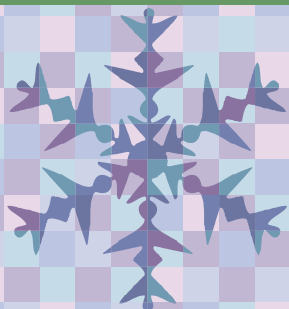


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, By Frank Moon

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.

Thank you to all members, coordinators and presenters. We had a fabulous fall semester. Over 174 classes were offered to our members through the efforts of 164 presenters, 77 coordinators, and over 1000 students at 58 venues.

Some classes had more than one presenter. Some presenters offered more than one class. Likewise some coordinators hosted more than one class. And our members took from one class to thirty classes. Although not all members got all their choices there were more than enough classes offered to meet the needs of the membership.

This statistic, of course, does not include all the behind the scene efforts that are vital to the program. Committee members, office help and Jo-Ann all were part of this successful semester. Pat yourselves on the back and celebrate a job well done!

Save the Date

Spring Fling

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

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LIR News

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

Call for Candidates for Board of Directors

The Nomination and Election Committee is formally announcing the call for candidates for office. As the current members of the Board of Directors are finishing their final term, all positions are open. Those positions are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 3 Members-At-Large.

All nominations must be submitted in writing, and include written consent of the nominee, along with a photo and brief biographic statement. Nominations are due to the committee by **Monday, March 14, 2016** in order to be in the LIR Office by March 16, 2016, fifty days prior to the Annual Meeting which will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2016.

If you are interested in running for office or know someone who does, please contact a committee member.

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President's message continued.... While the catalog was posted on the LIR website during November the hard copy was not printed and mailed until December 10th. This timing is not acceptable. The Board of Directors and the Curriculum committee are addressing this issue. There will be a subcommittee appointed that will coordinate, handle the proofing, printing and mailing of future catalogs on a timely basis. The formatting of the catalog will also be considered—is there a faster way to format the catalog? We do not want this issue to occur again. Thank you for your tolerance and we apologize for the inconvenience caused by the late mailing of the catalog.

We hope that you have a bountiful New Year and wish you Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!



Committee Reports

Volunteer Development Committee by Weston Carvenough

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 guess 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*

Take the opportunity to help a friend attend one class in a course of their interest! Let your guest select a course from the current catalog and call or send an e-mail to the coordinator listed in the front of the course catalog. If there is an opening, and there are no course fees for special course materials, the guest can give the Guest Pass to the coordinator at the start of that class.

Guest Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ E-Mail: _____

☐ Please add my name to the mailing list

How did you hear about this session?

☐ Host LIR Member: _____ ☐ Newspaper/Media ☐ LIR Website

Course Class: _____ Date of Class: _____

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 tht 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.

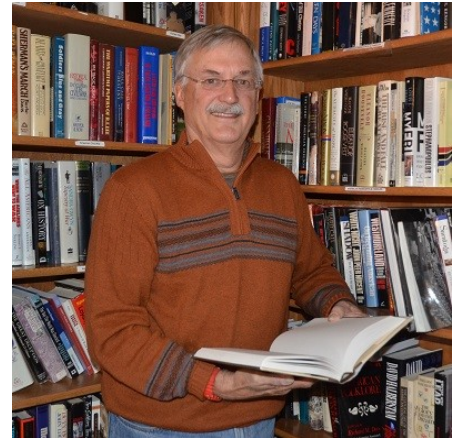


Mark Warpinski

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.

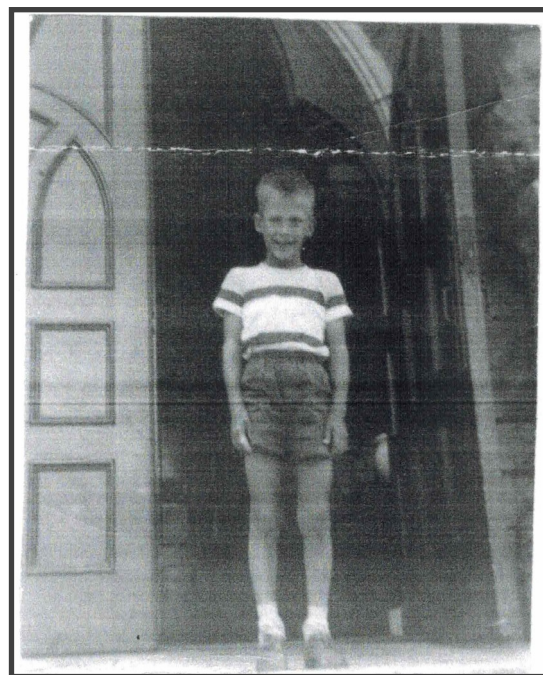
“Alcoholism has affected my family so I have always had an interest in substance abuse. The Jackie Nitschke center has a nationally recognized program. It is the best keep recovery secret in Green Bay. I am glad to serve on the board of such a tremendous organization”. I run and try to bike, and play 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 ask 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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