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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I want to thank the members of the curriculum, travel/study, and social committees who put together the wide array of interesting classes, lunch lectures, trips, and events for this fall term (28 classes, 4 L&Ls, 4 trips, and 5 social events). It really becomes difficult to select which to participate in when there are so many great choices. For those who missed registering, there are still some selections open (see page 2). Try it, you'll like it!

In the years since LIR's birth in 1994 with 50 members, we have grown to a current paid membership of 370. This usually increases with the winter term and will likely exceed 400 people. The members whom I have met have such a wide variety of experience and backgrounds that it is a real treat to become better acquainted with them in classes and interest group meetings.

I myself learned about LIR in 2005 from a neighbor when we moved to Athens. Curiosity brought us to the fall registration. While at first it was a bit confusing, renewing members were very helpful, and we signed-up. The more I participated, the more I enjoyed the activities despite the drive from the northwest side of Athens. And once I volunteered and found that I could interject some ideas and suggestions into the slate of classes, I was hooked on LIR.

You and I, the members of LIR, are the key to its success. By attending classes, asking questions, offering ideas and different viewpoints, volunteering, and meeting lots of new people, you keep LIR great and meet your interests at the same time.

All of our presenters are volunteers. I invite you to volunteer as a presenter, a class coordinator, and/or a worker to help organize and operate our organization. Opportunities for involvement may be as short as a single session of an ad-hoc committee to a longer tenure on one of the standing committees with ongoing meetings and projects. Contact me directly or any of the committee chairpersons to be an LIR volunteer.

If we haven't yet met, please introduce yourself to me so that we can get better acquainted.

Jim Tanner

Dates to Mark on Your Calendar

Wednesday, Oct. 22	Early Dinner at Mirko
Friday, Oct. 31	Coffee at Five Points Deli
Monday, Nov. 3	L&L: In Pursuit of Justice
Thursday, Nov. 5	Early Dinner at Outback
Wednesday, Nov. 12	Auto Museum Tour
Thursday, Nov. 13	Historical Tour of Milledgeville (ACCA)
Wednesday, Nov. 19	Afternoon Coffee at Trax Café
Monday, Dec. 1	L&L: A Community of Food
Monday, Dec. 1	Annual Holiday Party, Georgia Center
Saturday, Dec. 13	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra (ACCA)
Friday, January 2, 2009	Lunch at Carrabba's

CLASSES STILL AVAILABLE

The Lunch and Learn lectures are all filled. However, the following classes still have openings; all of these except Saving Lives will meet at River's Crossing. For a complete description of the courses, see the August 2008 newsletter on the Newsletter page at www.athenslir.org.

Coastal Processes and Conservation: Mon., Oct. 20; Tues., Oct. 21; Wed., Oct. 22; Thurs., Oct. 23; 10:00-11:30; Room 129; \$20

Human Billboards: Wed., Nov. 12; 10:00-11:00; Room 136; \$5

No Purchase Necessary: Wed., Nov. 19; 10:00-11:00; Room 136; \$5

Saving Lives: Overview of CPR: Wed., Oct. 22; 9:30-11:30; Medical Services Bldg., 3rd Floor, Athens Regional Medical Center; \$5

Survivable Gardens Continued: Thurs., Oct. 30 / Nov. 6, 13, 20; 1:00-2:30; Room 136; \$20

Sweet Georgia Shrimp: Wed., Oct. 29 / Nov. 5; 10:00-11:30; Room 136; \$10

Women in the 21st Century: Oct. 30 / Nov. 6, 13; 10:00-11:30; Room 136; \$15

Note: If you are signing up very close to the beginning of a course, please call Amy Munnell first at 706-207-1665 to confirm availability.

Washington Chapter Celebrates the Big Ten

The Washington Chapter of Learning in Retirement, Inc., celebrated its tenth year at a dinner meeting on September 19, 2008. Some 40 members and guests sipped punch and mingled on the lawn before moving into the Parish House for dinner. A number of folks from Athens were among the guests.



Kay and Jim Tanner get to know Ruth Rogers of the Washington Chapter over dinner.

