

Lifetime Learner's Institute

Who We Are

The Lifetime Learners Institute is sponsored by South Florida State College. It provides non-credit educational, short term sessions that fosters the exchange of ideas and experiences in a collegiate setting.

The LLI season begins January and ends in March allowing for both our year round and much welcomed snow friends an opportunity to attend. Sessions are held every Thursday with at least one field trip per month. Field trips provide a relaxed environment for adults to develop new interests and enjoy opportunities for personal growth and social interaction with like-minded people.

LLI is governed by a committee of peers that ensure the season's schedule provides intellectually enriched sessions and cultural explorations. Our presenters volunteer from our membership, the community, and South Florida State College faculty and retirees.

Membership

Save by becoming a seasonal member for \$105 and enjoy all of our sessions. In addition, seasonal members may bring one friend to one session during the 2018 program year – free of charge. Not sure of becoming a member? Not a problem, attendees may choose sessions of interest and pay as they go.



South Florida State College welcomes you!

Season—2018



Field Trip Highlights

- **January 18-**

Avon Park Bombing Range/Birds and Bombs Presentation and Tour

- **January 25 -**

Highlands County Sheriffs Office Animal Services Pet Rescue

- **February 8 -**

Highlands County Jail with Shirley Johnson "A Day in Jail"

- **March 8 -**

Frank Lloyd Wright /Florida Southern College/ Tour

Important Reminders

- **March 29** — Meet at the Hotel Jacaranda at (9 AM—Please sign up if attending luncheon—sign up sheet is in the LLI classroom)

LLI Committee Members

- Sue Brown
- DeVerne & Judie Lehman
- Joyce Mills
- Alice Oldham
- Roger Podlesak
- Nancy Ranck
- Kathy Tower
- Bruce Vickey
- Louise Wright
- Trish Meckstroth





January

January 11th (CRN 20390)

- **Session A: (9 AM) Protection of You and Your Property, Crime Prevention Task Force Member, Brian MacNeel**

Mr. MacNeel will provide an insightful presentation on how you can stay safe in today's world along with tips on identity theft, purse snatching, carjacking, hurricane safety, frauds, scams and more. The Crime Prevention Task Force of Florida's goals are saving lives, preventing personal injury and preventing property loss.

- **Session B: (11 AM) Choices & Consequences, Shirley Johnson, Retired Colonel with the Florida Department of Corrections**

Colonel Johnson is one of Lifetime Learners most beloved presenters. She will provide insight on the consequences that people face due to their negative choices, as well as, offer updates on procedures the criminal justice system uses to help criminals transition back into society. Through her dynamic speaking, Colonel Johnson, captures her audience's attention instantly; leaving you wanting to hear more. Trust us, you will not want to miss this one!

★ **January 18th Field Trip (CRN 20392)**

- **Session A & B Avon Park Bombing Range Field Trip "Birds and Bombs"**

You wouldn't think a bombing range would have a lot of birds, but this area is home for a number of endangered species, including the Florida Grasshopper Sparrow, Red-Cockaded Woodpecker and the Florida Scrub Jay. We will also tour the facility and learn about the various types of bomb: past, present, and future. Please note: All attendees must ride in an SFSC vehicle/personal vehicles will not be allowed through the gates *Helpful Tip: Wear comfy shoes.*

★ **January 25th Field Trip (CRN 20391)**

- **Session A & B Highlands County Sheriffs Office Animal Services Pet Rescue**

Learn about the changes that have happened since the Highlands County Sheriff's Department took over this much needed agency. Tour the entire facility and get first hand accounts from local Sheriff Deputy's on the process for each animal. This field trip is calling for all animal lovers and the curious. (Lunch on your own)



February

February 1st (CRN 20393)

- **Session A: (9 AM) Florida Stories Nancy Dale, Ph.D., Author**

Nancy Dale, author of books *Cattle Ranching on the Border: Deadly Risk and Wild Florida the way it was told by the Pioneer Cow Hunters*, will give you a look back at old Florida and the rugged pioneers who survived disease, drought, floods and varmints to carve a lifestyle in wild Florida.

