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## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Registration for classes and our other events launch us into spring with verve! We have 293 members, our all-time high, with a program of 22 varied courses offering 103 class meetings in the coming months. Three Lunch and Learn sessions beckon, as well as a full slate of travel events. One of the highlights will be the popular theatre weekend at Abbeville, S.C., featuring "Annie Get Your Gun" at the Opera House, with an overnight at the historic Belmont Inn and tours of historic sites.

Perhaps the best way to understand how large and active we have become is to use Jim Jacobson's approach: count the UGA parking passes we issue. We are their largest client! At last count, we have ordered 1,564 passes to handle the spring classes on campus, the result of 348 enrollments in the 103 sessions. *Mon Dieu!*

The elegant holiday dinner at the Georgia Center in December, so well attended, testifies to the strong community of friendship and intellectual comradeship that prevails among us. This is not new, but after ten years, the substance of LIR is remarkable. This is so due to the work across the years of dozens and dozens of members — officers, board members, committee chairs, and members — all of whom I salute on behalf of all of us. For so large an all-volunteer organization to prosper, talent, good-will, and applied energy must abound; we enjoy just that!

We have decided to form a committee for Summer Events. Building on the popularity of the events offered last summer, this committee headed by Carol Fisher and Ruth Ike will gear up shortly for a repeat performance. Your activity suggestions will be welcome. Call Carol at 706-543-4443.

A word is in order on our progress in anchoring LIR further into the University. Dr. Ron Cervero, head of the Department of Adult Education, and I expect to conclude an agreement between LIR and the College of Education soon. This will call for exchanges between their faculty, graduate students, classes, and projects on the one hand, and our own teaching and member resources with a host of professional and personal profiles on the other. The intent is to establish an alliance that yields mutual benefits.

A final reminder: We solicit nominations and volunteers for our next year's elections at the Annual Meeting on April 16. Al Ike is chair of this committee, so please give him your recommendations. Email him at [albertike@charter.net](mailto:albertike@charter.net) or call 706-548-7636.

John Rudy, President

### **PARKING PASSES FOR SPRING CLASSES**

We have ordered parking passes for our classes, but the University does not have the number we need immediately available. We will send them as soon as we can.

**Warning: You must mark the parking pass with dark ink so that it cannot be reused, or you will be ticketed.**

## TRAVEL/STUDY PLANS FOR SPRING 2004

The Travel/Study Committee has planned several trips for the Spring Semester. Reservations and accompanying fees should be sent to Amy Munnell at the address shown on the reservation form. Questions about the trips can best be answered by the person who planned the event or by Janet Stratton, Chair of the Travel/Study Committee, at 706-310-0153.

### Abbeville, South Carolina, Weekend Friday and Saturday, February 20 and 21

This is a repeat, by request, of our popular theatre weekend package. It includes an overnight stay at the historic **Belmont Inn** in Abbeville, with a wine and cheese welcome on Friday afternoon, and tickets for a tour of the **Burt Stark Mansion**, which is on the National Historic Register. Jefferson Davis and his cabinet signed the formal documents ending the Civil War here. Dinner at the inn will precede the **Abbeville Opera House** production of *Annie Get Your Gun*, and then coffee and dessert after the play at the inn. Breakfast the following morning is also part of the package. Taxes and gratuities are included.

The cost for all of this is \$190 per couple for a queen, \$220 for a king and \$180 for a twin bed room. Transportation to and from Abbeville is not included. We will carpool or you may drive yourself. Space is in short supply, so please call Frances Lang at 706-353-7733 to see if space is available, and to obtain directions and answers to other questions. After confirming plans with Frances, mail your check and form to Amy Munnell. **Reservations are due by February 7, but you may still get on the waiting list.**

