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## THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The registration process keeps improving, and this last one was one of our best. Over 100 people attended, with several new members signing up. We had a good time catching up after the holidays, and everyone agreed that the registration process went very smoothly. The efficiency of the members of the Curriculum Committee in running the operation was a thing of beauty. Thanks to them and their efforts and those of Sandy Jordan, our membership chair, our membership again exceeds 300. We all owe these folks a big THANK YOU!

The Holiday Buffet was a genuine success, despite lower attendance than last year. The food was good, as was the band (Bob Hay and the Jolly Beggars). During the evening, Athens LIR donated a table full of toys to the US Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" program.

Our January Board Meeting was most productive. Here are a few of the highlights:

Dick Anderson has proposed an exciting new project that was received positively. Patterned after Beacon Hill Village, the project, as presented, would be the development of a "virtual retirement community" in Athens-Clarke County. The basic idea is to design a program to allow senior citizens to remain in their homes and avoid living in a nursing home by providing services—in their homes—that they need. We envision that LIR members could be both providers and consumers of these services. If you are interested in learning more about Beacon Hill Village and how it works, check it out on the web at [www.beaconhillvillage.org](http://www.beaconhillvillage.org). The project's email address is [bhvillage@aol.com](mailto:bhvillage@aol.com). A committee to pursue this idea will be appointed soon, and I ask anyone interested in working on this to contact me right away.

Our fall trips have been very successful, and we have several new and exciting trips planned for spring. Not all are fully booked, so read on to see what is still available.

We agreed that in the future our audio and video resources (CDs, DVDs, and tapes) will be stored at the Athens Regional Library where they will be maintained and available for use by others.

Board members also appointed a Long-Range Planning Committee, consisting of Dick Anderson, John Rudy, Sandy Jordan, Janet Stratton, and Jim Jacobson.

In their official publication, Elderhostel congratulated Athens LIR for being mentioned in *Money Magazine*. The recent article listed Athens as a good place to retire.

Not a bad year so far, wouldn't you say?

Al Ike

### LIR Fitness Assessment Morning

The YWCO is again offering LIR members a morning of fitness assessment at their facility at 562 Research Drive. Mark March 7 (9:00–11:30) on your calendar for this free-of-charge event. Members of the YWCO and St. Mary's Hospital staff will administer a few painless tests to evaluate personal fitness needs and recommend the best exercise options for you. To keep things running smoothly, the YWCO prefers (but does not require) that we register ahead of time for a time slot. Call 706-354-7880.

## CLASSES STILL AVAILABLE

Results of our whopping registration period show that 452 seats in 83 course sessions are taken and 233 Lunch and Learn tickets were purchased. However, there are still openings for all of the lunch lectures and for several courses that run from March into May. They are listed here:

Lunch and Learn programs are scheduled on Mondays at 11:00 a.m. and cost \$15 per person. They will be held on March 6 (Inside UGA), April 3 (Marine Biology), and May 1 (The History of UGA) at the Athens Community Council on Aging, 135 Hoyt Street.

For full course descriptions, see your previous newsletter or go to the Newsletter page at our website at [www.athenslir.org](http://www.athenslir.org) and click on the January 2006 link. For courses followed by "limited," please call or email Amy Munnell before sending your check. Phone her at 706-354-0361 or email her at [nega\\_writer@yahoo.com](mailto:nega_writer@yahoo.com). (Note that *nega* is followed by an underline, not a hyphen.)

