

The Learning Times



*SPECIAL EDITION
SPRING 2024*

Greetings from the LIR President!

This special edition of our Learning in Retirement newsletter has much information to keep you abreast of what's happening in our organization. It's been a busy winter season for the LIR Board and all the committee volunteers.

The Membership/Hospitality committee members did a wonderful job of planning and presenting the Winter Membership meeting. A special thanks to all those who made that event possible. Please note the date and place for the Summer Membership meeting. I hope to see you there.

The Curriculum and Educational Travel groups are finalizing Spring and Summer courses and trips and planning for the Fall. You'll find some previews of those future plans in this newsletter.

When I take time to think about everything that happens in our organization, I am amazed that, except for 2 part-time dynamo women who work the office, we are a group of volunteers. Learning in Retirement exists because members are willing to give of their time and talents. However, we need more volunteers! As you read through this newsletter, participate in a club or event, attend a course or venture on a trip, think about being a volunteer in LIR. We can use your talents. Interested in learning more about the volunteer opportunities? Call or text me at 573-280-0336.

I want to close by saying thank you for your support of Learning in Retirement.

Cindy Stephens
LIR President

LIR Members Can Audit Lincoln Classes!

The Senior Citizen Program allows people 65 and over to take classes for \$25.00 per semester – audit only – after regular registration. Participants must be admitted to the University and pay an initial, one-time \$20.00 application fee.

Interested individuals should contact the Division of Educational Innovation and Extended Studies at 573-821-5206.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE UPDATES

The following are classes the Curriculum Committee has planned for Fall/Winter 2024:

Tour de Italy — We promise no bicycles will be involved! This class will be part travelogue and part history lesson, as Gwen Blotevogel, Ph.D., shares her experiences in Rome, Florence, and the Via Francigena between Lucca and Siena. (four sessions).

The Middle East — Darius Watson, Ph.D., will talk about how the history of this region has resulted in the many conflicts we see today. (four sessions).

Movies: Going for the Gold! — 2024 is an Olympic year, so we will see films based on true Olympic athletes and events — Chariots of Fire, Miracle, Without Limits, and the 4th TBA.

Did You Know? “Harlem Renaissance” — Learn of the exciting “renewal” of Black music, fashion, art, professional writing, and more during the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s and 30s. (two sessions).

“The Jefferson City Civil Pilots: From Lincoln U. To Tuskegee Airmen” — Author Michelle Brooks discusses how many Lincolniters joined the Tuskegee Airmen, the U.S. military’s first Black aviation units.

Frederick the Great — Why so great? Bruce Scovill, Ed.D., will delve into the life and times of Frederick the Great of Prussia, as well as a review of his contemporaries in and out of the royal palaces of Europe.

Eyes On The Move: Hispanic Life in the U.S. — Let’s learn about the challenges faced by the Hispanic population here in Missouri. How can you help?

Images of Capital City — At Cottonstone Gallery, Jim Dyke will share images of Jefferson City through the years, followed by a stroll down High Street and a visit to the Jefferson City Museum of Modern Art.

Techie Gadgets of the Future — What the heck is going on with all these newfangled contraptions?! Innovative devices of the future, brought back from the 2024 Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas.

Famous Missourians, Chapter 5 — Members will tell us about even more famous Missourians!

Recreational Fitness Opportunities for Older Adults — We’ll learn about all the activities provided by Jefferson City’s YMCA and JC Parks, focusing on their programs for seniors.

Ethiopia — Come and hear about a local grandmother’s experiences visiting Ethiopia, preceded by a brief history of this eastern African country.

It’s a Dog Beat Dog World — Why didn’t the cute, fluffy dog win? Barbara Barnard, LIR member and dog show judge, will tell us about what the judges are really looking for, just ahead of the National Dog Show.

Climate Change — Interactive presentation on climate change.

Save the Date!

Don’t miss the LIR Summer Membership Meeting
Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at the Wardsville Lions Club
Lunch will be served.

TRAVEL NEWS

Still coming up this travel session: One of our upcoming trips has openings. If you would be interested, please call the LIR office now!

June 12—*Springfield Cardinals*: The Cardinals are playing the NW Arkansas Naturals in this weekday game. Enjoy a lunch/snack buffet with beverages and air-conditioned club room or seating outside. (\$115)

TRAVELING WITH LIR AUGUST-DECEMBER, 2024

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 10—*Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*: This sensational presentation at Jefferson City's Capital City Productions tells the journey of Joseph, his father Jacob, eleven brothers, and the coat of many colors.

