

WELCOME TO THE ILR - FALL SEMESTER of 2024

To be enrolled in classes/trips, you have to:

- Fill out a Registration Form
- Fill out a Sign up for Classes/Trips Form
- Pay your Membership Dues

Forms for registration and class/trip selection are available

- Electronic format – online, on the ILR website: www.ilretirement.org
- Hard copies - at the ILR office located at 165 Elm Street, Slippery Rock, PA 16057
- For more information: contact the ILR staff at info@ilretirement.org

After receiving your membership dues, the ILR staff will enroll you in classes and trips on a space available basis at the time of your enrollment. You will receive the following:

- A confirmation of classes you were enrolled
- The ILR Membership Card for Fall 2024
- Your ILR account balance

ENJOY A NEW SEMESTER AT ILR!

QUICK GUIDE OF CLASSES/TRIPS**CLASSES**

In-person classes are held at Fowler Building (F). Online classes are held on Zoom (Z)

Acupressure and Reflexology Hand Massage (F). *Curtis Green*. ILR Host: *Margaret De Luca*
 Alaska - North to Alaska (F). *Sherri Schleiter*. ILR Host: *Janet Leise*
 Archeology - an Introduction (F). *Eric Scuoteguazza*. ILR Host: *Steve Cicero*
 Art Class (F). *Bill Simon*. ILR Host: *Sue Mraz*
 Amazing Atlantic Canada (F & Z). *Verna Call*
 Australia's Explorers (F & Z). *Janet Leise*
 The Benefits of Retirement Community Living (F). *Cheryl Aughton*. ILR Host: *Cicero, Steve*
 Book Club (F). *Debbie Bell & Janet Leise*
 Contemporary Children's Books as Art & Inspiration (F). *Cindy Andes*
 Civil War - Politically Incorrect Civil War (F). *James Carnes*. ILR Host: *Gail Blakeley*
 Collections (F). *Ruth Leo*
 Cookie - Exploring the History of Cookie Making and A Cookie Exchange (F). *Ruth Leo*
 Create an ILR class (F). *Sherri Schleiter*
 Death and Taxes (F). *John Golden*
 Diseases in the News (F). *Karen Martin*
 Drumming for Everyone (F). *Janet Leise*
 Faith Ringgold & Pacita Abad; World Class Fiberartists (F). *Cindy Andes*
 Game - Are You Game? *Dale Doran*
 Generations - Understanding Generational Differences (F). *Dr. Nick Neupauer*. ILR Host: *Greg Sferra*
 Great Kate (F & Z). *Steve Cicero*
 The Haunting of North Hall (F). *Robert Watson*. ILR Host: *Greg Sferra*
 Hepburn - Some films of Katharine Hepburn (F). *Dale Doran & Steve Cicero*
 Landfill & Recycling Center Virtual Tour (F). *Megan Gahring & Jerry Zona*. ILR Host: *Gail Blakeley*
 Lawrence - A Look at Lawrence County History (F & Z). *Polly Shaw*
 Lawrence - Visit Lawrence County (F). *Ginny Colella*. ILR Host: *Gail Blakeley*
 Masters of the American Song, Part 3 (F). *Phil Atteberry*
 Normandy to Germany: In the Footsteps of a WWII Vet (F). *Debbie Bell*

Planes, Trains (F & Z). *Steve Cicero*
 Ponies - Chincoteague Island Ponies from Past to Present (F). *Debbie Bell*
 Prisoner of War - World War II (F). *Mary Pat Moreschi*
 Rebecca Wright "Spy" (F). *James Carnes. ILR Host: Gail Blakeley*
 Revelation Scriptures (F). *Verna Call*
 Shakespeare - Defining Monarchy (F). *Ruth Cole. ILR Host: Tom Call*
 Soldiers. African American Soldiers from Western Pennsylvania (F). *Michael Kraus. ILR Host: Gail Blakeley*
 Songs - Christmas Music and History (F). *Janet Leise*
 Still Alice - The Early Onset of Alzheimer Disease (F). *Ruth Leo*
 Totalitarianism - 21st Century Man's Need for Totalitarianism (F). *Robert Kochems*
 Washington's 1753 PA Washington Trail with Corrections (F). *Ginny Campbell. ILR Host: Steve Cicero*
 Writing - Creative Nonfiction: Sharing Your Story Effectively (F). *Antonia Thomas.*
 York, PA: Building and Burning (F & Z). *Tom Call*

TRIPS/TOURS

Holiday Luncheon. *Kathy Flood & Deb Bell*
 Bike Ride. *Rich Thornhill*
 Brunch Munch and Conversations. *Sherri Schleiter*
 Ceramics - Painting ceramics for Halloween. *Margaret DeLuca*
 The Circus is in Town. *Debbie Bell*
 Fall Foliage by Pontoon Tour. *Jared McGary. ILR Host: Rich Thornhill*
 Fall Foliage Walk. *Brandi Miller-Parrish. ILR Host: Gail Blakeley*
 Fit - Let's Get Fit and Healthy. *Sherri Schleiter*
 Hike and History of the Madjaric Home. *Rich Thornhill.*
 Kayak - Lake Wilhelm Kayak Paddle. *Megan McDowell. ILR Host: Rich Thornhill*
 Lunch out. *Teresa O'Malley & Henry Anna*
 Mercer - Visit Mercer County PA. *Carmen Aiello. ILR Host: Greg Sferra*
 Opera - Cavalleria Rusticana by Pagliacci. *Dale Doran*
 Opera - Tosca by Puccini. *Dale Doran*
 Pickleball 101. *Matt Meredith M. ILR Host: Greg Sferra*
 Recreation - Aegersold Student Recreation Center. *Brian Mortime. ILR Host: Greg Sferra*
 Saxonburg Museum & Saxonburg Hotel for Lunch. *Margaret DeLuca*
 Train - Gene's Lionel Train Display. *Gene McCandless. ILR Host: Greg Sferra*
 Watershed Wonders: Getting to Know the Critters that Live in Our Creeks. *Kelcy Marini. ILR Host: Gail Blakely*
 Wine & Lunch. *Kathy Flood*

CLASSES • SEPTEMBER 9 - NOVEMBER 22 •

Acupressure and Reflexology Hand Massage. Curtis Green

ILR Host: Margaret De Luca

Experience the pressure points in your hands that encourage health and relaxation throughout the entire body. Learn the principles and then apply them to yourself or a classmate.

