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LIR 2005 ANNUAL MEETING April 15 at 1:30

Learning in Retirement will hold its annual meeting — consisting of business, a short musical program, and refreshments — at 1:30 on Friday, April 15, at the Holiday Inn Express at the corner of Broad and Newton streets. Hotel management again asks that we park in the lot facing Broad Street and enter the building through the front entrance. Do plan to come, stretch your vocal cords in a short sing-along, enjoy refreshments, visit with friends, and give your input to the organization that benefits us all.

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Next month we will hold our fourth annual meeting as an independent organization, our eleventh since LIR's founding. This is the one event of the year in which all members have an opportunity to help shape our association to fit their appetites: scholarly, entertainment, gustatory, or social. As a volunteer organization, we depend on member participation for our ideas, activities, and well-being — please take part.

Come to the Holiday Inn Express Friday, April 15, at 1:30 p.m. We will be electing new officers for the next academic year and five board members, and every member's vote counts. We will propose, discuss, and approve a budget that guides and enables our programs to succeed. We will also review the year ending in June and look to the future to set a course assuring clear benefits for all of us as well as the university community that underpins our achievements.

Not only about business, the meeting will begin on a high note: Judy Melby Jones, a member of LIR who directs and performs in The Classic Singers, will present a brief musical program. The group provides regular concerts at the Athens Regional Library and elsewhere in our area. For our program, Judy will be joined not only by fellow singers and LIR members Frank Macone, lending his voice, and Burt Sparer, playing the harmonica, but may pull us into a short sing-along as well. Plan to enjoy. Also, our historian, Kip Brown, will be showing us evidence of life in LIR this year as is her custom. And light refreshments will be on hand to foster energy and conviviality.

LIR now has 319 members, a new record. Further, participation in travel and study events is at an especially high level. The board was pleasantly surprised last month to learn that 115 of us are taking part in our various interest groups, led by Bridge and Stitch and Chat. Our friends in the Department of Adult Education tell us they are amazed at the quality and variety of our courses.

Join us on April 15 to reflect on how far we have come and decide where we want to go and how we will get there. See you there.

John Rudy
President

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2005-2007

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Jim Jacobson, presents the following nominations for your consideration in the election to be held at the annual meeting on April 15. Nominations may also be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee.

Nominees for Officers

President: Al Ike
 Vice President: Jim Jacobson
 Secretary: Peggy Cole
 Treasurer: Stephani Foss

Nominations for the Board of Directors

There are ten two-year positions on the Board of Directors; five new members are elected each year.

Nominees for the 2005-2007 term

Ron Cerwonka
 Jerry Firth
 Leo Jensen
 Mary Munnell
 Fritz von Richthofen

Continuing board members for 2004-2006 term

Louis DeVorse
 Joseph B. Harris
 Sandy Jordan
 Janet Stratton
 Inge Whittle

Outgoing board members: Roland Brooks, Temple Ferchau, Jeani Goodwin, Sylvia Hutchinson, and Al Ike

Clip and save!

SCHEDULE OF SPRING EVENTS

April 4, 11:00 — Lunch and Learn at Council on Aging, "The Drama of Adult Life," by Dr. Sharan Merriam

April 15, 1:30 — Annual Meeting at the Holiday Inn Express in Downtown Athens

April 24, 2:00 — Matinee of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" at Town and Gown Theater
Reservations due April 21

May 2, 11:00 — Lunch and Learn at Council on Aging, "Stem Cells: Are We Getting Closer to a Cure?" by Dr. Steve Stice

May 10, 6:00 — Musical Evening at Ashford Manor (Watkinsville) *Reservations due May 5*

May 27, 5:00 — Spring Barbeque at Council on Aging, *Reservations due May 22*

SOCIAL EVENTS COMING UP

An Afternoon at the Theater

April 24, 2:00 Matinee

Come join other LIR members for the matinee of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown, presented by the Town and Gown Players on Sunday, April 24. The musical comedy is based on the characters created by Charles M. Schulz in his comic strip Peanuts and will depict an average day in the life of Charlie Brown, stringing together classic moments from a bright uncertain morning to a hopeful starlit evening. Originally produced and widely successful in the mid-sixties, the musical sparked a Broadway revival in 1999.

The Town and Gown Theater is located behind the Taylor-Grady House on Prince Avenue. Turn on Grady Street for parking beside the theater or park directly on the street. Tickets will be \$5.00, and you will pay this at the box office, but do make a reservation so a block of seats can be put aside for our group. To make your reservation, call Phyllis Lane at 706-548-1606 by April 21.

A Musical Evening at Ashford Manor

May 10, 6:00 Meal, 7:00 Program

Enjoy an evening at the Ashford Manor in Watkinsville on Tuesday, May 10, where several tables will be reserved for LIR members. Seating will begin at 6:00 with dinner served at that time. The social dinner hour will be followed by a presentation of romantic French music performed by the gifted flutist Angela Jones. Ashford Manor's parking is somewhat limited but additional parking is available at the adjacent church and shopping areas across the street.