### ***AARP Driver Safety***

Wednesday: March 8, 15; 9:00-1:00; Room 139; \$6

### ***The Battle of Kettle Creek***

Wednesday: April 26; 9:30-11:30; Room 135; \$3

### ***Culture and Crafts of Oaxaca*** (limited)

Tuesday: May 2, 9; 1:00-2:30; Room 135; \$6

### ***Great Decisions*** (limited)

Wednesday: March 1 – April 19; 9:00-10:30; Room 135; \$24

### ***Long-Term Care Insurance***

Wednesday: May 3; 10:00-11:00; Room 139; \$3

### ***A Look at Japanese Culture*** (limited)

Tuesday: April 4, 11, 18; 2:00-3:30; Room 135; \$9

### ***Mini American Art History*** (limited)

Monday: March 6, 13, 20; 2:00-3:30; Ga. Museum of Art; \$9

### ***The Speaker in the Poem***

Tuesday: April 18 – May 9; 10:00-11:30; Room 139; \$12

## PARKING TAG/TICKET ALERT

If you have missed the gatherings where Jim Jacobson has explained the current parking tag situation, here it is. The UGA parking tags that we hang on our rearview mirrors have either a purple or a red center. Either is acceptable. HOWEVER, if you receive a ticket for "the wrong color tag" when using the purple tag, give it to your class coordinator who will have it voided at no charge to you. Failure to turn in the ticket could result in a fine.

## TRAVEL/STUDY EVENTS

### **Abbeville Theatre Weekend**

**Friday and Saturday, March 10 and 11**

There are still several rooms with twin beds (\$169 per couple) available. See last newsletter or go to the website for the full event description and registration/payment procedure and form. Call Francis Lang about availability at 706-353-7733. ***Payment is due by February 15.***

### **A Spring Adventure to the North Georgia Mountains**

**Thursday, April 6**

This three-part day trip begins with a tour of the Dawsonville Kangaroo Conservation Center, an 87-acre wildlife sanctuary exhibiting more than 200 kangaroos, the largest population of these marsupials outside Australia. The visitor center and gift shop offer a wide assortment of "Outback"-related merchandise, including kangaroo plush, hand-painted Aboriginal art, wildlife gift items, hats, t-shirts, and much more.

Amicalola Falls State Park will be the next destination as we enjoy a buffet lunch at the Maple Restaurant located in the lodge and overlooking the Appalachians. Amicalola is the Cherokee word for "tumbling waters" and the falls "tumble" 729 feet in seven cascades, making this the highest waterfall in Georgia. In fact, April is when the falls flow at their highest volume.

Last stop will be Hubert Bailey's Border Collies Farm for a demonstration of how these intelligent hard-working dogs earn their keep. (Visitors should wear walking shoes.)

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 6:00 p.m. Total cost of the trip, including transportation and lunch, will be \$72 per person. Space is limited, so please make your reservation(s) no later than March 1, 2006. For additional information call Kristina Stephens at 706-583-8990.

Mail your check, made payable to Learning in Retirement, Inc., and reservation form to Amy Munnell. ***Reservations are due by March 1, 2006.***

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

**Wednesday, May 24**

In a spectacular finale to LIR's spring offerings, we will visit the West without leaving the South. The trip's first destination will be the 80,000 sq. ft. new 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.

On our tour date, we will be able to see the special exhibit *Trees in a Circle: Navaho Weaving of Teec Nos Pos*. Organized by the Farmington 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.

Our group will enjoy a private luncheon at Grand Oaks, a beautifully furnished old southern home built in 1887 and fashioned after the Empire and Greek periods.

The day's explorations will end with a visit to 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. The trail through the historic site is 1/2 mile long, ending with a constructed walkway to the mounds that 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. Reserve a space early to secure a spot.

Mail your check, made payable to Learning in Retirement, Inc., and reservation form to Amy Munnell. ***Reservations are due by April 20, 2006.***

## ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT BROADCASTS

Many LIR members attend and enjoy the concerts of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra when it comes to the University of Georgia twice a year. We now have a chance to rehearse these performances. As of the beginning of the year, two FM station—WUGA and WABE—began broadcasting 26 concerts, one each week.

WUGA, not to be confused with WGAU, has two transmitters in the area and can be tuned in at both 91.7 FM and 97.9 FM. The concerts are broadcast on Thursday evenings at 8:00.

WABE, an Atlanta station found at 90.1 on the FM dial, may come in clearer for those in the western part of Athens-Clarke County. Broadcasts are on Tuesday evenings at 9:00.

