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## THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

LIR registration on September 11 was a busy time! Thirty-six registered that day, while 200 had registered by mail using information provided in the LIR newsletter. People started arriving at the Holiday Inn Express before 9:30 a.m. Some went directly to the class registration desk, a few started with coffee, tea, and sweet rolls, some went to the activity groups desk, and others who had pre-registered picked up their envelopes containing course confirmation and parking tags and just made a nice social event out of the morning. We estimate that about 100-125 members attended, and a few were still there enjoying themselves at the 11:30 closing.

Unfortunately, there were some disappointments. Not realizing that we had a mail-in registration, new members sometimes found the class(es) they wanted already filled. The Curriculum Committee immediately expanded the enrollment in classes where possible. But the popular computer class and others are limited due to equipment and/or the instructors' request. Folks who registered by mail and were unable to get into a course should receive their refunds soon.

Board members discussed this "closed classes" situation at our meeting on September 26. It was pointed out that maybe the term "Registration Day" is inappropriate and should be changed. We've committed ourselves to resolving some of these issues by the next registration. Unfortunately, it will never be perfect process, and it is likely that some classes will fill and some will feel "left out."

In the meantime, you may be interested in signing up for something else. A number of classes still have openings. A list of open-courses was sent to all members with email addresses, and one is included in this newsletter with a registration form. By the way, the November and December lunch and learn programs still have room for more folks.

You should have received a questionnaire concerning LIR in the mail. Please take time to complete it and return it in the self-addressed postage-paid envelope that was included. We are attempting to determine the feelings, ideas, etc., of our membership. Just because something is mentioned in the questionnaire, however, does NOT mean it is under consideration, or would ever be a part of the LIR program. It is part of a comprehensive research effort.

Classes and the lecture series are not the only items on our fall agenda. LIR is sponsoring a program, Pandemic Influenza and Emergency Preparedness, which will be held at 3:00 on October 17 in the auditorium of the Athens-Clarke County Library. Presenters will give us the most current information available and will answer questions that we have. The meeting is free and open to the public, and I urge you to attend.

Don't forget the two interesting trips announced in our August newsletter: one to the Stone Mountain Highland Games, the other to the Northeast Georgia Mountains. You might also consider participating in one or more of the seven Activity/ Interest Groups: Stitch and Chat, Quilting, Bridge, Fitness, Bonsai, Book Discussion, and Lady Dogs Basketball. If you have a question about any of them, contact Ron or Diana Cerwonka at 706-543-7780.

Hopefully, your classes are as interesting and fulfilling as you anticipated. Please thank your instructors for their time to prepare for and present the classes to you. They challenge our minds and enrich our organization.

Jim Jacobson

## CLASSES STILL AVAILABLE

Several classes and two Lunch and Learn programs still have openings. They are listed below and a registration form is included with this issue. For a full course or lecture description, see the newsletter that you received in August or go to our website at [www.athenslir.org](http://www.athenslir.org). Just click the newsletters link in the sidebar on the right and proceed from there to August 2006.

All of the following courses will be held at Rivers Crossing. Lunch and Learn programs generally take place on Mondays at the Athens Community Council on Aging, 135 Hoyt Street, from 11:00 until 1:00 and cost \$15 per person.

### Courses

#### **Animal Rescue and Katrina**

Monday: Nov. 20; 10:00-11:30; Room 139; \$3

#### **Creative Problem-Solving**

Wednesday: Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29 / Dec. 6; 9:30-11:30; Room 139; \$15

#### **Dickens' *Oliver Twist***

Tuesday: Oct. 31 / Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28 / Dec. 5; 9:30-11:30; Room 136; \$18

#### **Financial I.Q.**

Thursday: October 26 / Nov. 2; 11:00-12:30; Room 139; \$6

#### **Fragrances, Odors, and Sex**

Tuesday: Oct. 31 / Nov. 7, 14; 10:00-12:00; Room 139; \$9  
**NOTE: These are new dates**

#### **The New Testament in Art**

Wednesday: Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 10:00-11:30; Room 136; \$15

### Lunch and Learn Lectures

#### **Local Government and Its Workings – NEW TOPIC States McCarter, ACC Commissioner**

Monday: Nov.13; 11:00-1:00; ACCA

#### **Nuisances and Protection of Undeveloped Lands**

Monday; Dec. 4; 11:00-1:00; ACCA

Please mail the registration form with your check made payable to *Learning in Retirement, Inc.*, to Amy Munnell, 125 University Drive, Athens, GA 30605-1435.

If you have a question about registration, email Amy at [nega\\_writer@yahoo.com](mailto:nega_writer@yahoo.com) or call her at 706-354-0361.

