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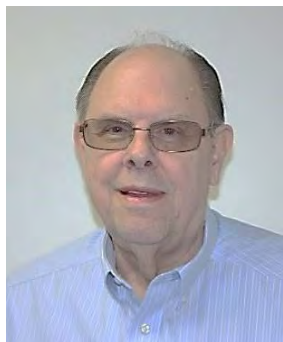
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From the President

Dear LIR Members,

Last semester, I wrote about the stabilization of the program after the strain of the Covid pandemic. We got through that challenge and had a successful year, with a bump in the road at the very end.

With the arrival of organizational strain for UWO, the same strain was transferred to LIR. With the help of our friends at Evergreen, LIR has aligned for a successful spring semester.

While arrangements have been made to carry on much like before, we ask for your patience for any growing pains of this new system. This is now the time to do all you can to support the group, including more support for the committee work that allows the organization to be the best it can be.

We will miss our long-time staff from UWO, Julie Kiefer and Judy Lloyd, and wish them well in this next phase. The membership knows they were the glue that kept things together behind the scenes.

Thank you for your contributions and participation, and we hope to see all of you in the coming semester.

Jim Krueger
President



LIR is being offered through Evergreen in partnership with UW Oshkosh. Evergreen staff provide administrative support for LIR by collecting and tracking registrations, memberships, and other payments. They are your go-to for answering questions and day-to-day administration of the program.

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Membership & Registration

Membership: Your LIR Membership fee of \$100 includes attendance at unlimited programs for one academic year July 1 – June 30. Membership year is July 1 thru June 30. You will receive a new catalog and membership renewal information in July each year. To join in spring, the membership fee is \$50. Mail your completed membership form along with a check to the LIR office.

Mail: Complete the registration form and mail it to the LIR office. See page 2 for address.

General Information

Payment Procedures for Paid Programs: Please only register for programs that you plan to attend. It is preferred that you pay when you register by using the payment slips enclosed with the catalog. Your payment secures your spot in fee-based programs and tours.

Bring a Friend: You may bring a non-member to programs. Please check with the office first to ensure there is space available.

Program Change Notifications: If there is a last-minute program schedule change or cancellation due to circumstances other than weather, an email will be sent to those registered. Make sure your email is up to date in the office.

Weather Cancellations: Check Green Bay TV Stations for notifications. If public schools are closed **in the city where the program is being held**, the program is cancelled. You may not receive any other notification. Cancellations may be made prior to the day of, on a case-by-case basis. If possible, an email will be sent informing those registered of the cancellation.



Reasons to stay engaged in Lifelong Learning:

- Improves self-confidence and other personal qualities.
- Strengthens your mental capabilities and overall well-being.
- Provides opportunities to meet new and like-minded people.
- Assists in developing new hobbies and interests; and
- Puts your well-developed skills to use after retirement.

Be a lifelong learner!

Special Interest Groups

1) Readers' Choice

Love books and reading? Group participants decide on the selection of books to read and discuss.

Dates: Wednesdays; February 7, March 6, April 3, May 1, and June 5

Time: 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Coordinator: Lee Prellwitz

Note: This group meets virtually and is separate from the Evergreen resident's group.

2) Garden Group

Experts will present on a variety of gardening and landscape topics. Field trips to area nurseries and gardens are a favorite activity. Group participants decide on the programming and activities.

Dates: Fridays; February 9, March 1, April 5, May 3, and June 7

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Coordinator: Debby Butch

Location: Coughlin Center and various other locations selected by group.

3) Life Story Writing Group

Reflect on your life and write autobiographical stories that focus on aspects of those memories. The focus of this group is to share your personal writing and offer feedback to one another. Some helpful writing resources will be supplied. Participants will receive monthly writing prompts or themes to use but are free to write on any topic.

Dates: Tuesdays; February 27, March 26, April 23, and May 28

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Coordinators: Helen Adams and Marsha Rossiter

Location: Evergreen

Maximum Participants: 15

Courses and Tours

4) The Decline of Democracy: Causes, Effects, and Possible Remedies

The number of nations governed by democratic forms of government expanded rapidly and deeply following the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and the collapse of the USSR in 1991, so much so that some observers declared an “end of history.” In recent years, however, a variety of metrics show that democracy is in decline in many nations. The presentation examines the causes, effects, and possible remedies for this democratic decline.

