPS continued



Truman's Independence

Thursday, July 12, 2018

We all love Harry -- the 33rd US President and Missouri's native son! On our one-day excursion, we will be focusing on Truman and the town he called home.

Our first stop will be the Harry S Truman Presidential Library and Museum where we will be treated to a docent-led tour giving us insight into his public and private sides. We'll learn (or refresh our memories) of his very important decisions, their long-term significance, and how they continue to affect our lives today.

Then we head to the Bingham-Waggoner Estate in downtown Independence for a tour of the former home of George Caleb Bingham (classic artist of the early American West) and later the Waggoner family. Lunch is in their former carriage house (air conditioned!!) where a Truman impersonator will give us another view of Harry while we eat.

After lunch, we will hop (!) onto some Missouri mule-drawn covered wagons for a tour of "1845" Independence. Our wagon driver will delight us with tales of Independence before Truman's time, as well as some highlights from when Harry lived there. He will drop us off at the National Frontier Trails Museum, which focuses on the challenges and excitement faced by pioneers in the 1800s. The museum interprets the Lewis & Clark, Santa Fe, California, Oregon, and Mormon Pioneer trails.

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If we have enough time and energy, we will drop in for a short tour of the Historic Truman Courthouse where Truman worked. Here we will see some of George Caleb Bingham's art, one of which he painted while living at his Estate.

Depart: 7 a.m.

Return: 8 p.m.

Escorts: Wendy Hansen—645-2031

Marge Kudrna—694-8550

Cost: \$95

\$55 due with registration

Final Payment: \$40 due by June 7, 2018

Mamma Mia

Stages Theatre in Kirkwood, Missouri

Sunday, August 5, 2018

This ultimate feel-good show tells the hilarious and touching tale of a mother, a daughter, three possible dads, and an unforgettable trip down the aisle on a Greek Island paradise!

This show is chock full of explosive dance numbers and ABBA hits that will make you want to unleash your inner "Dancing Queen." It is a non-stop party that you won't want to miss!

A buffet dinner is included at Jefferson Grill after the performance.

Depart: 10:30 a.m.

Return: 9:30 p.m. approximately

Escorts: Betty Doerhoff -- 619-2920

Wendy Hansen -- 645-2031

Cost: \$110

\$60 due with registration

Final Payment: \$50 due by July 6, 2018

BENNY ANDERSSON & BJÖRN ULVAEUS'
MAMMA MIA!
 THE SMASH HIT MUSICAL BASED ON THE SONGS OF ABBA™

COURSES JANUARY — JUNE 2018

Free Courses Begin on Page 12

Miscellaneous Course Information

Course Registration: Register by mailing the form included in this newsletter, by website, at the winter membership meeting on January 17, 2018, or by stopping by the LIR office.

Locations: Vary depending on topic and size of classes. See newsletter write-up.

Costs: Regular classes (3-4 sessions) \$12.00.

Free classes are separately written up and also set out by*** before and after the title of the course. If a free class requires supplies, the cost will be indicated, and payment is due at the time of registration for the class. Registration is needed to ensure sufficient chairs, so PLEASE do not sign up unless you plan to attend the class.

Course Cancellation: Cancel by calling the LIR office (681-6152) one week prior to the start of the course. Refunds are processed after the end of the course. Emergency cancellations should be called to the office as soon as known. The Curriculum Committee Chair and Office Manager consider refunds on a case-by-case basis.

ST. FRANCIS, HILDEGARD, AND THE POPE INSPIRATION FOR CHRISTIANS TODAY

Time: 10 a.m. to Noon

Date: Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2018

Place: Masonic Lodge, 3211 Masonic Court

This course will explore two famous people from the Middle Age--St. Francis (13th Century) and Hildegard (12th Century)--as well as the current Pope and his recent groundbreaking 2015 encyclical, Laudato Si, for insights and inspiration for living the Christian faith today. Particular attention will be paid to their perspectives on God's creation and the importance of stewardship. Dr. Cain will be providing what he calls "an appreciative Protestant perspective," so that people from both Roman Catholic and Protestant communities will find this course engaging. Back for another thought-proving class, we welcome Dr. Cain.

