



## Learning in Retirement of Waukesha County Inc.

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### Message from the President of LIRWC, Lisa Peterson

Dear fellow members,

We have appreciated the patience and support you have provided this LIRWC Board as it has contended with the unexpected turn of events with COVID-19. Recognizing your commitment to this organization, the Board has unanimously voted the membership dues for the fiscal 20-21 year be reduced to \$65.00. This is a **onetime** reduction as LIRWC must retain its financial health to continue forward. It is the Board's hope that even those who are unsure if they will participate in a classroom situation will continue to renew their LIRWC membership for this upcoming year in support of the organization through these difficult times.

Regarding COVID-19 and the policy & procedures as per WCTC (currently):

- Self-acknowledgment regarding potential exposure to COVID -19 prior to returning to campus.
  - Arrive no earlier than 15 minutes prior to the start of class.
  - Have LIRWC identification available to be logged in with Security Staff (membership card).
  - Use closest restrooms to classroom.
  - When class ends immediately exit the classroom.
  - Classrooms will be sanitized between classes.
  - Elevators are limited to one person per time.
  - Social distancing of 6-feet apart will be implemented.
  - ~~MASKS ARE REQUIRED WHILE ON CAMPUS-~~
  - Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom.
  - Limit the number of personal items.
  - All water fountains are disabled as are vending machines, including coffee.
- BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS.

These are all policies that we are familiar with as we have emerged from sheltering-in-place into this brave new world. I personally carry my own Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer, paper towels and **always** wear a mask and gloves because it reduces **my** stress as I attempt to courageously move forward.

This upcoming year of 20-21 welcomes Sue Sullivan, Vice President, Dick Hoffmann, Treasurer, Doreen Giesfeldt, Delegate -at- Large and Pam Erdmann, Delegate-at-Large. Lisa Peterson will continue as President. Carole Wegner & Dave Arnott will be Curriculum Co-Chairs. Donna Homan will be heading up Membership and Nancy Langlas as Special Events Chair. We thank them all for their commitment to LIRWC.

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### How to contact your LIRWC Delegates-at-Large:

Your input will benefit the decision-making processes of the Board. Send any comments/concerns/suggestions to the following email address:

[lirwcquestions@gmail.com](mailto:lirwcquestions@gmail.com)

Your name does not need to be disclosed at the meeting. You will receive a response after the Board meeting. A Delegate-at-Large is a voting member of a governing board elected to represent the whole membership of the organization.

## CALENDAR

LIRWC Board  
meetings are held  
every third Tuesday of  
the month except  
December.

## LIRWC Special Interest Groups Message from Pam Erdmann

Check to see what your Special Interest Group is doing during COVID-19. As soon as we know accommodations for the SIG, we will let the group leaders know. Meanwhile call or email your leader to know what your specific situation is at this time.

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**SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2020**

**12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. CST**

LIRWC is working with the Holocaust Museum and Ruth Bader Ginsberg (RBG)

Exhibit for a virtual tour with the museum curator followed by a Q&A session with a docent.

This is shaping up to be an exciting event and a wonderful way for the museum to reach people with the RBG message of hope and resiliency.

**Come join us for a virtual mid-day break > more to follow!**

Thank you everyone and I look forward to seeing you in the fall. I am indeed ready for some significant brain stimulation!

Lisa Peterson LIRWC President

## Give the “Gift of Learning” Alice Slusher

Gift certificates will be available this fall and can be purchased from the LIRWC Office by check in mail or in person. They will also be available in the 2020 fall course catalog and on our web page. Certificates are applicable to membership and course fees and expire in one year.

Let a member of your family or friend know you would like to receive the “Gift of Learning” for any special occasion.

You may also purchase one as a thank you surprise or an act of kindness for someone less fortunate.

We will make gift certificates available during normal office hours beginning in the fall semester this year.

Look for information coming to you in the fall catalog. Easy gift for the person who has everything.

## Membership Message from Donna Homan

Our LIRWC membership is all about learning and this unprecedented period has allowed me to embrace technology as part of life and learning enrichment. If you haven't already tried ZOOM or other teleconferencing and distance education platforms, it's fun and easy. See you in the fall, stay well.

## Special Events Message Nancy Langlas, Chair

The COVID-19 situation has made planning Special Events very difficult this year because of restrictions on social distancing, maximum capacities and our demographic. Availability of venues, restaurants and transportation are uncertain.

With all of this to consider, the Special Events Committee regrets to announce that there are no trips planned before December 2020 at the earliest.

## WANTED VOLUNTEERS

Want to know more about helping LIRWC? We're always looking for a few people to help with various projects during the year. Here are a few opportunities to try out.

- Pick up and distribute catalogs to various sites to attract students and instructors.
- Attend senior fairs, health fairs and work fairs to get the word out about our organization.
- Support staff for various projects such as helping with a mailing.
- Become a committee member, maybe teach a class or run for the board.
- Help Learning in Retirement of Waukesha County Inc. grow and thrive.

## SHARE: A new feature of the BYTES Bulletin and BYTES Newsletter

While LIRWC trips are curtailed at present, they will be back! I'd like to Share with you one of the past day trips that I found unexpectedly fascinating. It was a visit to the Milwaukee Sewerage District where I learned the complexity of water filtration. As well as the dedication of the engineers and employees of the operation. This experience changed some of my day to day activities. I now know that supposedly “flushable” wipes do not degrade and thus clog the system. I also know that on days of heavy rains, it is best not to add to the system by washing clothes or using the dishwasher until things settle down. Old medications flushed down the toilet add to the pollution of our water and affect wildlife. This is one of the reasons I want LIRWC to thrive.  
Donna Homan