

LEARNING IN RETIREMENT, INC.

JULY - DECEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER

*Summer Membership
Luncheon Meeting
Friday, August 1, 2008*

11:30 a.m. check-in and exhibits

Lunch at noon

Scruggs Student Union - Ballroom
Lincoln University Campus

Entertainment: preview of TLT's "Beauty
and the Beast"

Summer Membership Meeting Features Luncheon and Local Theatrical Group

This summer our membership will meet for a luncheon buffet on Friday, August 1, in the ballroom of Scruggs Student Center on the Lincoln University Campus. Registration on the enclosed form by Monday, July 28th is essential. Invite and bring potential LIR members with you registering them on the same form. The cost for the meeting is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

Check-in and exhibits will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the luncheon buffet will begin at noon. Following the brief LIR business meeting the event will include entertainment by cast members of "Beauty and the Beast," an upcoming production by the Little Theatre. Special guests will be LU student scholarship recipients and presenters of LIR courses during the past year. Door prizes for free courses will also be given.

Parking is easy. With no classes at LU on Fridays you may park anywhere, but best locations are: 1) Enter the LU campus on Chestnut (off Leslie Blvd.) driving past Dwight Reed Stadium to the intersection at the top of the hill, Chestnut & Atchison. Two large lots are available; to the left is Allen and Foster Hall parking, and to the right is Collier-Hatcher-Parks Parking Plaza. Walk to the first building north, Scruggs Student Center, and enter the south door to the ballroom lobby. 2) Drive past Scruggs and park between it and Parks Library. Enter Scruggs on the north and take the elevator to the 2nd floor ballroom.

President's Et Cetera by Hal Hebert



Happy Spring and Summer Everybody!!!

Recently, as I backed out of the driveway on my way to see my new grandson, I was struck by how beautiful all the flowers in the yard are this spring (deep red/yellow roses complimented by fuchsia and white peonies offset by the myriad colors of pansies, weigela, and wisteria and how lush and verdant the trees are this year). Nature has used the rains to give us a spectacular display of colors and flora.

The curriculum and travel committees have also given us a spectacular variety of interesting topics to learn about and places to go and see. The committees work hard to provide interesting trips and classes that will appeal to the membership and potential members. Review the newsletter and sign up soon for the trip or class of your choice.

As president, my priorities have been to increase membership, solicit membership participation/input and to make better use of our technologic abilities. Since I last talked to you, we have gained new members, more members are getting involved with the organization and we are increasingly taking advantage of electronic communications.

I've met a number of you this year and hope to meet many more before the year is out. Because e-mail is quick, easy, free and a good way to communicate, I hope to utilize it more to get in touch with as

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many of you as possible. Our revamped website is more informative and easier to use than ever and I feel that it could be enhanced even further in future months. Things like opinion polls, trip ideas, class ideas, and information exchange of all sorts could be handled quickly and easily. What about setting up our own blog, a comments section, a new ideas section, or possibly even links to other organizations? The list is almost endless. What do you think?

Our summer meeting is coming up Friday, August 1, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. at LU Scruggs Student Union. Come early and let's talk about your ideas for LIR. The future of LIR is in our hands!

Remember, *you are the membership!* If you have ideas about trips or classes, let us know by e-mailing us (lir@lincolnu.edu) or phoning us (573\681-6152) or e-mail me at lirpresident@earthlink.net.

Enjoy your summer and I'll see you August 1st.

MID-YEAR MEMBERSHIP DUES

A new member who joins after June 30, 2008, now pays a membership fee of \$25.00 for the remainder of the calendar year. Mid-year membership applies to a person who has never belonged to LIR or who has not been a member for at least a year. A membership registration form is enclosed. Current members, pass it on to a potential member!

Proposed Changes to the LIR Constitution

The Board of Directors is requesting that the following two (2) proposed changes be made to the Constitution. These two changes will be voted on at the August 1, 2008, Membership Meeting. The Constitution can be reviewed at the LIR office and if you want further information please talk to any board member.

1st CHANGE: Request to delete the wording in (parenthesis). Article VIII—Committees --- **(Appointed Committees/ Positions: Historian, Hospitality, Photographer, and Sunshine.)** *Rationale:* A. There is confusion regarding the relationship of Appointed Committees/Positions to the President and the Board because they are listed in the Constitution. B. The Board needs the flexibility to make changes without changing the Constitution. The Standing Committees of Curriculum, Travel, etc. will remain in the Constitution. C. If the above is removed from the Constitution:
a. A category of General Committees/Positions will be established. The committees/positions that need to be retained will be assigned to General Committees/Positions.
b. These committees would be appointed by the President and function according to Board policies.

