

## ***General Information***



1. Remove **REGISTRATION FORM** from center of catalog.
2. Indicate whether you wish to join the ILR or simply try one class as a non-member. Members may register for up to 12 classes + unlimited bonus classes. Non-members may register for ONE class on space-available basis. Some offerings are for members only. If an offering is open to non-members, there will be a non-member fee listed in the class description.
3. Fill in all contact information neatly and thoroughly.
4. Before registering, please note if an offering is for MEMBERS ONLY and if there are any fees.
5. Before registering, you may check for information regarding class availability at **www.ilretirement.org** or email the ILR office at **info@ilretirement.org**.
6. Clearly mark the classes and trips for which you are registering. If you are interested in more than 12 offerings, please send us a 'Wish List' of your additional selections.
7. Registration Forms will be date-stamped and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. The first two weeks are Member's Only Registration. However, non-members should not wait to send in their forms. Non-members may indicate more than one choice, in the event that classes are full. Please use numbers 1, 2, 3, etc.
8. The ILR will send a name tag, INVOICE, and CONFIRMATION SLIPS for all classes/trips for which you are registered. Waiting List slips may also be included. Confirmation slips include **vital** information pertaining to class/trip time, location, supplies, physical limitations, and/or further instructions.  
**PLEASE READ YOUR CONFIRMATION SLIPS CAREFULLY.**
9. Prompt **payment of INVOICES** upon receipt is appreciated.
10. **Free at Ninety**—Persons aged 90 or over are eligible to join the ILR for FREE! Just put your birthdate on the registration form & write in the word '**NINETY**'.
11. **Donations**— Donations are greatly appreciated. Your ILR relies on donations to stay out of the 'red.' Thank you!

***MEMBERS! Remember to read #6 above regarding a WISH LIST!***

## Class Descriptions

### **1918: Year of Catastrophe**

1918Cat

Steve Cicero

We will look back 100 years to the events that shaped our world today. The worst war in human history came to a horrifying end, but also set the stage for much of the evil that followed: Fascism in Italy, Nazism in Germany, the Communist Revolution in Russia, and the military dictatorship in Japan. The worst epidemic since the Bubonic plague led many people to believe that the world was coming to an end. The 'noble experiment' of prohibition began with high hopes that would soon be drowned by a tidal wave of illegal booze. Old empires fell and the new lines on the world map would create much of the chaos of nationalism and terrorism that has plagued the world ever since.

Thurs 11/8; 12:00-1:30

**CLOSED**

Tuition/Fees: ILR members - \$0.00  
non-members - \$15.00

### **Astronomy: Diverse Planets**

AstrDiv

Krishna Mukherjee

This course pertains to why we encounter planets that are similar in some ways, yet reveal major differences among each other. The course will examine what are the causes that lead to such diversity among planets within and outside the solar system. We will also study what conditions are necessary to create a habitable planet.

Mon 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19; 2:00-3:00

Tuition/Fees: ILR members - \$0.00  
non-members - \$15.00

### **Bataan Death March - Daddy Came Home!**

Bataan

Peggy Loughner Fisher

There are many sides to war. Come hear the story of Corporal Earl E. Loughner in his own words through his daughter. Hear what our soldiers endured during WWII as prisoners of war in the Phillipines and Japan and the Bataan Death March. Peggy will also share what her family went through when he was first MIA, then a POW, and after he came home. This August will be the 73rd anniversary of his release.

Mon 11/12; 10:30-12:30

Open to ILR members only (FREE)

### **Beer Run - Butler County Style**

BeerRun

Russ Hearn, Mark Mann

The craft beer-making business in Butler County is growing. The eighth brewery opened this spring. This class will outline how beer is made, profile all 8 breweries, detail their economic impact, and discuss their futures. It also will describe the first Butler County Beer Run - an 8-hour tour of all the breweries. Optional: After the class, participants can walk to North Country Brewing to sample small-pour beers for \$1 each and also to eat.

Mon 11/19; 10:30-12:30

Open to ILR members only (FREE)

**Book Discussion Group**

Sandy Stevenson, Carol Holland

BookGpFa

Love to read? Here's your chance to discuss wonderful books with other readers. All types of books are eligible: fiction, memoirs, biographies, histories, etc. Fall selection are: 'A Gentleman in Moscow' by Amor Towles; 'The Bookseller of Kabul' by Asne Seierstad; 'Loving Eleanor' by Susan Albert.

3rd Tues/month; 9/18, 10/16, 11/20; 12:30-2:00

Open to ILR members only (FREE)

**Christmas Cookie Exchange (Bonus)**

Jessie McMenamin

ChrCook

Let's have a little pre-holiday fun by preparing and exchanging Christmas cookies! You just have to make one type (in a quantity to be determined), prepare a dozen for each participant, and go home with a great variety of cookies that you'll be able to freeze and pull out for family and friends during the holiday season!

Mon 12/3; 1:30-2:30

Open to ILR members only (FREE)

**Citizen Science for a Changing Planet**

Becky Lubold

CitSci

Discover how individuals can contribute to scientists' understanding of climate change, and its impacts on plants, animals, and ecological and global systems. This class will illustrate the value and importance of 'citizen science.' It will explore many ways that YOU can participate in scientific research, from observing and counting birds and insects, to measuring and mapping precipitation, to monitoring seasonal changes in local plants, and more.

Wed 10/24; 12:00-1:30

Tuition/Fees: ILR members - \$0.00  
non-members - \$15.00

**Climate Reality: Challenges and Solutions**

Paul Scanlon

CliReal

Through a presentation based on the Al Gore Climate Reality Leadership Training program of 2017, you'll learn about the latest scientific evidence and observations regarding climate change impacts already being felt around the world, as well as the many solutions under way to mitigate those impacts and leave a livable planet for future generations. You'll be dismayed to see photos and videos of weather-related catastrophes that are already creating millions of climate refugees, and uplifted by the speed and breadth of technological innovations taking place to solve these problems. You'll also learn about the progress SRU is making towards meeting the President's Climate Commitment goal of achieving carbon neutrality by the year 2037, and the many green initiatives under way, from SRU's Director of Sustainability.

Tues 9/18; 10:30-12:00

**CLOSED**

Tuition/Fees: ~~ILR members - \$0.00~~  
~~non-members - \$15.00~~

**Colombia: Geography, Art, & Architecture**

Jim Hughes

Colombia

Latin America's third most populous country will be introduced. Differences with other countries, as well as contrasts from place to place within Colombia will be discussed. We will examine specific works of art and architecture, seeking insights and reactions from members of the class. Who are Colombia's well-known artists and architects? Which of their works reflect unique innovations? How do they fit into world movements of art and architecture? A central question throughout will be the extent to which Colombian art and architecture create a 'sense of place.'

Wed 10/31, 11/7; 12:00-1:15

**CLOSED**

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**Cordoba: The Ornament of the World**

Paul Moessinger

Cordoba

A German nun in the 10th Century gave this epitaph to the Spanish city of Cordoba. In Medieval Spain, Muslims, Christians, and Jews created a hybrid culture of tolerance with Cordoba in the vanguard. This city flourished with public baths, thousands of shops, paved and well-lit streets, and libraries far surpassing any in northern Europe. When Cordoba fell into decline, Toledo became the center of Jewish, Muslim, and Christian collaboration, translating the knowledge of Greece and Rome on to northern Europe. This course reminds us that the world of Islam was not always a violent one; moreover, it laid the foundation for the modern world.