Tue. Oct 1
10:00 - 12:00

Enrollment: Maximum 30

In-person

Alaska - North to Alaska. Sherri Schleiter

ILR Host: Janet Leise

Alaska has a rich history, incredible scenery and many unique features. We will discuss things like Alaska Native Culture, gold panning, industry, the weather, and wildlife, from the perspective of a 40 + year resident of the state.

Mon. Oct. 7
2:00 - 4:00

In-person

Archeology - An Introduction. Eric Scuoteguazza

This lecture focuses on regulatory strategies for consideration of our nation's cultural resources under federal laws, and it will provide an understanding of how archaeology is performed. Archaeological sites and historic properties are nonrenewable resources that represent our past and provide insights to the future. Discussion will involve how these resources are addressed in a compliance setting as we continue to design and expand our infrastructure, including natural gas, highways, development, and other forms of undertakings. Specific resource types and their importance will also be discussed with some interesting examples.

Tue. Sept 10
2:00 - 4:00

In-person

Art Class. Bill Simon

LONG CLASS = 5 sessions or more

ILR Host: Sue Mraz

An informal art class for artists at all levels of experience. Instruction on the principles of color, design, and perspective. A review and analysis of great works of art.

Wed. Sept. 11 - Nov. 20
10:00 AM - 1:00

In-person

Amazing Atlantic Canada. Verna Call

Join a class full of unexpected photos and wonders of Atlantic Canada's hidden gems including Quebec City's Plains of Abraham. Next a stop at two Quebec towns along the Saint Lawrence River: Baie-Comeau with wondrous fresco paintings and stained glass art and Havre-Saint-Pierre with spectacular monolith rocks. Onto Newfoundland with visits to Corner Brook's treasured Heritage Tree and Captain Cook's Memorial. Then later to St. John's colorful "Jellybean Row" houses and other scenic surprises. Not to be outdone are the up-close views of the Bay of Fundy at both high and low tide in Nova Scotia.

Tue. Oct. 15, 22
2:00 - 3:00

In-person

Tue. Oct. 15, 22
9:30 - 10:30

Online - Zoom

Australia's Explorers. Janet Leise

In 1860 Robert Burke led Australia's largest and best funded expedition to explore, map and seek glory in being the first Europeans to cross Australia's undiscovered interior from south to north. It was an epic journey full of twists and turns, triumphs and tragedies.

Mon. Sept. 09, 12:00 -1:30

In-person

Mon. Sept. 16, 7:00 -8:30

Online - Zoom

The Benefits of Retirement Community Living. Cheryl Aughton

ILR Host: Steve Cicero

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. If you're considering a retirement community, or if you know someone who is, this seminar will help you, or your loved one to make an informed decision.

Mon. Nov.4
1:30 - 2:30

In-person

Book Club. Debbie Bell & Janet Leise

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! Fall Semester selections include: September: The Women by Kristin Hannah; October: Night Watch by Jayne Anne Phillips; November: The Book Woman's Daughter by Kim Michele Richardson.

**Tue, Sept. 17,
Oct. 15, Nov. 19**
12:00 - 1:30
In-person

Contemporary Children's Books as Art & Inspiration. Cindy Andes

This "colorful" presentation will introduce some contemporary children's books that contain insightful story lines and/or amazing artwork that can be enjoyed by adults or shared with grandchildren. Among them, the book "What Do You Do With An Idea" by Kobi Yamada, is thought provoking on many levels. This presentation should send you to your local library, or bookstore to seek out many of the titles mentioned during this session to enrich your reading experience with visuals, or refocus your art work.

Tue. Oct. 1
12:30 - 2:00
In-person

Civil War - Politically Incorrect Civil War. James Carnes

ILR Host: Gail Blakeley

Politically Incorrect statements are often not based on truth, for example, the Civil War was not truly a "civil war" because the South did not want to control the central government. It wanted to start a new nation. The South felt it had a Constitutional "Right" to secede. The Civil War did not start to free slaves and the Emancipation Proclamation did not really free slaves, etc.

Tue. Sept. 17
2:00 - 3:30
In-person

Collections. Ruth Leo

Everyone has a collection of some kind or has photos of one you used to have. Please consider sharing your button collection or photos of your antique car collection. Contact Ruth Leo if you would like to bring in a collection or part of it. Presently displayed will be a collection of hand-hammered aluminum products (some made locally), Easter eggs and egg cups, Christmas Creches, cookie cutters, skulls of animals, magnets used as memorabilia of trips.

Enrollment: Minimum 6, Maximum 15

Mon. Sept. 23
2:30 - 4:00
In-person

Cookie - Exploring the History of Cookie Making and A Cookie Exchange. Ruth Leo

How did cookie making come to be? Why is there a Cookie Table at Western Pennsylvania weddings? How does our favorite cookie become so? Join other ILR participants for a discussion of cookie making. Please make a dozen plus 4 cookies of one of your favorite cookie recipes for a Cookie Tasting Event and pack up a total of a dozen of other cookies from other participants to take home. If you know that your cookie recipe might be in demand, please bring a copy to share. Beverages will be provided.

