March 21 Meeting
Location:
Grace United Methodist Church
220 N. Tower Road,
Carbondale
- 9:30 Coffee Social Hour
- 10:30 Meeting and Program

March Greeters:
- Ann Dillard
- Rose Bender
- Shirley Cunningham
- Sandy Anderson

Chair: John Pohlmann

AT A GLANCE
Monthly Meetings:
March 21, 2018
April 18, 2018
May 16, 2018

QUESTIONS?
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March Speaker:
Edward Benyas

14th Annual Southern Illinois Music Festival

The 14th annual Southern Illinois Music Festival features three-dozen performances in venues from Carbondale to Cairo, Murphysboro to Marion and at many points in between. In addition to members of the New Chicago Chamber Orchestra, musicians from throughout North and South America, Europe and Asia perform orchestral and chamber music, opera, patriotic music, and jazz in an informal and inviting atmosphere. Casual dress is welcome! This year’s Festival is titled “Twos By Tews,” runs May 25-June 10. Go to www.SIFest.com for the latest schedule updates.

Edward Benyas is Professor of Oboe at SIU Carbondale, Music Director of the Southern Illinois Symphony, New Chicago Chamber Orchestra and the Southern Illinois Music Festival. The Illinois Council of Orchestras has named him Conductor of the Year and the Southern Business Journal named him a “Leader Among Us.” He has conducted orchestras and opera companies throughout North America and in Europe and China. Of one recent appearance, the Copley Chicago Newspapers wrote: 'Edward Benyas’ clear directions from the podium helped create a night of true magic.” His conducted repertoire includes nearly 400 works, including a dozen world premieres and several dozen complete operas and ballets.

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### SILIR Monthly Interest Groups

#### Musical of the Month Interest Group

This group meets the 4th Wednesday each month to watch and discuss a musical or movie musical. Mar. movie will be *Hello Dolly*

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Mar. 28 at Epiphany Lutheran Church. Coffee and snacks at 9 am and movie at 9:30 am.

#### Monthly Book Club

The Book Club meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 9:30am at Epiphany Lutheran Church on West Chautauqua.

**March 19th**

March’s book selection is *The Summer Before the War* by Helen Simonson

#### Monthly Lunch Discussion Group

Members are invited to join this group to meet monthly to share lunch and open conversation.

The group moves around to different regional restaurants throughout the year, meeting at **11:45am**

**March 29**

Location:

#### SILIR Spring Luncheon

**April 18, 2018**

Grace United Methodist Church

**Menu Items:**
- Fried chicken
- Hash brown potato casserole
- Green beans
- Lettuce salad
- Dinner rolls
- Chocolate lush (4-layer dessert)
- Iced water, iced tea and coffee

**Registration Fee:** $13.00

Deadline to register is April 16th.

### SILIR Class — May 9—10, 2018

#### Impeachment: A Political and Legal Process

**Registration Fee:** $5.00

**Instructors:** Thomas Britton and John Jackson

**May 9 and May 10**

9:30 - 11:30 am

Epiphany Lutheran Church

The course will address the legal framework for impeachments, the history of impeachments, and how the current framework evolved and current circumstances.
SILIR Session II Classes — March 19 - April 19, 2018

Tuesday

Illinois History
Instructor: Michael Batinski
Registration Fee: $10.00
March 20th—April 17th 9:30 - 11:30 am
Carbondale Township

The past is with us. While exploring the decisions to create the state of Illinois, the frontier experience, the Civil War, modern economic development and the search for social justice, this course will seek to tie those topics to our present experience. And so, the focus will tighten on southern Illinois. While looking to the famous, the course will seek to uncover the forgotten and the obscure whose experiences are essential for understanding the state’s history. The topics may appear at first glance unusual. Instead of Lincoln, we will look to the people who voted for him, the migrant workers who built the canals and railroads and harvested the prairie farms, the peoples who vanished from the land, the reformers who struggled for social justice. We will look to the people who raised Chicago from the mud and turned a river backwards, the ancient mound builders, the speculators who staked their fortunes on Cairo, and the entrepreneurs who strove to gouge fortunes from the earth’s richness. These stories are chosen both because they are interesting and because they remain with us.

From Wartime Allies to Cold War Foes
Instructor: Jim Sylwester
Registration Fee: $10.00
March 22nd—April 19th 9:30 - 11:30 am
Epiphany Lutheran Church

Despite being allies during WW II both Stalin and Americans generally drew lessons from history culminating in the Cold War. When the war ended in 1945, Stalin thought primarily in terms of security, but a concern for the Soviet Union. Wartime Americans, however, also became committed to internationalism, bipartisanship, and disarmament with inspection, as well as determined to avoid appeasement and to oppose any "ism," which they thought might threaten their way of life. Thus the framework of ideas widely present in the United States in 1945 came to clash sharply with the security concern of a paranoid Stalin. The resulting tensions lasted until the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991.

Our World of High Technology
Instructors: Gary Hartlieb, Ken Johnson and John Pohlmann
Registration Fee: $10.00
March 22nd—April 19th 1:30 - 3:30 pm
Carbondale Township

Come join us as we discuss the new and exciting innovations that are happening in this hi-tech world. John will review the history of software, current developments in cloud based software and sources of informative and impartial technology information. Gary will cover digital odds and ends—several topics past participants listed as a great interest, including Wi-Fi basics, internet speeds and provider choices, device security, and the cloud versus Edge computing. One hour will be a demonstration of putting together a photographic book to be printed. Ken will show you how to dramatically cut your monthly TV bill—which can often exceed $125—by using popular (and cheap) streaming video services such as Netflix, Amazon Prime Video, and YouTube Video. He’ll also discuss the dual automotive revolutions (self-implementation timelines). Finally, the latest advances in artificial intelligences (AI) and robotics will be presented. As you’ll see, this is a very fast-moving and eye-popping field.
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- **April 2018**
- **Easter**
- **Monthly Musical**: 9 am Coffee and snacks 9:30 am Movie
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**REGISTRATION FORM**

*Please fill out and send entire form with payment*

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

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If you are registering more than yourself for a class/trip, please list the name of the SILIR member you are registering.

- **FY18 Membership Dues** $25 x _____ = _____
  (July 1, 2018 — June 30, 2019)

- **INTEREST GROUPS** — July 1, 2017 — June 30, 2018
  - Musicals Interest Group $10 x _____ = _____
  - Book Study Group $10 x _____ = _____
  - Lunch Discussion Group $10 x _____ = _____

- **SESSION II CLASSES**
  - Illinois History $10 x _____ = _____
  - Wartime Allies to Cold War Foes $10 x _____ = _____
  - High Technology $10 x _____ = _____
  - Impeachment $5 x _____ = _____

- **Spring Luncheon**
  - Luncheon $13 x _____ = _____

Amount Enclosed $___________

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

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Signature ___________________ Date __________

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