Presenter: Dr. Cliff Cain, Professor of Religious Studies,
Westminster College

Coordinator: Dr. David Linsenbardt, 636-3727

THE ENVIRONMENT AROUND US

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Date: Thursdays, February 8, 15, 22 and March 1

Place: The LINC, 1299 Lafayette Street

EXCEPT March 1: tour of the city water treatment plant located at 401 Old Mokane Road (next to the Jefferson City Airport)

February 8: Mr. Curt Robertson, Landfill manager from Republic Trash Services, will speak about solid garbage waste and landfills.

February 15: The Missouri Department of Natural Resources will have two speakers. Carlton Flowers, Environmental Engineer from the air pollution control program, will speak about air quality. Karen Westin from the stream team water program throughout the state will address water quality.

February 22: Ashley Rackers, RN, Public Health Educator from the Cole County Health Department, will be our presenter. Many older Americans are injured in and around their homes, sending people to the ER. Ashley will identify home safety issues and medication concerns.

March 1: Emily Wilburs, Laboratory and Pre-treatment Supervisor, will lead the tour of the Jefferson City Water Treatment Plant at 401 Old Mokane Road (next to the airport). The tour will include the waste water process and the mechanical, biologic, and sludge treatment systems.

Coordinator: Becky Buchholz , 690-6579



COURSES JANUARY — JUNE 2018

WORLD WAR II, PACIFIC THEATER

Times: 1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

Dates: Tuesdays, February 13, 20, 27, March 6

Place: Clydesdale Room,
Scheppers Distributing Co., 2300 St. Mary's Blvd.

In this class, the presenter will describe and examine Japanese culture and politics and the collision course between Japan and the United States that lead to the Second World War. Strategy and battles of this great war will be discussed.

This course is in response to popular demand by those who took Mike Jeffries' World War II class on the European Theater and wanted him to also do the Pacific Theater portion of the war, so vastly different from the European Theater.

Presenter: Mike Jeffries, Retired teacher, Helias Catholic High School

Coordinator: Dr. David Linsenhardt, 636-3727

I LOVE A MYSTERY MOVIES

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

Dates: Wednesdays: March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2018

Place: Missouri River Regional Library, 2nd floor

March 7: The Thin Man

Nick Charles, a retired detective, and his wife Nora are attempting to settle down. They are based in San Francisco but decide to spend the Christmas holidays in New York. There Nick is pressed back into service. An old client of Nick's has mysteriously vanished. Nick takes the case, much to the amusement of his socialite wife. It starts out as a missing person case, but murder brings on many more questions. This 1934 American comedy mystery stars William Powell and Myrna Loy.

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March 14: North by Northwest

A suave, successful New York advertising executive finds himself, through a case of mistaken identity, embroiled in a web of intrigue and murder that takes him across the country to prove his innocence to the police and get an evil crime syndicate, looking for a lost microfilm, off his tail. This 1959 American thriller directed by Alfred Hitchcock stars Cary Grant and Eva Marie Saint.

March 21: Murder on the Orient Express

In December 1935, when his train is stopped by deep snow, famous detective Hercule Poirot is called on to solve a murder that occurred in his car the night before. This 1974 British mystery film is based on the 1934 novel of the same name by Agatha Christie. It has an all-star cast with Albert Finney, Lauren Bacall, Ingrid Bergman, Sean Connery, and Vanessa Redgrave. A new version of this thriller was released in December.

March 28: Suspect

A judge commits suicide, and his secretary is found murdered. A homeless deaf-mute man, Carl Anderson, is arrested for her murder. Public defender Kathleen is assigned by the court as his lawyer. She sets out to find the real killer and gets help from a congressional advisor, Eddie Sanger, who is called to be on the jury panel. Together they discover a dangerous circle of corruption in high places. This is a 1987 American mystery/courtroom drama film starring Cher, Dennis Quaid, and Liam Neeson.

