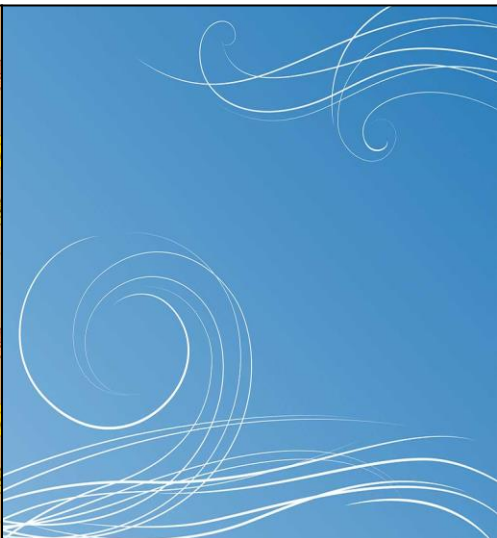


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***Fall 2022***





## **Important Dates**

**Monday, August 08**

**Monday, August 15**

**Monday, August 22**

**Tuesday, September 06**

**Sustaining Registration**

**Regular & Zoom-only Registration**

**Basic & Guest Registration**

**First Day of Classes/**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Registration**

## **Dues**

**SUSTAINING MEMBER ..... \$100/person**

- ◆ EARLY REGISTRATION
- ◆ Up to 12 Classes/Trips + Unlimited \*\*BONUS;
- ◆ Unlimited Zoom Classes;
- ◆ All Zoom Recordings;
- ◆ Donation to help sustain the ILR;

**REGULAR MEMBER ..... \$70/person**

- ◆ Up to 12 Classes/Trips + Unlimited \*\*BONUS;
- ◆ Unlimited Zoom Classes;
- ◆ All Zoom Recordings;

**ZOOM-ONLY MEMBER ..... \$50/person**

- ◆ Unlimited Zoom Classes;
- ◆ All Zoom Recordings;

**BASIC MEMBER ..... \$25/person**

- ◆ Combination of any three (3) Classes/Trips;
- ◆ Recordings for Registered Classes only;

**GUEST PASS ..... \$15/person**

- ◆ One (1) Class/Trip "Sample Size!"



## Instructions

*All information necessary to register for the ILR Fall 2022 semester classes/trips, including descriptions, times/dates, restrictions, class size limits, instructions, and fees are included in this catalog.*

**F** = In-person at Fowler Building, 165 Elm St., Slippery Rock

**Z** = Online Zoom

**NOTE:** *All trips and some classes have limited enrollment.  
REGISTER EARLY!*

## Registration Link

*Registrations will be processed in the order they are received according to membership level.*

*Use this link to complete the online Registration Form:*

<https://forms.office.com/r/c43ufVryqH>

## Payments

*An **INVOICE & CLASS CONFIRMATION** will be sent to you via email or mail (if you have not provided us with an email address) within two weeks of registration.*

*Questions? Contact the ILR office at:*

[info@ilretirement.org](mailto:info@ilretirement.org)



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### COVID POLICY

For in-person classes, the ILR will follow any COVID policies put forth by SRU. By registering for any in-person classes or trips, you are agreeing to the ILR Liability Waiver as posted on our website.



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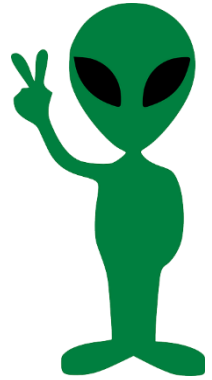
## Class Descriptions

### **Astrobiology: Extraterrestrials? (Z)**

Krishna Mukherjee

This class will explore the possibility of finding life in the solar system. We will examine the places on Mars, the moons of Jupiter and Saturn, and on exoplanets where there is evidence for life to exist and how scientists have found life of various forms in the harshest conditions on Earth.

**(Z)** Tuesdays, October 25; November 01, 08, 15; 7:00-8:00



### **Biddle Boys--Western PA's Most Notorious Outlaws (F)**

Bill May



Ed and Jack Biddle captured the attention of the entire nation in 1902 and garnered front-page news from Butler to San Francisco. The Biddles had killed a grocer and a police detective in Pittsburgh and were sentenced to hang in the Allegheny County Jail. Ed Biddle, the most handsome man most women had ever seen seduced Kate Soffel, the warden's wife, who then aided their escape. Stealing a sleigh, the Biddles and Mrs. Soffel headed north towards Canada and through the streets of Butler. Their escape would end in a gun blazing shootout with police between Mt. Chesnut and Prospect.

**(F)** Tuesday, September 06; 12:00-1:30

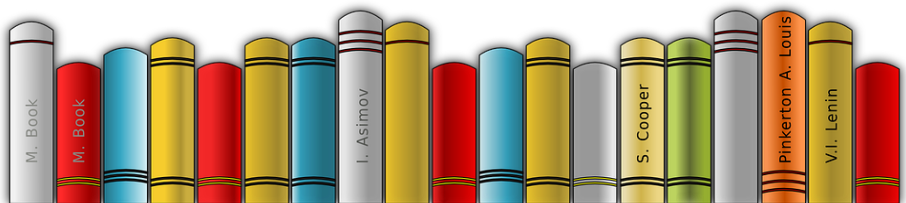
### **Book Club (F)**

Sandy Stevenson, Debbie Bell

Love to read? Here's your chance to discuss a wide variety of books with other bibliophiles. We read fiction, non-fiction, memoirs, biographies, and histories to name a few, and YOU get to choose the selections for the following semester! This fall's selections include: The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles (Sept); The Four Winds by Kristen Hannah (Oct); and The Daughters of Kobani by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon (Nov).

**(F)** Third Tuesday of each month:

September 20; October 18; November 15; 12:00-1:30





# BROADWAY

## **Broadway Musicals: The Method Behind the Magic (F)**

Phillip Atteberry

Few things are as enthralling as a great Broadway musical. But behind the flash, the glitter, and soaring melodies, what makes them work? Using a wide variety of video clips from great musicals, we will explore the structural elements that generate the on-stage magic. Specifically, in four class sessions we will examine 'Openings,' 'I Want' Songs, 'Conditional Love Songs,' and 'Production Numbers.' Shows examined will include *Kiss Me, Kate!*, *The Music Man*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Gypsy*, *Annie*, and many more.

