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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Registration went very well—a much bigger crowd than in past years. Sandy Jordan reports that we have about forty new members.

Membership usually continues to grow during the fall months, for a variety of reasons. Some of us were out of town during registration, or have forgotten to send in our membership renewal form. If you have misplaced your renewal form, use the one that is included in this newsletter. But do renew as a member so you can participate in LIR activities.

Janet Hoskins, a writer for *Money Magazine*, interviewed several officers and directors after the September board meeting for an article she is writing about college towns as retirement communities. She obviously considers LIR to be one of the assets of the Athens community that makes it an area attractive to retirees. We, of course, knew that all the time. Maybe we are “ready for prime time” after all.

The September meeting of the LIR Board of Directors was a very good meeting. The discussion was lively: good questions were asked, and good ideas were expressed. You have every right to be proud of these directors and rest assured that our organization remains in good hands. When an opportunity comes, please thank them for their service.

Albert F. Ike

LIR's New Website

Did you notice our new website address in the August issue? If not, check it out at www.athenslir.org. It contains information about our purpose and programs and is a great place to double-check course and instructor descriptions and various deadlines if you have misplaced a newsletter. Go to the sidebar, click on Newsletters. There you will also find direct links to various forms in a current newsletter without having to open the newsletter itself. Very user friendly.

You will also notice that we have a new host for our website: The Department of Lifelong Education, Administration and Policy, a part of UGA's College of Education. COE web developer David Wynne has done a stellar job of converting our old website files to this format. David, who has taught several LIR computer courses in the past, is a familiar figure to many of us. We thank him for his work on this.

COURSES STILL AVAILABLE

Four courses and two Lunch and Learn programs that have not yet begun still have room for enrollment. Take a look.

NOTE: Because some of these learning activities have limited space, please check with Amy Munnell to verify your space before sending your check. Email Amy at nega_writer@yahoo.com or phone 706-354-0361.

Social Security: Evolution and Implications – Robert Grafstein

Monday: Nov. 14, 21, 28; 9:00-10:30; Room 135; \$9.00.
The course will examine the history and politics of Social Security and Medicare.

Memory Improvement – Joseph Harris

Tuesday: Nov. 1, 8, 15; 2:00-4:00; Room 139; \$9.00.
An overview of how memories are created and how manageable problems develop will be presented. The text, *Seven Sins of Memory*, by Daniel L. Schacter, will be used for this course and is available at Borders.

How to Invest Wisely – Todd Emily

Tuesday: Nov. 15, 22, 29; 11:00-12:30; Room 135; \$9.00.
The instructor will discuss investment issues of particular interest to retirees: investing for preservation of capital and regular income, asset allocation, and being properly insured.

Decorating for Christmas – Ronda Webb

Wednesday: Nov. 9, 16; 9:30-11:30; Room 139; \$6.00.
Participants will receive ideas and tips for creative and affordable holiday decorating.

Lunch and Learn: “What Bartram Saw” – Brad Sanders

Monday: Nov. 7; 11:00; Athens Community Council on Aging (ACCA); \$15.00.

Lunch and Learn: “Hands of the Spirit: The Story of Visionary Artist J.B. Murray – Mary Padgelek

Monday: Dec. 5; 11:00; ACCA; \$15.00.

In the Works!

Watch for an announcement in our next newsletter about these 2006 events:

- February 17 – an evening at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta for an Andrew Wyeth exhibit, “Memory and Magic,” together with a live jazz presentation
- March 10-11 trip – Abbeville Opera House presentation of “Steel Magnolias”

REMINDER OF SOCIAL EVENTS

Coffee in Five Points

Monday, October 31, at 10:00

Don’t forget to get into the Halloween mode and meet friends for coffee and maybe a little bite of something at the Five Points Deli on Lumpkin Street (near Fire Station No. 3).

Theatre Thursday at the Library and Jittery Joe’s
Thursday, November 3, at 7:00

In our last issue, we were unable to announce which film would be shown on Nov. 3 as part of the Athens-Clarke County Library’s Theatre Thursday international documentary series. They have since scheduled an independent Canadian film, *The Republic of Love*, for that evening. This is a 96-minute romantic comedy of the barriers facing lovers in the 21st century, a play on the “role of geography in destiny.” We will then move on up the road (Baxter Street) to Jittery Joes (next to Schlotsky’s) for some refreshment and post-movie discussion.

