

# Golden Opportunities

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March 2023

## March 15 Meeting

### • **Location:**

Grace United Methodist Church  
220 N. Tower Rd.,  
Carbondale

- 9:30 - Coffee Social Hour
- 10:30 - Meeting and Program

### **March Greeters:**

- Jan Radtke
- Sandy Anderson
- Marsha Clemens

**President:** Gary Hartlieb

## AT A GLANCE

### Monthly Meetings:

April 19, 2023  
May 17, 2023  
June 21, 2023  
July—no meeting  
August 16, 2023  
September 20, 2023  
October 18, 2023  
November 15, 2023  
December—no meeting

## QUESTIONS?

Email SILIR at  
silir@siu.edu or call  
618/536-7751



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## March Presenter: Dale Ritzel

### Overview of Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS)



By the end of this presentation, the participants will be able to define Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS), identify the potential benefits and concerns associated with ADAS, identify how the benefits of ADAS outweigh the concerns, identify common terminology used when discussing ADAS safety features, identify sensors and software technology used with ADAS, identify 5 common categories of ADAS safety features, describe the difference between vehicle warning, intervention and assistance safety features, list common ADAS safety features, and describe how the ADAS safety features work. Dale Ritzel has been in the public health (injury prevention) area for some 58 years; much of that time he has focused on traffic safety. Even though retired from SIU for 16+ years, he continues to be active in his profession, including writing a traffic safety curriculum for the police academy in Ukraine, helping develop and revised the national driver education standards, and being one of five people to develop national materials on Advanced Driver Assist Technology for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (USDOT).

### Special Accommodations

SILIR members needing a special accommodation to participate in a SILIR activity must notify SIU Conference and Scheduling Office 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 personal assistant.



## SILIR Monthly Interest Groups

### Musical of the Month Interest Group

This group meets on the **last Friday of the month** to watch and discuss a musical or movie musical.

The next meeting will be

**March 31**

at Epiphany Lutheran Church.  
12:15-3:30 pm



### 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 20**

March's book selection is

Climate Change Science  
by  
John C. Mutter



### Monthly Lunch Discussion Group

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

March 23, 2023  
**11:45 am**

Location:



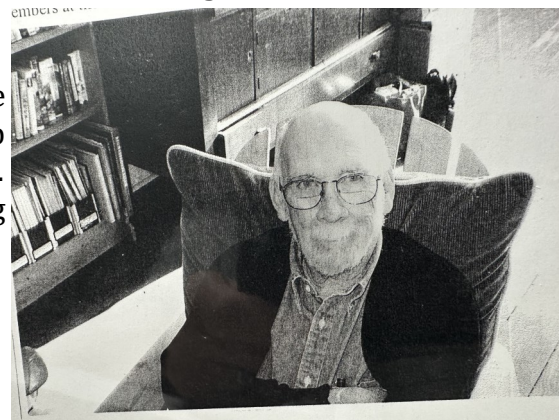
### CELEBRATING OUR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

Don't miss the SILIR 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting and luncheon on April 19 at Giant City Lodge. Details are provided in other parts of this newsletter.

#### **Our organization is special for many reasons:**

- ◆ Although there are learning in retirement groups affiliated with universities all over the county, SILIR is atypical by offering a monthly speaker's series which is free and open to the public. Also, the fees we pay for membership, classes, and other activities are quite low. Despite all the inflated costs we see elsewhere, these fees have remained low. Think of the outstanding caliber of our lecturers and instructors as a part of the value we gain!
- ◆ We can be proud that the organization continued to thrive despite the pandemic. That means that the strengths built up in SILIR's formative years have served us well in persevering. Yes, travel had to be curtailed, but that status is now being reviewed.

Much more could be said about all that has made 25 years so successful — let's share memories and make more of them on April 19.



**Howard Webb, Founding Member**

## SILIR Session II Classes: March 20 — April 17, 2023

### Tuesday

#### Short Stories

**Instructor:** Beth Lordan

**Registration Fee: \$10.00**

March 21-April 18  
Epiphany Lutheran

9:30 - 11:30 am

*IF I LOVED YOU, I WOULD TELL YOU THIS*, a collection of stories by Robin Black. We'll rank the 10 stories in the collection, and try to figure out what makes a good collection, as well as a good story.



#### Do YOU Love Lucy?

**Instructor:** Gary Hartlieb

**Registration Fee: \$10.00**

March 21-April 25 (not meeting April 4th for Election Day)  
Epiphany Lutheran

1:30 - 3:30 pm

I Love Lucy was a ground-breaking television sitcom that ran for nine seasons on CBS in the 1950's. The ensemble cast provided fans with hours of laughter throughout its 181 episodes. This class will examine the show itself as well as the four ensemble players. Each class will also feature a few of the outstanding episodes from the show. Join us to learn more about the series and to have a few laughs with no commercials!