**(F)** Mondays, October 31; November 07, 14, 21; 12:00-1:30

## **Building Your Family Tree: Genealogy (F, Z)**

Margaret Hewitt

Discover your roots! In this one-hour class, we'll introduce the building blocks of genealogy research and show you how to build and record your family tree. We'll look at the most common resources available to help your search - in print and online. Class participants will leave with strategies to be a genealogy detective, analyzing all the clues in records and equipped with tips to overcome brick walls.

**(F)** Tuesday, September 06; 2:00-3:00

**(Z)** Monday, October 10; 7:00-8:00



## **Caregiving: Strategies to Support Caregivers (F)**

Ruth Leo



Class participants will interact with a panel of four people who have served as caregivers for loved ones. Participants will learn ways that anyone could serve as a support person for caregivers. The conclusions of the discussion will be sent to each participant and perhaps published in the ILR Newsletter.

**(F)** Tuesday, October 18; 2:00-4:00

## Changing Nature & Function of Law (F, Z)

Robert Kochems



This is a continuation of my last nature and function of law class with the emphasis being on the 21st Century and modern issues that stem from competing political systems and polarizing 'political' issues. It is not necessary to have participated previously.

**(F)** Wed., September 21, 28; October 05; 12:00-2:00

**(Z)** Wed., September 21, 28; October 05; 9:00-11:00

## Coping with Loss and Sudden Death (F)

Ruth Leo



Join with others in discussing what we can learn from one another about getting through difficult circumstances. With overwhelming loss such as in the school shootings, how do people cope with the loss? Does the pain ever go away? What about the responses of those who survive when a friend does not? How would I respond if a friend passed away suddenly? Are there lessons to be learned in viewing others' experiences? There will be two persons with expertise in sudden loss available in the class session to help with the discussion.

**(F)** Tuesday, September 13; 2:00-4:00

## Daddy Came Home: The Bataan Death March (F)

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 Philippines 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. August was the 77th anniversary of his release.

**(F)** Monday, September 19; 12:00-1:30





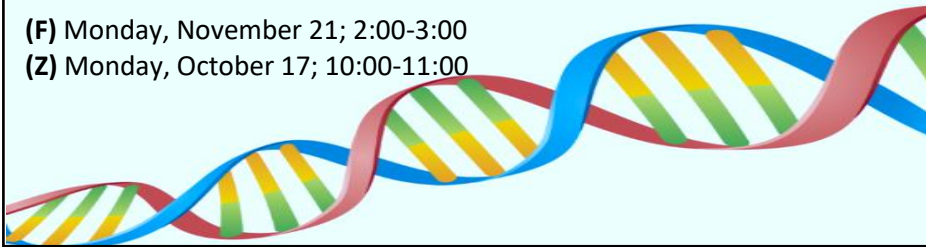
### **DNA & Your Health (F, Z)**

Emmy Geiger

Join the All of Us Pennsylvania Research Program for a program update and a conversation about your DNA!

**(F)** Monday, November 21; 2:00-3:00

**(Z)** Monday, October 17; 10:00-11:00



### **Endurance:**

#### **Search & Discovery of Shackleton's Ship (F, Z)**

Eric Scuoteguazza

In 1914, the famous explorer Ernest Shackleton led an expedition from England to the Weddell Sea to cross the polar continent—Antarctica. But the expedition vessel, the Endurance, became trapped in ice and sank. Miraculously, Shackleton's team managed to survive, but for over 100 years, no sign of the ship was found—until now!

Earlier this year, a new expedition, Endurance22, found the Endurance 10,000 feet beneath the frozen sea. This amazing triumph of determination and technology will be told in a documentary. ILR members have the unique opportunity to hear first of the dramatic discovery of the ship. See also 'Shackleton's Incredible Voyage (F, Z)'

**(F)** Monday, September 26; 2:00-3:30

**(Z)** Tuesday, October 25; 10:00-11:30



### Exploring the Heinz History Center (Z)

Robert Stakeley



An overview of local history featuring History Center Exhibitions. Devoted to the history and heritage of Western Pennsylvania, the History Center is Pennsylvania's largest history museum and a proud affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. The Senator John Heinz History Center family of museums and programs includes the Heinz History Center, Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum, Fort Pitt Museum, Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, Detre Library & Archives, and the Museum Conservation Center. The 370,000 square-foot museum presents compelling stories from American history with a Western Pennsylvania connection in an interactive environment perfect for visitors of all ages.

**(Z)** Monday, September 12; 10:00-11:00

### **Film: Second Chance 2 (F)**

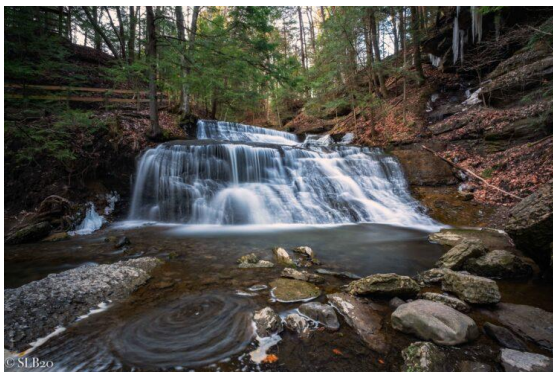
*Ken Harris*

An opportunity to see movie favorites offered years ago in this long-running series. We'll open with *Sweet Land*, an immigrant love story. And follow with *Picnic at Hanging Rock*, *Water, In America*, *The Remains of the Day*, *The Twilight Samurai*, *Gosford Park*, *Witness*, *The Dead*, *Mostly Martha*, and two more classics chosen by the class. Discussion of the art of film-making after each movie. The films are screened with sub-titles in English.

**(F)** Wednesdays, September 07, 14, 21, 28; October 05, 12, 19, 26; November 02, 09, 16; 1:30-4:30.

### **Hell's Hollow History (F, Z)**

Polly Shaw



This class is a companion to a site hike the next day at Hell's Hollow in McConnell's Mill State Park. This class will look at the geology of the site, the recreational use, and the industrial history of the lime kiln and iron furnace. See also "zt-Hell's Hollow HIKE."

