

# Golden Opportunities

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JUNE

## June Presenter Randall Mathis

### June 18 Meeting

#### **Location:**

Epiphany Lutheran Church  
West Chautauqua Rd.,  
Carbondale

- 9:30 - Coffee, Tea & Conversation
- 10:30 - Meeting & Program

### LIR Board Meeting

#### **Location:**

Epiphany Lutheran Church  
West Chautauqua Rd.,  
Carbondale

- July 21, 1:30 PM

#### **June Greeters:**

- Barb James
- Sylvia Drake
- Ann Dillard

#### **President:**

Gary Hartlieb

### AT A GLANCE

#### Monthly Meetings:

June 18

July No Meeting

August 20

*There will be no Golden Opportunities Newsletter in July.*

#### **QUESTIONS?**

#### **OR SUGGESTIONS**

Email SILIR at  
silir@siu.edu



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Wednesday, June 18

10:30AM

## Avoiding Danger



Randy worked for 23 years as a police officer, retiring from the Carbondale Police Department in October 2020. Just eight days later he returned as a civilian to work with the community as a resource for crime prevention. His official title is Assistant to the Chief for Community Information.

Randy's presentation, "Avoiding Danger" includes aspects of personal safety and the prevention of crime in the community.

He is married, with two children and two grandchildren, "so far" he says.

## Save the Date—LIR Is *OnTheRoad*

For all things French in the Heartland, make plans to join us **October 16** on the next *OnTheRoad* excursion! As we wend our way home along the Mississippi River, passing through the town of Prairie du Rocher (1722), we will follow the Kaskaskia Trace, the oldest road in Illinois, established by Native Mound Builders and conveniently adopted by the French.

Registration is open now and will close August 28. The nonrefundable cost is \$119.00, including brunch. Our bus will leave the Arena parking lot at 8:00 a.m., returning by 6:30.

**9:30-11 Chevre at Baetje Farms**, Bloomsdale, Missouri. Tour the creamery that produces award-winning artisan goat cheese, meet the goats, and taste their cheeses.

**11:15-12 Quiche for Brunch at The Kozy** in Bloomsdale. Also includes a charcuterie board, house salad, and coffee. Gluten-free option available.

**1-3 Guided tour of the Old Cahokia Courthouse (1740/1793), the Holy Family Log Church (1799), and the Jarrot Mansion (1810)** in Cahokia Heights (formerly Sauget), Illinois. Both the courthouse and the church were constructed in the French Colonial vertical timber, post-on-sill style. While the courthouse is largely a 1939 CCC reconstruction using some original materials—it was moved to the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, to Chicago's Jackson Park in 1906, and finally back to its original location—the log church is fully original and the only French Colonial-style church in the U.S. or Canada still in regular use. The Jarrot Mansion, built in the American Federal style, is the oldest brick home in Illinois.

**-4:45 Fort des Chartres (1718)**. Rebuilt four times in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, this is part of a chain of French forts that also included Fort Massac and Fort Kaskaskia.

**5-5:15 Modoc Rock Shelter National Historic Site**. This shelter bluff was occupied by indigenous peoples over a period of 9,000 years and excavated in 1951 by SIU anthropologist Irving Peitman.

## SILIR Monthly Interest Groups

### Monthly Lunch Club Discussion Group

Members are cordially invited to join this group which meets monthly to share lunch and open conversation.

**June 19 - 11:30 Thursday**

**Walt's Pizza**

Marion

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**July 24 - 11:30 Thursday**

**The Turn restaurant**

At Kokapelli Golf Course in Marion

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**August 28 - 11:30 Thursday**

**17th Street BBQ**

Murphysboro

### Monthly Book Club

The Book Club meets on the  
**third Monday of the month**

at 9:30 a.m. at

Epiphany Lutheran Church  
on West Chautauqua.

**June 16**

***Revenge of the Tipping Point***

By Malcolm Gladwell

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**July 16**

***The Great Gatsby***

By F. Scott Fitzgerald  
(100 Anniversary)

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**June 16**

***Guns Germs and Steel:***

***The Fates of Human Society***

By Jared Diamond

## *Become A Member – Renew your Membership Bring a Friend!*

**A Full-Year Membership can be renewed or obtained once a year.**

**June 2025 is the opportunity to do so.**

Dues are \$25 and renewals can be sent to Events & Outreach by mailing the Registration Form in this or subsequent newsletter issues. You may also call 618-536-7751 to renew with your credit card.

Learning in Retirement Memberships must be current if you plan to participate in Fall Session courses, interest groups or trips.

### Golden Opportunities

Our newsletter is published online as well as in print and can be found at

[conferenceservices.siu.edu/silir](http://conferenceservices.siu.edu/silir)

The online version is in color and you might enjoy seeing pictures and graphics in color, so please check out the link!

“If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the Newsletter, please email them to [silir@siu.edu](mailto:silir@siu.edu). Your feedback is greatly appreciated!”

### Special Accommodations

SILIR members needing a special accommodation to participate in a SILIR activity must notify SIU Events and Outreach 618/ 536-7751 two weeks prior to the published date of an activity or at the time of registration for a trip. SILIR will make reasonable efforts to accommodate those with special needs. SILIR is not required to provide services of a personal nature so if you need assistance of a personal nature during a SILIR activity, it is your responsibility to provide the

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW MEMBERS:** How did you hear about us? ☐ Friend ☐ Newspaper ☐ Social Media/Online ☐ Radio/TV*If you are registering more than yourself for a class/trip, please list the name(s) of the SILIR member you are registering.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (26M0901901)

Addtl. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**FY26 Membership Dues** .....\$25 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_**July 1, 2025—June 30, 2026****INTEREST GROUPS** — July 1, 2025—June 30, 2026

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (26M0901904)

Book Study Group .....\$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (26M0901905)

Lunch Discussion Group .....\$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (26M0901906)

French in the Heartland .....\$119 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

***OnTheRoad*** (Non Refundable Trip)

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

LEARNING IN RETIREMENT PROGRAM WAIVER DISCLAIMER: Most SILIR activities require very little mobility. When an activity requires traveling up to 1 mile or more or navigating 10 steps or more, or involves longer waiting or standing times, we will alert you so that you may choose wisely.

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 credit card information below.***

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

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

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

**Mail to: Events & Outreach  
Anthony Hall - Mail Code 6705  
Carbondale, IL 62901**

**or call Registration at 618-536-7751 to  
register with your credit card.**



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