2nd CHANGE: Request to delete the wording in (parenthesis). Article VII — Duties of Officers, **The Treasurer—...**All disbursements for expenses shall be issued in accordance with policies established by the Board of Directors, **(and all checks for disbursement shall bear the authorizing signature of any two members of the Executive Committee.)** *Rationale:* A. Frequently, it is cumbersome and time consuming for the Treasurer to obtain a second signature in a timely manner. B. The current bank does not require 2 signatures. C. The Board has put in place other ways to assure that disbursements are legitimate.

Travel Tips



*All coaches depart from the Wal-Mart parking lot by the ATM machine unless otherwise announced. Coaches leave NO LATER than 10 minutes after the announced departure time. (Set two alarms, have a friend call or whatever it takes to get there on time!) Schedules are carefully planned to meet the needs of the group and the destination sites.

*Don't hesitate to register for overnight trips if you do not have a roommate. Efforts will be made to find a compatible 'roomy' for you. Exception: triple occupancy. Registration MUST include all three names.

*We offer the opportunity to place your name on the 'Wait List'- you will be called closer to the time of the event and before final commitments are made when there are openings. No deposit is necessary to be placed on the list. Members from the wait list are frequently called to replace someone who had to cancel.

*Should you want/need more information regarding specific trips feel free to call the escorts or a member of the travel committee OR visit the Travel Display at the General Membership meetings. Space is limited in the newsletter!

*Check our website frequently--we are trying to reach as many members as possible with updated information. Pass on information about trips to your friends--each of you is our best advertiser!

**TRIPS** AUGUST-DECEMBER 2008**Whiteman Air Force Base & More***Friday, August 22, 2008*

At 6:30 a.m. we will leave from the Wal-Mart parking lot to visit Whiteman AFB. We have been scheduled for an 8:00 a.m. tour. Our tour includes the 509 Bomb Wing, Oscar 1 missile site, and then to Base Operations for a briefing.

Lunch will be at Bill Sharps Country Bar-BQ around 1:00 p.m.. After lunch we will board our coach for a short ride to Nancy's Sculpture Studio, where she will display and demonstrate her talents working clay into equine, wild animals and American Indian women sculptures, each one influenced by a different type of clay or process. Several other local artists may also show their creations. Around 3:30 p.m. we will board our coach for the return to Jefferson City, we plan to be back about 5:30 p.m.

A one time payment of \$48 is due with your registration by August 5th. Whiteman Air Force Base also requires that we send the names and Social Security numbers of all participants prior to the trip. The trip coordinators will call you for your SSN's and a lunch menu choice prior to your departure date.

Coordinators: Vera Rust 893-2507
JoClare Meyer 636-5762

*The Last Romance***New Theatre, Overland Park, Kansas***Wednesday, September 24, 2008*

Come join us as we travel to the New Theatre in Overland Park, Kansas, for a delicious luncheon buffet and performance of "The Last Romance", a heartwarming "boy" meets "girl" comedy. What makes this so unique is that both are "Senior Citizens". Marion Ross, who starred in the hilarious sitcom *Happy Days*, plays an attractive woman of a certain age who never expected another chance at love. Paul Michael plays a rather vigorous octogenarian with an eye for the ladies. They discover that love, like aging, is not for the weak or those without a sense of humor.

Bus departs from the Wal-Mart parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and returns to Jefferson City at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Total cost of the trip is \$72 payable at registration.

Coordinators: Mary Grillos 496-2955
Dorothy Gieck 635-5947

Nashville Tour: "Music City" and More*Monday - Thursday, October 6 - October 9, 2008*

What could be finer than...Tennessee in the fall; Music City history, entertainment, and architecture; cruising on the Cumberland; traveling with Learning in Retirement friends and enjoying a bit of Kentucky on the way home? See IT, Live IT, and Enjoy IT! All that and more is what we have planned for a four day (three night) trip to Nashville.

We'll board our coach at 7:00 a.m. Monday morning at the Wal-Mart parking lot and head south to begin our Nashville adventure, arriving there late afternoon. Lodging will be at the Hyatt Place where guest rooms are large with a cozy Corner Sectional sofa sleeper in addition to their signature beds. We will have dinner together at a local restaurant.

The following day's activities begin early with a step-on guide for a driving tour of the city including Music Row, historic downtown, the Victorian Warehouse district, the State Capitol and other city landmarks.

- Our first stop will be the Ryman Auditorium known as the 'Mother Church of Country Music' and is a signature historical country music landmark. The Grand Ole Opry performed here from 1943-74 and the building was completely renovated in 1994. We'll have a backstage-guided tour, which includes dressing rooms dedicated to the stars of Ryman's rich musical past.

