

Golden Opportunities

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OCTOBER 2014

OCTOBER 15 MEETING

Location:

Dunn Richmond Economic
Development Center
150 E Pleasant Hill Road,
Carbondale

- 9:30 Coffee Social Hour
- 10:30 Meeting and Program

SILIR Volunteers for this event include:

Greeters: Gayle Klam,
Clara McClure, Marilyn
Daniels

Chair: Gary Hartlieb

AT A GLANCE

Monthly Meetings:

November 19, 2014

December: No meeting

October Speaker:

Harry Spiller

“An Authors View of Writing”



Harry Spiller joined the Marine Corps in 1963, five days after graduating from Marion High School. After ten years on active duty, including two tours of duty in Vietnam, he returned to southern Illinois serving as a policeman and sheriff of Williamson County. Spiller has graduate degrees in criminal justice, political science, and public administration from SIU Carbondale. He taught criminal justice at John A. Logan College and now resides in West Frankfort, IL.

Harry has written seven books and thirty-three crime stories. His “Murder in the Heartland” series was a critically acclaimed account of cases reported in our local papers.



LUNCH TALK

The lunch discussion group will meet at The Flame on Thursday, October 23, at 11:45 a.m.

What will you learn



today?

2014-2015 Book Club

The Book Club meets the third Monday morning of the month at 9:30 at Epiphany Lutheran Church on West Chautauqua. The following are the selections for October and November:

October: *The President's Club: Inside the World's Most Exclusive Fraternity* by Nancy Gibbs and Michael Duffy. The first history of the private relationships among modern presidents—their backroom deals, rescue missions, secret alliances and enduring rivalries.

November: *The Shadow Catcher* by Marianne Wiggins. A novel about the American photographer, Edward S. Curtis, who had a mission to record the lives of American Indians in the early decades of the 20th century.

December: No meeting

Interested in joining the Book Study Group? Use the registration form on the last page of this newsletter.

Fall Session II Courses: October 13, 2014—November 14, 2014

MONDAY

Playreading and Analysis—Edward Albee & Horton Foote—Christian Moe

October 13—November 10, 9 am—11 am
Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship—105 N. Parrish Lane

Class members will read aloud and discuss four plays in five weeks. The plays are: The Trip to Bountiful & Old Friends by Horton Foote and A Delicate Balance & Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf by Edward Albee. The instructor will cast each play and provide background material for each for purposes of discussion and analysis. **Maximum 12; Registration Fee: \$10.00**

Materials: Used single copies of the 2 Albee plays and Trip to Bountiful can be purchased through amazon or new at (DPS) Dramatist Play Service for \$8.00. If Foote's Old Friends is not published by DPS by September 1st, another Foote play will be announced. Estimated total cost \$25.

A Skeptic Reads Scripture—Paul Mundschenk

October 13—November 10, 1:30 pm—3:30 pm
University Baptist—700 S Oakland, Carbondale, IL

People who embrace a worldview devoid of religious convictions are under no obligation to reject out of hand the value of relevance of all religious scripture. This class will examine and how it plays out when the authority of the texts is rejected at the outset. What happens is that we become free to read them as we would any other pieces of literature, and discover gems of insight. In this course, we will read portions of the Bible, the Qur'an, the Bhagavad Gita, the Dhammapada, and the Tao Te Ching with this approach in mind. **Registration Fee: \$10.00**

TUESDAY

Civilizations at the Tipping Point: War or Peace in the 21st Century—Leo Gher

October 14—November 18**, 1 pm—3 pm
Epiphany Lutheran Church—1501 W Chautauqua, Carbondale
****Class will not meet on November 4****

This course will explore some of the big ideas facing humanity in the coming years: The Clash of Civilizations; The End of History; Manifest Destiny; American Exceptionalism; The Russian Bear Rising; Arab Spring becomes Islamist Winter; among others. We will delve into the history, religion, and culture of modern civilizations, seeking to understand the differences that shape current and future conflicts. This course will be offered in a multimedia format with interactive opportunities.