Date: Monday, February 5, 2024

Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Presenter: Dr. Martin Farrell

Coordinator: Lee Prellwitz

Location: Evergreen - Hybrid

5) A Gem of the Fox Cities*

Come hear the story of Jewelers Mutual. Learn more about the company that was founded by a group of Wisconsin jewelers in 1913 and has become the largest insurer of jewelry in the United States and Canada. Additionally, take a guided tour of the Jewelers Mutual R. Harder Gallery and see one of the largest collections of gemstones and minerals in the United States.

Date: Thursday, February 8, 2023

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Tyler Krowiorz, Director, Enterprise Communications

Coordinator: Pat Lowney

Location: Jewelers Mutual, 24 Jewelers Park Dr., Neenah, WI 54956

Jewelers Mutual is located along the east frontage road along Hwy 41 between the Breezewood/Bells St. exit and the Winneconne/114 exit in Neenah. Follow the signs to the R. Harder Gallery.

***This is rescheduled from the fall of 2023, and only for those who registered previously.**

6) MASH, from the actual history to the TV show

We all have our impression of the workings and realities of a MASH unit in wartime based on the TV show. Join us for a thorough discussion of what is found in actual military history and how it was portrayed in the TV show.

Date: Monday, February 12, 2024

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Chris Henry, Manager of EAA Museum

Coordinator: Jim Krueger

Location: Oshkosh Seniors Center

7) Tour: Explore the Impact of Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement (JA) is the nation's largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their future, and make smart academic and economic choices. We will explore the impact that JA has in the school systems in the Fox Cities and Oshkosh areas. We will also have a **tour** of a "village" called Biz Town that helps young people understand how business works and impacts all our lives in a very hands-on basis.

Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Time: 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Presenter: Mary Beth Tomsyck, Development Coordinator

Coordinator: Pat Lowney

Location: 11 Tri-County Parkway, on the FVTC campus, Appleton

8) Get Set Up

GetSetUp is an online community of active agers who want to learn new skills, connect with others, and unlock new life experiences. GetSetUp offers interactive peer to peer classes and other engaging programming. Topics include business, cooking, health & wellness, art, technology, travel and more. Come learn how you can access this free, online service.

Date: Monday, February 19, 2023

Time: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Anne Schaefer, Connect with Tech, Oshkosh Seniors Center

Coordinator: Lee Prellwitz

Location: Oshkosh Seniors Center

9) Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying is a pervasive and serious problem for youth today. One in six Wisconsin high schoolers report being bullied through social media, text/instant messaging video games, online forums, or other electronic means. LGBTQ+, female, and Asian Americans are especially high risk. Topics covered in this session include types, warning signs, effects, and strategies to prevent and respond to cyberbullying.

Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Libby Strunz, School Mental Health Consultant, WI Dept. of Public Instruction

Coordinator: Joel Kluessendorf

Location: Virtual

10) The Way to Ruin a Good Story...

"The way to ruin a good story is to hear the other side" through mediation. Conflict mediation is an effective, alternative dispute resolution process that allows two parties to work together to resolve their differences. With the help of a trained mediator, they engage in a process of give-and-take to reach a solution without relying on another person like a judge to make a final decision about what will happen.

Date: Monday, February 26, 2024

Time: 1:00* – 2:30 p.m. *note earlier time

Presenter: Tom Hupf of the Resolution Center, Inc.

Coordinator: Shane Boeder

Location: Evergreen - Hybrid

11) Unlearning in Retirement

Mr. Lind will explore how to let go of traditional, second-hand beliefs and behaviors that no longer work for us. He will encourage us to embrace new learning, claim personal truths, and recognize our unity.

Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Time: 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Presenter: Gordon Lind

Coordinator: Lee Prellwitz

Location: Evergreen - Hybrid

12) PLAYTIME: “From the Perspective of a Canoe”

Join us for the World Premiere of *From the Perspective of a Canoe* by Amy Dellagiarino. *Description:* All Tess wants to do is be left alone, but unfortunately for her it's the Fourth of July, and her parents are hell bent on carrying out their annual BBQ. The family tries desperately to keep up appearances while everything they believed to be true crumbles around them. A dark comedy about grief, guilt, and hamburgers. Suggested for Mature audiences.

Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.; 1:00-2:35 performance 2:40-3:00 talkback with water & snack

Presenter: Susan Rabideau, Professor, Communications & Theater Arts, UWO Fox Cities

Coordinator: Mary Bayorgeon, meet Mary in the lobby 15 minutes prior to the start. If you are late, your ticket will be at the Will Call window.

