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## THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear LIR Members,

Nine of your LIR officers, Board members and committee chairs are suddenly wiser, charged with enthusiasm and ideas for LIR, all overnight! A day's workshop on September 30 with the moving spirits behind one of the leading lifelong learning institutes in the country, the North Carolina Center for Creative Retirement, has lifted our sights. This group — some 1,000 strong — provides a host of guideposts for us as we design our future in expanding our reach and deepening our value to our members in the Athens area.

The Center for Creative Retirement (NCCCR) began in 1988 as an integral-yet-distinct part of the University of North Carolina at Asheville. In some ways, the Center has spearheaded UNC-A's development in stature and importance within the university system and the state as a whole. Taking advantage of the attraction and growth of the Asheville area as a retirement center, the Center for Creative Retirement excels in classes and activity programs as well as community outreach. It is now moving into inter-generational programs alongside the University, convinced of their benefits to learning. Indeed, one of the factors of success cited by its Chairman is the constant attention to melding Center interests with those of UNC-Asheville.

Its strength as an organization of volunteers parallels our own, we believe, as does its successful introduction of professional staff alongside a host of volunteer leaders and members. Strong committees similar to those of LIR have proven their worth there.

Of course, the Athens area and UGA are different from Asheville and UNCA, notably in growth patterns, senior populations and the relative importance of the two organizations, NCCCR and LIR, in the university communities. Nonetheless, NCCCR initiatives such as its national seminars on "creative retirement" and its annual community leadership training course could translate into initiatives for LIR over time. Their prowess in fundraising will be helpful to our plans and actions, we expect.

In any event, we shall cultivate this new relationship, intending to seek wisdom and experience from Asheville as well as provide value to them from our own endeavors and ideas. Stay tuned, and be generous with your own ideas for this effort.

Meanwhile, back in Athens, LIR is off to a great semester, with 21 classes and 189 students. There are another 193 reservations for the autumn Lunch and Learn events. Here's wishing all of you happy learning!

John Rudy

## LATE FALL SOCIAL EVENTS

### Sunday Brunch on November 14 at 11:45 The Porterhouse Grill

One of the best Sunday Brunches in Athens, the Porterhouse Grill, provides a wide variety of hot dishes, omelets cooked to order with your favorite ingredients, and great breads, sweet breads, and desserts. The brunch is \$10.95, and you will pay your own check. We will have special seating for our members, so be sure to make a reservation with Phyllis Lane at 706-548-1606 by Thursday, November 11.

### Holiday Buffet Celebration on December 8 at Georgia Center for Continuing Education

The first request made to the social committee was to have the Holiday Party at the Georgia Center again. And they have planned just that. Don't miss out on a great buffet dinner and a great time together. Join your LIR friends for traditional Holiday Dinner Buffet at the Georgia Center on Wednesday, December 8.

There will be pre-dinner cocktails at the cash bar near our dining room from 6:00 to 7:00, and the dinner seating will be at 6:45. Entertainment will be provided by "The Short Road Home," a Celtic music ensemble.

The buffet menu includes: Baked Brie with Brown Sugar Pecan Glaze, Cranberry Salad, Deviled Eggs, Rolls, Roast Turkey with Giblet Gravy, Roast Top Round with Demi Glace, Green Beans Almandine, Zucchini-Tomato Casserole, Apple-Sage & Bacon Dressing, Sweet Potato Soufflé, and Assorted Specialty Holiday Desserts, including Bread Pudding with Whiskey Sauce, and your choice of beverage.

Please mail your reservation form and check made payable to Learning in Retirement for \$32.50 per person to Amy Munnell **to be received by** December 2, 2004.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Doris and Bob Schieman have moved to Michigan and can be reached at: 4019 Hillsdale Drive, Auburn Hills, MI 48326. Their telephone number is 248-370-8101. Bob was president of LIR 1996-1997, later served on the board, and chaired the Curriculum Committee. Doris was also an active member, serving on the board and chairing the Travel/Study Committee. They were active in starting the Bridge Special Interest Group and continued to play until they moved in late August.

## LATE FALL TRAVEL/STUDY TRIPS

### *VAN GOGH TO MONDRIAN* at the High Museum on Tuesday, November 16, with lunch at Agnes and Muriel's Restaurant in Atlanta

Feast your eyes and ears during a tour of the High Museum of Art's first United States' exhibition of well-known but rarely lent masterpieces from the Kroller-Muller Museum in the Netherlands. This museum's collection illustrates the rise of modern painting from the late 19<sup>th</sup> through the early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Eighty-four in all, the exhibit is organized around twenty-two paintings and drawings by Van Gogh and includes his "Olive Grove" and "Self-Portrait" (1887). Picasso's "Portrait of a Woman" (ca. 1901) and "Standing Nude" (1907-8) are part of the exhibit as well as other masters that include Georges Serat, Diego Rivera, and Piet Mondrian. An audio tour will guide you through the exhibit at your own pace.