WEDNESDAY

Memoirs II —Roberta Piper

October 15—November 12, 1:30 pm-3:30 pm
Epiphany Lutheran Church—1501 W Chautauqua, Carbondale

If you've not been able to join this group in a previous session, you're invited to come and start putting your memories to paper. This is not a critical class focused on grammar. It's a warm and caring group that encourages each person to open up the past for your own or your family's pleasure. Write from one's experience, reading in class what one has written.

Registration Fee: \$10.00

THURSDAY

Trails of Evidence: How Forensic Science Works—Roland Person

October 16—November 13, 9:30 am—11:30 am, Epiphany Lutheran Church—1501 W Chautauqua, Carbondale

This is a DVD course presented by Dr. Elizabeth Murray, a forensic anthropologist and professor of Biology. We will choose from topics dealing with evidence and crime-scene investigation—these will include fingerprints, firearms, plant and animal evidence and body fluid analysis. Various documents, high-tech crimes, arson, bombing, blood-stain evidence & eyewitness testimony will also be covered. **Registration Fee: \$10.00**

Focusing on the 2014 Mid-Term Elections and their Meaning—John Jackson

October 16—November 13, 1:30 pm—3:30 pm, Epiphany Lutheran Church—1501 W Chautauqua, Carbondale

This course will provide an analysis of the 2014 congressional and governors elections and their meaning for the policies of the Obama Administration for its last two years in office. It will set these elections into a larger historical context of other such mid-term elections and their impact. The course will also set this year's elections in the larger perspective of the party and ideological polarization which has marked American politics for the past two decades. **Registration Fee: \$10.00**

FRIDAY

Gettysburg: America's Crossroad—Dan Jones

October 17—November 14, 9:30 am—11:30 am, Epiphany Lutheran Church—1501 W Chautauqua, Carbondale

The sleepy little crossroad village of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania is the site of what is most probably the most important battle in American History. It was during this conflict that the country would be forced in the direction of perpetual and indivisible union, or the dissolution of the United States. Come and share the heroism and acts of fortune that would take place to shape this battle. Three days of battle that forever changed the face of America. **Materials:** Required reading: "Witness to Gettysburg: by Richard Wheeler. **Registration Fee: \$10.00**

REGISTRATION FORM

•Please fill out and send entire form with payment. •

SILIR REGISTRATION FORM (PLEASE FILL IN YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.)

First Name _____ Last Name _____
 Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone Number _____ Cell Phone _____
 E-mail Address _____

If paying for more than one person's membership dues, write their name here: _____

LIR Course Cancellation/Refund Policy: There are no refunds issued for Learning in Retirement courses; however, if you will be unable to attend a course you've registered for, please call Continuing Education and Outreach at 536-7751 so that they may cancel your registration. There may be people on the waitlist that would love to fill the spot. Thank you for your consideration of others!

SESSION II COURSES

(15E0901901) Annual Membership Dues.....\$25 x _____ = _____

(15E0901902) Book Study Group.....\$10 x _____ = _____

(15E0901903) Lunch Talk Discussion Group.....\$10 x _____ = _____

(15E0901910) A Skeptic Reads Scripture.....\$10 x _____ = _____

(15E0901916) Forensic Science.....\$10 x _____ = _____

(15E0901917) Mid-Term Elections.....\$10 x _____ = _____

(15E0901918) Gettysburg: America's Crossroad.....\$10 x _____ = _____

(15E0901921) Memoirs II.....\$10 x _____ = _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

LEARNING IN RETIREMENT PROGRAM WAIVER

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Signature _____ Date _____

My signature confirms that I have read and understand the activity level of any trip sponsored by Learning in Retirement and accept the risks and conditions of the trip. I am aware that some trips may encounter rough terrain and closed-toe shoes will aid in maintaining my safety.

Please submit a check payable to "SIU Carbondale" or provide your credit card information below.

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. _____

Name on Card _____

Email (for receipt): _____

Mail form to: Continuing Education and Outreach, 1255 Lincoln Drive, Mail Code 6705, Carbondale, IL 62901 or call CEO Registration at 618-536-7751 to register with your credit card information.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN TODAY?



Visit the SI Learning in Retirement web page at:
www.de.siu.edu/index.php/personal/250-silr



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