

# The Learning Times



*SPECIAL EDITION  
SPRING 2023*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

LIR has had a great start to a new year! Our annual winter membership meeting was very enjoyable, thanks to the efforts of our Membership and Marketing and Hospitality Committees. The new venue at the Wardsville Lions Club facility was excellent. Thanks to Kay Martellaro and Kay Freidinger for providing leadership to these two committees.

Our annual summer membership meeting will be held at the same location on July 19th. The preliminary plans for food and entertainment sound very enticing. Details regarding our summer meeting will be contained in our summer newsletter that will be coming out in June or early July.

We are experiencing excellent classes, provided by our Curriculum Committee, and great trips sponsored by our Travel Committee this semester. Thanks to the leadership of Sheila Scott and Wendy Hansen and the time and effort provided by the Committee members for making these successes possible.

Member participation in our clubs this semester has been excellent. Thanks to the Club Committee Chair, Sue Hilkemeyer, and her club coordinators for providing the leadership, time and talents to make these activities successful.

Let's all participate in our LIR activities and encourage other people in our community to join and enjoy the great offerings of LIR.

Sincerely,  
Chris Straub, President

### ***Something new!***

We will be implementing a new method of alerting members to the mailing of the next full newsletter in June, using our new and improved website! As soon as the LIR office confirms that the newsletter has been **mailed**, it will also be posted on the website, along with registration forms that can then be printed off, filled out, and mailed or dropped by the office. As soon as the newsletter is on the website, an email will be sent out to let members know.

## CURRICULUM COMMITTEE UPDATES

The following are classes the Curriculum Committee has planned for Fall/Winter 2023:

**Movies - Women of Distinction** — These movies are about strong and determined women — women who made their mark in the world.

**Electronics: Streaming Services and iPad Opportunities** — These classes will focus on the wide range of streaming services and the many capabilities of the iPad.

**Travelogues** — Members will share their trips —including the gardens of Wales and Northern England, Italy, the Amalfi Coast and Rome, Egypt, and from Pole to Pole (Alaska to Antarctica).

**The Scarcity of Water** — Water is the source of all life. These classes will touch on the distribution of water and its disposal.

**Cowboys and Indians, Part II** — Many of us grew up watching tv's versions of the old West. We will get a more realistic picture through Dr. Bruce Scovill's view of Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane, and others.

**Restoring Home - The Journey Back to Nature** — What are the benefits of planting native plants in your yard? What is the harm of invasive plants?

**Famous Missourians** — We take a look at more famous Missourians, again introduced by LIR members. There are so many people of note who have called Missouri home!

**Celestial Events Coming Our Way** — Two solar eclipses are on their way for Missouri sky gazers — in October 2023 and another in 2024. This class will describe these eclipses and how unusual they are.

**The Underground Railroad** — Come along with Miss Indigo, a mythical character and storyteller, who has traveled with Harriet Tubman on the Underground Railroad.

**Positive Culture Wins: Business and Life** — Gary Wilbers, a popular author and motivational speaker, will present how to develop a positive culture that wins — to enhance people and their performance.

**Refugee Resettlement: An Ecumenical Mission** — This class will offer a greater understanding of the monumental work that goes into enabling refugees to find a place to settle and live.

**True Colors Personality** — Find the keys to exploring and unlocking your True Colors. An easy, entertaining way to better understand yourself and others, and increase communication.

**You Can't Read This ! ! ! !** — Join Librarian, Lisa, as she discusses the censorship of book banning.

**Did You Know? NASA — Hidden Treasures** — Join us in an exploration of valuable people who worked for NASA to further the research of outer-space advancement.

**Lincoln University - On the Go!** — President John Moseley will tell us about the new and exciting things happening at Lincoln University.

## TRAVEL NEWS

**Still coming up this travel session:** Two of our upcoming trips have several openings. If you would be interested in either trip, please call the LIR office now!

**June 22-23**—*The Civil War & More*: Visit a Route 66 Museum, Springfield's Wilson Creek Civil War battlefield, Carthage Dinner theatre, Carthage Civil War Museum and Nevada's Bushwhacker Museum. (\$215 for single; \$175 for double occupancy)

**July 27**—*Nature in the City*: A Kansas City day trip explores MO Department of Conservation's Discovery Center, the Jacob Loose Park & Kauffman Memorial Garden (\$80)

### TRAVELING WITH LIR AUGUST-DECEMBER, 2023

Your LIR Educational Travel Committee is hard at work planning some new opportunities for our next travel session! Here's what we have at this time.

**August 16**—*CLUE*: Join us at Stages Theater in Kirkwood for an afternoon matinee of a hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery, with dinner to follow.

**September 6-7**—*Ozark Potpourri*: We start at the Springfield History Museum and Botanical Gardens with an optional trip to Bass Pro. Day two starts with a tour of the Route 66 Car Museum. Then we travel on to Finley Farms in Ozark and, finally, head to Branson's Sight and Sound Theater to enjoy Queen Esther.