Enrollment: Minimum 6, Maximum 20

Mon. Nov. 18
1:00 - 2:30
In-person

Create an ILR class. Sherri Schleiter

Do you have a hobby, interest area or activity that you want to share with ILR members, but it might be a short presentation, or maybe you just want to test the waters of teaching for the group? Let's get together and see if we can create some collaborative classes, such as a share your hobbies, share arts and crafts projects, share wood working projects, share a talent like singing, dancing, playing an instrument, juggling, storytelling, writing examples, share cooking, sewing, gardening tricks and tips, etc. We will practice a 5-slide pre-made Power Point presentation about ILR so participants can see how that process works.

Mon. Nov. 4
12:00 - 1:00
In-person

Death and Taxes. John Golden

This class can't help you escape death. But when the big day does come, it can help you and your heirs plan to avoid (not evade) paying too much Pennsylvania inheritance tax. Some wills and estate law included too.

Tue. Oct 29
12:00 - 1:30
In-person

Diseases in the News. Karen Martin

Media coverage of diseases is frequently difficult to understand for the average person. This session will help people gain a deeper understanding of current diseases in the news like HPAI, Plague, Rabies, tick borne diseases or any disease about which the audience has questions.

Tue. Oct. 8
2:00 - 3:00
In-person

Drumming for Everyone. Janet Leise

Let's explore rhythm and making music together in a safe, healthy and fun group. No previous musical experience or talent is needed. Percussion instruments and hand drums will be provided, although you can bring your own. Each drum circle will include beginner instructions and will be appropriate for returning participants as well.

Tue. Nov. 5, 12, 19
2:00 - 3:30
In-person

Enrollment: Minimum 6, Maximum 20

Faith Ringgold & Pacita Abad; World Class Fiberartists. Cindy Andes

This class will introduce the diversity of the work of Faith Ringgold, best known for her story quilts and her children's book, "Tar Beach", and Pacita Abad, originally from the Philippines, but whose body of work reflects her international influences through paint and fabric. Both women, now deceased, were artists concerned with both social issues and broke barriers with their colorful, larger than life art pieces, and their proud heritage as women of color navigating the traditional art world.

Tue. Oct. 22
12:00 - 1:30
In-person

Enrollment: Minimum 5

Game - Are You Game? Dale Doran

LONG CLASS = 5 sessions or more

Are you game? Then this class is for you. Come and have fun as a variety of games will be presented for your entertainment - board, card, dice, domino, tile. Learn about new games and revisit old favorites. You won't be 'board'! Games will be provided.

Mon. Sept. 16 - Mon. Oct 14
12:00 - 2:00
In-person

Enrollment: Minimum 4, Maximum 24

Generations - Understanding Generational Differences. Dr. Nick Neupauer

ILR Host: Sferra, Greg

The world around us is fast-paced and ever changing. Keeping up with workflow, technology, expectations and communication is difficult. Have you ever considered there are up to five different generations in the workplace? And with it comes different world views, norms and cultural values. This session will explore these different generations and offer helpful suggestions in dealing with each.

Tue. Sept 24
12:00 - 1:30
In-person

Enrollment: Minimum 10, Maximum 50

Great Kate. Steve Cicero

With a record four Oscars for Best Actress and a career spanning more than six decades, Katherine Hepburn is widely considered the greatest female star in Hollywood history. Described as headstrong, sophisticated, and fiercely independent, she carved a unique path on stage and screen as well as in her personal life. This class will present the fascinating life, loves, and legacy of a most remarkable woman.

Tue. Sept 10, 12:00-1:30
In-person
Mon. Sept 09, 7:00-8:30
Online - Zoom

The Haunting of North Hall. Robert Watson

ILR Host: Greg Sferra

Does the spirit of Emma Guffey Miller, long-time member of Slippery Rock University's Board of Trustees, haunt North Hall? We'll explore Emma's history and the documented stories shared by women alumni who lived in North Hall. You form your own opinion, but remember Halloween is coming!

Mon. Oct. 28
12:00 - 1:30
In-person

Hepburn - Some films of Katharine Hepburn. Dale Doran

LONG CLASS = 5 sessions or more

Come join the group and enjoy some of the best films of Katharine Hepburn.

Enrollment: Minimum 5, Maximum 30

Wed. Sept 11 - Oct. 30

1:00 - 4:00

In-Person

Landfill & Recycling Center Virtual Tour. Megan Gahring & Jerry Zona

ILR Host: Gail Blakeley

Join Jerry and Megan as we take you on a virtual tour of a local landfill and recycling center.

Participants will discover what happens to their trash and recycling once it leaves their home.

Learn about the technology that modern landfills and recycling centers use to safely manage our waste and process our recyclables.

Tue. Nov. 5

12:00 -1:30

In-person

Enrollment: Minimum 5, Maximum 30

Lawrence - A Look at Lawrence County History. Polly Shaw

Lawrence County, PA includes 10 boroughs and 16 townships. Kuskuskies was the group name for some important Indian towns. Neshannock Potato originated here. Westminster College was one of the first two PA colleges to grant degrees to women. The Underground Railroad aided those escaping slavery. Ira D. Sankey was a noted evangelist. Guy Lombardo and Stan Kenton performed at the Ellhurst Dance Hall. Arnold Palmer and Sam Snead played at Sylvan Golf Course. "Hack" Wilson played major league baseball. The Harlensburg Cave is said to be the longest mapped cave in PA. McConnells Mill became the 45th PA State Park.

Enrollment: Minimum 5, Maximum

Mon. Oct. 21

1:30 - 3:00

In-person

Tue. Oct. 29

9:30 - 11:00

Online - Zoom

Lawrence - Visit Lawrence County. Ginny Colella

ILR Host: Gail Blakeley

Talking about tourism in Lawrence County and things to do.