### Historic Andersonville Prison Tour Wednesday, March 17, Leaving at 8:30

This day trip by bus will include a short presentation on the way to familiarize us with some important facts about what we will see at the site. At the historic prison at **Andersonville**, we will have a motorized progression around the site conducted by a park ranger. There will also be time to tour the National Prisoner of War Museum located on the grounds. The only such museum in the United States, the National Prisoner of War Museum honors prisoners from all wars in which U.S. servicemen and women have been prisoners. This alone is worth the trip! There will be a stop en route to Andersonville for lunch at **Yoder's Deutsch Haus**, cost not included. The bus will leave the Kroger parking lot off Epps Bridge Road at the by-pass promptly at 8:30, and the anticipated time of arrival back in Athens is 6:00-6:30. For additional information, contact Ron Cerwonka at 706-543-7780. Cost of the trip is \$35. **Reservations are due by February 18.** If you are not sure if your check will reach Amy in time, telephone Ron by the 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Schedule of Spring Events

Abbeville, South Carolina Weekend, Feb. 20 & 21  
*Reservations due February 7*  
Historic Andersonville Prison Tour, March 17  
*Reservations due February 18*  
Annual Meeting, April 16  
Atlanta Symphony & High Museum, May 14  
*Reservations due April 19*  
Potluck Supper, May 21 *Reservations due May 12*

### Travel/Study Program Notes:

The Sapelo Island and the Darien, Georgia, area trip is being discussed for Fall 2004. Stay tuned!

### Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Concert and High Museum Exhibitions

#### Friday, May 14, Leaving at 8:15 by bus

Once again, our LIR members have the opportunity to participate in the **Millstone Coffee New Morning Concert Series**. These concerts entertain and inspire with a pre-concert lecture, coffee and pastries, and additional comments from the conductor prior to the performance. Dvorak's *Symphony #7* will be conducted by Michael Morgan. Lunch is on your own at Colony Square (four restaurants) across the street from the Woodruff Arts Center. A café lunch spot is also available at the **High Museum** — our next destination — where two dazzling exhibitions will be available.

***Egypt in the Age of the Pharaohs***, Egyptian art from the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and ***African Gold*** from the Glassell Collection, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, will be the featured exhibits. *Egypt in the Age of the Pharaohs* offers a broad overview of the history of Egyptian art created in alabaster, wood, and a variety of other media. *African Gold* encompasses the rich diversity of African gold work and royal regalia from the Akan cultures of West Africa. Exquisitely crafted gold jewelry, Kente cloths, swords and figurative sculptures will be on display.

We will meet at the upper parking lot of Home Depot at Epps Bridge Road, near the by-pass, at 8:15 and return to Athens by 5:30. Please plan to be ready to get on the bus promptly at 8:00. Cost of the trip is \$50, and includes transportation and tickets, but not lunch. Questions? Call Janet Stratton at 706-310-0153. Mail your check and reservation form to Amy Munnell. **Reservations are due by April 19.**

**Wanted:** The owner of a very nice windbreaker found on the bus following the November trip to Dillsboro, NC, and the Smokey Mountains Railway. To claim it, call 706-310-0153.

## SOME COURSES STILL AVAILABLE

Some courses fill up very early because of interest in the topic and because of enrollment limits set by the instructor. We try to offer these in another semester if possible.

There are late spring courses that still have a few openings, and members can register any time before the classes start. Courses currently available are:

### **Creating Beautiful Spaces II, 9-11 on Friday, April 2, 9, & 16**

Ronda Webb's course on decorating for spring and summer focuses on using color, utilizing space, and organizing for maximum efficiency.

### **Home, Personal and Financial Security, 10-12 on Tuesday, April 20, 27 & May 4**

Carter Greene will offer information on security from police services to self-defense, car jacking, burglary prevention, internet fraud, and credit card fraud.

### **How Religion Shaped America II, 1-3 on Monday, April 12, 26, May 3, 10, 17, & 24**

Alex Williams will discuss religious diversity, religion and slavery, and how various churches contributed to independence, education and tensions between church and state.

### **Legal Issues for the 21st Century, 2-4 on Thursday, April 29, May 6, & 13**

Stefanie Lindquist will present an overview of current "hot" topics in the law such as three-strike laws, Megan's law, abortion, and assisted suicide.

### **PowerPoint, 11-12:30 on Thursday, May 6, 13, 20, & 27**

David Wynne will show how to make electronic presentations, handouts, charts, signs, and overheads.

