

WORD to the WISE

Center for Learning in Retirement



CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

By Rhee Ellen Wright
Advisory Committee Chairperson

The Fall semester is underway with an amazing list of interesting classes. It's hard to decide which ones to select. The bus trip and social events will keep us busy enjoying the Fall months.

I am looking forward to serving as the CLR Advisory Committee Chairperson for 2024 – 2025.

Over the next few months, the Advisory Committee, along with Tammy Lewis, Program Director, will continue building on the good foundation put into place over the last 30 plus years.

A heartfelt thanks to Arnie Ames and the outgoing Advisory Committee members for their accomplishments and dedication to the CLR Mission Statement. All of us benefited from your worthy efforts.

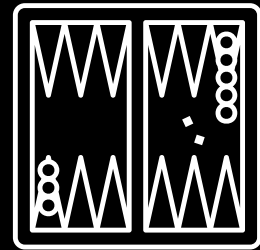
Special thanks to Tammy, Erin, the Social Committee, and all the volunteers who helped make the CLR Annual Meeting a success. It's always a wonderful way to kick off the Fall semester. I encourage members to find ways to volunteer and also invite friends to discover CLR. Enjoy the beautiful Fall season with family and friends. See you at CLR!

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CENTER FOR LEARNING IN RETIREMENT

NEW SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP ALERT!

We are so excited to launch a new special interest group at CLR, and we would love for you to join us!



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Everyone enjoyed the beautiful fall day at the Maxson Riverboat and Restaurant on October 2. Following a delicious meal, 140 CLR social event attendees boarded the paddlewheel boat for a scenic river cruise.

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COMMITTEE CORNER

New Advisory Committee Members

By Maryann Leonard & Linda Jarrells



Steve Renne - Vice Chair

First, I had to learn to pronounce Steve's last name. It's said with a long A at the end – is of French origin and dates back to the Huguenots in the 1600s. Yes, I had to look up the spelling.

For those of us who have delivered CLR catalogs, take a bow. Because Steve learned about CLR by coming across one of those catalogs about 7 years ago. And it didn't take long before he was presenting classes that we all enjoy – *Bob Dylan, The Beatles, Dialogue Without Anger*. Most recently, he took over for Ben Healy on the *What in the World is Going On* current events class.

Now, in his newest role, Steve is stepping in as the Vice Chair of the Advisory Committee. He is looking forward to reaching out and learning more. I'd say that his first encounter with the CLR catalog seven years ago has reaped many benefits, both for him and for us.



Midge Tesch – Secretary

Midge Tesch was born and raised in Harvard, Illinois, but spent her professional life in Freeport.

As life would have it, being an only child, she was drawn back to Harvard for the care of her mother. When I mentioned the train in Harvard, Midge remembers that in the early years, you could be in Chicago in an hour but that same train takes just shy of two hours now. Midge was recently on vacation and toured Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Taos, New Mexico.

As for CLR, Midge has been on the Curriculum Committee for about a year and a half. And now she will be adding the new task of Secretary for the Advisory Committee. I asked if she knew how her name came up and she said she was a high school classmate with Arnie Ames's wife Trina and it probably came from that connection. And in her new capacity she is looking forward to meeting more people and having fun.



Robbin Nelson - Curriculum Co-Chair

Robbin's affiliation with CLR goes back to a presentation by Sara Skaggs at U of Illinois College of Medicine. Although it was too early for Robbin who was still working, she thought her mom who had been recently widowed might benefit by some involvement. It later became a good fit for Robin when she retired from U of Illinois and her work in continuing ed as a provider of workshops and seminars for CEU's.

Robin has done multiple rounds with the Curriculum Committee. The thing that holds her interest is that every year is different and there are always challenges. Though she is a native of Rockford, through CLR she has learned more about Rockford than ever before. And, with that long history of lifelong relationships she has found the opportunity at CLR to renew some of those old acquaintances. It's so full circle – can we say more.



Linda Jarrells – Newsletter Chair

Linda shared that she recently moved from a house to an apartment. That stopped me in my tracks. I went through a similar downsize six years ago and am still recovering. It would never occur to me to accept a new responsibility such as this chairmanship in the midst of so much human upset. Linda also shared that she grew up in Rockford, was away since '76 and returned to her roots last October coming from Michigan. She learned of CLR from her older sister, Marsha Stolberg, many years ago. She enjoyed a short trip back to Michigan to see her two sons and families in September. I look forward to meeting Linda in the future and learning more as she gets settled and things unfold.