- Following lunch (your choice of restaurant) we will motor to the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. This building is 'state of the art' design, containing dynamic exhibits, historic country video clips and records, which contribute to an enjoyable Museum experience.

- Next we're off to Gaylord's Opryland where there will be time to explore the beautiful décor, lush indoor gardens with river, and unique shops before enjoying a buffet dinner together at Waters Edge located in the complex.

- Seven o'clock will find us at the Grand Ole Opry for their live performance.

Our second day in Nashville begins with a visit to the RCA Studio B, then on to the Hermitage, home of President Andrew Jackson. Guides in period 1837 costumes will lead us through the home and there will be time to visit the Heirloom Garden and tomb where the President and his wife are buried.

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*Nashville Trip (continued)*

•Next stop, Gaylord's Opryland again where we board the General Jackson Showboat for a Cumberland River cruise and buffet lunch. The showboat is a historic 300 foot, 4 deck paddlewheel that brings back the bygone days of riverboat entertainment.

•Leaving our sea legs behind we'll motor to the Parthenon, the world's only full-scale reproduction of the famous Greek temple in Athens. Erected in 1897, Nashville's Parthenon stands in Centennial Park and features both the city's art museum and Athena Parthenos, the tallest indoor sculpture in the Western world. We should complete this tour about 4:30 p.m. giving you time to do some exploring on your own in the evening. The hotel's shuttle is available to transport you to and from Opryland should you wish to spend more time there.

And now it's "THAT" time--the day we begin our trek back home. First we will visit the Upper Room, then leave Nashville behind and travel north. We will ease into Kentucky driving through the 'Land Between the Lakes' nestled in western Kentucky and Tennessee. More than two million visitors from all over the nation and foreign countries come to visit this national recreation area each year. We'll stop at Patti's 1880's Settlement, Grand Rivers Kentucky, for lunch and allow time for you to browse their beautiful gardens, winding streams, unique gift shops, recreated historical log cabin and even play a game of miniature golf if time permits.

We anticipate arriving in Jefferson City by 8 p.m., happy, tired LIR travelers with a heap of new knowledge and many fond memories.

**Total Tour Cost – Double - \$625.
Single - \$815.
Triple - \$565. (for triple rate, roommate names MUST accompany registration)**

Registration with deposit of \$200 is required. Final payment due September 1, 2008.

Cost includes all admissions and activities listed in the itinerary, tour related taxes and gratuities, three nights lodging, 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners, 2 lunches.

Trip Escorts:

Don Calvert - 636-3826 Mary Grillos - 496-2955
Henry Dahl - 635-2139 Rosemarie Turner - 635-3175

Let's Explore Jefferson City**Wednesday, October 29, 2008**

Due to popular demand, we will be repeating the same Jefferson City tour that was done in February. Those individuals that were not able to take the first tour will have first priority for this one.

Have you lived in Jefferson City all your life and never taken the time to explore some of our exciting places of interest? Come with us on Wednesday, October 29, 2008, as we tour four of these interesting sites.

We will start this delightful day at the National Guard's "Museum of Military History" at the Ike Skelton Training Center. Curator Charles Machon is anxious to show us three rooms full of exhibits dating from the Revolutionary War to Iraq and Afghanistan. **NOTE: Bring a photo ID (driver's license) in case we need to enter the Training Center area.**

Next we will travel to the new Lewis & Clark State Office Building, commonly known as the DNR "green" building, where the public information officer will take us on a guided tour as we investigate the environmental advantages of this one-of-a-kind building in Jefferson City.

Lunch at the G2Gallery on High Street (the Old Lohman Opera House), Jefferson City's newest downtown restaurant for catered events, will be both delicious and interesting. After lunch we will walk one block west to the Main U.S. Post Office where we will be given a tour of this federal facility and find out what happens to our mail after we drop it in the mailbox.

We will then board our bus and travel to the Temple Beth-El, Jefferson City's Jewish Temple. Bobbie Herman, a member of the congregation, will give us all the details as we tour this historic structure.

Level of Difficulty: There are stairs to get to the second floor to eat at the G2Gallery; there is also an elevator if needed. The rest of the day should not be strenuous.

Our bus will leave Wal-Mart parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and we plan to be back there by 3:30 p.m. D & K School Bus Service will provide our transportation.

A one-time charge of \$25 is due with registration.