### **Sharing Books with Children, 10-11:30 on Wednesday, May 5, 12, 19, & 26**

Sylvia Hutchinson will present a broad range of contemporary children's books, best sellers, and award winners for children of all ages.

The Spring course registration form may be printed from the Course Listing webpage on the LIR website at [www.geron.uga.edu/lir/](http://www.geron.uga.edu/lir/) and mailed with your check to Amy Munnell at the address on the form.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE SPRING EVENT

### **Date Change to May 21 for Potluck Supper**

To avoid a conflict with the trip to Atlanta on May 14, the Spring Potluck will be held on Friday, May 21, at the Athens Community Council on Aging, 135 Hoyt Street. There will be a social hour from 5:00 to 6:00; set-ups, soft drinks, and iced tea will be available. Dinner will follow the social hour at 6:00. Each member attending is asked to bring a salad, side dish, main dish, or dessert with the necessary serving utensil. Plates, cups, eating utensils and napkins will be provided. Members may bring guests. **The cost per person is \$4.00.**

Seating is limited, so make your reservation well in advance. If you have questions, call Martha Anderson at 706-549-7386 or Hilda Shepard at 706-769-6301. **Reservations are due by Wednesday, May 12.** Mail your check and reservation form to Amy Munnell.

## DEATH NOTICES

Two members of Learning in Retirement have died recently.

**Richard F. "Dick" Blomquist**, a PhD in Organic Chemistry from the University of Iowa, came to Athens in 1968 to work with the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station. He worked with Athens Meals on Wheels for ten years and was a Charter Member as well as serving as an LIR Board Member.

**John R. Barry**, Professor Emeritus of Psychology at the University of Georgia, received his PhD in Psychology from Ohio State, taught at the University of Florida for four years and came to Georgia in 1966. He was active in Torch Club and was a Charter Member of LIR as well as an enthusiastic participant in LIR classes.

Please notify the secretary, Diane Box, of the death of members so that we can honor them and notify their LIR friends.

## INVITATION TO SPECIAL PROGRAM ON "THE LOST SQUADRON"

**Thursday, February 12 at 10:00**

The Athens Area Newcomers invite LIR members to their February meeting at the Central Presbyterian Church, Alps Road. The speakers will be Pat Epps and Richard Taylor. "The Lost Squadron" describes the air squadron in World War II forced down by a storm in Greenland. Although the squadron members were safely evacuated, the planes were left behind. Many years later these two men, with help from many others, located the planes under 250 feet of ice and set about bringing one up to the surface. Coffee and sweets are served at 9:30 prior to the meeting. Hope to see you there.

## NEW PAGES FOR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Enclosed are four pages to add to your Membership Directory. They have information on new members and corrections or additions to previous listings. You can just staple them in your book.

## HALF-YEAR MEMBERSHIPS

Anyone who is interested in becoming a member of Learning in Retirement can still do so before all classes and other spring activities start. The half-year dues are \$20.00 for the period January 1 - June 30, 2004. Membership forms will be available by calling Kay Hymo at 706-546-7127 or email her at [kay@thehymos.com](mailto:kay@thehymos.com). You can also download the form at our website, [www.geron.uga.edu/lir/](http://www.geron.uga.edu/lir/).

## ANNUAL MEETING DATE SET

The date for this year's **Annual Meeting is Friday, April 16** in the afternoon. Mark your calendars, and plan to come to hear the reports for the year and to vote in the election of officers and board members. Full information will be posted in the next LIR Newsletter along with election information.

## REQUEST FOR RESEARCH SUBJECTS

For the research study entitled "The Use of Vasoactive Range to Assess Vascular Health", Matt S. Reifenberger of the Exercise Science Department is seeking male research participants in a study to develop new ways to assess arterial health. The goal is to compare different methods of measuring arterial stiffness in the lower legs of men at risk for having poor circulation. The tests are noninvasive and require 1.5 hours. Subjects need to be 60-80 years old and in general good health. Please contact Matt at 706-583-0572. A payment of \$20.00 will be awarded upon completion of all procedures.

*Check your mailing label - if it says 2003, you have not paid your dues for the current year (2003-2004)!*