Tue. Oct 29, 2:00 - 3:00

In-person

Masters of the American Song, Part 3. Phil Atteberry

ILR Host: Cindy Andes

This course will explore the work of four popular American songwriters--Walter Donaldson, Hoagy Carmichael, Johnny Mercer and Jimmy Van Heusen. Emphasis will be not only on their lives and careers but how their work contributed to American popular culture. Classes will include a mixture of lecture, discussion, music and video clips.

Wed. Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23

11:00 - 12:30

In-person

Normandy to Germany: In the Footsteps of a WWII Vet. Debbie Bell

A dusty cardboard box full of her father's WWII memorabilia, including maps, photos, and a group history book, led my family and me on a trip to Europe to follow in the footsteps of my father, a combat engineer. The journey began in Normandy and ended in Germany. This presentation will document the trip, and include WWII history, photos, and excerpts from letters written to loved ones on the home front. This is an "encore performance" from the Spring of 2020.

Mon. Nov. 11

11:00 - 1:00

In-person

Planes, Trains. 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.

Tue. Nov. 5, 2:30 - 4:00

In-person

Wed. Nov. 6, 7:00 - 8:30

Online - Zoom

Ponies - Chincoteague Island Ponies from Past to Present. Debbie Bell

Marguerite Henry's book *Misty of Chincoteague* put Chincoteague Island, VA on the map and made it an attraction for travelers, both young and old. This presentation will include the history of Chincoteague and Assateague Islands, the mystery of how the Chincoteague Ponies arrived, the history of the ponies, and information on annual Pony Penning Week and the famous Pony Swim.

Wed. Nov. 13
2:00 - 3:30
In-person

Prisoner of War- World War II. Mary Pat Moreschi

Remember the television comedy show from the late 60's called "Hogan's Heroes"? As my father use to say, "There is a lot of truth to it." Learn of a young B-17 pilot's experiences in a German Prisoner of War Camp during World War II as told by his daughter. Hear of the lieutenant's daily life and houghts spanning from his capture in August of 1944, to his liberation in April of 1945 from Stalag Luft III.

Mon. Oct. 21
12:00 - 1:00
In-person

Rebecca Wright Spy. James Carnes

Rebecca Wright was a Federal spy in Winchester, VA. She was employed by Gen. Sherman, to gather information about the goings on in the Shenandoah Valley to aid Sherman in the campaign that was assigned to him by Lt. Gen. Grant, to subdue the valley.

ILR Host: Gail Blakeley
Tue. Oct. 8
12:30 - 1:30
In-person

Revelation Scriptures. Verna Call

Revelation is the last book in the Bible and is very apocalyptic. The writer John is not only describing a vision of the end times, but also depicting the consummation toward which the complete biblical message of redemption is focused. Using symbolic imagery, he encourages the faithful throughout the ages, in the face of persecution and hostility, to stand fast and not give up hope in God's eternal love and deliverance. Come join a discussion over four classes that will help lift up all our spirits.

Mon. Sept 16, 30
Oct. 14, 28
2:30 - 3:30
In-person

Shakespeare - Defining Monarchy. Ruth Cole

Shakespeare had a keen interest in monarchy as a subject for both illustrating British history and giving an opportunity for his skills. The play "King John", written in the midst of his History Plays, demonstrates both of these motivations with his drama translated, to audience appreciation. With three contenders for the throne, the play succeeds and fascinates. Reading the play in advance of the class is suggested.

ILR Host: Tom Call

Thu. Sept. 19
Part 1. 10:00 - 11:30
Part 2. 1:30 - 3:00
In-person

Soldiers - African American Soldiers from Western Pennsylvania. Michael Kraus

A look at African American soldiers who served from Western Pennsylvania with information regarding their participation in the post war veteran organization the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR).

ILR Host: Gail Blakeley

Wed. Nov. 13
12:30 - 1:30
In-person

Songs - Christmas Music and History. Janet Leise

Christmas is coming before you know it! This class will be part history of traditional and modern Christmas carols, and part sing-a-long. Enrollment is open to singers and non-singers alike. Lyric sheets will be provided. Bring along a favorite Christmas treat to share. Christmas attire is also welcome.

Mon, Nov 18
2:30 - 4:00
In-person

Enrollment: Minimum 5, Maximum 25

Still Alice - the early onset of Alzheimer disease. Ruth Leo

We will learn more about Early Onset Alzheimer's Disease through discussion, handouts citing the challenges to the individual and family, and viewing the award-winning film "Still Alice". Julianne Moore, Academy-Award Best Actress, is the main character who plays Alice.

Thu. Sept. 26
12:30 - 4:00
In-person

Totalitarianism - 21st Century Man's Need for Totalitarianism. Robert Kochems

This class is an open discussion format to help explore how modern man's need for security and the belief he can and should have a better life ends in totalitarianism and a loss of freedom.

Thu. Oct. 31, Nov. 7, 14
12:00 - 2:00
In-person

Washington's 1753 PA Washington Trail with Corrections. Ginny Campbell

ILR Host: Steve Cicero

When I saw the current map of Washington's 1753 Trail and compared it with the journal entries of both Washington and Gist, I knew there were significant variations on the section northward between Logstown Trading Post (at Leetsdale PA) and Venango (Franklin PA), and southward from Venango to Guyasuta's Town (Etna, PA). This presentation, gives a little background about Native Villages in Western Pa and a more precise route Washington took from village to village, through parts of his journey. It also pinpoints the exact location of "the Barrens", which changes the route they took home.

Tue. Nov. 12
12:00 - 1:00
In-person

Writing - Creative Nonfiction: Sharing Your Story Effectively. Antonia Thomas

LONG CLASS = 5 sessions or more

Learn to write creative nonfiction: real people, real things, real incidents from your point of view, what you're curious about. How did your great-great grandmother keep the family afloat while her husband fought in the French and Indian War? Why do you hate kiwis? Learning to code after 60. An unexpected love match. Etcetera. Outside research may be necessary, and basics of standard English are expected. Your classmates, as well as your instructor, will be your critics and editors.

