



LEARNING *in Retirement*

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NEWSLETTER



• PLANNED SPRING CLASSES •



America's National Parks: Part 2

The development and preservation of the National Park System is one of the greatest gifts to America. Together this class will watch the brilliant Ken Burns DVD series to learn the process behind the formation of the National Park System. After viewing each segment of the series, Bob will conduct class discussion leading to a better understanding of the National Park Movement that gave the American people this crown jewel. This is a continuation from Spring 2011 though previous participation is not required.

Facilitator: *Bob Wingate, emeritus UW-L faculty*

**Tuesdays, March 20, 27, April 3, and 10
10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Ward Room Cartwright Center,
UW-La Crosse**

An Inside Look at the Life and Times of a Journalist

Terry Rindfleisch, whose journalism career spanned four decades and five newspapers, talks about his career, his memorable stories, his worldwide travels and controversies and challenges in reporting. He will take you behind-the-scenes in his coverage of the Cuban refugee crisis and the fall of communism in Russia. This four-session course will give an inside look at a journalist's life and an understanding how newspaper stories are put together and how decisions are made as to what will be printed.

Session One: The education of a journalist and stumbling upon a career in journalism, why journalism and journalists matter and their role in society.

Session Two: The daily grind of the journalist's work (the ups and downs).

Session Three: Special stories that matter, a look at some of his award-winning projects and how they were developed, as well as a look at some never reported.

Session Four: More stories and examine their impact on the community, specifically stories written for *The La Crosse Tribune*. Each class will have a segment of "You be the Editor," where participants decide on stories covered.



Presenter: Terry Rindfleisch, retired after 32 years with the La Crosse Tribune as a reporter, most recently covering health and the arts. He also worked for The Wall Street Journal, The Milwaukee Journal, The Wisconsin State Journal, and The Eau Claire Leader-Telegram. He has received many journalism awards including the Pulitzer Prize nomination and multiple reporting awards.

**Mondays, April 2, 9, 16 and 23 | 1-3 p.m.
337 Cartwright Center, La Crosse**



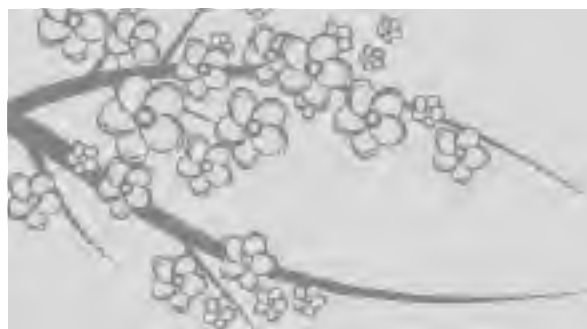
More Spring classes inside.

Spring Annual Meeting

May 1 | 9:30-11:45 a.m. | Ward Room, Cartwright Center, UW-L | \$8

Breakfast includes: Sweet breads, vegetarian and meat quiche, fruit tray, coffee/tea/orange juice

Plan to attend and bring a friend! Join other LIR members for an opportunity to have breakfast and visit with each other. Art Peek, MSW, will present "The Key to Life is Balance."



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Golden Age of Radio

Turn off the television, turn on your imagination and return with us to the “thrilling days of yesteryear.” Whether you are too young to remember radio at its peak or wish to reminisce about shows you once heard, “The Golden Age of Radio” is for you. On two Wednesdays, you will have a chance to step back in time to listen to some of the shows that captivated the American public during the 1930s, '40s and '50s. There will be something for everyone—comedy, adventure, mystery, drama and soap operas. During these sessions we will listen to Jack

Benny, Fibber McGee and Molly, Captain Midnight, Stella Dallas, Suspense and One Man’s Family, among others.

Presenter: Harry Gardiner, UW-L Professor Emeritus, with more than 3,000 programs in his collection, will conduct the tour into radio’s past. There will be a slide show, trivia questions and an opportunity to listen to several complete shows.

Wednesdays, March 28 and April 4 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

339 Cartwright Center, UW-La Crosse

Menu for the Future

This discussion book course explores the connection between food and sustainability.

Session one will cover the topics

of *What’s Eating America*, where we will consider the effects of modern industrial eating habits on culture, society and ecological systems, and *Anonymous Food*, where we will trace the historical shift from family farms to industrial agriculture to present day questions

surrounding genetically modified organisms (GMO) and industrial organics.