Coordinator: Karen Sander, 635-0931



COURSES JANUARY — JUNE 2018

EXPLORING TOPICS IN ARCHEOLOGY

Time: 1:30-3:30 pm

Dates: Thursdays, March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2018

Place: The LINC, 1299 Lafayette St

March 8: Prehistoric Responses to Sudden Climate Change: We will review historical and archeological evidence for sudden climate change in the summer of A.D.1258 following the Samalas volcano eruption. Crop failure, famine, political unrest, and religious fanaticism occurred in Europe and Japan while mass migrations began in the American Southwest. Cultural responses by Native American populations in Eastern North America to a “year without a summer” in A.D. 1258 will also be reviewed.

March 15: Bioarcheology. LU Assistant Professor of Anthropology & Sociology Dr. Christine Boston will focus on the study of mummified or skeletal human remains in archeological contexts. Participants will learn about bioarcheological methods (e.g. aging and sexing, pathological conditions, bio-cultural conditions, etc.), as well as their applications in forensic studies. Several bioarcheological studies will also be surveyed to demonstrate the application and utility of this subject to archaeological understandings of the past.

March 22, 29. St Louis on the Frontier:

A Preliminary Analysis of a French Trading Center *AND* Archeology of the Gilded Age: MoDot archeologists are currently in the midst of a multi-year excavation of perhaps the oldest part of St Louis, located below the Poplar Street Bridge and south of the Gateway Arch. Through careful excavation, archeologists have uncovered remains of six colonial French properties, including most recently a 1760s house built by a fur trader and later used by a blacksmith. Archeological research, however, has not been restricted to the colonial period but also

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includes detailed studies of roughly 60 additional properties dating from the early nineteenth century through the 1930s. Information gathered over the past decade has enhanced and, in some cases, altered our understanding of the history of St. Louis and of the region in general.

Presenters: Professor Christine Boston of Lincoln University, Michael Meyer, and others from MoDOT's Historic Preservation Section

Coordinator: Bill Gerling, 220-4319



A TOUR OF ROME FROM ANCIENT TO MODERN TIMES

Times: 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Dates: Tuesdays, March 13, 20, 27, 2018.

Place: Clydesdale Room, Scheppers Distributing Co.,
2300 St. Mary's Blvd.

March 13: Ancient Rome from its founding until the fall of the Roman Empire.

March 20: The rebirth of Rome after the dark ages through the Renaissance.

March 27: Rome of the Fascists, students, tourists, and the 21st century.

Presenter: James Farris, Retired
Jefferson City High School Latin teacher

Coordinator: Carol Ellinger, 893-2331

FREE COURSES JANUARY—JUNE 2018

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, for example,

Title

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

ARCHITECTURAL STYLES OF JEFFERSON CITY

Time: 1:30 -3:30 pm
Date: Thursday, February 1, 2018
Place: The LINC, 1299 Lafayette St

Buildings reflect the times in which they were constructed and the people who created them. We shall explore the wide variety of buildings in Jefferson City and the history they represent with MoDOT Senior Historic Preservation Specialist (Architectural Historian) Karen L. Daniels.

Residential, commercial, governmental, educational, religious, and industrial buildings will be examined to see how they fit into the historical, cultural, and social fabric of Jefferson City. We will examine the styles that influenced their design and the forces that influenced their location and uses.

Participants will gain a greater understanding of the development of Jefferson City and how the surviving built environment reflects the history and culture of the city.

Presenter: Karen Daniels, MoDOT Senior Historic Preservation Specialist

Coordinator: Bill Gerling: 220-4319

PRESERVING MISSOURI'S GERMAN HERITAGE

Time: 10 a.m. to Noon
Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018
Place: The LINC, 1299 Lafayette St

The State of Missouri continues to thrive as a melting pot of different cultures and nationalities. As many as 46 million Missouri citizens claim German heritage, making German the number one ethnicity in the state. What brought their ancestors to Missouri? What did they bring with them? How did they affect the path of Missouri history?

The Missouri Humanities Council has started a project to explore, understand, and preserve Missouri's German Heritage: The German Heritage Corridor of Missouri. This project aims to "explore the migration and settlement patterns of Germans in Missouri over roughly two centuries to reveal how German immigrants were influenced by the cultures they encountered in Missouri as well as how they themselves impacted the culture of the state."

