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WINTER WELCOME

Monday, January 14, 2008

New Members 9:30; All Members 10:00-11:30

Come one, come all! The Holiday Inn Express on Broad Street is the place, mid-morning is the time, and winter/spring registration is the event. Please remember to park in the lot facing Broad Street and use the front entrance. After that, just follow the coffee aroma, clink of silverware on china, and the sound of chatter and laughter. You'll be in the right place. As has now been established, the first half hour welcomes and informs new members of the many opportunities LIR offers before they are joined by the older timers. That becomes a great time to enjoy refreshments, socialize, and meet new folks.

Remember that it is always wise to **enroll by mail** if you can since courses are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. But if you couldn't, there is still time; much will still be open. Look at the offerings and register on the spot. Take a moment to visit the activities table and see if there are groups that catch your interest. For those who have already registered, your packet of class and event confirmations are ready to come home with you. Those not attending will get theirs in the mail.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Feast your eyes, dust off your brain, and register by mail today for your LIR class and event participation. Then join your friends and soon to be friends at the meeting at the Holiday Inn Express announced in this issue. We will honor LIR volunteers, enjoy refreshments, and learn a little about what makes our organization tick. You will have a second chance to register for classes, interest groups, travel/study trips, social events or renew your membership.

When Are Dues Due? Learning in Retirement, Inc., is known for its program quality and interesting events. The framework for this includes many hours of service by member volunteers and contract service providers. This framework also includes effort by members, presenters, and others to keep things simple and costs at a minimum. The LIR membership is a yearly one. We are now in the July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008, membership year. Persons may join at any time during the membership year, pay the full membership fee, and enjoy full participation in all LIR activities. Persons who wish to join LIR for the July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009, membership year may do so after May 1, 2008, and for the months of May and June may participate on a guest status and then full participation status as of July 1.

Janet Stratton

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WINTER SEMESTER 2008 COURSES BY DAY OF WEEK

All room numbers are for River's Crossing unless otherwise noted. ACCA denotes the Athens Community Council on Aging.

Monday

Computer: Introduction to Windows II - Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; 9:30-11:00; Room 143
 German for Travelers - Apr. 7, 14, 28; 10:00-11:00; Room 139; Apr. 21, Room 136
 Get the Scoop on Burning Health Issues - Feb. 4; 9:30-11:00; Room 136
 God Speaks Again - The Bahá'í Faith - Jan. 28 / Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 / Mar. 3; 9:30-11:30; Room 135
 Psychology of Music - Everyone Has a Musical Brain! - Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; 2:00-3:30; Room 139
 Religious Studies in the University - Apr. 21; 1:00-2:30; Room 136

Tuesday

Acting for Film and Stage** - Tuesday Jan. 29 / Feb. 5, 12 and Thursday Jan. 31 / Feb. 7; 1:00-2:30; Room 135
 A Spirited Look at Ghosts - Mar. 25 / Apr. 1; 10:00-11:30; Room 139
 Computer: Computer Conversations - Mar. 4; 10:00-11:30; Room 143
 Computer: Intermediate Word - Apr. 8, 15, 22, 29 / May 6; 10:00-11:30; Room 143
 Dead Sea Scrolls Live!** - Tuesday Jan. 29 / Feb. 5, 12 and Thursday Jan. 31 / Feb. 7, 14; 9:30-11:00; Room 135
 DNA Fingerprinting - Tuesday Mar. 18; 10:30-12:00; Central Presbyterian Church
 The Fourth Estate in Three Easy Lessons - Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12; 9:30-11:00; Room 136
 Gentle Pilates - Jan 29 / Feb. 5; 10:00-11:30; Central Presbyterian Church
 Inside the University - May 6; 1:30-3:00; Central Presbyterian Church
 LIR Strength Training at Ramsey** - Tuesday Jan. 22, 29 / Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 / Mar. 4, 18, 25 / Apr. 1, 8, 15, 22 and Thursday Jan. 24, 31 / Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 / Mar. 6, 20, 27 / Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24; 12:30-2:00; Ramsey
 Playwriting: Making a Play for the Stage** - Tuesday Feb. 19, 26 / Mar. 4, 11 and Friday Feb. 22; 10:30-12:00; Room 129
 Yoga - Feb. 19, 26 / Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25; 10:00-11:30; ACCA

Wednesday

China Challenge - Jan. 30 / Feb. 6, 13; 9:00-10:30; Room 135
 Computer: Introduction to the Internet - Jan. 30 / Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 / Mar. 5; 1:00-2:30; Room 143
 Fainting Goats: Fact or Fiction? - May 7; 10:00-11:30; Kim Ledford's Farm
 Globalization and American Jobs - Feb. 13, 20, 27; 10:00-11:30; Room 139
 Historic Preservation: A Contractor's View - Apr. 2, 9; 2:00-3:30; Room 139; Apr. 16, bus tour
 Introduction to Wine - Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26; 2:00-3:00; Room 129

Italian/Mediterranean Cooking - Apr. 16, 23, 30; 3:00-5:00; ACCA
 National Issues Forum: Making Ends Meet - Mar. 12, 26; 10:00-11:30; Room 129; Mar. 19, Room 135
 Rise and Fall of Black Slavery - Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 / Mar. 5; 9:00-11:00; Room 136
 Sampling the Great Books - Apr. 9, 16, 23, 30; 10:00-12:00; Room 136

Thursday

Acting for Film and Stage** - Tuesday Jan. 29 / Feb. 5, 12 and Thursday Jan. 31 / Feb. 7; 1:00-2:30; Room 135
 Agricultural Technology - Mar. 20; 2:00-3:30; Room 139
 Behind the Scene: John Wilkes Booth - Apr. 17, 24 / May 1, 8; 1:00-2:30; Room 135
 Dead Sea Scrolls Live!** - Tuesday Jan. 29 / Feb. 5, 12 and Thursday Jan. 31 / Feb. 7, 14; 9:30-11:00; Room 135
 Furniture Making with Abe Tesser - Feb. 7; 11:00-12:30; Room 135
 Great Decisions 2008 - Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27 / Apr. 3, 10; 9:00-10:30; Room 135
 Guns Across the Rio: A Texas Ranger in Old Mexico - May 8; 10:00-11:00; Room 135
 LIR Strength Training at Ramsey** - Tuesday Jan. 22, 29 / Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 / Mar. 4, 18, 25 / Apr. 1, 24, 8, 15, 22 and Thursday Jan. 31 / Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 / Mar. 6, 20, 27 / Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24; 12:30-2:00; Ramsey Center
 Naturally Spring at Sandy Creek Nature Center - Apr. 3, 10, 17; 10:00-12:00; Sandy Creek Nature Center
 Survivable Gardens: Listening to Mother Nature - Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27; 10:00 - 11:00; Room 139

Friday

Computer: Basic Skills in Microsoft Word - Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 11:30-1:00; Room 143
 Computer: Computer Conversations - May 9; 10:00-11:30; Room 143
 Computer: Introduction to Windows I - Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 9:30-11:00; Room 143
 Computer: Introduction to Windows II - Mar. 7, 21, 28 / Apr. 4, 11; 9:30-11:00; Room 143
 Jamming with Jazz - Mar 7, 14, 21, 28 / Apr. 4; 10:00-11:30; Central Presbyterian Church
 Playwriting: Making a Play for the Stage** - Tuesday Feb. 19, 26 / Mar. 4, 11 and Friday Feb. 22; 10:30-12:00; Room 129
 Speaker in the Poem - Apr. 4, 11, 18, 25; 10:00-11:30; Room 136
 Time Orientation, Subjective Well-Being, and Retirement - Apr. 11; 1:00 - 2:30; Room 129

***Note that these class sessions do not meet on the same week day for every session. Class is listed on each day of the week for which there is a session held.*

ATHENS SENIOR LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Senior Leadership Academy (SLA)... whether you are new to Athens or not ... will open doors for you to all facets of community life. It enables participants to know Athens and give back to the community where they see a need and where they want to help. The SLA steering committee annually creates programs that take participants to various locations of the community to get an inside look at our community's government, business, education, health services, human services, arts, humanities, and the University of Georgia.