Session two will cover *Farming for the Future*, where we will explore the emerging food system alternatives, highlighting sustainable growing practices and the benefits of small farms and urban food production. This session also covers *You Are What You Eat*, where we will explore food systems from a human health perspective.

Session three will cover *Toward a Just Food System*, where we will consider the role that governments, communities and individuals can play in addressing issues of hunger, equity and Fair Trade, and *Choices for Change* will offer inspiration and practical advice in taking steps to create more sustainable food systems.

Purchase of *Menu for the Future* is required/part of fee. Class size limited to 15.

Presenter: Glen & Carolyn Jenkins

Wednesdays, April 11, 18, 25

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Ward Room Cartwright Center, UW-La Crosse



Potosi Brewery/Museum and Dickeyville Grotto Tour

Join us as we visit the historic Potosi Brewing Company in southern Wisconsin. Founded in 1852 as a small local brewery, it climbed to the fifth largest in Wisconsin. The brewery closed its doors in 1972 but began restoration in 1995 after a major fire. With the support of the community, the Potosi Brewery Foundation was formed in 2000. Potosi was selected over cities such as Milwaukee and St. Louis to be the home of the national museum of the American Breweriana Association.



During our visit, we will tour the brewery museum, the Potosi Company Transportation Museum and the brewery. Dinner will take place in the unique atmosphere of the restaurant that has the original stone walls, cypress wood tables from the brewery vats and a spring that converges under the see-through glass floor. Our trip will continue south to the Dickeyville Grotto. These shrines are the work of the late Father Matthias Wernerus, from 1925-1930. He used stone, mortar and bright colored objects collected from around the world in his works. Fee includes motor coach transportation, step-on guide, tours, lunch.

May 17, depart UW-L football stadium parking lot 8:30 a.m.; return 6:30 p.m.



Women and Politics in Today’s World

During this election year, one wonders why the U.S. does not have a woman presidential candidate. Other nations in the world have had women leaders. What factors have prevented the supposedly most democratic nation in the world from nominating and even electing a woman to the highest office in the land? The purpose of this course is to develop an understanding of the role and status of women in political systems in today’s world. The three sessions will cover the following:

- 1) Theoretical background of women’s role and status in politics in general;
- 2) Why has the U.S. not had a woman president?
- 3) What other countries in the world have (had) women leaders? Why?

Class size limited to 20 participants.

Presenter: Cecilia Manrique, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of the Political Science/Public Administration Dept., UW-L

April 4, 11, 18 | 1-3 p.m.

Ward Room Cartwright Center, UW-La Crosse



LEARNING *in Retirement* Distinguished Service Award

In 2006 LIR established the Distinguished Service Award to be given each year to an outstanding LIR member or instructor. This award is presented annually at the Spring Annual Meeting. In addition to receiving an award, the recipient will have his or her name engraved on a plaque to be placed on an LIR Distinguished Service Award board housed outside the Office of Continuing Education in Morris Hall. All members of LIR and all LIR instructors and program leaders, past and present (with the exception of current board members or employees of UW-L), are eligible. Any current member of LIR may make a nomination. The Executive Committee reviews the nominations made by the members and selects the recipient of this annual award.

Members are asked to use the following format to make a nomination for a recipient of the 2012 Award which will be presented at the annual spring breakfast meeting. This format will include the name of the nominee, the nominator and 50 to 100 words describing the exceptional contributions this nominee has made to Learning in Retirement.

Email kdeschepper@uwlax.edu or mail Karen DeSchepper, Office of Continuing Education, UW-L, 1725 State Street-205 Morris Hall, La Crosse, WI 54601, your nomination. Deadline is April 13, 2012.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2012/2013

Elections for LIR Officers will be held at the May 1 Spring Annual Meeting. Currently, the President and Vice-President positions will need to be filled. Anyone wishing to be nominated should let a member of the Executive Committee know, so your name can be placed on nomination paperwork.

