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SUMMER: A GOOD TIME TO RENEW!

Along with the renewal of flower beds, sun tans and friends or family visits, summer is a great time to renew your LIR membership. July 1st will begin the new fiscal year for LIR and sending in your membership form and payment means you won't miss out on the next Newsletter in August. The first time the Fall Session classes are listed is in the August Newsletter. For your convenience, a membership form is included with this Newsletter.

Registration for classes is by mail after you receive the August Newsletter or in person at the Registration meeting in September.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Janet Stratton

LIR members filled the room at the Annual Meeting on April 24th and a good time was had by all! Election results are listed elsewhere in this Newsletter. Outstanding individuals will be leading our organization in the 2008-2009 year. Congratulations!

Although my term goes through June 30th, this is my last chance to express my appreciation of the quality represented by LIR members. You have never failed to amaze me with excellent support, comments and suggestions. Most important is the determination to see things through. You do yourselves proud!

Since July 1st of 2007, I have relied heavily on a number of people, elected or appointed for specific responsibilities. Prominent among those are Jim Tanner, Vice President, Peggy Cole, Secretary, Clarissa Finco, Treasurer, and Sharon Tate, Membership Chairperson. They and others will be providing leadership for LIR in the coming year.

I won't exactly be "riding away in the sunset" either. Have a great summer!



New officers and board were elected at the annual meeting.

Historic Preservation Class

April 16th was the last day of the LIR class on Historic Preservation, presented as a contractor's view of preserving history in Athens by Mr. Smith Wilson. He presented an overview of the preservation of several historic buildings in Athens. On the day of the last class we took a bus tour of Mr. Wilson's current project, the remodeling of a home dating from 1840. The house was first built on Milledge Avenue and later was rolled on logs to its current location at 277 Henderson Avenue.



Mrs. Peggy Gallis was the gracious hostess at her home, serving the group mimosas and pastries on the lawn. We toured the house and a restored cottage at the back of the property. She told us that her family had lived in the house for many years, without air conditioning, and with only one bathroom. The current remodeling adds a lovely new kitchen and several modern bathrooms, but preserves the original pine floors and fireplaces.



Following the tour of the Galis home we again boarded the bus to travel to the farm owned by our teacher, located on Morton Road. We were greeted by his wife Diane, who served tea and cookies in her lovely garden. Mr. Wilson showed us the restored smokehouse, which was originally located on property owned by his mother's family, where hams were hung to be smoked. He also showed us his team of mules and old farm equipment. Plows dating from the 1800's, wagons and an old carriage were part of the antique farm equipment that we were able to see. It was a lovely day, and an interesting trip back into the history of Athens.

Ginnie Berg

Summer Social Program for LIR

Wednesday, June 4th

Lunch at 1:30pm at Just Phoo

Just Phoo is a Vietnamese restaurant located at 1063 Baxter Street. They serve soup made-to-order of broth, noodles, herbs and spices, and your choice of beef, chicken or shrimp. It is priced at \$6.95 or \$7.95. The menu also includes spring rolls or fried egg rolls for \$2.95. A specialty of the restaurant is their Vietnamese coffee.

Call Phyllis Lane at 706-548-1606 to make a reservation.

Thursday, June 12th

Afternoon Coffee and Dessert at 2:00pm at De Palma's West

This afternoon break for discussion and a snack will be at the new DePalma's located in Homewood Hills Shopping Center off the Jefferson Highway. The entrance to the center is past the Loop 10 overpass. No reservations are required; just show up and enjoy.

Sunday, June 29th

Dessert Theater at 3:00pm in Memorial Park

An all female repertoire company is presenting *Five Women in the Same Dress*. The price is \$15.00 and includes both dessert and the play! The program will be at Quinn Hall in Memorial Park. Call Carol Fisher at 706-543-4443 or email her at carolf9@charter.net for reservations.

Sunday, July 13th

Brunch at Porterhouse Grill, 12:30 to 2:30pm

The Porterhouse Grill is located downtown at 49 East Broad Street, next to the BB&T Bank on the corner of Thomas Street. With most of the UGA students away, parking downtown should be easier. The buffet includes breakfast items with eggs cooked to order and also a variety of luncheon items. The buffet is \$10.95 + beverage, tax, and tip. Call Phyllis Lane for reservations and cancellations at 706-548-1606.

Tuesday, July 22nd

Coffee at 10:00am at Zim's

Zim's is located in the Beechwood Shopping Center at the end of Baxter Street. They offer a good selection of baked goodies and omelets are cooked to order until 10:30am. Let's get together and enjoy. No reservation required.

Wednesday, August 6th

Lunch at 12 noon at Girasole's

Girasole's is located in Watkinsville on Highway 15 just across from Jittery Joe's and in the location where Le Maison Bleu used to be. The owner and chef, Chef Jose, was at the Botanical Garden Restaurant and has French, Spanish and Creole cooking in his repertoire. Call Mary Ready at 706-552-0508 to make your reservation.

Thursday, August 21st

Afternoon Coffee at 2:00pm at Jittery Joe's

This Jittery Joe's is in the Alps Shopping Center at the corner of Alps and Baxter Streets. This will be a good time to catch up with friends on your summer activities as well as enjoying a good cup of joe.

Foundation Fundraising: An Introductory Course

Janet Stratton and John Songster attended this day-long seminar on March 6th on behalf of the Board of Directors of Athens LIR, Inc. The purpose was to familiarize our organization with basic aspects of non-profit organization fundraising through foundations. This report is a summary assessment of the value and quality of the session and cites key facts and information learned.