The program begins on February 7 with orientation, meets for eight consecutive Thursdays from 9:00 until 2:00 and ends with a graduation lunch. The special charge of \$75 for LIR members registering by January 15 covers morning coffee, supplies, catered lunches, and some transportation. Come with old friends and enjoy the program while making new ones. Class size is limited to 30.

SLA is sponsored by the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Athens Community Council of Aging. To register or to receive more information, call Keisha Ryals or Emory Griffin at 706-549-4850.

LUNCH & LEARN LECTURE SERIES

The LIR lecture series is held at the Athens Community Council on Aging, 135 Hoyt Street, just north of downtown in the former depot building. Lectures fall on Mondays, begin at 11:30, and are immediately followed by lunch. Lecture dates for this semester are February 4, March 3, April 7, and May 5.

Monday, February 4

Robert E. Lee Right Now - Emory M. Thomas

What does Robert E. Lee mean to us in 2007? A quintessential scholar of Robert E. Lee will answer that question for us. Among his eight books are *Robert E. Lee: An Album* (2000), *Robert E. Lee: A Biography* (1995), *Travels to Hallowed Ground: A Historian's Journey to the American Civil War* (1987), and *The Confederate Nation, 1861 - 1865* (1979).

Retiring from the University of Georgia in 2002 as Regents Professor of History Emeritus, Dr. Thomas has also held a Senior Fulbright Lectureship at the University of Genoa, the Douglas Southall Freeman Chair at the University of Richmond, and the Mark W. Clark Distinguished Visiting Professor of History at the Citadel. He is also the subject of a Festschrift, *Inside the Confederate Nations: Essays in Honor of Emory M. Thomas*, published in 2005.

Monday, March 3

Spanish Artist Alvar Suñol - Betty Jean Craige

Dr. Craige will show a 15-minute clip from her full-length documentary about the Spanish artist Alvar Suñol, who won worldwide attention for his paintings, lithographs, drawings, ceramics, and bronze sculptures. She will discuss Alvar's work and show several original pieces.

Dr. Craige, professor of comparative literature, is director of the Wilson Center for Humanities and Arts at the University of Georgia. She has published several books on the art of Alvar, guest-curated a show of his lithographs at the Georgia Museum of Art, and produced a documentary entitled *Alvar Suñol: His Vision and His Art*. She has collected his work for over 30 years.

Monday, April 7

Treasures from the UGA Libraries - Chantel Dunham

The UGA Library has rich and varied special collections. In the Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library, one finds a treasure trove from the Colonial and Confederate Era with a tremendous Civil War collection which includes maps, journals, letters, and photographs. There are also collections which document the history of theater from around the world through costume and set design, the largest collection of Margaret Mitchell materials, and collections from other Georgia authors and state dignitaries. We will hear about the Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Study and the Walter J. Brown Media Archives and Peabody Awards Collection. We will further learn how to go about accessing these materials electronically and about preserving our own treasured documents.

The director of development at the University of Georgia Libraries, Chantel Dunham hails originally from Lafayette, Louisiana. She received her degree in public relations from the University of Southwestern Louisiana. In 1994, Ms. Dunham started as the first development officer for the University of Georgia Libraries, and her work has been most productive. In those 13 years, the Library has raised over \$25 million and uncovered many wonderful treasures.

Monday, May 5

Late-Blooming Creativity in the Visual Arts - Robert D Clements

Dr. Clements will speak about late-blooming creativity with the hope that the works of late-blooming artists might inspire, interest, and even motivate our LIR members to continue to pursue with passion their own creative endeavors. The artists who will show and discuss their work are Bal Joshi and James Woodruff - landscape paintings; David Lindsay and Lee Reed - digital photography; Harold Rittenberry, Jr. - metal sculpture; and Abe Tesser - art furniture.

Dr. Clements is an LIR member, an artist, author, educator, and professor emeritus of art at the University of Georgia where he initiated the School of Art's Computer Art Program. For the 1996 Olympics he directed 20 artists in creating the Folk Art Park in downtown Atlanta.

LIR WINTER/SPRING 2008 COURSES

COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY

Computers: Basic Skills in Microsoft Word - Walter O'Briant

Friday: Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 11:30-1:00, Room 143

The emphasis of this course will be on creating different kinds of documents such as letters and essays, changing default formatting, adding features such as page numbers, and saving files for later access. The textbook, *Microsoft Office Word 2003*, by Duffy, will be available at the FTX Bookstore on Baxter St. Class size is limited to 20.

Walter O'Briant is retired from a 33-year career teaching philosophy to college and university students. Subsequently, he earned Microsoft and Computer Industry certifications while undertaking a career as a computer technician and instructor in operating systems and office applications. His service operates under the name Personal Computer Aide. Dr. O'Briant is a

returning LIR presenter and the coordinator of the LIR computer program.

Computer Conversations (offered twice) - Walter O'Briant Tuesday: Mar. 4 and Friday: May 9; 10:00-11:30; Room 143

If you have unanswered questions pertaining to computers, this class will provide the opportunity to get those answers. Two such classes will be offered. You may register for either the March 4 class, the May 9 class, or for both if you wish. Each class is limited to 20 participants.

See Walter O'Briant's bio in "Basic Skills."

Intermediate Word - Walter O'Briant

Tuesday: Apr. 8, 15, 22, 29 / May 6; 10:00-11:30; Room 143

This class will focus on using various toolbars, adding features to documents such as text boxes and graphics, selecting and

moving blocks of text, creating styles and templates, accessing pages on the Internet, and executing merges for envelopes and labels. **Note:** The prerequisite for this course is LIR's Basic Skills in Microsoft Word or comparable experience. Class size is limited to 20.

See Walter O'Briant's bio at "Basic Skills."

Introduction to the Internet - Walter O'Briant
Wednesday: Jan. 30 / Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 / Mar. 5; 1:00-2:30;
Room 143

The emphasis of this session will be on understanding terminology and organization of the Internet and World Wide Web and how one gains access to websites. Attention will be given to addressing, searching, downloading, and maintaining security. There will be class discussion of browsers other than *MS Internet Explorer*, websites suited for special purposes, and trends in online activity. The textbook for the course, *Windows Internet Explorer 7* by Barker and Pinard, can be purchased at FTX Bookstore, 723 Baxter Street, and should be brought to the first class. Class size is limited to 20.

See Walter O'Briant's bio under "Basic Skills."

Introduction to Windows I - Fred Prashun
Friday: Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 9:30-11:00; Room 143

This class will deal with the development of basic skills for using the Microsoft operating system found on most personal computers. Special attention will be given to terminology in this environment, use of devices such as keyboard and mouse, basic file management, proper techniques for starting and shutting down, routine maintenance and updating of software. **Note:** This class is for those new to the PC environment. Session is limited to 12 participants

Mr. Prashun is a UGA doctoral student, former instructor at Athens Tech in computer applications and word processing, and the owner of Tech Edge, a computer business. He has taught several LIR computer classes.