Our speakers will try to answer some of these questions and more, as well as share plans to implement public programming, exhibits, and research opportunities. They invite and request that the class

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share some of their insights, recollections, stories from their families, and interesting facts as we delve into this fascinating look at ourselves.

Presenter: Caitlin Yager, Heritage Resources Coordinator, and Steve Belko, Executive Director, Missouri Humanities Council

Coordinator: Carol Ellinger, 893-2331



CYBER SECURITY FOR COMPUTER ILLITERATES

Time: 10 a.m. to Noon

Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Place: The LINC, 1299 Lafayette

Cyber security is a significant problem. Steve Warfield, of the IT Department at Lincoln, has been invited back. His earlier presentation was very good--for those with computer skills.

At our request, he is returning to share the information for those of us who have only very basic computer skills/knowledge and who would like to know more about security on our computers, iPhones, tablets, and other electronic devices. He will also give some tips about how to browse the internet safely and manage online accounts with strong unique passwords.

Come let Steve help you learn how to better protect yourself in the online world.

Presenter: Steve Warfield,
IT Dept., Lincoln University

Coordinator: Scott Sellner 635-6980

DNA, GENETICS, AND GENEALOGY

What a DNA test can tell you about your genealogy

Time: 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Date: Tuesday, April 17, 2018

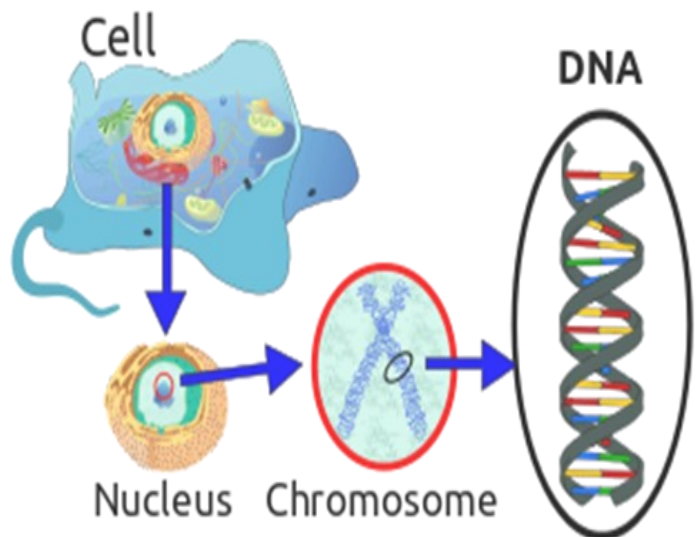
Place: The LINC, 1299 Lafayette St

Have you ever wondered just what you can learn about your ancestry or genealogy from a DNA test? How do we go about having our DNA analyzed? What if something is found that we don't want to know, like an illness or defective chromosome? How much does it cost? How long before we get the results? Who will explain the results? Just how accurate are these tests? Will my siblings' results be the same as mine?

Mary Hegerman is a professional genealogist and can help us understand what we are buying and/or if we want to have our DNA analyzed. (I am hoping my results show at least some Neanderthal.)

Presenter: Mary Hegerman, Professional Genealogist

Coordinator: Theresa Sullivan, 635-6404



FREE COURSES JANUARY — JUNE 2018

GAMES WE PLAY

Pitch: Wednesday, May 2, 1 p.m.- 3 p.m.
Canasta.: Tuesday, May 8, 1 p.m.- 3 p.m.
Pinochle: Tuesday, May 15, 10 a.m.– Noon

Location: Soldiers Hall, Room 8, Lincoln University,
903 Lafayette St.

Have you ever wanted to or thought about joining one of the LIR card clubs but did not know how to play the card game involved? Or maybe you would just like to learn to play the game of cards for your own "family fun night."

Either way, LIR is there for you, and **it won't cost you thing**. You can hone your card shark skills by learning a new game or improve a card skill you already have by attending one, two, or three of the club card games classes listed.

Each class will include a short lesson on the basic game, and then we will play some cards with experienced players. Come join us, and learn the basics of these card games.

You are welcome to join the pitch, canasta, and/or the pinochle clubs anytime, but **you** may be more comfortable joining if you know the basics of the game. Sign up for one or sign up for all.

