



Learning in Retirement of Waukesha County Inc.

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Message from the President Pam Erdmann

As you all know, we are currently searching for a new “home” for LIRWC. A heartfelt thank you to all the Board members for their dedication in this search. We all realize the importance of continuing education and want to keep that option for us as seniors. We will keep you updated as we go through this change. Looking forward to the fall semester, the Curriculum Committee has put together another excellent selection of courses. I have gone over the catalog several times to make my choices. Each class offering interests me, but I can’t do them all. Guess I’ll have to flip a coin.

Thank you to all the instructors who give of their time and talent to prepare and present these classes. This semester there are several new instructors, and our returning regulars who offer classes every semester. We are very grateful to all of them. Special Events is working on a trip schedule for the fall. Watch for emails with pertinent information.

Thank you to our BYTES editor, Doreen Giesfeldt, for her dedication preparing these informative newsletters.

Thank you to Debbie Nicely, our office manager. We would be lost without her.

I’ll see you in class soon. Get those registrations in!

CALENDAR

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

School Closings WCTC—Local radio and TV stations will give updated notices of closings and cancellations. Also visit www.wctc.edu for closing information. If WCTC closes, ALL LIRWC events are also cancelled.

LIRWC BOARD MEMBERS 2023-2024

Pam Erdmann President 262-309-3162	Nancy Langlas Special Events Chair 262-271-5801
Vice-President— <i>open</i>	Membership Chair— <i>open</i>
Robert Riedel Treasurer 262-366-9293	Dave Arnot Curriculum Chair 262-442-1779
Secretary— <i>open</i>	
Lynda Horn Delegate-at-Large 262-290-1071	Winnie Mading Delegate-at-Large 262-246-4811
Timothy Holloway WCTC Staff Liaison 262-695-6511	LIRWC Office 262-695-3473 LIR@wctc.edu www.lirwc.org

How to contact your LIRWC Delegates-at-Large:

Contact @ lirwc.org Your input will benefit the decision-making processes of the Board. Send any comments/concerns/suggestions to the above email. Your name does not need to be disclosed at the meeting. You will receive a response after the Board meeting or sooner.

A Delegate-at-Large is a voting member of a governing board elected to represent the whole membership of the organization.

Lynda Horn & Winnie Mading

Office Hours

Monday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Friday **CLOSED**

Questions?

Contact the office at
262-695-3473 or
email: lir@wctc.edu

LIR Special Interest Group Winnie Mading, singer

Do you sing in the shower? Do you sing along when you hear a familiar tune on the radio? Do you enjoy familiar “oldies?” If so, then the LIR Singers Special Interest Group is for you. You don’t need to be a “solo quality” singer, just be able to reasonably carry a tune. We generally sing in unison with some harmonies. Once we are familiar with the songs we have chosen, we take our “show” to nursing homes, senior residences and the like where people are encouraged to sing along with us. Please consider joining us for fun and spreading the joy of music.



In Memorium

You will be missed.

Patricia "Trish" Van Peurseem

Edna Pfeiffer



Nothing gold can stay—Robert Frost

Nature’s first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf’s a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.



Message from the Editor Doreen Giesfeldt

Remember that old song “that you don’t know what you got ‘til it’s gone.” We are not gone, we are momentarily misplaced. WCTC is growing by leaps and bounds and needs the rooms and equipment we use. I think we understand their needs. However, it was abrupt. It felt like if Thanksgiving was moved to October and you hadn’t cleaned off the dining room table and only had two days to thaw the turkey. If that had happened to me you’d be eating peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and have toaster waffles for dessert. Although that doesn’t sound that bad. But those are the challenges we actually thrive on. And we really have to admire our board with whining minimally and leaping to pitch in to help. What makes this worth doing is “US.” We are worth it. Hasn’t LIRWC changed your brain in seeing things differently and being spurred on to learn more because your curiosity was raised. I’ve learned things I didn’t even know I wanted to learn. The best thing for me though is getting to teach a class. It’s so worth doing when someone says, “I understand how to make a Polish Star now.” Very satisfying to hear. So we are not gone, or forgotten, it’s a challenge we will face together.

