Golden Opportunities

March 15 Meeting
Location:
Dunn Richmond Economic Development Center
150 E Pleasant Hill Road, Carbondale
- 9:30 Coffee Social Hour
- 10:30 Meeting and Program
March Greeters:
- Jan Radtke
- Clara McClure
- Lilly Crane

Chair: John Pohlmann

AT A GLANCE
Monthly Meetings:
March 15, 2017
April, 19, 2017
May 17, 2017

QUESTIONS?
Email SILIR at SILIR@SIU.EDU

March Speaker: Anita Hutton
“Maestro” Bugs Bunny and The Music Behind the Toons

Anita Hutton (like many children) was introduced to orchestral music and well-known classical compositions by none other than "Maestro" Bugs Bunny and his wacky toon friends at Warner Brothers! She will provide many fun facts about the music making behind the cartoons, including the story of little-known Warner Bros. musical genius Carl Stalling and his 50-piece orchestra. Come prepared to return to childhood as you enjoy cartoons that feature classical melodies guaranteed to brighten your day. Anita is currently pianist/organist at First United Methodist Church and works extensively as an accompanist in music theater/opera; chamber music recitals; and instrumental and vocal recitals. In addition to playing solo performances throughout southern Illinois, Anita participates and coaches at chamber music workshops in the United States, Germany, and England.

Call 618/536-7751 for Questions

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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. March movie is *Bells Are Ringing*

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Mar. 22 at Epiphany Lutheran Church. Coffee and snacks at 9 am and movie at 9:30 am.

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**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's book selection is *Last Bus to Wisdom* by Ivan Doig

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**Monthly Lunch Talk 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 Mar. 23

Location: Tres Hombres

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**Movies, movies, movies**

SILIR is considering adding a movie interest group in the summer or fall. It would be very similar to the Movie Musical group that has been on-going for several years. The tentative plan is to revisit classic movies; however, it will be up to the group to decide which movies we will watch and discuss.

Step one in this process is to gauge members' interest. Step one b will be to select a movie to show at our first meeting. Please email me if you are interested and include a short list of a few movies that you would be interested in revisiting or ones that you missed (or, as is sometimes the case with me, can't remember if you saw it).

Jim Lambert
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847.519.2603
SILIR Session II Classes — March 20 - April 20, 2017

TUESDAYS

Lost Worlds of South America (Part II)  Registration Fee: $10.00

Instructor: Fran Oros
March 21 - April 18  1:30 - 3:30 pm
Carbondale Township

This course will introduce you to thousands of years of South American history, much of which has come to light only recently. We will cover the many cultures that rose and fell during South America’s pre-Columbian history. One of the aspects of Andean history that has changed the most in recent times is our understanding of just how far it goes back in time. Peru’s coast is now known to be home to the oldest cities in the Americas and among the oldest in the world. The famous Monte Verde site represents the oldest known human habitation in the Americas. In this course we will also look at the Nazca Lines, the Moche culture, Amazon civilization, the Wari, the Chimú, the Sican, and the Inca cultures. In addition some time will be spent on pottery, metallurgy, weaving, cultivated plants, mummies, and head hunters. This course will be based mostly on DVDs with lectures by Professor Edwin Barnhart with additional instruction provided by me.

THURSDAYS

The Secrets of Great Mystery and Suspense Fiction (Part II)  Registration Fee: $10.00

Instructor: Roland Person
March 23 - April 20  9:30 - 11:30 am
Epiphany Lutheran Church

Although not organized chronologically, the course will begin with the great, such as Poe, Doyle and Christie before moving on to various categories of emphasis. There will be clusters of lectures on key figures in the genre (e.g. detective, police, side-kick, femme fatale), the defining features of the genre, the use of setting and the response to societal change. Minority groups will be represented, modern variations and spin-offs will be covered and you will encounter familiar and less familiar authors. This course is based on a DVD program by Prof. David Schmid at the University of Buffalo.

Learning in Retirement Course Cancellation/Refund Policy:

There are no refunds issued for LIR courses; however, if you will be unable to attend a course you’ve registered for, please call Conference and Scheduling Services at 536-7751 so they may cancel your registration. There may be people on the waitlist who would love to fill the spot. Thank you for your consideration of others!
**THURSDAYS**

**Our World of High Technology**

**Instructors:** Ken Johnson, John Pohlmann and Charles Rodrigues  
**March 23 - April 20  1:30 - 3:30 pm**  
**Epiphany Lutheran Church**

Come join us as we discuss the new and exciting innovations that are happening in the hi-tech world. We'll examine the advances being made in (1) self-driving cars (and trucks and trains), (2) the very powerful combination of artificial intelligence (AI) and robotics, (3) the many interesting and useful applications of drone technology, and (4) the implications that Amazon GO (stores will no longer need check-outs) will have on retail jobs.

We'll also examine Smartphones (and their wonderful marriage with GPS), Smart TVs and streaming videos (a big threat to costly services like cable TV), internet security issues (how to stay protected when doing online transactions), backing up your data, cloud computing (whatever that is), the Internet of Things (all the gadgets around your house & car that are - and will be - connected to the internet), photographic services (making great photos & albums) and location services (providing the cell phone user with pertinent information such as "Where is the nearest ATM?")

We guarantee that this course will be exciting, useful, and challenging. And, it's all yours for the very low price of only $10!

