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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-LA CROSSE

LEARNING *in Retirement* NEWSLETTER

2017 CABIN FEVER SERIES



Welcome to our 'new look' Learning in Retirement newsletter! Once again the Curriculum Committee has organized a series of lectures/discussions for opportunities in the upcoming months. Most of our offerings require a membership in Learning in Retirement to get the best price, although there are opportunities for non-members to participate as well. You do need to register in advance for the classes and you are encouraged to do so soon! Many fill up quickly or have limited class size.

Homeless Efforts in La Crosse

Come and hear about the problems of homelessness in La Crosse and how it is being met by the community. Members of the La Crosse Collaborative to End Homelessness will provide insights about the state of homelessness here. Staff from area agencies will discuss their role in the campaign that began in the fall of 2016. Couleecap, the Salvation Army, Veterans Assistance Foundation, YWCA for the Coulee Region, New Horizons and Catholic Charities of La Crosse will be on hand.

Friday, January 13, 2017 | 10 a.m.-noon
Room 3130 Student Union, UW-La Crosse
LIR Members – no cost, Non-members - \$5

So You Want to Write a Story...

Tips & Tools to get started

Fran Rybarik, Heidi Blanke, members of Women Writers Ink

Join members of Women Writers Ink in a friendly environment to learn some tips and tools to make your story pop – whether it is fiction, non-fiction or poetry. The purpose of this course is the understanding of three tips or tools to enhance your writing skills. We will create a short piece of fiction, non-fiction or poetry and learn positive methods of critique. Limit: 15 people.

Tuesday, January 24, 2017 | 10 a.m.-noon
Room 3135 Student Union, UW-La Crosse
LIR Members – no cost, Non-members - \$5

Leave No Trace

Chad DuChateau
DuChateau's presentation will be based on The Seven Principles of Outdoor Ethics. Chad is WisCorps' Program Coordinator. He has over 20 years of experience working in the great outdoors. He has worked as an environmental educator and was a traveling trainer for the Leave No Trace program.



The Leave No Trace principles might seem unimportant until you consider the combined effects of millions of outdoor visitors. Leaving no trace is everyone's responsibility. Leave everything just as you found it. Travel lightly on the land.

Friday, January 27, 2017 | 10 a.m.-noon
The Myrick Center, Myrick Park, La Crosse
LIR Members – \$15/session,
Non-members - \$25/session

More cabin fever sessions on next page.

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Snowshoeing

Come join us for an invigorating and refreshing morning on the snow! No experience needed. The WisCorp staff will help us get into the gear that is provided and guide our hike in the marsh.

**Friday, February 3, 2017 | 10 a.m.-noon, second session
on February 17, 2017**

The Myrick Center, Myrick Park, La Crosse

LIR Members – \$15/session,

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Years of Living Dangerously

A three-part series featuring a video documentary followed by an open discussion. Program 1 deals with drought, Program 2 with forests and fire fighters and Program 3 is centered on global warming and superstorms. Each program features celebrity investigators with a history of environmental activism and well-known journalists with a background in environmental reportage. These “correspondents” travel the world and throughout the U.S. to interview experts and ordinary people affected by, and seeking solutions to, the effects of global warming. They act as proxies for the audience, asking questions to find out people’s opinions and to discover the scientific evidence.

Program 1, “Dry Season” Don Cheadle reports on the severe droughts in the Southwest United States, following scientist and devout Christian, Katharine Hayhoe, as she speaks to religious audiences about the connection between extreme weather and climate change; Harrison Ford visits Indonesia to learn how slash-and-burn deforestation, driven by the global appetite for products like palm oil and paper, contributes a large portion of the world’s carbon emissions; and Thomas Friedman investigates how drought contributed to the civil war in Syria.

Program 2, “End of the Woods”

Schwarzenegger accompanies the “hot shots”, elite firefighters in Western U.S. forests, as they

risk their lives fighting the fire season made longer and more destructive by global warming, as fire regions expand from the southwest U.S. further north into Canada. He learns that even more destruction is caused by the proliferation of bark beetles, as longer summers enable them to reproduce up to twice each year and kill trees with their toxic secretions. Meanwhile, Ford continues his quest to stop Indonesian deforestation and the carbon emissions and displacement of animals and people that it causes.

Program 3, “The Surge” Chris Hayes reports on how Superstorm Sandy affected towns and families; he meets with congressman Michael Grimm from New Jersey, initially a climate skeptic, who changes his position on global warming after reviewing the science and the work of fellow-Republican Bob Inglis. M. Sanjayan interviews scientists around the world about global warming and reviews the data that they are collecting about the effects of climate change around the world, for example at Christmas Island, where El Niños begin.

