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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear LIR Members,

We're off to a great start: LIR membership numbers are up, and class and activity registrations are at a new peak. This is occurring because of the enthusiastic participation of so many members alongside our officers in planning, administration, and execution of the entire LIR program.

We have grown over the years by responding well to the desires and needs of our members, present and future. This is no small achievement: kudos to all of you who have so well accomplished our mission! Keep coming to us with ideas, requests, and suggestions for improvement.

I urge all of you to take full advantage of LIR in three ways: mind, heart, and body—engaging in the stellar learning opportunities we have, in the fellowship and friendship that stems from our activities, and in expending energy and brainpower as volunteers in the committees that produce most of our accomplishments.

Let me salute those of you who stayed close to home this summer, in your wisdom enjoying superb weather and the concomitant beauties of the Southland. The Rudys, in France, found that experience is not always the best teacher. For the first time ever we roasted in Normandie for weeks on end, with temps higher than yours, little rain relief, and one electric fan to our name. I note that this is one more than any of our friends there possess, let alone air conditioning (including those who live in Central Paris). *Quelle pagaille!*

To those readers who have not yet renewed membership, I ask for prompt action; we do not want to lose you! I look forward to seeing all of you in the classes, at the lunches with speaker, and the social and travel/study events that LIR affords.

John Rudy

NEW NAME TAG INSERT ENCLOSED

In addition to the Membership Directory and the LIR Newsletter, there are new paper inserts for the LIR name tags. If you had a name tag last year, just push out the old paper insert, and put in your new one. If you don't have a plastic cover, ask at your next class or at the Lunch and Learn lecture, your next special interest group meeting, the luncheon at Hilltop Grille, or the Train Trip. Wearing your name tag at LIR events helps everyone get to know each other, and that's one of our goals.

CLIP & SAVE

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, October 22	Trip on Steam Train (<i>Sept. 17 reservation due</i>)
Thursday, October 23	Luncheon at Hilltop Grille (<i>Oct. 17 reservation due</i>)
Friday, November 21	North Georgia Creative Arts Trip (<i>Nov. 14 reservation due</i>)
Wednesday, December 3	Holiday Dinner at Georgia Center (<i>Nov. 26 reservation due</i>)

TRAVEL & SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

NORTH GEORGIA CREATIVE ARTS TRIP

Friday, November 21

The newest travel/study committee trip is a "North Georgia Creative Arts" expedition to Comer, Georgia, on November 21 from 8:30 to noon. Transportation by private car.

This half-day tour will begin with glass blowing by **Paul Bendzunas**, using traditional techniques. Each piece demands hundreds of decisions during its creation. The Bendzunas family, at the studio, does forge work to produce various metal objects and creates examples of glass made by the slumped and fusion process. Our tour will include the studio of potter, **Tina McCullough**, also in Comer.

We will leave promptly at 8:30 am from the Cracker Barrel Restaurant parking lot at Epps Bridge Road. Those who wish to share transportation will have that opportunity, and printed directions to the studios will be available at that time.

Please register for this trip no later than **November 14** by filling out the Reservation Form and mailing it as directed. The fee of \$1.00 helps to cover registration and newsletter expense. If you have questions, call Janet Stratton at 706/310-0153.

HOLIDAY PARTY AT GEORGIA CENTER

Wednesday, December 3

This is the time of the year to turn our thoughts to the Holiday Season. To celebrate, your LIR 2003 Social Committee has planned a gala LIR Tenth Anniversary Holiday Party. This event will be held at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education on the University of Georgia Campus on Wednesday, December 3.

There will be a Cash Bar in the Georgia Center Lobby open from 5:00 pm, and the wonderful Georgia Center Buffet will be served at 6:30 pm. The menu includes baked brie, cranberry salad, bourbon pecan glaze, butter roasted turkey with giblet gravy, roast top round of beef, a variety of vegetables, and an assortment of specialty holiday desserts.

Entertainment will be provided by the famous "The String Theory" band with Tommy Jordan. Door prizes will be awarded. Make a reservation by **November 26**, and bring some friends if you wish.

DEATH NOTICES

With your help, the *LIR Newsletter* is going to try to update readers on the deaths of our LIR members. If you know of a death that should be included in the Newsletter notices, please contact the Secretary of LIR, Diane Box at 706/543-0729 or by email at dianebox@charter.net. We are sad to begin this service with two longtime, active members:

Mary E. Carter died on September 6 in Americus, GA. Dr. Carter, a scientist, was an active participant in many of our classes. She had been ill for the last two years.