Lunch at the Hilltop Grille

Tuesday, November 15, at 11:30

Meet up with LIR members for a leisurely lunch at the Hilltop Grille, on West Broad Street. The meal will include a salad of bacon pieces, pecans, and mandarin oranges on a bed of baby spinach; a beverage; and the main entree—a choice of chicken, shrimp, or steak. The total cost, including tax and gratuity, will be \$13.50 per person. Send your check, made payable to Learning in Retirement, Inc., and reservation form (with entree selection) to Amy Munnell. *Reservations are due by November 8.*

The Annual Holiday Buffet

Tuesday, December 6, beginning at 6:00, at the Georgia Center of Continuing Education

Get in a festive mood, pull out your fancy clothes if you are so inclined, and join your LIR friends for the holiday buffet at the Georgia Center. Pre-dinner cocktails will be available at a cash bar near the banquet room between 6:00 and 7:00. Dinner will begin at 7:00. You’ll find a delectable array of holiday dishes accompanying the turkey and glazed ham entrees, music to satisfy the spirit, and a convivial atmosphere. What better beginning for the holiday season?

Members are welcome to bring guests. Parking is always available in the Center’s convenient parking deck, but by 6:00 p.m. the parking areas near the Center will be free of employees—and free of charge. The all-inclusive cost of the meal is \$34.00 per person. Fill in the reservation form and send your check, made payable to Learning in Retirement, Inc., to Amy Munnell. *Reservations are due by November 30.*

THE BIRTH OF A PARTNER

Something important was brewing in Washington, Georgia, back in 1996. A small but ambitious group of retirees had begun meeting. They were planning to form their own Learning in Retirement affiliate. In time, this would turn out to become really good news for our fledgling LIR in Athens.

Dr. Joe Harris, Earl Bradley, Peggy Barnett, and Lawrence Burton were among those who began the process. They soon learned that the parent organization, the Elderhostel Institute Network in Boston, Massachusetts, required its affiliates to be "sponsored by a host college or university." That meant they had to find such a host and work out a mutually acceptable sponsorship.

In October 1996 Dot and Joe Harris, Carol and Waldo Harris, Roy Burns, and Steve Blackmon met with representatives of the Learning in Retirement Institute affiliated with Georgia College in Milledgeville and with members of the Washington-Wilkes Council on Aging. The helpful advice of those two groups was encouraging. However, Georgia College is a long drive from Washington.

Happily, Athens and the University of Georgia are closer. By January 1998 the Washington group met with then-president Bob Schieman and several members of our three-year-old LIR and with some staff members of the Georgia Center for Continuing Education, our UGA sponsor at that time. Thus began our formal association.

This new chapter of LIR, possibly the very first of its kind, has its own program, its own dues, its own newsletter, and its own special affiliation with a previously-chartered, university-sponsored LIR—the one here in Athens now called LIR, Inc. The contract signed by both Washington and Athens was called a "Chapter Membership Status Agreement." Ann Jewitt, our president at that time, signed for the Athens organization and attended the inaugural meeting of the Washington chapter on January 14, 1998.

By May 1998 the Washington LIR had held its first classes and first travel-study sessions. In December of that same year, both groups, Athens and Washington, arranged for a joint travel-study session. Together we participated in the famous Washington-Wilkes Christmas Tour of Homes.

This mutually beneficial association has continued and is thriving. Joe Harris is a member of our board of directors here in Athens in addition to being very active in the Washington chapter. A number of people in Washington hold joint memberships in the two groups. What started as an association by requirement has grown into a happy partnership.

Kip Brown
LIR Historian

NEW SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Conversational Spanish

The Spanish-speaking group is re-forming this fall and will be coordinated by Howard Leeb. If you are interested in joining, email Howard at lrhleebs@usit.com or phone him at 706-548-9508.

Texas Poker

The feasibility of forming a group to play Texas poker (chips only) has been mentioned. If you would like information about being a member of this group, contact Emilie McCarthy at 706-369-3500.

UGA LIBRARY CARDS PICKUP

LIR members who requested UGA library cards on their membership forms may pick them up at UGA's main library during normal business hours.

