November Speaker:
Ambassador Janice Jacobs
“The Challenges of Doing Consular Work in Today’s World”

Ambassador Jacobs will talk about the challenges of doing consular work in today’s world -- taking care of American citizens overseas when there are an ever-growing number of “hot spots” around the world; processing visas and protecting U.S. borders; and adjudicating U.S. passports and the challenges presented by American citizens traveling abroad to join extremist groups. She will also touch on immigration reform.

Ambassador Janice L. Jacobs retired in April 2014 after a 35-year career with the U.S. Department of State. She served as the Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs from 2008 - 2014, overseeing a staff of 12,000 employees responsible for protecting U.S. citizens abroad, issuing U.S. passports and processing visas for visitors and immigrants to the United States. Prior to assuming this position, she served as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Consular Affairs and before that as U.S. Ambassador to Senegal and Guinea-Bissau.

January Speaker:
Mike Jackson
“Great Places in Illinois: A Historic Preservation Story”

Illinois is a state blessed with great architecture. Mike Jackson, FAIA, worked at the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency from 1983 - 2013. During this time he was professionally engaged in the preservation of many of the state’s leading landmarks. The restoration of Frank Lloyd Wright’s Dana-House in Springfield and the David Davis Mansion in Bloomington were two of his notable projects.

Mike Jackson, FAIA, is a Springfield, IL preservation architect. He is also a visiting professor of architecture at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Mr. Jackson holds degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Columbia University in New York. From 1983-2013, he worked at the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office, starting as an architectural reviewer and later serving as Division Manager.
Learning in Retirement Book Club

The Book Club meets the third Monday morning of the month at 9:30 at Epiphany Lutheran Church on West Chautauqua. The following are the selections have been chosen:

**November:** *The Shadow Catcher* by Marianne Wiggins.
A novel about the American photographer, Edward S. Curtis, who had a mission to record the lives of American Indians in the early decades of the 20th century.

**December:** No meeting

**January:** *Forever* by Pete Hamill
A novel that offers a chronicle of 250 years of Manhattan life as experienced by an immortal Irish immigrant.

**February:** *The Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline
Moving between contemporary Maine and Depression Minnesota this is a story of upheaval and resilience, second chances and unexpected friendship.

Interested in joining the Book Study Group?
Use the registration form on the last page of this newsletter.

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**LUNCH TALK**

The lunch discussion group will meet at
*The Flame* on
Thursday,
**November 20th,**
at **11:45 a.m.**

There will be no December meeting.

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**Musicals Group**

The Musicals Interest Group will not meet in November.
The next meeting will be in January.

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It is with sadness we announce the passing of one Learning in Retirement member.

*James Henry* passed away on October 13.

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Newsletter available online at:
SPRING 2015 WEEK TRIP

Southern Illinois Travelers present New York City - “The Big Apple” beginning on Thursday, April 23, 2015 and ending on Wednesday, April 29, 2015.

This incredible opportunity includes:

- Motor coach transportation.
- 6 nights lodging including 4 consecutive nights in the NYC area.
- 10 meals: 6 breakfasts and 4 dinners.
- Great experiences and beautiful sights!
- Two guided tours of New York City, Central Park, Rockefeller Center, Times Square, Wall Street, the 9/11 Memorial, and others!
- Visit Ellis Island and Liberty Island - home of the Statue of Liberty
- Visit the New National 9/11 Museum
- Much more!

**Departure:** First United Methodist Church, 214 W Main Street, Carbondale, IL @ 8 am

**Registration Fee:** $698*

$75 Due Upon Signing.

*Price per person, based on double occupancy. Add $270 for single occupancy.