Coordinators – JoClare Meyer 636-5762

Vera Rust 893-2507



TRIPS AUGUST - DECEMBER 2008

Steeplechase Tour to St. Louis

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Join us for a day trip to tour five historic churches in downtown St. Louis. Our first stop will be Trinity Lutheran Church, founded in 1839. It is the oldest Lutheran congregation west of the Mississippi. Next we visit the sanctuary of St. Raymond's Maronite Church. We will have a buffet lunch here featuring Lebanese/Mediterranean dishes...stuffed grape leaves, spinach pie, beans and beef, etc. with baklava and other Mediterranean desserts. There are plenty of "American" choices if you don't want to experiment with lunch. We go next to Christ Church Cathedral which dates back to 1867. The stained glass windows were done by many different artists. Then we visit Centenary Methodist Church which features a 200ft. steeple and a showcase of interior wood craftsmanship. Our last stop is St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church. This church dates back to 1891 and stands as a symbol of Polish-American immigration and achievement.

Our step-on guide will be the delightful lady who did our "Places of Worship" trip last year. There will be a moderate amount of walking and some steps.

Bus leaves at 6:45 a.m. from Wal-Mart. We will return about 7:30 p.m.

Total cost \$73 with \$33 due at registration. Final payment of \$40 due by November 1st.

Coordinators: Mary Kay Linsenbardt 636-3727
Rosemarie Turner 635-3175

Nationally Recognized Award Winning A Cappella Chorus

Ambassadors of Harmony

Plus Tour New Town at St. Charles, Dinner and Christmas Lights

Sunday, December 14, 2008

The first part of our trip will take us through New Town at St. Charles. New Town is being called a "Midwest Masterpiece", a veritable cornucopia of housing types, which include apartment mansions, row-houses, cottages, live/work units and carriage houses.

From there, we will head to Touhill Performing Arts Center on the campus of University of St. Louis, where we will listen to this magnificent a cappella chorus with over one hundred male singers. You will hear many of your favorite Christmas songs that will surely put you in the Christmas spirit. Dinner will be at the Broiler Steakhouse in St. Peters where you will have your choice of prime rib, chicken, fish, etc. After dinner, we will view the annual Celebration of Lights at Fort Zumwalt State Park in O'Fallon. More than a million lights and holiday scenes that are put together by businesses, not-for-profit organizations and the city of O'Fallon, will dazzle visitors. If you love the holiday season, you won't want to miss this wonderful opportunity.

We will leave Wal-Mart parking lot at 10:00 a.m. and return to Jefferson City approximately 9:45 p.m.

Total cost of the trip \$91 with \$50 due at registration. Final payment of \$41 due by November 17th.

Coordinators: Mary Grillos 496-2955
Henry Dahl 635-2139
Becky Washburn 635-3194

FAST FORWARD . . . '09

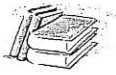
Early in the year we will offer another Tour of Jefferson City to see and appreciate the many interesting sites of our wonderful growing City.

Other destinations in the planning stages are the Amana Colonies; the University of Missouri campus; a wind farm; Westin, Boonville, Herman and other river towns with endless history.

For those of you who have requested South Dakota, we are still considering—much depends on the fuel prices!

Please continue to let us know your interests.





COURSES

SEPTEMBER 2008, SESSION III

Music Through the Ages

Tuesdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Music Rm., Central United Church of Christ, corner of Washington and Ashley Streets

Presenter: Ann Riggs, Lincoln University graduate, music teacher and has a studio

History of music styles and their development through the ages. Individuals enrolled in this course will be active participants.

Coordinator: June Glaser, 635-4254



Bidding as Communication in Bridge

Wednesdays, September 3, 10, 17, 24, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Rm. 7, Soldiers Hall, Lincoln University

Presenter: Jim Nelson



Bidding is nothing more than communication between two people who are partners in a game of bridge. To keep each other on the same page, bidders must know and use the same point count. They must respond to an opening bid in ways that describe their hands. You will also learn the value of counting tricks in your hand and how to guess nearly perfectly your partner's hand. You will also learn when to keep quiet by very softly saying pass.

Bridge is also defense. Learn how to benefit from your opponent's bidding, which tells you, as well as them, what their hands are like. The same skills you learn in bidding to play are just as valuable in defense.

LIR Drop In For Coffee
Please note that the monthly LIR coffees are being discontinued.

The First Films of Alec Guinness

Thursdays, September 4, 11, 18, 25, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Meeting Rm., Missouri River Regional Library

Presenter: George Dillard

Alec Guinness has become one of today's acting icons, an acting Oscar for *Bridge on the River Kwai*. Generation X'ers know him as Obi Wan-Kenobi. In September we will see his first four films, where he moved from bit part to major support to star in two comedies. You will also see one of the first movies David Lean directed and view the sets of Ealing Studios, the backdrop for many movies and PBS's early Masterpiece Theater. Bring a friend to introduce them to LIR.

