August Speaker: Maureen Berkowitz, Chief County Assessment Officer

Jackson County Assessment Office, Functioning Within the Statutes of the Illinois Property Tax Code

A behind-the-scenes look at the challenges in distributing the property tax burden fairly among all constituents. What happens in a reassessment year? What happens in a non-reassessment year? Why aren’t values adjusted to sale price? There will be time for questions and answers. Berkowitz was appointed to the Jackson County Board of Review in 1999, serving until her appointment to Supervisor of Assessments in 2002. She was then elected to the post in 2010 and 2014. She has a B.A. degree from SIU Carbondale and over 500 hours of continuing education in the assessing field.

Reminder: Annual Membership Renewal
July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018 is Now Available!

Visit the SI Learning in Retirement web page at:
http://conferenceservices.siu.edu/silir.php
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. **We will not meet in August.** September’s movie is **South Pacific**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 27 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.

**NO meeting in August**

September’s book selection is **Wolf Hall**

by Hilary Mantell

---

**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 on Aug. 24**

**Location:** Sunny Street

---

**Membership Directory**

The directory will be mailed out this fall. To opt out of being included, please contact Jackie Welch by phone (618-536-7751) or email (jackiew@siu.edu) no later than September 30.

---

**Monthly Meetings**

If you have enjoyed the treats served at our coffee hour from 9:30 to 10:30 am on the third Wednesday of the month, please consider volunteering to bring something - cake, cookies, trail mix, nuts, or fruit - your choice. Contact Fran Oros, 618-998-9751, to sign up for the month of your choice. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

---

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of SILIR member Leo “Jerry” Brown on May 28, 2017.

Floyd E. Cunningham, a long time member and whose wife, Shirley, was a greeter for years died Wed. morning.
Time to Renew Your Membership

If you haven’t already renewed your membership in Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement (SILIR), do so now to be eligible for fall classes. The SILIR Curriculum Committee has slated a wide variety of classes on topics such as literature, religion, archeology, law, and science.

Membership in SILIR runs from July 1 - June 30 the following year. Sign up now for the benefits of membership: classes, speakers, interest groups and access to trips. The cost of membership remains the same as it has been for over 10 years, thanks to the many teachers and speakers who provide “life-long learning” to our members without compensation. Below is a list of current members who have given so freely of their time to teach SILIR courses. Be sure to thank them for their efforts:

John Pohlmann  
Gary Hartlieb  
Fran Oros  
Suzanne Schmitz  
Dennis Leitner  
Brian Butler  
Rose Bender

Mary Alice Kimmel  
Leo Gher  
John Hooker  
John Jackson  
Thomas Mitchell  
Christian Moe

Paul Mundschenk  
Helen Nall  
David Pellow  
Roland Person  
Parviz Sanjabi  
Roberta Piper

Three easy ways to renew! Membership is still $25
- Mail registration form and payment to Conference and Schedule Services
- Call Conference and Scheduling Services at 618-536-7751
- At the August monthly meeting (with check, credit card or EXACT cash!)

SILIR Class — August 17 and August 24, 2017

Cyber-Security: What Is The Threat and Am I Threatened?  
Registration Fee: $5.00

Instructor: Robin Cole - The Rite Group
August 17 and August 24  2:30 - 4:30 pm
Carbondale Township
Robin Cole will try to explain what threats an individual or business might experience while using a cell phone, the internet, or other electronic devices from malicious hackers, and also from just being monitored by your internet service provider. He will also discuss five do's and don'ts to help you preserve your identity and data security.
SILIR Session I Classes — September 11 - October 13, 2017

Monday

Play Reading and Analysis: Middle Class Comedy Somewhat Old and New
Registration Fee: $10.00
Instructor: Christian H. Moe
September 11th—October 9th  9:30 - 11:30 am
Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship

Class members will read and discuss plays by Georges Feydeau: *A Flea in Her Ear, Sauce for the Goose*; by Henley: *Crimes of the Heart*; and by Ken Ludwig: *Lend me a Tenor.*

Tuesday

Power & Subjugation in the Islamic Middle East--Then and Now
Registration Fee: $10.00
Instructor: Leo Gher
September 12th—October 10th  9:30 - 11:30 am
Epiphany Lutheran Church

For the past 25 years monumental changes have taken place in the Middle East. The "Arab Spring," the Syrian collapse, the fall of the democratically elected government in Egypt, the rise of ISIS, authoritarianism in Turkey, and the shrinking influence of Pax Americana throughout the region are just a few topics that will be discussed. We will take a brief look at Islamic history and culture in terms of language, religion, tradition, and civic authority, and then explore the ramification for the future of the region and the global community. The course will be offered in a multimedia format with interactive opportunities for all participants.