And if your radio system is broken—no problem. Just get on the Internet and listen at your computer. The programs can be heard at [www.wuga.org](http://www.wuga.org) or at [www.wabe.org](http://www.wabe.org).

## WINTER/SPRING SOCIAL EVENTS

### A Reminder of previously announced social events:

Coffee at Zim's—Tuesday, February 21, 10:00  
Afternoon Brunch at Hilltop Grille—Sunday, March 12, 1:00 (*Reservations due by March 9*)  
Coffee at Barnes and Noble—Wednesday, March 22, 2:00

### An April Morning Get-together Tuesday, April 11, 10:00

Colorful, fragrant April in Athens needs to be enjoyed from a comfortable patio. Big City Bread, one block behind Wendy's on Prince Avenue, has not only the perfect patio but its own freshly baked goodies, breakfast selections, and choices of coffee or tea. Take a break between errands to relax with your LIR friends.

## LIR COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Names of committee heads appear in the sidebar on our front page, and in some cases these are committees of one. But there are many others who sign up for these committees and work diligently to keep LIR running so smoothly. They are listed here.

**Curriculum:** Jeani Goodwin, Sue Speir, David Rosenzweig, John Rudy, Olga Gray, Kathy Gratzek, Jenny Best, Mary Munnell, Diane Kohl, Pat Staub, Terry Perenich, Tommy Thompson

**Finance:** Jim Jacobson, Stephani Foss

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**Social:** Phyllis Lane, Mary Ready, Ruth Ike, Peggy Cole  
Travel/Study: Pat Thomas, Roland Brooks, Mary Ready, Richard Morgan, Sharon and Marty Bauer, Ron Cerwonka, Janet Stratton, Kristina Stephens

These folks, the interest group coordinators listed in our directory, and many other LIR members who graciously help with the various events, are what makes LIR work.

### LIR Member to Be Honored

It has been announced that Charlie Ostick, an LIR member and founder of the Bonzai Group, will be awarded the DAR Medal of Honor at a Rotary meeting in early March. We extend our congratulations.

*Clip and save*

### LIR Events to Mark on Your Calendar

Friday, Feb. 17	Evening at the High Museum
Tuesday, Feb. 21	Coffee at Zim's
Monday, March 6	Lunch & Learn: <i>Inside UGA</i>
Tuesday, March 7	YWCO/LIR Fitness Assessment
Friday/Saturday, March 10-11	Abbeville Theatre Weekend (limited spaces)
Sunday, March 12	Afternoon Brunch at Hilltop Grille
Wednesday, March 22	Coffee at Barnes & Noble
Monday, April 3	Lunch & Learn: <i>Marine Biology</i>
Thursday, April 6	Dawsonville Kangaroo Conservation Center & Amicalola Falls (North Georgia Mountains day trip)
Tuesday, April 11	Morning Get-together at Big City Bread
Monday, May 1	Lunch & Learn: <i>The History of UGA</i>
Wednesday, May 24	Booth Western Art Museum & Etowah Indian Mounds (Cartersville day trip)

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



**FIRST CLASS POSTAGE**

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**LATE REGISTRATION FORM FOR LIR WINTER/SPRING SEMESTER**

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

Make your check payable to *Learning in Retirement, Inc.*, and mail with this form to Amy Munnell, 125 University Drive, Athens, GA 30605-1435.

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**SPRING TRAVEL/STUDY RESERVATION FORMS**

**Spring Adventure to the North Georgia Mountains**

**Thursday, April 6, 2006      *Reservations due by March 1.***

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ No. of reservations @ \$72 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

Mail this reservation form with check made payable to *Learning in Retirement, Inc.*, to Amy Munnell, 125 University Drive, Athens, GA 30605-1435.

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**Trip to the Booth Museum and Etowah Indian Mounds**

**Wednesday, May 24, 2006**

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

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

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

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

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