September 4—*Newsies, The Musical at New Theatre*: Join us at one of our favorite venues for this high-energy show based on the real-life newsboy's strike of 1899 in New York City.

September 25-26—*Bourbon and Cuba, MO*: Join us for a two-day visit to Bourbon and Cuba. Learn the history of Bourbon (only city named after the liquor), watch Imperial Headware caps being manufactured (since 1916), learn the story behind the 35-foot-tall steel sculpture honoring the Osage Nation and the Trail of the Osage (now Interstate 44), and hear interpreters describe the multiple historical murals in downtown Cuba.

October 2—*History, Mystery, and More!* What do local produce, American history, shopping, wine, and exotic animals all have in common? They are all part of an adventure--you will have to join us to find out where we are traveling—it's a MYSTERY!

October 17—*Fall Splendor in Augusta*: Enjoy a day trip to one of Missouri's bucolic areas with fine dining, river cruising on the Miss Augusta, wine tasting, local exploration, and seasonal shopping, with a little history thrown in.

November 12—*"Disney100: The Exhibition" and Money Museum*: The Disney exhibit at the Kansas City Union Station will include moving stories and behind-the-scenes looks at some of the company's most iconic films, details about how some of its theme park attractions were created, as well as how some characters, movies and shows came to fruition. We'll also visit the Money Museum at the Federal Reserve Bank.

December 11—*'Tis the Season, at Maples Repertory Theatre* in Macon: After time to browse at an old-time Ben Franklin store, get in the holiday spirit with this Christmas-time special. Dinner will be at The Pear Tree in Macon after the show! We have several more possibilities—stay tuned!

Know B4 You Go: Travel Sneak Preview

To find out all the details of August-December 2024 trips, put **Wednesday, May 29, 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 2024 newsletter comes out.

Interesting Facts About LIR Travelers

A total of 166 different members signed up for trips for the January-July session. That means 62% of LIR members (at the time of registration) will travel with us for the first half of 2024. The majority of travelers signed up for one, two, or three trips, while only one person signed up for all nine trips offered. A majority of members (66%) got on all trips for which they signed up. Twenty-six percent got on some, but not all, of the trips they registered for. Eight percent made it on the waitlist for all the trips they signed up for.

CLUB NEWS

WALKING/HIKING CLUB

By Sue Hilkemeyer, Clubs Chair

Spring is here, and it is a great time to get outdoors and walk with fellow Learning in Retirement members. The weather is wonderful, and the trees and flowers are absolutely beautiful.

The Walking/Hiking Club meets weekly on Thursday morning at various walking paths throughout the city. The facilitator sends out a weekly notice specifying the location of the walk and directions.

Meeting times are at 8:30 in the summer and 9:30 in the winter. There are varying speeds of walkers from slow to medium speed walkers.

Come join us!



LIR Calendar for Everything

The Learning in Retirement calendar is a great location to find things new and old, with 13 webpages to choose from. The most comprehensive of the all is the Calendar which shows dates and descriptions for all games, tours and classes for each month (one-stop shopping).

This is a view of the May 2024 month where one of the classes has been clicked on to show its details. This kind of pop-up description happens for any game, trip or course that is clicked on for more information.

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Today May 2024

Print Week Month Agenda

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	May 1	2	3	4
	1:30pm READING NONFIC	MASTODONS, MURDER, AND MILE-HIGH PIE - x3	First Day of Asian Pacific	8:30am Walking	10am MEMORIES OF LIFE	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Cinco de Mayo	10am Dominoes 10am Jammers 1pm Bridge Club	10am Liverpool Rummy 1:30pm Mah Jongg	10am F	MEMORIES OF LIFE DURING WW II		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Mothers Day	1pm Bridge Club	10am Canasta I	1pm Pi			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	10am Dominoes 10am Jammers	10am Liverpool Rummy 1:30pm Mah Jongg	10am F	1:30pm Hand and Foot		
26	27	28	29	30	31	Jun 1
	Memorial Day 1:30pm Book Club		8:30am Walking		First Day of LGBTQ+ Pr	

Events shown in time zone: Central Time - Chicago

Google Calendar

Be sure to go to <https://www.lirjc.org/calendar> for instant information day or night, weekday or weekend.