Sandra Krause - Social Co-Chair

Sandra doesn't remember exactly how she first learned of CLR, but upon her return from Costa Rica in 2013 saw it as an opportunity to make new friends. After having done some work on the Social Committee, she is now stepping up to Co-Chair the Committee and is looking forward to meeting with the folks whose shoes she will be filling.

On a broader more personal note, Sandra was a teacher for 27 years in Rockford and five years in Florida. In addition, she started an iPad/iPhone Users Group for free. And because of her experience with computers, has already agreed to do all of the computer tasks in her new position. Sounds like she is off and running.

Check out our first ever CLR promotional video featuring CLR members and instructors.

YouTube.com/watch?v=z7NGI2ZiHzc



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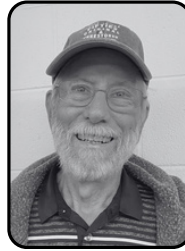


Sandi Chamberlin - Social Co-Chair

Sandi's work life of 30 years was spent at Behr Recycling. After retiring, her drive to keep her mind active led her to CLR and ultimately the Social Committee. She is originally from Brodhead, Wisconsin and maintains connections there.

As she talked about those connections, it sounded like she functioned as a culture carrier by sharing her concert experiences at the Coronado and her participation at CLR.

Sandi's favorite aspects of CLR are the history courses which ultimately led to travelling with Gene Van Galder and GVG Tours. Her most astounding travel story is that she was in Manhattan on 9/11. As she emerged from the subway that morning, she saw people running. The sense of panic caused her to ask a postman if she could use his phone. Both were shocked when she got through to her daughter to say she loved her and was alright. Sadly, Sandi saw the second plane hit the tower and heard the swoosh as it crumbled to the ground. The dust and debris that filled the air ultimately ruined her clothes, of course, a small price compared to the enormity of the devastation on that day. Welcome Sandi, we're glad you're o.k. Sandi closed by saying she hopes the CLR folks will like the events the Social Committee has planned.



Brad Keyes – Speakers' Bureau

As a retiree from a career as a healthcare consultant, Brad traveled as he identified ways to solve problems in a variety of facilities. Now as a volunteer, Brad has found many opportunities to serve in our community.

Any given day, he may be found working with others from his church repairing minor electrical problems, removing dead trees from someone's property, assisting with maintenance at Midway Village, delivering equipment to polling sites throughout Winnebago County just prior to our various elections, helping raise capital funding for the Playhouse in Pecatonica or completing something on his wife's "honey do list."

Shortly before our world went into isolation during the COVID pandemic, Brad became a member of CLR. He soon realized that he could lead classes in which he had fostered an interest. He has covered several subjects including the role Eleanor Roosevelt took during WWII and *How States Got Their Shapes*. During this fall semester, he will lead more classes including *Lindberg Baby Kidnapping: New Theories and Debates* as well as *Jerks in Chicago History*. When asked what he wanted people to know about him, Brad said, "Tell them I am more handsome than Robert Redford and richer than Howard Hughes." Yes, whether he is leading a class or serving as the chairman of the CLR Speakers' Bureau, you will experience his sharp sense of humor and extensive knowledge.

Habitat for Humanity

By Jan July

Just what is Habitat? We know they build houses, and we've heard Jimmy Carter volunteered, but really, what do they do? Come to a CLR community awareness class and find out what the local connection is in Rockford and Winnebago County. How many Habitat homes are in Rockford? Can anyone volunteer? Is there an age limit? Who is eligible for a house? Do people buy the finished homes, rent them or what? Do they look like low-income housing? And what are the ReStores? Can anyone shop there? Keri Asevedo, Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity Executive Director will be at Katie's Cup on **November 14 from 1 - 2:30 pm** for a CLR class entitled, *Building a Strong Foundation for Rockford with Habitat for Humanity*. She will provide an overview and history of the program and answer all your questions. Come early and have a tasty lunch at Katie's Cup before the presentation!