Presenters: Pitch—Bob Maxwell
Canasta—Joanne Scheidt
Pinochle—Cathie Middleton

Coordinator: Linda Bohrer, 619-2773



MEMBER PARTICIPATION:

LIR is a member/volunteer organization relying on leadership contributions and participation of its members. Volunteers are called when needed for a variety of office, committee, and event tasks. Fill out the membership application within this newsletter and use this checklist for your own reference. Thanks in advance for your help! Any questions, please call 573-681-6152.

COMMITTEES:

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Chair a Discussion Group
Serve as Lecturer: Topic(s)

OFFICE ASSISTANCE:

Registration
Office/Telephone coverage
Part-time Paid Office Substitute
WORD / EXCEL / ACCESS
PUBLISHER

TECHNOLOGY SKILLS:

Computer set-up
Video Projector set-up
Sound System set-up

LIR needs you, so please let us know your interests and expertise and the area in which you would like to volunteer.

CLUBS

A NEW CLUB IS FORMING

Calling all stitchers (or anyone who wants to learn to stitch, knit, crochet, embroider, hardanger, crewel, needlepoint, quilt, tat, weave, or even make lace). You know who you are.

Come join a group that focuses on hand work. Just bring your project, then sit and stitch and chat. This could be a great chance to enjoy what you already enjoy, get back to something you enjoy, or learn new skills from others in the group.

The name of the group, meeting times, and frequency will be decided by the members at the first meeting. Contact Julie Cook at 636-2665 or Mari-gene Brewer at 893-6398 if you are interested. We promise to keep you in stitches!

BOOKS FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2018

Books chosen by the book club for the next few months are as follows:

- January — *Hidden Figures*
by Margot Lee Shetterley
February — *Winter Garden* by Kristin Hannah
March — *Girl from Venice* by Martin Cruz Smith
April — *Killers of the Flower Moon*
by David Grann
May — *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman
June — *Glass House* by Louise Penny

CLUBS ARE FREE!

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

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

CLUBS

Bocce Ball: Mondays, Sept-Nov & April-June
Two Sessions: 9 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

Facilitator: Marla Clark 415-1851
Location: Prison Brews, Ash Street

Book Club: 4th Monday, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Facilitator: Barb Maxwell, 619-5921
Location: LIR Classroom 8

Callers: Theresa Sullivan, 635-6404 &
Arlene Stayton, 660-433-2415

Bridge Club I: 2nd Monday, 1 p.m.

Facilitator: Keith Krueger, 462-0779/659-3834
Location: LIR Classroom 8

Bridge Club II: 1st Monday, 1 p.m.

Facilitator: Sue Goedde, 893-4367
Location: LIR Classroom 8

Canasta: 2nd Tuesday, 10 a.m.-Noon

Facilitator: Barbara Barnard, 896-9485
Location: LIR Classroom 8

Creative Writers: 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m.

Facilitator: Denise Kliethermes, 395-4662
Location: LIR Classroom 8

Caller: Dorothy Tighe, 491-3927

Dominoes I: 1st & 3rd Mondays 10 a.m.– noon

Facilitator: Sue Alberti, 635-2436
Location: LIR Classroom 8

Dominoes II: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.

Facilitator: Shirley Denkler, 635-7754
Location: LIR Classroom 8

LIR Jammers: 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 10:30-noon

Facilitator: Peter DeSimone, 393-0940
Location: Heisinger Bluffs Chapel

Pinochle: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Facilitator: Janet Streumph, 619-3803
Location: LIR Classroom 8

Pitch: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

Facilitator: Bob Maxwell, 418-8864
Location: LIR Classroom 8

Scrabble: 3rd Monday, 1 p.m.

Facilitator: Marigene Brewer, 636-8183
Location: LIR Classroom 8

Caller: Marilyn Miller, 636-8233

Walking/Hiking: Thursdays 8:30 a.m. Summer,
9:30 a.m. Winter

Facilitators: John & Ellen Richardson, 893-4909
Location varies



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Mark your calendars for the Summer Membership Meeting
July 17, 2018
St. Martins Knights of Columbus Building