

ILR TODAY

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ILR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are just starting our Fall, 2022 ILR Session with 38 in-person or Zoom classes! Our always great instructors are teaching these classes once again. Class registration numbers remain solid, and we will be averaging 25 attendees per class for the Fall Session.

In this Newsletter we have included the upcoming dates for ILR Events for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. This list of event dates will help our members plan their upcoming ILR participation, including information as to when ILR classes take place and when you can register. We also have listed our upcoming "travel and cultural" events in this Newsletter, including a concert by the always popular Carl Fernstrum on February 7, 2023!

One more thing to consider is that our ILR Winter Session begins January 9, 2023 and close to half of our 40 classes during that Session will be by Zoom. This will help accommodate ILR members who do not want to travel to classes in the winter weather or who

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go away in the winter to Florida and other warmer destinations, but still want to take classes.

Once again, we want to thank all of our members for belonging and participating in classes and other events provided by the Institute for Learning Retirement!!

Doug Imhoff, President

ILR HELPDESK INFO

The ILR Office at 325 Front Street is now open every Monday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to noon. 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 ilrhelppdeskbwu@gmail.com is also always available for questions.



EDITOR'S COLUMN

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Last month I asked for suggestions about articles you'd like to see in the Newsletter. I received one response from a longtime member who wanted an article on how the ILR has contributed by way of scholarships, unique events, people, etc. over its long history. Your Editor is working on this.

Are you particularly liking a class this Fall Session? Write me at the above NEW email address. Paula

P.S. All links in the Newsletter are "live". Just click and go to that address.

PAST PRESIDENT BOB ROSS would like a minute of your time.....

How many trips or experiences are still on your "bucket list?" A recent ILR tour checked this off for about 40 lucky ILR travelers.

Remember the stories told by Mark Twain? Drifting down the wide Mississippi listening to the sounds of water against the hull of the boat? The steamboat stories, the lazy drifting down the river.... we did all of these things on the recent 4-Day (no driving) ILR Mississippi River Tour.

We left Berea one shiny morning and ended up that evening at a fancy riverfront casino and hotel. Next morning we boarded the prettiest river steamer that would have pleased even Mark Twain. (See pictures). We ate like river barons as we watched Bald Eagles, and pelicans and traveled through the countryside and through the several locks. Plated meals and plentiful snacks added to the fun and no one missed their TV. (There was an open bar on the third deck, but I promised not to tell about that). Evening brought another fancy hotel and a chance to disembark and enjoy the river front. Oh, and I forgot the river museum, but I am running out of space.

After two days of river cruising, we climbed back into our luxury bus and let the very professional driver cruise us back home. Oh, and we feasted at an Amish restaurant on the way home. Wow, did we pack in the groceries, but even this good story must end.

Check on other ILR trips and leave the driving to.....well...someone else.

Bob the Happy Traveler

See ILR Calendar on Last Page



ILR TRAVEL NEWS & TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2022

Twenty-seven ILR members and friends went on the Great Day Mississippi River Cruise August 15 to 18 and enjoyed the experience!

We still have one more trip with available spaces for 2022, **Christmas at Opryland** in Nashville with Nowak Tours from November 30 to Dec. 2, 2022. It includes two nights at the Opryland Hotel and two Country Christmas Dinner Shows, the General Jackson Showboat Show and luncheon cruise! Experience a celebration of the holidays with 3 million lights, 15,000 poinsettias, waterfalls and 9 acres of inside gardens! Contact Wendy at Nowak Tours at 330-483-4900 to register or for more information before October 5.

The Historic and Ethnic Cleveland Tour with JKL on October 21 is filled with a wait list. **The Canadian Adventure Theater Trip** October 6 - 8 is also filled with a wait list. If you would like to try the wait list, you can call John at JKL 440-942-5350.

We are in the process of planning trips for 2023! That information will come out in an email, the Newsletter and on our website ilrbw.org around the end of this year. Looking forward to you traveling with us.

Maria Phillips and Tom Brennan, Travel Co-Chairs

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Mississippi River Cruise members and friends



Did You Know?

By Gary A. Erlinger Ph.D.

How well do you know ILR? Yes, you know we have great classes, wonderful trips (that Canadian Railway trip was a stunner) and scrumptious banquet events.

However, did you know ILR truly puts the meaning into Lifelong Learning? In the past 20 years ILR, (yes, the seemingly sleepy ILR) has awarded almost \$400,000 in scholarship awards to non-traditional BW students. Military and transfer students over the age of 24 have been given the opportunity to succeed because of your membership in ILR.

Did you know that ILR endowed a significant scholarship at BW in memory of a beloved BW professor and ILR advocate, Dr. Floyd Adams? In 2015 Delores Chiapetta, an original ILR member, left a bequest of over \$40,000.00 to ILR with no strings. ILR chose to honor the memory of Dr. Adams with her gift.

Did you know ILR is about continuing the tradition and the history beyond our time?

Ralph Waldo Emerson once noted: "An institution is the lengthened shadow of one man".

All of us have the opportunity to lengthen our shadow.

More to come. I promise. Gary

Want To Get More Involved? Volunteer!

