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Anita Brannen
Ann Crowley
Tony Cushenberry
Bill Flatt
Kathy Gratzek
Jane Kelly
James Kissane
Jay Shinn
John Songster
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LIR ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION

Holiday Inn Express (Broad at Newton Street)
Thursday, April 24, 2008, 10:00-12:00

The Annual Meeting is an opportunity to elect new officers and board members and to hear annual reports. You are not only encouraged but requested to attend this meeting, which also establishes next year's priorities and celebrates our organization.

Please plan to come and do your part as an interested and active LIR member. There will be refreshments, comfortable seating, and time to engage in lively discussion with new and long-time friends. Remember to park in the lot facing Broad Street and enter at the front of the hotel.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

"Learning In Retirement, Inc., offers quality learning opportunities and intellectual stimulation to enrich the lives of older Georgians."

A big "thank you" is due Jeani Goodwin, chair of the curriculum committee, and the rest of the very dedicated LIR members who provide classes and Lunch and Learn presentations for all members. It just gets better every session!

Please put the annual meeting on your calendar. This is the one morning in the year that every member can contribute to LIR's success by showing up to vote, thus providing a quorum, and encouraging those who give their time to the business part of our organization.

At the March 19 board meeting, an agreement of cooperation and affiliation with LIR Washington, Georgia, was signed. This formalizes an existing relationship between our two organizations. Joe Harris and Albert Long of Washington deserve many thanks for their interest and involvement.

Dr. Janet Truluck of the Department of Lifelong Education, Administration and Policy at UGA will be presenting the Learning in Retirement, Inc., Member Survey to the 29th Annual Southern Gerontological Meeting this spring. The theme of the conference is *Gerontology at the Cutting Edge*. The survey, completed in March 2007, will be a part of the section titled "University/Community Partnerships."

I hope to see you on April 24.

Janet Stratton

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Thursday, April 10
Fri./Sat., April 18-19
Wednesday, April 23
Thursday, April 24
Tuesday, May 6
Tuesday, May 13
Wednesday, May 28

Lunch at Lumpkin Café
Abbeville Theatre Weekend
Morning Coffee at Panera's
Annual Meeting at Holiday Inn Express
Kangaroo Watching, Dawsonville
Dinner at Red Lobster
Coffee at Jittery Joe's

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2007-2009

The following candidates will be presented for election at the April 24 annual meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor with the consent of the nominees.

Nominees for Officers (one-year term)

President	James Tanner
Vice President	William P. Flatt
Secretary	Peggy Cole
Treasurer	Clarissa Finco

Nominations for the Board of Directors

There are ten two-year positions on the board; five new members are elected each year. This year six will be elected because Jay Shinn is nominated to replace Bill Flatt, now a candidate for vice president.

William H. Alworth	Joanne Roth
Olga R. Gray	Jay Shinn (one-year term)
Steve L. Kassay	Arlene M. Zimmerman

Continuing board members, 2007-2008:

Anita Brannen, Kathy Gratzek, Jane Kelley, and John Songster

Outgoing board members:

Ann Crowley, Tony Cushenberry, Bill Flatt, James Kissane, and Natalie Wellman

To be voted on by LIR membership:

The two following items were approved by the board at the September 10, 2007, meeting and will also require a vote from the membership.

Bylaws: Article Four: The underlined wording would be changed to that in **boldface**:

“The annual membership meeting of this organization shall be held on the first Friday after the second Wednesday of April of each and every year, except if such a day be a legal holiday, then and in that event, the Board of Directors shall fix the day, but it shall not be more than two weeks from the day fixed by these bylaws during the month of May on a date as determined by the Board of Directors. The secretary shall cause to be notified by email if available, or if not, then U.S. post office mailing address as it appears in the membership roll book of this organization, a notice including the date and place of such annual meeting.”

“The Historian of Learning in Retirement, Inc., is authorized to establish an archival account at the University Archives, a unit of the Hargrett Rare Books and Manuscript Library at the University of Georgia.”

LIR on the Road

Many LIR members take advantage of the varied travel/study trips. Here Ginnie Berg tells about her trip to Atlanta with a group in February.

