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### **ILR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

We have just finished our ILR Winter 2023 classes. Once again, it was a session with many talented and competent presenters with several new and interesting classes. We hope our members enjoyed their learning experience!

Our Spring class session (6 weeks) starts April 3rd. We are offering both in person classes and some Zoom classes too! The Spring catalog goes on the website (<u>ilrbw.org</u>) on February 20th with registration running from March 5-19.

Our ILR Spring Luncheon (St. Paddy's theme) will take place on March 8th. See Page 2 for the invitation.

We have brought back our popular Book and Author Luncheons and the first one is scheduled for May 10. Watch for details and invitation by email.

We hope all of you will enjoy the upcoming ILR Spring classes, trips and luncheons. **Doug Imhoff, President** 





#### AT BALDWIN WALLACE UNIVERSITY



Vintage St. Patrick's Day Card

See ILR Calendar on <u>last 2 pages</u>

### **ILR HELPDESK INFO**

The ILR Office at 325 Front Street is now open every <u>Monday and Friday</u> from <u>10:00 a.m. to noon</u>. Feel free to stop in or call 440-826-3188 with questions. The phone line will be monitored on Mondays and Fridays. The ILR Help Desk at <u>ilrhelpdeskbwu@gmail.com</u> is also always available for questions.

### INSTITUTE FOR LEARNING IN RETIREMENT **SPRING LUNCHEON 2023** WELCOME TO SAINT PATRICK'S DAY



The Institute for Learning in Retirement invites you to our Spring Luncheon on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 11:30 a.m., at Baldwin Wallace University's Strosacker Student Union located at E. Grand and Tressel Street. in Berea.

The dining hall doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Our afternoon will begin with a delicious lunch provided by BW Catering and Food Services.

The menu will include fish in respect to those who do not eat meat during Lent. Lunch will be followed by a performance from New Barleycorn. We look forward to their return visit. You do not want to miss them!

The cost of the luncheon is \$25.00 for members and \$28.00 for non-members. We can accommodate the first 300 reservations that are received on or before Friday, February 24, 2023.

If you don't have a printer, write the name(s) and phone numbers on paper and send to the below address with your check

2023 Saint Patrick's Day Spring Luncheon

Reservations due on or before <u>February 24, 2023</u>. (See below)

MEMBER NAME: PHONE #

GUEST NAME: \$ ENCLOSED



Make Checks Payable to: Baldwin Wallace University MAIL to: BW/ILR Social Committee, Attn. Janice Stuart, 275 Eastland Road, Berea, OH 44017

St. Patrick Stained Glass Window



**ILR TRAVEL NEWS & UPDATES** 

All of the trips for 2023 are on our website (ilrbw.org). When you click on "<u>more</u>" under each trip's name, you will get the flyer for that trip. The trips are listed under the Travel tab or the Calendar tab on the website.

RECENT UPDATES... The Spring Training in Arizona trip scheduled for March 17-22 has been <u>cancelled</u> due to lack of interest.

The Historic Church Tour scheduled for March 29 is full but JKL is taking a waitlist for that trip. Call JKL at 440-942-5350 if you wish to be placed on the waitlist. For ALL JKL trips, CALL JKL at 440-942-5350 first to put your name on their list before sending in money. For one-day trips, full payment will be due within two weeks of reservation and final itineraries will be mailed two weeks prior to the trip. Pick up location for one-day trips is Heritage Congregational Church in Berea. For JKL overnight trips, JKL will send out a registration page with all the information you will need, e.g. payment program, insurance options, detailed itinerary, etc.

TRAVEL NEWS & UPDATES cont'd...

Any questions about travel can be referred to the <u>travel company</u> or to Maria Phillips and Tom Brennan, Travel Committee Co-Chairs at <u>trav-</u> <u>el@ilrbw.org</u>

## **CURRICULUM NEWS AND NOTES**

As we head into Spring, our thoughts flow to growing gardens, opening the windows and kicking up our feet, so to speak. Our Spring line-up of courses will include several new instructors to ILR. For those of you who are intrigued by foreign languages, we have a class on "Introduction to the Irish Language" which is taught by Kaetlyn McCafferty and "Did You Know You Speak Latin?" with Marcia Nauts. Lisa Wittman brings "Adaptive Yoga" to ILR which will become an ongoing class. If your heart lies in the world of photography, join A.J. Janke for "30+ Iconic Photos We Need to Talk About." Scott Ross, who is an ILR member, has offered to teach a class on "The World of Commercial Aviation." Finally, for those who are railroad enthusiasts, join Steve Korpos and his crew to talk about "Trains: They're Not Just a Childhood Obsession." As always, we have our veteran instructors who continue to bring us quality courses. We look forward to seeing you once again before the summer months. **Pamela McConnell and Don Auble. Co-Chairs Curriculum Committee** 



