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COME TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

1:00 – 3:00 pm

UW-Green Bay Ecumenical Center

**Hear Press Gazette Cartoonist
Joe Heller**

Election of Officers

Approval of Budget

Complimentary Dessert and Coffee

There will be shuttle buses to the Ecumenical Center leaving the Lab Science Parking Lot (where “It’s Happening” trips begin) starting at 12:15 pm.

For dessert planning/number count and name badge, please send in reservation:

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Name(s) _____

_____ **I/We will attend the annual meeting**

_____ **I/We will be using the shuttle buses**

Annual Meeting Will Feature Cartoonist Joe Heller

Joe Heller has been the editorial cartoonist for the *Green Bay Press Gazette* since 1985. Nationally, he is one of a few full-time cartoonists in newspapers with a circulation of less than 100,000, and, sadly the last remaining full-time cartoonist in Wisconsin.



His political view is independent; he believes that no single point of view or political ideology has all the solutions to the world's problems. He is a fervent believer in fighting for the little guy, the person who struggles day to day, paycheck to paycheck. His cartoons reflect the worries and hopes of average families and how situations out of their control often hamper the dreams of hard-working people.

Heller's cartoons have won numerous distinctions, including ten Best of Gannett Awards and eight Milwaukee Press Club Awards. Joe and his wife, Pam, live in Green Bay with their two daughters.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The LIR Steering Committee invites all members to join us for our **Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 28, 2010**. It is your opportunity, and privilege, to vote for new leaders. Please give those willing to serve your support and your vote.

I promised in my January letter that I would get back to you regarding our temporary classrooms. We have found a **new home for our fall 2010 LIR classes** and have signed a contract with St. Peter and Paul School, 1420 Harvey near the center of the city. Two clean, bright rooms can each be arranged with tables and chairs for 50. A podium and screen will be kept in each classroom, and our LIR carts will be available to meet audio-visual needs. There is plenty of parking; the lot can be entered from University Avenue. Special thanks go to Wes Carvenough for leading the search.

Another change will occur in May when the *LIR Newsletter* will be emailed to 750+ members who are online. We estimate this simple change will save LIR **\$1500 annually** and perhaps a tree or two per year. In preparation, we urge you to check your email on a regular basis. The usual bulk mailing will be sent to the approximately 200 members without email.

Our fall catalog will, as in the past, be mailed to all members this August and will appear on the LIR website. One immediate plus this year will be our ability to **register for classes online**. We are told that our new software program can "hold" registrations so that the fairness of our lottery system is maintained. Members can also mail registration forms or drop them off at the office where they will be merged with online registrations. Besides making online registration possible, our new software will generate reports to assist in assessing our effectiveness.

In Learning,
Janice McCarthy

Nominating Committee Presents Slate of Officers

Election of LIR officers will be held at the Annual Meeting. The following slate of candidates has been prepared by the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the meeting.



President

Joyce Dirschl: Joyce worked for twenty years as a psychiatric social worker with the chronically mentally ill of Brown County. She has been active in LIR since 2004; she has served on the Finance Committee and has chaired the Curriculum Committee.

She has help set up the international trips.



Vice-President

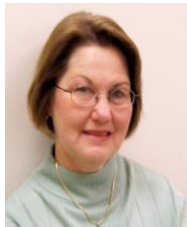
Mike Murphy: Retired since 2001, Mike is an Emeritus Professor of Literature and Humanities at UWBG where he taught for 36 years. As an LIR member since 2002, he has presented 15 different courses on topics in literature, art history and Irish culture and served as coordinator for numerous other courses.

He served on the Curriculum Committee for four years and currently is a member-at-Large on the Steering Committee.



Secretary

Dave Schonke: In 1998 Dave retired as the head of the Engineering Department and officer from Wisconsin Public Service. He has been a volunteer in numerous non-profit organizations for over 40 years. He has served LIR as a coordinator, presenter, Curriculum Committee member, Member-at-Large and currently is the secretary of the Steering Committee.