ATTENTION MUSIC LOVERS

By Ellen Taylor-White



Let me introduce you to a lifelong learner and a lifelong teacher, Andrea Azar. Andrea started piano and choir lessons at the age of four. She was encouraged by her mother, who was also a musician.

By the time she went for her undergraduate degree, she was tired of music and studied other things. In 1978 she moved to the Middle East to work for an oil company. While there she not only taught piano lessons, but she also met her husband and earned her advanced MA and PhD in piano performance and theory. In 1993, Andrea and her husband moved back to the U.S. The environment towards women in Saudi Arabia had changed after the Gulf War, and they moved where women were less restricted.

Originally from Minnesota, Andrea and her husband have now settled in Rockford, where she has performed and taught at the Mendelssohn Performing Arts Center and other venues.

About 10 years ago, Andrea joined CLR and started teaching. While she enjoys teaching, she also enjoys learning more as she prepares for the classes. Andrea is an avid reader and belongs to four book clubs, two of which she is also the organizer/leader.

She belongs to the CLR Book Discussion special interest group and contributes as a member and a discussion leader.

Andrea offered her *Cooking Mediterranean /Middle Eastern Salads* classes in early October. Class members enjoyed the education about the different salads and loved the taste tests.

Now Andrea is offering a different class based on her love of music. **Historical Classical Music Appreciation: Baroque to Contemporary** is her next class being presented on **November 11 from 1:30-3:30 pm**. (See page 17 in the catalog.) During the class she will talk about the time periods and composers and the types of instruments with which the composers had to work. She will also be discussing how music affects each of us, sometimes without us being aware of that effect. Please join her as she shares her vast knowledge with us.



RVC
Music Concerts

RVC Jazz Concert
Wednesday, Nov. 20
7 PM

Old Towne Band
Friday, Dec. 6
Saturday, Dec. 7
7:30 PM

RVC Community Orchestra
Tuesday, Dec. 10
7 PM

All events are FREE and open to the public. Concerts are on the RVC Main Campus in the Educational Resource Center (ERC) Performing Arts Room (PAR)

CLR Social Event 2024

ANNUAL HOLIDAY GALA



Join us for this annual social event to celebrate the holidays!

Thursday, December 12, 2024

11:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

(doors open at 11:30 a.m.)

Rockford Country Club, 2500 Oxford St., Rockford, IL

Our holiday gathering this year will take place at the Rockford Country Club in their beautiful clubhouse with a view overlooking the Rock River. It will be elegantly decorated for the holidays with several Christmas trees and lots of twinkling lights. Meals will be plated and served at the table by staff. Entrée choices are **Pan Roasted Chicken Breast** (w/herb roasted garlic sauce,) **Portabella Steak Bites Marsala** (tenderloin & mushrooms in creamy marsala sauce with red onions) or **Center Cut Double Pork Chop** (w/apple chutney). All meals include a tossed salad, rolls & butter, potato, vegetable, dessert platter, and coffee/hot tea/water. Cash bar will be available.

After our delicious lunch, we'll be entertained by local musician **Randy Nicholson** who will perform vocals backed by professional music tracks in the style of Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole, and other artists in the American Songbook. He will mix in DJ music of the 50s & 60s original artists and include some Christmas music too. It's sure to be festive and fun! We'll end the afternoon with holiday door prize drawings. **NOTE: The clubhouse is accessible.**



Cost: \$35 Members / \$40 Non-Members

**Registration Deadline:
December 2, 2024**

Questions? Call (815) 921-3931

HOLIDAY GALA REGISTRATION

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

ID # (office use): _____

Special needs (dietary, seating, etc.): _____

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024

Please indicate entrée choice:

chicken steak pork

\$35 for CLR Members Cash payment

\$40 for Non-Members Check payment

Amount total \$ _____

Check Number: _____

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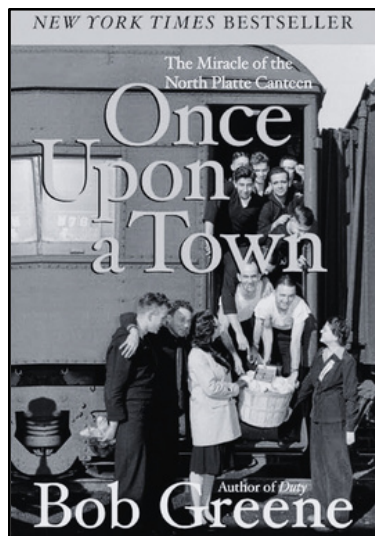
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BOOK NOOK