Thurs 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15; 9:30-11:00

**Tuition/Fees:** ILR members - \$0.00  
non-members - \$15.00

**Couponing 101**

Whitney Jones

Coup101

This class is a beginner's guide to the couponing world. Learn the basics about how to coupon and receive a list of resources compiled by a veteran couponer. Join Whitney Jones, a stay-at-home mom, as she shares her insight into how she stretches her family's single income budget with the aid of her coupons.

Mon 9/17, 9/24; 2:30-3:30

**CANCELLED**

~~Tuition/Fees: ILR members - \$0.00~~  
~~non-members - \$15.00~~

**Creative Writing (Bonus)**

J. L. Horam

CrWrFa

J.L. will be providing a relaxed and safe environment to learn writing shortcuts and techniques. Individual help will be given.

Fri 9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26; 2:00-3:30

**CANCELLED**

~~Tuition/Fees: ILR members - \$0.00~~  
~~non-members - \$15.00~~



non-members - \$15.00

**Dementia: Forgetting, But Not Forgotten**

Dementia

Verna Call

As life expectancy increases, so does the likelihood of developing dementia. It impacts not only those with dementia, but their families and friends, as well. The first session will provide information and discussion on the latest research, diagnosis, and treatment of dementia, and ways to stay mentally healthy. The second session will focus more on the challenges and impact on families dealing with dementia. Both sessions will encourage small group discussion and sharing.

Wed 10/24, 10/31; 10:00-11:30

**CLOSED**

Tuition/Fees: ~~ILR members - \$10.00~~  
~~non-members - \$15.00~~

**Driver Safety Program (AARP Members)**

DrSaftyMem

Richard Molinari

The AARP Driver Safety Program (formerly called '55 Alive') is the nation's first and largest classroom refresher for motorists age 50 and older. In this 2-day program - and with no tests - you will learn defensive driving techniques, new traffic laws, and rules of the road. Course completion will qualify you for state mandated auto insurance discounts for three years. Open to non-AARP members (see below), but AARP members only pay \$15.

Tues 11/13, Wed 11/14; 12:00-4:00

Tuition/Fees: ILR members - \$15.00  
non-members - \$15.00

**Driver Safety Program (Non-Member of AARP)**

DrSftyNM

Richard Molinari

See above. AARP Non-members have a \$20 fee.

Tues 11/13, Wed 11/14; 12:00-4:00.

Tuition/Fees: ILR members - \$20.00  
non-members - \$20.00

**Elder Law: If I Had Only Known**

ElderLaw

Attorney Laurel Hartshorn

Attorney Hartshorn will help us understand the many questions we have regarding elder care for our loved ones. Session 1: Elder Care from the Legal Side (If Only I Had Known). Session 2: Where to Get Long Term Care & Choosing a Facility.

Wed 10/31, 11/7; 2:00-4:00

**CLOSED**

Tuition/Fees: ~~ILR members - \$10.00~~  
~~non-members - \$15.00~~

**Estate Planning, Wills & Powers of Attorney**  
Attorneys Shapiro & Pater

EstPlW

The attorneys will discuss various estate planning documents including wills, powers of attorney, healthcare powers of attorney and living wills. The discussion will include how each serves a different purpose and the reasons why it would be advisable for people to have these documents. The attorneys will open this forum for general questions, although specific questions would be reserved if one or more of the participants should decide to seek further individual advice.

Tues 10/30; 10:30-12:30

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**Everybody Has a Story (Bonus)**  
Christine Francis

EvStory

Here's a chance to learn and share. Have you lived some place interesting? Met someone or done something that changed your life? Had an interesting career? Traveled to unusual places? Lived through a disaster? Found (or lost) faith? Witnessed an historic event? Finally done something you always wanted to do? We'll share our stories with ILR friends. Connie Smith will start with her story of being the spouse of a university president, and then others will have a chance to share their stories.

Wed 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7; 12:00-1:15

Open to ILR members only (FREE)

**Film: Tom Hanks Movie Festival**  
Ken Harris

FilmTomH

Screening 5+ films featuring the popular star Tom Hanks. The films, chosen to represent the diversity of his long career, are shown in their entirety, without interruption. We'll lead off with the early comedy 'Big' [1988]. Discussion of elements of special interest to the instructor and the class will follow.

Tues 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23; 1:00-4:00

**CLOSED**

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**Financial Future: Rules of the Road**  
Traci Conlon

FinRules

This class will cover the fundamental concepts of investing and include strategies to help build wealth. We will discuss risk, time horizon, and other items to consider when determining how to build your portfolio.

Wed 9/18; 10:00-11:30

**Tuition/Fees:** ILR members - \$0.00  
non-members - \$15.00

**Financial Standing Guard: Protecting What You've Worked For**

FinStand

Traci Conlon

This class will include strategies designed to help guard valuable assets and protect pre- and post-retirement income. We'll discuss the impact of longevity, withdrawal strategies, rising costs, healthcare, and long-term care cost concerns.

Wed 10/16; 10:00-11:30

**CLOSED**

**Tuition/Fees:** ILR members - \$0.00  
non-members - \$15.00

**Folk Garden: Let Nature Be Your Guide (Bonus)**

FolkGar

Gene Wilhelm

For centuries, folk peoples have followed a certain strategy for gardening with high success. So, what's their secret? We will examine in detail two folk cultures - the African-American and the Mountain Folk of Appalachia. You can follow their success in experiencing fecundity of life in your garden.

Tues 9/11, Wed 9/12, Thurs 9/13; 9:00-12:00

**Tuition/Fees:** ILR members - \$5.00  
non-members - \$20.00

**Fright Week III: Frightening Films of the Silent Era (Bonus)**

FriWk

G. Warren Smith

In Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's 'The Lost World' (1925), Professor Challenger announces that prehistoric creatures are alive and flourishing in the Amazon, and declares his intention to mount an expedition proving his point. Journalist Edward Malone volunteers to go, and convinces his newspaper to fund the journey. They undertake the voyage and witness dinosaurs and humanoids doing battle in a magnificent landscape. In 'The Bat' (1926), writer Cornelia Van Gorder rents a house for the summer. In the house, people search for hidden loot while a caped killer (nicknamed 'The Bat') murders them one by one. The legend that drives 'The Phantom Carriage' (1921) requires the last person to die on New Year's Eve before the clock strikes twelve is doomed to take the reins of Death's chariot and work tirelessly collecting fresh souls for the next year. This extraordinarily rich and innovative silent classic is a Dickensian ghost story and a deeply moving morality tale, as well as a showcase for groundbreaking special effects.

Thurs 10/25, Tues 10/30, Thurs 11/1; 2:00-4:00

**Tuition/Fees:** ILR members - \$0.00  
non-members - \$15.00

**Games: From Scrabble to Mahjong (Bonus)**

Games

Jessie McMenamin

Who doesn't like to play a game? If you do, sign up and we'll play games like Scrabble, 500 Bid (cards), Mexican Train (dominoes) and, maybe even Mahjong, if we have enough interest and boards.

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Mon. 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22; 2:00-4:00

Open to ILR members only (FREE)

**Genealogy: The Basics**

GenBasics

Robert Hinds

This class will provide you with the basic steps for finding, documenting, and organizing your family tree. It will be a hands-on experience using computers. Although designed for beginners, it can also provide a useful review for others.