Location: Baehman Theatre, UWO Fox Cities, 1478 Midway Road Menasha, WI

Parking: Free during performances on the west and south sides of the building. Enter at the south plaza entrance, marked by “The Performers” (three 12-foot-high aluminum statues).

Cost: \$18

13) Common Eye Conditions

We will discuss the basics of cataracts, presbyopia, dry eye, glaucoma, macular degeneration, and other eye diseases and how these conditions can affect vision. We will also discuss helpful tips on how to monitor your vision at home.

Date: Monday, March 4, 2024

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Dr. Kunal Patel, MD, ophthalmologist, Tower Clock Eye Center

Coordinator: Mary Bayorgeon

Location: Brin Hall at Oak Park Place, Menasha

14) Capital Punishment in the U.S.

This program will examine some of the key issues regarding the use of capital punishment in the U.S. today. This will include an overview of which states use this punishment, how frequently it is used, and compositions of death rows. Examples of contemporary controversies that will be discussed include race and gender biases, deterrence, potential innocence, and costs associated with this sanction.

Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Time: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Presenter: Kristin Rose, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at UWO

Coordinator: Nathalie Moore

Location: Oshkosh Seniors Center

15) MRSA: Story of Survival

Rosie is a widow, mother, grandmother, and an educator. In August of 2009 she underwent a total right knee replacement that developed into a MRSA staph infection. This healthcare acquired infection has led to 58 surgeries, over 200 hospitalizations, 100 blood transfusions, a right leg amputation six inches above the knee, then two years later a total hip amputation with the removal of part of her pelvic bone during another surgery. She also experienced sepsis and septic shock more than fourteen times. As Rosie continues to battle this MRSA infection in her body, she is driven to share her story of survival. She believes in helping others with disabilities find their voices. She uses her story to co-design with medical professionals, researchers and to advocate for patients and their caregivers.

Date: Thursday, March 7, 2024

Time: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Presenters: Rosie Bartel has an MA in Educational Leadership; and is a Patient Partner

Coordinator: Karen Kaempffe

Location: Evergreen - Hybrid

16) WASPS – First Women in History to Fly for Army Air Corp

In conjunction with “Women’s History Month” Chris Henry presents on the founding of the Women flying in the military. Before there could be women flying combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan, there were the pioneers of the Army Air Forces of World War II. On July 5, 1943, the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron, or WAFS, and the Women's Flying Training Detachment merged into a single unit for all female pilots. The new group called itself the Women's Airforce Service Pilots, or WASP, with its pilots known as WASPs.

Date: Monday, March 11, 2024

Time: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Presenters: Chris Henry, Manager of EAA Museum

Coordinator: Karen Kaempffe

Location: Oshkosh Seniors Center

17) Land and Water Resource Management

This presentation will focus on how we all benefit from the protection and sustainable use of our natural resources in Winnebago County. Topics to include water quality initiatives, wetland restoration, and soil conservation.

Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Time: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Presenter: Chad Casper, Director, Winnebago County Land & Water Conservation Dept.

Coordinator: Joel Kluessendorf

Location: Coughlin Center

18) Reclaiming Our Democracy by Getting Big Money Out of Politics

Big money in politics is damaging, if not destroying, our democracy. The 2010 Citizens United ruling by the United States Supreme Court has made it impossible to limit big money in politics. Wisconsin United to Amend (WIUTA) is spearheading the movement to remove big money from politics. The presentation will give a simplified history of how we got to where we are, what we must do to reclaim our democracy, and explain what we can do to help.

Date: March 14, 2024

Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Presenter: George Penn

Coordinator: Lee Prellwitz

Location: Evergreen

19) Wisconsin Man Art

“Wisconsin Man Art” is what happens when men are left unsupervised and have access to cement, broken bottles, scrap metal and other resources and have a profound need to create. Throughout Wisconsin there are unique “art environments,” some that are world famous and others that are totally obscure. Over the last five years Michael has been discovering, documenting, and capturing the story behind some truly unique creations. Stories that might motivate you to take a road trip and experience them yourselves. Michael’s presentation has been described as captivating; eccentric; intriguing; and humorous.

Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2023

Time: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Michael Cooney

Coordinator: Pat Mahoney

Location: Evergreen - Hybrid

20) Tour of the Community First Champion Center

The Community First Champion Center is a 164,000-square-foot facility that features a year-round ice rink, a fieldhouse, and a seasonal arena that transitions between an ice rink and hardwood courts. We will tour the facility and hear a presentation of the unique partnership of ownership and financing that has created a very successful community sports complex. There is nothing like this in the Midwest.

Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Time: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Presenters: Adam Ligocki, GM of the Community First Champion Center
& Matt Ten Haken, Director of Sports Marketing, Fox Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau

Coordinator: Pat Lowney

Location: 5000 W. Champion Dr., Appleton, WI 54913

21) Presidential Politics: Why Even a Snoozer of a Primary Season is Interesting

Join presidency scholar, Dr. Siemers, in discussion of what comes from the rules of the presidential selection process? What innovations have we seen in how candidates run? How does the process of selecting a president work? What does the 2024 process mean for future presidential contests?

Date: Thursday, March 21, 2024

Time: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Presenter: Dr. David Siemers

Coordinator: Nathalie Moore

Location: Evergreen - Hybrid

22) Supper with the Chef

Sit back and enjoy Evergreen's talented Chef Jason demonstrate the creation of supper prepared especially for LIR. **(this program is for members only)**

Date: Monday, March 25, 2024

Time: 4:30 – 7:00 pm, bar opens at 4:30, presentation at 5

Presenter: Chef Jason, Evergreen Retirement Community

Cost: \$20

Location: Evergreen; **Max:** 45

23) Old Glory Honor Flight

Old Glory Honor Flight of Northeast Wisconsin is a local nonprofit whose mission is to offer our local World War II, Korean and Vietnam war veterans a safe, memorable, and rewarding tour of honor to our nation's capital. It's a whirlwind trip to Washington, DC; it happens all in one day and is completely free to the veteran. It's one way our community can say 'thank you' for their service and sacrifices to our great country. Mr. Schroeder will discuss operations, which includes hosting multiple flights per year.

Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Presenter: Todd J. Schroeder, Vice-President of the Board of Directors

Coordinator: Pat Mahoney

Location: Evergreen - Hybrid

24) Two Fathers – One War

Local author (Winneconne) Marcia Pollock Wysocky will discuss her book (2013) "Two Fathers One War." The book, her first, is based on the letters her father wrote to his father during World War II. The book covers military aviation training in the United States, bombing missions on islands in the South Pacific, and the Battle of the Bulge. In addition, she will bring artifacts from World War II for us to see.

Date: Thursday, April 4, 2024

Time: 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Presenters: Marcia Pollock Wysocky

Coordinator: Lee Prellwitz

Location: Evergreen – Hybrid

25) China, Taiwan, and the Threat of War in the Pacific

China and Taiwan have had a hostile but still relatively stable relationship for nearly 75 years. However, in the past few years tension has increased to the point that some observers say there is a major chance of a war in the next five years. Since the United States has commitments regarding Taiwan, we could become involved in such a war. Bill will discuss the major factors involved in the long-term hostility, why the situation has become so dangerous recently, and America's position in the situation.

Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Time: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Presenter: William Woolley, Ripon College Professor of History Emeritus

Coordinator: Pat Lowney

Location: Evergreen - Hybrid

26) Tour: Sites and Sounds of the Pipe Organ

Learn how a pipe organ works and see a demonstration the different sounds of this large and diverse instrument. The organ, built in 1934 by the Aeolian Skinner Company and added to and enhanced several times, was completely overhauled in 2005. Moore served as senior pastor to the church from 1989 to 2016, and he has played for services as a substitute organist.

Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Time: 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Presenter: Richard Moore, Pastor Emeritus of the First Presbyterian Church

Coordinator: Pat Mahoney

Location: First Presbyterian Church, 200 Church St., Neenah

27) SOAR (Snowy Owl Airport Rescue)

Project SOAR (Snowy Owl Airport Rescue) offers airports non-lethal options for managing wildlife by safely capturing and relocating Snowy Owls and other birds of prey that are hindering airport safety operations. Hear about the history of this volunteer effort and the life history of snowy owls. Learn about the life history of snowy owls and how this volunteer rescue effort began in Oshkosh.

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Janet Wissink, Pres., Winnebago Audubon Society; Erin Grese, Pres., NE Wisconsin Audubon & lead falconer Frank Ujzdowski, Wisconsin Falconers Association.

Coordinator: Jim Krueger

Location: Evergreen - Hybrid

28) What You Don't Know about Addiction and Treatment

Learn the latest in addiction trends in our area and Wisconsin. Hear the difference between what is said in the media vs. what is really happening and why. Discover the resources available for different needs. Finally, discover what is Apricity and their role is in addressing this issue.

Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Time: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Presenter: Michele Devine Giese, CEO, Apricity

Coordinator: Pat Lowney

Location: To be determined – watch your email for more information.