ONCE UPON A TOWN: THE MIRACLE OF THE NORTH PLATTE CANTEEN

By Kim Carew



People of a certain age recall Bob Greene as a local guy. For thirty-one years he wrote a syndicated newspaper column based in Chicago, first for the Sun-Times and later for the Tribune. But his talents reached to the Wall Street Journal, CNN, NPR, as well as authoring 25 books, including New York Times Bestseller: ***Once Upon a Town: The Miracle of the North Platte Canteen.***

In the opening pages of the book, Greene tells us that he had set out to tell the story of “the best America there ever was.” This book does not disappoint his goal and will put tears in your eyes and make you proud of the citizens of these great United States!

From December 1941 through April 1945, the North Platte Canteen, located in a town with a population of 12,000, served approximately 6 million soldiers who passed through on their way to their overseas assignments for a mere ten-minute stop, yet the event was remembered into the foxholes, into later lives and were forever ingrained in their minds.

The folks of North Platte, Nebraska as well as surrounding communities privately ran this canteen, offering up sandwiches, coffee, cigarettes, letters and love to these young men and women, unsure of where they were going and what their future would bring.

Greene tells the story through first-person interviews with townspeople who staffed and cooked and soldiers who passed through the small town, and the reporting will warm the heart of every reader.

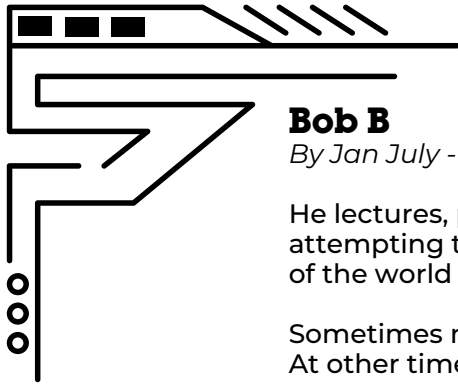
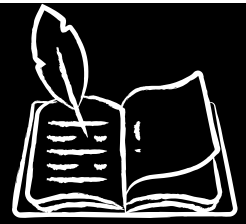
Once Upon a Town: The Miracle of the North Platte Canteen by Bob Greene is the CLR Book Discussion group’s selected book for November. If you have questions or would like to join us on **Monday, Nov. 18 from 10-11 am** in-person or virtually, please contact Malia Hennessy at (815) 637-2274.



In Memory of **Norma Freeberg**

Norma was an enthusiastic CLR member who was always smiling or laughing. She served as a Co-chair on the Curriculum Committee and was a volunteer class facilitator. Together, she and her husband Curt presented the Great Decisions class the past two years. Sadly, Norma passed on July 28, 2024. She had served as a nursing instructor at Rock Valley College for 31 years prior to her retirement. She was a delightful lady who will be dearly missed.

WORD WEAVERS



Bob B

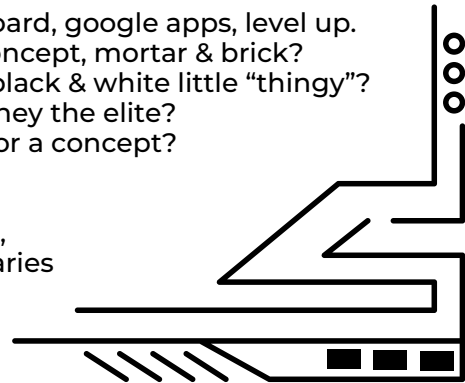
By Jan July - August 2024

He lectures, partly in vain,
attempting to bring clarity to the confusion
of the world of electronic telephones.

Sometimes nimble brains grasp the concepts.
At other times, the foggier heads sink into a mire of
acronyms and unfamiliar words, weakly gasping for help.

Swipe left, swipe right, keyboard, google apps, level up.
Google – is it a noun, verb, concept, mortar & brick?
Is it a multi-colored “G” or a black & white little “thingy”?
Macintosh, Apple, iPad, are they the elite?
Does Android mean a robot or a concept?
So much to learn.