Mon 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5; 11:30-1:30

**CLOSED**

Tuition/Fees: ~~ILR members - \$0.00~~  
~~non-members - \$15.00~~

**God? An Inquiry, Part III**

GodPt3Fa

Theodore Kneupper

At the request of the students, we will continue our inquiry into views on God. This will focus on insights central to the Western traditions of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, giving focus on questions that have puzzled serious seekers of truth, such as whether/how an all-loving Creator could have produced a world in which evil exists. This class will consider both the more traditional ideas of 'deity' accepted by mainstream thinkers, and responses of others, with the hope of coming to a better understanding. This class is open to anyone who would like to engage in sincere inquiry.

Mon 9/10, 9/17, 9/24; 10/1, 10/8; 2:00-4:00

Open to ILR members only (FREE)

**Great Basin**

GrBasin

Robert Hinds

Between the Sierra Nevada and the Rocky Mountains lies the Great Basin. Come discover the unique and rich geologic history which is illuminated by rocks, minerals, fossils, and landscape.

Tues 10/9; 12:30-2:30

**CLOSED**

~~Open to ILR members only (FREE)~~

**Greening Your Home, One Habit at a Time**

GreenHm

Jerry Zona, M. Gahring

The nature of what we buy and discard has changed drastically. Electronic devices permeate all aspects of our lives and advances in technology translate into short life cycles for our electronics. Unfortunately, electronics contain hazardous materials and are often discarded into the trash instead of being recycled. Join us to learn the impacts of improper disposal on our health and environment, and how to properly recycle them. You'll also learn about energy conservation, and how and why global recycling markets are impacting our local recycling programs.

Tues 11/6; 10:30-12:00

Tuition/Fees: ILR members - \$0.00  
non-members - \$15.00

**Greeting Cards: Homemade is Always Better!**

Elaine Swidzinski

Greet

Do you enjoy receiving a very special handmade card? We will make 3 cards that may be used for birthdays, get well, thank you, or thinking of you. I will provide all of the materials that you will need. Hopefully this class will inspire you to continue crafting cards for others.

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Mon. Nov. 11, 1:00-3:00

**CLOSED**

Tuition/Fees: ~~ILR members \$10.00~~  
~~non-members \$20.00~~

**Grief and Grieving**

Ruth Leo

GriefGrieve

Personal experiences and source materials will be used by class participants to prepare guidelines for helping a friend who is grieving. People grieve the loss of independence, their health, their jobs, or their marriage, as well as the death of a spouse or other loved ones. Having a friend who understands grief is priceless.

Thurs 9/20, 9/27; 10:30-12:00

**CANCELLED**

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~~Tuition/Fees: ILR members \$10.00~~  
~~non-members \$15.00~~

**Holiday Blues: Ho! Ho! Ho! Oh, No!**

Sandy Stevenson

HolBlues

The combination of winter and the holidays can bring on feelings of anxiety, stress, and depression. Many of us have idealistic and totally unrealistic expectations of how our holidays should be. When fantasy and reality clash, it can leave us disillusioned and tense. This class will focus on shaking these feelings by coming to know and understand why we are so vulnerable at this time. Some topics to be explored include: 'perfect' expectations, the 'super-mom' syndrome, loneliness, overindulgence in food or drink, and lack of exercise and natural light. Practical coping suggestions will be shared.

Mon 11/12; 10:30-12:00

**CANCELLED**

~~Tuition/Fees: ILR members \$10.00~~  
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**Holocaust: Resistance to Genocide**

Richard Martin

HolResist

This course will focus on examples of resistance to the Holocaust. We will explore questions like: what forms did resistance take, why was resistance so difficult, when and where was resistance at least partly successfully (or not), what roles did rescuers play, and what do these examples teach us for the future.

Wed 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7; 2:00-4:00

Open to ILR members only (FREE)

**Hot Issues: Current Events Discussion Group (Bonus)**

HotIsFa

Joe Zgonc

Some controversies are 'hot', others just persistent. Participants will select those they consider timely, and discuss one at each session. We exchange information and points of view without any intention of reaching agreement. Insight and enlightenment are all we seek, in a congenial setting. Our first topic will be 'The most controversial topic on today's news.'

Thurs 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18; 12:30-2:00

**Tuition/Fees:** ILR members - \$0.00  
non-members - \$20.00

**Larry Berg: Is President Trump Making Us Great Again?**

LaBergFa

Larry Berg

The discussion will encourage varying viewpoints about the President, his governing style, his world outlook, his goals, and his accomplishments.

Thurs 10/4; 10:00-11:30

Open to ILR members only (FREE)

**Lunch & Lecture (Bonus)**

Lun&LFa18

Mary Alice Cobbett

Bring your brown bag lunch and join new friends for a series of stimulating presentations. The following topics will be presented: Sept 20 - Carol Kristufek on 'Genealogical Societies of Butler County'; Oct 4 - Al Lindsay on 'The Titanic and Two Other Ships'; Oct 18 - Peg Krecota on 'Fashions of the Civil War Era'; Nov 1 - Kati Edmiston on 'Animals of the Night.'

Thurs 9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1; 11:45-1:30

**CLOSED**

Open to ILR members only (free)

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**Luncheon Out - Group A (Bonus)**

LOAFa

Teresa O'Malley, Henry Anna

Join us at area restaurants for good food and great companionship. Group A is always on the lookout for something new, exotic, and different. Please sign up for ONLY Group A or Group B - NOT BOTH! Contact and final arrangements will be made via e-mail, as much as possible. The first location will be predetermined; the group will select the remainder. You will need to pay for your own lunch.

Thurs 9/27, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8; 11:30-1:30

**Tuition/Fees:** ILR members - \$0.00  
non-members - \$15.00

**Luncheon Out - Group B**

LOBFa

Frank Hoffman, Ruth Hoffman,

Join us at area restaurants for good food and great companionship. Group B tends to go all over Western PA and Eastern Ohio. Please sign up for only Group A or Group B - NOT BOTH! The location of the first restaurant will be predetermined, and participants will provide suggestions for the next three establishments. Please check your e-mail for directions. You will need to pay for your own lunch.

Thurs 9/27, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8; 11:30-1:30

Open to ILR members only (FREE)

**Lyme Disease Awareness**

Lyme

Agnes Gallagher

'Don't Let a Tick Make You Sick' is a seminar on Lyme disease - The Great Imposter. Lyme disease is more than a tick bite! Chronic Lyme is often misdiagnosed as Parkinson's, MS, anxiety, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, and even arthritis. Less than 50% of sufferers recall a tick bite. Acute Lyme is often mistaken for the flu. Our purpose is to bring awareness and literacy to our community. This seminar will explore the transmission, diagnosis, prevention, and natural treatment of Lyme disease.

Tues 11/13; 10:30-11:30

Tuition/Fees: ILR members - \$0.00  
non-members - \$15.00

**Medical Marijuana in Pennsylvania**

MedMar

Beth Bittner

On April 17, 2016, medical marijuana was signed into law in the state of Pennsylvania. Twenty-one months later, patients across the state were able to begin purchasing their medication. Education is vital in order for this program to continue to thrive. This presentation covers what the Act 16 law looks like, what conditions are approved, the seed-to-sale process, the security and compliance required, how patients go about getting a medical marijuana card, what methods of consumption are approved, updates on how the program is going thus far, and how Pennsylvania is leading the way with their program.

Thurs 11/15; 12:00-2:00

Open to ILR members only (FREE)

**Minimalism: Do I Have to Get Rid of Everything?**

Minimal

Carol Holland

Minimalism is a tool to rid yourself of life's excess in favor of focusing on what's important - so you can find happiness, fulfillment, and freedom. Minimalists search for happiness not through things, but through life itself; thus, it's up to you to determine what is necessary and what is superfluous in your life. Time to de-clutter and free ourselves from the trappings of the consumer culture we've built our lives around.