Introduction to Windows II - Kline Howell
Monday: Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; 9:30-11:00; Room 143

This course will include further development of basic skills and knowledge for using the PC, paying special attention to devices for enhancing input and output, use of specialized software for e-mail and security, configuring settings, troubleshooting software and hardware issues, and assessing resources for help and support. **Note:** The prerequisite for this course is Introduction to MS Windows, Part I, or comparable experience. Session is limited to 12 participants.

Kline Howell freelances as a web designer, creating web pages for both educational institutions and local businesses. He is currently a part-time Spanish/German tutor at Gainesville State College on the Oconee Campus and is a returning LIR presenter.

Introduction to Windows II - Fred Prashun
Friday: Mar. 7, 21, 28 / Apr. 4, 11; 9:30-11:00; Room 143

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See Mr. Prashun's bio above.

GENERAL CURRICULUM

A Spirited Look at Ghosts: "I Saw It with My Own Eyes."
- Genelle Morain

Tuesday: Mar. 25 / Apr. 1; 10:00-11:30; Room 139

This course presents an overview of the current perceptions of the paranormal: telepathy, clairvoyance, precognition, and haunting. Contemporary scholars, including Dean Radin, David Hufford, and Deborah Blum, will be discussed, and personal experience narratives will be shared. We may learn why Rudyard Kipling said, "I fancy there are more ghosts in the South between Savannah and Memphis than there are in any similar area in Europe."

Dr. Morain was a professor at the University of Georgia until her retirement in 1996. Her areas of specialty are cross-cultural understanding, folklore, and foreign language education. She has previously presented sessions for LIR.

Acting for Film and Stage - August Staub

Tuesday and Thursday: Jan. 29, 31 / Feb. 5, 7, 12;
1:00-2:30; Room 135

Dr. Staub will present major aspects of acting for stage and film that include visual, kinetic, and auditory statements. During the course, knowledge will be put to practice by working from a book with short scenes of both comic and serious quality.

Gus Staub is professor emeritus of drama at UGA. In addition to teaching and authoring plays, articles, and several books, he has served as director of the Jekyll Island Musical Comedy Festival, the Highlands Playhouse, Marietta's Theatre in the Square, and the Georgia Repertory Theater. He has taught numerous LIR courses.

Agricultural Technology: A Glance at the Past and a Vision for the Future - Clifton A. Baile

Thursday: Mar. 20; 2:00-3:30; Room 139

Can we feed the next 4 billion people who are likely to join us on this planet? From 1960 to 1990, there was an 80% increase in global population that was associated with a dramatic increase in the need for quality diet among the world's developing nations. In this session, we will learn about the many pressures on agriculture to produce much more food and fiber and to feed more stocks for producing sustainable and renewable energy sources.

Dr. Baile is a distinguished professor at UGA and a Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar in Agricultural Biotechnology. He has coordinated the Agricultural Biotechnology program with its dual goals of conducting leading-edge research and seeding start-up companies to commercialize animal and plant biotechnology in Georgia. In 2002, he won the Lamar Dodd Award in recognition of "outstanding body of scholarly and creative activities in the sciences."

Behind the Scene: John Wilkes Booth - Mark Waters
Thursday: Apr. 17, 24 / May 1, 8; 1:00-2:30; Room 135

Dr. Waters goes backstage, so to speak, as he brings John Wilkes Booth to life through a treasure trove of talks including "The Escape and Capture of John Wilkes Booth," "The One-Eyed Horse," "His Name Is Still Mudd," and "The First Female Executed by the Federal Government."

Dr. Waters is a retired Naval Reserve Officer and retired director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). He brings his love of the Civil War and experience as a professional speaker to LIR for an intriguing look at John Wilkes Booth.

The China Challenge - Cliff Pannell**Wednesday: Jan. 30 / Feb. 6, 13; 9:00-10:30; Room 135**

China in the 21st century presents economic, political, and possibly military challenges to its neighbors and its global peers. Yet, we must not lose sight of its own internal domestic challenges - environmental, political, economic, and social. This course will explore recent developments, domestic and external, and seek to put them in the context of challenges both to China and the United States as well as to the global community of nations.

Dr. Pannell received his A.B. at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, his M.A. from the University of Virginia, and his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. He served four years in the Navy in the '60s, two of them in Taiwan. He came to UGA in 1971 as assistant professor in the Department of Geography, later serving as department head. He has lived, worked, and studied in Taiwan, Hong Kong, and China.

The Dead Sea Scrolls Live! - Elizabeth Warner**Tuesday and Thursday: Jan. 29, 31 / Feb. 5, 7, 12, 14; 9:30-11:00; Room 135**

Welcome to the credibility gap between messiahs and martial arts, between air, earth, fire and water! This is a mystic journey backward and forward from the site at Qumran through the Dark Age sanctuaries of Tibet into several parallel cultures. We will examine quantum physics, shamanism, classics, and religious studies.

Professor Warner earned her M.Ed. from Trinity College and took doctoral courses at the University of Miami. She retired after 25 years as a senior professor in English and Communications from Miami-Dade College. She studied Chinese medicine and culture, Qi Gong and T'ai Chi with Dr. Hspinpo Chen of Beijing, and is a certified aroma therapist and a third degree Reiki Master. She divides her time between her "big woods" in Athens and her townhouse in Miami.

DNA Fingerprinting - Wyatt Anderson**Tuesday: Mar. 18; 10:30-12:00; Central Presbyterian Church, Alps Road**

Humans - and other animals - can be identified by their DNA, using the reliable technique of DNA fingerprinting. Wyatt Anderson will explain the technique itself, its use in this respect, and conclude with a discussion of the social implications of its emergence, with a look to the future. Participants may stay for lunch, which requires preregistration. Cost without lunch is \$5; cost with lunch, \$11.

Dr. Anderson grew up in coastal Georgia and attended the University of Georgia. He served on the faculty of Yale University before returning to UGA in 1972 as part of a group forming a new genetics program. He served as head of the new Department of Genetics in 1980 and later as dean of the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences. He is Alumni Foundation Distinguished Professor of Genetics at UGA. His research interests are in population genetics, molecular evolution, and behavioral genetics.

Fainting Goats: Fact or Fiction? - Kim Ledford**Wednesday: May. 7; 10:00 - 11:30; Kim Ledford's Farm**

Come see for yourself! Fainting goats, a breed that originated in Tennessee in the 1800's, have several names: Myotonic, Tennessee Fainting, and stiff-leg goats. These goats have a genetic condition called *myotonia congenita* which causes them to faint when startled. In addition to visiting the goats,

participants will also be treated to a garden tour. Please wear comfortable shoes. A map to the class location will be provided upon registration.

Kim Ledford is a radiologic technologist and has worked with veterinarians for more than 25 years. She has raised a variety of wild and domestic animals and has been raising fainting goats for two years. She is also an avid gardener as we will see.

The Fourth Estate in Three Easy Lessons - Walter Eberhard**Tuesday: Jan. 29 / Feb. 5, 12; 9:30-11:00; Room 136**

The term "Fourth Estate" refers to the press, both in its explicit capacity of advocacy and in its implicit ability to frame political issues. The term goes back at least to Thomas Carlyle in the first half of the 19th century. This course will explore the complexity and variety of mass media in America in three sessions. The first session will focus on Media History from Gutenberg to Rupert Murdoch; the second session looks at the First Amendment and the Press; and the final session examines Journalism Ethics: Oxymoron or Reality? No text is required, but discussion questions will be offered for each session.

