Golden Opportunities

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THE NEWSLETTER FOR SOUTHERN ILLINOIS LEARNING IN RETIREMENT (SILIR)
May 2017

May 17 Meeting
Location:
Dunn Richmond Economic Development Center
150 E Pleasant Hill Road, Carbondale
• 9:30 Coffee Social Hour
• 10:30 Meeting and Program

April Greeters:
• Rose Bender
• Sandy Anderson
• Marianne Lather

Chair: John Pohlmann

AT A GLANCE
Monthly Meetings:
May 17, 2017
June 21, 2017
August 16, 2017

QUESTIONS?
EMAIL SILIR AT SILIR@SIU.EDU

May Speaker: Fred Isberner

The 2017 Solar Eclipse

At 1:20 PM on August 21st, 2017, Southern Illinoisans will experience a total solar eclipse. Fred Isberner will give us a detailed explanation of eclipses and how to safely view them. Many thousands of people are expected to descend upon Southern Illinois to view this fascinating astronomical event. Fred will discuss SIU’s and regional plans for the eclipse. Fred is a retired SIU faculty member and administrator from the College of Applied Sciences and Arts. He also serves as an officer in the Southern Illinois Astronomical Society.

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

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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. May movie is *Flying Down to Rio*.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 24 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.

May's book selection is *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver.

**Monthly Lunch Talk Discussion Group**

Discussion Group will meet for lunch on May 25 at 11:45 am at Sabor de Mel 607 S. Illinois Ave Parking across the street or in pay lot behind building.

LIR announces a new logo. The publicity committee decided some time ago that it might be a good idea to change our logo, just to freshen up our brochures and maybe make it a little more eye-catching. The old logo showed us climbing the hill of knowledge, we suppose. We will never stop that climb. Learning new things and sharing our collective experience and expertise is at the heart of what we try to do (and succeed in spades!)

We would like to thank Kathy Cotton of Anna, a very talented graphic artist and poet, for creating our new logo. We tried to give her a gift certificate as a token of appreciation for her efforts, but she has refused to take it. Some of you may know Kathy. She attends Friends meetings in Carbondale and facilitates the poetry group that meets at the Carbondale Library. She is very active in volunteer work-- another person in our age group who keeps very, very busy in retirement. If you happen to know her and/or see her, please extend your personal thanks as well.

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As you can see, Anita really loves her “wascaly wabbit.”

Anita Hutton, our speaker on March 15, dressed for the occasion when she presented a program of several cartoons and classical music. The audience both learned and laughed as they saw Bugs Bunny barely escape an angry and frustrated Elmer Fudd while Rossini’s “The Barber of Seville Overture” heightened the drama. All of the cartoons were Warner Bros. Looney Tunes.

Anita certainly knows her cartoons and classical music. She is an accompanist in music theatre and opera as well as vocal and instrumental recitals. She has also participated in chamber music workshops in Germany, England and the U.S. She has also served as pianist/organist for First United Methodist Church in Carbondale for the past 25 years.

Wouldn’t you expect a classical pianist to be properly attired?

It is with sadness that we announce the loss of two SILIR members:

Dorothy Vogler, 95
March 12, 2017

Rev. LeRoy Pittman, 97
March 23, 2017

Ready to greet SILIR members and hand out name tags before the March program are (L) Lilly Crane and Clara McClure.
11-DAY SCANDINAVIA & RUSSIA

Journey to Legendary Lands

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.

Highlights

Tallinn
This fascinating city is the capital of Estonia, where you can stroll along cobbled alleyways admiring medieval architecture and red-tiled roofs in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Old Town.

Helsinki
The “White City of the North” is a fascinating blend of modernity and Finnish tradition. Linger in Senate Square or visit the unique Temppeliaukio Church, a modern structure built directly into solid rock with natural lighting pouring in from its dome.

Stockholm
You could spend a week exploring more than 50 museums spread across the 14 islands that make up Stockholm. The National Museum is a good place to start.

Fares from $2,999.00 USD
June 13-24, 2017

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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.

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!
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