Treasurer

Carol Gagan: An LIR member since 2007, Carol retired from being secretary at St. John the Baptist School in Howard; previous to that, she was secretary to the vice-president of Softlines and Advertising at Prange Way, Inc. She has served on the Board of Directors of the YWCA and is currently a member of the LIR Finance Committee.

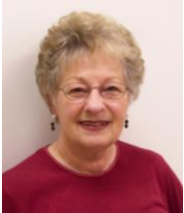


Dennis Wojahn: Dennis is a certified public accountant and attorney; he retired as a partner of the CPS firm of Virchow Krause. He has served as treasurer of the Brown County Historical Society and on the Board and Investment Committee of the Bay Lakes Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He has coordinated LIR classes and currently is a member of the Finance Committee.

Member-at-Large (Vote for three or fewer)



Jerry Abitz: Jerry is a retired fifth and sixth grade teacher at Wequiock School. He has served as president of the Kewaunee Historical Society and the Luxemburg-Casco School Board. An LIR member since 1997, Jerry has taught German and other LIR classes as well as coordinating many courses.



Nellie DeBaker: Nellie is currently the secretary of the Finance Committee. She has presented and coordinated numerous LIR classes; she has attended two WALL Conferences as a Green Bay LIR delegate.



Howard Ott: A retired United Methodist minister, Howard has been a presenter and coordinator for LIR. He has taught beginning and intermediate bridge and common bridge conventions. He is a Member-at-Large of the Steering Committee.



Ron Niesing: After a 36 year career in Executive Management with the Social Security Administration, Ron works as a volunteer benefit specialist at the Aging and Disability Resource Center. He volunteers at the NEW Community Center and serves on the Board of Directors at NEW Curative Rehabilitation. A recent member of LIR, Ron is involved in trip planning for “It’s Happening.”



Dennis Rader: Dennis practiced law in Green Bay for over 30 years, specializing in areas of education and labor relations. He has held board positions with the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and SS. Edward and Isidore Parish. He has been a LIR frequent presenter on theology and Travel; he has served on the Curriculum Committee and is currently the LIR liaison with the UWGB Retiree Association Board.



Ed Watts: Ed has very much enjoyed teaching and taking LIR courses since retiring from his practice as a psychiatrist. Ed was a flight surgeon in Viet Nam and serves at the First United Methodist Church food pantry.

A huge thank you to these candidates and to the Nominating Committee: Steve Jones, Nancy McGrew, Jerry Menne, Doris Smits and Barbara Anderson.

“Familiar Faces”
By Barbara Otto

Since retiring four years ago after what he called a “very rewarding” eighteen year high school history and mathematics teaching career, Bob Cook continues to follow his vocation as an LIR facilitator. “I love teaching.”

Bob earned his BA from Wheaton College, attended law school at Vanderbilt University and served in the Air Force for 8 ½ years. While stationed in England, he met and married his wife, Mary. Still intent on a career in law, Bob earned his law degree from Ohio State University. After 10 years in a Green Bay law firm where he specialized in probate law, he realized that his true interest lay in teaching. He received teaching certification from UWGB and held positions in Texas, Ripon and Random Lake and most recently in Sheboygan where he taught for 15 years before retiring. The Cooks chose Green Bay as a prime location for their retirement based on the inheritance of lovely bay front property a stone’s throw from UWGB and the existence of a thriving LIR program here. According to Bob, “LIR is a lifesaver!”



Since joining LIR, Bob and Mary have immersed themselves in presenting and coordinating classes. He is presently the co-chair of the all important Curriculum Committee whose 15 members are responsible for compiling and organizing course offerings. This spring semester, in keeping with interest in history, Bob is presenting “The Great Debate: Advocates and Opponents of the American Constitution.” He is also coordinating “Audiology 101” and “The Fenton Art Glass Company.” Bob and Mary, both bicycle enthusiasts, will co-present “Biking at Any Age” once the snow melts!