**(F)** Thursday, September 29;  
2:00-3:30

**(Z)** Friday, September 30;  
10:00-11:30

### **How to become a Literacy Tutor (F)**

Michelle Jordan

Are you looking for a way to make a positive difference in your community? Come learn about becoming a volunteer literacy tutor! The Adult Literacy Program at the Grove City Education Center for Adults has a team of dedicated volunteers, mostly retirees, who help students in Mercer County. There are similar programs in Butler and Lawrence counties through BC3. Students request help with a range of subjects including GED, math, reading, and English as a Second Language. Tutors generally meet students online or in-person for about 3 hours a week. Tutoring is immensely rewarding and the scheduling is extremely flexible. This session will cover the basics of the services that our program provides, and what it's like to be a volunteer.

**(F)** Monday, September 19; 2:00-4:00



### **Keeping the Keys (Z)**

Terri Rae Anthony



*Keeping the Keys* can prolong your driving years. It is designed to help keep seniors on the road as long and safely as possible. The presentation is filled with tips and resources for older drivers. Pedestrian safety and an update on traffic laws will be reviewed.

**(Z)** Thursday, October 06; 7:00-8:00

## Lady Mary Wortley Montagu: A Life So Uncommon (F, Z)

Kim Szczypinski

Come learn about one of 18th century Britain's most outstanding female personalities - Lady Mary Wortley Montagu (1689-1762). Beautiful, unconventional, outspoken and adventurous, Lady Mary significantly influenced her age in the fields of health, travel, and fashion and was also an accomplished author and poetess. When her husband became ambassador to Constantinople (now Istanbul) in 1716, she accompanied him, exhibiting a taste for travel and adventure that would stay with her throughout her life. In Turkey, as a woman, she had access to the harems of their Ottoman hosts, which were denied to male European travelers. In her letters home, she wrote of the Turkish women with respect, describing their great kindness and hospitality towards her and debunking the erroneous ideas other (mainly male) travelers had written about the religion, customs and treatment of women in the Ottoman Empire. Most significantly, Lady Mary learned in the harems of the Turkish technique of 'engraftment' - a form of early inoculation or vaccination for smallpox. So impressed was she with this technique in light of her own experience with smallpox (she was herself a survivor), that she took it back with her to England, where she held vaccination salons, encouraging the adoption of the practice among her own countryman. This class will focus on Lady Mary's life, character and influence, particularly in the fields of inoculation, travel writing and intercultural experience, her impact on the world of fashion, and her literary achievement.



**(F) Tuesday, November 01; 12:00-1:30**

**(Z) Thursday, November 03; 7:00-8:30**

## **Dementia**

## Life with Dementia (F, Z)

Verna Call

The deterioration of the brain impacts all aspects of a person's life, both private and public. The development of dementia increases with age and with particular disease. Research into the different forms of dementia, including the most common of Alzheimer's disease, has improved the diagnosis and treatment. Although there is still no cure, there is hope and information that can benefit friends and family to better understand and care for loved ones. This class will offer you vital knowledge and guidance in comprehending dementia.

**(F) Monday, November 07, 14; 2:00-3:30**

**(Z) Tuesday, September 20, 27; 7:00-8:30**



### **Lost History of Butler (F)**

Bill May

Enjoy 60 minutes of stories from Butler's Historic Past!  
Stories include:

Nixon Hotel and Farm \* Lafayette's Visit to Butler \*  
Aland's Toy Store \* The Athletic Field \* Old Cemetery \*  
Clearview Farm/Mall Murder on Main Street \*  
Cannons/Monument in Diamond Park \* Ritts Park \*  
Buffalo Bill Cody Meets My Grandfather \* The Johnstown Flood and a lost Butler Family \*  
The Island \* The Outlaw Frank James (brother of Jesse) visits Butler Montgomery Ward \*  
Alameda Airport \* Presidential Visits \* And many more!



**(F)** Monday, October 24; 2:00-3:30

### **Lovely But Lethal (F)**

Dana Del Bianco



On June 22, 1941 Germany invaded the Soviet Union, launching 4 years of some of the bloodiest fighting in all of WW2. Roza Shanina - a young kindergarten teacher - answered her country's call and became a sniper in the Red Army. Explore this fascinating period of history and see the war through Roza's eyes.

**(F)** Thursday, November 17; 2:00-3:30

### **More Epidemics & Plagues (F, Z)**

Kathy Flood

This is a continuation of the spring class 'Pandemics, Epidemics, and Plagues' that will talk about the infectious disease that have 'plagued' mankind and were not included in the previous course. Diseases will include smallpox, cholera, and others, as well as a brief update on the COVID pandemic.



**(F)** Tuesday, November 08; 2:00-3:30

**(Z)** Monday, October 03; 10:00-11:30



## *My 'Affeer' with Vermeer (Z)*

Ken Kaszak



Ken has seen 36 of the 37 paintings attributed to the Dutch Master Johannes Vermeer. The one he hasn't seen was stolen from the Gardner Museum in Boston in 1990. This class details his journey to see these paintings and the Pittsburgh connection to Vermeer.

**(Z)** Monday, October 17; 7:00-8:00

## **Osteoarthritis: Oh, My Aching, Ugly Joints (F, Z)**

Kathy Flood

We will talk about osteoarthritis: what it is and what it is not, and strategies to manage the pain, impairment, and disability.

**(F)** Tuesday, September 27; 2:00-3:30

**(Z)** Monday, November 21; 10:00-11:30



## **Overwhelmed by Selling Your Home? (F)**

Amy Nelson



Like most homeowners, you are probably sentimental about your home and your belongings and the thought of downsizing and moving your beloved items, let alone knowing what to do with your house and how to get it ready for the market, can be OVERWHELMING, to say the least!

As a stager, I can simplify this process for you! Through engaging activities, you'll learn about the 'Seller's Mindset,' what buyers will pay more for, what is worth updating, what to leave as-is, and what to do with your items so your house looks fantastic to buyers and sells faster for more money.

**(F)** Monday, October 31; 2:00-4:00



## Panama Canal: An Engineering Marvel (F, Z)

John Nichols

Using old and modern photos, we will have an historical look at the building of the Panama Canal from the failure by the French to the success by the United States. With the evolution of maritime shipping, up-to-date photos will compare the new locks to the old.

