



The Learning Times

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**PLEASE JOIN US
For
GIVE 'EM HELL HARRY**

Date: Saturday, November 7, 2020
**Place: Capital City Productions Theatre:
719 Wicker Lane**
**Time: 12:30 p.m. Doors open
1:00 p.m. Show**

“Give ‘Em Hell Harry” is a humorous and insightful portrayal of the life and presidency of Missouri’s favorite son, Harry S Truman, as interpreted by his oldest grandson, Clifton Truman Daniel, the son of Margaret Truman and Clifton Daniel, Jr. More information can be found at <https://ccpj.org>.

While we have had to cancel all other trips this season, we are encouraged that Capital City Productions (CCP) has worked hard to provide a safe environment in this COVID age and are following state recommendations and more. LIR policy **requires** everyone to wear a face mask for indoor activities—that would include this event!! We will have extra masks if you forget—thanks!

Transportation is on your own. Remember to go to **719 Wicker Lane in Jefferson City**, CCP’s new home!! This is a show **ONLY—NO MEAL**.

Doors open at 12:30 p.m. NOTE: Our tables are reserved **AND** no one is allowed entrance before doors open, so no need to arrive before 12:30. The show is at 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$35 Total due with registration
Escorts: Wendy Hansen: 645-2031
Lee Bunch: 797-3271

FYI: We have a limited number of 40 seats, so get your reservations in!

A Message from Our President

Dear LIR Members,

It has been quite a year, 2020, as we are all dealing with the coronavirus pandemic while trying to maintain somewhat of a normal lifestyle and stay safe at the same time. Here we are in autumn with not much relief in sight as we keep our hopes high for an eventual safe, well-tested vaccine. I say all of this merely to lift-up the obvious – our LIR activities remain for the most part – on hold. I grieve this as I know most of you do! But even in the midst of all of this - you the members of LIR – have remained loyal and patient - waiting for the time when we can resume all our activities again.

The good news is as we navigate through this fall season, we have been able to hold a few of our classes that were previously scheduled for this semester. Several presenters and venues have canceled due to the virus – but a few classes are still going forward. Travel has been pretty-well shut down until we can take another look at the situation beginning in the new year 2021. A few of the clubs have been meeting, but most have not due to lack of space to offer social distancing. Two of our clubs (bocce ball, and creative writing) may have to temporarily fold because a facilitator has not been found to lead them. If you would like to step forward to be a facilitator for either of these clubs, please let Barb Barnard or Cheri in the office know.

In the meantime, your Board is working on ways to “re-open” fully while at the same time keeping our members safe. Holding forth, Curriculum Committee and Travel Committee are working hard planning classes and travel opportunities for the spring semester.

As of now, we will not be hosting the annual holiday gathering in December.

Also please mark, Wednesday, January 20, 2021, on your calendar, as we still plan to hold our annual membership meeting on that date at the Knights of Columbus Hall in St. Martin. Watch for more details in the next newsletter. This could change due to circumstances with the pandemic!

I want to thank each-and-every one of you for your patience and understanding during these challenging times – be assured – we will resume again full steam ahead as soon as we can!

Have a blessed Autumn Season!

In the spirit of learning,
Stephen Buchholz, President

Curriculum Update from Scott Sellner, Curriculum Committee Chair

The Curriculum Committee would like to thank everyone for their patience and compliance while taking part in our Fall courses.

We are also working on courses for the next semester. They include FREE courses: What We Know About Viruses, Hispanic Awareness, Missouri Court System, and a Travelogue by Lois Bax.

Our PAID courses will include Cooking in Retirement, Black History in Jefferson City, the Civil War in Jefferson City, Sounds of Soul, Movies (as yet the theme is undecided), and Cole County Bicentennial Potpourri.

The L.I.R. Board and the Curriculum Committee are trying very hard to keep all of us safe and healthy at our presentations. We REQUIRE all participants to wear masks. We RECOMMEND that all participants bring their own pens to each session. We take temperatures of each participant as they enter the venue. We provide hand sanitizer and wipes at each location. We follow the maximum numbers for each venue we use, and we are complying with any extra stipulations that each venue may have.

Also, we are still looking for a person to serve as Chair of the Curriculum Committee as of January 1, 2021.

Membership & Marketing Committee Report

Unfortunately, due to health concerns and restrictions, NO HOLIDAY SOCIAL for 2020 will be held. Please stay tuned for further information concerning the January Membership Meeting currently scheduled for January 20, 2021.

Sue Snell, Membership & Marketing Chair

A Note from the LIR Office

Please call before stopping by the LIR office. It is generally open between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday, but special circumstances may require the office closing at a moment's notice. 573-681-6152



Sharon Gulick presents information in a recent LIR course on Managing Digital Photos. Co-presenter Rita Schaefer helped attendees with transferring photos from their cell phones to their computers. This popular class is being held three times to meet the needs of members.

TRAVEL IS BACK!

THIS YEAR: Your LIR Travel Committee is excited to offer you the opportunity to attend the Midwestern premiere of “Give ‘Em Hell Harry,” with fellow LIR members. This is a presentation at Capital City Productions (CCP), **Saturday, November 7, 2020**. Please read the separate article with all the details and, if interested in attending, fill out the registration form on the green sheet and mail or bring it into the LIR office! We will process registrations as usual—going by the postmark date on your envelope if mailed. Walk in registrations are processed after those received by mail for that particular day.

FOR NEXT YEAR! Your Travel Committee is hard at work planning some fun experiences for 2021! Since we are still in uncertain times, we are going to proceed slowly this next session and have not worked out all details yet. Here’s our plan as we previously mentioned in the last newsletter. We’ll offer a limited number of “trips” to local places where you will drive yourself (or with another member or 2—whatever you feel comfortable with). Our group size will be limited, determined by the activity and venue. We will practice social distancing as much as possible, have hand sanitizer available and require masks for any indoor activities. Water, packaged snacks, or possibly a box lunch will be offered.

Here are some of our ideas thus far with one date already set!

- *February: ELVIS at Capital City Productions
- *March 2 & 3: Longfellow’s Spring Garden Trip
- *Prairie Garden Trust
- *Miniature Golf/Winery
- *St. Peter’s Tour & Lunch

This is still a work in progress so stay tuned for more details. We do not know yet if we’ll be able to have a Know B4 You Go preview meeting but will have trip details and registration in the December newsletter for sure. Thanks for your patience through these uncertain times. We look forward to seeing our travelers soon!