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COMING EVENTS

Jan 20—Membership Mtg

Mar 8—Columbia "Oklahoma"

Apr 4-6—Cape Girardeau

Apr 21—Spring Conference

May 16-18—Leavenworth/St J

Jul 12—Day in St. Louis

*Eight short courses are
Offered during the Winter
Session (Jan/Feb)*

LIR, INC WINTER MEETING FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2006 RAMADA INN'S HERITAGE ROOM

It's time again for LIR's Annual Winter Membership Meeting beginning at **1:00 pm in the Heritage Room of Ramada Inn, 1510 Jefferson Street.** The featured speaker will be:

Dr. Gary Kremer, the noted historian who will have as his topic: **"A Virtual Tour of Historic Jefferson City,"** in which, he will show historic photographs and take us on a "virtual tour" as he relates history stories of our fair city.

Dr. Kremer was born in Jefferson City and grew up in Central Missouri. His education includes Lincoln University and the America University in Washington DC. For some 30 years he taught history at Lincoln and William Woods. In addition he directed the Missouri State Archives and presently is Executive Director of the State Historical Society of Missouri. Dr Kremer has authored ten books and many historical articles, and until recently wrote an history column for the Sunday News Tribune. *If you have never heard Dr. Kremer before, believe me, you are in for a real treat!*

During the **Business Meeting** we will be privileged to meet our in-coming officials who will lead us into another exciting LIR year. The 2006 officers are: President—Mary Lou Gillilan; VP of Administration—Jim Nelson; VP for Curriculum/Programs—Jeri O'Halloran; Secretary—JoClare Meyer; and Treasurer—Ed Little. Several new Board Members and Committee Chairs will also be introduced—their names can be found at the left of this page.

Once again, there will be **no Registration Tables**, so please sign up for your trips and courses as soon as you have checked them out in this Newsletter by sending in your registration form(s) to the LIR Office. If you have questions about any LIR opportunity, we will have a **breakaway area** where LIR officers will be able to give you the information you need.

There is no charge for this meeting since we will not be having a meal. **Refreshments** will be served at the close of the meeting and of course, there will be plenty of good fellowship!

LEARNING ON WHEELS
(Educational Travel)

"OKLAHOMA"

Jesse Hall, Columbia, MO
Wednesday, March 8, 2006

Attention all theatre lovers!!! We've planned a trip to Jesse Hall on the Mizzou Campus again and this time we'll enjoy the beloved musical, "Oklahoma!" The show premiered on Broadway in 1943 and was the first professional collaboration between Rodgers and Hammerstein. Some of the memorable songs are: "People Will Say We're In Love," "I Cain't Say No," and "Surrey With the Fringe on Top." *We know you will be pleased that we have first rate seating for a delightful evening!*

Before the performance we will dine at our favorite restaurant in Columbia—"Tellers." Dinner there is always a gourmet treat with choice of entrée and dessert. We will **depart from the Wal-Mart parking lot promptly at 4:00 pm and will return home about 11:30 pm.**

A non-refundable deposit of \$22.00 is due with your registration form. Final payment of \$50.00 is due by February 1, 2006. The price includes transportation, the show, dinner, and all gratuities.

Trip Coordinators: Vera Rust 893-2507 and Marilyn Miller 636-8233.

RETURN TO CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO
April 4, 5, and 6, 2006

This will be our second trip to this historical river town. There was so much left to see and do after the first one that we just had to plan a return trip. Our Mid-American Coach will **leave the Wal-Mart parking lot promptly a 7:00 am.** We will be traveling on Highway 50 and will take our morning break in Union.

Day 1: We will arrive in Cape Girardeau about noon. Lunch will be on your own in the downtown area. At 1:00 pm we will board the coach for St. Vincent's Church. At 1:45 pm we will visit the Red House Interpretive Center, and then on to Cape River Heritage at 2:45 pm, after which we will check in at the Victorian Inn about 4:00 pm. At

6:00 pm we will be sitting in the Port Cape Restaurant at the Scallywag Dinner Theatre after which we will return to the motel.