Dr. Eberhard is professor emeritus from the Grady college of Journalism and Mass Communication, UGA. He holds degrees from the University of Michigan, Bowling Green State University, and the University of Wisconsin. He worked as a daily and weekly newspaper reporter in his home state of Michigan before entering journalism education.

Furniture Making with Abe Tesser - Abraham Tesser**Thursday: Feb. 7; 11:00-12:30; Room 135**

Abe Tesser will address the concepts and inspiration for the design of some of his furniture pieces. Participants will examine various furniture creations. Anyone with a love of furniture, wood creations, or accessing one's creative self will enjoy this session and learn the "how to" of using special jigs and set-ups to achieve shapes or cuts for parts of the furniture pieces.

Since retiring from UGA as professor of psychology in 2000, Dr. Tesser has seriously pursued his life-long interest: the design and construction of wood furniture. He currently builds one-of-a-kind furniture and occasionally lectures on this topic. His prize-winning work has appeared in a number of juried shows and local galleries.

Gentle Pilates - Kandy Duke**Tuesday: Jan 29 / Feb. 5; 10:00-11:30. Central Presbyterian Church, Alps Road**

During the first session, Kandy will teach the "daily dozen" and Pilates fundamentals: both methods prepare the body for Level 1 Pilates. During the second session, she will introduce basic Pilates moves, with and without modifications. Gentle Pilates will increase your core awareness and shoulder stabilization plus help you achieve neutral pelvis and spine - all important elements for better posture and a healthy back. Participants need to bring a mat or towel and a small pillow to each session.

Dr. Duke is a certified personal trainer though the American Council on Exercise. Certified as a Yamuna® Body Rolling Practitioner and Pilates Mat Instructor, and as a registered Yoga teacher, Kandy uses all these modalities and more to provide an integrative whole body approach to fitness. She also provides group and private Pilates and Water Aerobics instruction. She has presented for LIR previously.

German for Travelers - Kline Howell**Monday: Apr. 7, 14, 28; 10:00-11:00; Room 139 / Apr. 21, Room 136**

When traveling abroad, having even a limited vocabulary for communication can be a real advantage in both casual and critical situations. This course will help you build the necessary German vocabulary to orient yourself, identify places, ask directions, find food and drink you want, as well as locate restrooms and hotel accommodations. There will also be a session on various cultural aspects of German life that can make you a more savvy tourist. Recipes will be provided and a potluck will be held at the instructor's home at the conclusion of the course.

Dr. Howell is a retired German/Spanish teacher from the Clarke County School District. He received his undergraduate degree in German and Spanish from the University of Maryland and later completed a master's degree and doctorate in foreign language education. During his tenure at Cedar Shoals High School, he established direct student exchange programs with partner schools in Costa Rica and Germany. He is currently a part-time Spanish/German tutor at Gainesville State College at the Oconee Campus and teaches a computer course for LIR.

Get the Scoop on Burning Health Issues - Claude Burnett
Monday: Feb. 4; 9:30-11:00; Room 136

Dr. Burnett will share his 30 years of experience and intimate knowledge of area health issues as he focuses on cardiovascular disease and influenza that tend to threaten each of us seniors. We will become more enlightened connoisseurs of restaurant cuisine following his revelations of those ubiquitous double scores that are required to be posted near the entryway in restaurants, but are often curiously out of sight. The impact of teenage pregnancy on high school graduation and poverty rates and on us as citizens will also be discussed.

Dr. Burnett, health director for the Northeast Georgia District, is board certified in preventive health. He received his master's degree from the North Carolina School of Public Health and his doctoral training at the Dartmouth Medical School and Mt. Sinai School of Medicine. He has been a resident of Athens since 1978.

Globalization and American Jobs - Maurits van der Veen
Wednesday: Feb. 13, 20, 27; 10:00-11:30; Room 139

Much of the public debate on the impact of globalization on jobs and wages in the United States ignores the basic logic of international trade and economic development. This course introduces the economic and political theories needed to understand how U.S. workers are affected by globalization. "Who is harmed?" "Has NAFTA led to the elimination of American Jobs?" and "Should we worry about China's economic rise?"

Dr. van der Veen is assistant professor of international affairs at UGA's School for Public and International Affairs. He received his Ph.D. from Harvard University and previously taught at the University of Pennsylvania. He is a native of the Netherlands and a returning LIR presenter.

God Speaks Again - The Bahá'í Faith - George D. Lord, Jr.; Howard Leeb; Nasrin Rouhani
Monday: Jan. 28 / Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 / Mar. 3; 9:30-11:30; Room 135

This course will be an overview of the world's newest revealed religion, its place in the family of religions, its history and

teachings. The Bahá'í Faith is based on an extensive revelation. It combines universal spiritual values, mysticism, and social teachings appropriate to the 21st century and a system of governance which brings about international and interracial unity. The cost for this course is \$45, which includes the book *God Speaks Again*.

Dr. Lord is a native of New Haven, Conn. He earned his doctorate from Life Chiropractic College. He is a certified Body Talk Practitioner and practices in Athens. Dr. Lord has edited several books and has traveled internationally to teach Bahá'í Faith, of which he has been a member since 1974.

Howard Leeb is a retired foreign service officer who received his B.S. in Business Administration from Wayne State University. He completed his graduate work at DePaul University in Chicago. He has lived in Central and South America and has been to Mozambique and Pakistan. Howard has been a Bahá'í since 1965.

Nasrin Rouhani, a lifelong Bahá'í, was born in Esfahan, Iran. She first moved to Athens in 1968, accompanying her husband for his doctoral studies at UGA. Although they returned to Iran, they were forced to flee when the Khomeini regime targeted American-educated professionals for execution. They returned to Athens in 1984. Mrs. Rouhani recently retired from her position as a labor and delivery nurse at St. Mary's Hospital.

Great Decisions 2008 - Ron Cerwonka and John Rudy
Thursday: Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27 / Apr. 3, 10; 9:00-10:30; Room 135

This now annual course, built on the study book of the Foreign Policy Association, will consider eight 2008 topics in six weeks of open discussion. Topics will include the Iraq End Game; the EU at 50; Russia; Talking to Enemies; Defense and Security Policy; Latin America and the Left; U.S.-Chinese Trade Policy, and Private Philanthropy. Cost is \$30 plus cost of the book to be paid to the instructors.

Dr. Cerwonka received his B.A. and M.B.A. from Boston College and his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Missouri. He taught at Saint Bonaventure and Providence College and now teaches at Piedmont College. He is an active member of LIR and a member of the Curriculum Committee.

Dr. Rudy, past president of LIR and current member of the Curriculum Committee, received his Ph.D. in international relations from the Fletcher School of International Diplomacy, Tufts University. He spent his career in international banking.

Guns Across the Rio: A Texas Ranger in Old Mexico - Dac Crossley**Thursday: May 8; 10:00-11:00; Room 135**

In south Texas, on the Texas-Mexico border, the old west survived well into the twentieth century. The arrival of railroads in the lower Rio Grande Valley opened the door to settlers who took advantage of the mild climate and water from irrigation to produce a variety of crops. Tensions between the immigrants and Mexican were minor until the Mexican Revolution in 1913. Guns Across the Rio follows the adventures of Naco Ybarra, Texas Ranger, when he crosses into Mexico incognito and finds himself involved in the machinations of the bandit Pancho Villa. You will have an opportunity to buy an autographed copy of the book in class. Book cost is \$14.50.

A Texas native, Dr. Crossley has been an Athens resident for over 40 years. Most of these were spent as professor of

entomology and ecology at UGA. His Texas roots and family histories lend authenticity to his stories of the Old West.