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# IN MEMORIAM ILR MEMBERS

<u>Joan Harley-Horvath</u>, July 13, 2021 - ILR Vice President and President. Joan broke the glass ceiling in several Cleveland corporations and industries in her career specializing in diverse employment positions. After retirement, ILR teaching and ILR Vice President and President were one of several of her volunteer endeavors.

<u>Carl Diem</u>, December 2022 - ILR Lifetime Member. Carl was the main AV person at Christ United Church (previously St. Andrew's) for years. He then set up ILR classes, sometimes two at the same time. He was also a dedicated volunteer at ILR luncheons. Carl brought Bob Ross into ILR leadership.

<u>Joan Banak</u>, June 27, 2022 - ILR Lifetime Member. Joan was the member who called, scheduled and set up churches and other sites for ILR classes for many years. Joan brought Bob Ross into ILR leadership.

If you have an ILR member you would like to honor in this column, please send a paragraph to Paula Gustin, Editor at <u>paulailrbw@gmail.com</u> or leave a message with the Help Desk person or voice mail.





## New Volunteers Always Welcome

Here we are already going into our Spring 2023 session! We always welcome those who want to get more involved. ILR continues to offer a diverse group of classes, great trips and ways to establish new and enduring friendships. Consider Spring or next Fall to get involved.

If you would like to contribute in any way, please contact the Help Desk and let us know. Leave a message for me and I'll call you back.

Since we offer so many classes, we are always looking for Class Coordinators, both in-person and on Zoom (the class is then free for you!). Either way, it's easy to do.

Also, if anyone has a marketing background or is enthusiastic about finding different ways to draw more members to us, the Marketing Committee is looking for members as well as a new Chairperson. Come have fun with us!

We are well aware of the talented and energetic members in our organization and encourage anyone who wants to get more involved. It's more fun than work!

Bev Sadowski Director of Volunteers



# SPRING SESSION IN-PERSON REGISTERING

The Spring session should be on the <u>ilrbw.org</u> website on Monday, February 20 and class registration starts at 12:01 am on <u>March 5, 2023</u>. There will be in person registration from 10:00 am to 12 noon on <u>Tuesday March 7, Thursday</u> <u>March 9, Tuesday March 14 and Wednesday March 15 at the</u> <u>ILR office</u>. The ILR office is located at 325 Front St. Please park in the BW parking lot which is off of Adalbert St. (behind the office).

#### ILR FACEBOOK PAGE REFRESHED...

See and *Like* our new Facebook page "ILR bw". Members, add your content! Click the attached link to get to our new page.



https://www.facebook.com/groups/526562059407794/? ref=share\_group\_link

### ILR PRESENTERS SPEAKING AT MUSIC BOX SUPPER CLUB

Two of our ILR presenters will be speaking for a "one-hour" session at the Music Box Supper Club in the Flats in the near future! These presentations are for <u>free</u> and you can also have dinner and drinks at the Music Box before and during their presentations. *Bette Lou Higgins* is presenting and speaking about "Lost Restaurants of Downtown Cleveland" on Thursday, <u>February 23rd from 7:00-8:00 PM</u>. *Gerry Nemeth* is presenting and speaking about "Amazing Stories of Cleveland Show Contestants - Gerry and Contestants" on <u>Thursday, April 27th from 7:00-8:00 PM</u>.

Go to the Music Box website: <u>musicboxcle.com</u> and click on "Cleveland Stories Dinner Parties" to register for either or both engagements!

# You Can Make a Difference Gary Erlinger, ILR CFO

As we age, it is natural to think more about our legacies and what we want to leave behind. One meaningful way to make a positive impact is by giving back to our community through charitable gifts and volunteering our time. For seniors, the Institute for Learning in Retirement at BW (ILR) is a fantastic opportunity to do just that.