**(F) Tuesday, October 04, 11; 2:00-3:30**

**(Z) Tuesday, November 01, 08; 10:00-11:30**

### Panama Cruise Adventure (F, Z)

## Verna Call

The Panama Canal is a wonder of engineering that still fascinates us today. It has impacted shipping and commerce for over a century. The journey will take us from Fort Lauderdale, FL to San Diego, CA via our cruise ship. Along the way, you get to see some ports of call: Cartagena, Columbia; a jungle boat safari in Costa Rica; historic city of Antigua, Guatemala; and two ports in Mexico, Huatulco and Puerto Vallarta. However, the centerpiece of this adventure is seeing the Panama Canal with its locks, bridges, and spectacular scenery.

**(F) Tuesday, October 04, 11; 12:00-1:30**

**(Z)** Monday, October 31; November 07; 10:00-11:30

### Pittsburgh Makes Merry: The Gilded Age Holidays (F, Z)

Sue Morris



America's Gilded Age has been the focus of recent popular culture due to a television series of the same name. This presentation will explore what it was really like to celebrate the December holiday season in Pittsburgh during the late 1800s.

**(F)** Tuesday, November 15; 2:00-3:30

**(Z)** Monday, November 14; 10:00-11:30

### Planes, Trains, Automobiles, & Boats (Z)

Steve Cicero



The history of modern transportation is a story with many ties to Pennsylvania.

Drake Well, steamboats, interstate highways, Lindbergh and Earhart, world famous canals, bridges, and railroads – all of these have connections here in our own backyard.

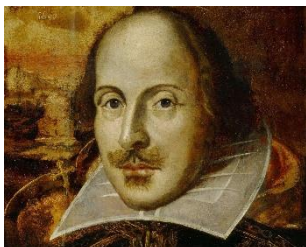


**(Z)** Thursday, September 15; 7:00-8:30

### Quoting Shakespeare: Tragedies (Z)

Ruth Cole

Shakespearean Tragedies are filled with magnificent, familiar quotations. To truly appreciate them, it is critical to understand the plays and the Bard in provided background; Elizabethan/Jacobean language, times and themes of major plays from Julius Caesar through Hamlet, Othello, Macbeth, and King Lear. Discussion and questions will be welcomed as we work our way through Shakespearean enrichment materials, as well as the plays.



**(Z)** Wednesdays, September 07, 14;  
10:00-11:30



## Remember the Alamo (F)

Jessie McMenamin



Few battles in American history are as celebrated as the Battle of the Alamo. For 13 days in 1836, a small band of rebels defended an old Spanish mission called "The Alamo" against overwhelming odds. This class will present the background to the battle, some well-known participants, as well as some of the results of this courageous event.

**(F) Tuesday, November 01; 2:00-3:30**

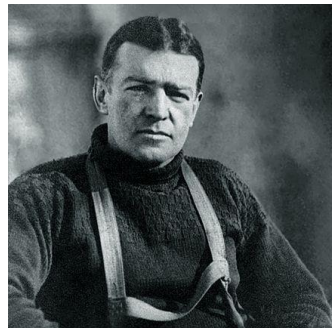
## Shackleton's Incredible Voyage (F, Z)

Tom Call

In 1914 Sir Ernest Shackleton embarked on his third trip to Antarctica, intending to be the first to traverse the continent from sea to sea through the geographic South Pole. Instead, the voyage became the greatest fight-for-survival narrative ever. Return with us to the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration to learn the story of Shackleton and his crew. See also *Endurance: Shackleton's Ship Found!*

**(F) Monday, September 26; 12:00-1:30**

**(Z) Monday, October 24; 7:00-8:30**



## Sofa Spirituality (Z)

Liddy Barlow, Ron Symons

From the comfort of your own living room, join us on the virtual sofa! We invite people of all backgrounds into conversation as we learn more about the varied spiritual traditions of our communities. Each session includes two short interviews with leaders from diverse faith traditions (Jewish, Buddhist, Muslim, Christian, and more), followed by our dialogue together. We'll connect about our own experiences, our fascinating differences, and our shared humanity. (Note that this session offers all new videos and topics for fall 2022.)

**(Z) Wednesday, October 12, 26; November 09; 10:00-11:30**



## James Stratton

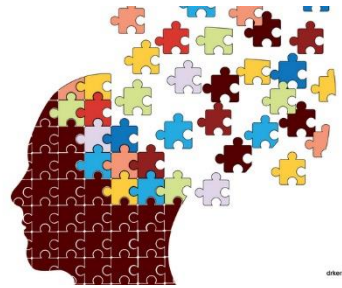
Join us for a behind-the-scenes look at the Battle of Britain and the one man who—more than any other—was responsible for ultimate victory.

**(Z) Wednesday, September 14; 7:00-8:30**

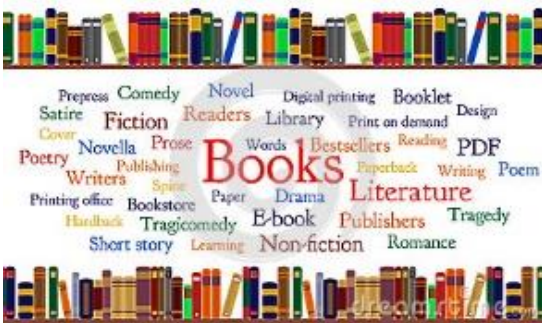
Shauna Assadzandi

Discussion of what it means to get an Alzheimer's Diagnosis, how to cope with this diagnosis, what treatment options are currently available and what might be available going forward.

**(Z) Tuesday, October 11; 10:00-11:00**



Ken Kaszak



This is the beginning of a four-part writing class offered by the instructor outside of the ILR. The introduction details how and why he started to write, the cathartic and ancillary benefits obtained from writing, why college is not the best place to learn to write, and how Amazon has helped anybody who wants to write and self-publish a book.

**(Z)** Monday, September 26; 10:00-11:00





### **Writing Your Memoir (F)**

Andy Johnson

We all have intriguing and important stories in our lives. Memoir is a story told by you, about you, and usually describes a significant event and the people who were involved in that event. This class will focus on how to write a short memoir which includes key elements.

*"The physical act of writing is a powerful search mechanism."*

~William Zinsser

**(F)** Thursday, October 20, 27; November 03; 2:00-4:00



### **zh-Holiday Luncheon**

Linda Williamson

Come and enjoy the company of friends as we celebrate the holidays at My Brother's Place in Grove City near the Outlets. Please bring a dessert to share. Gratuity included.