## 2007 TRAVEL/STUDY EVENTS

### **A Day of Music and Art in Atlanta Thursday, February 22, 2007**

The first stop of this day-long cultural adventure to Atlanta will be to the Woodruff Arts Center where we will get to hear the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra rehearse for its weekend performances of *Mozart by Ax* and *A Golden Rainbow*. After this musical treat, we'll have a leisurely soup and salad lunch at Jason's Deli before proceeding on to the High Museum of Art to view the exhibit *Kings as Collectors* that the now *Musee du Louvre* has brought to America. Featuring 32 masterpieces that decorated the Palace du Louvre during the residencies of King Louis XIV and King Louis XVI, the exhibit includes pieces by Raphael, Rembrandt, and Velasquez that have never been shown in our country before. This promises to be a thoroughly enjoyable day for music and art lovers.

The bus will leave the upper parking lot of Home Depot, Epps Bridge Road, at 7:45 a.m. and is expected to return by 6:00 p.m. Total cost of the trip, which includes transportation, lunch, and entrance fee, will be \$85 per person. Fill in the included reservation form, make your check payable to *American Coach Tours*, and send both to Pat Thomas, 3018 Springhouse Circle, Stone Mountain, GA 30087. For additional information, call Pat at 678-684-3304. *Reservations are due by January 17, 2007.*

### **Charleston, S.C.: Mansions and Magnolias**

**March 26-29, 2007**

**\*\*Repeat Announcement\*\***

As previously announced, this four-day package is offered by American Coach Tours and includes transportation; hotel accommodations for three nights; six meals; a comprehensive city tour; a visit to Middleton Place for a house and garden tour; a visit to Magnolia Plantation and Gardens for a house tour and nature train ride through the grounds; free time in the Charleston Market for shopping and browsing; a dinner cruise in Charleston's harbor on the *Spirit of Carolina*; baggage handling; and the services of a tour director.

Cost of the tour package per person according to room occupancy is \$599 for double, \$569 for triple, \$539 for quad, and \$759 for single. Final payment will be due on January 26, 2007. However, LIR members interested in taking this trip must fill in the reservation form included in this issue and include a \$50 deposit payable to American Coach Tour, which is necessary to secure their reservation. Send the form and check to Pat Thomas, 3018 Springhouse Circle, Stone Mountain, GA 30087. She will then send you the complete tour description, an itinerary, and the terms and conditions information. If you have questions call, Pat at 678-684-3304. *Reservations are due by November 1, 2006.*

## April in Greece?

Several LIR members have expressed an interest in traveling to Greece and the Aegean and are considering a trip in mid-April of 2007. There will be a meeting to explore options on November 8, at 9:00 a.m. in the small conference room adjacent to the auditorium of the Athens-Clarke County Library. Anyone interested is invited to this thinking/planning session.

Although open to suggested tour companies, at this stage a 16-day Cosmos Tour ([www.cosmos.com](http://www.cosmos.com)) is on the agenda. The 2007 tour information is not yet posted, but go the site to get an idea of what Cosmos offered last year. If you have another suggestion, send the web address of that tour company to [pthomas@parkspringscommunities.com](mailto:pthomas@parkspringscommunities.com) or mail it to Pat Thomas, 3018 Springhouse Circle, Stone Mountain, GA 30087.

## FALL SOCIAL EVENTS

### Film Night at the Library Thursday, October 19, 7:00

Support the Athens-Clarke County Library by coming down and watching one of the movies in their Thursday nights *iFilms* series, international and independent features not found in commercial theaters. The October 19 film will be *Rivers and Tides*, a documentary theatrically exploring the art of nature by artist Andy Goldworthy. Recent documentaries have included helping HIV/AIDS orphans in Africa and developing and producing Sesame Street in Bangladesh, Bosnia, and South Africa. These films are very worth seeing and most run little over an hour. They are advertised in monthly fliers at the library entrance and in the library online newsletter. Check out [www.clarke.public.lib.ga.us](http://www.clarke.public.lib.ga.us) each month.

### Morning Coffee at Borders Wednesday, November 8, 10:00

Borders has recently given its coffee shop a makeover. So let's go over to the Beechwood Mall and check it out. Have a cup of coffee, nibble on a pastry, relax and visit with your friends, and browse through the store's huge selection of literature and music. What better way to satisfy your taste buds, spirit, and mind all in one spot?