Historic Preservation: A Contractor's View of Preserving History in Athens - Smith Wilson

Wednesday: Apr. 2, 9, 2:00-3:30; Room 139 / Apr. 16, bus tour

The class will include discussions of Mr. Wilson's projects in downtown Athens, the Cobham Neighborhood, the Bottleworks on Prince, and the Georgia State Capitol Building. The first session will be an overview of preservation topics and projects. The second will look at the specific projects, and the third will be a field trip in which the class will tour the local projects including the historical areas. The session will conclude at the Wilson farm for a discussion about the farming landscape prior to WWII. Cost is \$15 plus a small additional charge for the day excursion around Athens. The exact cost will depend upon the number of participants registering for the course.

As a developer and general contractor, Smith has many considerations: What impact and effect will a project have on a community? What effect will there be environmentally? And will it be profitable? As president of S&W Development, Inc., Mr. Wilson has devoted more than half of his business effort toward historic preservation. His company has worked on everything from moving a log home to Sandy Creek Nature Center, moving an antebellum home to the country for retired rock stars, to working on dozens of homes and structures in the Athens area.

Inside the University - Dr. Jere Morehead

Tuesday: May 6; 1:30-3:00; Central Presbyterian Church, Alps Road

Dr. Morehead will share with us the signal work of the University in strengthening its academic rigor and results. His assessment of the progress, challenges, expectations, and benefits from four specific studies over the past year will undoubtedly foster a lively discussion.

As vice provost of the University of Georgia, Dr. Morehead has multiple responsibilities, which include supervising the Honors Program, the Foundation Fellows Program, the Office of Faculty Affairs, and the Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities. He serves as liaison between the Provost's Office and Undergraduate Admissions and Student Affairs and is also the faculty athletics representative. At the University since 1986, he was previously assistant U.S. attorney at the Department of Justice.

Introduction to Wine - Vincent W. Masters

Wednesday: Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26; 2:00-3:00; Room 129

In this course, the wine novice will be introduced to the characteristics of wine, wine regions, the essentials of wine selection, storage, and serving. The course will culminate with an optional tasting of selected wines. Class will be limited to 20. A native of the California wine scene, Dr. Masters, M.D., has become a friend and colleague of American winemakers and is widely recognized as a wine columnist, author, and judge. He is founder and director of the Athens Wine Society, Inc., a nonprofit organization for the education and enjoyment of wine. He serves as judge of the International Atlanta Wine Festival and writes the weekly column "The Wine Press" for Athens newspapers. Dr. Masters is also an active member of the Society of Wine Educators and the Southeastern Wine Makers

Circle and has led domestic and international tours to renowned wine regions. He is a returning LIR presenter.

Italian/Mediterranean Cooking - Jim Okey Wednesday: Apr. 16, 23, 30; 3:00-5:00; ACCA

Participants will join the instructor in preparing and consuming the delights of Italian/Mediterranean cuisine. Preparation and cooking techniques will be demonstrated. Menus will focus on foods prepared in the Mediterranean style with fresh, flavorful, and seasoned ingredients. Participants who have taken either of the past two courses are not eligible for this class at this time. A cost of \$45 includes \$30 for all food materials.

Dr. Okey is a retired professor of science education with extensive culinary training: a year at Peter Kenny's New York Cooking School as well as study in Italy and time as an apprentice in both cooking and baking abroad and in New York. He often does demonstrations at the Rolling Pin and is a frequent teacher for LIR. He travels annually to Italy.

Jamming with Jazz - Walter Allen

Friday: Mar 7, 14, 21, 28 / Apr. 4; 10:00-11:30; Central Presbyterian Church, Alps Road

The class will enjoy listening to Dr. Allen as he demonstrates the various musical instruments used in bands and orchestras while discussing jazz greats and styles. Class members wishing to jam will have the opportunity to do so along with musicians who will be invited to class. All musical styles including jazz, dance bands, small combos, rock and roll, and blues will be covered. Participants may also choose to visit a local radio station and go on air to talk about the field of jazz.

Dr. Allen, a native of Allendale, S.C., began his instrumental music career playing the French horn in elementary school. He graduated from Claflin University and toured Korea, Japan, and the U.S. while in the army. During that time he performed with Jack Benny, Count Basie, Cannonball Adderly, and Frank Foster. Dr. Allen is probably best known for his many years as an administrator in the Clarke County School System.

LIR Strength Training at Ramsey - Elaine Cress

Tuesday and Thursday: Jan. 22, 24, 29, 31 / Feb. 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28 / Mar. 4, 6, 18, 20, 25, 27 / Apr. 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24; 12:30-2:00; Ramsey Center

This twice-weekly course will hold no classes during Spring Break. You will receive a course calendar. Participants will be tested prior to and after completion of this conditioning course. Dr. Cress and her students studying exercise physiology will carefully follow each individual's progress. Weight training and stretching exercises are taught using the most up-to-date equipment at Ramsey Center. The first class session will be in room 225, Ramsey Center, at 12:30 on January 22. The classroom for the first day is in the part of the building closest to the new dining hall. You will need a signed permission form from your physician; Amy Munnell has these for you.

Dr. Cress is an exercise physiologist and professor of kinesiology and with the Institute of Gerontology. Her research focuses on physical function and how it can be improved with exercise. She has extensive experience providing exercise interventions for people in mid-life and beyond. Dr. Cress has offered the LIR Strength Training class for seven years. Many of her students who take this class go on to physical therapy graduate school and opt to specialize in working with older populations.

There is no fee for this course, but you must register to take it. Instead of using parking passes, you will pay for your parking at the deck for each session.

National Issues Forum: Making Ends Meet - Anita Brannen and Margaret Holt
Wednesday: Mar. 12, 26; 10:00-11:30; Room 129 / Mar. 19, Room 135

Today millions of Americans are struggling to stay economically afloat. Many are working full-time but cannot make the pay checks stretch to pay the bills for basic necessities. What has become of the American dream that if you work hard and play by the rules, you will prosper? The issues book presents three perspectives on the question of what can be done to ease the financial problems that plague the working poor and many middle-class families. The maximum number of participants is 20. A cost of \$29.90 includes the course book and a DVD.

Dr. Margaret Holt is a retired faculty member of UGA's Department of Adult Education. She has been an associate with the Charles F. Kettering Foundation since 1981 and has served on the Kettering Foundation's National Issues Forum Board of Directors.

Anita Brannen is a teacher, a counselor, and a perennial student. She is a graduate of the Kettering National Issues Forum Facilitator Institute and an LIR member.

Naturally Spring at Sandy Creek Nature Center - Mary Leuzinger
Thursday: Apr. 3, 10, 17; 10:00-12:00; Sandy Creek Nature Center

Does spring arouse your interest in wildflowers blooming, wildlife awakening, fiddleheads popping, trees budding, and birds singing? Participants will learn about these nature topics and more at Sandy Creek Nature Center. Each class will involve a short discussion with a naturalist and a field study. One class will be a bird walk (binoculars recommended). Outdoor activities will not be strenuous but will require walking shoes and casual clothes. This is a great opportunity to understand the natural world and explore Sandy Creek Nature Center, a wonderful asset of Clarke County. Parking is free at SCNC. Participants will convene for the first class at the main ENSAT building in the nature classroom. The class is limited to 20 participants.

Various SCNS staff members will help conduct the program. Dr. Leuzinger is president of SCNS, Inc., and an amateur botanist/birder. Berkely Boone and Kate Mowbray are professional naturalists, and Helen Marotta is secretary of the center, and a trail guide and amateur naturalist.