Tuesday, November 29; 11:30-1:00

**Fees:** ILR members - \$18.00  
non-members - \$28.00

### **zt-Bailey Library Tour @ SRU**

Gail Blakeley, Rocco Cremonese

Bailey Library at Slippery Rock University welcomes you to a tour of their academic library. Librarian Rocco Cremonese will acquaint us with the basics of library and online research and the resources available throughout the library. We have the opportunity to sign up for a free 1-year library card which confers basic borrowing privileges. It is an invaluable tool when researching any topic. Questions are welcome. Lots of stairs. >30 minutes walking.



Saturday, September 17; 10:30-11:30

**FREE**

### **zt-Bike @ Butler-Freeport Trail**

Rich Thornhill



The group will meet and ride the Butler-Freeport Trail 1/2 out and back.

Friday, September 23; 11:00-2:00

**FREE**



## **zt-Butler's Best:**

### **Five Vehicles from Butler, PA**

Steve Cicero, James Pro

We are going to visit the workshop and storage area used by the local Antique Auto Club. They have several old vehicles on display including at least one example of the five vehicles that were designed and built in Butler PA. This includes the legendary Jeep of World War II fame. The tour guides will tell us the history of the cars and describe how they are restored and maintained.

Saturday, November 05; 1:00-3:00

**Fees: \$10.00**

## **zt-Grove City Historical Society Tour**

Ruth Leo

Grove City Historical Society is housed in the former Traveler's Hotel in downtown Grove City. The recently remodeled entry displays some memorabilia, the 1920-1930 kitchen takes us back in time; there is a room dedicated to genealogy. There are 14 theme rooms on the 2nd floor including displays of men's and women's clothing, industries, schools, churches, the military, Grove City College, business and more. The lower level contains postal service, mining and aluminum displays.



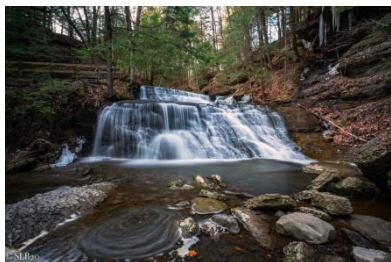
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Thursday, September 22; 3:00-4:30

**FREE**

## **zt-Hell's Hollow Hike @ McConnell's Mill State Park**

Natalie Simon



Join park staff for an interpretive walk in Hell's Hollow at McConnell's Mill State Park to the waterfall. Along the way learn about the iron smelting, charcoal making, and lime processing that took place in this seemingly untouched valley. Wear sturdy footwear and dress for the outdoors. See also "Hell's Hollow History (F, Z)"

Friday, September 30; 2:00-4:00 **FREE**

## Trip Descriptions

### zt-Hike @ Moraine State Park Dam

Rich Thornhill

Join our group to hike the beautiful Moraine State Park. We will hike to the dam and back (approx 1/4 mi each way).

Thursday, October 27; 10:00-1:00

FREE



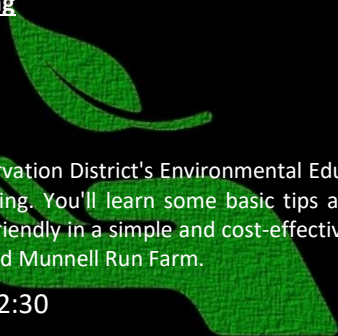
### zt-Intro to Sustainable Living

Kelcy Marini

Join the Mercer County Conservation District's Environmental Education Coordinator for an introduction to sustainable living. You'll learn some basic tips and tricks for making your home more environmentally-friendly in a simple and cost-effective way. We'll conclude the trip with a walk-and-talk around Munnell Run Farm.

Friday, October 07; 1:00-2:30

\$3 at farm



### zt-Kerr House Tour in Oakmont, PA

Kim Szczypinski

Experience the warmth and charm of life of a small-town doctor. Dr. Thomas Kerr, his wife Jessie, and daughter Virginia lived in their gracious home in Oakmont, a quaint town outside of Pittsburgh that provided an escape from the often harsh conditions of life in the city. The museum portrays middle-class family life in the late 19th century. This period was marked by the extremes of fabulous wealth and grinding poverty, which overshadowed the emerging middle class.



Friday, November 11; 2:00-3:30

FREE

### zt-Luncheon Out Group

Teresa O'Malley, Hank Anna



Join us at area restaurants for good food and great companionship. You will pay for your own lunch. Facilitators will choose restaurants, but will take into consideration member requests. Instructions will be conveyed via email. Meets every other week.

Every other Thursday: September 08, 22; October 06, 20; November 03, 17; 11:30-1:30.



**zt-Maxo Vanka Murals @ St. Nicholas Church, Pittsburgh**

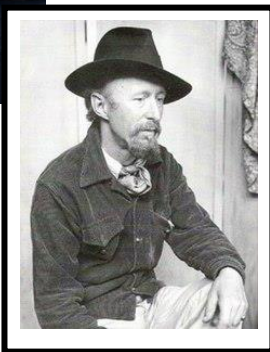
Cathy Mahle



Maxo Vanca's 1937 murals showing his ideas on faith, social injustice, horrors of war, and celebrating the culture of immigrants of the time.

Saturday,  
October 01;  
Tour @ 12:30

**Fees: \$13.50**



**zt-Mercer 9-1-1 Emergency Management Tour**

Gail Blakeley, Frank Jannetti



Learn what happens once you call 911 to report a situation requiring the immediate presence of police, firefighters or emergency medical personnel. The Mercer County Department of Public Safety was established to coordinate preparedness, relief, and recovery activities for all emergency or disaster situations in the county.

Friday, October 21; 10:00-11:30 **FREE**



## zt-Opera: The Marriage of Figaro @ Benedum

Dale Doran



Mozart's THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO is one of the most popular comic operas of all time. Filled with amusing cases of mistaken identity and romantic subterfuge, plus music by Mozart at the height of his powers, THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO has stood the test of time for centuries. THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO is a sequel to THE BARBER OF

SEVILLE. The story opens several years later, in Count Almaviva's palace near Seville, Spain. Rosina is now the Countess, but her husband has lost much of his interest in her and is a would-be philanderer. Figaro is in love with the Countess's servant Susanna, whom he plans to wed that very day. However, their employer Count Almaviva has his eye on Susanna. In fact, the Count intends to invoke the hated feudal practice of droit de seigneur—the famous right of the lord to sleep with a commoner's bride on her wedding night. Figaro, Susanna, and the Countess are understandably outraged at this possibility, and are determined not only to prevent it, but to teach the Count a lesson.

