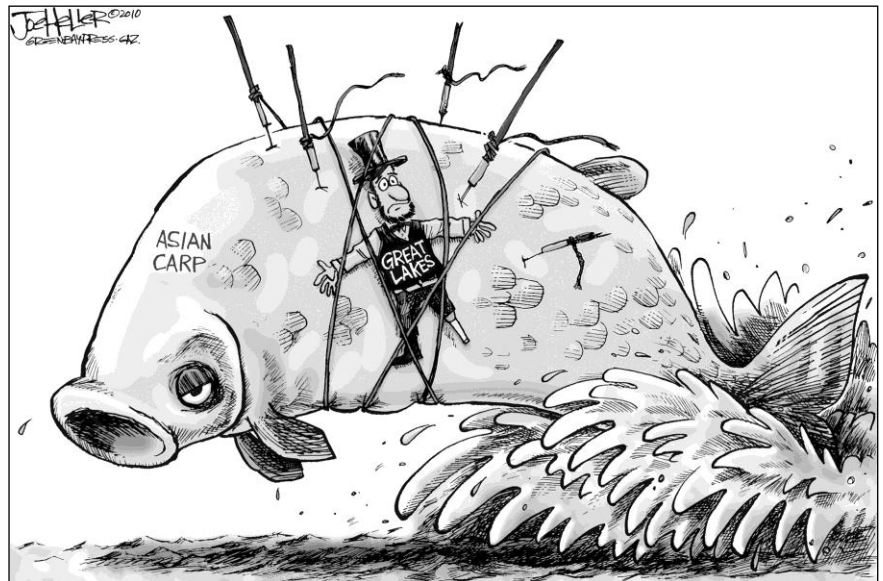




Annual Meeting: Cartoonist Joe Heller Leads Successful Event

Attendees of the Annual Meeting were duly impressed with this timely and informative presentation. Our thanks to this Award Winning cartoonist for his reflections regarding the needs of the "...little guys, the worries and hopes of average families and how situations can often hamper the dreams of hard-working people."



FROM OUR PRESIDENT

A HUGE thank you to all members of the Steering Committee for the work they've done this past year. You can read about their accomplishments in the 2009-2010 State of LIR included in this newsletter. It is because of these committed members and the volunteers who worked with them that we are the largest and best LIR in the state!

Relocation plans for the Fall of 2010 have been reconfirmed. **Rose Hall construction** dates are as follows:

- August – remodeling begins
- December – remodeling complete
- January 2011 – Rose Hall reoccupied

LIR will use two rooms at St Peter and Paul School for its classes during the interim.

LIR will return to Rose Hall rooms 220 and 230 for the Winter/Spring semester 2011.

There is still work to be done before this LIR year ends. Two recommendations from the Volunteer Development Committee (VDC) will be voted on at the May 24th Steering Committee meeting. In an effort to decrease the work load of the Curriculum Committee and allow members time to concentrate on the development of course work, the following recommendations were presented in April:

1. The Volunteer Development Committee recommends that the recruitment and training of coordinators become a responsibility of the Volunteer Development Committee as of July 1, 2010 with training of coordinators a joint effort with Curriculum for Fall 2010.
2. The VDC recommends that an Ad Hoc Travel Committee be created (reporting directly to Steering) to include *It's Happening*, the Domestic Travel Committee, and the International Travel Committee with the suggestion that it become a Standing Committee if the LIR membership approves a bylaws change in April 2011.

We also hope improvements to the Neville Public Museum audio-visual equipment will be complete by this Fall. As a result of the cooperative effort between UWGB Telecommunications, Engineering and Media Services, Learning in Retirement, and the Neville, we hope that classes held at the museum will run more smoothly and afford trouble-free AV operation for class coordinators.

I have enjoyed being your President for the past two years; it has been rewarding to see our work as a Steering Committee come to fruition. I welcome Joyce and her new team and wish them the best of luck in 2010-2011.

Outgoing Steering Committee

Mark Lampereur, Bob Cook, Bettie Denny, and Kathy Heitl

New and Continuing Officers

Joyce Dirschl, President; Mike Murphy, Vice President; Dave Schonke, Secretary; and Carol Gagan, Treasurer

Congratulations and good luck to all of them as they begin their work on July 1.