Playwriting: Making a Play for the Stage - Stanley Longman
Tuesday: Feb. 19, 26 / Mar. 4, 11 and Friday: Feb. 22; 10:30-12:00; Room 129

Dr. Longman discusses "making" a play because a script is partly writing and partly constructing. It is a blueprint for action that is to take place on a stage. The class will explore the conditions of the stage medium, try out exercises to spark creative imagination, and work on a script. The class will be limited to 10.

Dr. Longman is professor emeritus of the UGA Department of Theater and Film Studies, where he served as

head of the dramatic writing program. His major research interests have been in dramatic analysis and criticism and in Italian theater. He is the author of *Composing Drama for Screen and Page & Stage*.

Psychology of Music – Everyone Has a Musical Brain! - Olin Parker

Monday: Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; 2:00-3:30; Room 139

This course will be a lecture/discussion on how we learn and appreciate music so that it will minister to our spiritual, emotional, and intellectual needs. Music comes back to you – even after 50 years, making a musical brain the birthright of all human beings. Learning music is a lifelong process that you can embrace it at any age.

Olin Parker is professor emeritus and associate director emeritus in his 44th year of teaching at the Hugh Hodgson School of Music at UGA. Prior to coming to the University, he taught music for 14 years in the Kansas public schools system. He has presented lectures and refereed research papers relating to music psychology, music education, and music therapy in 31 countries as well as over half of the United States.

Religious Studies in the University - Will Power

Monday: Apr. 21; 1:00-2:30; Room 136

Many of us think of the post-secondary study of religion as something that occurs in seminaries or religious post-secondary institutions. Yet, what does it mean to be a scholar of religion in a public research university? Join Dr. Power as he discusses these topics. What is religion? What is the aim or goal of the study of religion? What methods are and should be used in the study of religion.

Dr. Power is professor of religion at UGA. He received his B.A. at the University of Mississippi and his M.Div. and Ph.D. at Emory University. He has published in the fields of historical theology, systematic and philosophical theology, and philosophy of religion. His works have appeared in monograph form, as chapters in books and journal articles. He has served on the editorial boards of the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* and the *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*. He is also past president of the American Academy of Religion, Southeastern Region, and the Society for Philosophy of Religion.

The Rise and Fall of Black Slavery - Marion Rice

Wednesday: Jan. 30 / Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 / Mar. 5; 9:00-11:00; Room 136

This is not a lecture course, but a seminar in which participants will be encouraged to give their own interpretations and insights. We will consider the legacy of slavery and racial discrimination which are very much still with us. The first session will begin with a consideration of the long institution of slavery, starting with pre-Greek and Roman times. We will also examine the heritage of slavery in literature. The recommended text is *The Rise and Fall of Black Slavery* by C. Duncan Rice. Participants can purchase the book for around \$10 at Jackson Street Books.

Dr. Rice, professor emeritus, proposed and was co-director of UGA's Anthropology Curriculum Project before there was a formal anthropology department here. He retired as chairman of the Social Studies Department in 1986 and has taught several Georgia history courses for LIR.

Sampling the Great Books - Jane Kelly
Wednesday: Apr. 9, 16, 23, 30; 10:00-12:00; Room 136

This course will cover four works from The Great Books. The first, Chaucer's *The Pardoner's Tale*, will be introduced by the instructor and discussed by class participants. Subsequent works may be selected by the class at the first session. Participants can choose from such favorites as Agamemnon's *Clytemnestra*; Sophocles' *Oedipus*; Plato's *Republic*; Shakespeare's *Macbeth*; Shelley's *A Defense of Poetry*; and Gogol's *The Overcoat* or vote on other great books. As is the tradition, class members may volunteer to introduce authors and lead the discussion using prepared questions if desired. Alternately, local Great Books class members have offered to help. Class size is limited to 12. Class members will have the option of using their own copies, buying used or new books, or in some cases receiving duplicated materials.

Jane Kelly has been a member of the local Great Books discussion group for more than 10 years. She taught Latin and English in high school, and has traveled and studied in England, Italy, and Greece and at numerous universities in the United States. She received a B.A. in classics and a M.Ed. and Ed.S. at the University of Georgia.

The Speaker in the Poem - James Kissane
Friday: Apr. 4, 11, 18, 25; 10:00-11:30; Room 136

Poetry's many voices are a chief source of its many pleasures. Sometimes the voice in the poem speaks for the poet, but sometimes the speaker represents a quite different viewpoint. And sometimes different speakers confront one another within the poem. This course will explore, through examination of selected short poems, the relationship between our impressions of the imagined speaker(s) and the effect (and meaning) of the poem. We will discuss ways in which poems take advantage of the various possibilities for self-expression on the one hand and characterization on the other.

Dr. Kissane holds a Ph.D. in English from the Johns Hopkins University and is professor emeritus of literature at Grinnell College where he taught for 38 years. His publications include books, articles, and reviews about such literary figures as Wordsworth, Keats, Tennyson, Hopkins, and T.S. Eliot. Dr. Kissane has presented many seminars for LIR.

Survivable Gardens: Listening to Mother Nature - Joanne Roth

Thursday: Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27; 10:00-11:00; Room 139
 This course will offer understanding how nature actually works (not how we want her to work) to help our gardens survive climate changes. The course will give practical solutions to gardening problems, their symptoms, causes, and cures. We will also explore how to create good garden designs that will sustain the health and well-being of existing plants and how to avoid disease and promote health in our gardens by using the right plants and attracting the right critters. A cost of \$48 includes the book, *Nature-Friendly Garden: Creating a Backyard Haven for Plants, Wildlife and People*.

Joanne Roth is a commercial artist with a background in marketing and advertising. She is also an advanced Master Gardener from the University of Ohio. She was recently on the speakers' circuit in Indiana, teaching gardening techniques. Joanne also serves as a consultant to nurseries, garden centers, and other businesses to help them improve their growth in sales and services.

Time Orientation, Subjective Well-Being, and Retirement: Two Studies - Douglas Kleiber

Friday: Apr. 11; 1:00-2:30; Room 129

Professor Kleiber will review findings and implications of two research studies in which LIR members were instrumental participants. The first, by Professor Galit Nimrod of the University of Haifa and Dr. Kleiber, explores the role of innovation in successful aging based on extensive interviews with 20 LIR members. The second, a Ph.D. thesis in psychology by Ryan Keen, delves into how time orientation influences well-being, an inquiry in which a good number of LIR members took part. Not only are these studies interesting, but they also illustrate how our organization and its members provide value to the University as instruments in its advanced research.

Dr. Kleiber is a professor in the Department of Counseling and Human Development, a part of UGA's College of Education. A longtime friend and counselor to LIR, he holds degrees from Cornell University and a Ph.D. from the University of Texas.

Yoga - Julie Horne
Tuesday: Feb. 19, 26 / Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25; 10:00-11:30; ACCA

More than an exercise class, gentle yoga is a practice that blends mind, body and spirit. The postures stretch the body and promote flexibility. Deep breathing enhances energy and promotes relaxation. The last part of the practice is a deep relaxation period. Each class involves supine movement, standing postures, and seated poses. Wear loose clothing that allows movement and bring a firm cushion if you need to support the spine while seated. The course is limited to 20 participants.

Julie Horne is a certified yoga instructor and has been teaching in Athens for nine years. She was trained at the Satchidananda Ashram in Virginia and has taken further training there in gentle yoga and yoga for osteoporosis. Previously she was an instructor in mathematics at UGA.

