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## LIR 2006 ANNUAL MEETING April 28 at 1:30

Learning in Retirement will hold its annual meeting at 1:30 on Friday, April 28, in the Lumpkin Room of the Holiday Inn Express at the corner of Broad and Newton Streets. The business meeting, which includes electing our new officers and board members and offers a chance for member input into this organization that benefits us all, will kick off the event. But, plan to stick around to enjoy refreshments and some social time with LIR friends. As always, please park in the lot facing Broad Street and enter through the hotel's front entrance.

## THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Although the temperature is not quite cooperating, both the calendar and the daffodils tell us that spring has arrived. Soon the dogwood trees and the azaleas will confirm it. If you ever want to convince someone that Athens is the place to live, this is the time of year to do it.

Of course, the other indicator of spring is that our Curriculum and Travel-Study committees report that their plans for fall semester are already coming together. An exciting fall semester awaits us. In fact, I came away from our last board meeting genuinely grateful for all of our committees. Learning in Retirement prospers only to the extent that its committees work well, and we have been blessed with both good committee chairpersons and hard-working committee members. They deserve a pat on the back and a sincere thank you from each and every one of us. Let me add my own personal and enthusiastic THANK YOU. You all have done a great job and have served us well. To other members, if you are not now active on a committee, please think about how you might contribute this coming year by volunteering.

Here are some dates to put on your calendar: our Annual Meeting on April 28, our annual spring End-of-Year Barbecue on May 13, and Fall Registration on September 11. It is important to have a good crowd at our Annual Meeting because this is when we choose our officers for next year and take care of other important business, so please make every effort to be there.

This is my last chance to tell each and every one of you how much I have enjoyed serving as your president. Athens LIR is a very good and dynamic organization. We are a curious (in the best sense) and interesting bunch of folks, and that is what makes our classes so stimulating, both for our instructors and our members. How often in our college classrooms did we hear such challenging and interesting questions, and how often did we hear the students applaud the instructor? Not often. No wonder we are so successful getting such excellent instructors.



Finally, to next year's officers and board members, may I wish you a good year and hope that you are blessed with the kind of volunteers that have made this past year so terrific.

Al Ike

### NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2006-2008

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Gerald Firth, presents the following nominations for your consideration in the election to be held at the annual meeting on April 28. Nominations may also be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee.

#### Nominees for Officers

President: Jim Jacobson  
 Vice President: Janet Stratton  
 Secretary: Peggy Cole  
 Treasurer: Clarissa Finco

#### Nominations for the Board of Directors

There are ten two-year positions on the Board of Directors; five new members are elected each year.

#### Nominees for the 2006-2008 term:

James Kissane Ann Crowley  
 Natalie Wellman Tony Cushenberry  
 Jay Shinn

#### Continuing board members, 2005-2007:

Ron Cerwonka Gerald Firth  
 Leo Jensen Mary Munnell  
 David Rosenzweig

**Outgoing board members:** Louis DeVorse, Joseph B. Harris, Sandy Jordan, Janet Stratton, and Inge Whittle

### SPRING COURSES/EVENTS STILL OPEN

Four spring selections still have openings. Call Amy Munnell to confirm openings, at 706-354-0361. After you receive confirmation, send the reservation form and check to Amy at 125 University Drive, Athens, GA 30605-1435.

Lunch and Learn: The History of UGA  
 Monday: May 1; 11:00; ACCA; \$15

The Battle of Kettle Creek  
 Wednesday: April 26; 9:30-11:30; Room 135; \$3

Long-Term Care Insurance  
 Wednesday: May 3; 10:00-11:00; Room 139; \$3

The Speaker in the Poem  
 Tuesday, April 18 – May 9; 10:00-11:30; Room 139; \$12

**NEW – No Child Left Behind**  
 Wednesday, May 10; 10:00; Room 136; FREE

### SPRING 2006 TRAVEL/STUDY EVENTS

#### A Trip to the Booth Museum and Etowah Indian Mounds

Wednesday, May 24 – REPEAT ANNOUNCEMENT

This day trip's first destination will be the new 80,000 sq. ft. **Booth Western Art Museum** in Cartersville. Included in the Booth's seven galleries are the premiere collection of contemporary western art in the country, Civil War paintings and sculptures, and an exhibit of handwritten letters from each U.S. president. We will be able to see the special exhibit *Trees in a Circle: Navaho Weaving of Teec Noc Pos*. Organized by the Farmington New Mexico Museum, this exhibit presents a rare glimpse into the aesthetics, technical, and design evolution of this particular weaving tradition. The museum offers books, prints, and a wide variety of items related to the collection.

Luncheon will be served at **Grand Oaks**, a beautifully furnished old southern home built in 1887 and fashioned after the Empire and Greek periods. Our final destination will be the **Etowah Indian Mounds**, which rise on the north bank of the Etowah River. The flat-topped knolls were used between A.D. 1000 and 1500 as sites for the home of the priest/chief, temples, and mortuary structures. *Note a correction:* The trail through the historic site is 1/2 mile long, and a path to the mounds area is wheelchair accessible.

The motor coach will leave the upper parking lot of Home Depot, Epps Bridge Road, at 8:00 a.m. sharp and is expected to return by 5:30 p.m. Total cost of the trip is \$64 per person, which includes transportation, snacks, fees, and lunch.

Mail your check, made payable to Learning in Retirement, Inc., and reservation form to Amy Munnell, 125 University Drive, Athens, GA 30605-1435. *Reservations are due by April 20, 2006.*

#### Coming in August

Mark August 21 on your calendar now! Plans are in the works for a trip to Atlanta, beginning with a tour of Centennial Park and the Atlanta Station followed by lunch and continuing on to our final destination—the new Georgia Aquarium. The May newsletter will include the day's agenda, cost, and reservation specifics.