Today Jean (Roley) and I went with a tour group to downtown Atlanta to visit the CNN Center, my favorite news channel, and the World of Coca-Cola, a fun place to see the history of Coke and sample some of the many flavors they make around the world. Jean had also been wanting to see the bricks that she and Scotty (Rolf Roley) donated to Centennial Park in downtown Atlanta the summer of the 1996 Olympics as well as the one donated in memory of their Westie, Kilty. Since we are hesitant to drive in downtown Atlanta, this was our first opportunity to get to the park to find the bricks,

CNN Center was great. We were excited to spot a TV celebrity having coffee in the food court, and Jean tried to sneak up behind him to see if I could catch a picture of them together. Well, he was so nice that she got a great picture with her hand on his shoulder. Do you recognize him? (see insert page)

Our tour was wonderful. We got to see the whole news room, with T.J. and Betty doing the morning news, then went a floor below where we saw the Headline News floor. Below that was the International Edition floor. We saw the guy who does the weather, sitting at his desk, and I even got to have my picture taken behind the CNN mock-up desk.

Then Jean and I walked across the street to Centennial Park, where a nice lady directed us to where we would find the bricks – area 145 near the Quilt statue (which looks like a large fan with people jumping across it). We were excited to actually find the bricks and took lots of pictures. The park is very large and is located near the new Aquarium. We continued to walk and after another block or so came to the World of Coke Museum.

The World of Coke has a statue of the inventor of the secret formula for Coke. We learned that there are 62 different products made by Coke, and we could sample them all from fountains labeled with product name and country where produced. Some of the German ones were familiar to me, like Mezzo Mix, but I liked Inca Cola from Peru and thought that an Italian one called Beverly was a little strange. It was fun to go from fountain to fountain, labeled with the continent first above the fountain and then the smaller labels on each faucet naming the country. We also watched some movies, and I took a picture of the Coca-Cola polar bear.

All in all it was a great day – sunny and in the 50s but with a strong wind gusting up to 39 miles per hour, so it was a challenging “hair day.” – *Ginnie Berg*

TRAVEL/STUDY EVENTS

Kangaroo Watching

Tuesday, May 6

It's time to register for the popular trip to the Kangaroo Convention Center in Dawsonville, Georgia. We will get under way in mid morning and stop for lunch en route before beginning a guided tour at 1:30 p.m. We will see many of the 300 kangaroos and a number of rare birds and lizards before enjoying an educational show featuring a variety of Aussie animals. There will be time at the end of the tour to pick up souvenirs and gifts for the grandkids at the Aussie Outpost. Plan to wear comfortable shoes.

The bus will leave the upper parking lot of Home Depot, Epps Bridge Road, at 9:30 a.m. and is expected to return by 6:30 p.m. Total cost of the trip is \$81 (lunch not included).

Mail the registration form with your check, made payable to Learning in Retirement, Inc., to Ron Cerwonka, 119 Valleywood Drive, Athens, GA 30306-1720. For further information call Ron at 706-543-7780 or email at roncerwonka@bellsouth.net. **Reservations are due by April 21.**

New York City 4-Day Tour!

October 10 - October 13, 2008

We have an opportunity to join another group from the Atlanta area on this Friday through Monday fun-filled tour to NYC. In order to arrange roundtrip transportation to the Atlanta airport, we will need to have a minimum of 7 people. If you are interested in taking this trip, we need to know **no later than May 1, 2008.**

Here are some of the trip highlights and inclusions: accommodations in the heart of Manhattan; a hit Broadway musical; full-day city tour with a NYC guide that includes the NBC studio, Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, United Nations, and Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum; and free time to enjoy your choice of NYC attractions, shops, and restaurants.

Roundtrip airfare from Atlanta (coach seating) is included in the package as well as baggage handling including gratuity at the airports and hotel. Transportation from Athens to Atlanta airport is to be arranged.

Cost: Price per person will be - Double: \$1,699; Triple: \$1,569; Quad: \$1,499; Single: \$2,199. **An initial deposit must be made by 6/16; final payment, by July 25.** Travel and cancellation insurance is highly recommended, and is an additional cost.