Be sure to hang your one-day parking tag, correctly dated, on your rear view mirror for classes at River's Crossing. The tag is good for that day only and only that parking lot. UGA assesses fines for absent or out-of-date hang tags.

**Mark These Winter 2008 Dates
 on Your Calendar**

Wednesday, Jan. 2	New Year's Lunch at Carrabba's
Tuesday, Jan. 22	Afternoon Treats at Aroma's
Monday, Feb. 4	L&L: Robert E. Lee Right Now!
Tuesday, Feb. 12	Early Dinner at Gnat's Landing
Tuesday, Feb. 19	Inside CNN Atlanta and the New World of Coca Cola
Wednesday, Feb. 27	Coffee at Earth Fare
Monday, Mar. 3	L&L: Spanish Artist Alva Suñol

WINTER 2008 TRAVEL/STUDY EVENTS

Inside CNN Atlanta and the New World of Coca-Cola Tuesday, February 19

The morning portion of the fun-packed trip will be spent in the CNN Center, the global headquarters of CNN worldwide news, located in the heart of downtown Atlanta. We will see the story behind the news on a guided 55-minute walking* tour, which begins at the bottom of the world's largest freestanding escalator. We will learn what it takes to produce memorable broadcasts through management of worldwide network resources and get a glimpse into the demands of expanding news coverage both at home and abroad. (*If you have special needs, please contact the Nancy Kassay before registering. Both tours involve walking, and the CNN tour includes walking down eight flights of stairs.)

After a lunch at a venue of our choosing at The CNN Center, we will head for the New World of Coca-Cola for a self-guided walking tour where we will discover the history of a world renowned soft-drink and be entertained along the way. A traveling exhibition of select Andy Warhol works is on display in the Pop Culture Gallery and several theaters feature Coke-related programs. We will be able to sample up to 70 different beverage products in addition to Coca-Cola brands. And then there's that photo op with the Coca-Cola Polar Bear!

The coach will leave the upper parking lot of Home Depot, Epps Bridge Road, at 8:15 a.m. and return by 5:00 p.m. The total cost of the trip is \$60.00 (lunch not included). Please call Nancy Kassay at 706-543-8045 with questions or for further information.

Mail the registration form with your check, made payable to *Learning in Retirement, Inc.*, to Nancy Kassay (address on form). **Reservations are due by January 17.**

Woodrow Wilson Boyhood Home, Morris Museum of Art, and Historic Augusta Thursday, March 20

This exciting and informative day in Augusta will begin with a guided tour of the boyhood home of President Woodrow Wilson, the Civil War home where Wilson spent the longest period of his life. We will be able to view rooms furnished in 1860's furniture and other objects used by Wilson as well as the traveling *Wilson 150* exhibit, which was organized by the Woodrow Wilson House, a National Trust Historic Site, Washington, D.C.

After a catered lunch, we will re-board our bus for a two-hour guided tour of historic Augusta, including Summerville, one of Augusta's seven historic districts that began as a summer resort for wealthy Augustans living on the Savannah River. The day's events will conclude with a guided tour of the fine galleries of the Morris Museum of Art, the nation's premier showcase for masterworks of Southern painting. The Morris will also treat us to a special wine and cheese reception before we begin our trip home.

The bus will leave the upper parking lot of Home Depot, Epps Bridge Road, at 7:45 a.m. and is expected to return no later than 6:00 p.m. The total cost of the trip, which includes transportation, lunch, admission fees, and reception, will be \$90.00 per person. Questions? Call Steve Kassay at 706-543-8045 or email skassay@bellsouth.net.

Mail the registration form with your check, made payable to *Learning in Retirement, Inc.*, to Steve Kassay (address on form). **Reservations are due by January 31.**

Preview Announcement Abbeville, S.C., Overnight Theatre Package Friday and Saturday, April 18-19

The play will be Neil Simon's *Prisoner of Second Avenue*. Space is limited. Call Frances Lang, 706-353-7733, for information and to give indication of interest. The full announcement and registration form will appear in the next newsletter.

WINTER 2008 SOCIAL EVENTS

RESERVATION REMINDER

New Year's Lunch at Carrabba's Wednesday, January 2, noon

There should still be time to make a reservation for the New Year's Lunch at 12:00 at Carrabba's Italian Grill. Entree choices are Chicken Marsala, Pico-Paco (spicy) Grilled Chicken, or Grilled Salmon and all lunches come with pasta, a salad, and a beverage. The cost will be either \$14.99 or \$15.99 plus tax and tip. Make your reservation with either Phyllis Lane at 706-548-1606 or Carol Fisher at 706-543-4443. **Reservations for due by Friday, December 28.**

Late Afternoon Treats at Aromas Tuesday, January 22, 4:00

Come for coffee, tea, or wine and nibble on tappas - appetizers of cheese and assorted crackers, fruit, and dips. These treats and LIR fellowship can all be enjoyed while relaxing in a comfy atmosphere warmed by the flickering fire at Aromas, which is located on South Milledge at Five Points next to the Waffle House. The cost is dependent on your order.

Early Dinner at Gnat's Landing Tuesday, February 12, 5:00

Gnat's Landing on Baxter Street is a "sister restaurant" to the Gnat's Landing on St. Simons Island, Ga., and also offers good food and a beach décor. Entrees run from \$8.00 to \$23, and they have fresh soup daily. Gnat's on Baxter is located across from the new "Loft Condos." Make your reservation by calling Phyllis Lane at 706-548-1606 **by Saturday, February 8.**

Coffee at Earth Fare, Wednesday Wednesday, February 27, 10:00

Come for good coffee and other tempting goodies from an enormous selection as well as some good conversation. Earth Fare is located on South Lumpkin at Five Points. As an extra dividend, Wednesday is Senior Day with 5% off all groceries.

Join an LIR Committee

The Travel/Study Committee is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to participate in planning recreational and educational travel events for fellow LIR members. If you like to travel and learn about interesting places, you may enjoy volunteering on this committee. Please let us hear from you. Call Steve or Nancy Kassay at 706-543-8045 or email nancykassay@bellsouth.net

LIR WINTER/SPRING 2008 COURSE REGISTRATION

In the case of couples, each party should fill out one side of this form. Couples may, however, write one check for the combined total.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____

 E-mail: _____

My LIR dues are current (2008 above your name on your address label).

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 The China Challenge \$15 _____
 The Dead Sea Scrolls Live! \$30 _____
 DNA Fingerprinting (without lunch) \$ 5 _____
 DNA Fingerprinting (with lunch) \$11 _____
 Fainting Goats: Fact or Fiction? \$ 5 _____
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 The Speaker in the Poem \$20 _____
 Survivable Gardens \$48 _____
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If you have questions regarding registration call Amy at her NEW phone number, 706-207-1665, or email her at nega_writer@yahoo.com. Call Jeani Goodwin at 706-548-1915 if you have questions about course content.

LIR WINTER TRAVEL/STUDY RESERVATIONS FORMS

Inside CNN Atlanta and the New World of Coca Cola

Tuesday, February 19

Reservations are due by January 17

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Handicap: _____ Special Need: _____

Cost is \$60 per person and includes all expenses except lunch.

_____ No. of reservations x \$60 = \$_____ enclosed.

Make your check payable to *Learning in Retirement, Inc.*, and mail with this form to Nancy Kassay, 111 River Bottom Circle, Athens, GA 30606-1993.

Woodrow Wilson Boyhood Home, Morris Museum of Art, and Historic Augusta

Thursday, March 20

Reservations are due by January 31

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Handicap: _____ Special Need: _____

Cost is \$90 per person and includes lunch, a wine and cheese reception, and all other expenses.