Mon 9/17; 10:30-11:30

**ADDED: 9/24 10:30-11:30**

9/19 CLOSED

~~Open to ILR members only (FREE)~~  
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**Moraine State Park - 50th Anniversary**

MorPrkAnv

Polly Shaw

Moraine State Park will celebrate 50 years in 2020. Today's pristine park was created from land that had been drilled for oil, mined for coal, had swampy areas and farmland, and was crossed by a railroad. Damaged land had to be reclaimed and repurposed. The dam had to be located and constructed. Oil wells were sealed and mines were closed. Highways were relocated, and bridges had to be build. Find out how the park was planned and developed to create the fourth largest PA State Park.

Wed 9/19; 12:30-2:00

**ADDED: Weds. 10/24 10-11:30**

9/19 CLOSED

~~Open to ILR members only (FREE)~~  
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**November Elections**

NovElect

Mark Mann, Russ Hearn

Here we will dissect the nuts and bolts of acquiring votes in the elections of 2018. Come discover the candidates for the first national election of the Trump presidency. Who are the Butler County candidates? What are the issues? What is the impact of gerrymandering? Who actually runs the election? What does it cost? This and more.

TH 10/18; 2:00-3:30

Open to ILR members only (FREE)

**Opera Preview: Hansel & Gretel (Bonus)**

OpePHG

G. Warren Smith

In preparation for attending the opera 'Hansel & Gretel' - or if you are simply curious - join us for this brief orientation. Based upon Grimm's fairytale about hungry children outwitting a child-eating witch, the idea for the opera was proposed to Humperdinck by his sister, who approached him about writing music for songs that she had written for her children for Christmas based on \"Hansel & Gretel.\" After several revisions, the musical sketches and songs were turned into a full-scale opera.. This best-loved masterpiece delights children of all ages and generation to come.

Thurs 11/8; 2:00-4:00

**Tuition/Fees:** ILR members - \$0.00  
non-members - **\$15.00**

**Opera Preview: Madama Butterfly (Bonus)**

OpeMB

G. Warren Smith

In preparation for attending Puccini's opera 'Madama Butterfly' - or if you are simply curious - join us for this brief orientation. Puccini first came across the story in 1900 when he saw a play of the same name in London. He was captivated by the tragic story of love, misunderstanding, cultural mismatching, honor, and dishonor, all woven together. One of the world's most popular operas, it is intimate, devoid of spectacle, taking place completely within a house in Nagasaki. Experience some of Puccini's most soaring and captivating music in this classic story of colliding hearts and cultures.

Thurs 10/11; 2:00-4:00

**Tuition/Fees:** ILR members - \$0.00



non-members - \$15.00

**Opioid Abuse: History of an Epidemic & Solutions**

Opioid

Martin Bright

Everyday, more than 115 Americans die from an opioid overdose. Pennsylvania ranks 12th in opioid overdose related deaths per capita. This presentation will give an overview of the opioid addiction problem, its origin, and an analysis of the major drug treatment/replacement programs, namely methadone and buprenorphine/Suboxone. The neurological actions of the drugs will be discussed along with the extreme physiological effects of withdrawal that contribute to the high relapse rates. Come gain a better understanding of this growing problem that affects people of all ages.

Wed 10/10; 10:30-12:00

**Tuition/Fees:** ILR members - \$0.00

non-members - \$15.00

**Osteoporosis: Reduce Your Risk**

OsteoRisk

Larry Cimperman, Agnes Gallagher

Learn important ways to rebuild bone naturally using the right foods and nutritional supplements. Learn the reasons why bone building medicines for osteoporosis don't work. Most importantly, learn how to intelligently read your bone DEXA scan.

Tues 11/20; 11:00-12:00

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**Philosophy: Writing Your Philosophy of Life (Bonus)**

PhilWrit

Andy Johnson

All of us have lived rich and varied lives. What beliefs and ideas have provided your life a foundation and a direction? What would your credo ('I believe...') look like if you wrote it out in a brief statement - a testament? This is an adventure class which is designed to ask questions which will lead you to your POL (Philosophy of Life). What do I believe? Who am I? What are some of the principles that direct my life? From whom did I learn these basic principles? Your POL can be long and eloquent, a list of principles, a poem, or even a song - it's up to you.

Thurs 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15; 2:00-4:00

Open to ILR members only (FREE)

**Photographs: Preserving and Organizing Your Collection**

PhotoPres

Judy Silva, Dave Obringer

Can you find that great photo you took last year at your niece's wedding? Are you storing your photographs in a way that will make them accessible for future generations? Learn how to organize, protect, and keep track of your photo collections, regardless of format. This class will identify materials and methods for long-term preservation of print and historic photographs. Participants will also learn techniques for naming, organizing, backing up, and retrieving images in digital formats.

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**Tuition/Fees:** ILR members - \$0.00

non-members - \$15.00

**Poverty: The Effects on America (Bonus)**

PovAm

Robert Kochems

How is America affected by poverty? Has our economy or beliefs about the 'American Way of Life' changed due to its influence? In an open format, this class will explore poverty in America today.

Mon 9/17, 9/24, 10/1; 11:30-1:30

Open to ILR members only (FREE)

**Quilt Guild**

QuiltGdFa

Jean Wanchick

Here's your chance to learn new skills and meet other quilters! You can help decide what the Guild's program will include: guest speakers, demonstrations of new techniques or patterns, sewing for charity, visiting quilt shops, etc. Bring your suggestions! We share our work, get assistance with problems, learn from each other and socialize.

4th Tues/month: 9/25, 10/23, 11/27; 1:00-4:00

**Tuition/Fees:** ILR members - \$0.00  
non-members - \$15.00

**River Cruising in Europe**

RiverCr

Verna Call

River cruising offers a more personal and up-close view of towns, castles, and commerce. The river docks are only a few steps from walkable town centers. These three sessions will give you a taste of old European communities and history (1) on the Rhone River from Lyon through Provence, France; (2) on the Rhine and Mosel Rivers from Antwerp, Belgium through Germany to Basel, Switzerland; and (3) on the Danube River from Budapest, Hungary through Central Europe to Linz, Austria and beyond.

Wed 9/19, 9/26, 10/3; 10:30-12:00

**CLOSED**

~~Open to ILR members only~~

**Royal Monastic: Princess of Romania Book Discussion (Bonus)**

RoyMBk

Christine Francis

'Royal Monastic: Princess Ileana of Romania,' is the biography of Ileana Habsburg, a Romanian princess who led an extraordinary life, culminating in the establishment of the Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration in Ellwood City, PA. The Nazis exiled her family, and she eventually came to the US. Our group will read and discuss her biography. On a separate day, we will tour the monastery, and learn about her life, faith journey, and founding of the first English-language monastery in America as Mother Alexandra. Please register for the monastery day trip separately. Class fee covers the cost of the book - please read prior to class. Book Discussion + Tour count as one selection.

Tues 10/9; 10:30-12:00

Open to ILR members only

Tuition/Fees: \$16.00

**Small Music Ensemble (Bonus)**

SmMusicFall

Cathy Norton

*Music is to the soul what words are to the mind.*

This class is for anyone who would like to play music in a small group. Please bring your own instrument, music, and music stand.

