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LIR Officers 2003-2004

John Rudy, President
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Diane Box, Secretary
Jim Jacobson, Treasurer

LIR Board of Directors

Roland Brooks, Jr.
Temple Ferchau
Carol Fisher
Jeani Goodwin
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Sylvia Hutchinson
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LIR Committees

Activity Groups: Sharon Tate
Curriculum: Jeani Goodwin and Sue Speir
Finance: Jim Jacobson
History: Kip Brown
Liaison: John Rudy
Membership: Keren Hymo
Public Relations: Betty Gray
Publications: Carol Fisher
Social: Martha Anderson and Hilda Shepard
Travel-Study: Janet Stratton

ANNUAL MEETING OF LEARNING IN RETIREMENT ON APRIL 16 **Holiday Inn Downtown, 1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.**

We celebrate the birthday of LIR, Inc. at our Annual Meeting – the third year of LIR functioning as an independent nonprofit organization. The meeting will be held in the main building of the Holiday Inn Downtown, not the Holiday Inn Express. The annual meetings are primarily business meetings to elect officers, hear reports on LIR business, approve a budget for the next year, and to elicit suggestions from members. As at most LIR activities, there will be refreshments for everyone. Put the date on your calendar, and plan to come to this major meeting of the year.

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The end and the beginning approach – the end of this semester, the beginning of the summer LIR events and the first plans for the fall semester courses and travel/study activities. Much done, much to be done!

A clutch of classes continue or begin in coming weeks, concluding a year of record enrollments, variety, and learning benefits. Lunch and Learn with Mayor Heidi Davidson beckons; the Spring Potluck follows in a month. Our Summer Events Committee is planning to keep members in touch and happily occupied until fall courses, travel/study, and social activities begin.

It seems to me that we have hit a good cruising speed in our course program and in our social and activities schedule. Enthusiastic participation has driven all this, gratifying indeed for those of us whom you entrust with management of our mutual affairs. The gratification that the officers, board members and committee chairs share with all active members in learning and meeting together throughout the year underpins what we can achieve for everyone's benefit.

We are a volunteer organization, with all its benefits and all its problems. LIR is growing in both membership and complexity. As we plan how to cope successfully with these challenges, we count on every member's interest and participation in assuring a great future. More structure to LIR is surely coming, perhaps more professional resources, more explorations for succor and standing from the University. Your present board and officers and candidates for these posts for 2004-2005 solicit your ideas and energies in bringing this about.

I should tell you that the College of Education through the Department of Adult Education at River's Crossing is about to conclude a partnership with LIR. A "Memorandum of Agreement" approved by both parties is in their hands for signature. This is a step to give us increased standing with the University of Georgia, through joining our resources with those of Adult Education to enhance its programs, research, and instruction as we bolster our own activities. This partnership strengthens our roots and mission alongside the sponsorships established in 2001 with the Gerontology Center and the Institute for Higher Education.

In this final letter of the year, let me thank the other members of the Executive Committee who have taught and supported me as president in countless ways. I salute these extraordinary people on your behalf: Kathy Gratzek, Diane Box, and Jim Jacobson.

John Rudy, President

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2004-2005

The Nominating Committee chaired by Al Ike presents the following nominations for your consideration in the election to be held at the Annual Meeting on April 16. Nominations may also be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee.

Nominations for Officers

For President: John Rudy
 For Vice-President: Kathy Gratzek
 For Secretary: Diane Box
 For Treasurer: Jim Jacobson

Nominations for Board of Directors

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

The following nominees are for the 2004-2006 term:

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

Continuing Board of Directors elected for the 2003-2005 term:

Roland D. Brooks, Jr.	Temple Ferchau
Jeani Goodwin	Sylvia Hutchinson
Albert Ike	



**SPRING POTLUCK MAY 21
 AT COUNCIL ON AGING
 5:00-6:00 P.M. SOCIAL HOUR
 6:00 P.M. DINNER**

The final social of the year will be a potluck dinner at the Council on Aging, 139 Hoyt Street. Set-ups, soft drinks, and iced tea will be available at 5 o'clock for the social hour, and dinner will be at six o'clock. Each member attending is asked to bring a salad, side dish, main dish, or dessert with the necessary serving utensil. Plates, cups, eating utensils, and napkins will be provided. Members may bring guests.

The cost per person is \$4.00, and reservations are necessary to have adequate tables and chairs set up. Seating is limited, so make your reservations early. No reservations after Wednesday, May 12. If you have questions, call Hilda Shepard at 706-769-6301 or Martha Anderson at 706-549-7386. Mail your check and reservation form to Amy Munnell.