#### LIR Member News

Jenny Best has been elected president of the Athens Historical Society for 2006. She will continue to edit the *Athens Historian*, the society's journal. Congratulations, Jenny.

*As space permits we will include news of member honors in other areas of the community that you wish to pass on. Email Inge Whittle at [whit1520@bellsouth.net](mailto:whit1520@bellsouth.net).*

## SPRING 2006 SOCIAL EVENTS

### Lunch at the Olive Garden Tuesday, April 25, 12:00 noon

Ahhh spring, the perfect time to visit Italy. But, on such short notice how about the Olive Garden on the Atlanta Highway instead? Not quite the same setting but the ambiance and fragrant aromas always hit the spot. The lunch special of soup and salad is priced at \$5.95; other lunch entrees range from \$6.25 to \$8.95, not including beverage and tax. We will pay individually at the restaurant but must make reservations to be seated together. To do so, call Phyllis Lane at 706-548-1606. *Reservations are due by April 21.*

### Coffee on Campus Tuesday, May 9, 10:00

Join folks at the cafeteria in Georgia's Center for Continuing Education for coffee and morning refreshment. If the weather is amenable, the group can sit outside on the patio. For those daunted by throngs of students, May 9 is the last day of exams so the crowds will have thinned considerably. Parking is made easy through the adjoining parking garage. Note: If you spend \$4.00, an hour will be knocked off your parking time.

### Annual Spring End-of-Year Barbecue Saturday, May 13, 6:00-9:00

Plan to attend the annual spring get-together at the Athens Community Council on Aging, 135 Hoyt Street and enjoy some foot-tapping bluegrass music. A social hour with background music by The Jordans will begin at 6:00, and dinner will be served at 7:00. Fresh Air Barbecue will be catering a meal of barbecued pork and chicken with three sides, old-fashioned banana pudding, and iced tea, all in the southern tradition. You are welcome to bring beer or wine; there is a beverage machine on the premises for those who prefer soda.

The meal will cost \$15.25 per person and requires making a reservation to attend. Mail your reservation form with check made payable to Learning in Retirement, Inc., to Amy Munnell, 125 University Drive, Athens, GA 30605-1435. *Reservations are due by May 7.*

### An Afternoon at the Theater Sunday, May 21, 2:00

*Private Lives*, Noel Coward's humorous and flippant play offers a great excuse for a matinee get-together with friends. It's also a great way to support some of the fine

talent that Athens offers. Location is the Town and Gown Theater just off Prince Avenue behind the Taylor Grady House; time is 2:00 p.m.; and cost is \$5.00 per ticket. We will pay at the theater, but reservations are necessary. Call Phyllis Lane at 706-548-1606. *Reservations are due by May 18.*

## PHOTO REQUEST

Our historian, Kip Brown, maintains records for our organization and its many events. If you are one of the folks sometimes seen snapping pictures and are willing to share them with our official record keeper, please do. Bring them along to the annual meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> or mail them to Kip at P.O. Box 312, Winterville, GA 30683-0312.

## WASHINGTON GROUP IS ALIVE AND WELL

While some of the more than 40 members of our LIR chapter in Washington, Georgia, travel to Athens to participate in courses and activities, they also have an active program going on closer to home. This semester's curriculum selection has been Help for the House and Garden: Pruning and Mulching Shrubbery; Computer Basics and MS Word for Beginners; The Changing Face of India; and Kodak EasyShare Review plus Tips on Improving Your Photography.



### No Child Left Behind Wednesday, May 10, 10:00

Continuing the Lunch and Learn series "Inside the University," LIR will be offering a one-class session on the "No Child Left Behind" program on Wednesday, May 10, at 10 a.m. The class is free and will meet in room 136 at River's Crossing.

Dr. Ron Cervero, head of the Department of Adult Education, and Dr. Elizabeth Debray, assistant professor, will present an assessment of both the program's developments and shortfalls over the past year. Since this legislation is crucial in shaping university teaching for careers in education, Drs. Cervero and Debray are in the forefront regarding the collegiate adjustments necessary to meet the challenges of improving primary and secondary education.

If you need an additional parking pass for this session, call 706-549-7350 and leave your name and address or email [lir\\_ga@yahoo.com](mailto:lir_ga@yahoo.com).

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### SCHEDULE OF SPRING EVENTS

April 12, 10:00	Big City Bread Get-Together
April 25, noon	Lunch at Olive Garden
April 28, 1:30	Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn Express
May 1, 11:00	History of UGA, Lunch and Learn at Athens Community Council on Aging
May 9, 10:00	Coffee on UGA Campus
May 10, 10:00	"No Child Left Behind" at River's Crossing, Room 136
May 13, 6:00	End-of-Year Barbecue at ACCA
May 21, 2:00	<i>Private Lives</i> Matinee at Town and Gown
May 24, day trip	Booth Western Museum and Etowah Indian Mounds

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAMETAG TO CLASSES AND OTHER LIR EVENTS!**



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**REGISTRATION FORM FOR SPRING OPENINGS REMAINING**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I want to register for: (List course or courses)

\_\_\_\_\_ Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I want to register for Lunch and Learn on:

\_\_\_\_\_ date(s) @ \$15 per person

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

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**SPRING TRAVEL/STUDY RESERVATION FORMS**

**Trip to the Booth Museum and Etowah Indian Mounds  
Wednesday, May 24, 2006 – Reservations due by April 20**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ No. of reservations @ \$64 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

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Saturday, May 13, 2006 – Reservations due by May 7**

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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