

# Golden Opportunities

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AUGUST 2014

## AUGUST 20 MEETING

### Location:

Dunn Richmond Economic Development Center  
150 E Pleasant Hill Road,  
Carbondale

- 9:30 Coffee Social Hour
- 10:30 Meeting and Program
- 11:30 Luncheon

### SILIR Volunteers for this event include:

**Greeters:** Jan Radtke,  
Sandy Anderson,  
Frances Shiplett

**Chair:** Gary Hartlieb

## AT A GLANCE

### Monthly Meetings:

September 17, 2014



## August Speaker:

### Jak Tichenor—“Illinois Lawmakers”

Jak Tichenor is a senior television producer at WSIU Public Television where he specializes in political and public affairs reporting, documentary and long-form features production



(with special emphasis on history and the arts), and promotional and fundraising projects. He currently serves as executive producer and host of the statewide Illinois Lawmakers public television series covering the Illinois General Assembly and as lead producer of the annual Lincoln Academy of Illinois documentary series distributed to PBS stations around Illinois. His most recent documentary production is "P.S. Illinois, The Paul Simon Story," which tells the life story of the U.S. Senator Paul

Simon (D) Makanda. Tichenor previously served as news and public affairs director for WSIU Radio from 1981 to 1991. He worked in commercial radio in news and entertainment roles at WCIL-AM, Carbondale, WPAD/WDDJ, Paducah, Kentucky, and WMOK in his hometown of Metropolis, Illinois. Tichenor earned a Bachelor's of Science in Radio-Television from SIU Carbondale in 1979 and a Master's degree in Public Visual Communications at SIUC in 1989.

Jak will give a presentation on the Illinois Lawmakers series with a few video clips on DVD then will take questions from the audience for the remainder of the time.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES are due now!

### Three easy ways to renew!

- ◆ Mail registration form and payment to Continuing Education and Outreach
- ◆ Call Continuing Education and Outreach at 618-536-7751
- ◆ At the August monthly meeting (with check or credit card only—NO cash!)



Membership Fee—\$ 25

## Annual August Luncheon August 20, 2014

Pasta Salad, BBQ Glazed Chicken, Oven Roast Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Sweet Peas & Onions, Dinner Roll & Dessert Choice

**Registration Fee: \$10.00**

**Register by August 13, 2014!**



## Fall Session I Courses: September 8, 2014—October 10, 2014

### MONDAY

#### The Presidents' Club—Dan Jones

September 8—October 6, 9:30 am—11:30 am  
First Presbyterian Church—310 S University Ave, Carbondale

At the inauguration of Dwight Eisenhower a unique institution was launched by former Presidents Herbert Hoover and Harry Truman that would grow from an unofficial social club to a relevant arm of influence and power for the executive branch of the U.S. Government. There is just one criteria for membership. You have to be a former U.S. President who is willing to come out of semiretirement to aid the office you formerly held. See how America is aided, shaped, and sometimes even hindered by the members.

**Registration Fee: \$10.00**

**Materials:** Required reading: "The Presidents Club" by Nancy Gibbs and Michael Duffy.

#### The Consequences—Good and Bad—of Having Paleolithic Bodies in a Post—Paleolithic World—Fran Oros

September 8—October 6, 1:30 pm—3:30 pm  
Carbondale Township Office—217 East Main St, Carbondale

This course takes a look at the evolution of the human body into hunter-gatherers and beyond. Evolution explains why our bodies are the way they are, and gives us clues on how to avoid many of the mismatch illnesses so prevalent today. These chronic and largely preventable diseases include type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke, liver disease, kidney disease, certain types of cancers, allergies, lower back pain, fallen arches, myopia, constipation, etc. We will conclude by looking at ways we can alleviate or prevent these mismatch diseases.

**Registration Fee: \$10.00**

### TUESDAY

#### Introduction to Geology —Charles Frank

September 9—October 7, 9:30 am—11:30 am  
Epiphany Lutheran Church—1501 W Chautauqua, Carbondale

This course will survey the discipline of Geology using a DVD course from "The Great Courses" collection. The DVD was produced from the lectures of Professor John Renton at West Virginia University. Professor Charles Frank is retired from the SIU Department of Geology where he taught and chaired.

**Registration Fee: \$10.00**

### WEDNESDAY

#### Memoirs I —Roberta Piper

September 10 - October 8, 1:30 pm-3:30 pm  
Epiphany Lutheran Church—1501 W Chautauqua, Carbondale

If you've not been able to join this group in a previous session, you're invited to come and start putting your memories to paper. This is not a critical class focused on grammar. It's a warm and caring group that encourages each person to open up the past for your own or your family's pleasure. Write from one's experience, reading in class what one has written.