Sunday, November 13; 11:00-5:00

**Fees: \$43**

## zt-Opera: Rusalka @ Benedum

Dale Doran

Rusalka is the Czech version of the popular fairy tale THE LITTLE MERMAID. While it has many similarities to the familiar Disney movie, they are not exactly the same. In this opera, our protagonist is named Rusalka, and secondly, Rusalka is a water sprite, also called a water nymph, not a mermaid. However like THE LITTLE MERMAID, Rusalka falls in love with a human Prince. She has a witch turn her into a human in exchange for her voice. Rusalka must win and keep the Prince's love, or else there will be disastrous consequences for them both. Will a jealous Princess ruin Rusalka's plan? Will Rusalka's father be able to bail her out if things go awry? Will true love triumph? Rusalka premiered in 1901 and has become one of the most beloved lyric fairy tales of all time.



Sunday, September 25; 11:00-5:00

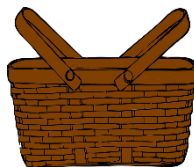
**Fees: \$43**

## Trip Descriptions

### zt-Picnic @ Volant Mill Dam

Gail Blakeley

Pack a lunch and drink, bring a chair, and enjoy some time with ILR friends. There will be a short overview of the dam & mills. We can share the things we've been doing or just sit and relax. Visiting Volant's shops is on your own. Plenty of parking. No raincheck.



Saturday, September 10; 12:00-2:00

**FREE**

### zt-Prairie & Massasauga Rattlesnake @ Jennings Env. Cntr

Rich Thornhill



Come learn about Prairie & Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnakes.

Friday, October 14; 1:00-3:00

**FREE**

### zt-Pymatuning State Park History Tour

Emily Borcz

From swamp to reservoir, Pymatuning State Park's natural resources and reservoir provide a wealth of benefits to humans and wildlife both historically and today. Join park environmental education staff to learn about the remarkable history of this area including Native American tribes, early pioneers, the creation of the reservoir, and the park's significant role in WW2.



Friday, October 28; 9:00-12:00

**FREE**

### zt-Retirement Living: Experience it for Yourself



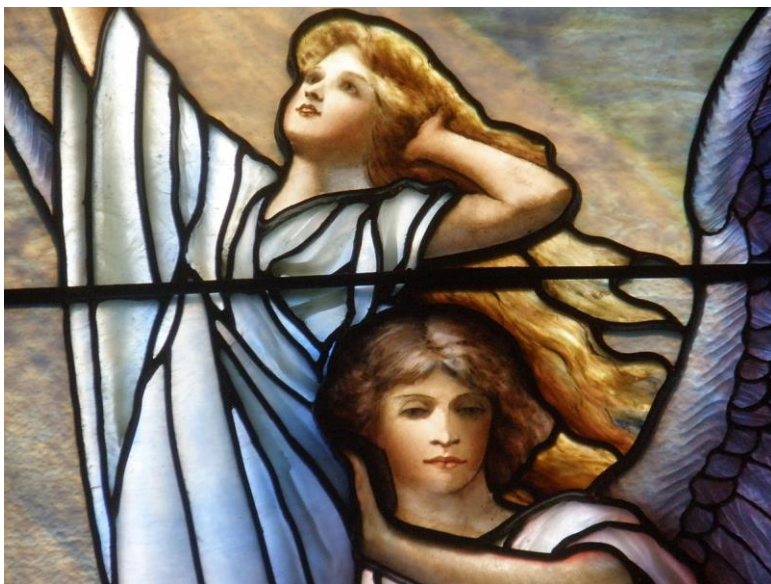
Connor Hagey, Cheryl Aughton

Many adults in their retirement years have considered living at a retirement community for a variety of reasons. Perhaps the burden of household responsibilities has become a little overwhelming, the winter driving starts to feel more hazardous, the neighborhood doesn't feel as safe as it once did, or a health scare has made you a little less confident.

More often than not, seniors living in retirement communities prefer their new home and the worry-free lifestyle that comes along with it. This seminar will help you or your loved one make a decision. Participants will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, wine, and refreshments. Tours of the Haven I campus of Concordia Lutheran Ministries and model apartment will follow.

Thursday, September 15; 2:30-4:30

**FREE**



**zt-Tiffany Glass @ St. John's Episcopal Church , Franklin**

Ruth Leo

The history of St. John's Episcopal Church in Franklin, PA goes back to 1826 when it received its first charter from the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Fires created havoc but by the early years of 1900, the present stone church was built. The area had a booming economy based on the oil and gas industries. In the early 1900s the Tiffany glass windows were installed. The windows were cleaned a few years ago and are even more beautiful than previously. Come to see this beautifully preserved work of art!

Friday, September 16; 2:00-3:30

**\$5 at the door**

**zt-Western Pennsylvania Model Railroad Museum in Gibsonia, PA**

Kathy Flood



The Western PA Model Railroad Museum in Gibsonia is a volunteer-run organization whose purpose is to promote and preserve the history of railroads in Western Pennsylvania through the hobby of model railroading. The Museum's main attraction is a 40' x 100' scale representation of the tracks between Pittsburgh and Cumberland,

MD set in the summer of 1952. There is also a collection of historical model train sets and authentic railroad related items dating as far back as the beginning of the 20th century.

Saturday, November 19; 2:00-4:00

**\$10 at the door**

## zt-Whoa! Wildlife Facts You Didn't Already Know

Kelcy Marini

Join the Mercer County Conservation District's Environmental Education Coordinator to take a closer look at some of Pennsylvania's wildlife. You'll learn some fun facts you didn't already know about these critters and explore our collection of pelts, skulls, and more. We'll conclude the trip with a walk-and-talk around Munnell Run Farm.