29) Grunt Surgeon

Come hear a first-hand account of the daily trauma and duties of a field doctor in the jungles of Vietnam.

Date: Thursday, April 18, 2024

Time: 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Presenter: F. Mark Moore, M.D.

Coordinator: Joel Kluessendorf

Location: Evergreen - Hybrid



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30) Grandparenting Is Hard! What's Up With Kids These Days?

You have heard the news and seen the statistics; more kids than ever are experiencing depression, anxiety, and suicidal thoughts. What are kids saying about this? What are we doing to identify these concerns, build awareness, and connect kids to care? What can you do about it?

Date: Friday, April 19, 2024

Time: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Presenter: Amy D'Addario, MS, CSW, SAC

Coordinator: Jerry Lang

Location: Samaritan Fox Valley Counseling; 1205 Province Terrace, Menasha 54952

31) John Muir "He speaks to us yet."

One of our premier conservationists, John Muir helped make Yosemite National Park famous. This presentation features his writings on three of the greatest "backyards" in the world--The Grand Canyon, Yosemite and Yellowstone National Parks. Paired with wonderful antique glass lantern slide images, listen to his lyrical writings and you will understand that although he died in 1914, Muir "speaks to us yet."

Date: Monday, April 22, 2024

Time: 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Presenter: Thomas Sutter

Coordinator: Mary Bayorgeon

Location: Menasha Public Library-Company E Room

32) Visiting Mongolia, June 2023

Mary Ann will share photos and narrative about her month-long visit to Mongolia. Her program will include photos and information about the capital city Ulaanbaatar and the countryside, including a train ride from the Russian border to China that crossed the Taiga, across the steppes & the Gobi Desert.

Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2023

Time: 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Presenter: Mary Ann Offer

Coordinator: Nathalie Moore

Location: Oshkosh Seniors Center

33) Subversive Textiles: Stitching Missing History

Needles, thread, shuttlecocks, and remnants of fabric have long been women's tools to create stories on cloth that make the past visible and restore to history people and events that have been excluded. By looking closely at clothing, banners, tapestries, samplers, and quilts we can see how some document injustices and defy public forgetting.

Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024

Time: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Presenter: Shane Boeder, Ph.D.

Coordinator: Shane Boeder

Location: Evergreen - Hybrid

34) Playtime: Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare

Come see a classic Shakespeare play, directed by Jane Purse-Wiedenhoeft, the UWO Theatre Dept. Chair. Tickets will be set aside for LIR; Come 15-20 minutes early to purchase your ticket at the door.

Date: Sunday, April 28, 2024

Time: 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Coordinator: Shane Boeder

Location: UW Oshkosh Theatre Arts Center, 1010 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh (Corner of Algoma Blvd and Woodland Ave.) Free Parking is available during performances; the closest lots are #4 on Woodland Ave and #29 across from the theatre.

Cost: \$11.50 paid at the door

35) “Choosing Joy Through Life Lessons”

Lots of people confuse joy with happiness, and although they are closely related and often occur simultaneously, these feel-good emotions aren't synonymous. Happiness is an emotion that brings bursts of intense pleasure, excitement, and satisfaction, while joyfulness is a stronger, longer-term state that results in feelings of inner peace and contentment.

Join storyteller and author Carmen Leal as she shares about the importance of choosing joy no matter our age or our circumstances. Carmen's last Learning in Retirement presentation was Life Lessons Learned from a Dog. She likes to tell people that her life has been messy with a side of sass.

Date: Monday, April 29, 2024

Time: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Presenter: Carmen Leal

Coordinator: Nathalie Moore

Location: Chapel at Bethel Home – Miravida Living, 225 N Eagle St, Oshkosh, WI 54902

36) The Wisconsin Supreme Court Judicial Selection Process

In the Supreme Court Judicial process, should we elect or appoint judges? Selecting judges via elections has resulted in the extreme politicization of the process, and the infiltration of large dollars (mainly dark money) into elections for judges. Judge vacancies can also be filled by appointment; but is there a better way? Retired State Supreme Court Justice Jon P. Wilcox spent 17 years on the WI Supreme Court. He will examine how judges are selected.

Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Jon Wilcox

Coordinator: Lee Prellwitz

Location: Evergreen - Hybrid

37) Conversation with a Beekeeper and his Honeybees

Local beekeeper and storyteller shares facts and myths about bees that he has learned over the years through his backyard hobby. Why do bees make honey? What is the bee dance? How do bees decide which plants to visit? Do bees drink water? How many flowers does a bee visit in one trip? What is a Queen Bee? How many eggs does she lay at one time? How do beekeepers avoid getting stung? And so much more...

