Seminar on “Selecting a President in the Age of Covid-19 and Major Civil Unrest”
October 22 and October 29, 2020

John S. Jackson, Visiting Professor, SIU’s Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, will present this Zoom seminar on October 22 and October 29, 10 – 11:30 a.m., as a special offering for SIU Women’s Club members and their families. This is a condensed two-session version of the five lectures to Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement members.

Seminar registration is required, and members must have renewed their membership to be approved to receive the Zoom link. Registration deadline is October 20—register early for the limited number of slots.

Seminar content is described on page 4 at: https://conferenceservices.siu.edu/_common/documents/silir/silir-newsletter.pdf. If you have any questions, contact John Jackson before the seminar begins at jsjacson@siu.edu.

Go to the next page to retrieve the entire registration link. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Some Interest Groups Continue Involvement

The Newcomers Dinner Group has met a few times since COVID began—once as outdoor dining at the Flame Grill and Bar—these five members attended. Another time was a Zoom session, signing in with dinner/drink choices and chatting about how all are coping with the virus and the various phases of lockdown and its impact on the campus and community.

The Book Club Interest Group has also continued its monthly meeting via Zoom with lively discussions about the book of the month.

Points of Pride for SIU

- Good news on 2020-21 SIU enrollment: Enrollment of first-time college students is up 31.2%, enrollment of new students from Southern Illinois is up 32.9%, and our freshman-to-sophomore retention rate has increased to 80.6%, the highest in 20 years. This is higher than the national average retention rate of 73.5% reported by the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center report for all institutions from 2009 to 2017.

- The Saluki women’s basketball team boasts the 24th-best combined GPA among Division I schools in the nation. SIU’s combined 3.625 for the 2019-20 academic year was aided by a program record 3.82 GPA during the 2020 spring semester, in which all 14 players recorded GPAs of 3.5 or better while six student-athletes notched perfect 4.0 GPAs.
Other News Regarding the Status of
SIU Women’s Club Activities and Events

• **Seminar Registration Zoom Link:**
  Register in advance for this meeting:
  https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ucOusrDLjEtTBfaJDvsGcDLXhAEWtbNTZ

• **SIU Women’s Club Membership Renewal.** As in previous years, membership renewal is due October 1, 2020. Encourage your friends with SIU connections to join. The membership renewal form is available at https://womensclub.siu.edu/_common/documents/membership-form.pdf

• The **SIU Women’s Club Board of Directors** is planning to coordinate more webinar-type programs for delivery to its members throughout 2020-21. Please send webinar topics of interest to siuwomensclub@gmail.com.

• Thank you to these generous **SIU Women’s Club Scholarship donors** as of September 9, 2020:

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SIU Women’s Club Interest Groups
October 2020

Interest Group Director, Julie Bohnsack (jaweilbrenner@gmail.com)
The Faculty House, 810 South Elizabeth Street, Carbondale

Most Interest Group meetings are on hold due to the COVID-19 Virus Outbreak

Adventures Gals
Next date, time, and location to be announced

Antiques and Collectibles
Meets 1st Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.
Hope to resume in the spring

Book Discussion
Meets 2nd Thursday, 1 – 3 p.m.
Discussion Leader: Jody Christopher; Zoom Coordinator: Angie Baughman

Breakfast Group
Meets 3rd Friday, 7:30 a.m., at Denny’s Restaurant

Bridge - Afternoon
Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 1 - 3 p.m., in members’ homes

Bridge - Couples Evening
Meets 3rd Saturday, 7 p.m., Faculty House

Cooking Lunch with Friends (First Group)
Meets 4th Wednesday, four times a year in members’ homes

Cooking Lunch with Friends (Second Group)
Meets 1st Thursday, four times during academic year

Evening at the Cinema
Meets 1st Thursday at local theaters
Thursday, October 1, Zoom meeting to receive feedback on how to proceed for the year.

Gentle Toning, Stretch and Yoga Techniques (GTSY)
Meets every Thursday, 5:45 p.m., First United Methodist Church

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Knitting and Stitching
Meets 4th Thursday, 1 - 3 p.m., in members' homes
Zoom meeting is being held to receive feedback on how to proceed for the year

Meet 'n Eat
Meets 2nd Wednesday, Noon, at various local restaurants

Monthly Dinner Group
Meets in members' homes—next gathering to be announced

Newcomers Dinner Group
Meets 4th Thursday in homes and restaurants

Opera Group
Selected Saturdays in Cape Girardeau

Quilting
Meets 2nd Wednesday, 1 - 3 p.m., in members' homes

Scrabble
Meets 3rd Thursday, 2 p.m., at the Faculty House

Secrets of Ethnic Cuisine
Meets 4 times a year to prepare unique dishes

Travel—The Suitcase Sisters
Meets 1st Monday, 5:15 p.m., at Pagliai’s Pizza, Carbondale

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