~~Mon 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 10:30-11:00~~

Thurs. 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15,  
10:30-11:30

Tuition/Fees: ILR members - \$0.00  
non-members - \$15.00

**Tanzania: An African Odyssey**

Tanz

Jeffrey Hall

Tanzania is a classic 'safari' destination, but is much more than that. Individual sessions will illustrate (1) the remarkable wildlife; (2) the beautiful and bizarre birdlife; (3) the geography, history, and culture of this East African nation. If names like 'Serengeti,' 'Zanzibar,' 'Olduvai Gorge,' and 'Ngorongoro' catch your imagination, these sessions will help bring them to life.

Tues 10/30, 11/6, 11/13; 1:00-2:30

**CLOSED**

~~Open to ILR members only~~

**The Way Things Were (Bonus)**

WayThing

Ruth Leo

Do you remember records, 8-track tapes, 16-mm movie projectors, cross-cut saws, or saddle shoes? Were those 'the good ol' days'? Let's reflect on some of the changes experienced in our society in the last 50 years. Think about your own field and plan to share ideas. Consider some of the sayings that were common and may or may not have meaning presently. We will see you in class 'with bells on'!

Tues 11/6; 2:30-3:30

Open to ILR members only (FREE)

**Totalitarianism: 21st Century Man's Need**

Total21Cen

Robert Kochems

Will Modern Man lose his freedom due to a need for security and belief that he can and should have a better life? In an open discussion format, this class will explore the end result of these pitfalls - totalitarianism.

Thurs 9/20, 9/27, 10/4; 2:00-4:00

Open to ILR members only (FREE)

**U.S. Constitution: How 'We' See It**

USCon

Richard Stachel

A look at the U.S. Constitution through the eyes of the citizens who live under it. As citizens, we need to be aware of how it is practiced, enforced, and interpreted. There will be discussion on its content, Supreme Court rulings, and its potential for erosion.

Tues 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23; 10:30-12:30

**Tuition/Fees:** ILR members - \$0.00  
non-members - \$15.00

**Watercolor Painting (Bonus)**

WatPaint

Daniel Vukich

This course will provide instruction in watercolor painting. The student will be exposed to a variety of materials and techniques. The student will be provided with a basic understanding of visual composition for creating their own watercolor paintings with confidence and success.

Tues 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20; 10:30-12:00

**CLOSED**

~~Tuition/Fees: ILR members - \$30.00~~  
~~non-members - \$45.00~~

**Western Allegheny Railroad: Queen Junction to Cascade Park**

WestARR

Polly Shaw

In the early 1900s, coal and limestone were in great demand for the emerging steel industry in New Castle and Pittsburgh. The Western Allegheny Railroad, which operated locally from 1906-1939, carried freight, as well as offering passenger service. The right-of-way paralleled Muddy Creek. Today, the old rail right-of-way extends nine miles through Lake Arthur in Moraine State Park. We'll look at life along the WARR from Queen Junction to New Castle, near Cascade Park, and how local folks used this railroad before the abundance of cars and paved roads.

Thurs 9/27; 12:00-1:30

**CLOSED**

~~Open to ILR members only (free)~~

**WWII: Citizen Army**

WWICitArmy

James Mennell

The brand-new American-citizen army faced the veteran and professional German army in North Africa at the end of 1942. Rommel quickly inflicted a humiliating defeat on the Americans at the Kasserine Pass. Would the American army be able to recover or would it develop a defeatist attitude? General Patton will attempt to teach the American army how to be professional. Will he succeed?

Wed 10/10; 10:00-11:30

**CLOSED**

~~Open to ILR members only (free)~~

**WWII: The POW Experience**

WW2POW

Mary Pat Moreschi

Remember the television comedy show from the late 60's called 'Hogan's Heroes'? As my father used to say, 'There's a lot of truth to it.' Learn of a young B-17 pilot's experiences in a German prisoner of war camp during WWII as told by his daughter. Hear of the lieutenant's daily life and thoughts spanning from his capture in August of 1944 to his liberation in April of 1945 from Stalag Luft III.

Tues 11/6; 12:30-2:00

**CLOSED**

~~Open to ILR members only (FREE)~~  
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***Trip Descriptions***

**zh-Holiday Luncheon (Bonus)**

zh-HolLun

Hazel Allen

Come and enjoy the company of friends as we celebrate the coming holidays at Luciano's in Slippery Rock. BYO wine. Class fee covers the price of lunch and tax. Please bring \$2.50 - \$3.00 each for gratuity.

Mon 12/3; 10:30 - 1:00

**Tuition/Fees: ILR Members \$17**

**Nonmembers \$20**

~~Open to ILR members only (FREE)~~  
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**zt-Aviary & Mexican War Street Walking Tour**

zt-AvMex

Jessie McMenamin

We will carpool to the north side of Pittsburgh where we will begin our day with a 2-hour program: National Aviary Veterinary Hospital Lecture and Tour. A behind-the-scenes tour led by Dr. Fish. Additionally, there will be free time. Bring your own brown bag lunch. Next, we will be taken on a tour of the nearby 'Mexican War Streets.' This historic district is filled with row houses, community gardens, and tree-lined streets - many named after battles and generals of the Mexican-American War.

Fri 9/14; 8:30-5:00

**CLOSED**

~~Tuition/Fees: ILR members \$30.00~~  
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**zt-Bayernhof Music Museum - AM**

zt-BayAM

Sandra Wakefield

Don't be deceived! This isn't JUST a world-class music museum housing the extensive personal collection of automated music players, it is also the fantastic and extraordinary home of the late Charles 'Chuck' Brown III. Overlooking the Highland Park lock and dam on the Allegheny River in Pittsburgh, this eclectic and unusual home was built to entertain, fascinate, astound, and simply fill a visitor with amazement. At over 19,000 sq ft, it boasts 10 fireplaces, 8 full baths, 3 kitchens, 11 wet bars, and 3 secret passages, including one that includes reproductions of stalactites and stalagmites and leads to the indoor pool with 10-foot waterfall. Come be astounded!

Fri 10/5; 8:00-12:30

**CLOSED**

~~Tuition/Fees: ILR members \$10.00~~  
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~~non-members - \$25.00~~

**zt-Bayernhof Music Museum - PM**

zt-BayPM

Dale Doran

See description at Bayernhof Music Museum - AM

Fri 10/5; 12:00-4:30 PM

**CLOSED**

**Tuition/Fees:** ~~ILR members - \$0.00~~  
~~non-members - \$25.00~~  
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**zt-Biking the Little Beaver Creek Greenway Trail (Bonus)**

zt-BikeBeav

G. Warren Smith

This Little Beaver Creek Greenway Trail parallels the Middle Fork of Little Beaver Creek between historic Lisbon and Leetonia, Ohio. It features glacial out-washes, upland fields, mature ravine woodlots, and wetland wildlife habitats. Remains of its industrial past dot the trail with old lime kilns, pig iron furnaces, coal mines, and coke ovens. It features a covered bridge and connection to the Sandy Beaver Canal Towpath. The 12-mile trail is blacktop and about 10 feet wide. Most of the trail is level to a gentle grade. For more information, see <http://www.bicycletrail.com/gwt-home.htm>. Bring your own bicycle, food, and water. Required: helmet. Recommended: spare tube and pump.

Sat 9/29; 9:00-4:00;

**Tuition/Fees:** ILR members - \$0.00  
non-members - \$10.00

**zt-Butler Walldog Tour**

zt-ButWalldog

Steve Cicero

We will take a two-hour walking tour of Butler. Along the way we will view the Walldog Murals created in 2016. Starting at May's Music Shop, the tour will include stories of famous people who played a part in the history of Butler, including: Thomas Edison, Clara Barton, and Harry Houdini. A lunch break at Natili's is tentatively planned for the mid-point of the walk.