Day 2: We will start at 8:15 am on board our trusty coach. We will have a step-on guide to take us to the Mississippi River Murals, Civil War Sites, and Glen House. About 11:00 am we will head for South East Missouri State University for the museum tour. From 12:15 to 2:00 pm lunch will be on your own with time to stroll in the downtown area. At 2:00 pm some may want to return to the motel—others may want to remain downtown until 3:00 pm. We'll be back on the coach at 4:00 pm and on our way to the Old Hanover Church. At 5:30 pm we will visit the Black Forest Village for a tour and dinner, returning to the motel about 8:30 pm.

Day 3: We will load luggage at 8:15 am after which we head for the Trail of Tears State Park where we hope to have Chief Paul White Eagle tell us the history. About 10:00 am we will depart for Kimmswick and the Blue Owl Restaurant for a wonderful meal and time to stretch our legs until time to board the coach again. At 2:30 pm we will be at the Mastodon State Historic Site where we will view a slide show and visit the museum. About 3:30 pm we will begin our journey homeward and will be in Jefferson City about 6:30 pm.

A nonrefundable deposit of \$75.00 is due with your registration form. Final payment of \$145 (double), \$217 (single) is due by March 1, 2006.

Trip Coordinators: Vera Rust 893-2507, Marilyn Miller 636-8233, and Lisa Moore 636-8541.

FORT LEAVENWORTH & ST. JOSEPH
May 16, 17, and 18, 2006

Come join LIR members as we visit Leavenworth (the First City of Kansas), Ft. Leavenworth and Historic St. Joseph, Missouri. We will attend a dinner theatre one evening. Two breakfasts, one lunch, and one evening meal are included in the price. Here's the exciting schedule:

Day 1: We will **depart the Wal-Mart parking lot promptly at 7:00 am** and have our first break in

Concordia, arriving in Leavenworth for lunch. After lunch we will have a step-on guide for a tour of the City of Leavenworth and Fort Leavenworth. Then a former Buffalo Soldier will meet us for an explanation of the cavalry regiments comprised of Black soldiers who were named "Buffalo Soldiers" by the American Indians. After a short stop at the Frontier Army Museum we will depart for the newly refurbished Drury Inn in St. Joseph. The Drury provides their guests with a social hour each evening.

Day 2: Following an expanded complimentary breakfast, we will tour the Glore Psychiatric Museum (one of a kind) and the St. Joseph Museum. After a short visit to the Missouri Valley Trust Company we will have lunch at the Corby Senior Center. In the afternoon we will tour the Jesse James Home, the Patee House, and the Pony Express Museum. In the evening we will attend a production of "Star Spangled Girls" at the Cobblestone Dinner Theatre.

Day 3: After breakfast we will visit the Roubidoux Row Museum, the home built by Joseph Robidoux, the founder of St. Joseph; and the Twin Spires Church with stained glass windows from Austria. We will have an early lunch at Jerre Anne's Cafeteria, and then have a guided walking tour of Mt. Mora Cemetery that promises to be very interesting. We will arrive back in Jefferson City about 7:00 pm.

A non-refundable deposit of \$80.50 is due with your registration form. Final payment of \$141.50 (double) or \$206.50 (single) is due by April 1, 2006.

Trip Coordinators: Mary Kay Linsenhardt 636-3727 and Joyce Lewis 635-2298.

DAY TRIP TO ST. LOUIS, MO Wednesday, July 12, 2006

When was the last time you had a root beer float to die for? Now is your chance! Join us for this exciting day in St. Louis.

Our first stop will be the Third Degree Glass Factory where we will explore the ancient art of

glass with a demonstration of glassblowing techniques and see one-of-a-kind glass creations.

Next, it's on to Fitzes American Grill and Bottling Works for lunch—on your own. Sorry, they will not be bottling on this day, but the root beer floats are incredible!