Our motor coach will be waiting to take everyone to lunch afterwards in the beautiful and relaxed atmosphere of Agnes & Muriel's Restaurant in Atlanta. It's good old fashioned "Mom" food with a modern twist, served on retro Fifties/Sixties china in a converted brick bungalow inspired by Jane Jetson, June Cleaver, and Pee Wee Herman. Now in its seventh year, Agnes & Muriel's has been featured in local and national publications.

We will leave at 8:30 a.m. from the Home Depot upper parking lot off Epps Bridge Rd. and arrive back about 4:30 p.m. Registration is limited to 27 members. The registration fee is \$52.00, which includes transportation, museum tour with headphones, and lunch. **THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 27th.** Guests will be registered on a space-available basis. Need further information? Call Colleen McClary at 548-6877

## EARLY WINTER TRAVEL PLANS

Back by popular demand — **ABBEVILLE.** In late January, we will travel to Abbeville, South Carolina, for a stage play and bed and breakfast overnight.

Celebrate February 14, Valentine's Day, with a tour of the **Swan House**, serious browsing at the Atlanta History Center, and lunch at the Swan Coach House.

Complete information on these travel-study excursions will be included in the next newsletter, which will be mailed right after Christmas.

## NEW SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS FORMING

Two new groups are forming for members interested in pursuing these activities on a continuing basis. Contact the person listed for information about the group and the first meeting.

### Conversational Spanish Group

Contact Charles Laughlin if you are interested in meeting with other Spanish speakers. The first meeting will be at one of our Mexican restaurants — only Spanish spoken. You can reach Charles by telephone at 706-543-5487 or by email at [claughlin39@hotmail.com](mailto:claughlin39@hotmail.com).

### Quilting Group II

A second quilting group has been formed. They will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month from 1:00 to 3:00. The first meeting will be on October 18 at the home of Mandy Robertson. Call her if you wish to join and for instructions to her home. Her telephone number is 706-548-5681.

## COURSES STILL AVAILABLE

If you weren't sure of your plans earlier at registration time, you can still register for classes and two of the Lunch and Learns that have openings and have not yet started. Check out the following. To register send a check made payable to Learning in Retirement for the amount listed with the form to Amy Munnell.

**Moral Implications of Civil War Families** with Dr. Jean Friedman

Wednesday, Nov. 3, 10, 17, from 2--3:30 in Room 135. \$9.00  
Topics are moral and ethical Civil War issues, family structure and moral development, and factors leading to anti-war or pro-war choices.

**Health and Wellness II** with Dr. Jeff Davenport

Thursday, Nov. 4, 11, 18 from 11--12:30 in Room 135. \$9.00  
Topics are arthritis, digestive problems, and permanent weight loss.

Lunch and Learn, Monday, November 15, at 11:00. \$15.00

Dr. John Inscoe, "Georgia On-Line: Exploring *The New Georgia Encyclopedia*"

Lunch and Learn, Monday, December 6, at 11:00. \$15.00

Ms. Rebecca Stahr, "Universal Design Ideas: Having Your Home of the Future Now"

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## COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The following lists are of committee members who are active at this time. Some committees may add members later this year.

### Curriculum Committee

Jeani Goodwin, co-chair  
Sue Speir, co-chair  
Gerald Firth  
Olga Gray  
Nancy Heyl  
Sylvia Hutchinson  
Diane Kohl, co-chair of registration  
Mary Munnell, co-chair of registration  
John Rudy  
Pat Staub

### Social Committee

Ruth Ike, co-chair  
Phyllis Lane, co-chair  
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Sharon Bauer  
Peggy Cole  
Clarissa Finco  
Pat Hill  
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Frances Lang  
Peggy Mokler  
Lily Paguio  
Helen Plymale  
Roz Thomas

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Janet Stratton, chair  
Roland Brooks  
Blanche Carter  
Ron Cerwonka  
Jim Cooley  
Clarisa Finco  
Frances Lang  
Colleen McClary  
Richard Morgan  
Mary Ready  
Pat Thomas

### Publications Committee

Carol Fisher, co-chair  
Inge Whittle, co-chair  
Jenny Best  
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**PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAMETAG TO CLASSES AND OTHER LIR EVENTS!**  
Please find your new nametag insert(s) in the envelope with the 2004-2005 Directory.

## LATE FALL LIR EVENTS RESERVATION FORMS

**SUNDAY BRUNCH AT THE PORTERHOUSE GRILL**, November 14, at 11:45  
Telephone Phyllis Lane at 706-548-1606 by November 11. Pay at restaurant.

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**HOLIDAY BUFFET CELEBRATION**, Wednesday, December 8, Cocktails at 6:00; Dinner at 6:45  
RESERVATION DEADLINE: December 2 (Must be received by then.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of reservations \_\_\_\_\_ at \$32.50 each. Total: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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## LATE REGISTRATION FOR COURSES & LUNCH AND LEARN LECTURES

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mark your choice with an X

\_\_\_\_\_ Moral Implications of Civil War Families -- \$9.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Health and Wellness II -- \$9.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Lunch & Learn with John Inscoe -- \$15.00

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