Frank George Walton died on September 12 in Athens. He was a retired Colonel, a graduate and instructor at West Point, and one of our most popular teachers. Frank was scheduled to teach a course this semester on "Battles That Have Changed Our World."

WANTED: OLDER ADULTS FOR INTERVIEWS

The University of Georgia School of Social Work is seeking to enhance the experiences of its students in regard to aging and life-span issues. *Social Work with Older Adults*, an elective course, is looking for people willing to participate in one-to-one interviews with undergraduate and graduate students to help them appreciate the life of an older person. If you are interested in participating, contact Dr. Stacey Kolomer at 706/542-5445.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE IN ACTION

A news release announcing the LIR Fall Registration on September 8 was sent to the *Flagpole*, *Athens Banner-Herald*, and radio station *WUGA*. The information was used on *WUGA*, and it appeared in the *Banner-Herald* newspaper's listing of meetings "Best Bets," and also in the special issue "Active Lifestyles," which came out in advance of the meeting. In addition, information about several of our members who might be interviewed for a feature story has been given to Andra Whitworth at the *Banner-Herald*.

LIR might even get television publicity as Channel 23 would like to do an interview with John Rudy, LIR president, and the committee is arranging that.

FALL SEMESTER COURSES WITH OPENINGS

The courses described below have not yet started and still have a few openings in case you are interested or missed the earlier registration. If you want to add one of these courses, please contact Amy Munnell at 706/354-0361 or email her at nega_writer@yahoo.com with your name, phone number, and the course name, and mail a check made payable to LIR to her at 125 University Drive, Athens, GA 30605.

Folklore in Our Lives, Part 2 - Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20 (\$12.00) from 10-12 in room 113 in River's Crossing with Dr. Genelle Morain

After a brief review of the amazing sweep of folklore genres studied in *Folklore in Our Lives, Part 1*, *Folklore Part 2* will give special attention to aspects of Native American lore, the folklore of the sea, folklore of the supernatural, and folk beliefs and practices as reflected in the literature of certain cultures. Suggestions will be offered concerning techniques for collecting and preserving family lore.

Dr. Morain is a Professor *Emerita* of Language Education at UGA, the winner of a Meigs Award for outstanding teaching, and a member of the Teaching Academy and the Emeriti Scholars Program at UGA. She did a year of study in the graduate folklore program at Indiana University, wrote her doctoral dissertation on French folklore at the Ohio State University, and did further study for three summers at the Fife Folklore Seminar at Utah State.

How Religion Shaped America, Part 1 - Oct. 20, 27, Nov. 3, 17, 24, Dec. 1 (\$18 or \$25.68 with optional text) from 1-3 in room 135, River's Crossing with Dr. Alex Williams

This course is an expansion of the course Dr. Williams taught last spring. It will explore topics such as: religion and Native Americans, wars of religion in Europe and religious freedom in America, and how churches in America contributed to political independence, struggles with religious diversity in America, religion and education, churches and the federal Constitution, and the tensions between church and state.

Dr. Williams is a graduate of Emory University, Columbia Theological Seminary, and McCormick Theological Seminary. He was Minister to Youth and Community at First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, for 10 years, and Presbyterian Campus Minister at UGA for 23 years. He has also taught religion at UGA and Piedmont College and is a certified and registered mediator.

Spirituality: The Human Experience - Nov. 4, 11, 18 (\$9.00) from 10-12 in room 139 in River's Crossing with the Very Reverend Dr. John Via

This course looks into the phenomenon of spirituality, what it is and how it is manifested in human behavior, at major

expressions of spirituality through recorded history of the world's peoples: and at contemporary directions of human spirituality. The purpose is an objective look at an important dimension of human experience and involves no judgment or advocacy of any form of spiritual expression. These classes will explore the phenomenon, its expressions throughout history, and some contemporary spiritual directions.

Before his retirement, the Very Rev. Dr. John Via was Rector of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Greensboro and the Episcopal Church of the Mediator in Washington. He is the former chair of the English Department at Mercer University in Atlanta. His PhD is from the University of Illinois-Urbana. His publications have dealt with the words of John Milton.