**SPACE STILL AVAILABLE FOR ATLANTA TRIP
 Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Concert and High
 Museum Exhibitions
 Friday, May 14, Leaving at 8:15 A.M. by bus**

Once again, our LIR members have the opportunity to participate in the Millstone Coffee New Morning Concert Series. These concerts entertain and inspire with a pre-concert lecture, coffee and pastries, and additional comments from the conductor prior to the performance. Dvorak's Symphony # 7 will be conducted by Michael Morgan. Lunch is on your own at Colony Square (four restaurants) across the street from the Woodruff Arts Center.

A café lunch spot is also available at the High Museum – our next destination – where two dazzling exhibitions are on display: EGYPT IN THE AGE OF THE PHARAOHS – Egyptian art from the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and AFRICAN GOLD from the Glassell Collection, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.

We will meet at the upper parking lot of Home Depot at Epps Bridge Road near the by-pass, at 8:15 A.M. and return to Athens by 5:30 P.M. Please plan to be ready to get on the bus promptly at 8:00. Cost of the trip is \$50.00, which includes transportation and tickets, but not lunch. Questions? Call Janet Stratton at 706-310-0153. Mail your check and form to Amy Munnell. Reservations are due by April 26.

DR. ZEB BURRELL INJURED

Dr. Zeb Burrell broke his hip and has experienced complications from the surgery. Dr. Joe Harris will be his substitute for "Keeping the Brain Alive" this spring, and Dr. Burrell expects to teach it next fall with his wife Dr. Lenette Burrell. Cards or notes may be sent to 103 Forest Avenue, Elberton, GA 30635-1809.

PARLEZ-VOUS FRANCAIS?

A French conversation group is being organized. Participants with moderate-to-good language skills will meet for lunch and good talk the last Wednesday of each month.

Call Marilyn Brown for more information at 706-208-8818. *A bientot!*



NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL: AN EXPERIMENT



The costs of printing and mailing LIR newsletters are rising, and the number of members with email is increasing. So we are offering to send the LIR newsletters by email to the members who agree to receive them that way.

Members who don't have email or who prefer to receive the printed paper newsletter as usual will have their copy mailed to them.

If you have given us an email address, you will get a message asking for your preference. We hope you will try our "Newsletters by Email" plan.

Schedule of Spring Events

Annual Meeting, April 16 – Holiday Inn Downtown
1:30 – 3:00 P.M.

Lunch and Learn with Mayor Davison, April 19 –
Council on Aging 11:00 A.M.

Atlanta Symphony & High Museum, May 14
Reservations due April 19

Potluck Supper, May 21 – Council on Aging
Reservations due May 12

REQUEST FOR PHOTOS OF LIR ACTIVITIES

If anyone has photographs of LIR events – trips, classes, meetings – that you are willing to share, please give them to Kip Brown, who is currently maintaining the historical records for our organization. You can bring them to the Annual Meeting or mail them to her at P.O. 312, Winterville, GA 30683-0312.

Clip here & send with your check

LIR TRAVEL/STUDY RESERVATION FORMS

ATLANTA SYMPHONY & HIGH MUSEUM - FRIDAY, MAY 14

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Number of reservations: _____ @ \$50.00 Total: \$ _____
(Lunch not included)

Reservation due by April 19.

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

SPRING POTLUCK SUPPER - FRIDAY, MAY 21

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Number of Reservations: _____ @ \$4.00 = \$ _____

Reservations due by May 12.

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

ENGLISH GARDENS STUDY TOUR

The Georgia Center for Continuing Education is planning an English Gardens Study Tour this summer from June 15 - June 24, 2004. The educational tour will visit over a dozen gardens, palaces, and arboretums in Oxford and Ampfield, England. The ten-day tour will be led by UGA Professor of Horticulture Dr. Jim Midcap. Participants will visit the outstanding gardens of England and will learn to identify new plants and plant combinations, as well as gain new ideas on ornamental plantings and maintenance.

Dr. Midcap has an excellent program planned, and there are a few openings left. Interested? Contact Pam Bracken at 706-542-6692 for more details or visit the Garden Tour promotional website at www.gactr.uga.edu/is/gardentour.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL-LEARN OPPORTUNITIES

Carolyn Hatfield in Business & Community Programs at the Georgia Center has sent word of another organization called *TravelLearn* that you may be interested in. You can get a catalog from her at 706-542-6690.

If you are an expert in any of the TravelLearn locations and/or some aspect of history, ecology, politics, or geology and want to apply to be a TravelLearn instructor, let her know.

GERONTOLOGY CONFERENCE IN ATLANTA APRIL 1-4

The Southern Gerontological Society presents "Bridging Research and Practice in Gerontology" at the Sheraton Colony Square Hotel. If you are interested in further information about the program, call Carol Fisher at 706-543-4443.