Thu. Oct. 24 - Nov. 21
2:00 - 4:00
In-person

York, PA: Building and Burning. Tom Call

York, Pennsylvania was not the scene of any major battle in either the Revolutionary War or the Civil War. How, then, could it have played a highly significant role in the outcomes of these two wars? This class will provide answers to that question. Those answers are stories that every Pennsylvanian should know.

Mon. Sept.09, 2:00 - 3:30
In-person
Mon. Sept.09, 9:30 - 11:00
Online - Zoom

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Holiday Luncheon. Kathy Flood & Deb Bell

Join the ILR for our Holiday Luncheon featuring a catered meal and pot luck appetizers and dessert. The event will be held at Community Park Recreation Center, 320 N Main St., Slippery Rock, PA. The deadline for paying the fee is Nov. 15.

Fee: \$25.00 - Payable to ILR, Inc.

Sat. Dec. 7, 11:30 - 2:00
Slippery Rock

Bike Ride. Rich Thornhill

It is a flat, asphalt trail running along the Allegheny River. We'll meet at the Parking Lot, Beginning of Allegheny River Trail and Samuel Justus Trail in Franklin, PA.

Thu. Oct. 10, 10:00 - 1:00
Allegheny River Trail

Brunch Munch and Conversations. Sherri Schleiter

LONG ACTIVITY = 5 or more sessions

This class will meet in local area restaurants, coffee shops, etc. for munchies and lively conversations. Locations will include nearby towns like Slippery Rock, Butler, Grove City and other local areas voted on by participants. Cue cards, created by participants will lead

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10:00 - 12:00

discussion topics. Example Talk about gardening, Share a family tradition, Discuss an activity you enjoy, Tell us about the ILR classes you are taking. Then time for chit-chat. Participants pay for their munchies. Join us and make new friends! Carpooling arranged by participants.

Various locations

Ceramics - Painting ceramics for Halloween. Margaret De Luca

Hundreds of Halloween Ceramics ready to paint. A witch? Pumpkin all lit up? Black Cat? Each ceramic is priced. One cost does it all: paint and firing. From \$10 to \$100. We'll meet at Steele's Ceramics, located at 1631 N. Main St. Ext. Butler.

Thu. Oct 3
12:00 - 3:00
Butler

The Circus is in Town. Debbie Bell

Don't miss the chance to visit the vintage miniature circus at the Butler Eagle. The Jay Bee Miniature Circus, which includes scale-modeled acts from Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, was created by Jimmy Bashline of Butler. The miniatures took Bashline about 30 years to create. It includes a trolley, hand-carved figures, wagons, menagerie, a sideshow, food tent, train yard and circus parade. We will also have a chance to see some videos about the circus and the man who created it. We will meet at the Butler Eagle Production Center at 514 W. Wayne St, Butler, PA. \$5 cash donation at the gate.

Fri. Nov. 8
10:00 - 12:00
Butler

Fall Foliage by Pontoon. Jared McGarry

ILR Host: Rich Thornhill

Join the Park Naturalist to view the lake during peak time for leaf change. Rides will go out of Jamestown Marina unless otherwise noted. Dress for the Weather. Ride times will start at 9:30 AM and end at 3:00 PM. There will be a maximum 6 riders limit per tour. We'll meet at Jamestown Marina, located at 2660 Williamsfield Road, Jamestown, PA

Enrollment: Minimum 4, Maximum 6 per pontoon/ tour

Fri. Oct. 11
Tour 1. 9:30 - 11:00
Tour 2. 11:30 - 1:00
Tour 3. 1:30 - 3:00
Pymatuning State Park

Fall Foliage Walk. Brandi Miller-Parrish

ILR Host: Gail Blakeley

Experience the extraordinary transformation occurring in the fall forest community on this walk with the Jennings staff. Autumn is a time of incredible abundance and activity. Trees are laden with nuts, birds migrate through skies of magnificent blue, and the forest is bathed in a spectacular display of color. More than just familiar signs of fall, these are actually critical changes taking place in preparation for the coming winter. We'll meet at Jennings Environmental Education Center Classroom, located within the park office building, woodland trails side (south side of 528/Prospect Road). Uneven, rocky terrain.

Enrollment: Minimum 10

Thu. Oct. 17
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Jennings Environmental Education Center

Fit - Let's Get Fit and Healthy. Sherri Schleiter

This tour in Butler will tour the YMCA, Butler Tanglewood Senior Center and Planet Fitness. Did you know that some of these programs are free with various insurances that offer Silver Sneakers or Renuit programs? Senior Centers are free and there is also a Senior Center in Slippery Rock. There is a YMCA in Grove City. The good news is that these programs can help you stay physically and emotionally fit and are offered at various hours of the day and year long, so you can participate in their activities without it conflicting with classes with ILR. Start at YMCA, go to Senior Center for a couple hours to participate in an activity and lunch (suggested donation for lunch is \$2.50) then head up to Planet Fitness. Carpooling arranged by participants.

Wed. Nov. 6
9:30 - 12:30
Butler

Hike and History of the Madjaric Home. Rich Thornhill

History of the Madjarics home and a 2 mile hike. We'll meet at 145 Thunder Mountain Lane Portersville Pa. Uneven, rocky terrain - please wear proper shoes.