If there is time you could stroll along the St. Louis Walk of Fame—one block east of Fitzes. After lunch we will have a guided tour of Samuel Couples House on the St. Louis University campus. This is an 1888 Gilded Age Historic Home with opulent interior and stained glass windows. Across the street on Lindell Blvd., is the St. Louis University Museum of Art. We will get a history of this four-storey historic French Provincial Mansion—there will be time to browse through the exhibits.

We will leave the Wal-Mart parking lot (by the ATM machine) promptly at 6:30 am. There will be a highway rest stop but no food is available there so eat breakfast before you leave or bring something with you. We expect to arrive back in Jefferson City about 6:00 pm.

Please Note: Due to fluctuating gasoline prices, we cannot lock in a bus rate at this time—there may be a small addition to the final payment—you will be notified.

A non-refundable deposit of \$20.00 is due with your registration form. Final payment of approximately \$25.00 will be due by June 7, 2006.

Trip Coordinators: JoClare Meyer 636-5762 and Frances Meyer 635-6425.

LEARNING ON WHEELS IN PLANNING

Here are some additional trips we are in the process of planning for your pleasure in 2006—more about them in the next Newsletter.

June—More Osage County

September—Canoe Float Trip

October 10-14—Wisconsin Cranberry Harvest

December—Powell Hall Concert, St. Louis

SHORT COURSES DESCRIPTIONS

(These used to be on the back of the blue insert)

There've been some changes made—in the short course schedule for 2006. This year there will be four sessions: Winter—January 9 through February 9; Spring—April 24 through May 25; Summer—July 17 through August 17; and Fall—October 16 through November 16. Also, there will be more for you to choose from—each of the four weekdays in each session will have two courses—one in the mornings and one in the afternoons—and each course will be five weeks instead of only four. Here are the descriptions for the first Winter Session:

Monday Mornings in the Winter Session

Jan 9, 16, 23, 30 & Feb 6 from 9:30 to 11:30 am

Venue: Room 202 Soldiers Hall (ROTC), LU

Coordinators: Elaine & John Shimmens

"Early Missourians"

To be taught by Connie Reichart

Connie is retired from the Missouri State Archives, and from a career of teaching before that. Recently, she taught a Class on "Family History/Genealogy" for LIR members.

Connie now will share with us a glimpse of 18th Century Missouri (the time before Missouri was Missouri) by focusing on several prominent individuals and institutions of that era.

Folks such as the Chouteau and others as well as the Osage Indians, Trading Posts, Fur Trading, the Spaniards, Missouri River and its Tributaries, St. Louis, and day-to-day living in those times. *Sounds great!*

Monday Afternoons in the Winter Session

Jan 9, 16, 23, 30 & Feb 6 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Venue: Room 111 Soldiers Hall (ROTC), LU

Coordinator: Jeri O'Halloran

"Painters, Poets, and Politics:

A Millennium of Fine Arts in Russian History"

To be taught by Dr.Carolynn Burbee

The exciting Dr. Burbee is back with us once again. This time her focus is on Russian paintings and other fine arts of the last 1,000 to 1,200 years (some are now on display in America for the first time).

Of course, nothing happens in Russia without the input of politics and other institutional influences. To help understand the literature, music, paintings, and poetry over the years, we must factor in the power of the church, Peter the Great and other czars, Stalin and the whole communist era. Who could do this better than Carolynn? She will *show* us some of the results, as well as tell us the stories. *Can't wait!*

Tuesday Mornings in the Winter Session

Jan 10, 17, 24, 31 & Feb 7 from 9:30 to 11:30 am

Venue: Room 202 Soldiers Hall (ROTC), LU

Coordinator: Dr. David Scherr

"Torn Asunder: the Civil War Period in Missouri"

To be taught by Jim McGhee

Jim is a retired attorney, author of several Civil War books, and editor of others; he will give us a clearer understanding of Missouri's role in the war.

What were the causes of the war? How and why were our citizens on both sides? What about the legitimacy of the two different Missouri governments at that time? How did slavery figure in the picture?