Still, he tries again and again,
encouraging his contemporaries
not to fall behind ...
to join the enlightened
in today’s melee.



Guilty Pleasures

By Jan July – August 2024

Guilty pleasures are the little rewards we give ourselves that make our lives bearable.

Like snuggling deep in bed with the covers pulled high, for that extra bit of sleep after the rude alarm has sounded.

Standing in the shower, not washing, just letting the hot water caress our back and shoulders

Indulging in a pint of coffee flavored Hagen Das ice cream or slice of red velvet cake or snagging a 3-pack of Ferrero Rochér at the checkout counter and eating them all in the car on the way home -- before they melt.

Just sitting in the car listening, while a favorite old song plays out.

Finding a new book by a treasured author and sneaking just a peek between the covers.

Walking into a busy bakery or a saddle shop just to inhale the smell.

Sneaking a peek at the internet to find out how your ball team is doing.

Ignoring the dreaded housework, sitting outside in the sun, and listening to the sounds of the day: the school bus passing by, a neighbor mowing grass, a dove softly cooing, crickets chirping.

Yes, we steal these little guilty pleasures, and we are content with it.

AN INSTANCE OF DENIGRATION IN COLONIAL AFRICA

By Martin Moubel

In Donenkeng, my childhood village, my father was one of the rare denizens who displayed amazing reading and writing skills, along with a mesmerizing calligraphy. In the 1950s, villagers regularly sought his services, whenever they wanted to communicate by postal mail. They verbally expressed their ideas in Bafia, our native language; Papa automatically translated them into French, drafted the letter and sent it to the right destination, whether local or remote. He also helped translate any mail from French to Bafia.

Legal complaints were the only kind of letters this excellent writer would decline assistance for. Of course, his help was free of charge and gladly offered.

One day, Mekara À Arohko Simon, the village's famous planter, asked him to write an order for shoes he needed in Paris, France. The request took the whole community by surprise. Although Mekara, the well-known cacao farmer, had enough money to buy shoes, no one had ever seen him wearing them, even though he was in his fifties. He wasn't the only barefoot dweller in the village. In fact, few people could afford such a luxury.

Dad didn't hesitate. The order was dispatched immediately. Six months later, the expected response finally arrived. What a disappointment! No shoes were delivered and no payment returned. Yet, to make things worse, in their humiliating letter of refusal, the French suppliers declared that our neighbor Mekara's feet were too big, and that no size in their factories would fit them. To better convey their opinion, they used a metaphor that my dad felt uncomfortable translating. He was right. When Mekara À Arohko heard the content of the message from Paris, his anger was uncontrollable. "Who gives them the right to insult me?" The always admired denizen with a notoriously calm demeanor exploded with anger.

Two decades later, having found this letter in my late father's archives, I finally understood our famous neighbor's fury. "If Cameroonian elephants wear shoes, French ones don't."

What disparaging language! Mekara had been right to feel utterly offended.

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A big thanks to everyone who contributed to the annual **Peanut Butter Rally** by placing jars of peanut butter (and jelly) into the big drop-off barrel this summer at the Bell Center. Rock River Valley Pantry expressed their appreciation and reported the donations from CLR totaled 64 pounds of food that was distributed to local families in need.

GET INVOLVED >>

BOOK DISCUSSION SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

Monday, October 21
The Reading List
by Sara Nisha Adams

Monday, November 18
Once Upon a Town
by Bob Greene

The group meets the third Monday of the month from 10 - 11 a.m. at the Bell Center or online.

For more information or to be added to the group mailing list, contact Malia Hennessy at (847) 347-6454.



I'VE LIVED.

By Joan Schmelzle

At a meeting, probably of retired teachers, an acquaintance asked, "But aren't you independently wealthy?" I simply answered, "No." But what I wanted to say was, "No, but I've lived." And what does "I've lived" mean to me? It means that when I still could, I traveled-- a lot!

Yes, I've traveled in the U.S. mostly to visit relatives in Florida, Colorado, and Wisconsin. I absolutely loved New York's theater district and went there yearly when my brother lived in New Jersey.

Once, thanks to a small inheritance, I headed abroad and fell in love with Italy. Rome is my all-time favorite of the "Big Three", but I love Florence and Venice (please don't just do a single day there). I've also enjoyed Milan and, yes, I really like Naples, which is so much more than pizza. I'm not really sure how many times I've been to Italy.