Friday, September 09; 1:00-2:30

**\$3 at the park**



## zt-Wine Tasting & Lunch Series

Kathy Flood, Teresa O'Malley



*Come and enjoy local wines, food, and good company. The group will travel (independently) to selected wineries (within 1 hour drive) to taste their offerings and then have lunch at winery (when available) or at a nearby restaurant. Locations to be selected in late summer, feel free to offer suggestions.*

One Thursday per month:  
September 15;  
October 13;  
November 10; 11:00-2:00



### **Hank Anna**

*Hank is Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Public Administration at SRU, having retired in 1998. A native of Cambria County, PA, Hank has traveled extensively and has so far visited 47 US states and more than 25 countries on 5 continents. He enjoys reading and volunteer work, including Rotary.*

### **Terri Rae Anthony**

*Terri has been in the safety field for more than 35 years and has spent the past 20 years as a Safety Advisor at AAA East Central.*

### **Shauna Assadzandi**

*Dr. Shauna Assadzandi completed her undergraduate training at Mercyhurst University in Erie, Pennsylvania prior to obtaining her medical degree from West Virginia University. She remained at WVU for her residency in family medicine and completed her geriatric fellowship at UPMC. She is a new member of the Division of Geriatric Medicine at UPMC and is focused on dementia care resources and post acute and long term care.*

### **Phillip Atteberry**

*Phil has taught English and popular music for over thirty years at PITT and the Chautauqua Institute. He has a Ph.D. from Washington University. His passion for music and show business was passed down to him from his grandparents and great-grandparents who were singers and vaudevillians.*

### **Liddy Barlow**

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### **Debbie Bell**

*Debbie and her family moved to Slippery Rock in 1983. Debbie is a retired elementary teacher from Slippery Rock Area School District. The ILR has provided her with opportunity to forge new friendships, to explore new areas of interest, and to participate in trips and other experiences. Some of her interests include reading, knitting, boating, biking, and traveling.*

### **Gail Blakeley**

*A retired school teacher, Gail has done a variety of classes for the ILR, including wild mushroom identification, a workshop on natural dyes, and diaries of women pioneers. She also leads ILR trips. She enjoys the fine arts, traveling, and reading.*

### **Emily Borcz**

*Emily graduated from SRU with a BS in Environmental Science. She has been working as an Environmental Educator with PA State Parks since 2006 in a variety of parks and environmental education centers. She is currently the Environmental Educator at Pymatuning. She enjoys many different outdoor recreation pursuits with family and friends, from hiking and backpacking to biking, paddling, and skiing.*



### **Tom Call**

*Tom has a Master's Degree in history from Notre Dame of Maryland University. He and his wife Verna have been to Antarctica. Tom has always been fascinated by maritime voyages, sea explorations, and shipwrecks.*

### **Verna Call**

*Verna is a retired ordained minister in the United Church of Christ with a Doctorate of Ministry from Lancaster Theological Seminary. She is an avid reader of European and religious history. She is also an avid photographer and traveler, having toured almost 50 countries on all 7 continents. Verna has created photo album diaries and shares her trip experiences with organizations throughout this area.*

### **Steve Cicero**

*Steve 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.*

### **Ruth Cole**

*With her bachelor's and master's degrees from the College of Wooster plus three years of graduate work, Ruth is a Shakespearean from master's thesis through publishing through years of teaching the Bard, including a high school senior elective for twenty-five years. She has taught and lectured at Chautauqua, New York; Road Scholars; and ILR.*

### **Rocco Cremonese**

*Rocco is the Business & English Librarian/Coordinator of Library Instruction at SRU. He is an alumnus of SRU & Pitt. He's worked as a law firm's Research & Information Resources assistant & as a high school English teacher. He is a devotee to life-long education & the benefits it provides.*

### **Dana DelBianco**

*Dana has a degree in history from Carnegie Mellon University. She has studied World War II extensively, including conducting original research on the life of Red Army sniper Roza Shanina.*

### **Dale Doran**

*Dale worked in her hometown of Philadelphia for private industry, then as a civil servant for ATF and the U.S. Air Force before moving to complete her degree at SRU. This was followed by 39 years teaching students with autism, learning and behavior challenges.*

### **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.*

### **Kathy Flood**

*Kathy retired after 30 years of practice as a Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation physician, primarily at the Veterans Health Administration. Kathy now fills her time with volunteer work at the Medi Home Hospice office in Butler, BC3 Literacy Program as a GED tutor, and some travel.*



### **Emmy Geiger**

*Emmy's life adventures are based out of Erie, PA where she works and plays with her partner and dog. Emmy has her Master of Health Administration from the School of Public Health at PITT where she is happy to be back working with 'All of Us Pennsylvania.' Emmy is a passionate advocate for Erie and for the mission of the 'All of Us' Research Program and focuses her engagement work on diverse, underrepresented communities.*

### **Connor Hagey**

*Connor is Director of Retirement Living at Concordia Lutheran Ministries in Cabot, PA. Connor earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Shippensburg University. A resident in Natrona Heights, PA, he enjoys spending time with his wife Kaylan and their five children. Connor also serves as board chair at Redeemer Lutheran School in Oakmont.*

### **Ken Harris**

*Ken is offering his 30th ILR Film Series. He is a professor emeritus (Theater) at SRU and a life-long movie fan.*

### **Margaret Hewitt**

*Margaret Hewitt is Special Collections Librarian for the Butler Area Public Library, where she leads the genealogy department and archive. She teaches research courses ranging from the very beginner to advanced techniques. She has an MA in Public History from Duquesne University and became a Certified Archivist in 2019.*

### **Frank Jannetti**

*Frank has been the Director of Public Safety for Mercer Co. since 2004 and formerly held that position for Lawrence Co. He has been the police chief of Wampum Borough in Lawrence Co. for 27 years, is the Deputy Fire Chief for the North Beaver Twp. Volunteer Fire Department, and was formerly president of the Lawrence Co. Police Chiefs Assoc.*

### **Andy Johnson**

*Andy has a BA in Philosophy and English, a Master's in Counseling Psychology, and graduate work in World Religions. He misses teaching Intro to Philosophy and Ethics at BC3, enjoys publishing his poetry, and is Executive Director of 'Spoken Word Projects.' Andy is currently finishing his second children's book and continues to work on publishing his poetry while helping others to do the same.*