General Assessment

The seminar was hosted by the Foundation Center, a New York headquartered national group whose mission and purpose is strengthening non-profits. The scope and content of the training was very appropriate considering the relative lack of experience LIR, Inc., has in this arena. A major discovery was Foundation Center's powerful database for finding an organization/foundation match. The database is accessible through more than 300 subscribing libraries or through a membership fee.

Nearly 20 other non-profits attended, each seeking to increase their knowledge of private foundation fundraising and understanding of ways to gain access to these funds. The group was quite diversified: interests ranged from orphans in Kenya to veterans services. Most participants were equally inexperienced as LIR, Inc.

The instruction was tightly focused on knowledge building and "how-to." It began with exposure to important common terms and definitions associated with the foundation environment and differentiation between various foundation entities and their practices. Another important segment was structuring a proposal to a foundation and what is important about the message conveyed by the proposal. Finally, we were introduced to the Foundation Center's live database via the internet and given a tutorial demonstration of its power and use.

Information and Facts

Part of the enrollment fee for each participant included a 5-day subscription to the database which expires in 30 days. The Foundation Center maintains a resource center at the Atlanta location, which includes computers, cataloged print material, and a live resource specialist. Other than access to the database, most other services at this location are free.

Competition for foundation money is keen. In the U.S., there are more than 1 million non-profits and fewer than 100,000 viable foundations. Most of these foundations can be found in the referenced database. Private foundations provide approximately 12.5 percent of non-profit revenue. The vast majority (71 percent) of revenue comes from goods and services. Sources providing the balance are government and investments.

To learn more about the Foundation Center, go to: <http://foundationcenter.org>.

John Songster

Coastal Processes and Conservation: What Will Be Left For Future Generations?

This course will introduce participants to the dynamic and complex nature of the marine coastal environment with an emphasis on the Georgia shore. It is designed to foster awareness of the delicate balance and interdependency of the various biological and physical processes that help shape coastal regions. Some of the topics of discussion will include: erosion and deposition of coastal sediment; an evaluation of recent sea-level rise; biologic diversity; the importance of coastal wetlands; and the implications for future coastal change in the context of global warming. Class sessions: Monday through Thursday, Oct. 20 - 23, 10:00 - 11:30. Class cost: \$20.00.

There will be an optional 2½ day field excursion to Jekyll and St. Simons Islands following the class sessions. The excursion will depart from Athens at 11:00 on Sunday, Oct. 26th, and return on Tuesday, Oct. 28th. Participants will be transported in University vans to Jekyll Island and stay Sunday and Monday nights in motel accommodations there. The group will spend Monday on Jekyll with a Tuesday morning visit to St. Simons. The cost for transportation and motel (double occupancy), and all guidebooks will be \$225.00. The excursion will be limited to 24 people. All participants must plan to travel in the UGA van.

The total cost for the course AND trip will be \$245.00. (Those not planning to take the trip should register for the course at the regular registration time in the fall.) **Those registering for the course and the trip, however, must have their registration forms in by June 2. Please attach a deposit fee of \$100.00, which will be used to secure the rooms.**

The presenter for the course will be Dr. David Dallmeyer, Professor of Geology at UGA. His teaching and research have focused on the processes and chronology of mountain building and plate tectonics with fieldwork on all continents. He is currently working in collaboration with the University of Georgia Sea Grant Program to produce a series of audio field guides for several of Georgia's Barrier Islands.

LIR DEVELOPMENT FUND

Learning in Retirement, Inc., is eligible for tax-deductible gifts. These donations are welcome as credits to the LIR Development Fund. This Fund, set up two years ago with the advice of our accountant, presently contains monies from member and friend gifts as well as dollars allocated by the Board of Directors from modest operating surpluses. The Fund is designed to attract donations to the organization by individuals or companies wishing to assure and further its mission. The Treasurer manages the Fund with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors.

For information on how you can help support your LIR organization and its programs, contact Janet Stratton.

**OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2008-2009**

At the April 24 annual meeting, the following officers were elected:

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

Board of Directors for 2008-2010 term: William Alworth, Olga Gray, Steve Kassay, Joanne Roth, Arlene Zimmerman

For a one-year term (2008-2009): Jay Shinn

Continuing board members for 2007-2009: Anita Brannen, Kathy Gratzek, Jane Kelley, John Songster

Senior Center Recycling Program

The Senior Center at the Council on Aging is accepting old cell phones (no chargers or accessories please), DVDs (in original cases), X-Box & Playstation games (in original cases), ink jet printer cartridges (no laser or toner cartridges please), laptops, mp3 players, portable DVD players, digital picture frames, portable navigation (gps) devices, and digital cameras as part of a fundraising recycling program through Ecophones.

The Senior Center will receive payment of varying amounts based on the condition and model of the items listed above. All of these items will be recycled according to EPA standards. Please help us generate some program income by bringing your old equipment to the Athens-Clarke County Senior Center at the Athens Community Council on Aging, 135 Hoyt Street, Athens, GA 30601. Call 706-549-4850 if you have questions. Thanks for your support!

Remember to wear your name tag to all LIR functions!

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2008 SUMMER/EARLY FALL RESERVATION FORM

Pre-Trip Registration for 2½ Day Trip to Jekyll and St. Simons Islands
Coastal Processes and Conservation: What Will Be Left For Future Generations?
Sunday, October 26 thru October 28 *Trip Deposit due by June 2*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Handicap: _____ Special Need: _____

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 per person is due by June 2. Cost of course and trip transportation, motel (double occupancy) and guidebooks is \$245, including deposit.

_____ No. of reservations x \$100 deposit = _____ enclosed.

Make your check for the deposit payable to *Learning in Retirement, Inc.*, and mail with this form to Amy Munnell, 125 University Drive, Athens, GA 30606-1435.

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