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Registration, reservation, and membership forms are also available on the website.

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Be sure we have your current email address!

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LIR ANNUAL MEETING Friday, April 13, 10:00–12:00

Learning in Retirement will hold its annual meeting at the Holiday Inn Express at the corner of Broad and Newton Streets. Note on your calendar that this year we are meeting in the morning. The business meeting, which will include electing our new officers and board members, will review the past year's events, the annual budget, and discuss goals for the future of our organization. This is an excellent opportunity for members to have some real input into LIR as it continues to grow so rapidly. So come on down, take part in the meeting, and then enjoy some refreshments and social time. Please remember to park in the lot facing Broad Street and enter at the front of the hotel.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

A big "thank you" to all LIR members for your support of the spring classes and other events. Volunteers are the backbone of our organization, and that fact was brought home again by the large number of volunteer hours worked.

Please mark you calendars for the annual meeting on Friday, April 13, from 10:00 to noon at the Holiday Inn Express. This is a yearly business and social opportunity for LIR members to get together. In the course of the meeting four officers and five board members will be elected. After the business portion refreshments will be served.

If you haven't visited our organization's website, check out www.athenslir.org. Do you have questions? Suggestions? Ask them by phone (706-549-7350) and leave a message or email lir_ga@yahoo.com. An LIR member will respond to you. But remember, we are all volunteers so patience is requested.

Again, please support LIR with your attendance at the annual meeting.

Janet Stratton for Jim Jacobson, president

LIR MEMBERS COME THROUGH FOR UGA STUDENT

Our organization is proving to be an invaluable source of academic research to the University. With about 400 mature, capable, and well-disposed members, we are in effect a rare resource for UGA—at hand, readily mobilized, and capable.

Here is a live example: A rush of LIR members rallied to a call for research help from Ryan Keen, a graduate student in psychology. By taking a 45-minute online study, they gave this student of Professor Doug Kleiber exactly what he needed to complete this segment of his Ph.D. work. And those who participated report that not only did they benefit from the thought and analysis it provoked, they enjoyed lending a helping hand.

Ryan was overwhelmed by the response and sends his profuse thanks. The resounding, rapid return of information gave him all the data he needed ahead of time. He now expects to complete his dissertation in April and promises to give LIR members the results of his study thereafter. — John Rudy

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2007-2009

The Nominating Committee, chaired by John Rudy, presents the following candidates for election at the April 13th annual meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor with consent of the nominees.

Nominees for Officers (one-year term)

President:	Janet Stratton
Vice President:	Jim Tanner
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.

Nominees for the 2007-2009 term:

Anita Brannen
Bill Flatt
Kathy Gratzek
Jane Kelly
John Songster

Continuing board members, 2006-2008: Ann Crowley, Tony Cushenberry, James Kissane, Jay Shinn, and Natalie Wellman

Outgoing board members: Ronald Cerwonka, Gerald Firth, Jeani Goodwin, Leo Jensen, and Mary Munnell

TUNE IN TO ATLANTA

There is much interest in the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra by members of LIR. And through July, we can listen to this outstanding group perform in the comfort of our own homes. Both the Georgia Public Broadcasting Network and the Atlanta Public Broadcasting facilities broadcast these performances, on FM radio and through the internet. Here are the times, channels, and websites.

- Tuesday, 9 p.m.: WABE Atlanta 90.1 FM
www.wabe.org
- Thursday, 8 p.m.: WUGA Athens 91.7 and 97.9 FM
www.wuga.org
WPPR Demorest 88.3 FM
www.gpb.org
- Sunday, 10 p.m.: WPPR Demorest 88.3 FM
www.gpb.org

SPRING COURSES STILL OPEN

The following courses and one lunch and learn lecture still have slots open. Call Amy Munnell at 706-354-0361 to confirm openings. After you receive confirmation, send the reservation form and check to Amy at 125 University Drive, Athens, GA 30605-1435.

Long-Term Care Insurance and Reverse Mortgages –

Thursday: Apr. 12; 10:00-11:30; Room 139; \$3

Dreamwork in Modern Christianity – Wednesday: Apr.