Date: Monday, May 6, 2024

Time: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Presenter: Doug Voltz

Coordinator: Shane Boeder

Location: Oshkosh Seniors Center

38) Campaign '24: Issues and Candidates

In this presentation, Dr. Palmeri will identify the key issues that will dominate the 2024 campaign for the presidency. He will also discuss the major challenges facing President Joe Biden and the Republicans who seek to unseat him. Audience members will be encouraged to provide their own views on the issues and the campaigns.

Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Dr. Tony Palmeri

Coordinator: Nathalie Moore

Location: Evergreen - Hybrid

39) “That Doesn’t Happen Here, Until It Did”

Jerry Burke spent over 50 years covering the news in Wisconsin. After retiring in 2007 he was encouraged to write a book highlighting his professional experiences. The title represents the variety of stories he covered: remarkable, tragic, and impressive. He will be sharing some of them and the impact they had on him professionally and the public he served. In addition, he will describe his reporting of EAA flightline interviews.

Date: Thursday, May 9, 2024

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Jerry Burke

Coordinator: Jim Krueger

Location: Evergreen - Hybrid

40) Immigration 101

Molly Smiltneek is an attorney specializing in immigration law assistance for those seeking immigration to this country. She will give us an authentic understanding of this involved process.

Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Time: 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Molly Smiltneek

Coordinator: Jim Krueger

Location: Evergreen – Hybrid

41) Traveling Through Italy

Sam and Betty Adams will present a pictorial travelogue of their 2023 trip to Italy.

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2024

Time: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Presenters: Sam and Betty Adams

Coordinator: Lee Prellwitz

Location: Evergreen - Hybrid

42) Tour of the Military Veterans Museum

Museum volunteers will be available upon arrival for a brief orientation and then LIR members can “self-tour” with museum volunteers mingling with the participants. Provide your own transportation and pay the \$5.00 entrance fee at the door.

Date: Friday, May 17, 2024

Time: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., but LIR members can stay as long as they like.

Presenter: Stu Tribby and Dave Kerszytn

Coordinator: Joel Kluessendorf

Location: Military Veterans Museum, 4300 Poberezny Road, Oshkosh

Cost: \$5 pay at the door

43) German Prisoners of Wisconsin in Wisconsin During World War II

While researching for her first novel, *The Cherry Harvest* (2015), Madison, WI author Lucy Sanna discovered the hidden history of World War II German Prisoners of War (POWs) working on farms and canneries across the United States, most notably in Wisconsin. Using 1940’s photographs, along with information gleaned from historical archives, Ms. Sanna will share her discoveries with you.

Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Time: 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Presenter: Lucy Sanna

Coordinator: Lee Prellwitz

Location: Evergreen - Hybrid

44) Living Well & Brain Health

Discover the keys to thriving as you age, because while aging is inevitable, living well is a choice within your control.

Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Time: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Carrie Esselman, Grant Manager, Fox Valley Memory Project

Coordinator: Jerry Lang

Location: Oak Park Place, Menasha

45) The Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) and the 2020 Presidential Election in WI

Marg Bostelmann will complete her five-year term as a member of the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) on May 1, 2024. She will comment on how the six commission members are selected, and how many members from each party are on the board. She will also describe the pressure that was brought to bear on members of the WEC to declare that there was fraud committed in the 2020 presidential election in Wisconsin.

Date: Thursday, May 23, 2024

Time: 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Presenter: Marg Bostelmann

Coordinator: Lee Prellwitz

Location: Evergreen - Hybrid

46) The Dark Side of Children's Picture Books

From the Brothers Grimm and *Der Struwwelpeter* by Heinrich Hoffman to *Missing Mommy* by Rebecca Cobb in which we learn, “you cannot come back once you have died because your body doesn’t work anymore,” how do we talk to children about tough topics -- physical and mental illness, love and sex, and man’s inhumanity to man – through pictures and words? What is suitable for children in America vs. what is suitable abroad? What books do we most love for venturing to the dark side with our own children and grandchildren?

Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2024

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Presenter: Professor Laura Jean Baker

Coordinator: Nathalie Moore

Location: Evergreen - Hybrid

47) Sleeping Through the Ages

The importance of sleep on brain health is a vital part of your daily routine – in fact you spend about one-third of your life doing it! Without good sleep you can’t form or maintain the pathways in your brain that let you learn, create new memories, or concentrate and respond quickly. This presentation will highlight the importance of restorative sleep and how to set up a sleep routine to gain maximum sleep benefits.

