

The Learning Times



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From The LIR President:

As life flows along there are always new opportunities that surface as needs arise. What is being revealed at this time for LIR is our need for people with rather basic technology skills and knowledge. We need several individuals who are willing to set up and take down our audio-visual equipment for the classes we offer at the various venues. Without proper sound and PowerPoint ability to project, our class presentations are difficult to conduct. Most class presenters come with their PowerPoint presentations already developed; we simply need volunteers who are willing before each class to set up the equipment for the presenters and coordinators.

If you could help us with this on-going need, we would be most grateful. This is a wonderful way you can be of service to LIR and enable our class presentations to go smoothly, thus enhancing the quality of our classes. If you can help, please contact the LIR Office at: learning@outlook.com or phone 573-681-6152.

Thank you very much!

“From a diamond in the rough to a sparkling gem in the community!”

Learning in Retirement to Commemorate Its 30th Anniversary

Mark your calendars for our upcoming summer membership meeting that will be held on July 20, 2022, at the St. Martin’s Knights of Columbus Hall. LIR will be celebrating its 30th anniversary!

Entertainment, catered meal, recognitions and a short business meeting will add to our festive day. Exhibits open at 11:00 a.m., and activities start at 11:30. Additional information will be published in the summer issue of *The Learning Times* coming out at the end of June.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE UPDATES

The following are classes the Curriculum Committee has planned for this fall:

Four-Week Courses:

Laugh a Little —Come laugh with us in August with some classic comedies: *The Long, Long Trailer*; *The Odd Couple*; *The In-Laws*; and *Tootsie*.

Spirits of Missouri —“Spirits” quench our thirst! We will explore more closely mid-Missouri’s spirits industries — our beer, wine, whiskey, Coke, and perhaps even coffee thirst quenchers.

The Uniqueness of Missouri —Missouri is unique in many ways. From the trails to, from, and through Missouri — to its citizens solving their needs for electricity, water, and fire protection — to its beautiful streams and intriguing caves, and to its famous citizens and their many accomplishments — we find the uniqueness of Missouri.

Wildlife of Missouri — The Missouri Department of Conservation will give classes on Streams, Wildlife, Fish/Amphibians, and Forestry at the Runge Nature Center.

Technology Serving Seniors: iPhone Features — This will be detailed presentations about major and minor features of the Apple iPhone, plus descriptions of how to get the most out of the essential and entertaining apps in the iOS operating system, culminating with problem-solving responses in each session.

Single Courses

Astronomy: Planet Mars’ Big Fall Show — Back by popular demand will be Valentine Germann from the University of Missouri Columbia Laws Observatory to talk about the big show Mars will put on this fall. Mars will be covered by the moon in December, so Mr. Germann will also talk about the moon and the tides.

Books We Never Would Have Read. . . — Except for Being in Book Club! We all have our favorite authors, genres, and comfort zones that we tend to stay with in our reading selections. One of the indicators of a good book club is to introduce us to new authors and/or genres. Come and listen to members of the LIR book club tell us about “Books we never would have read.”

Did You Know? — Some things we value and depend on to operate our daily lives are the inventions of African-American citizens. Come and laugh with us as we explore some things that may amuse and surprise you. Perhaps you know of some African-American inventions yourself. Let’s share!

Early And Ancient Music — Have you ever wondered what kind of music was played in the 14th - 16th centuries during the Renaissance? We are offering a course that will help answer that question. It will offer a live concert with local musicians playing some of the music, as well as explanations of the type of music played, its origins, and composers.

Capital City Productions — We will visit the Capital City Productions theater for a presentation on its development and history, as well as touring the capital city’s very own dinner theater.

European River Cruises — Lois Bax will share her many wonderful experiences on river cruises in Europe. She will also talk about the importance of trip insurance in these uncertain times.

Buried Jefferson City History — Historian Michelle Brooks and preservationist Nancy Thompson will highlight stories of some of Jefferson City’s earliest citizens who are among the 2,700 buried at Woodland-Old City Cemetery.

TRAVELING WITH LIR AUGUST-DECEMBER 2022

Your LIR Travel Committee is hard at work planning some fun, educational opportunities for our next session! Here's what we have at this time

August 10 — *Centralia: Missouri's Prairie Queen* features visits to Battlefield Lavender Farm, Chance Gardens, Civil War Battlefield Site, and an Alpaca Farm, lunch included

August 14 — *St. Louis Cardinals*: afternoon game

August 23-25 — *Mason City/Clear Lake, IA* includes staying at a Frank Lloyd Wright designed hotel, exploring Prairie Homes area, visiting Music Man Square, Surf Ballroom, Buddy Holly sites, and Lady of the Lake Cruise

September 9-10 — *The Best of St. Louis*: Food and cultural tour of The Hill, Botanical Gardens, tour of Cardinal Stadium, and Union Station aquarium

September 21 — *Rocheport: Trail to Winery*: We'll ride the Katy Trail on trams, eat at Les Bourgeois Winery and have a tour and tasting at winery.