Rotary Lights 2011

For the third year in a row, LIR volunteers participated in helping Rotary Lights with their decorating of Riverside Park and the LIR Christmas tree decorating and takedown. Thanks to Shirley Anderson, Dave and Annie Antony, Donna Bartuski, Jack and Georgeann Connaughton, Bill and Mary Graumann, Shirley Huhn, Ron Rick, Jane Treglowne and Bob Wingate. With the number of people viewing this spectacular light display, LIR should get good exposure and hopefully new members. We will be looking for volunteers for 2012 at our September 12

Welcome Back Social.
 Ron Rick, LIR
 President/Rotary
 Lights Coordinator



Registration Form Spring 2012

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (_____) _____
 E-mail Address _____

Return this form and method of payment:
 By Mail: UW-La Crosse Continuing Education
 205 Morris Hall
 1725 State St.
 La Crosse, WI 54601
 By Fax: 608.785.6547
 By Phone: 608.785.6504; toll-free 1.866.895.9233

Form of Payment (circle one): Visa Mastercard American Express
 Check (made payable to UW-L)

Credit Card # _____
 Exp. Date: ____ / ____
 Cardholder's Signature _____
 Print Name of Cardholder _____

- _____ \$35 Membership fee (41-00) (July 1, 2011-June 30-2012)
- _____ \$12.50 An Inside Look at the Life and Times of a Journalist (83-62)
- _____ \$12.50 America's National Parks (83-56)
- _____ \$12.50 Golden Age of Radio (83-57)
- _____ \$24 Menu for the Future (83-58) incl. book purchase
- _____ \$12.50 Women and Politics in Today's World (83-59)
- _____ \$49 Potosi Tour (83-61)*
- _____ \$0 (member fee); ____ \$5 (non-member fee)
- _____ **Travel Talk-England (83-63)
- _____ \$8 (member and non-member fee)
 Spring Annual Meeting (83-64)
- *Potosi Trip luncheon choice: (*Apple pie for all meal types*)
- _____ Beef tips with mushrooms, pasta and vegetable
- _____ Beer-battered cod with french fries and coleslaw
- _____ Vegetarian stir-fry

**Travel talks are open to members and non-members. \$5 fee applies to non-members only. Participants must register in advance. You may bring your own lunch or purchase it at Cartwright Center for these Travel Talks.

In an effort to cut down on waste and keep our world a bit greener — how would you like to receive the LIR Newsletters:
 ___ U.S. Mail
 ___ Electronically via email (can download to view or print)

Online registration available only to current LIR members with known email addresses (check your email for this important information)

TRAVEL TALK - England

In 2010, Sandy Sechrest, LIR Curriculum Committee Chair and retired UW-L Murphy Library, went on a British Mystery Tour to the West Country of England. She visited places associated with Agatha Christie, Arthur Conan Doyle, Daphne du Maurier and even Jane Austen. Come learn about a beautiful part of Great Britain!

Friday, April 13 | 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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Thank you to...

Sally Olson ... after nearly 10 years, Sally Olson has decided to step down as chairperson of the LIR Membership and Promotion Committee. Sally spent many hours promoting LIR and bringing in new members. Sally and her committee members were responsible for distribution of newsletters throughout the city and attending retirement functions around town to promote membership in LIR. Some of her numerous duties included getting speakers, entertainment for LIR meetings and submitting articles to local media. Her replacement will be Jane Treglowne as of January 1. With Jane's experience and attention to detail, this will be a smooth transition. A big welcome to Jane! Again a big THANK YOU to Sally for all the time spent in keeping our organization functioning. You did a great job!

Annette Valeo ... thanks to Annette Valeo, our interim Continuing Education liaison representative during the period of March through June. Annette provided all aspects of administrative support and allowed our organization to function until a permanent liaison was appointed. Annette was very cheerful, knowledgeable and very receptive to the LIR Executive Committee.

Ron Rick, LIR President

SAVE THE DATE! JULY 21: Great River Shakespeare Festival's Two Gentlemen of Verona

LIR Lunch Bunch

Mark your calendars! If you are interested in meeting friends old and new, good food and casual conversation, check out the times and locations below. Lunch will be on your own and pre-registration is not required. Be sure to bring a friend! Reminders will not be sent.

Noon, Feb. 16, Boot Hill Pub Noon, April 19, Red Lobster

Noon, March 15, Carlos O'Kelly's Noon, May 17, Bamboo House

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