Volunteerism in Clarke County - Oct. 27 (no charge) from 9:30-12 at the Council on Aging

This course will be an introduction to volunteer opportunities in Athens-Clarke County. Various speakers from health services, school, library, performing arts, youth services, Recording for the Blind, and the Council on Aging will share ways volunteers serve in their agencies. There is no charge for this meeting, and refreshments will be served. The Athens Area Council on Aging is at 39 Hoyt Street, and parking is easily available.

PARKING PASSES... AGAIN!

You should punch out or mark out with an ink pen or marker that cannot be erased or washed off the information for the day you use the pass. We have some passes that are vintage 01-03 (2001-2003) and some newer ones to be used 03-05 (2003-2005).

The later parking passes have a space below the purple square that says "Lot _____." If you are using those, write in E-15. All of the passes require marking the year, month, and day. Hang it on your mirror, and discard at home.

SECURING UGA LIBRARY CARDS

If you signed up for a UGA library card on your membership form, you may pick up your card at the Main Library, Room 120, the first door on your left after passing the security guard. No one else can pick up your card for you. Be sure to take a photo ID with you. If you have further questions, contact Keren Hymo at 706/546-7127.

LEARNING IN RETIREMENT COMMITTEES

Committees are the backbone of Learning in Retirement; that's where all the planning of our travel/study trips begin, where plans for social events evolve, and where the courses for the next semester are dreamed up. Committees are where you meet other members, find out what you have in common, and lots of friendships begin.

Included below are the telephone numbers of the committee chairs. Please them to see if they have an opening on their committee. If you can't reach them directly, call the LIR number – 706/549-7350 – and leave a message.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Martha Anderson, Co-chair	706/549-7386
Hilda Shepard, Co-chair	706/769-6301
Anne Darby	Patricia Epps
Mary M. Fenner	Lucille Hoyt
Polly Hubbard	Bal Joshi
Ellen Munday	Frank Munday
Peggy Mokler	Martha Ann Mickler
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Martha White	

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Mary Munnell	John Rudy

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Pat Rohr	Peggy Talmadge

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Helen McKinney	Leonard McKinney
Corwin Mokler	

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Carol Fisher, Chair	706/543-4443
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BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP BEGINS

Nan Burks has graciously consented to host the first organizational meeting of an LIR Book Discussion Group, one of LIR's Special Interest Groups. A book list will be decided and other start-up business discussed at this meeting.

The group will meet this first time at Iris Place, in the chapel, on November 6, 2003, at 10:00 A.M. The chapel is on the third floor, an elevator is available, and Nan will be at the front door to direct you to the proper place. Nan does not plan to call everyone who signed up for the book group, hopefully you know who you are! If you have not signed up, but are interested, call her at 706/227-9094.

CONTACT PERSONS FOR LIR SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Bonsai Group - Charlie Ostick, 706/546-9211
 Book Discussion Group - to be announced
 Bridge Group - Ken Friedrich, 706/208-0288
 Quilting Group - Sandy Jordan, 706/546-8537
 Stitch and Chat Group - Keren Hymo, 706/546-7127

NEW LIR MEMBERS

We welcome our new members for 2003-2004:

Jean Abbey, Marie Abercrombie, Marty Bauer, Sharon Rae Bauer, Martha Ellen Bodie, Frances Brown, Louie Brown, Janet Bryan, John Bryan, Nan Burks, A. Jack Bush, Susan Bush, Irene Butcher, Steven Butcher, James Cooley, Gail Crawford, Billie Darsey, Ben Dresden, Gay Gandrow, Frank Golley, Priscilla Golley, Dorothy Harris, Carol Herzog, Fred Herzog, Nancy Kassay, Steve Kassay, Winnie Kelly, Beverly King, Phyllis Lane, Mary Lanier, Joyce Martin, Colleen McClary, Betty Netrick, Carole Noble, Jane Nute, Charlie Ostick, Bob Parcels, Miki Parcels, Fritz von Richthofen, Helen von Richthofen, Mandy Robertson, Ann Swanson, Barbara Wilkinson, Gay Williford, Pat Winston, Roger Winston, Lois Wirtz.

Do you have a friend or have you met a newcomer to Athens who might be interested in LIR's activities? Call Keren Hymo 706/546-7127, or email her at kay@thehymos.com and let her know. She will be happy to send them literature or answer questions.