**Maximum 10; Registration Fee: \$10.00**

**Materials:** Paper, writing utensils, word processor helpful but typing or hand writing is acceptable.

### THURSDAY

#### Attacking Cities, Industries, People—WWII's Separate Third Front: Strategic Bombing of Europe and Japan—Bob Harper

September 11- October 9, 9:30 am-11:30 am  
\*\*Class will be held at the home of Bob Harper—address will be included in your registration receipt/confirmation.\*\*

Strategic bombing, bombing without relation to the ground war, was tried on a massive scale for the first time in WWII in Europe—first by the Germans, then by the RAF, and, finally by the Americans. This was essentially a war on civilians, not soldiers. It was a war fought 5 miles above the earth under severe environmental conditions, carried out mostly by 19 to 25 year olds. Its results are still controversial, as are the ethical questions. **Maximum 20; Registration Fee: \$10.00**

#### This Apocalyptic Century—David Christensen

##### THIS CLASS WILL NOT MEET.

Dave was scheduled to teach this course and is now unable to do so. For the \$10 fee, you will receive a copy of Dave Christensen's book, "The Apocalyptic Century." Again, please note that this class will not meet—the fee is for a copy of his book only.

**Maximum 20; Fee: \$10.00**

## Musical of the Month Interest Group

If you are interested in musicals—Broadway, or Hollywood—this group is for you! The group meets from **9:30 am to 12 pm on the 4th Wednesday morning of each month.** The group will meet at Vivian Ugent's home theater. The first session is August 27. After a brief introductory background to the show of the month, the group will see a screening of a different musical, discuss it, and choose the next. This group is limited to 25 participants and will fill quickly! Registration fee is \$10.00 for the year. You may sign up using the registration form in this newsletter.

## Fall Session II Courses: October 13, 2014—November 14, 2014

### MONDAY

#### **Playreading and Analysis—Edward Albee & Horton Foote—Christian Moe**

October 13—November 10, 9 am—11 am  
Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship—105 N. Parrish Lane

Class members will read aloud and discuss four plays in five weeks. The plays are: *The Trip to Bountiful* & *Old Friends* by Horton Foote and *A Delicate Balance* & *Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf* by Edward Albee. The instructor will cast each play and provide background material for each for purposes of discussion and analysis. **Maximum 12; Registration Fee: \$10.00**

**Materials:** Used single copies of the 2 Albee plays and *Trip to Bountiful* can be purchased through amazon or new at (DPS) Dramatist Play Service for \$8.00. If Foote's *Old Friends* is not published by DPS by September 1st, another Foote play will be announced. Estimated total cost \$25.

#### **A Skeptic Reads Scripture—Paul Mundschenk**

October 13—November 10, 1:30 pm—3:30 pm  
University Baptist—700 S Oakland, Carbondale, IL

People who embrace a worldview devoid of religious convictions are under no obligation to reject out of hand the value of relevance of all religious scripture. This class will examine and how it plays out when the authority of the texts is rejected at the outset. What happens is that we become free to read them as we would any other pieces of literature, and discover gems of insight. In this course, we will read portions of the Bible, the Qur'an, the Bhagavad Gita, the Dhammapada, and the Tao Te Ching with this approach in mind. **Registration Fee: \$10.00**

### TUESDAY

#### **Civilizations at the Tipping Point: War or Peace in the 21st Century—Leo Gher**

October 14—November 18\*\*, 1 pm—3 pm  
Epiphany Lutheran Church—1501 W Chautauqua, Carbondale  
**\*\*Class will not meet on November 4\*\***

This course will explore some of the big ideas facing humanity in the coming years: *The Clash of Civilizations*; *The End of History*; *Manifest Destiny*; *American Exceptionalism*; *The Russian Bear Rising*; *Arab Spring becomes Islamist Winter*; among others. We will delve into the history, religion, and culture of modern civilizations, seeking to understand the differences that shape current and future conflicts. This course will be offered in a multimedia format with interactive opportunities. **Maximum 32; Registration Fee: \$10.00**

### WEDNESDAY

#### **Memoirs II —Roberta Piper**

October 15—November 12, 1:30 pm-3:30 pm  
Epiphany Lutheran Church—1501 W Chautauqua, Carbondale

If you've not been able to join this group in a previous session, you're invited to come and start putting your memories to paper. This is not a critical class focused on grammar. It's a warm and caring group that encourages each person to open up the past for your own or your family's pleasure. Write from one's experience, reading in class what one has written.

**Registration Fee: \$10.00**

### THURSDAY

#### **Trails of Evidence: How Forensic Science Works—Roland Person**

October 16—November 13, 9:30 am—11:30 am, Epiphany Lutheran Church—1501 W Chautauqua, Carbondale

This is a DVD course presented by Dr. Elizabeth Murray, a forensic anthropologist and professor of Biology. We will choose from topics dealing with evidence and crime-scene investigation—these will include fingerprints, firearms, plant and animal evidence and body fluid analysis. Various documents, high-tech crimes, arson, bombing, blood-stain evidence & eyewitness testimony will also be covered. **Registration Fee: \$10.00**

#### **Focusing on the 2014 Mid-Term Elections and their Meaning—John Jackson**

October 16—November 13, 1:30 pm—3:30 pm, Epiphany Lutheran Church—1501 W Chautauqua, Carbondale