Where else have "I lived"? I've been to Germany more than once and loved the 2000 Oberammergau Passion Play. In Munich after a museum or two, I headed to the Haufbrau House and, of course, sampled the excellent beer.

In France, I loved Paris, the Louvre, Sacre Cour and other museums and churches. And, yes, thoroughly enjoyed Disneyland Paris. I rode the Glacier Express in Switzerland and in Lisbon tried Port, the country's national drink.

Dublin and its Guinness brewery are worth seeing. Also, while there I tried to find out about my Irish ancestors, but the Ancestry office was closed so I don't know which of the two Murphysborough's in County Carlow I can claim.

Riding the London Eye, seeing the queen's jewels, watching the changing of the guard, all were highlights in England. I also enjoyed a "pub lunch" under Samuel Johnson's picture.

How did I travel so often after the inheritance was gone? I was still teaching and at the top of the salary schedule, when the school district offered those of us at that level, a monthly stipend if we were at retirement age and retired then. So, I did, and the stipend went, and still goes directly to the credit union. This money became my travel fund.

And because I have a good pension from my forty plus years of putting up with teenagers and mostly loving that time, I don't need to be wealthy. I'm glad "I've Lived!"

BACKGAMMON

A new Special Interest Group

By Lou Bowe

On August 22, I attended what was the first meeting of the new Backgammon Special Interest Group at CLR. Those who play Backgammon or were interested showed up and some brought their own sets. I have never played Backgammon nor own a board. I have to say I found the game very intriguing.



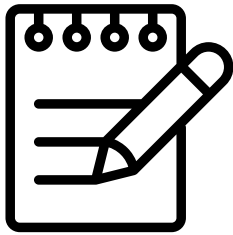
People were set up in 2's (to play against one another) and the leader, Joe Etminan, (pictured left) professor emeritus, Rock Valley College, went around helping or explaining to the players as needed. It was obvious to me that beginners, those rusty at the game, and the proficient players are all welcome. Joe

moved people around to play with others so they would benefit from each other.

Backgammon has been around for over 5000 years, and is believed to have originated in the Persian and Mesopotamian areas (Iran/Iraq). There are different rules for different games. But the goal or result in playing Backgammon as Joe stated is "mental stimulation and social interaction."

The Backgammon Special Interest Group met again on Thursday, September 21, at the Bell School Center from 10 am-12 pm. The group is scheduled to meet on **October 24** and **November 21** and any CLR member is welcome to attend. The first visit is fine if you want to bring a friend who is not a member of CLR and wants to come to play. After that, they must join CLR to continue attending a Special Interest Group. If you do not have a Backgammon board and want to play, come and play! For questions, contact Joe Etminan at (815) 558-0007.





EDITOR'S NOTE

By Linda Jarrells

How often do we visit a website, perhaps for the first or twentieth time, only to find that we are asked to complete a survey before we leave the site? If you were one of the 200 attendees at our Annual Meeting held again this summer on the beautiful campus of Rock Valley College, you were asked to complete a survey regarding the programming offered each semester through the Center for Learning in Retirement.

Imagine that you were to answer a few questions by rating the classes, events, tours, trips, and special interest activities. On a 1 to 10 scale, with 10 being the best possible, how would you rate CLR? If you were to add up the score for the questions, what would the total be? If it's a high score, would you share information about the CLR program with a neighbor, friend, or relative and encourage them to join our community?

We are a group of people who believe we are never too old to learn about new things, be reminded of old things, find new friends or discover a long-lost friend, perhaps taste a food we never knew existed, or possibly even find we have a talent we could develop?

Have you ever gifted a membership to someone? During the upcoming holiday season, you may want to consider giving the gift of learning and fellowship to someone you feel could benefit from our offerings. This semester alone, we have over 140 of them. Also, gift certificates for classes are available in any amount.

We hope that you enjoy this fall semester and will continue to grow through new and renewed experiences.



Dawn Calkins had a good time at the *Palm Leaves and Summer Breeze* tropical event on June 28. She wore a floral Hawaiian dress with fresh flowers around her neck and on her head.