Schedule of Films:

- September 4: *Great Expectations*
- September 11: *Kind Hearts and Coronets*
- September 18: *Man in the White Suit*
- September 25: *The Lavender Hill Mob* (winner of best original script, and the first bit role for Audrey Hepburn)

Coordinator: Jim Nelson, 635-2662

CLUBS

- Book Club:** Meets on the 4th Monday at 1:00 p.m.
 Facilitator: Carolyn Lott, 635-2967
- Bridge Club:** Meets the 2nd Monday, 1:00 p.m.
 Facilitators: Carolyn Lott and Marilyn Graham, 634-7918.
- Creative Writers' Society:** Meets the 2nd Thurs., 9:30 a.m.
 Facilitators: Richard Sandler, 759-7475, and June Glaser, 635-4254.
- Hiking Club:** Ellen and John Richardson, 893-4909.
 Please call for time and place of hikes.

You are invited to join any of our current LIR clubs by calling their respective club coordinator. Information / interest in additional clubs may be directed to June Glaser, LIR Club Coordinator, 635-4254.



COURSES

OCTOBER 2008, SESSION IV

The Constitution of the United States: Its Impact on Critical Aspects of Life

Mondays, October 6, 13, 20, 27, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Clydesdale Rm., Budweiser Building

This course will provide insight into the impact of the federal constitution on critical social issues, such as: race; personal autonomy (gay rights, right-to-die, assisted suicide, grandparent visitation, obscenity and pornography); abortion and contraception; and religious rights.

Four different lecturers, expert in their areas, will guide the participant through the text of the constitution, and the key court cases that interpret that text. This course does not advocate any position on any of the critical social issues, but rather stresses the current legal doctrine. One should come away with the essential background to evaluate the role of the constitution and of the courts in shaping critical aspects of daily life.

Presenters:

- Oct. 6 - Rod Chapel, Administrative Law Judge, State of Missouri
- Oct. 13 - Heide Doerhoff Vollet, Assistant Attorney General
- Oct. 20 - Judge Duane Benton, U. S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit
- Oct 27 - Bart Tichenor, Chief Hearing Officer, State Tax Commission

Coordinator: Dr. David Linsenbardt, 636-3727

Historical Architecture in Jefferson City and Missouri

Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21, 28, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Place to be announced

Mark Miles, architectural consultant for the Missouri Department of Administration, will give classes on significant and typical architecture of buildings in Missouri, such as empire style – the Governor's Mansion. He will pick buildings and places where examples of those styles can be seen. Mark is an entertaining and gifted speaker; enjoy his insight into the good and bad of Missouri buildings.

Coordinator: June Glaser, 635-4254

China Update

Wednesdays, October 8, 15, 22, 29, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Rm. 8, Soldiers Hall, Lincoln University

Dr. David Scruggs, retired political science professor from Stephens College has returned from a recent trip to China. You might catch his reactions to China's preparation for the Olympic Games in Beijing, to its handling of the recent catastrophes in western China, to its engineering struggles with the dams on the Yangtze River, to its emergence as an economic power, and other subjects. Be prepared to ask questions and listen. China is now a major power on the world stage.

Coordinator: Dr. David Scherr, 635-1217

America's Favorite Poems

Thursdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Central United Church of Christ, corner of Washington and Ashley Streets

Presenter: Dr. Linda Wyman

This year's Poetry course will include poems from the book entitled, "America's Favorite Poems", selected by a committee of class members headed by Sharon Strickland. Robert Pinsky, a U.S. Poet Laureate, edited the book. During the course, you will learn not only the poems themselves, but also why they were chosen as favorites—and we guarantee that as you learn these poems some of them will become your own favorites, too. *Please Note: In addition to paying the \$12.00 for this four-week course, you will also need to purchase the book for \$17.50—but the book will be yours to keep—a great addition to your library!* **Total cost of class: \$29.50 payable to LIR.**

Coordinator: Phyllis Von Der Bruegge, 893-3868

Courses are offered four times during the year and divided into Sessions I, II, III and IV. Sessions I and II are offered in the spring and Sessions III and IV, those advertised in this newsletter, are offered in the fall.

Registration forms are provided within the LIR newsletters or on the LIR web site. There is a \$12.00 fee for each course. Location of courses vary due to size of class and topic.

Lincoln University parking permits are included as an insert in this newsletter. Please complete and return to the LIR Office for your parking tag.



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