18, 25 / May 2; 10:00-11:30; Room 113; \$9

Spring Naturally into Spring – Thursday: May 3, 10, 17,

24; 10:00-12:00; Sandy Creek Nature Center; \$20

Three Views of UGA – Wednesday: May 9; 10:00-11:00,

Room 136 / May 16, 23-tours; \$9

Introduction to the Internet – Thursday: May 10, 17,

24, 31; 10:00-11:30; Room 143; \$12

LUNCH & LEARN

Fighting Hunger in Northeast Georgia – Monday: May

14; 11:00-1:00; ACCA; \$15

ROUND AND ABOUT: INTRODUCING...

Perhaps you've already met Ron and Rosa Linhart, new members of LIR. This couple reflects the vitality and warmth that our growing organization has become known for. If you haven't had the pleasure of meeting them, go up and introduce yourself. Ron is originally from Idaho and Rosa was born in Lima, Peru. They met at college in Texas.

After pursuing eventful careers in greater Los Angeles, he in forensic science and she as a legal administrator for an international law firm, they decided on early retirement. Their list of possibilities for an ideal area encompassing all the many activities we all muse about in planning for retirement did not originally include Athens. But, fortunately for them (and for LIR) a wedding invitation brought them to this area. Once here, they became enthusiastic about the vitality of the community with its young students, Southern charm, and varied cultural activities.

Even though Ron and Rosa spend a good portion of their time traveling to foreign places, they have found time to become active in LIR. When asked what they value about belonging to our organization, they responded without hesitation that they see this group as a community of individuals having the same priorities of continued learning and development, while also offering new social contacts and travel opportunities.

Presently, the Linharts are taking courses and have attended the first Lunch and Learn series. They hope to become involved in community volunteer activities in the near future.

SPRING 2007 SOCIAL EVENTS

[NOTE: There have recently been some instances of folks making reservations for an event and not showing up. Unforeseen circumstances do arise, but please let whomever you called know—as soon as possible. In the case of the theater, it releases tickets that others might want. Also, if you leave a message when you call, please give your name and phone number.]

Coffee at Panero's Tuesday, April 17, 10:00

We'll revisit this pleasant spot on the Atlanta Highway that always has a delicious and endless supply of coffee, breads, and pastries.

An Evening at the Theater Thursday, April 19, 8:00

The Town and Gown Players will be presenting *Play It Again, Sam* at the T&G theater, just off of Prince Avenue behind the Taylor-Grady House. Come enjoy Woody Allen's play of a hapless divorced man who tries to impress a date by acting like Humphrey Bogart with hilarious but disastrous results. Showtime is 8:00 and the cost is \$5. To sit together reservations are necessary, but we will pay for our tickets individually at the theater. Call Phyllis Lane at 706-548-1606 and leave your name and number. *Reservations are due by April 16.*

Almost "Dancing with the Stars" Sundays, April 22-May 13, 4:00

Well, not quite the stars. This will really be "Dancing with Amanda" on four Sundays at the YWCO in southeast Athens, Research Road. She will be teaching basic ballroom dancing. Instruction will be from 4:00 to 5:00, with practice dancing from 5:00 to 5:30. This will be fun and good exercise, and you don't need to bring a partner. The cost is \$40 per person to be paid at the first session. There is a minimum class size of 10 and maximum of 20, which means that a reservation is necessary to ensure that we have enough participants. To make one, call Inge Whittle at 706-546-1283. *Reservations due by April 13.*

Dinner at the Outback Wednesday, April 25, 6:00

Join friends for a taste of down under at the Outback Steakhouse located in the mall at the intersection of Timothy Road and the Atlanta Highway. We will pay individually, but reservations are necessary to be seated together. Call Phyllis Lane at 706-548-1606. *Reservations are due by April 22.*

Dinner Alfresco at the Hilltop Grille Tuesday, May 1, 5:00

Weather should permit us to sit outside and enjoy an inexpensive meal at the Hilltop Grille, 2310 West Broad Street. The early bird specials include a choice of items from the regular menu and will cost \$10 with drink and

dessert added. Call Phyllis Lane at 706-548-1606 to make an early reservation because there is a 15-person maximum to be seated outside. If you then need to cancel, please let her know. *Reservations are due by April 29.*

Lunch at Buffalo's Southwest Café Wednesday, May 9, noon

This restaurant offers varied affordable lunch selections and is located next to the post office in the Beechwood shopping mall. To make a reservation call Phyllis Lane at 706-548-1606. *Reservations are due by May 5.*

Coffee at Aroma's Thursday, May 17, 4:00

Spend a pleasant early afternoon with friends at this upscale coffee houses located at the Five Points intersection next to the Huddle House. You may even want to enjoy a glass of wine and sample some of the excellent tapps (*hors d'oeuvres*).