Bob is currently a member of the Spring Lake Evangelical Church and secretary of the Baylanders Barbershop Chorus. Other hobbies include photography, woodworking, vegetable gardening and hiking. Of course, he is a voracious reader of history. The Cooks have traveled widely, partly because one of their four children resides in Europe. One son is presently serving his third tour of duty in Afghanistan as a combat engineer.

Seeing Machu Pichu is foremost among Bob Cook’s goals. There’s still time, Bob!

DVDs Available on Loan, Policy Explained

LIR has a library of DVD courses which may be checked out by members who sign a DVD Loan Agreement form available in the LIR office.

Whole courses (a set of commercially prepared DVDs) may be checked out for 90 days. Individual DVDs from a set may be checked out for 30 days. A single DVD from a currently offered LIR class cannot be checked until after the course is no longer offered in that semester. If any part of a DVD set is lost or damaged, the member is responsible for the replacement of the entire set.

UWGB/LIR produced DVDs may be checked out by LIR members for two weeks; however, the DVD will not be available until the course is no longer offered.

A list of DVDs available for loan can be found on the LIR website:
www.uwgb.edu/outreach/LIR.

LIR Endowment Fund and LIR Operational-Restricted Account

In order to provide for expenses that cannot be funded by the current budget, LIR has established two separate funds:

LIR Endowment Fund: a fund (once it reaches \$10,000) that will generate interest to be used to enhance LIR's success for future generations. At reaching the \$10,000 level, only the interest of the LIR Endowment Fund will be available for LIR use.

LIR Operational-Restricted Account: An account designed for special projects and/or immediate needs above and beyond normally budgeted items.

Each semester's catalog contains a form giving members an opportunity to donate to these funds. If you do not specify which fund should receive your donation, your undesignated contribution will be placed into the LIR Endowment Fund. Regardless of your choice of fund, this is a great way to show your support of our organization.

Young Entrepreneurs Program Gives Volunteer Opportunities

In September, 2009, UW-Green Bay was selected to receive a two-year grant of nearly \$275,000 from the U.S. State Department, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Ten "young entrepreneurs" (ages 25-40, five each from Israel and Jordan) will come to Green Bay for a one-month training program this spring and next fall. The first group, all women, will be on campus from April 7 to May 7; they will stay at Hotel Sierra in downtown Green Bay.

The program is in need of volunteers who can serve as drivers of university vans; as contact people for general “coffee chats” on education, local government and cultural similarities; as persons suggesting Green Bay area “young entrepreneurs” (especially women) who might be interested in being mentors, speakers or site visit hosts.

If interested in helping, please contact program assistant/Jordanian-American student Hanna Nuqul at nuquht16@uwgb.edu. He will send a questionnaire that will allow you to indicate your specific interests and provide contact information.

Bits and Pieces

- You are invited to participate in the 2010 Grandparents’ University program, July 8 and 9. The program, designed for grandparents and their grandchildren (ages 7-14), provides a wide array of exciting courses including Cartooning, Animals on the Wild Side, Group Guitar, Nutrition, Writing Your Story, Clay Vessels and Physics in the Real World. On-campus housing is available; a cookout is planned for July 8. Please visit www.uwgb.edu/camps/gpu or call 920-465-2775 for more information.
- Elderhostel has become Exploritas. Check the LIR website for more information.
- Anyone interested in joining the International Travel Committee should contact Joyce Dirschl at 920-339-9215 or leave a note in her office mailbox.
- Congratulations to frequent LIR presenter, Dr. Gregory Aldrete, on his presentation “Laminated Linen Protected Alexander the Great,” at the annual meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America in Anaheim, California.

In Memorium

The members of LIR extend sincere sympathy
to the family and friends of

Dr. Kenneth Kubsch, Green Bay

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