_____ No. of reservations x \$90 = \$_____ enclosed.

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WINTER SEMESTER 2008 COURSES BY DAY OF WEEK

All room numbers are for River's Crossing unless otherwise noted. ACCA denotes the Athens Community Council on Aging.

Monday

Computer: Introduction to Windows II - Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; 9:30-11:00; Room 143
German for Travelers - Apr. 7, 14, 28; 10:00-11:00; Room 139; Apr. 21, Room 136
Get the Scoop on Burning Health Issues - Feb. 4; 9:30-11:00; Room 136
God Speaks Again - The Bahá'i Faith - Jan. 28 / Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 / Mar. 3; 9:30-11:30; Room 135
Psychology of Music - Everyone Has a Musical Brain! - Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; 2:00-3:30; Room 139
Religious Studies in the University - Apr. 21; 1:00-2:30; Room 136

Tuesday

Acting for Film and Stage** - Tuesday Jan. 29 / Feb. 5, 12 and Thursday Jan. 31 / Feb. 7; 1:00-2:30; Room 135
A Spirited Look at Ghosts - Mar. 25 / Apr. 1; 10:00-11:30; Room 139
Computer: Computer Conversations - Mar. 4; 10:00-11:30; Room 143
Computer: Intermediate Word - Apr. 8, 15, 22, 29 / May 6; 10:00-11:30; Room 143
Dead Sea Scrolls Live!** - Tuesday Jan. 29 / Feb. 5, 12 and Thursday Jan. 31 / Feb. 7, 14; 9:30-11:00; Room 135
DNA Fingerprinting - Tuesday Mar. 18; 10:30-12:00; Central Presbyterian Church
The Fourth Estate in Three Easy Lessons - Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12; 9:30-11:00; Room 136
Gentle Pilates - Jan 29 / Feb. 5; 10:00-11:30; Central Presbyterian Church
Inside the University - May 6; 1:30-3:00; Central Presbyterian Church
LIR Strength Training at Ramsey** - Tuesday Jan. 22, 29 / Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 / Mar. 4, 18, 25 / Apr. 1, 8, 15, 22 and Thursday Jan. 24, 31 / Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 / Mar. 6, 20, 27 / Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24; 12:30-2:00; Ramsey
Playwriting: Making a Play for the Stage** - Tuesday Feb. 19, 26 / Mar. 4, 11 and Friday Feb. 22; 10:30-12:00; Room 129
Yoga - Feb. 19, 26 / Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25; 10:00-11:30; ACCA

Wednesday

China Challenge - Jan. 30 / Feb. 6, 13; 9:00-10:30; Room 135
Computer: Introduction to the Internet - Jan. 30 / Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 / Mar. 5; 1:00-2:30; Room 143
Fainting Goats: Fact or Fiction? - May 7; 10:00-11:30; Kim Ledford's Farm
Globalization and American Jobs - Feb. 13, 20, 27; 10:00-11:30; Room 139
Historic Preservation: A Contractor's View - Apr. 2, 9; 2:00-3:30; Room 139; Apr. 16, bus tour
Introduction to Wine - Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26; 2:00-3:00; Room 129

Italian/Mediterranean Cooking - Apr. 16, 23, 30; 3:00-5:00; ACCA
National Issues Forum: Making Ends Meet - Mar. 12, 26; 10:00-11:30; Room 129; Mar. 19, Room 135
Rise and Fall of Black Slavery - Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 / Mar. 5; 9:00-11:00; Room 136
Sampling the Great Books - Apr. 9, 16, 23, 30; 10:00-12:00; Room 136

Thursday

Acting for Film and Stage** - Tuesday Jan. 29 / Feb. 5, 12 and Thursday Jan. 31 / Feb. 7; 1:00-2:30; Room 135
Agricultural Technology - Mar. 20; 2:00-3:30; Room 139
Behind the Scene: John Wilkes Booth - Apr. 17, 24 / May 1, 8; 1:00-2:30; Room 135
Dead Sea Scrolls Live!** - Tuesday Jan. 29 / Feb. 5, 12 and Thursday Jan. 31 / Feb. 7, 14; 9:30-11:00; Room 135
Furniture Making with Abe Tesser - Feb. 7; 11:00-12:30; Room 135
Great Decisions 2008 - Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27 / Apr. 3, 10; 9:00-10:30; Room 135
Guns Across the Rio: A Texas Ranger in Old Mexico - May 8; 10:00-11:00; Room 135
LIR Strength Training at Ramsey** - Tuesday Jan. 22, 29 / Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 / Mar. 4, 18, 25 / Apr. 1, 24, 8, 15, 22 and Thursday Jan. 31 / Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 / Mar. 6, 20, 27 / Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24; 12:30-2:00; Ramsey Center
Naturally Spring at Sandy Creek Nature Center - Apr. 3, 10, 17; 10:00-12:00; Sandy Creek Nature Center
Survivable Gardens: Listening to Mother Nature - Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27; 10:00 - 11:00; Room 139

Friday

Computer: Basic Skills in Microsoft Word - Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 11:30-1:00; Room 143
Computer: Computer Conversations - May 9; 10:00-11:30; Room 143
Computer: Introduction to Windows I - Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 9:30-11:00; Room 143
Computer: Introduction to Windows II - Mar. 7, 21, 28 / Apr. 4, 11; 9:30-11:00; Room 143
Jamming with Jazz - Mar 7, 14, 21, 28 / Apr. 4; 10:00-11:30; Central Presbyterian Church
Playwriting: Making a Play for the Stage** - Tuesday Feb. 19, 26 / Mar. 4, 11 and Friday Feb. 22; 10:30-12:00; Room 129
Speaker in the Poem - Apr. 4, 11, 18, 25; 10:00-11:30; Room 136
Time Orientation, Subjective Well-Being, and Retirement - Apr. 11; 1:00 - 2:30; Room 129

**** Note that these class sessions do not meet on the same week day for every session. Class is listed on each day of the week for which there is a session held.**

LIR Winter/Spring Semester 2008 Calendar at a Glance

Welcome to Learning in Retirement in Athens, Georgia! For details of all courses for FALL Semester, see the newsletter for August. For WINTER/SPRING Semester courses, see the December newsletter. Travel/Study and Social Events appear in all newsletters. This “online calendar at a glance” will be updated when each newsletter comes out. More details on the back!

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- for course registration information - call Amy Munnell, course registrar, at her new phone number 706/207-1665 or by emailing nega_writer@yahoo.com
- for travel/study or social event information - contact the event coordinator as given in the newsletter.
- for reservation issues, call Amy Munnell at her new phone number 706/207-1665 or by emailing nega_writer@yahoo.com.
- for membership forms or to have a sample newsletter sent to prospective members - contact membership chair Sharon Tate at sjtate39@aol.com or 706/552-1506.
- to receive email broadcasts for events of interest sent to LIR members for whom we have email addresses by Eve Mayes (please email changes to her at ebmayes@windstream.net) and by phone to those without email via our “Phone Pal” program.

Mark These Winter 2008 Dates on Your Calendar

Wednesday, Jan. 2	New Year’s Lunch at Carrabba’s
Tuesday, Jan. 22	Afternoon Treats at Aroma’s
Monday, Feb. 4	L&L: Robert E. Lee Right Now!
Tuesday, Feb. 12	Early Dinner at Gnat’s Landing
Tuesday, Feb. 19	Inside CNN Atlanta and the New World of Coca Cola
Wednesday, Feb. 27	Coffee at Earth Fare
Monday, Mar. 3	L&L: Spanish Artist Alva Suñol