LIRWC 2023 FALL SEMESTER

Welcome to the LIRWC 2023 fall semester! We have another fantastic line-up of courses for you to choose. Your favorite Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are still active, but moving to new locations (see pages 46, 47 in the catalog). Special Events is working on their fall 2023 trip schedule and more information will follow soon.

We have a **special fall semester membership fee of only \$30.00** and course fees are still only \$10, \$15 or \$20 each. Take advantage of this great fall program!

Visit our website www.Lirwc.org/Resourses, or contact the office for the following:

- 2023 Fall Course Catalog
- Membership/Registration Form
- Handy Course List
- All Inclusive Risk Release Form
- Paying via PayPal Procedures (or send in a check)

You can complete the attached forms and mail with your check made out to LIRWC-Inc. to:

WCTC-LIRWC
327 E Broadway Rm WK101G
Waukesha WI 53186

Or you can register online at www.lirwc.org. Click on Become A Member, or if already an online member then just log into your account. All forms can be found in the Resource Section (or you can also access them at www.wctc.edu/lir).

***NOTE:** We have a very limited quantity of printed catalogs for members without computers, emails or printers. Your support in not requesting a hard copy is greatly appreciated as it helps keep our current costs down. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.*

Questions? Contact us at email: contact@lirwc.org or call: 262-695-3473.

DONATION RESPONSE

The generous response to our request for financial support has been greatly appreciated.

As we separate from WCTC we will incur many more expenses that WCTC had been able to provide us. Things that were shared we will now be responsible for obtaining. We are faced with an increase in costs for office space, room rental fees, telephone, computers and software. We also need to supply money for postage and printing costs. With that in mind please check out the new catalog and sign up for some interesting classes for fall. That is one of our main sources of income.

Thank you Thank you Thank you

2023-2024 BOARD ELECTION

Due to the unfortunate and abrupt news about our future ending with WCTC, the Board elected to hold the 2023-2024 voting electronically - and manually for members without email. The membership ballots were returned by the due date of June 30, 2023, and results unanimously approved the 2023-2024 Slate of Candidates. Your current elected Board:

President = Pam Erdmann

Treasurer = Rob Riedel

Delegate-at-Large = Lynda Horn

Delegate-at-Large = Winnie Mading

(Vice President and Secretary positions are OPEN)

305 = Ballots sent out

68 = Electronic ballots returned

8 = Mailed ballots returned

76 = Total Ballots returned, or 25 percent

Note: A 25 percent return is typical rate of return for our membership – even when we hold our Annual Meeting in person, 25 percent of the membership comes to the meeting and votes.

At the first board meeting of the new fiscal year, Pam Erdmann welcomed all the elected board members and appointed Dave Arnott, Curriculum Committee Chair and Nancy Langlas, Special Events Chair – they both accepted *(Membership Chair is OPEN)*.

Warm up in Fall with a Cup of Butternut Squash Soup

Prep Time: 20 mins

Cook Time: 45 mins

Total Time: 1 hr 5 mins

Ingredients:

2 TBLS. butter

1 small onion, chopped

1 stalk celery, chopped

1 medium carrot, chopped

2 medium potatoes, cubed

1 medium butternut squash—

peeled, seeded, and cubed

1 (32 fluid ounce) container chicken stock

Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Directions:

Melt butter in a large pot over medium heat, and cook onion, celery, carrot, potatoes, and squash until lightly browned, about 13 minutes. Pour in enough chicken stock to cover vegetables.

Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce to low, cover pot, and simmer until all vegetables are tender, about 40 minutes.

Transfer soup to a blender and process until smooth. Return to the pot and mix in any remaining stock to reach desired consistency. Season with salt and pepper.

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/77981/butternut-squash-soup-ii/?print>