### **Michelle Jordan**

*Michelle has her master's from SRU in Community Counseling and Bachelors in Creative Nonfiction Writing, Political Science, and Gender Studies from Pitt. As the Instructor and Tutor Coordinator at the Grove City Education Center for Adults, she teaches GED classes and provides curriculum/professional development for staff and volunteers. The Education Center also offers ESL and Computer Literacy classes for Mercer County residents. Michelle lives in Grove City with her two children and enjoys reading/writing, documentaries, and practicing yoga.*

### **Ken Kaszak**

*Ken Kaszak is an investment advisor and writer. His class is accredited by the PA Board of Accountancy to provide CE to CPAs and attorneys.*

**Robert Kochems**

*Bob is the retired DA 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 E 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, a pediatric nurse practitioner, nursing faculty member, and parish nurse. She enjoys family activities, travel, health-care-related community service, serving as a deacon at church, and learning new things.*

**Cathy M Mahle**

*Cathy Mahle was born in Brooklyn, NY and grew up in Queens. She received her R.N. from Sewickley Valley School of Nursing. Later, she 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.*

**Kelcy Marini**

*Kelcy joined the Mercer County Conservation District in October 2021 as their Environmental Education Coordinator. She got her BA in environmental studies from Allegheny College and her master's in sustainability from Chatham University. She enjoys camping, kayaking, and educating others about the environment.*

**Bill May**

*Bill is a retired teacher from Lakeview SD. He is the founder of the Butler County Civil War Roundtable and is an avid historian of the Civil War and local history topics. Bill is a speaker and tour guide of the popular 'Butler Ghost Walks' and 'Historic Mansions of Butler' walking tours.*

**Jessie McMenamin**

*Jessie served as ILR Curriculum Committee chair for three years and has been an active member of the ILR. A retired teacher and guidance counselor, she has also taught ILR classes, including: 'Women's Roles in the Civil War,' 'Tips for Economic Travel,' 'One-Room Schools of the Slippery Rock Area,' 'Origami,' and 'Apollo 11.'*

**Sue Morris**

*Sue Morris enjoys making the past come alive through her carefully-researched and entertaining presentations about the 1800s and early 1900s. Writing as "The Historical Dilettante", she uses social media to present tales that encourage audiences to enjoy thinking critically about history and our regional cultural legacies.*

**Krishna Mukherjee**

*Krishna teaches astronomy and physics at SRU. She did her Ph.D. on astrophysics at Pitt. Her current research interest lies in formation of exoplanets and gravitational lensing.*

**Amy Nelson**

*Amy has been an HSR-certified Home Stager and Redesigner for two years, and has staged vacant and owner-occupied homes throughout Butler and Mercer Counties. She recently retired from GCASD as a Reading Coach, and is looking forward to putting more time into her staging and design business.*

### **John Nichols**

*Dr. John Nichols, professor emeritus of History, retired after 40 yrs of teaching at SRU. The author of 6 books and many articles, he has given talks to various groups based on a variety World History topics. He is a destination speaker on cruise ships around the world. His topics are as diverse as the Native Americans who first inhabited the Caribbean islands and the conquest of the West Indies by Europeans, to more modern events, such as the building of the Panama Canal and tourism in the 21st Century.*

### **Teresa O'Malley**

*Teresa is the mother of two and grandmother of seven. She is employed at the Seneca Valley SD as a substitute for paraprofessionals working with children with special needs and children with autism. She is a life member of the Evans City Ladies' Fireman's Auxiliary and member of the Rubber Dolls Stamping Club.*

### **Eric Scuoteguazza**

*Eric is a Registered Professional Archaeologist at SEARCH with 30+ years of experience adventuring throughout the US and Canadian Arctic to manage archaeological resources. He has also earned Master's degrees in Anthropology and Business Administration. During his career, Eric's focus has often been on regulatory aspects of historic preservation.*

### **Polly Shaw**

*Polly Shaw is retired from the Seneca Valley School District. A local state park volunteer for 24 years, Polly is the author of "Moraine State Park, Images of Modern America" by Arcadia Publishing. She has been interviewed on several local radio stations as well as cable TV, and has presented many public programs on local topics.*

### **Natalie Simon**

*Natalie is an Environmental Education Specialist at Moraine SP Complex, which includes McConnell's Mill and Moraine SP. She has a biology degree from GCC and an education degree from SRU.*

### **Robert Stakeley**

*Robert is the History Center Affiliates Program (HCAP) Manager at Heinz History Center, where he provides instruction and guidance for diverse audiences. He oversees the Affiliates Program (HCAP) that assists 400-plus historically-minded organizations achieve their goals. Previously, Robert had served as the Docent Program Coordinator. Robert is a former librarian, archivist, and educator. He recently co-authored the book 'Digital Storytelling as Public History: A Guidebook for Educators' published by Routledge. A graduate of Shaler Area High School, Robert attended Duquesne University, where he majored in biology and history and minored in sociology and biochemistry. He is married to his MS/HS sweetheart, and has one son. Robert and his family reside in the North Hills, where they all were born and raised - a common Pittsburgh story!*

### **Sandy Stevenson**

*Sandy has a BA in Psychology from Carlow College and an MS in Counseling Psychology from SRU. She retired from SRU as Director of Training and Employee Services where she focused on diversity-related work.*

### **James Stratton**

*Jim has been a World War II history enthusiast since the age of ten. "While my classmates were discussing Star Wars, I was reading about the exploits of real heroes!"*



### **Ron Symons**

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### **Kim Szczypinski**

*Kim Szczypinski is Study Abroad Coordinator at Duquesne University, from which she holds a master's degree in history. Her area of particular interest is British history, Victorian era through World War II. She has taught study abroad courses in Europe about the First World War for Duquesne students. She currently serves as Vice President for Events and Secretary of Britsburgh (British-American Connections, Pittsburgh) which explores and celebrates the historic and cultural connections between the Pittsburgh area and the UK and offers many programs each year including in the arts, beer, current events, dining, history, literature, tea, and theatre.*

### **Rich Thornhill**

*Rich worked for the USPS for 40 years before retiring. He enjoys biking, kayaking, and hiking, and spending time at his cabin in the National Forest. He is active in the ILR, taking classes and formerly served as vice president. Rich also leads trips for the Butler Outdoor Club. He has one daughter, one son, one granddaughter, and one great-grandson.*