You must go in person to get your card and present photo ID at that time.

Clip and save

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, Oct. 16	Brunch at the Savannah Room (Georgia Center, Lumpkin Street)
Tuesday, Oct. 25	North Georgia Mountains Trip
Monday, Oct. 31	Coffee at Five Points Deli
Thursday, Nov. 3	Theatre Thursday at the Library & Jittery Joe's
Monday Nov. 7	Lunch & Learn: What Bartram Saw
Tuesday, Nov. 15	Lunch at Hilltop Grille
Wednesday, Nov. 30	The Rockettes at the Fox
Monday, Dec. 5	Lunch & Learn: Hands of the Spirit
Tuesday, Dec. 6	Holiday Buffet at the Georgia Center

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

As our president has mentioned, this is a great time to renew membership if you have not yet done so. Membership in LIR is renewed annually. Filling out a fresh form enables the membership committee to update pertinent information such as a changed address, phone number, or perhaps a new email address. It also gives you a chance to sign up for a committee or an interest group if you would like to participate in one.

The LIR membership year runs from July 1 through June 30. If you're one of those busy retirees scrambling from here to there and have forgotten whether or not you renewed this year, take a look at the mailing label of this issue. If 2005-2006 appears right above your name, you did it, your membership is current. If 2004-2005 shows, there is still time. By the way, those dates, indicating your status, are also printed on the labels of the August and December newsletters announcing new semester events and courses.

If you didn't need this reminder and have already renewed, please don't throw the membership form away. Pass it on to a friend who might be interested in joining.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME TAG TO CLASSES AND LIR EVENTS.



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LATE FALL 2005 LIR EVENTS RESERVATION FORMS

Lunch at the Hilltop Grille
Tuesday, November 15, at 11:30
Reservation Deadline: November 8

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Check main entree selection(s): chicken _____ shrimp _____ steak _____

Number of reservations @ \$13.50 per person _____. Total enclosed _____

Make check payable to *Learning in Retirement, Inc.*, and mail to Amy Munnell, 125 University Dr., Athens, GA 30605-1435. For more information, call Amy at 706-354-0361 or email her at *nega_writer@yahoo.com*.

Holiday Buffet at the Georgia Center
Tuesday, December 6, beginning at 6:00 (cocktails)
Reservation Deadline: November 30

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Number of reservations @ \$ 34.00 per person _____. Total enclosed _____

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LATE REGISTRATION FOR COURSES/LUNCH AND LEARN LECTURES

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Mark your choice with an X:

_____ Social Security: Exploration and Implications – \$ 9.00

_____ Memory Improvement – \$ 9.00

_____ How to Invest Wisely – \$ 9.00

_____ Decorating for Christmas – \$ 6.00

_____ Lunch and Learn: “What Bartram Saw” – \$15.00

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_____ TOTAL

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Membership Form
July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006

Name (Please use a separate form for each member.)

Mailing Address

City State Zip+4

Phone (H) (W) Email

(Important - we send out email notices about special events)

Form with checkboxes for New member and Renewal

May we list your name, address, phone and email address in a directory for LIR members? Yes No

Do you want to receive your newsletter by an email attachment? Yes No
(The computer sending LIR materials is virus protected.)

Would you like a UGA library card? Yes No

Annual membership for Learning in Retirement is \$35 per person. Make check payable to Learning in Retirement, Inc., and mail to Sandy Jordan, 150 Middleton Place, Athens, GA 30606-4444.

Make the most of your membership! Please indicate your interests in the following areas:

COMMITTEES: At the heart of LIR's programs are its committees. Members plan and organize all activities — educational, travel and social. This is one way to meet members you might not otherwise get to know.

- Curriculum Social
Membership Public Relations
Travel/Study Newsletter

Would you like to teach a course? If you would, please describe the topic.

Blank lines for describing a course topic

INTEREST GROUPS: Interest groups meet in non-classroom settings, with no instruction offered. Please indicate your interest in any listed group or suggest another that might interest you. Interest groups are self-governing.

- Bonsai Lady Dogs Basketball (UGA)
Book Discussion Quilting
Bridge Stitch & Chat
Conversational French Other

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