Jim will also discuss the major battles and personalities involved, guerrilla warfare and its effect on the civilian populations, and the course of the war in general. Finally, he will spend time on the long-term effect of the war. *This is going to be very good!*

Tuesdays Afternoons in the Winter Session

Jan 10, 17, 24, 31 & Feb 7 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Venue: Music Room of Central United Church of Christ on the corner of Washington & Ashley

Coordinator: Phyllis Von Der Bruegge

"Historical Perspective of Sacred Music"

To be taught by Professor Robert Mitchell

Professor Mitchell is retired from Lincoln University after many years of conducting the LU Choir—and traveling with the choir to most of the US major cities—as well as composing, arranging and playing music. Robert and his wife Charlene are still active in music today.

The last time Robert presented a music course for LIR, the subject was Jazz. This time he will cover church and other religious music over the years. He served as Choirmaster at Grace Episcopal Church for 42 years and is still active there on occasion.

As before, Robert will play portions of some of the works while he is going over the evolving historical perspective. Church hymns are the favorite genre of many of us. *This is going to be wonderful!*

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Wednesday Mornings in the Winter Session
Jan 11, 18, 25 & Feb 1, 8 from 9:30 to 11:30 am
Venue: Room 112 Soldiers Hall (ROTC), LU
Coordinator: Georganna Beachboard

“Improving Speech Communication”
To be taught by David Axon

David is retired after 40 years in education at the secondary and college levels. He is the author of a college speech text, and numerous articles regarding speech communication skills. Over the years he has been quite active in the corporate world, giving lectures and seminars on this subject. Dave is a 1948 graduate of Moreau Heights.

Why is talking to your grandchildren easier than talking to your children? In addition to exploring this questions, and other communication within the family (including spouses), Dave will go beyond this to our interaction with others. The objective of this course is to improve our listening skills, language and speaking skills, and attitudinal skills.

Dave will help us to learn how to listen when it's the last thing we want to do. He will show us how to speak our thoughts in a rational manner even when the other person doesn't know what he/she is talking about. *Wow, that sounds like a tall order!*

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Wednesday Afternoons in the Winter Session
Jan 11, 18, 25 & Feb 1, 8 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm
Venue: Room 202 Soldiers Hall (ROTC), LU
Coordinator: Lynda Taylor

“Flower Gardening”
To be taught by Marsha Richeson

Marsha is retired from lobbying, but not from gardening or getting ticks at her country place. Her

course will focus on flowers—what works best? How and when to do it? Do what? What is there besides lilacs, roses, and tulips?

For all ‘green thumbs’ Marsha will try to simplify the process by focusing on one subject at a time. She will break down her classes into: (a) Perennials, (b) Annuals, (c) Modern Roses—including the new easier-to-handle varieties, (d) Container Gardening, and (e) Recap, Miscellaneous, General Questions and Answers. Hopefully some of her knowledge will stick with most of us. You have nothing to lose—except your time, effort, seeds, fertilizers, etc. *Sounds like a blooming good course!*

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Thursday Mornings in the Winter Session
Jan 12, 19, 26 & Feb 2, 9 from 9:30 to 11:30 am
Venue: Room 202 Soldiers Hall (ROTC), LU
Coordinator: Marilyn Miller

“Scotland Today”
To be taught by Bill Wolkoff

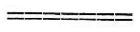
Bill is not a travel agent but rather a retired engineer (from Toastmaster) who thinks Scotland a fabulous country and visits there frequently. He and his wife Barbara recently returned from a trip there in September. Bill has shared his knowledge of Scotland with various organizations, and we are looking forward to his presentation for LIR.

This course is not a history of Scotland, but rather an in-depth description of the country as it is today. In his introduction, Bill will certainly touch on the history in describing the political set-up, etc. He will cover statistics and explore the myriad myths that abound in this northern part of the United Kingdom.

He will move on to the geography, including lochs and firths, banks and braes, islands and mountains—and the climate. Next, he will tell about the industries (whisky being the most notable), but also oil and gas, fishing, golf, tourism, agriculture (including sheep), electric power production, etc.