Fri 11/2; 10:00-1:30

**Tuition/Fees:** ILR members - \$0.00  
non-members - \$15.00

**zt-Frick: Visions in Paper Tour**

zt-FrickPaper

Steve Cicero

We will take a guided tour of the newest special exhibit at The Frick Pittsburgh. From replicas of Renaissance Italian gowns to recreations of the fantastical modernist costumes of the 'Ballet Russes', Isabelle de Borchgrave has created meticulously crafted and astonishingly beautiful life-size renditions with artfully painted, pleated, crumpled, and manipulated paper. We will also have a guided tour of the Car and Carriage Museum. This world class collection illustrates the history of transportation from the mid-1800s to the 1900s, including several vehicles owned by the Frick family. Lunch reservations will be made at the highly rated Frick Café for those who are interested. There may be a tour of the grounds, if time permits.

Fri 11/9; 10:30-2:30

**CLOSED**

~~Tuition/Fees: ILR members - \$0.00~~  
~~non-members - \$15.00~~  
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non-members - \$15.00

**zt-Hansel & Gretel (Benedum Center) (Bonus)**

zt-HanOP

G. Warren Smith

Hansel & Gretel play while their parents are out. Their mother returns and accidentally knocks over the milk jug that contains the last sustenance in the house. Furious, she sends both children out into the forest to look for strawberries. Hansel and Gretel become lost and go to sleep guarded by angels. In the morning they wake to discover a house made of gingerbread in the vicinity. The witch who owns the house proceeds to turn Gretel into a servant and starts fattening Hansel for the oven. Does this end well? Carpool. SEE ALSO: Opera Preview of Hansel & Gretel.

Sun 11/11; 11:15-6:00

**Tuition/Fees:** ILR members - \$48.00  
non-members - \$58.00

**zt-Joy Cone Company**

zt-JoyCone

Marie Palmer, Dale Doran

We all scream for ice cream! Come tour the cake cone division of Joy Cone Company. Each participant will receive a box of cones at the conclusion of the tour - and quite possibly ice cream!

Fri 10/26; 9:00-11:00

**CLOSED**

~~Open to ILR members only~~

**zt-Kayaking at Moraine State Park (Bonus)**

zt-kayak

Marianne Hooker

Learn to kayak in the tranquil waters of Lake Arthur! A park staff member will guide our group through a brief introduction to the sport. Next, we'll practice our strokes on the water, and explore the area around McDanel's Cove. We'll start out from Slippery Rock and proceed to Pavilion #6 in the park to share a picnic before the class (bring your own). The lesson will begin at 1 PM. Kayaks and life jackets will be provided. Sign up early - limited to 11! Bring along some water shoes and sunscreen. Donations to the park will be accepted.

Fri 9/28; 11:30-3:30

**CLOSED**

~~Tuition/Fees: ILR members - \$48.00~~

~~non-members - \$58.00~~

**zt-Madama Butterfly (Benedum Center) (Bonus)**

zt-MadButtOP

G. Warren Smith

Based on events that actually occurred in Nagasaki in the early 1890s, 'Madama Butterfly' touches on many aspects of the human experience - overwhelming love, unbearable loss, rejection, motherhood, and clashing cultural ideals - with tenderness, honesty, and poignancy. A seemingly simple story about a young Japanese girl and her love for an American soldier who is careless with her devotion, 'Butterfly' is brought to life - and eventually to her death - by Puccini's heartbreaking music. Join us for the pre-opera lecture at 1 PM before the matinee performance at 2 PM. Carpool. Class fee covers your opera ticket. You may bring a bag lunch to eat before the lecture. SEE ALSO: Opera Preview of Madama Butterfly.

Sun 10/14; 11:15-6:00

**Tuition/Fees:** ILR members - \$48.00

non-members - \$58.00

**zt-Royal Monastic: Tour of Ellwood City Monastery (Bonus)**

zt-RoyMon

Christine Francis

Having prepared ourselves by reading and discussing 'Royal Monastic: Princess Ileana of Romania' (see Book Discussion group elsewhere in this catalog), we will visit the Ellwood City Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration to tour and learn about Princess Ileana's life, faith journey, and founding of the first English-language monastery in America after her tonsure as an Orthodox nun, Mother Alexandra. Optional lunch at a nearby restaurant will follow immediately after the trip. Donations to the monastery are not required, but would be much appreciated. Please dress modestly (see [www.orthodoxmonasteryellwoodcity.org](http://www.orthodoxmonasteryellwoodcity.org) for more information).

Fri 10/12; 10:00-12:00

Open to ILR members only (FREE)

**zt-St. Michael the Archangel Relics & Maridon Museum**

zt-StMich

Jessie McMenamin

This day trip will take us to two unique places located in Butler. First, we'll go to the St. Michael the Archangel Greek Ukranian Catholic Church in Lyndora. Here, we will be given a tour of the 112-year-old church that houses the relics of 63 Saints, including those of St. Teresa of Calcutta, and a shard of Christ's manger. We will visit Rachel's Roadhouse for lunch. Finally, we'll visit the Maridon Museum - the only museum in the Western PA region with a specific focus on Asian art and culture.

Fri 9/21; 9:30-4:00

Open to ILR members only

Fees - \$4.00

**zt-Western PA Model Railroad Museum Trip**

zt-WPARail

Henry Anna, Teresa O'Malley

Join us as we carpool to Gibsonia, PA for a tour of the museum devoted to a model train layout of Western Pennsylvania. Built and operated by volunteers, it is open only on select days in the Holiday Season. Some walking and stairs are required. For wheelchairs, there is a graded access. No elevator is available. Rated #1 'Best of the 'Burgh' by Pittsburgh Magazine (July 2018), the museum was called 'The Best Tiny History Lesson.' Meticulous reconstructions depict towns and scenes from PGH to Cumberland, MD in the 1950s. See [wpmrm.org](http://wpmrm.org). Tour is approx. 90 minutes.

Fri 11/16; 2:00-6:30PM

Tuition/Fees: ILR members - \$10.00

non-members - \$25.00



## ***Your Inimitable Instructors & Facilitators***

### **Hazel Allen**

*Hazel is an enthusiastic member and supporter of the ILR. She volunteers in her church and in the community. She also enjoys time with her family, particularly her grandchildren.*

### **Henry Anna**

*Henry J. Anna is professor emeritus of political science and public administration at Slippery Rock University, having retired in 1998. A native of Cambria County, PA, Hank has traveled extensively and has so far visited more than 25 countries on 5 continents and 47 U.S. states. He is adventurous in his dining habits and enjoys reading and volunteer work, including Rotary.*

### **Larry Berg**

*Larry Berg has spent 70 years in broadcasting. For 36 years he hosted The Larry Berg talk show on WISR and WBUT in Butler, and currently he is host of 'Faces & Places' TV interview program on Armstrong Cable. He spent 11 years as an on-air personality at KDKA and 14 years as owner-manager of WBUT and WLER-FM in Butler. Larry is past president of the Butler County Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Butler. He also has served on many dozens of Boards of Directors of local service groups.*

### **Beth Bittner**

*Beth Bittner is the Director of Communication and Outreach for Cresco Yeltrah LLC. She holds a M.Ed. in School Counseling from Liberty University and a B.S. in Business Administration/Marketing from SRU. She was involved in the mental health/drug and alcohol field for over 26 years in multiple capacities.*