This tour is operated by Destination Anywhere Tours, Atlanta, Georgia, and includes a professional tour director. (Derrick from the Charleston tour is scheduled.)

Please contact Nancy Kassay at 706-543-8045 or nancykassay@bellsouth.net for a tour itinerary and insurance information.

LATE SPRING SOCIAL EVENTS

Lunch at Lumpkin Café

Thursday, April 10, 1:00

The Lumpkin Café has been a favorite Five-Points spot for lunch for many years. Now the Café has enlarged the dining area in the adjacent charming old house. A varied menu includes some vegetarian dishes. **Call Phyllis Lane at 706-548-1606 to make your reservation by Monday, April 7.**

Morning Coffee Break

Wednesday, April 23, 10:00

Take a mid-morning break with friends at the ever-popular Panera Bread Company, 3151 Atlanta Highway. They have excellent coffee and assorted goodies. It's also a great place to pick up baked goods to take home.

Dinner at The Red Lobster

Tuesday, May 13, 6:00

We will gather for an early dinner at this old favorite restaurant at 1956 W. Broad Street. They have some interesting new items and parking is easy. **Call Phyllis Lane at 706-548-1606 to make your reservation by Friday, May 9.**

Afternoon Coffee

Wednesday, May 28, 2:00

This coffee is at the new Jittery Joe's on Barnett Shoals Road next to the Rite Aid Pharmacy and across from the new Publix store. (Wednesday is Senior Day at Publix with a 5% discount!) Seems like a perfect time to combine shopping and visiting.

Atlanta Symphony Reminder

Many LIR members enjoy the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. In fact, the LIR Travel/Study Committee is working on a trip to hear and see the orchestra in Atlanta. In the meantime, we can enjoy their music in Athens. The Georgia Public Broadcasting Network and the Atlanta Board of Education radio station are broadcasting 26 weeks of symphony concerts.

In the Athens, tune in by radio or computer:

Tuesdays - 9 p.m. - WABE / 90.1 FM - Atlanta

www.wpba.org

Thursdays - 8 p.m. - WUGA / 91.7/97.7 FM - Athens

www.wuga.org or www.gpb.org

WPPR / 88.3 FM - Demorest

Sundays - 10 p.m. - GPB Network - www.gpb.org

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. . . .OVERHEARD IN THE BOARDROOM. . . .

- Founder's Event! The founders of LIR, plus all members who have served as officers or board members, will be honored in fall 2009, LIR's 15th year. Stay tuned!
- Seventy-four percent of the membership participated in the 2007-2008 courses.
- Twenty-five LIR members visited CNN and the World of Coca Cola in February.
- The current issue of *Georgia Trend Magazine* contains a picture and interviews with Barbara and John Rudy, and Janet Stratton.
- Jay Shinn recently wrote an article for the *Athens Magazine*.

Lecture at UGA, April 7

Dr. Elaine Cress invites LIR members (and guests) to a free lecture, *Physical Inactivity: the Biggest Public Health Problem of the 21st Century*, to be presented by Dr. Steven Blair.

Dr. Blair is professor of Exercise Science and Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina.

The lecture will begin at 4:00 p.m., April 7, in the Master's Hall of the Georgia Center for Continuing Education. Refreshments will be served before and after.

☞ Remember to wear your name tag to all LIR functions!

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2008 LATE SPRING RESERVATION FORM

Kangaroo Watching Trip
Dawsonville
Tuesday, May 6

Reservations are due by April 21

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Handicap: _____ Special Need: _____

Cost is \$81 and includes all expenses except lunch.

_____ No. of reservations x \$81 = _____ enclosed.

Make your check payable to *Learning in Retirement, Inc.*, and mail with this form to Ron Cerwonka, 119 Valleywood Drive, Athens, GA 30306-1720.

LIR visits CNN, the World of Coca-Cola, and Centennial Olympic Park



* And the answer to Ginnie's question on page 2 is ... Dr. Sanjay Gupta, chief medical correspondent for CNN.