So You Think You Know St. Louis
Registration Fee: $10.00
Instructor: Gary Hartlieb
September 12th—October 10th  1:30 - 3:30 pm
Epiphany Lutheran Church

The history of St. Louis will be examined through videos and discussion. Particular attention will be paid to the 1800's and 1900's, with one session devoted to the 1904 World's Fair. Rarely known facts will be revealed, and landmarks will be explained in detail.

Thursday

Shakespeare
Registration Fee: $10.00
Instructor: Mary Lamb
September 14th—October 12th  9:30 - 11:30 am
Epiphany Lutheran Church

“Twelfth Night” is one of Shakespeare's later comedies. It is most interesting to me because of its double plot, first the conventional love-triangle which has its own gender-bending delights and then (most unusual) a plot devoted to the 'downstairs' servants and others who choose to hang out with them. It is not unusual for a Shakespeare play to feature a servant character—an Iago, for example, for Shakespeare's Othello—but it is unusual to give the working characters an entire plot. How do these two plots reflect upon each other? To be discussed. Please read Twelfth Night in preparation for the class. In addition to Twelfth Night we will do one other play of the class's choice.
SILIR Session I Classes — September 11 - October 13, 2017 cont.

**Thursday**

**Snake Oil or Elixir?**

Instructor: Dr. Parviz Sanjabi and Mary Pohlmann
September 14th—October 12th  1:30 - 3:30 pm
Epiphany Lutheran Church

An evidence-based exploration of the efficacy of food supplements, complementary, alternative and integrative therapies. The course will be customized to the interests of the enrolled students. Instructors will include physicians Drs. Paviz Sanjabi and Mary Pohlmann, dietician Dr. Patricia Welch and statistician Dr. John Pohlmann.

---

**September Luncheon**

**September 20, 2017 — Dunn-Richmond**

Menu Items:
- Salisbury steak
- Pasta Marinara (vegetarian)
- Whipped potatoes
- Tossed salad w/assorted dressings
- Seasoned green beans
- Dinner rolls w/butter
- French vanilla cake
- Iced water, iced tea and coffee

Registration Fee: $11.00
Deadline to register is September 15th.

---

**Monthly speaker: Steve Falcone**
*Readers Theater Presentation of a Steve Falcone Play*
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS GROUP
Would like for you to join us in
BRANSON, MO
For an Autumn Spectacular!
Tues., Oct. 3 - Thurs. Oct. 5, 2017

DAY ONE, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2017 (L-D)

We'll depart at 6:30am from the south end of the SIU Arena parking lot and travel to Branson, MO, for a fantastic three day adventure! It's a getaway filled with music, great food, shopping and a lot of fun as we explore Branson, MO at this beautiful time of the year!

We'll make a stop today at the original Bass Pro Shop in Springfield, MO. Enjoy lunch included here today at Hemingway's Blue Water Café. Feel free to explore the store as time allows. This original location of Bass Pro has led to the founding of many other stores across the nation.

Upon arrival in Branson, we will travel to the Curling Vine Winery (formerly Stone Hill). Time is allowed for a tour and wine tasting and of course shopping. Feel free to choose that perfect bottle of wine to take home. The winery will pack any purchases and your driver will gently place them on the coach for their safe travel back to Carbondale.

Next we will check into the Barrington Hotel. Some time is given to refresh a bit before we leave for dinner and the show tonight. Your luggage will be handled for you so once you have your key feel free to make your way to your room. Enjoy a little relaxation.

