PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE, By Frank Moon

The final Fall classes are coming to an end. What an exciting year of learning for LIR’s 1000 plus members. With this fall’s 174 courses and last Spring 160 courses our members had over 330 courses from which to choose. Thank you to all our volunteers and UW—Green Bay for making this learning possible. The spring 2016 semester offers members 173 courses. LIR is dynamic and viable.

The Holiday Social, held at Riverside, was attended by about 240 members and guests. Everyone there had a great time, good food, conversation and entertainment. It was a fun way to celebrate the 2015 LIR year. Thank you to the social committee for this wonderful event.

2016 is a very special year for the UW—Green Bay Institute for Learning in Retirement as it marks the 25th anniversary of LIR. It is hard for me to image how many classes and students have been involved over those 25 years, and as well as the life enriching benefits the members garnered. Thank you to those who were farsighted and took the risk to start LIR in 1991.

Over those 25 years LIR has grown and improved but the LIR name has stayed the same. Many LIR programs are using a more inclusive name, Lifelong Learning, to more clearly identify that a person does not have to be retired to be a member. During September the Board of Directors voted to recommend that our name be changed to “Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Wisconsin—Green Bay”. In making this change, which would be phased in over time to avoid printing expenses, the community would better understand that being retired is not a requirement for membership. Our organization is open to anyone. The only requirement is a voluntary, self-motivated interest in pursuit of knowledge. We hope that you will support this change when it comes to a member vote in the April LIR elections.

We all know that the Spring 2016 Catalog was very late in being mailed to members. Continued...page 3.
The UWGB-LIR is one of the largest programs of its kind in the country. For this great success to be possible many individuals donate their time. Time is the most valuable resource that anyone has; to give to help others is indeed special. These standing committees are the basis of the organization. We apologize to those who were not present when the pictures were taken. Your membership and work on the committees is essential to LIR.

The Curriculum Committee

The Communications Committee

The Volunteer Development Committee

The Social Committee

The Finance Committee

The UWGB –LIR Board of Directors
Make Volunteering Your New Years Resolution!

Happy New Year, many people make New Year’s resolutions that they don’t keep. I would like to suggest a New Year’s resolution that you can keep. My suggestion is to volunteer for Learning in Retirement in some way. There are several committees looking for volunteers. This also will be the year that we need new people to step up and volunteer to be an officer. There is a committee that is out beating the bushes for people to volunteer to run for President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, or at large members. All of these positions are filled by a volunteer, so as the chair of the Volunteer Committee I urge all of you to look at yourself and ask, what have I done to help Learning in Retirement continue to feed the minds of our members? As the chair of the Volunteer Committee I have also been looking for someone to step forward to replace me as chair. I am presently in my third year as the chair and the rule for all committee chairs is that no one should be a chair for more than 2 years in a row. So if there is anyone out there that would be interested in taking over as chair I am more than happy to help train you in my responsibilities. Thanks go out to all of our volunteers. Without volunteers Learning in Retirement could not exist.
Communications Committee, by Sherry Moon

Do you have a friend who is not quite sure about what LIR has to offer—Why not take your friend to a class. LIR guest passes are available for this purpose. Members can take a friend with them to any class that does not have a waitlist on a one time basis using the guest pass. The member should call the class coordinator to inform him or her of the guest’s attendance. Where does a member find a guest pass—look on the LIR web site under forms and print one off. It looks like this.

![Learning In Retirement Guest Pass](image)

LIR Treasurer’s Report by John Arneth

Financially LIR is in the black at the end of the first semester. We are at 100% of the budget for the membership dues and our carry over from the past fiscal year helps us to offer the 174 courses that were offered this fall and another 170 plus this spring. All committees work to keep the costs of the organization controlled. Soon the finance committee will be working with the other standing committees to create the budget for the 2016-2017 year.

LIR Choir

The LIR Holiday choir spent several weeks preparing the music for the Holiday party that was held on December 2nd. In addition to singing for the Holiday party the choir also sings for several convalescent homes in the area. The choir, under the direction of Mary Eisenreich and Norma Vincent, learned eleven pieces of music. The choir performed at the following homes: Rennes, Heritage Gardens, Sisters of St. Francis Mother house, Woodside, Bornemanns, and Agewell. These facilities always greet us with open arms and look forward to the music that we bring them. The choir is made up of about forty men and women. The LIR choir is open to all LIR members. Interested?, give Mary Eisenreich a call.
Mark Warpinski

Member-at-large LIR board, LIR presenter, ad hoc venue committee, communications committee, past assoc. dean of Wisconsin Judicial Education Program, reserve judge, board member Jackie Nitschke Center.

Life Pre-LIR:

Born in 1948 in Oconto Falls, the fourth of fourteen siblings (Mark stated, “that his father spent four years in the seminary and came out with a vengeance”) Mark spent the first 6 month of his life with grandma as his family moved to South Dakota to live on an Indian reservation where his father provided medical services to the Hunk Papa Sioux. At six months he was considered old enough to travel and joined the family. The family moved back to Green Bay in 1954. Mark attended St. Phillip’s grade school, Premontre High School, and the Extension. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1970—yes he was on campus during the riots—and garnered his law degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1973. Returning to Green Bay, he began a private law practice. He was elected Municipal judge in 1991, then circuit court judge in 2000. He retired from the bench in 2012. He is now a reserve judge. He and his wife, Sue, have been married since 1970; they have three adult children and four grandchildren. “The first year of our marriage I sold blood so I could buy Sue a Christmas present.” According to Mark, “most of the Warpinski’s in Green Bay are either, first, second or third cousins, my grandpa and gramma had 52 grandchildren; we had a reunion 9 years ago and over 230 people attended. I have 37 first cousins.”

Life beyond LIR:

Mark was an associate dean and is a current presenter in the State of Wisconsin Judicial Education Program—an on going education program where judges teach judges. He has been engaged in the program for 16 years, teaching family law. Mark is also very involved with the Jackie Nitschke Center. “Alcoholism has affected my family so I have always had an interest in substance abuse. The Jackie Nitschke center has a nationally recognized program. It is the best keep recovery secret in Green Bay. I am glad to serve on the board of such a tremendous organization”. I run and try to bike, and play golf. As a retirement present my son took me to Whistling Straits to golf. And, of course, “I am an avid Packer and Badger fan”.

What does LIR mean to me:

LIR means being exposed to things I never thought of before. When on the bench I could have a 100 cases per day which left me little time for expanding horizons. “LIR enables me to learn about things I was unaware that I had an interest in—things I find fascinating”. When asked about his favorite LIR memory Mark replied, “when I finished my first presentation, I was scared beyond belief!”.
Most People don’t know but:

I have had a stroke. I woke up one day with slightly numb lips, did not think too much about it until I tried to type in preparation for court and I just could not do it. I went to the emergency room and I was very fortunate as my neighbor happened to be in the hospital and arranged for an immediate MRI which revealed the stroke. I asked myself, “how could I be so lucky”. The experience made me a more sympathetic person, particularly for stroke victims. I also have a rotten temper when watching Packer or Badger games. There is a coffee table near the sofa on which I sit while watching the games. “It has been kicked to the floor several times this season. I now watch the games from a chair out of foot reach of the coffee table.” I have a “dark side”.

Holiday Social Fun

Thank you
Thank you

To our great social committee for the wonderful party.

Next semester the social committee will have new leadership. Arlene Molzahn is assuming the chair as Dawn Sisel is moving to Milwaukee. Thank you and good luck Dawn.
LIR members learning and enjoying

Wishing you and yours a very Happy Holiday and a bountiful New Year!!!
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