First, let us talk about the benefits of volunteering. Studies have shown that volunteering can have a positive effect on mental and physical health, helping seniors to feel more connected to their community and giving a sense of purpose and fulfillment. It is also a great way to stay active and engaged and can even help to prevent cognitive decline.

But the benefits of volunteering go beyond just personal satisfaction. Charitable organizations like ILR rely on the support of volunteers to continue their important work. By giving your time, you are directly contributing to the well-being and success of your community.

Now, let us talk about charitable gifts. Making a charitable gift is another way to make a meaningful impact and leave a lasting legacy. Charitable gifts can take many forms, such as a donation of money, securities, or even property. At ILR, charitable gifts support a wide range of initiatives, including ILR's Scholarship Funds for nontraditional students at BW, program development, and technology improvement.

Charitable giving can also provide tax benefits for seniors. Depending on your specific situation, you may be able to claim a tax deduction for your charitable gifts, which can help to reduce your tax burden. It is always a good idea to consult with a financial advisor or tax professional to determine the best options for your individual circumstances.

But the benefits of charitable giving go beyond just the financial considerations. By supporting organizations like ILR, you are investing in the future of your community and the well-being of others. Your gift has the potential to make a real difference and have a lasting impact.

In summary, seniors have a lot to gain by giving of their time and making a charitable gift to the Institute for Learning in Retirement at BW. Whether through volunteering or charitable giving, you can make a positive impact on your community, enhance your own well-being, and leave a lasting legacy. So why wait? Get involved today and make a difference in the lives of others.

The legendary oilman and philanthropist Waite Phillips once noted "The only things we keep permanently are those we give away."

For more on how you can give of your time, talent, or wealth contact the ILR Help Desk at <u>ilrhelpdeskbwu@gmail.com</u> **Gary** 

# ILR Calendar as of the date of this Newsletter Please check <u>ilrbw.org</u> for more details on some events and any further updates

# ILR Calendar 2023

Please note that ILR <u>membership</u> is open until 10:00 PM on March 19, 2023. At that time membership will close for membership year 7/1/22 - 6/30/23.

February 20, 2023 - Spring Class Catalog to be on the i<u>lrbw.org</u> website.

March 3, 2023 - Maple Magic in Geauga County.

March 5, 2023 - Spring Class Registration Begins.

March 8, 2023 - ILR Spring Luncheon.

March 19, 2023 - Spring Class Registration Ends and Membership Closes.

March 29, 2023 - Historic Churches and Lakeview Cemetery (Wait List Only).

April 3, 2023 - First Day of Spring Classes.

April 30, 2023 - Tina at Playhouse Square.

May 10, 2023 - Book and Author Luncheon. (Details to come)

May 17, 2023 - Annual Meeting at 10:00 am via Zoom.

June 21, 2023 - Nautica Queen Lunch Cruise and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

July 1, 2023 - Membership Registration Opens

Membership registration opens for the 2023-2024 Membership Year

# CALENDAR CONTINUED....

July 11, 2023 - Ohio's Lavender and Blueberry Trail.

July 31, 2023 - The Fall Class Catalog to be on the <u>ilrbw.org</u> website.

August 13, 2023 - Fall Class Registration Begins.

August 22-23, 2023 - Gettysburg and Flight 93.

August 25, 2023 - National Museum of the Great Lakes and Toledo.

August 27, 2023 - Fall Class Registration Ends.

September 11, 2023 - First Day of Fall Classes.

September 20-30, 2023 - New England Cruise.

September 27-29, 2023 - The Fabulous Finger Lakes in Fall.

October 11-17, 2023 - Autumn in New England.

October 12, 2023 - Winetasting in Sugarcreek and Lunch in Amish Home

November 14-17, 2023 - Smoky Mountain Holiday Tour

November 20, 2023 - Winter Class Catalog to be on the <u>ilrbw.org</u> website.

December 3, 2023 - Winter Class Registration Begins.

December 7, 2023 - Franklin Park Conservatory and Alum Creek State Park Fantasy of Lights

December 17, 2023 - Winter Class Registration Ends

January 8, 2024 - First Day of Winter Classes.

# The Last Page...





Brunswick Rec Center, hostesses and venue for Sock Hop EXPO



ILR Members PAULA GUSTIN and PEGGY DOYLE at the Brunswick Rec Center Sock Hop EXPO informing a lot of people about the joys of ILR.