Dinner is included this evening at McFarlains then we are off to see the spectacular production of Moses at the Sight and Sound Theater! Set adrift as a baby, exiled and stuttering as an adult, Moses is no hero - until God gives him a huge assignment: free the Israelites from slavery. From the depths of the Red Sea to the mountains where Moses receives the Ten Commandments, experience one of the Bible's most epic stories come to life on stage.

DAY TWO, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2017 (B-L-D)

Our day begins with an Extended Continental Breakfast this morning at the hotel, then we’re off for what may be a new and exciting experience for some of you here in the Branson area - as our morning finds us at Dogwood Canyon Nature Park. Call it a “ride on the wild side,” if you will. Step aboard your comfortable, open-air tram and explore the beauty of Dogwood Canyon on our 2-hour Wildlife Tram Tour. You'll wind through the canyon floor, past towering bluffs and waterfalls, making a stop at the Glory Hole (a magnificent blue-green pool where some of the largest trout reside). Then cross the Arkansas border where your tram may mingle with herds of American bison, elk, whitetail deer and Texas longhorn. Dogwood Canyon was begun in 1990 by Johnny Morris, the founder of the Bass Pro Shops. Today it is managed by it’s own foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting the canyon’s natural plant and wildlife environment. A picnic lunch follows your tour and then we will return Branson. For further information check out the website at www.dogwoodcanyon.org
DAY TWO (Continued)
After the nature reserve experience, we will make our way to the Branson Landing. Enjoy some shopping time here. Don’t forget to see the Dancing Waters lakeside with plenty of seating to be comfortable while you watch. Dinner is included this evening at the Black Oak Grill. And it’s right here on the Landing. After our delicious meal, be ready to leave the Landing for the Oak Ridge Boys Show. Producing hit records since 1973, the Oak Ridge Boys are well known for their four-part harmonies. Whether you like newer hits, or the ever popular songs like, Elvira, or area favorites like Ozark Mountain Jubilee, they present a fun time for all. Throughout the years, the group has amassed special honors such as 5 Grammy Awards, 4 CMA Awards and 4 Academy of Country Music Awards. They are energetic, and their harmonies are hits from across the decades. Sit back and enjoy the singing voices of the Oak Ridge Boys!

DAY THREE, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2017 (B)
Have your bags out early this morning and enjoy an extended continental breakfast at the hotel before we depart. Then we’re off for our final stop in Branson to see the All Hands on Deck Show! This show brings you an authentic American roadshow and radio broadcast of heart-warming songs in tight harmonies, rousing on-air antics, classic commercials, and sing-a-long excitement, all accompanied by the warm sounds of the live nine-piece Hollywood Victory Caravan Orchestra! This show is sure to be a patriotic production that will keep you singing after we depart the theater. We’ll begin our journey back to Carbondale after the show with rest stops along the way.

TOUR COST INCLUDES:
*Roundtrip Deluxe Motorcoach transportation* All admissions as per the official itinerary*
*Two Nights accommodations at the Barrington Hotel*
*Two Extended Continental Breakfasts* Stop at the Bass Pro Shop in Springfield, MO with Lunch included*
*Visit the Curling Vine Winery* *Dinner on Day One* *Shopping time on the Branson Landing*
*See Moses at the Sight & Sound Theater* *Tour of Dogwood Canyon with Lunch*
*Dinner at the Black Oak Grill*
*See the Oak Ridge Boys* *See All Hands On Deck Show*
*All tax and gratuity on included items* Baggage Handling & Driver’s Gratuity*

Per Person Cost: $488 Based on Double—$567 Based on Single - $465 Based on Triple

For Information Please Contact: Don Boehne at 618.549.1319
All Reservations and Payments are due by August 18, 2017
Please Call 618.536.7751 with your payment information and to make your reservation. If adequate numbers are not met the tour will cancel and all monies will be refunded back to you. Otherwise all payments are non-refundable.