Thursday, March 2, 9 and 16, 2017

10 a.m.-noon

Room 3130 Student Union, UW-La Crosse

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Auschwitz Revisited: Perspectives from Film, Literature and History

Gregory P. Wegner, retired UW-L History Professor
Wegner has been researching the Holocaust for more than 40 years. He started when he became a student at UWL in 1968 and teachers like the late history professor Bill Vettes inspired him to continue to dig into history. He has published two books, including one on Nazi education, "Anti-Semitism and Schooling Under the Third Reich" (2002).

Monday, March 6, 13 and 20, 2017

9-11 a.m.

Room 3130 Student Union, UW-La Crosse

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LOOKING AHEAD

Arbor Day

Randy Mell, UW Extension

Randy will provide a lecture and then lead us on a walkabout for tree identification.

Friday, April 28, 2017

10 a.m.-noon

The Myrick Center,

Myrick Park, La Crosse

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Non-members - \$25

We are also planning:

- Four sessions led by Sandra Sechrest exploring Women Film Directors
 - Greg Parmenter will lead a class about Theater
 - Sandy will also be doing a Travel Talk about her trip to Canada, sharing her beautiful photos
 - A possible trip to Mason City, IA to see the work of Frank Lloyd Wright
 - A possible trip to see Lang Lang at the Beethoven Festival in Winona, MN
- If you have other things that you can help with or suggestions that you would like to see pursued, please call the office and share your ideas!

As we move Learning In Retirement forward, we are looking to create an experience that is a bit more seamless for our members. The curriculum committee's goal is to plan an entire year's programs at the beginning of the year. We will transition toward that for our next membership year so you will see the value of your membership without waiting for the next season. This will provide an opportunity for members to get more involved in the planning and preparing as your input will be crucial to making this happen! We will also be looking at the membership structure and pricing in this process. We will communicate with more frequent electronic newsletters, always giving you the option of getting a printed copy. Be sure to read and share with others! Watch for exciting things coming!

Senior's Walking the Appalachian Trail (AT)

Nola Larson

Are you ready to take a hike? Well, pull up a chair and listen to hiking adventures and challenges of seniors on the Appalachian Trail. By hearing the history of the trail's development you will realize that the Appalachian Trail is a national treasure. We will get an historical background of the Appalachian Trail, share stories of seniors walking the AT and motivate seniors to get out and walk or hike. If you want to read about a woman who did just that consider reading 'Grandma Gatewood's Walk'! Some practical ideas will be shared on how to get started on your own walking adventures and it is hoped that you will be inspired. Limit: 15 people.

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 | 9-11 a.m.

Room 3130 Student Union, UW-La Crosse

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Lunch Bunch

(All dates are
Thursdays at noon)

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 invite a friend! Reminders will not be sent.

December 8 – Famous Dave's, Onalaska

January 19 – Burger Fusion (in the Holiday Inn downtown), La Crosse

DID YOU KNOW...

1. Please consider bringing a friend so they can experience Learning In Retirement. We have a pass that will allow them to check out one class at no cost. Call the Continuing Education office for details.
2. In addition to the annual parking pass there is now another option! Please check out UWL Parking at www.uwlax.edu/parking to learn more about the new pay stations. They have a video explaining how to use them on the site. New pay stations are located in seven commuter lots on campus. Be on the lookout for the new, gray pay stations with color displays. Customers use their license plates as their permits, and display of a receipt is not necessary. The pay stations offer an option to enter a cell phone number to receive an alert when time is about to expire.

Customers can reply, via text message, to purchase additional time. The pay stations default to a \$5 overnight rate from 7 p.m.-2 a.m. and charge \$1 per hour between 2 a.m.-7 p.m. Pay-by-phone is available at any UWL pay station. Visitors can download the Passport Parking app to their smartphones or <https://ppprk.com/park> to create an account. Visitors can then add time remotely by selecting one of the numbered zones on campus. Visitors use their license plates to validate transactions.

3. If you or anyone that you know is interested in being a part of the LIR Curriculum Committee we would love to have you. Please contact the office by telephone or email, or contact Neale Koenig, the Committee Chairperson at 608.788.1074.

Registration Form LIR December 2016

To register by phone: 608.785.6500

To register by mail: UW-La Crosse Continuing Education
1725 State St; 205 Morris Hall
La Crosse, WI 54601

- \$35 Membership fee (7/1/16-6/30/17)
 \$35 Parking permit (9/1/16-8/31/17)

Register online at www.uwlax.edu/lir

	Member	Non-member
Homeless Efforts in La Crosse	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5
So You Want to Write a Story	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5
Leave No Trace	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25
Snowshoeing	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25
Years of Living Dangerously	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25
Auschwitz Revisted	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25
Walking the Appalachian Trail	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25
Arbor Day	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25

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