Enrollment: Minimum 2, Maximum 30

Fri, Oct. 18
1:00 - 3:00
Portersville, PA

Kayak - Lake Wilhelm Kayak Paddle. Megan McDowell

ILR Host: Rich Thornhill

Join Megan McDowell, the park educator, for a relaxing morning kayaking Lake Wilhelm at Maurice K. Goddard State Park. After an introduction on paddling basics, we will test out your paddle strokes along the shoreline of the lake. Kayaking is a great recreational activity to enjoy the water and see the park from a different perspective. It also provides a unique way to watch wildlife. Space is limited. All gear will be provided, however if you have your own kayak, please let Megan know at megmcdowel@pa.gov. The meeting location will be Boat Launch No. 3, Maurice K. Goddard State Park. Uneven, rocky terrain.

Thu. Sep. 12
9:30 - 12:00
Goddard State Park

Lunch out. Teresa O'Malley & Hank Anna

LONG ACTIVITY = 5 sessions or more

We'll meet at different places for an ethnic diverse culinary experience. Everyone pays for themselves. Carpooling available. Destinations will be emailed to the participants.

Thu. Sep 12, 26
Oct. 10, 24, Nov. 7, 21
11:30 - 1:30

Mercer - Visit Mercer County PA. Carmen Aiello

ILR Host: Greg Sferra

Join Carmen, President of VisitMercerCountyPA for a guided tour of the Avenue of 444 Flags and War on Terror Memorial. Visit Kraynak's Santa's Christmasland, and Buhl Farm Park. We'll meet at 2619 E State St., Hermitage, PA 16148.

Fri. Oct. 25
2:00 -4:00
Mercer

Opera-Cavalleria Rusticana/Pagliacci. Dale Doran

An adulterous double feature not performed together at Pittsburgh Opera since 1996! Jealousy, two-timing, revenge, love & hate unite these back-to-back tragedies, where possessiveness, machismo & rage fuel their bloody conclusions.

Antony Walker Conducts; Daniel Rigazzi directs.

Cavalleria Rusticana-On Easter Sunday, Alfio discovers his wife Lola has rekindled her old romance with Turiddu. Music by Pietro Mascagni & Libretto by Guido Menasci & Giovanni Targioni-Tozzetti.

Pagliacci-Just before a performance of his traveling circus group, clown Canio discovers the infidelity of his wife Nedda. Music & libretto by Ruggero Leoncavallo.

We'll meet at the Fowler Building Parking Lot for carpooling at 11:00. If no ride needed, meet at the Benedum Center in Pittsburgh.

Sun. Nov. 17.
11:00 - 5:00
Pittsburgh

Fee: \$43.00 – payable to ILR, Inc.

Opera-Tosca/Puccini. Dale Doran

When painter Cavaradossi, Gloria Tosca's lover, decides to harbor a fugitive of the law, he makes himself and Tosca a target of the corrupt Police Chief, Baron Scarpia. Now Tosca must free Cavaradossi & herself from Scarpia's clutches by making a horrific bargain with consequences for all. Puccini's political thriller packs high romance, dark motives, love, betrayal, murder & intrigue in a plot that unfolds over 24 hours. You'll see why TOSCA is one of the most powerful operas ever. Anthony Walker conducts. Tara Faircloth directs.

We'll meet at the Fowler Building Parking Lot for carpooling at 11:00. If no ride needed, meet at the Benedum Center in Pittsburgh.

Sun. Oct. 13
11:00 - 5:00
Pittsburgh

Fee: \$43.00 – Payable to ILR, Inc.

Pickleball 101. Matt Meredith

ILR Host: Greg Sferra

This class will introduce participants to the popular sport of pickleball! The instructor will go over the basics of Pickleball play, scoring, and strategies. The course will be conducted at the tennis/pickleball courts located on Keister Road. Participants should come dressed to play wearing athletic apparel and shoes. Paddles and balls will be provided. In the event of inclement weather, the class will be conducted in the Aebersold Student Recreation Center.

Tue. Sep. 24
2:00 - 4:00
Slippery Rock

Enrollment: Minimum 8, Maximum 24

Recreation - Aebersold Student Recreation Center. Brian Mortimer

ILR Host: Greg Sferra

Come visit SRU's award winning 82,000 square foot Aebersold Student Recreation Center (ARC). Operated by the Office of Campus Recreation, ARC facility components include a fitness center, 44-foot-tall climbing wall, 5 gymnasiums, aquatic center, track and multipurpose area. Campus Recreation offers a variety of lifetime sports and fitness activities that provide exciting opportunities to "Rock'n Recreate." Both formal and informal recreational programming is available including group exercise and personal training classes. The general public can take advantage of these outstanding facilities and programs by purchasing an ARC Membership! We'll meet in the ARC Lobby.

Thu. Sep. 12
2:00 - 4:00
Slippery Rock

Saxonburg Museum & Saxonburg Hotel for Lunch. Margaret De Luca

A guided tour of the museum and lunch at the historical Saxonburg Hotel. Tour is 10:30 and lunch is noon(ish). For carpooling we will meet at the Fowler Bldg. Parking Lot at 9:30am. If no ride needed, meet at the Museum in Saxonburg. Possible admission to the museum and dine on your dime!

Fri. Sep. 27
10:30 - 12:30
Saxonburg

Train - Gene's Lionel Train Display. Gene McCandless

ILR Host: Greg Sferra

Gene's Lionel train display is housed in a building that was constructed in 2000 and measures 56' x 24'. Two five men teams built the display working one day a week for two years and it measures 30' x 17'. The trains operate on five different levels with the capability of nine running simultaneously. Trains are O-gauge scale meaning ¼ inch represents 1 foot. One can view trains traversing a mountain scene, residential and country life from the rolling stock (cars and engines) collected over 74 years. A guest book shows visitors who have viewed the display from as far away as Ukraine, Columbia and many states in the USA. No restrooms.