2009-2010 STATE OF LIR

The 2009-2010 LIR included 967 members. Thanks to the Curriculum Committee, 223 course offerings were available to registrants. Ten *It's Happening* trips and the 14-day trip to Nova Scotia added additional choices for members to expand their opportunities of continued lifelong learning experiences.

Last July, we held a fantastic summer outing in Oneida to extend our knowledge base of our neighbor's culture and traditions. The Fall Kickoff and Holiday Social had record-breaking attendance. By July 1 we will have enjoyed five LIR newsletters to help to keep LIR members as current as possible regarding the many facets of LIR operations. Through *Familiar Faces*, we have been introduced to members who have been exceptionally active during their LIR years.

The Steering Committee met for a Leadership Retreat on July 13, 2009, facilitated by Dr. Lucy Arndt, UWGB Assistant Professor of Management. After her presentation, discussion followed, resulting in finalization of three goals for the 2009-2010 LIR year and succeeding years. We focused on gathering information on resources and programs that would assist us in making informed decisions.

All goal reports have been presented and accepted by the Steering Committee and work is now in progress on implementation of the recommendations. The goal recommendations, in brief, include:

Goal I – Class Mix

A class mix goal of 60% receptive to 40% active classes has been established.

Work toward increasing class formats in *Discussion with Participation Encouraged* and *Study-Group with Participation required* will be encouraged. Course descriptions will clearly indicate when research, participation, or presentation is required.

Goal II – The Volunteer Development Committee

A new Volunteer Development Committee has been established. Its mission is defined as a means of determining best practices in the area of identifying, recruiting, and encouraging an increased number of volunteers to assume more active roles within LIR.

Goal III – Resources

Projections have been prepared for the years 2010 to 2020 and will be used as a guide as LIR grows. Projections will be reviewed and updated each Fall.

Additional progress:

- Financial assistance for LIR members is available for the first time in the organization's history.
- The Nominating Committee has introduced process improvements that aid us in making informed decisions as we vote for our LIR leaders. Last year biographies of candidates were included in the newsletter. This year we have added photos.
- All members again had the opportunity to attend Listening Sessions where they could voice their opinions concerning the LIR Strategic Plan.
- The LIR Office Manager position is now a 32-hour a week Permanent Employee position (changed from Limited Term Employee).
- The registration process has been enhanced. A list of courses open for additional registrations is mailed with each member's class confirmation letter.
- A training DVD was created to assist coordinators in operating the AV equipment at the Neville Public Museum.
- Five popular classes have been videotaped and DVDs are available in the LIR office for use by members who wish to check them out. See the listing in this newsletter.
- The LIR 20th Anniversary Committee began work on planning the 2011 celebration. A logo and theme have been accepted and activity planning is in progress.

- Negotiations are in progress on a joint LIR, UWGB and NPM effort to improve the sound system (including the microphone setup) at the Neville.
- LIR is co-sponsoring the Wisconsin Association of Lifelong Learning (WALL) Fall Leadership Conference in Sturgeon Bay on September 17 and 18, 2010. Representatives of both organizations have been meeting to develop the program. All LIR members are welcome to attend. Additional information will be forthcoming.

These accomplishments have been possible because of the work of all LIR committees and the many LIR volunteers who do the countless number of jobs necessary for the success of LIR. The assistance of our UWGB-LIR advisor, Mona Christensen and our office manager, JoAnn Feeney has been invaluable. We have a right to be proud. All this and we remain fiscally sound.

Congratulations to all of you for a productive year.

In Learning,

Janice McCarthy

A FRESH START

Your LIR program needs your help to make it a success. We are a member-led **volunteer** organization. Except for minimal office staff, our members do all the work to provide all the social events, classes, trips, tours, and other learning opportunities that are the essence of our program. We need your help. Every member brings valuable life experience to the program and everyone has the ability to help in some way.

Members who do more than just attend classes and events not only experience the enjoyment and satisfaction of contributing to the success of our organization, they also meet new people, make new friends, apply the use of their abilities, talents, and skills and perhaps develop new skills and interests. Above all, they may benefit from a sense of accomplishment, knowing that they have played an active role in helping LIR continue to offer quality lifelong learning opportunities.