### **Martin Bright**

*Martin Bright is a professor of Psychology and Social Work at Grove City College. His educational background is in Sociology and Counseling Psychology. Dr. Bright is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor and has worked as a Counselor and Case Manager in various settings.*

### **Verna Call**

*Verna Call is a retired ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. She received her Doctor of Ministry in 2005 from Lancaster Theological Seminary. Her dissertation was on the spiritual care of those with dementia. She is an avid photographer and traveler, having toured over 40 countries, mostly in Europe. Verna has created photo album diaries and shared her trip experiences with organizations throughout the area.*

### **Steve Cicero**

*Steve Cicero is a former history instructor in Butler Area School District. He is active with a number of historical organizations in western PA as a part time teacher or volunteer, as well as with several retired educator groups. In addition, he is always*

*looking for ways to promote local history and historical sites through presentations and tours.*

#### **Larry Cimperman**

*Dr. Larry Cimperman and Dr. Agnes Gallagher have been in private practice for nearly 30 years. Dr. Cimperman provides specific treatment in the musculoskeletal and neurological aspect of chiropractic care. He holds the distinction of Certified Chiropractic Sports Physician.*

#### **Mary Alice Cobbett**

*Mary Alice Cobbett, a Slippery Rock University graduate, is a retired Reading Specialist and Spanish teacher. She lived four years in Central and South America and is a former Peace Corps volunteer.*

#### **Traci Conlon**

*Traci Conlon has been a financial advisor with Edward Jones since 2014. She attended Robert Morris University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Business Administration degree. She and her husband Michael have two children.*

#### **Dale Doran**

*Dale is recently retired and quickly filling her calendar.*

#### **Peggy Loughner Fisher**

*Peggy (Loughner) Fisher was 7 years old when her dad died surviving the Bataan Death March and being a POW for 3-1/2 years. Throughout her life she has loved her dad and always thought of him as her HERO. She wrote her book 'Daddy Came Home!' from her heart.*

#### **Christine Francis**

*Christine is the new director of the ILR, having taken over the helm with the retirements of Ruth and Connie. Christine earned her BA in psychology from the University of Delaware before becoming primarily a homeschooling mother of 7. Her love of learning brings her to the ILR to manage, organize, and teach/facilitate.*

#### **Agnes Gallagher**

*Dr. Gallagher is the director of Health By Nature Nutrition and Wellness which provides holistic and wellness health services utilizing nutritional supplements, herbal, and homeopathic remedies, as well as specific diet plans to create individual health improvement programs for a variety of health conditions.*

#### **Jeffrey Hall**

*Jeffrey Hall retired from teaching biology at The Pennington School in New Jersey and moved to Franklin. He has taught many previous ILR courses, including most recently 'The Brain', and given over 125 presentations to groups interested in nature, wildlife and photography. Jeffrey has been guest lecturer at NYU, Rutgers and C.W. Post.*

#### **Kenneth Harris**

*Ken Harris offers his twenty-sixth ILR Film Series. He is a professor emeritus (Theater) at Slippery Rock University, and a life-long movie fan.*

#### **Attorney Laurel Hartshorn**

*Laurel Hartshorn, Esquire is an Elder Law Attorney from Saxonburg, PA. She graduated from the Ohio State University College of Law in 1987, focusing on Elder Law. She employs people with the training and commitment to provide excellent legal assistance to older and disabled individuals and their families. Laurel is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and the Pennsylvania Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.*

#### **Russ Hearn**

*Russ Hearn is a craft beer enthusiast, a long-time home brewer, and a Butler businessman.*

#### **Robert Hinds**

*Robert Hinds is a professor emeritus of Slippery Rock University. He developed and taught classes in genealogy, paleontology, geology, oceanography, environmental geology and historical geology at SRU, as well as historical geology and paleozoology labs at Queens College and Columbia University.*

#### **Ruth Hoffman**

*Since she retired from teaching at Franklin Middle School, Ruth Hoffman has been active in church activities, volunteering at the Grove City Historical Society, traveling and taking ILR classes!*

#### **Frank Hoffman**

*Frank retired from SRU in 1999 after 32+ years in the Biology Department. Frank's interests include gardening, reading (mainly mysteries), and computer games. He also volunteers at the Grove City Area Historical Society.*

#### **Carol Holland**

*Dr. Carol Holland retired after 21 years from SRU as the Director of the Student Counseling Center. She is a licensed psychologist, certified yoga instructor and certified meditation teacher. Retirement provides her with more time to be the lifelong learner she has always been.*

#### **Marianne Hooker**

*Marianne Hooker is a retired Realtor from New Castle, who has also worked as a consultant and technical writer. She is a member of the ILR Curriculum Committee.*

#### **J. L. Horam**

*A talented writer, J.L. has been named to: 'Poets, Artists and Editors of the US and Canada', 'Who's Who in America', 'Who's Who of American Women' and 'Who's Who in the World'. She has 50 poems published in 20 anthologies in the U.S., Wales and England. J.L. has recently finished 3 novellas, 18 short stories, 3 poetry manuscripts and a collection of Flash Fiction. She has been a featured reader twice at Le Poem Café,*

*Saint Marks-in-the-Bowery, NYU (a benefit for May Sarton) and The Village Café, all in Manhattan; and for the Butler Woman's Book Club in PA.*

#### **Jim Hughes**

*Jim is professor emeritus at SRU, where he taught geography courses for 34 years. Interests include Latin America and urban planning. He holds a BA from Northwestern (1967), MA from Kansas (1968), PhD from Kansas (1971) and BS from Slippery Rock (2016). Jim's SRU degree includes a minor in art history.*

#### **Andy Johnson**

*Andy has a BA in Philosophy and English, a Masters in Counseling Psychology, and graduate work in World Religions. He misses teaching Intro to Philosophy and Ethics at BC3, publishes his poetry, and is Executive Director of spoken word projects. Andy is currently finishing a children's book and honing his Ashtanga yoga practice.*

#### **Whitney Jones**

*Whitney Jones earned her teaching certificate in early childhood and elementary education from Slippery Rock University in 2012. Since graduating Whitney spends her days as a stay-at-home mom. She and her husband enjoy spending their free time taking adventures with their children.*

#### **Theodore Kneupper**

*Dr. Theodore Kneupper is professor emeritus at SRU where he taught for nearly 35 years in the Dept. of Philosophy. He specialized in World Religions, Oriental Religions, Philosophy of Religion, and Mysticism and Psychical Research. He has a current interest in various approaches to spiritual realization.*

#### **Robert Kochems**

*Bob Kochems is the retired District Attorney of Mercer County with 38 years' experience in the criminal justice system as a prosecutor and defense attorney. He also has 30 years' experience doing general "people" law (family, elder, estate and real estate). Bob's passion is seeking ways to improve the justice system for the average person.*

#### **Ruth Leo**

*Ruth is a professor emerita at SRU where she taught in the Department of Nursing for 24 years. Ruth has worked as a registered nurse, pediatric nurse practitioner, nursing faculty member, and parish nurse. She enjoys family activities, travel, health-related community service, serving as a deacon at church, and learning new things.*

#### **Becky Lubold**

*Recently retired from Jennings Environmental Education Center, Becky has a master's degree in Environmental Education from SRU, and more than 30 years of experience in that field. An environmental and community activist, she teaches about climate change, serves on SRU's President's Commission on Sustainability, and manages Slippery rock's farmer's market.*