Mon. Nov. 11
2:00 - 4:00
Slippery Rock

Watershed Wonders: Getting to Know the Critters that Live in Our Creeks. Kelcy Marini

ILR Host: Gail Blakely

Join the Mercer County Conservation District at Munnell Run Farm to get up close and personal with the tiny creatures that call our creeks, streams, and rivers home. If you're able to join us in the water, please wear shoes that can get wet. If you're unable to venture into the creek, that's OK! We'll bring them to you where you can get to know them from the comforts of dry land. \$5 at the gate. We'll meet at Munnell Run Farm Pig Barn at 753 Greenville Road, Mercer, PA 16137.

Fri. Sep. 20
10:00 - 12:00
Mercer

Wine & Lunch. Kathy Flood

Join us for wine tasting followed by lunch at local wineries. Everyone pays for themselves. Locations will be emailed to the participants.

Thu. Sep. 19, Oct. 17 Nov. 14
11:30 - 1:30
Various locations

INSTRUCTORS' BIOGRAPHY**Aiello, Carmen**

Carmen Aiello is the President/CEO of VisitMercerCountyPA.

Andes, Cynthia

Cindy Andes lives in Titusville, Pennsylvania and retired from the University of Pittsburgh at Titusville as an Assistant Professor of Humanities and English. Among the courses she taught, were "Words & Images", "Women & Literature," and later during the spring term, "Art & Architecture in Germany & the Czech Republic." Cindy has been a traditional watercolor painter for over 50 years, and in more recent years, a mixed media artist in many mediums. She grew up spending summers at the Jersey shore, where she continues to connect with the community.

Anna, Henry

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.

Atteberry, Phillip

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.

Aughton, Cheryl

Cheryl Aughton is the Marketing Coordinator for Concordia's Haven Retirement Apartments in Cabot, Pennsylvania. She previously worked as the Director of Communications for the Sisters of St. Francis in Millvale, Pa. Cheryl earned a bachelor's degree in Communications from Kent State University. A native of Lowellville, Ohio, Cheryl enjoys bike riding, kayaking and watching her daughter play softball.

Bell, Debbie

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.

Call, Tom

Tom Call has a MA in History from Notre Dame of Maryland University. He resided in York County, PA for 31 years.

Call, Verna

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.

Campbell, Ginny

Ginny Neff Campbell is Treasurer of Richland History Group Member of DAR, Kushkushkie Trail Chapter Member of Washington's 1753 Trail. Retired Shaler Area teacher. B S Penn State M Ed.

Carnes, James

James holds a BA in History and an MS in Political Science from Edinboro College. He taught high school history for 35 years and was an adjunct professor at Grove City College for 16 years. James has presented history programs for the past 15 years.

Cicero, Steve

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.

Cole, Ruth

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.

Colella, Ginny

Ginny Jacob Colella is the Assistant Director of Visit Lawrence County. She graduated from Carlow University in 2013 with a B.A. in Corporate Communication. Additionally, she supplemented her education with a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from Butler County Community College in 2014. She's had the pleasure of working for Visit Lawrence County since October 2013.

De Luca, Margaret

Margaret had a wonderful childhood in a small town in Michigan and was taught that I could do anything. Not an academic but a great worker Bee, she thought she would take her act to Atlanta in her 20s to see what life had for her. She worked in all aspects of the restaurant business then moved on to Travel Agency Accounting for 19 years. She played for years in theater, off and on stage. She makes recycled yard art and other crafts.

Doran, Dale

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.

Flood, Kathy

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.

Gahring, Megan

Megan is Deputy Director of the Lawrence-Mercer County Recycling/Solid Waste Department, and the designated Recycling Coordinator for Mercer County. She has diverse environmental career with experience in regulatory air quality compliance, grants management, and soil and water conservation programs. Since 2011, she has worked for the Recycling and Solid Waste Department and is a PA Certified Recycling Professional. She has a BS degree in Environmental Health from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Megan's current priorities include the recovery, reuse, and recycling of building materials, green job creation, sustainable construction, community composting, and food waste recovery programs throughout Lawrence and Mercer Counties.

Golden, John

Dr. John Golden teaches law and finance at Slippery Rock University where he also serves as the university's Entrepreneur-in-Residence. He is the Managing Director of the Sustainable Enterprise Accelerator (SEA) at Slippery Rock, which assists new start-ups and existing businesses with sustainable growth opportunities. Dr. Golden serves on several boards of directors, profit and non-profit. He is the owner of Golden Intergroup, Inc. a private sustainable business consulting firm. He also practices law in the USA and internationally, specializing in commercial law.

Green, Curtis

Curtis has been a massage therapist for 22 years and also a physical therapist assistant. He has been an EMT in Butler and Las Vegas and has taught emergency first responder training since 2001. He and his wife own The Green Center for Massage and Wellness.

Kochems, Robert

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.

Kraus, Michael

A well-known Civil War historian, Kraus currently works as Curator/Historian for Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum. His accomplishments include several historical consultant credits for major films, writing and narrating the

documentary series *Civil War Minutes* and *Civil War Life* as well as authoring articles and books regarding the conflict. Michael also is an accomplished sculptor with an impressive resume of historically themed works in bronze.

Leise, Janet

Janet is a graduate of Slippery Rock High School. She completed her BS and MEd from SRU. She taught students with special needs in Pennsylvania and Ohio. She retired after 33 years of teaching in 2017. Janet loves to travel, and has visited 6 continents and many islands. She enjoys photography, dance and reading. She plays several instruments, including flute, guitar, autoharp and percussion. She volunteers at her church and Community Care Connections, an agency which helps people who have special needs. Janet is a certified Drum Circle Facilitator.

Leo, Ruth

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.

Marini, Kelcy

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.

Martin, Karen

Karen is a veterinarian, retired after 28 years with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Bureau of Animal Health investigating dangerous transmissible disease including zoonotic diseases.