**Final Payment Due:** 2/21/2015.

For information and reservations contact:

Don Boehne
at (618) 549-1319
Spring Session I Courses: February 4, 2015 - March 5, 2015

**Tuesday**

**Writers’ Workshop — David Pellow**  
February 3, 2015—March 3, 2015, 9:30 am—11:30 am  
Location: Epiphany Lutheran Church - 1501 W Chautauqua

Want to be a writer? Come join this workshop welcoming begin-ners and experienced writers. We will share our writing efforts and give feedback and mutual support, for all genres--poetry, fiction, biography and history.  
**Registration Fee: $10.00**

**Introduction to the iPad and iPhone — Gary Hartlieb**  
February 3, 2015—March 3, 2015, 1:30 pm—3:30 pm  
Location: Carbondale Township Office - 217 East Main St

This course will present an introduction to iOS, the system for operating both the iPad and iPhone. Participants will learn the basic operations for iPads and/or iPhones, including controls, gestures, settings, syncing, and backup. Installed or native apps will be briefly discussed.  
**Materials:** Bring your own iPhone and/or iPad.

**THURSDAY**

**Emily Dickinson and Joseph Cornell — Charles Fanning**  
February 5, 2015—March 5, 2015, 9:30 am—11:30 am  
Location: Epiphany Lutheran Church - 1501 W Chautauqua

Reading Dickinson’s poems and looking at Cornell’s box constructions as mutually clarifying of their artistic vision and accomplishments. Cornell loved Dickinson and was inspired by her poetry. Both use deceptively simple, even primitive, materials (the standard 4-line stanza of the Protestant hymnal and the rough-hewn rectangular shadow-box) as media for the creation of art and philosophical depth and unique expressiveness.  
**Materials:** Any edition of Emily Dickinson’s poems.  
**Registration Fee: $10.00**

**The U.S. Constitution - What is it and why do we care?— Suzanne Schmitz**  
Location: Epiphany Lutheran Church - 1501 W Chautauqua  
February 5, 2015—March 5, 2015, 1:30 pm — 3:30 pm

We will explore why the U.S. Constitution was drafted and, through short role plays, will examine the overall structure of government created by the Constitution as well as the state-federal relationship. Then we will explore important rights granted by the U.S. Constitution as we discuss current issues involving: First Amendment (religion, speech, press, petition and assembly), other civil liberties (due process, equal rights), rights of the accused, and recent issues involving privacy such as marriage. Ours is the oldest written constitution in the world and amended only a few times. Come and find out why. Also learn what an 800 year-old document has to do with anything.  
**Materials:** Copies of the U.S. Constitution will be supplied but bring your copy of the U.S. Constitution if you wish.  
**Registration Fee: $10.00**

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**Course Cancellation/Refund Policy**

There are no refunds issued for Learning in Retirement courses; however, if you will be unable to attend a course you’ve registered for, please call Continuing Education and Outreach at 536-7751 so they may cancel your registration.  
There may be people on the waitlist that would love to fill the spot.  
Thank you for your consideration of others!
**REGISTRATION FORM**

*Please fill out and send entire form with payment.*

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**SESSION I COURSES**

(15E0901901) **Annual Membership Dues** ....$25 x _____ = ______

(15E0901902) **Book Study Group** ....$10 x _____ = ______

(15E0901929) **January Luncheon** ....$13 x _____ = ______

(15E0901903) **Lunch Talk Discussion Group** ....$10 x _____ = ______

(15E0901912) **Musicals Interest Group** ....$10 x _____ = ______

(15E0901922) **Writers' Workshop** ....$10 x _____ = ______

(15E0901924) **Intro to the iPad and iPhone** ....$10 x _____ = ______

(15E0901925) **Emily Dickinson & Joseph Cornell** ....$10 x _____ = ______

(15E0901926) **Caring for Artifacts** ....$10 x _____ = ______

(15E0901927) **The U.S. Constitution** ....$10 x _____ = ______

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Signature ______________________ Date ______________________

I confirm I have read and understand the activity level of any trip sponsored by SILIR and accept the risks and conditions of the trip. I am aware some trips may encounter rough terrain and closed-toe shoes will aid in maintaining my safety.

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