### Lunch at Rafferty's Wednesday, November 15, noon

This is an opportune time to combine a lunch get-together with a shopping trip to the mall. Rafferty's Restaurant and Bar is located on Huntingdon Road just behind the new Starbucks (formerly Wendy's) and across from the Georgia Square Mall. Entrees generally begin at \$7.95 with beverages and tax added. We will pay individually for our meals but do need to make a reservation in order to be seated as a group. Call Mary Ready at 706-552-0508. *Reservations are due by Sunday, November 12.*

### Town and Gown Matinee Sunday, December 3, 2:00

Town and Gown will present Joe DiPietro's play *Over the River and through the Woods* as part of their Second Stage series at this afternoon matinee. Reviewed as a "hilarious family comedy loaded with laughs every step of the way," the story pulls the audience right in. How can Nick betray his family's love to move to Seattle wonder both sets of his grandparents whom he visits every Sunday for dinner. Only this dinner they've invited Caitlin O'Hare. And by the way, she's single! This promises to be a fun beginning to the holiday season. The Town and Gown Theater is located just off of Prince Avenue behind the Taylor Grady House. Show time is at 2:00, and tickets are \$5.00 per person. It is advisable to arrive a little early to pay for and pick up your tickets and meet other LIR members in the lobby. Reservations are necessary, so please call Phyllis Lane at 706-548-1606. *Reservations are due by November 27.*

### Coffee at Panero's Wednesday, December 6, 10:00

Our last coffee of the year will be held at Panero Bread Company on the Atlanta Highway. Parking and seating are always ample, and Panero's offers a tantalizing selection of sweets and breads to go with their choice coffees. It's also conveniently near various malls for those of us who are fired up to do some early Christmas shopping.

### LIR Annual Holiday Buffet Georgia Center for Continuing Education Wednesday, December 13, 6:00

If you're in the mood, it's time to pull out your holiday duds and head to the UGA campus for the annual end-of-the-year feast with your LIR friends. You're welcome to bring a guest. The social hour will begin at 6:00 with a cash-bar available for those who would like pre-dinner cocktails. At 7:00 the group will move into the banquet room and partake of the Center's Yule Log Dinner Buffet, an elegant meal that never disappoints our palates. After a sampling of hors d'oeuvres, we will be offered entrees of butter roasted turkey and roasted top round with demi glace, surrounded by an array of side dishes such as salad, green beans almondine, and sweet potato soufflé. And if that's not enough, the wide assortment of desserts will include bread pudding with whiskey sauce and *Buche de Noel*. Music performed by The Jordans will add to the evening's ambience.

The Georgia Center is located at the corner of Lumpkin and Carlton Streets. There is a convenient parking deck, and UGA parking lots will be free and open at that hour. Cost of the meal, with coffee or tea, will be \$37 per person. This year, \$1 of that price will be a donation to the Meals on Wheels program, run by the Athens Community Council on Aging. Please make your check payable to *Learning in Retirement, Inc.*, and send to Amy Munnell, 125 University Drive, Athens, GA 30605-1435. *Reservations are due by December 1.*

### *An Overview of* **Pandemic Influenza and Emergency Preparedness**

*featuring*  
Kevin B. Wells,  
*Emergency Preparedness Specialist*  
*and*  
Phil Carpenter, *Emergency Coordinator,*  
*Northeast Georgia Health District*

**Tuesday, October 17, 2006**  
**3:00 to 5:00 p.m.**  
**Athens-Clarke County Library**  
**2025 Baxter Street, Athens**

*Free of charge, open to the public,  
all ages welcome – bring a friend!*

## Washington Affiliate Offers Courses

LIR's Washington, Georgia, affiliate is kicking off its fall courses, too.

- **Computer Topics**, a user-oriented course for those with basic computer experience will meet in October at the Adult Learning Center and will be taught by Polly Fiever.
- **Art in Historical and Religious Expression** will examine French and English Gothic cathedrals with a special emphasis on the cathedral at Chartres, France, and will be taught by Allie Hardwick on November 6 and 13 at Parish House.

The computer course appears to be full, but anyone wanting more information about the art course may email Joe Harris [jharriswafia@nu-z.net](mailto:jharriswafia@nu-z.net).

## LIR Events for Your Calendar

Tuesday, Oct. 17	Pandemic Preparedness Presentation
Thursday, Oct. 19	Film Night at Athens-Clarke County Library
Sunday, Oct. 22	Stone Mountain Highlands Games
Wednesday, Nov. 8	Morning Coffee at Borders
Monday, Nov. 13	Lunch and Learn, <i>A-CC Government &amp; Its Workings</i> (NEW TOPIC)
Wednesday, Nov. 15	Lunch at Rafferty's
Thursday/Friday, Nov. 30/Dec. 1	Two-Day North Georgia Mountains to Helen and Dahlonega
Sunday, Dec. 3	Matinee at Town and Gown Theater
Monday, Dec. 4	Lunch and Learn, <i>Protection of Undeveloped Lands</i>
Wednesday, Dec. 6	Coffee at Panero's
Wednesday, Dec. 13	Holiday Buffet at the Georgia Center

*Membership, registration and reservation forms are always available to print at the LIR website [www.athenslir.org](http://www.athenslir.org)*

**👉 Be sure to wear your nametag at all LIR functions!**



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