Hello ILR Members! As ILR continues to thrive -- offering great classes, trips and the potential for new friendships, we welcome and encourage anyone who wants to become more involved with our fine organization. If you have an interest in playing a larger role in any of the activities provided by ILR, or have some ideas you want to share or see implemented, please contact the [Help Desk](mailto:ilrhelppdeskbwu@gmail.com) ilrhelppdeskbwu@gmail.com and you will be contacted. Also, Class coordinators are always needed (you get to take the class for free!).

Anyone who would like to work on events and planning or someone who would like to function as a copywriter, please let us hear from you. We know we have talented and enthusiastic members out there!

Bev Sadowski
Director of Volunteers

MARKETING NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are very excited about the responses we've been getting from the efforts of our newly formed Events Subcommittee on the Marketing Team. This group attends community events, fairs and festivals and promotes awareness of ILR.

We had a table at the Berea Art Fest on September 11, and talked to 75 potential new members!

Thank you Paula, Mary Ann, Peggy and Elaine! We will also be at Baldwin Wallace's Homecoming on Saturday, October 22 and Doug Imhoff will present his one-hour version of The History of Cleveland on November 15 at 10:30 a.m. at Middleburg Heights Rec Center. Watch our website calendar for further community events where we'll be present. If you know of any fair or event that might fit our goal of promoting our organization, please contact marketingilr@gmail.com

We are still in need of someone interested in helping with copywriting. (See top of next column).

Ginny Schneider, Marketing Chair

MARKETING POSITION AVAILABLE

WANTED: **Copywriter.** Have any writing experience? We are looking for someone to assist with press releases, ads and other areas of written communication. If interested, please contact Ginny Schneider to volunteer with the Marketing Team.

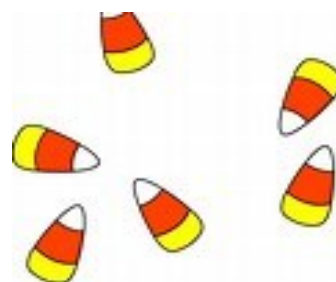
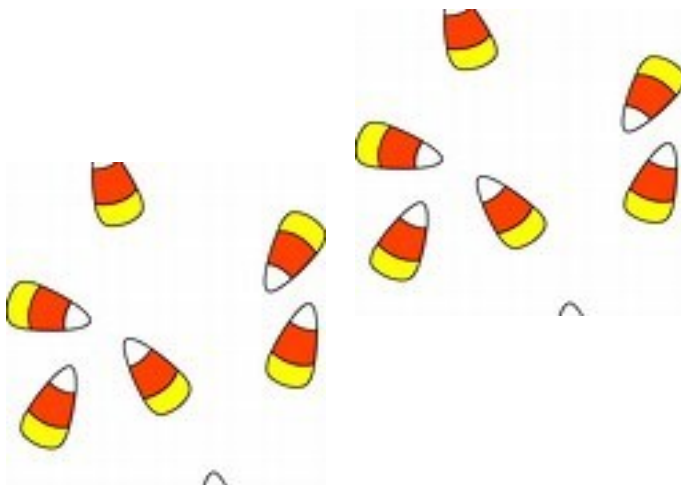
Ginny Schneider
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CURRICULUM NEWS

We are looking forward to the new presenters who will be teaching for ILR in the Winter Session. If you are interested in Railroad History, sign up for Mark Podvia's class. John Kipp will present a course on Personal Safety which is good information for all of us. Beth Townsend will navigate the class through the health care system. Lovers of Art History will be enriched by the class on the Masters of Art through the ages with Sean Crum. Herbert Burns will present a course on the Underground Railroad and Black Laws from the previous century.

There will also be many more Zoom classes for those who prefer to stay indoors and away from the Winter snows.

Pam McConnell and Doug Imhoff
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Captain Robyn



Mystery Traveler on the Mississippi



*Note to
Members...*

*Save the date for the
LOR Holiday
Luncheon December 14.
Details to come.*



ILR Calendar as of the date of this Newsletter
Please check ilrbw.org for more details and further updates

October 6-8, 2022 Canadian Adventure Theatre Trip.

October 22, 2022 BW Homecoming.

For more information please visit: <https://www.bw.edu/events/2022/fall/10-22-bold-gold-homecoming-festival>.

November 15, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. Doug Imhoff's History of Cleveland 1-hour presentation at Middleburg Heights Rec Center.

November 21, 2022 Winter Class Catalog to be on the ilrbw.org website.

November 30 - December 2, 2022 Christmas at Opryland in Nashville Trip.

December 4, 2022 Winter Class Registration Begins.

December 14, 2022 ILR Holiday Luncheon. Details to come.

December 18, 2022 Winter Class Registration Ends.

January 9, 2023 First Day of Winter Classes.

February 7, 2023 Carl Fernstrum Concert.

February 20, 2023 Spring Class Catalog to be on the ilrbw.org website.

March 5, 2023 Spring Class Registration Begins.

March, 2023 ILR Spring Luncheon. Date and details to come.

March 19, 2023 Spring Class Registration Ends.

April 3, 2023 First Day of Spring Classes.

May, 2023 Book and Author Luncheon. Date and details to come.