October 5 — *A Chorus Line* at Stages, Kirkwood

October 18-19 — *Exploring Branson in the Fall*: Cruise on the Showboat Branson Belle, Dewey Short Visitor Center, Texas Tenors, lunch at Keeter Center, Titanic, and visit Ancient Ozarks Natural History Museum

November 9 — *Getaway the "Callawau"*: Visit Auto World Museum, National Churchill Museum with organ recital, lunch at Westminster College, and relax at Serenity Valley Winery

December 16 — *A Christmas Carol* at Lyceum, Arrow Rock, early dinner at J. Huston Tavern

Know B4 You Go: Travel Sneak Preview

To find out all the details of the above trips, put **Wednesday, June 8, 1 p.m.**, on your calendar now! This presentation will be held at the Clydesdale Room, Schepper's Distributing (Budweiser) at 2300 St. Mary's Blvd. in Jefferson City. The trip escorts will present full descriptions of each trip including dates, trip descriptions, and costs. Non-members are welcome to come and see what's offered.

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

COVID Update

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

Club News

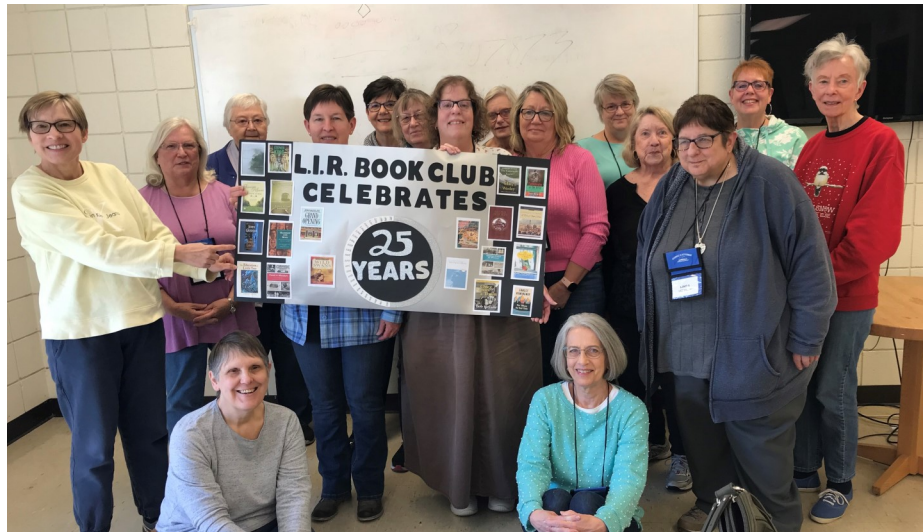
Are you looking for an opportunity to socialize with other LIR members and have fun while doing so? Consider participating in one or more of our clubs. With the exception of Jammers, all are now meeting, and we would love to have you join us.

Pitch now meets twice each month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays starting at 1:00 p.m. Hand & Foot now meets twice each month on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays starting at 1:30 p.m.

Jammers is still in need of a practice venue that would also include a piano. If you have suggestions, please contact the office.

For information about a specific club, contact the club facilitator. Contact info for each facilitator can be found in the January-June 2022 newsletter, or call the LIR office at 573-681-6152. Hope to see you soon!

Rita Grace, Clubs Chair



LIR Book Club Celebrates 25 Years!

The Learning in Retirement Book Club celebrates 25 years of reading together this month. The club has read 277 books since 1997 and seldom reads the same book twice. The most popular author has been John Grisham, but Geraldine Brooks and Charles Dickens follow close behind. The book club is open to all Learning in Retirement members and meets on the 4th Monday of the month, April 25th this month. If you would like to join, contact the LIR office (contact information below).

LEARNING IN RETIREMENT, INC. MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

EDUCATION.....Short courses planned for LIR members' interests
TRAVEL.....Educational trips with old and new friends
CLUBS.....Book, Bridge, Dominoes, Bocce Ball, Music, Scrabble, Canasta, Pinochle,
Hiking/Walking & more
GATHERINGS.....Membership Meetings twice annually, Holiday Social
COMMUNICATION.....Semi-annual newsletter, LIR web site, periodic emails,
Spring & Fall newsletter updates
LIBRARY ACCESS.....Access to library cards for L.U.'s Page Library
PARKING.....Tag required for L.U. campus
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