The *Volunteer Development Committee* (VDC) has created a **MEMBER PROFILE SURVEY**. It will be included in the Fall LIR catalog due to arrive at your home by the middle of July. We need your help if we are to be successful in meeting your needs and ours. Please take the time to complete the profile, listing your knowledge, skills, abilities, and hobbies. The VDC plans to use the profiles to compile LIR demographic information as well as to locate future course coordinators, committee members, and other volunteer opportunities.

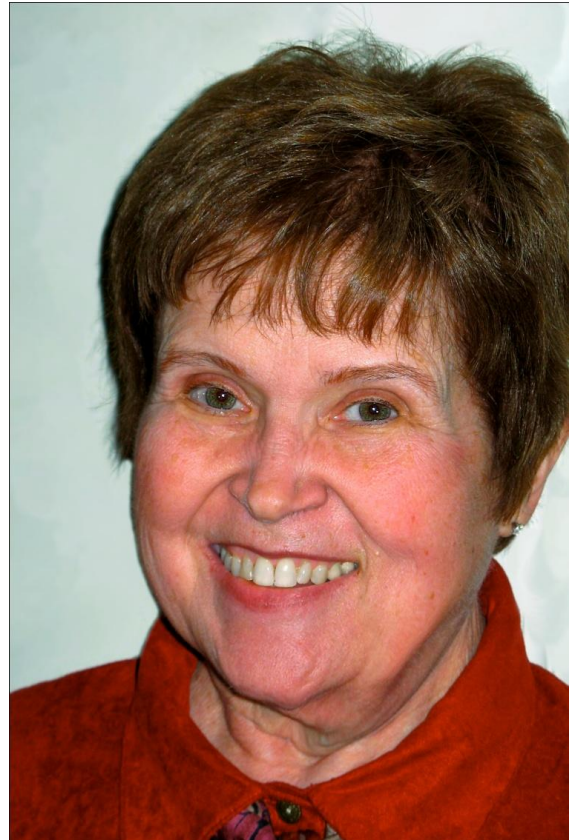
FAMILIAR FACES BY *BARBARA OTTO*

Thanks to the ongoing efforts of dedicated members such as Jan Burkel, LIR has become the thriving organization that exists today. This past year, Jan Burkel has been responsible for the procurements of coordinators for each of the 223 course offerings.

Born in Green Bay, Jan has lived in Oneida in “Burkelville – a commune centered on Overland Road and ‘peopled’ with my husband’s relatives”. She and her husband, John Burkel, own between 300-400 acres of land. They have known each other since childhood and have been married for 40 some years. They are the parents of seven daughters, most of whom live relatively nearby. They also have six grandchildren.

Jan attended St. Joseph Academy and then Alverno College. She graduated from Alverno with a B.S. in Business Education. She decided that studying business would provide her with the skills to help John in his career as a land developer/building contractor.

Jan had originally intended to pursue a degree in English and Social Studies and never really “lost” that dream. After graduation from Alverno, Jan taught at Badger Business College and NWTTC. She was awarded a National Teacher’s Scholarship to attend St. Norbert College. There she finally earned her B.A. degree in English and Social Studies. Jan met the qualifications for her teacher’s license for grades 6-12. She taught at West High School, East DePere High School, and Pulaski High School.

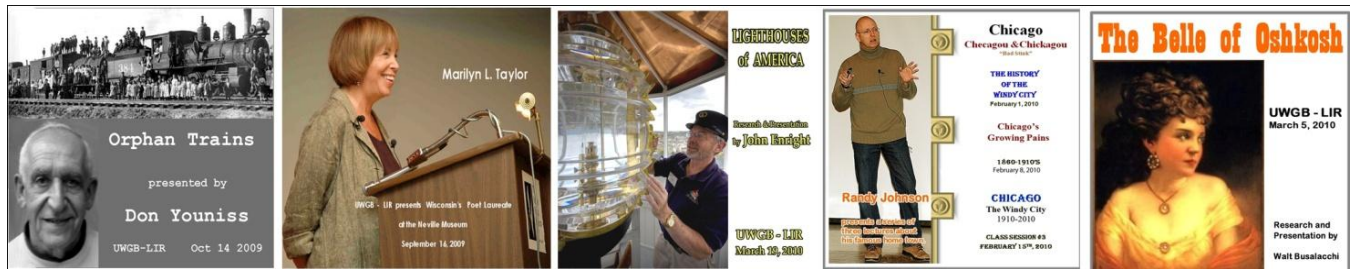


Jan shares, “My teaching career was often interrupted by the birth our children. Happily, I was able to continue teaching at the Oneida Tribe Super Summer sessions as a volunteer. My daughters could accompany me and participate in classes while I taught typing and sewing.”