The cost of the evening and the boxed dinners, prepared by Le Maison Bleu, will be \$30.00 per person. Guests are asked to provide their own wine and glasses. The restaurant, in the process of relocating, is currently unable to tell us which selections — meat, fish, chicken, or vegetarian — that it will be offering then, but Phyllis Lane will have that information in early May. Call her at 706-548-1606 by May 7 to make your selection. In the meantime mail your check and reservation form to Amy Munnell by May 5.

Spring Barbeque

May 27, 5:00-6:00 Social Hour, 6:00 Dinner

Put on some casual duds and mosey down to the Council on Aging on May 27 for the last get-together of the year before summer hits. The event — a barbeque — will begin with a social hour followed by dinner at 6:00. Coffee and tea will be provided, but if your hankering is for soft drinks, beer or wine, feel free to bring that along.

Guests are welcome. Cost per person will be \$14.00, and reservations are necessary to ensure that adequate tables and chairs are set up. For additional information call Sharon or Marty Bauer at 706-543-8524. Mail your check and reservation form to Amy Munnell by May 22.

Wanted: Participants for an Interview Study of
ACTIVITY IN RETIREMENT

Dear LIR Member:

As faculty affiliated with the UGA Gerontology Center, we have just been approved by the Institutional Review Board for an interview study of activity in retirement. Accordingly, we are seeking participants who would be willing to tell their "retirement stories," speaking with us for an hour to an hour and a half about how their activities have changed subsequent to retirement, if at all, and how any changes have affected them.

As the baby boomer cohort approaches retirement there is increasing interest in what constitutes adaptive behavior in later life and how various kinds of activity may influence quality of life. We also feel that this issue may be addressed and resolved differently in different cultures. To that end we will attempt to do a companion study of a comparable sample of retirees in Israel. Dr. Galit Nimrod, with the support of a Fulbright Fellowship, has come from Tel Aviv to work with me and other members of the Gerontology Center to begin the comparison of the two countries. We have completed analysis of data from a national U.S. survey that allows comparison with the findings from her dissertation research at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. And now we are seeking to gain a deeper understanding through qualitative interview analysis in each country.

We are hoping this project is of interest to all LIR members. If you would be willing to participate, please contact me by email at dkleiber@uga.edu or by telephone 706-542-5064. Please provide answers to the following questions:

Age _____ Gender _____ Years since retiring _____

If you are willing to talk with us, we will arrange an interview at a time and in a place suitable to you. Please be assured that transcriptions taken from the interviews will be held in confidence and any reporting of quotes and other findings will be done with pseudonyms.

As a token of our appreciation we will provide a gift certificate of \$20 to Borders Bookstore in the Alps Shopping Center. We will also be happy to present our findings in a meeting of the members, if desired, and will provide written reports to all who participate in the interviews.

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Kleiber, Ph.D.
Professor, Department of Counseling and Human Development Services

FOR YOUR INTEREST

The University of Georgia has announced a "Decorative Arts Tour" on August 14-23, sponsored by the Oxford Study Abroad Program. Blenheim Palace, Woburn Abbey, an international antique fair, estate auction, and a day in the Cotswolds are among the sites and features of this tour.

For more information call 706-542-2408 or email artstour2005@aol.com.

REQUEST FOR PHOTOS

Kip Brown currently maintains the historical records for our organization and welcomes photos of LIR events — meetings, trips, classes, other get-togethers, or special interest groups gatherings — that you have taken.

If you are willing to share these, please bring them to the annual meeting or mail them to Kip at P.O. Box 312, Winterville, GA 30683-0312.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAMETAGS TO CLASSES AND OTHER LIR EVENTS!



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SPRING COURSE STILL OPEN

"Inside Georgia" still has openings. Taught by UGA administrators and faculty, the course will explore key changes and trends at the university in the areas of student requirements and achievements, initiatives in social work, and educational training in response to "No Child Left Behind" developments. The class will meet on Thursdays, March 31 and April 7, 14, and 21, at 9:30-11:00, in Room 64 at River's Crossing.

I want to register for "Inside UGA" (\$12) Enclosed: \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Make your check payable to *Learning in Retirement, Inc.*, and mail to Amy Munnell, 125 University Drive, Athens, GA 30605-1435.

A MUSICAL EVENING AT ASHFORD MANOR Tuesday, May 10

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Number of Reservations _____ @ \$30 Total \$ _____

Make your check payable to *Learning in Retirement, Inc.*, and mail to Amy Munnell, 125 University Drive, Athens, GA 30605-1435.

SPRING BARBEQUE Friday, May 27

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Number of Reservations _____ @ \$14 Total \$ _____

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