Lunch in the Savannah Room Wednesday, May 23, 11:30

Revisit a favorite restaurant situated in the UGA Continuing Education Building at the corner of Lumpkin and Carleton Streets. Don't be intimidated by the parking situation. Just park easily in the adjacent parking deck and remember to get your ticket stamped in the Savannah Room to receive a reduction to the parking fee. Call Phyllis Lane at 706-548-1606 to make your reservation. *Reservations are due by May 21.*

Emergency Preparedness Reminder

It's been nearly six months since our October Pandemic Influenza and Emergency Preparedness seminar. Much information was shared, and we learned a great deal about how to get ourselves, our homes, and our families ahead of the game should some situation arise that isolates us or limits our movements and communication. With the birds singing and spring cleaning on the horizon, this would be an excellent time to review contingency plans and supplies.

Sources are available at every level for updates on emergency planning. At the federal level www.ready.gov offers a comprehensive and easy-to-use website, even including a section specially aimed at older Americans. For state information there's the Georgia Emergency Management Agency available at www.gema.state.ga.us and at 1-800-879-4362 by phone. Locally we have the Northeast Health district of the Georgia Public Health Department at 706-227-7186.

Take some time now to review your pantry and your preparedness plans. And don't forget about volunteer opportunities available in the Medical Reserve Corps. Local information is available at www.publichealthathens.com.

Calendar Dates to Remember

April 13, 10:00	Annual Meeting
April 17, 10:00	Coffee at Panero's
April 19, 8:00	An Evening at the Theater
April 21, 10-3:00	Railroad Days, ACCA
April 22-May 13, 4:00	Almost "Dancing with the Stars"
April 25, 6:00	Dinner at the Outback
May 1, 5:00	Dinner Alfresco at the Hilltop Grille
May 4, 6:30	ACCA Great Escape Dinner & Auction, Classic Center
May 9, noon	Lunch at Buffalo's Southwest Café
May 17, 4:00	Coffee at Aroma's
May 23, 11:30	Lunch at the Savannah Room

Allons Etudiants de Francais!

Un apel aux membres qui d'avoir veulant suivre des conversations en Francais. This is a call for any LIR members interested in keeping their knowledge of French current by conversing in French with others of similar interest. Those who are proficient in this language are invited to join the group for periodic meetings and social events. Contact Ron at roncerwonka@bellsouth.net or call 706-543-7780.

We Want to Know

Do you have a question, a suggestion, or even a thank you for LIR? Let us know. Call 706-549-7350 or email lir_ga@yahoo.com and your message will be passed on to the officers and board.

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

Membership, registration and reservation forms are always available to print at the LIR website www.athenslir.org



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Name _____

Address _____

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I want to register for: (List course and/or Lunch & Learn)

_____ Cost \$ _____

_____ Cost \$ _____

\$ _____ **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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF INTEREST from the Athens Community Council on Aging

Railroad Days - Saturday, April 21, 10AM-3PM

The event will feature model train layouts, Thomas the Tank playscapes for small children, storytellers, magicians and games. The proceeds from the event will go to support the services of ACCA. Location of event: Old Southern Railroad Station at ACCA, Hoyt Street.

Great Escape: Dinner and Live Auction at the Classic Center - Friday, May 4, 6:30 PM

18 luxury travel packages at bargain prices, exotic buffet & wine, travel fashions emceed by Mrs. Georgia. Tickets are \$100.00 (\$50.00 is tax deductible).

For more info on either of these events, call Helen Irving at 706-549-4850.



Bernard Dauenhauer's March lecture on education and citizenship elicited some interesting questions from the audience. And then there was the food ...!