Jan served as Hobart Town Clerk for 16 years and as a Brown County Supervisor for 12 years. These were jobs that she could perform from home during her childrearing years. She has been an active member and leader in 4H and Brown County Extension Homemakers for over 40 years. After leaving the teaching field, she took a position with the Green Bay Post Office in the computer field. She retired after a 25 year career. “I was so eager to join LIR that I quit a year early!”

Jan suffers from degenerative disc disease so now she spends a great deal of time reading. She belongs to three book clubs. Jan and John attend St. Joseph Catholic Church in Oneida.

DVDs Now Available -- Locally Produced Course DVD's



We have produced DVD's of some LIR courses presented locally this spring and last fall.

The Orphan Train	presented by	Don Youniss
Wisconsin's Poet Laureate	presented by	Marilyn Taylor
Lighthouses of America	presented by	John Enright
Chicago (three sessions)	presented by	Randy Johnson
The Belle of Oshkosh	presented by	Walt Busalacchi

These DVD's may be checked out by members under procedures adopted by your curriculum committee. Contact the LIR office in order to check out any of these.

BITS AND PIECES

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU goes out to our Office Volunteer Core group for the exceptional help they have given me over the past five months. Always eager and willing to lend a hand, or ear (phone duty); these women will handle anything that comes their way with much finesse and enthusiasm. Kudos to Fran Cieslewicz, Karen Carvenough, Gloria La Violette, Nancy Plettner, Lenore Konkel, Carol O'Leary, Gloria Gaie, Jean Watson, and Judy L'Empereur, Volunteer Coordinator.

Submitted by JoAnn Feeney, Office Manager

Guest Policy change

The Curriculum Committee has approved the following change regarding guests attending courses. "Because of the increasing number of LIR members and corresponding demand for courses, the Committee has recommended that no guests be permitted in courses that are full or have waiting lists." The list of full courses and courses with waiting lists will go out with registration letters. If you have any questions regarding whether the class has a waiting list you should contact the coordinator.

Memorial Garden

On April 28th, UWGB students established and dedicated a perennial memorial garden. This group, advised by Professor Illene Noppe, is called “Together We Cope: Support for Grieving Students.” However this garden is for students, professors, LIR members, wives, husbands and anyone else connected to the University. It is located on campus just west of the Student Union. Carol Witchey, a respected and loved member of LIR and an avid bridge player, is the first person to be honored and so remembered at this location. In her memory, Carol’s bridge group graciously donated the first monies to establish the garden. Carol was dedicated to her LIR classes and her bridge group.

The memorial garden although small in size now, will hopefully expand with new names, memories and flowers. If anyone is interested in helping to keep this garden flourishing, your gift can be sent to UW-Green Bay. Your check should be made payable to “**Green Bay Fund**” with “**Memorial Garden**” in the memo line.

Mail to **UWGB Advancement, 2420 Nicolet Drive, Green Bay, WI 54311-7001**

20th Anniversary Chorale

The LIR 20th Anniversary Committee hopes to organize a chorus of members (men and women) to provide music for the 20th Anniversary celebration on Sept. 7, 2011. If you would like to rehearse and perform with this group (“The Anniversary Chorale”) indicate your interest with a phone call or e-mail to Betty Brown: (920)406-1754/ bete25@aol.com She will send you an information sheet and additional details.

Useable Card Tables Needed

The Curriculum Committee is looking for useable card tables that people would like to donate to us for use in some of our courses. They can call Weston Carvenough at 497-1108 or e-mail at wcarvenough@new.rr.com and he will pick them up. We need at least 6 or 7 more.

Grandparents University July 8-9 Openings are still available.

Info is available at www.uwgb.edu/outreach/gpu

Call 920-465-2775 for brochure.

Arts Enrichment for Adults July 26-29 Openings are still available.

Info is available at www.uwgb.edu/outreach/artsforadults

Call 920-465-2775 for brochure.

In Memorium

**Members of Learning in Retirement
Wish to extend sincere sympathy to the family
and friends of Bernard Killoran, Green Bay**

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