Date: Thursday, May 30, 2024

Time: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Presenter: LaReina Tipping, CAPSW, MSW, Program Manager – Brain Center of Green Bay

Coordinator: Jerry Lang

Location: Evergreen - Hybrid

48) LIR Annual Meeting

The Steering Committee hosts an annual meeting for the membership to discuss the previous year and plans for the future. Hear from each of the committee chairs and the President and vote for officers. More information will be sent closer to the date.

Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Time: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Evergreen - Hybrid

Course Locations

UW Oshkosh Theatre Arts Center, 1010 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh (Corner of Algoma Blvd and Woodland Ave.) Free Parking is available during performances; the closest lots are #4 on Woodland Ave and #29 across from the theater.

Evergreen, 1130 N. Westfield, Oshkosh, WI 54902

W & PAC is the room to the left of the front entrance. All other programs are held in the Behnke Room in the lower level of Evergreen.

Miravida Living-Bethel Home Chapel, 225 N. Eagle Street, Oshkosh, WI 54902

Oshkosh Seniors Center, 200 North Campbell Street, Oshkosh, WI 54902 (Main Building)

Coughlin Center, 625 E County Rd Y, Oshkosh, WI 54903

Neenah Public Library, 240 E Wisconsin Ave, Neenah, WI 54956

Menasha Public Library, 440 1st St, Menasha, WI, 54952

Oak Park Place, 2205 Midway Road, Menasha, WI 54952

Samaritan Fox Valley Counseling, 1205 Province Terrace, Menasha, WI 54952

UWO Fox Cities Theater, 1478 Midway Road, Menasha, WI 54952

Parking and Entrance: The south plaza entrance of the Communications Arts Center (CAC) is marked by "The Performers," a striking polished silver aluminum sculpture comprised of three 12-foot-high statues. Parking for the CAC is accessible on the west and south sides of the building, with the south entrance offering curb-side drop-off areas and designated parking places.

Tours: This semester all tours will be self-drive. The address and any instructions are printed with the program information and above. No additional information will be sent to you.

Course Delivery Instructions

Programs will be offered in a couple of different formats:

In-Person: If a location is listed, the program is in-person and that is the only option to view the program.

Hybrid: If the program is at Evergreen and says HYBRID that means you may choose to register to attend in-person or view the program virtually. You do not have to register if you know you will view it virtually. You may not have the same experience virtually, but you will be able to view it from the comfort of your home. Not every program at Evergreen is available virtually, as well.

Virtual: The presenter will be presenting from a remote location and the only way to view the program is on-line.

Links: The links for all Hybrid and Virtual programs will be sent in the email reminder that is sent by the Curriculum Chair each week. Please keep those emails for your records.

As a reminder, please turn off your camera and microphone when viewing the presentation. Closed caption is available, if you want to use it, click on "Live Transcript" and select subtitles.

To ask a question, click on the word "Chat" at the bottom of your screen and type in your question.

FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 The Decline of Democracy 1:30-3 pm Evergreen	6	7 Reader's Choice 2-3:30 pm	8 Tour: Gem of the Fox Cities 10-11:30 am Jeweler's Mutual, Neenah	9 Garden Group 10-11:30 am	10
11	12 "MASH" The Actual History 10-11:30 am Oshkosh Seniors Center	13	14 Tour: Junior Achievement 1:30-3 pm FVTC, Appleton	15	16	17
18	19 GetSetUp Connect with Tech 10-11:30 am Oshkosh Seniors Center	20 Election Day	21 Curriculum Committee 10-11:30 am Virtual	22 Cyberbullying 10-11:30 am Virtual	23	24
25	26 The Way to Ruin a Good Story *1:00-2:30 pm Evergreen	27 Life Story Writing 10-11:30 am	28 Unlearning in Retirement 1:30-3 pm Evergreen	29 Steering Committee 10-11:30 am		

MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Garden Group 10-11:30 am	2 Playtime: "From the Perspective of a Canoe" UWO-Fox 1-3 pm
3	4 Common Eye Conditions 10-11:30 am Oak Park Place, Menasha	5 Capital Punishment 1:30-3 pm Oshkosh Seniors Center	6 Reader's Choice 2-3:30 pm	7 MRSA: Story of Survival 10-11:30 am Evergreen	8	9
10	11 "WASPS" Women's Airforce Service Pilots 10-11:30 am Oshkosh Seniors Center	12 Land and Water Resource Management 1:30-3 pm Coughlin Ctr	13	14 How Psycho Changed Everything 1:30-3 pm Evergreen	15	16
17	18	19 WI Man Art 10-11:30 am Evergreen	20 Curriculum Committee 10-11:30 am <hr/> Tour of the Champion Center 1:30-3 pm 5000 W. Champion Dr., Appleton	21 Presidential Politics --- Snoozers of Primaries are Interesting 1:30-3 pm Evergreen	22	23
24/31	25 Admin/Finance Committee 10-11:30 am <hr/> Supper with the Chef 4:30-7 pm Evergreen	26 Life Story Writing 10-11:30 am	27 Honor Flights 1:30-3 pm Evergreen	28 Steering Committee 10-11:30 am	29 Good Friday	30
Easter Sunday						

APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Election Day	3 Reader's Choice 2-3:30 pm	4 Two Fathers – One War 1:30-3 pm Evergreen	5 Garden Group 10-11:30 am	6
7	8	9 Threat of War in the Pacific 1:30-3 pm Evergreen	10 Tour: Sites & Sounds of a Pipe Organ 1:30-3 pm 1 st Presbyterian 200 Church St., Nenah	11 SOAR (Snowy Owl Airport Rescue) 10-11:30 am Evergreen	12	13
14	15	16	17 Curriculum Committee 10-11:30 am What you don't know about Addiction & Treatment 1:30-3pm TBD	18 Grunt Surgeon 1:30-3 pm Evergreen	19 Grand- parenting is Hard! 1:30-3 pm Samaritan 1205 Province Terrace, Menasha	20
21	22 John Muir <i>"He speaks to us yet."</i> 1:30-3 pm Menasha Public Library	23 Life Story Writing 10-11:30 am Visiting Mongolia 1:30-3 pm Oshkosh Seniors Center	24	25 Steering Committee 10-11:30 am Subversive Textiles 1:30-3 pm Evergreen	26	27
28 Playtime: Twelfth Night 2-3:30 pm UWO Theatre	29 Choosing Joy through Life Lessons 1:30-3 pm Miravida – Bethel Chapel	30				

MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Reader's Choice 2-3:30 pm	2 WI Supreme Court Judicial Selection Process 10-11:30 am Evergreen	3 Garden Group 10-11:30 am	4
5	6 Conversation with a Beekeeper & his Honeybees 1:30-3 pm Oshkosh Seniors Center	7 Campaign '24 10-11:30 am Evergreen	8	9 That Doesn't Happen Here - Until it Did 10-11:30 am Evergreen	10	11
12	13	14 Immigration 101 10-11:30 am Evergreen	15 Curriculum Committee 10-11:30 am	16 Italian Travelogue 10-11:30 am Evergreen	17 Tour of the Military Veterans Museum 10-11:30 am 4300 Poberezny Rd, Oshkosh	18
19	20 Admin/Finance Committee 10-11:30 am	21 WWII German POWs in WI 1:30-3 pm Evergreen	22 Living Well and Brain Health 10-11:30 a.m. Oak Park Place, Menasha	23 Steering Committee 10-11:30 am Wisconsin Election Commission 1:30-3 pm Evergreen	24	25
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY	28 Life Story Writing 10-11:30 am	29 The Dark Side of Children's Books 10-11:30 am Evergreen	30 Sleeping through the Ages 10-11:30 am Evergreen	31	

JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 Reader's Choice 2-3:30 pm	6	7 Garden Group 10-11:30 am	8
9	10	11 Annual Meeting 10-11:30 am Evergreen	12	13	14	15
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29



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UWO's Learning in Retirement (LIR) is a self-directed, membership-based association, offering learning opportunities to its members.

The LIR Membership fee of \$100 includes unlimited attendance for one academic year July 1-June 30:
Learning sessions led by experts in their fields;
Member-led interest groups;
Tours of business, industry, museums, and gardens; and
Attend music/theater performances.

Highlights for the Spring Semester:

MASH the Actual History
Man Art in Wisconsin
Tour of the Champion Center
The Threat of War in the Pacific
Wisconsin State Supreme Court Justice Jon P. Willcox
UWO Plays
Sleeping through the Ages
Topics such as: Finance, Politics, History, Technology,
Sustainability, Health & Wellness, Current Events & more.

The new semester begins February 5, 2024