Travel Protection is not included in the tour cost but may be purchased at an additional cost. Plans offer benefits for Trip Cancellation/Interruption and more. We encourage all travelers to purchase a plan at the time of your initial deposit
Late Reservations are welcome but not guaranteed
Please join
Southern Illinois Group
for Coffee & Donuts
and the St. Louis Symphony
Friday, December 8, 2017

6:30am Departure from the South End of the SIU Arena Parking Lot
We will make our way to Powell Symphony Hall this morning for their popular program — the Coffee and Donuts Concert. Arrive just in time for the pre-concert conversation — with one of the conductors. Enjoy this interesting perspective of the music that you will hear today. The perspective of the conductors is always captivating.

Then make your way to the Concert Hall and enjoy your coffee and donut as you pass by. In an awe-inspiring and intriguing twist on a beloved classic, Avi Avital joins the STL Symphony performing Vivaldi’s ever-popular The Four Seasons as you’ve never heard it before. Substituting the mandolin for the violin, Avital makes “The Four Seasons virtually fly off the page in high-energy, joyous readings”, says the NY Times. Laurence Cummings conducts this captivating performance that puts both the soloist and the ensemble on virtuosic display.

After the concert, return to our motorcoach and travel to the “Hill” for a late lunch at Favazza’s. Enjoy an appetizer of Toasted Ravioli, House Salad, with Chicken Parmesan, a Side of Pasta with Hot Bread and Butter and Cannoli for dessert. After lunch, we’ll stop at one of the bakeries here on the “Hill” for a little shopping time. Then we’ll return back to Carbondale arriving at approximately 7:00pm.

**PER PERSON COST: $99.00**

For Information Please Call: Don Boehne - 618-549-1319
All payments are non-refundable.

Payments are due no later than November 3, 2017. Due to the policy of the Symphony all payments are due by that date and become non-refundable at that time. Please Call 618.536.7751 with your payment information. If adequate numbers are not met the tour will cancel and all monies refunded back to you.
**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 ___________________________

First Name ___________________________ Last Name ___________________________

Street ________________________________

City __________________________ State _____ Zip Code ________________

Day Phone Number ___________ Cell Phone ________________

*E-mail Address ___________________________

*Be sure we have your current email address. We do not have everyone’s email on file.

| Name: ___________________________ (18W0901901) | Annual Membership Dues ...........$25 x _____ = _____ |
| Name: ___________________________ (18W0901913) | September Luncheon ...............$11 x _____ = _____ |

| Name: ___________________________ (18W0901902) | Musicals Interest Group ..........$10 x _____ = _____ |
| Name: ___________________________ (18W0901904) | Book Study Group .................$10 x _____ = _____ |
| Name: ___________________________ (18W0901905) | Lunch Discussion Group ..........$10 x _____ = _____ |

| Name: ___________________________ (18W0901914) | Cyber Security .......................$ 5 x _____ = _____ |
| Name: ___________________________ (18W0901907) | Play Reading and Analysis ........$10 x _____ = _____ |
| Name: ___________________________ (18W0901908) | Islamic Middle East ...............$10 x _____ = _____ |
| Name: ___________________________ (18W0901909) | You Think you Know St. Louis ....$10 x _____ = _____ |
| Name: ___________________________ (18W0901910) | Shakespeare .........................$10 x _____ = _____ |
| Name: ___________________________ (18W0901911) | Snake Oil or Elixir? ...............$10 x _____ = _____ |

| Name: ___________________________ (18W0901906) | St. Louis Symphony ...............$ 99 x _____ = _____ |
| Name: ___________________________ (18W0901912) | Branson, MO (single) .............$567 x _____ = _____ |
| Name: ___________________________ (18W0901912) | Branson, MO (double) ............$488 x _____ = _____ |
| Name: ___________________________ (18W0901912) | Branson, MO (triple) .............$465 x _____ = _____ |

**FALL SESSION I COURSES**

**TRIPS**

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

Credit Card Number ___________________________ Exp. _________

Name on Card ___________________________ CVC _________

Email (for receipt): ___________________________

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 I participate in during 17-18.

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.

Mail form to: Conference & Scheduling Services, Student Center - Mail Code 6705, 1255 Lincoln Drive, Carbondale, IL 62901 or call Registration at 618-536-7751 to register with your credit card.
What will you learn today?

Visit the SI Learning in Retirement web page at: conferenceservices.siu.edu/silir.php