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**SILIR Short Course — April 11 - 18, 2017**

**TUESDAYS**

**Charles Darwin and the Galapagos Islands**

**Instructor:** John Pohlmann  
**April 11th and 18th  9:30 - 11:30 am**  
**Epiphany Lutheran Church**

This course will examine the connection between Charles Darwin’s theory of natural selection and the Galapagos Archipelago. The HMS Beagle spent five weeks in the Galapagos during the autumn of 1835. We will use Darwin's journals, the instructor’s photos and other sources to paint a picture of Darwin’s early thinking about the origins of life. The natural history of the islands and the life they sustain will also be discussed.
SILIR Trip Opportunities

**Friday, April 7, 2017**
Powell Hall, St. Louis, MO
$93

We will make our way to Powell Symphony Hall 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 which you will hear today. The perspective of the conductors is always captivating. David Robertson conducts and Kirill Gerstein returns, performing Gershwin’s Rhapsody in Blue and Gershwin’s Concerto in F and Bernstein’s Three Dance Variations from Fancy Free. Bringing the sounds of jazz to the Symphony, this swinging performance is sure to get your toes tapping!

After the concert, we will head to "The Hill" for a late lunch at Favazza’s. Enjoy a 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 on the "The Hill" for a little shopping time.

We will depart at 6:30 am from the south end of the Arena parking lot, and we will return to Carbondale approximately at 7 pm.

*There are still spots left. Please call today to register! Registration for this trip will close on March 1.*

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**Thursday, April 20, 2017**
History of St. Louis, MO
$62

Founded in 1764 on the banks of the Mississippi River by Pierre Laclède and Auguste Chouteau, St. Louis is steeped in history, is home to industry, water and rail traffic and is noted for Beer and Baseball with a little music thrown in! It's a melting pot of culture and heritage where those from foreign lands came not to just live but thrive!

We begin our whirlwind day with a stop at the Old Courthouse, site of the Dred Scott decision and then move quickly to the Old cathedral, the first cathedral west of the Mississippi River and until 1854 the only parish in the city. We'll drive along Lenore K. Sullivan Blvd. to see the progress of the Arch Riverfront Project-the happening place these days in St. Louis. Lunch follows at the Old Spaghetti Factory found on Laclède 's Landing and housed in one of the most historic buildings in the city. Today you will enjoy a choice of Spaghetti and Meatballs or Fettucine Alfredo with house salad, and spumoni ice cream for dessert, hot bread, and beverages of soda, iced tea, milk & coffee! After lunch, we will drive past the Scott Joplin State Historic Site and travel along Lindell Boulevard for a peek at Millionaire’s Row where the elite of St. Louis make their homes. Then we glide into Forest Park, the site of the 1904 World's Fair and home to the best of St. Louis today-the Missouri History Museum, the Art Museum (Art Hill), the St. Louis Zoo, the Muny Opera and the Jewel Box. Buildings that were left behind as a result of the Fair today now house St. Louis’s most sought after attractions. We’ll take a short amount of time to explore the History Museum and a stop at the Art Museum as well. Enjoy this experience today! We’ll then travel to the Historic Soulard Market where vendors arrive with their fruits, vegetables and other wares every day to bring their delicious products to St. Louis residents.

We’ll depart at 7 am from the south end of the Arena parking lot, and we will return to Carbondale approximately at 7:15 pm.
SILIR Trip Opportunities

11 DAY -- SCANDINAVIA & RUSSIA

Experience the splendor of Scandinavia & Russia, sailing roundtrip from enchanting Copenhagen to storybook cities like Stockholm, Helsinki and Tallinn - home of the Baroque-style Kadriorg Palace built by Peter the Great. Plus, a 2-Day Experience in legendary St. Petersburg gives you the chance to explore the spectacular Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood the Hermitage Museum with over three million artworks, including paintings by da Vinci and Renoir, and take in a ballet at night. You’ll also soak in the flavors and revel in rich traditions of the region through our new Festivals of the World program that bring the local color, culture and flavors to life right on board. And with Discovery™ Recommended and Discovery™ Exclusive shore excursions, you’ll enjoy exciting adventures and experience even more of the region. Find out why Princess Cruises was voted the Best Northern Europe Itineraries by Porthole Magazine and why you’ll come back new.

Fares from $2,199.00USD
Taxes, Fees & Port Expenses up to $185.00 are additional and subject to change.

Contact Information
Don Boehne (618) 549-1319
Trips are non-refundable

Fun at Touch of Nature
Maple Syrupin’

Nora Jacobs, staff member at Touch of Nature and SIU student, demonstrates the process of collecting maple sap into a 5 gallon pail. One maple tree can provide up to 5 gallons of sap per day, but the process of boiling it down to sugar, and later syrup, may yield only a single quart of the delicious syrup.

Steve Gariepy answers one of many questions from Learning in Retirement members. As a program coordinator at Touch of Nature, Steve shared his passion for environmental education and the wonderful facilities offered by SIU’s Touch of Nature programs.

While maple sap continues to drip into a 5 gallon container (left edge of photo), Nora Jacobs answers questions from some of the Learning in Retirement members.

The process of boiling down the maple sap until it finally becomes sugar, and later syrup, is demonstrated by Touch of Nature staff and volunteers. Last year over 1,000 visitors attended the annual Maple Syrup Festival which featured pancakes and “home-made” maple syrup.
**REGISTRATION FORM**

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| Name: (17W0901933) | Our World of High Tech | $10 x _____ = _____ |
| Name: (17W0901934) | Charles Darwin/Galapagos | $ 5 x _____ = _____ |

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