**September 12**—*MOUSETRAP*: From Agatha Christie, this play holds the world record for the longest running production, mesmerizing audiences for more than sixty years. At Lyceum Theatre, Arrow Rock.

**October 1**—*The Kansas City Royals* take on the Bronx Bombers (formerly "The Yankees") on the final day of the MLB regular season! Will Aaron Judge set a new Home Run record? Is Harrison Bader still making those FANTASTIC outfield catches? Great seats on the 3rd base side! Get out your ROYAL gear and celebrate!

**October 12**—*St. Louis: Reverence and Beauty*: First stop is the new Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum and, later, the Missouri Botanical Gardens to see the world-renowned glass artist Dale Chihuly's exhibits, featuring thousands of pieces of glass in 18 dramatic installations.

**October 16-18**—*Ark Encounter & Creation Museum*: We will be touring the Louisville Slugger Museum as well as tasting and creating our own bourbon at Barrel & Billets. Day 2 is a visit to The Ark Encounter, a life-size (three football fields) replica of Noah's Ark and buffet lunch. Day 3 is the Creation Museum based on a literal interpretation of creation as found in Genesis.

**November 3**—*Right Here In River City*: Come visit a few of the museums here in our own city (Missouri State Archives, Capital, Museum of Modern Art, Missouri Veterinary Museum and Runge Nature Center), then top the day with a visit to Central Dairy.

**November 16**—*The Future and the Past: Interesting Sites of Columbia*: We will visit NextGen Precision Medicine (MU Healthcare), the MU Art and Archeology Museum, lunch at Cheddar's Restaurant, satisfy your sweet tooth at the Candy Factory, browse/shop at Blue Stem (Missouri-made products) and end the day at the Boone County History & Culture Center.

**December 12**—Celebrate a **Victorian Christmas** with us by touring two historic mansions in St. Louis—Oakland House built in 1853 and the Campbell House Museum built in 1851. A hearty lunch will be catered by Orlando's at the Oakland House.

We have several more possibilities—stay tuned!

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### Know B4 You Go: Travel Sneak Preview

To find out all the details of August-December 2023 trips, put **Wednesday, May 31, 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 description 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 2023 newsletter comes out.*

## CLUB NEWS

### BRIDGE

*By Gene Noe, Facilitator*

Learning in Retirement (LIR) sponsors a bridge club that meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday afternoons of each month (barring holidays) at the Lincoln University ROTC building, just up the hall from the Learning in Retirement office. [Note: LIR formerly sponsored two bridge clubs. They have recently merged and still meet on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays.]

If you are looking for a serious card-playing group, this may not be your cup of tea. The groups have some serious moments, but most players are there to spend a happy two hours playing cards with friends. If you are into a fun time with card playing as a secondary objective, this might just might be what you want.

The game of bridge can be challenging to the mind, but it is not overly difficult to learn. It involves one deck of cards. Participants play as partners and change partners, as well as opponents, throughout an afternoon of card playing. This not only allows you see how other people play the game of bridge (there are several styles of bridge used), but also allows you to meet people in a small group setting, providing a personal interaction with other bridge partners/opponents.

If you have never played bridge and would like an opportunity to observe the game to see if it is game that might pique your interest, then come on out to the Lincoln University ROTC building at 1:00 p.m. the first or second Monday of the month. Come and watch an afternoon of bridge at your leisure. Reservations are not required, but it may behoove one to contact Gene Noe at 573-635-2118 in order to confirm there is no cancellation of bridge on the day you wish to observe. If you already know how to bridge and would like to participate with Learning in Retirement, once again contact Gene Noe, and your participation in the LIR bridge club can be discussed.

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### LIR's New Website Brings Some Great Memories

LIR has a new website; it's easy to find and easy to use. Just point your browser to [lirjc.org](http://lirjc.org). Web Administrator Tom Piper has assembled all the content from our older website and arranged it in easy-to-find fashion. Navigation links are at the top of the page (on your cell phone, they'll probably be behind a couple of lines). Click on the "Memories" link to see 1994 video interviews with Dr. Wendell Rayburn and Dr. Gary Scott, who started LIR, and a wonderful photo slideshow covering the first thirty years of Learning in Retirement. You might even see yourself in some of those photographs. We are eager to hear from you. At the bottom of our website pages, you'll find a link that will let you send an email to our Web Administrator with ideas for further improvements.

#### LEARNING IN RETIREMENT, INC MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

EDUCATION.....Short courses planned for LIR members' interests  
TRAVEL.....Educational trips with old and new friends  
CLUBS.....A complete list of clubs and meeting times can be found on page 16 of  
the summer or winter newsletter on the LIR website, [www.lirjc.org](http://www.lirjc.org).  
GATHERINGS.....Membership meetings twice annually, Holiday Social  
COMMUNICATION.....Semiannual newsletters, LIR website, periodic emails, and  
Spring and Fall newsletter updates  
LIBRARY ACCESS..... Access to library cards for L.U.'s Page Library  
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