Bill will provide us with a long list of *what there is to see and do in Scotland* including visits to distilleries, art galleries, golf links, bird watching

sites, churches (or kirks), castles, gardens, as well as islands to visit and why, rural areas, hiking, shopping, archeological sites, railroading, cultural events, whisky tasting, Scottish food, genealogy, etc. *What a bonnie course this will be!*



Thursday Afternoon in the Winter Session
Jan 12, 19, 26 & Feb 2, 9 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm
Venue: Room 112 Solders Hall (ROTC), LU
Coordinator: Celia Smith

“Kiddy Literature for Grandparents”
To be taught by Elizabeth Brice Wilson

Liz has been head librarian for Lincoln University for many years and taught for many years prior to accepting this position.

Recently, Liz has taught a course for LIR on “Library Resources” and now she will enlighten us about literature for our grandchildren.

Liz has a special department in Lincoln Library devoted exclusively to children’s literature that she says is her favorite department. She is provided with everything new from Scholastics, Inc. to add to her already extensive collection.

What is a ‘good’ book for your grandchild? Why? What type of book/author should be avoided? Why? Did the quality start with London’s John Newberry? Or was it before Pilgrim’s Progress, Robinson Crusoe, and Gulliver’s Travels, etc.? Do the later works of Frank Baum, Kate Wiggins, Booth Tarkington, P. L. Travers, J. R. R. Tolkien, E. B. White, et al. compare favorably with the earlier books?

What has been published in the last five or 10 years that is a ‘must’ for the 10 to 15 year-old market? And for those grandchildren who are younger than that? What are the trends—both good and bad?

Liz will set us straight on these points and our grandchildren will be the beneficiaries. *We welcome Liz back for another session!*

A FEW FINAL WORDS FROM
YOUR OUT-GOING PRESIDENT
GORDON H. BUTLER

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors and Committee Members for the time they have given this last year at all committee and board meetings.

I am extremely pleased that the LIR Board had an opportunity to meet with the new President of Lincoln University Dr. Mahoney, and through her and Dean Linda Bickel’s efforts, LIR will be working with Dr. Datha Dameron-Martinez, Department of Business and Economics on a marketing plan for LIR. Through this type of joint venture both organizations win.

My best wishes go to the in-coming President Mary-Lou Gillilan as together we all work for a better and bigger LIR.

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM
YOUR IN-COMING PRESIDENT
MARY LOU GILLILAN

As you peruse this Newsletter you will see several changes. Changes offer opportunities and they can also cause some bumps in the road until we get used to them or smooth them out. As learning opportunities increase there is also a need for more member involvement. Here are some ways you can become involved:

---Talk to friends and neighbors about LIR, Inc. opportunities and invite them to join.

---Volunteer for leadership and committee activities.

---Provide constructive feedback about the good opportunities and make constructive suggestions on what could make things better.

Volunteering not only gives back to the organization but it is a wonderful way to get to know new people and get reacquainted with others. Without volunteers Learning In Retirement would not exist. Don’t wait to be asked—let one of the officers know you want to be involved. Finally, thanks to all the volunteer leaders who have gone before and who had the vision, gave their energy and time to create and grow LIR, Inc. Let’s have another growing year!!

**A HEARTY WELCOME TO
OUR NEW MEMBERS**

This is a new column in which we will welcome all those members who joined during the last year, i.e. 2005—listed by month of joining:

January:

Georganna Beachboard, Miles Beachboard, Katie Butler, Laura Conley, Rich Conley, Nora Conrad, Esther Crawford, Geri Cunningham, Ruth Fleming, Barbara Gage, Bonnie Hannah, Lucille Hebel, Diana Luethje, Gail Oehrke, JoAnn Oehrke, Charles Palmer, Constance Reichart, Elaine Reiter, Patricia Richmond, Alice Simmons, Sharon Strickland, Barbara Swanson, Irene Turner, Wayne Turner, Carol Van Vranken, and Bill Wolkoff.