#### **Mark Mann**

*Mark Mann is the former managing editor of the Butler Eagle with 45+ years of journalism experience. Together with Russ Hearn, they organized the Butler County Beer Run.*

**Richard Martin**

*Dr. Martin taught courses on the Holocaust for the bulk of his career at SRU, as well as being responsible for the annual Holocaust Remembrance Program at SRU for the last twenty-five years. He and Mrs. Martin made four trips to Europe and visited six primary death camps of Poland - almost all of the most significant slave labor and concentration camps in the Nazi empire.*

**Jessie McMenamin**

*Jessie is a retired educator who was employed by the Slippery Rock Area School District for 33 years. In her retirement she continues to substitute as a teacher and guidance counselor. She and her husband Jim travel as much as possible, especially to beaches and historic sites.*

**James Mennell**

*During his tenure at Slippery Rock University, James Mennell taught Twentieth Century Warfare for 20 years. He currently is doing research on a World War II project concerning the training of troops.*

**Paul Moessinger**

*Paul has a BA in History and a Ph.D. in Education. He taught in the Pittsburgh public schools, including the International Baccalaureate, several local universities and the Osher programs at Pitt and CMU. He has taught a course on Medieval Spain as well as the Origins of Islam previously at the ILR.*

**Richard Molinari**

*Dick is a retired Westinghouse Project Manager who has taught safe driving courses for ten years. In addition to his volunteer instructor duties, he is the AARP Driver Safety Program Zone Coordinator responsible for Beaver, Butler and Lawrence counties. Originally from Western New York, he now lives with his wife in Pittsburgh near his six grandchildren.*

**Mary Pat Moreschi**

*Mary Pat is a retired English and Social Studies teacher from Woodland Hills School District on the east side of Pittsburgh. After spending summers as a child along Wolf Creek, she decided to become a full-time resident of Slippery rock when she retired. Looking for new friends and adventures, she was delighted to discover the ILR.*

**Krishna Mukherjee**

*Krishna Mukherjee teaches Astronomy and Physics at SRU. She did her Ph.D. on astrophysics at the University of Pittsburgh. Her current research interest lies in the formation of exoplanets and gravitational lensing.*

**Cathy Norton**

*Cathy Mahle Norton was born in Brooklyn, NY and grew up in Queens. She received her R.N. from Sewickley Valley School of Nursing. She eventually received a degree in Environmental Science from SRU. She is currently retired and enjoying time with family and grandchildren. She does volunteer work and plays with the Lawrence County Community Band.*

#### **Dave Obringer**

*Dave Obringer is an associate professor, and the University Archivist and Special collections Librarian at Edinboro University. He is past president of the Edinboro Area Historical Society and currently serves on the board as treasurer. Among the college classes he has taught are Archival Theory, Preservation of Library Materials, and several history courses. He has also made state and regional presentations on preservation of documents and material culture.*

#### **Teresa O'Malley**

*Teresa O'Malley is the mother of two sons and grandmother of seven. She is employed at the Seneca Valley School District as a substitute for ParaProfessionals working with Children with Special Needs and Children with Autism. She is an instructor at the ILR at SlipperyRock University, life member of the Evans City Ladies' Fireman's Auxillary, member of the RubberDolls Stamping Club, and The Red Bonnets and Bifocal Red Hats. Presently, she is the president of her Women's Group at Church, serves in the choir, bell choir, and altar Guild. She enjoys working on crossword puzzles, reading, traveling, gardening, cardmaking/rubberstamping, cooking, spending time with family and friends, learning new things, and volunteering.*

#### **Marie Palmer**

*Marie Palmer is a retired teacher who spends her time trying to "not miss anything of interest".*

#### **Paul Scanlon**

*Paul Scanlon is an architectural engineer and sustainability consultant who has focused on energy efficient building design, resource conservation, and strategic renewal planning for over thirty-five years.*

*Mr. Scanlon received his degree in Bachelor of Architectural Engineering, Environmental Systems Option, from Penn State. He currently serves as Director of Sustainability at Slippery Rock University, where he is responsible for promoting and documenting all sustainability initiatives on campus. Mr. Scanlon resides in West Sunbury, PA in an earth-sheltered house that he designed and constructed for his family, which became the subject of a Mr. Roger's Neighborhood episode teaching young children about energy conservation.*

#### **Attorneys Shapiro & Pater**

*Both Murray Shapiro and Michael Pater are practicing attorneys in the Butler area with offices in The Morgan Center. They have been practicing law for combined experience of over seventy years. One of the areas of the practice involves estate administration and the preparation of wills, powers of attorney, healthcare POA and living wills.*

#### **Polly Shaw**

*After 37 years in education, Polly retired from Seneca Valley. She continued to teach as a Red Cross preparedness volunteer and has been a local state park volunteer for 20*

years. She's always been interested in local history. Her new book, *Moraine State Park*, will be published in March 2017.

#### **Judy Silva**

*Judy Silva is an assistant professor and the Fine and Performing Arts Librarian & Archivist at Slippery Rock University. She is a doctoral student at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, researching archival instruction with primary sources. She has presented locally, regionally, and nationally, and worked as a consultant for local historical organizations.*

#### **G. Warren Smith**

*An opera "buff" and outdoor enthusiast, Warren is a retired chemistry professor and university administrator. His research studied the history and use of medicinal plants by Arctic Natives. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry, AAAS and the Explorers Club.*

#### **Richard Stachel**

*Richard Stachel was a Property and Casualty Insurance agent and underwriter for 39 years. He worked for numerous insurance companies as an agent and worked for Zurich, Donegal, Westfield and Nationwide as an underwriter.*

#### **Sandy Stevenson**

*Sandy's B.A. in psychology is from Carlow College; her M.S. in counseling psychology is from Slippery Rock University. She retired from SRU as Director of Training and Employee Services. She also did a lot of diversity-related work while employed at SRU.*

#### **Elaine Swidzinski**

*Elaine is a retired elementary school teacher who spends a lot of time crafting. She has designed handmade cards for many years. Many of the Stampin' Up products have become part of her craftroom over the last 15 years.*

#### **Daniel Vukich**

*Dan earned an undergraduate degree in Art Education at Youngstown State University and did post-graduate studies at Youngstown State University, Penn State University and Kutztown University. He taught fine art at Blackhawk Middle/High School for 34 years, retiring in 2006. His other interests include archery, fishing, hunting and gardening.*

#### **Sandra Wakefield**

*Sandy is retired from Slippery Rock University. She enjoys traveling, especially since her children are scattered over the US.*

#### **Jean Wanchick**

*After retiring from SRU, Jean Wanchick learned to make quilts. Since then, she has taught classes, organized quilt shows and this quilt guild.*

#### **Gene Wilhelm**

*Dr. Wilhelm is Professor Emeritus of Geography, Geology and the Environment at SRU, having taught courses in Biogeography, Conservation, Environmental Problems and Human Ecology. He developed the East African Studies program at SRU. He has experienced wild birds on all seven continents in his lifetime.*

**Joe Zgonc**

*Joe is a retired metallurgist. He retired from US Steel after 40 years. He also served for 31 years with the American Petroleum Institute. He and his wife Isabelle have two children and four grandchildren*

**Jerry Zona**

*Jerry Zona, Director for Lawrence County Recycling/Solid Waste Department, is a PA certified Recycling Professional who started his career in 1992. Mr. Zona is also the executive director for Tri-County CleanWays whose mission is to empower people to eliminate illegal dumping and littering in Butler, Lawrence, and Mercer counties.*