McCandless, Eugene

Eugene, also known as Gene is 78 years old and was born in Grove City, PA. He has lived at 121 Smith Valley Road, Slippery Rock, PA all his life. He graduated in 1964 from Slippery Rock High School. He served in the US military 1966-1969. He retired from General Electric Company, Grove City, after 30 years of service. He served the past 23 years as a volunteer at Seneca Hills Bible Camp and Retreat Center, Franklin, PA. His interest in prototype and model railroading began when he was very young.

McDowell, Megan

Megan is the Environmental Education Specialist at Maurice K. Goddard State Park. This is her sixth season working for DCNR State parks. Right after graduation from SRU with a degree in environmental science, she started out as a Ranger 1 at Pymatuning State Park for two seasons and then worked three seasons at Moraine and McConnells Mill State Parks as an Environmental Interpretive Technician.

McGary, Jared

Jared McGary is the Environmental Educator at Pymatuning State Park. This is my tenth season as an Environmental Educator and I love doing what I do. I graduated from Slippery Rock with a Park and Recreation degree in 2010.

Meredith, Matt

Matt has been the varsity tennis coach at Slippery Rock University for 26 years and has been playing Pickleball for the past 8 years.

Miller-Parrish, Brandi

Brandi is a 2005 graduate of the Parks and Resource Management Program at Slippery Rock University. She began her career with the National Park Service working at several parks as an Interpreter and Law Enforcement Ranger before starting with Pennsylvania State Parks. She has worked at Jennings Environmental Education Center since 2007. In her free time, she loves crocheting, gardening, spending time outdoors, and spending time with her husband and two dogs.

Moreschi, Mary Pat

Mary Pat is a retired English and Social Studies teacher from the 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.

Mortimer, Brian

Dr. Mortimer ascended to the Director of Campus Recreation position in 2020 and began his campus recreation career as the Assistant Director of Wellness and RWFC in 1999. He has a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Argosy University and graduated from Slippery Rock University with a Master of Science Degree in Physical Education with an emphasis in Cardiopulmonary and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education with an emphasis in Exercise Science.

Dr. Neupauer, Nick

Dr. Nicholas C. Neupauer, appointed as Butler County Community College's eighth president in August 2007, is the longest-serving chief executive officer in BC3 history. He will be retiring from the position at the end of 2024. Dr. Neupauer's presidency at a single institution exceeds that of any current chief executive officer among Pennsylvania's community colleges, its State System of Higher Education universities and its state-related institutions. Under his leadership, BC3 has been selected as the No. 1 community college in Pennsylvania nine times by Niche.com.

O'Malley, Teresa

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.

Schleiter, Sherri

Sherri worked in Social Services in Fairbanks, Alaska. With the University of Alaska she earned an MA in Northern Studies and Visual Art, MA in Special Education, a BA in Political Science, and a BA in Journalism. Earned an MA in Library Science and Technology with Clarion University, PA. Worked for U.S. Peace Corps, Zaire Africa in Aquaculture. Enjoys photography (especially black and white fine arts) and travelling.

Scuoteguazza, Eric

Eric Scuoteguazza is a Registered Professional Archaeologist and has spent much of his 35-year-long career on adventures throughout the US, as well as the Caribbean and the Canadian Arctic. He began his career at Gannon University working with cultural resources management firms and conducting fieldwork for the Carnegie Museum of Natural History. While at Gannon, he earned degrees in anthropology and geology, and later earned a master's degree in anthropology at Ball State University and a master's degree in business administration from Point Park University. Eric's focus has often been on the regulatory aspect of understanding our nation's past.

Shaw, Polly

Polly is retired from the Seneca Valley School District. A local state park volunteer for more than 25 years, Polly is the author of "Moraine State Park" and is currently writing "McConnells Mill State Park" for Arcadia Publishing. She has presented many programs on local topics of historical interest.

Simon, William

As an apprentice to his father Edwin, William Simon was ushered into the family business of hand lettering granite and other forms of stone. By the middle 1980s Simon transitioned his skill and knowledge into creating carved and sandblasted signs. These would be embellished with gold leaf and pictorial painting. Eventually, working in Pittsburgh for Lamar Advertising as a billboard painter, Simon leaved the applied arts and graduated in 2014 from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. He resides outside of New Wilmington and works in and out of his studio creating portraits, still-lives, and landscapes from direct observation.

Thomas, Antonia

Antonia's career is varied: writer, editor and publisher for newspapers, magazines and books; ad agency creative director; product development professional; public relations specialist for theater and higher education; grants writer; overseas and higher education teaching, including aboard US Navy ships at sea. She has a BA in art history and studio art from Baldwin-Wallace University and an MA in English from Slippery Rock University.

Thornhill, Rich

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 responsibilities. He currently serves as vice president again. Rich also leads trips for the Butler Outdoor Club.

Watson, Robert

Robert Watson is SRU's Vice-President for Student Affairs. He once lived in Scotland and has returned often for visits. A Slippery Rock native and SRU alumnus, he knows the history of the town and the university.

Zona, Jerry

Jerry started his recycling career in 1992. He's the Director of the Lawrence-Mercer Recycling/Solid Waste Dept. and Executive Director of Tri-County CleanWays and serves on the PA Solid Waste Advisory Committee and Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful board. He holds a BS in Biology from Penn State Behrend.

REMINDER!

If you want to:

- Make a presentation
- Lead a trip
- Become a trip co-leader

If you know:

- Someone who would make a presentation
- Activities suitable to the ILR members
- Destinations of interest to the ILR members

If you want to support the ILR work:

- Make a donation!
- Volunteer your time, experience, and enthusiasm!

Then, you can:

- Fill out a proposal or an application form. Forms and applications are available on the ILR website, or at the ILR Office.
- Talk to the ILR board members.

Stay safe and healthy!

Looking forward to seeing you at ILR!