February:

Barbara Belshe, Joe Francka, Patty Francka, and Lola Rice.

March:

Elizabeth Jaeger (rejoined), Guanita Jinks (rejoined), Beth McHaney (rejoined), Gary Scott (rejoined), Sheila Scott (rejoined), Linda Taylor, and Lucille Wallace (rejoined).

April:

Grace Cross, Carol Ellinger, Celia Smith (rejoined), Dolores Weiman (rejoined), and John Weiman (rejoined).

July:

Sue Alberti (rejoined), Carolyn Benning (rejoined), Olive Cowell (rejoined), Sue Gibson, Juanita Godsy, Mary Grillos, Florence Guhleman, Tem Heisberger, Tony Heisberger, Jackie James, Lillian Jordan, Ruth M. Roberts, Nancy Rottman, Walter Rottman, Mary Sartor (rejoined), and Carol Phillipson.

August:

Norma Jean Creach, Janice Gentile, Roy Kirgan, Carlene McCray (rejoined), and Shirley Powers.

September:

Mary Kay Duckworth (rejoined), Leslie Scott, Pauline Rost, Barbara Taylor (rejoined), and Jerrie West.

We are so happy you have joined or rejoined LIR and hope you will take advantage of the many opportunities afforded our members—especially we look forward to greeting you and all continuing members at the next Membership Meeting.

BITS AND BOBS
of pertinent information for you

LIR WEBSITE: Have you taken a look at the LIR Website yet? Please note that the web site address has changed since we printed it in the last Newsletter. Now is it www.lincolnu.edu.com. Kathy Pabst, LIR/LU Liaison keeps it up-to-date for us—if you need to ask her about the web site you can reach her at the Continuing Education Office 681-5205.

DON'T FORGET---you need to wear your nametag to all educational trips—all short course classes—and any other LIR function—we like to know who you are!!!! If you have lost your nametag, please call the Office Manager Sharon Nelson at 681-6152.

HERE'S A SUGGESTION from Mary Lou: *If you think you would like to take one of the trips, but are not absolutely sure you will be able to make it, instead of registering and sending in your non-refundable deposit—register by putting yourself on the WAITING LIST instead—this way you will not lose your deposit—there is usually someone who can't make it at the last minute and the waiting list has to be consulted.*

SPRING CONFERENCE 2006: Yes, by popular demand, there will be one again in 2006 and we have hired the hall (McClung Park Pavilion) already. Georganne Beachboard and Jeri O'Halloran and their committees will be working out the details, which will be printed in the next Newsletter. Right now you can save the date—it will be **Friday, April 21!** Last year's conference was a huge success—let's make this one great too.

DON'T FORGET to use your hang tags whenever you park on campus!

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CLUB NEWS

LIR has several official Clubs each with its own set of rules and membership quota. There are also several suggestions for new clubs that are being considered.

We will have a Clubs table at the Membership Meeting in January manned by the conveners of the existing Clubs who will tell you what they do, where they meet and when.

June Glaser serves as the Clubs Coordinator so if you are interested in finding out about any of the Clubs before January you can contact her at (573) 635-4254.

DON'T FORGET you can still volunteer to help in several of Lincoln's department—just call the Office Manager Sharon Nelson if you are interested—681-6152.

SENIOR CITIZEN CLASSES AT LINCOLN

Lincoln continues to offer Senior Citizen discounts for regular audited courses—if you would like to know more, please contact the LIR/LU Liaison, Kathy Pabst at 681-5205

OFFICE HOURS FOR REGISTRATION

*In person: Mondays through Thursdays
10:00 am to 1:00 pm*

By mail: Any time

You may start registering for short courses and/or trips as soon as you receive this Newsletter.

THANKS FOR THE PRIVILEGE of serving as your Newsletter Editor for the past several years—I've enjoyed it—but this is my 'swan song' as Donna Drew now takes on the task of bringing you the news. *Phyllis VonDerBruegge*