After a welcome by Chapter President Albert Long, Vice President Joseph Harris introduced current Athens LIR President Jim Tanner and his wife, Kay, and former presidents Richard Anderson and John Rudy. Jim Tanner spoke briefly about the good relationship between LIR, Inc., and the affiliate Washington organization. Stepping



Washington Chapter LIR members and guests enjoyed a delicious meal and an interesting program to celebrate the Chapter's 10th anniversary.

back in history, Harris also recognized the contributions of the 1998 Washington Chapter's organizing committee and those of Dr. William Latimer who offered the very first LIR course: Fruits of Freedom - Political and Economic.

During the dinner hour, a PowerPoint™ program showed the history of the Chapter's first ten years. Then the featured speaker, Bill Kirby, metro editor of the *Augusta Chronicle*, gave an interesting and informative talk about issues faced by the print news media in an electronic age, spicing his characterization of attitudes of the major national newspapers and their readership with rich humor.

The evening was enjoyed by all. Congratulations to the Washington Chapter for such a successful ten-year run.

New Online Calendar

If you're unsure of the date or time of an LIR event that you just knew you planned to attend, you no longer need to tear your house apart looking for that last newsletter or notes you put in that special place – wherever that was. Help is here.

Our program coordinator, Jeremy Schwehm, has designed a wonderful calendar tool for us on our website. Go to www.athenslir.org, click on Calendar-at-a-Glance in the left sidebar, and you will see three options for getting your info: an agenda list running through the months, an actual calendar by month with daily entries, and a calendar by week. Just click arrows for whichever direction you want to go in and there you are. Best yet, by clicking on the event, its description will pop up. Let's hear it for this talented guy!

YEAR-END TRAVEL/STUDY EVENTS

Automobiles and More Automobiles Wednesday, November 12

Are you one of the millions of Americans in love with that magnificent piece of engineering – the automobile? If so, now is your chance to get a first-hand look at what fostered this love affair. We will visit two auto museums on this trip. The first, conveniently located at 105 Commerce Road, Athens, has a complete restoration facility. Here, at 10:00 a.m., we will see Todd Emily's collection of vehicles popular over the past fifty years. From there we will continue on to Bruce Weiner's Microcar Museum on Route 441S in Madison, Georgia, where at 1:00 p.m. we will get a preview of what we may be riding in when gasoline costs \$10 per gallon. (This may be sooner than expected; don't pass up seeing these marvels.)

Both transportation and lunch are on your own so the total immediate cost will be the admission price of \$0.00, \$2.00, or \$5.00, depending on the size of our group. *To sign up for this event, contact Ron Cerwonka by e-mail at roncercwonka@bellsouth.net or by phone, 706-543-7780, before November 1. You will receive directions to both museums.*

November/December ACCA Sponsored Trips

Note: Most trips from ACCA, due to fuel costs, are now made in vans accommodating about 15 passengers. You do not fill out a reservation form: call ACCA to reserve your place and arrange to either send them a check by deadline or bring your payment on the day of the trip.

Historical Tour of Milledgeville Thursday, November 13

You will learn the history and hear the legend of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, which once quartered General Sherman's horses during the civil War. The trip will also include a trolley tour of downtown Milledgeville and a visit to a national historic landmark, the Old Governor's Mansion, which was home to Georgia's governors from 1839-1868. The group will lunch at Tara's Tea Thyme.

Departure time will be at 9:30 a.m. from ACCA, Hoyt Street, and return is expected to be at 6:00 p.m. The \$45 cost for the trip includes transportation, lunch, and tours. For information about the trip and payment, and to reserve a spot call Chris or June at 706-549-4850. *Registration deadline is November 10.*

Christmas with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Saturday, December 13

Experience a classical Christmas at the 2:00 matinee performance in the Woodruff Arts Center in downtown Atlanta. Departure time from ACCA will be 12:00. The cost of ticket and transportation will be \$43. The van(s) will return directly after the performance, and you may want bring a little snack. For information and to make your reservation, call Chris or June at 706-549-4850. *Registration deadline is November 20.*

FALL/EARLY WINTER SOCIAL EVENTS

Early Dinner at Mirko Wednesday, October 22, 5:00

This new Italian restaurant is located on Gaines School Road at the intersection of Cedar Shoals Road in the new Anson-borough development. There is parking and an entrance at the back of the building. Mirko offers a varied menu of homemade pasta, antipasto, and salads, with prices ranging from \$5 to \$10. Apparently the lemon sorbet served in a frozen lemon shell is to die for. Let's try it. *Make your reservation by calling Phyllis Lane at 706-548-1606 by Monday, October 20.*

Coffee at Five Points Deli Friday, October 31, 10:00

Here we go again - Halloween! The Five Points Deli is on Lumpkin Street across from Earth Fare. If your closet holds something funny or spooky, pull it out, wear it, and let's have fun. See you there.