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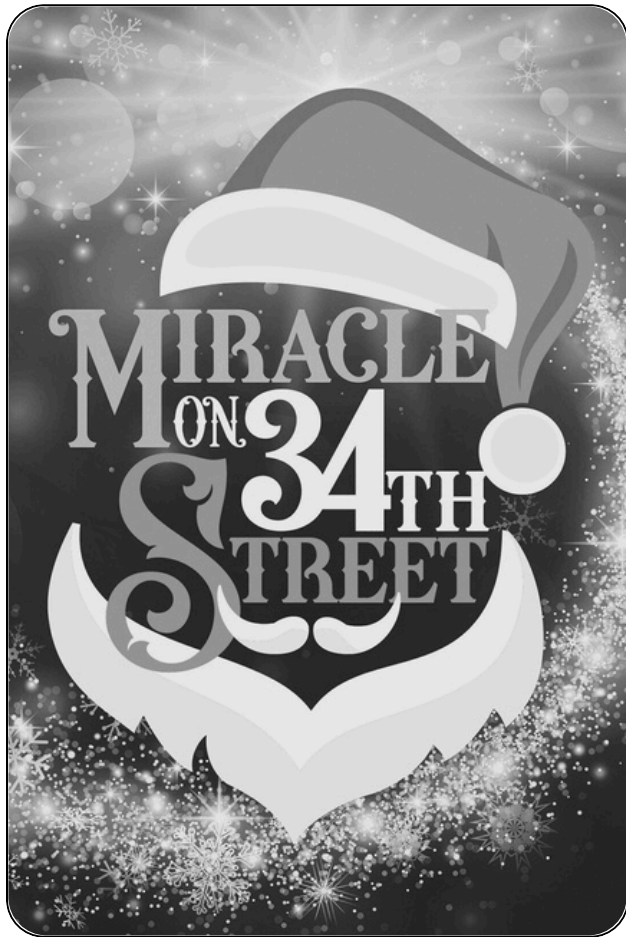
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THE FIRESIDE DINNER THEATRE
HOLIDAY BUS TRIP
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024



Upon arrival...

There will be time for holiday shopping in the Fireside boutique shops and to purchase fresh-baked breads before we enjoy a delicious lunch served in the one-of-a-kind Fireside Dining Room. Entrée choices are **Chicken and Ribs** – Southern fried baked chicken breast & pork back ribs glazed with BBQ sauce, **Seared Duck** – tender duck breast sliced and served with a reduction of port wine and tart red cherries, or **Steak Diane** – medallions of roast beef tenderloin in the classic sauce. Meals will also include butternut squash soup, freshly baked breads, garlic whipped potatoes, Mississippi mud cake (rich chocolate & pecans) for dessert, and coffee, tea, or milk.

About the musical...

Based on the beloved Christmas movie, *Miracle on 34th Street* is a big brassy Broadway musical with a heart. Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade needs a new Santa. Enter Kris Kringle – a sweet and jolly old man who claims that he is the real Santa Claus. Thus begins this funny, warm, tuneful, and inspirational musical as Kris has to prove his claim in court and teach his cynical neighbor and her daughter to believe in the goodness and love that is Christmas. Written by Meredith Wilson, the creator of *The Music Man*, this is an unforgettable musical version of a classic Christmas tale. Just what you need at the beginning of December to get you into the holiday spirit!

NOTE: The dining room and theatre are accessible.

DEPART: Rock Valley College (Lot 3A) at 9:30 a.m.
RETURN: Rock Valley College (Lot 3A) around 5 p.m.
COST: Includes lunch, theatre, and transportation \$120 for CLR members / \$140 for non-members

CANCELLATION POLICY: *If it is necessary to cancel, refunds are available if we are able to fill your seat from a waiting list; notification must be received at least 48 hours in advance. A processing fee of \$10 will be charged for each bus trip cancellation.*

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, November 20

Questions? Call (815) 921-3931

BUS TRIP REGISTRATION - DEC. 2024

Name(s): _____

 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____
 Zip Code: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 ID # (office use): _____
 Must Provide Emergency Contact & Phone
 Number: _____

Please indicate entrée choice:

chicken & ribs duck steak

Special needs (dietary, seating, etc.): _____

\$120 for CLR Members Cash enclosed

\$140 for Non-Members Check enclosed

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Check Number: _____

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