This course will provide an analysis of the 2014 congressional and governors elections and their meaning for the policies of the Obama Administration for its last two years in office. It will set these elections into a larger historical context of other such mid-term elections and their impact. The course will also set this year's elections in the larger perspective of the party and ideological polarization which has marked American politics for the past two decades. **Registration Fee: \$10.00**

### FRIDAY

#### **Gettysburg: America's Crossroad—Dan Jones**

October 17—November 14, 9:30 am—11:30 am, Epiphany Lutheran Church—1501 W Chautauqua, Carbondale

The sleepy little crossroad village of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania is the site of what is most probably the most important battle in American History. It was during this conflict that the country would be forced in the direction of perpetual and indivisible union, or the dissolution of the United States. Come and share the heroism and acts of fortune that would take place to shape this battle. Three days of battle that forever changed the face of America. **Materials:** Required reading: "Witness to Gettysburg: by Richard Wheeler. **Registration Fee: \$10.00**

## FALL DAY TRIP

Please join us for the **Southern Illinois Group—A Taste of St. Louis Birthday Bash! Celebrating 250 Years of History** on Thursday, **September 25, 2014**. We'll depart by motor coach this morning and travel to St. Louis, MO. Commentary will be made as we travel along parts of our tour. It's a Birthday Celebration! 250 years of rich history, and it won't take long to see why the citizen's of St. Louis take pride in their city. We'll take the new Stan Musial/Veteran's Bridge and arrive for a guided tour of the **Fabulous Fox Theater!**

From the Fox we'll travel over to the Hill for lunch at **Favazza's**. Enjoy Cannelloni with Favazza's House Salad, Bread and Rolls and Spumoni Ice Cream for dessert. Next stop...the **Missouri History Museum!** St. Louis turns 250 this year, so how do you tell 250 years of St. Louis History in one exhibit? The Missouri History Museum does it through the stories of 50 People, 50 Images, 50 Moments, and 50 Objects. You will see them all during your visit. While here, you will see the **Theatre in the Museum**. It's a dramatic interpretation of, "Postcards from the 1904 World's Fair." Then will travel on to the **Jewel Box**. The "jewel" of Forest Park has just undergone a \$3.5 million renovation and it "glows" again! Our last stop is the magnificent **Cathedral Basilica St. Louis**. Our last St. Louis feature is a stop at the one and only Ted Drewe's for an ice cream treat (on your own!).

**Departure:** 7:15 am from SIU Arena parking lot

**Return:** 7:15 pm

*Take a Trip!*

**Registration Fee:** \$65.00 (includes: roundtrip motor coach transportation, Tour of the Fox Theater with organ performance, Lunch at Favazza's, Tour the Missouri History Museum with Theatre in the Museum, Visit the Jewel Box, see the New Cathedral.)

### Contact Information

**Trip Information:** Don Boehne—(618) 549-1319

**Trip Registration:** Continuing Education and Outreach—(618) 536-7751

***Trips are non-refundable.***

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### **2014-2015 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 for August and September:

**August:** *Mary Chestnut's Civil War* by Mary Chestnut. An authorized account of the Civil War, drawn from the diaries of a Southern aristocrat.

**September:** *The Light Between the Oceans* by H.L. Stedman. Moral dilemmas arise after a baby arrives on the lighthouse island off the Western coast of Australia.

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

# REGISTRATION FORM

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

## SILIR REGISTRATION FORM (PLEASE FILL IN YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.)

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

- (15E0901901) Annual Membership Dues.....\$25 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- (15E0901906) August Luncheon.....\$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- (15E0901902) Book Study Group.....\$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- (15E0901903) Lunch Talk Discussion Group.....\$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- (15E0901912) Musicals Interest Group.....\$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

If paying for more than one person's membership dues or luncheon fee, write their name here: \_\_\_\_\_

**SILIR 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 that 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!

SESSION I COURSES

- (15E0901907) The President's Club...\$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- (15E0901908) The Consequences-Good & Bad.....\$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- (15E0901909) Intro to Geology.....\$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- (15E0901914) Attacking Cities, Industries, People.....\$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- (15E0901920) Memoirs I.....\$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- (15E0901911) This Apocalyptic Century (book only).....\$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

SESSION II COURSES

- (15E0901910) A Skeptic Reads Scripture....\$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- (15E0901913) Playreading & Analysis.....\$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- (15E0901915) Civilization at the Tipping Point.....\$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- (15E0901916) Forensic Science.....\$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- (15E0901917) Mid-Term Elections.....\$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- (15E0901918) Gettysburg: America's Crossroad.....\$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- (15E0901921) Memoirs II.....\$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_
- (15E0901919) A Taste of St. Louis Birthday Bash Trip....\$65 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

### LEARNING IN RETIREMENT PROGRAM WAIVER

DISCLAIMER: I do not hold Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement or Southern Illinois University, or their representatives, responsible for any injury that may occur during an SILIR program in which I participate during 2014-2015.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please submit a check payable to "SIU Carbondale" or provide your credit card information below.

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Email (for receipt): \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form to: Continuing Education and Outreach, 1255 Lincoln Drive, Mail Code 6705, Carbondale, IL 62901 or call CEO Registration at 618-536-7751 to register with your credit card information.

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