Early Dinner at Outback Thursday, November 5, 5:00

This Australian theme restaurant with good food and prices has been very popular with LIR members and their guests. It is located a little beyond Timothy Road heading west at 3585 Atlanta Highway, across from Publix. *To make your reservation, call Phyllis Lane at 706-548-1606 by Monday, November 3.*

Afternoon Coffee at Trax Café Wednesday, November 19, 3:00

Trax Café is a new venue north of Prince Avenue. Located at 675 Pulaski Street just before the railway line, it sits in the left front of the large brick building. The café offers various coffee specialties, interesting sandwiches, and wraps, all reasonably priced. There is ample parking and lots else to check out in the building: Yoga, Athens Natural Medicine, Folk Art Studio, Sculpture Studio, and a Wine and Gourmet Food Shop. No reservations required.

Annual Holiday Party Monday, December 1: 6:00, social hour; 7:00, dinner

The Georgia Center for Continuing Education will again host our Yuletide event early in the month before many other busy family and community celebrations begin. The Center, situated at the intersection of Lumpkin and Carlton Streets has a parking deck as well as parking within walking distance at that time of day. So put on your party finery, come on down, and enjoy a special time with your old and new LIR friends. Guests are welcome.

A social hour (with a cash bar) will kick off the event 6:00. At 7:00 we will be seated for dinner and at 8:00 enjoy an hour of entertainment. Always attractively presented and tempting to the palate, the buffet menu will include several salads, roasted turkey and roast top round, sweet potato soufflé, apple and sage dressing, a variety of vegetables, and assorted desserts including holiday bread pudding and eggnog mousse.

Here is a pleasant surprise – the cost actually went down to \$35 per person – \$2 less this year thanks to our president, Jim Tanner. Make your reservation by sending the completed reservation form together with a check made out to *Learning in Retirement, Inc.*, to Amy Munnell. If you have questions, call her at 706-207-1665. *Reservations are due by Friday, November 21.*

Lunch at Carrabba's Italian Grill Friday, January 2, 2009, at noon

This will be the second annual New Year's Lunch at Carrabba's, 3194 Atlanta Highway, in front of Goodie's and Ingle's. If you're remembering last year's get-together, you'll want to come. The manager is opening the restaurant just for us if we have at least 15 reservations. So please come to our private celebration of the year 2009.

We will choose from three entries, each priced at \$16.50. First is *Tagliarini Icchi Pacchiu*, angel hair pasta with a sauce of crushed tomatoes, garlic, olive oil, and basil topped with grilled chicken or shrimp. Second is *Chicken Marsala*, which is roasted chicken topped with marsala and mushroom wine sauce. And the third choice is *Insalata Carrabba Caesar*, their homemade Caesar dressing tossed with romaine lettuce topped with grilled chicken or shrimp. All three items come with choice of house salad or homemade minestrone soup. *You must make your reservation by Monday, December 29, by calling Phyllis Lane at 706-548-1606.*

New Activity Group

A new activity group has emerged – the Investment Group. Members will meet once a month to exchange information about investing and investments. The only prerequisite is an interest in investment; no special knowledge of the field is needed. Please note that this is NOT a group that plans investments for the group to make together. The group's common denominator is a strong interest in exchanging information about the world of investments. You are invited to join, pass on what you know, and learn from fellow members about the fascinating area that impacts us all.

For more information about how the group functions and when it meets, contact the group coordinator, Ron Cerwonka, at roncerwonka@bellsouth.net or call him at 706-543-7780.

LIR Members Ask. . . .

Q. As a paid member wanting a UGA library card, do I get an actual card or is my name just checked off a list when I check out books?

A. Library personnel check for your name on the list sent to them by LIR, have you fill out an application with the library, and make a card for you for the UGA Library. You will need to have a valid form of photo ID when you apply for the card and each time you use it to check out a book.

Our new LIR curriculum year started out with a bang. The registration meeting was in constant motion as folks signed up for courses, checked out activities, and visited enthusiastically. Dr. Charles Bullock played to a full house when he spoke on politics in America at the year's first Lunch and Learn lecture event at ACCA.