### Thursday

#### Classical Music and World Affairs, Part I: From Mozart/Beethoven to Verdi/Wagner

**Instructor:** Edward Benyas

**Registration Fee: \$10.00**

March 23-April 20  
Epiphany Lutheran Church

9:30 - 11:30 am

This course analyzes the relationship between classical art music and world affairs from the late 18<sup>th</sup> to the late 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. We will study the historical context of masterpieces of art music by Mozart and Beethoven during the Age of Revolution, and Verdi and Wagner during an age of Revolution and Unification, exploring how their music reflected or influenced major political issues of the day. We will study excerpts from Mozart's *Marriage of Figaro*, Beethoven's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Symphonies and *Fidelio*, and several Wagner and Verdi operas. There will be a total of 100-150 pages of background reading over the five weeks of the course. Some musical background may be helpful, but is not necessary.



#### Krishna, Buddha, Confucius, Lao Tzu...and You

**Instructor:** Paul Mundschenk

**Registration Fee: \$10.00**

March 23-April 20  
Epiphany Lutheran Church

1:30 - 3:30 pm

This course will explore key ideas about the human situation taken from selections of Hindu, Buddhist, Confucian, and Taoist scripture. We will ignore broad cosmological concepts for the most part, and focus instead on the patterns of behavior mandated in these texts for people in pursuit of a fulfilling life. I will provide a brief outline of each tradition's worldview in the first class session, including biographical sketches of Krishna, Buddha, Confucius, and Lao Tzu. In subsequent weeks, we will examine their ideas about the good life from the Bhagavad Gita, the Dhammapada, the Analects of Confucius, and the Tao Te Ching, and critique those ideas through the lens of our own life experiences.

**March 2023**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Andre Dubus 9:30 am  Medical Research 1:30 pm	8  Flora of So. IL 1:30 pm	9	10	11
12  Daylight Savings	13	14	15  Monthly Program Coffee - 9:30 Meeting - 10:30 am	16	17  St. Patrick's Day	18
19	20  Book Club 9:30 am	21  Short Stories 9:30 am  Do YOU Love Lucy? 1:30 pm	22	23 Classical Music 9:30 am  Lunch Discussion 11:30 am  Krishna, Buddha 1:30 pm	24	25
26	27	28 Short Stories 9:30 am  Do YOU Love Lucy? 1:30 pm	29	30 Classical Music 9:30 am  Krishna, Buddha 1:30 pm	31  Monthly Musical 12:15 pm	

**CELEBRATING**  
  
**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SILIR**

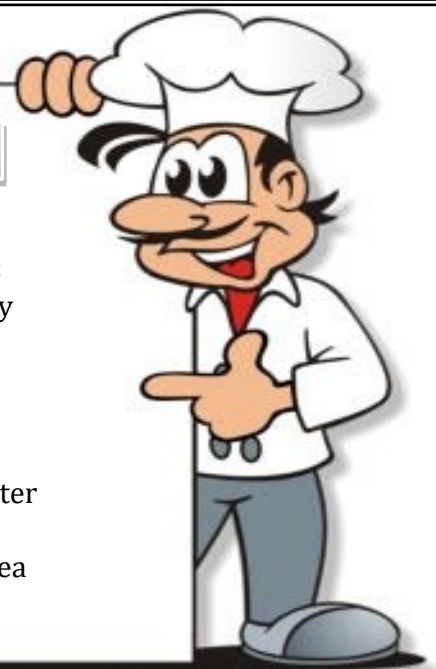
**April 19, 2023**  
**Giant City Lodge**  
 (program/meeting/lunch)

**Registration Fee: \$20.00**

**Deadline to register is April 14th.**

**Menu**

- Fried Chicken
- Mashed potatoes  
w/white gravy
- Dumplings
- Green beans
- Buttered Corn
- Coleslaw
- Biscuits with butter
- Dessert
- Coffee and Iced tea



**Vegetarian option is Vegetable Stir-Fry.**

Please indicate on the registration form (page 5) that you want the Vegetarian option.

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_ (23W09019SP1) \*FY23 Membership Dues .....\$13 x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_

Addtl. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (23W09019SP1) (January 1 — June 30, 2023)

\*NOT applicable if you previously paid the annual dues of \$25 between July 1—December 31, 2022

### INTEREST GROUPS — July 1, 2022—June 30, 2023

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (23W09019SP1) Monthly Musicals .....\$10 x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (23W09019SP1) Book Study Group .....\$10 x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (23W09019SP1) Lunch Discussion Group .....\$10 x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_

### SESSION II CLASSES — March 20—April 17, 2023

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (23W09019SP2) Short Stories .....\$10 x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (23W09019SP2) Do YOU Love Lucy .....\$10 x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (23W09019SP2) Classical Music .....\$10 x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (23W09019SP2) Krishna, Buddha .....\$10 x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (23W0901919) April Luncheon .....\$20 x \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_

Dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like the Vegetarian option.

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.

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

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

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

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