- **Session B: (11 AM) Whip Master –Raymond MacIntyre, Past President of Florida Cracker Trail Association**

Raymond MacIntyre will bring the stories of the Cracker Cowboys come to life. Learn how the cattle whip was developed and made by hand to drive the cattle across the old south. Step outside and see a demonstration of how the cowboys cracked the whip. You may even want to give it a try!

★ **February 8th (CRN 20394)**

- **Field Trip (Both Sessions) A Day in Jail, Tour with Retired Colonel Shirley Johnson**

Spend a day in jail on our fascinating tour of the Highlands County jail with Retired Colonel Shirley Johnson. Colonel Johnson will highlight areas of interest that are not known to the local public, with interesting facts. An excellent presenter and tour guide, Colonel Johnson, will include history of the Highlands County jail building and what has been redeveloped in our criminal justice system.

February 15th (CRN 20395)

- **Session A: (9 AM) Lake Istokpoga Clell J. Ford, Lakes Manager, Highlands County Natural Resources**

Lake Istokpoga is called the Liquid Heart of Highlands County. Of the over 100 natural lakes in Highlands County which offers a myriad of joys, challenges and problems to solve, Lake Istokpoga is by far the largest. It is also one of the shallowest lakes we have. Learn about the health of Lake Istokpoga and its 600 square mile watershed that has been altered in subtle ways over the past 60 years.

- **Session B: (11 AM) A New Addition to Avon Park, Botanical Garden Project, Nancy Frisk**

Nancy Frisk with the Avon Park Historical Society is developing a botanical garden for downtown Avon Park. She is currently working with the Avon Park City Council and Main Street CRA. on this beautification project. Listen to her plans for this project with all Florida friendly plants.

February 22nd (CRN 20397)

- **Sessions A: (9 AM) Early Christianity, Dale McDaniel, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus and Adjunct Professor**

- We will examine Early Christianity from ca. 200 A.D. to 600 A.D. Some of the topics to be covered are: Early Christianity under the roman Empire, the collapse of the Western Roman Empire, The Eastern Roman Empire and Constantine's movement of the capital of the Roman Empire from Rome to Constantinople.

- **Session B: (11 a.m.) The History of Avon Park Baseball, Dr. Sevigny, Baseball Historian**

Avon Park has a rich history in the sport of baseball. Learn about many of the stars who have played and enriched the game right here. Many players have stayed at the Hotel Jacaranda including Babe Ruth. Attend this session and you may get to see and hold an original Babe Ruth baseball bat!



March

March 1st Florida Flywheelers (CRN 20400)

- **Session A: (9 AM) Florida Fly Wheelers Jane Portier and Tom Simco (CRN 2400)**
Florida Fly Wheelers was established in 1972 by a group whose hobby is restoration of old hit and miss gasoline internal combustion engines. It has grown into a 374 acre show grounds in southern Polk county. They host 3 four-day shows yearly and celebrate Christmas in the Village with extensive lighting. Discover more about this amazing place.
- **Session B: (11 AM) Sandhill Crane, Reinier Munguia, President of Lake Audubon Society**
The Florida Sandhill Crane was once found only in remote wetlands in Florida. With Florida under constant development they can now be spotted in development residential areas. Ms. Munguia will tell us how their environment and survival has changed over the years.

★ **March 8th – (CRN 20401)**

- **Session A & B : (9 AM) Field Trip Frank Lloyd Wright at Florida Southern College**
Frank Lloyd thought that most college campus were architecture failures and wanted the opportunity to design an entire campus from scratch. We will tour the Florida Southern College campus and buildings on this Field Trip. *Helpful tip: Wear your comfortable shoes as this tour will be an extended walking tour.* Lunch will be pay on your own.

March 22nd – Wild About Ants (CRN 20402)

- **Session A (9 AM) Dr. Mark Deyrup, Ph.D., Senior Research Program Director, Archbold Biological Station**
With over 239 known species of ants, Dr. Deyrup makes a solid case that Florida is a leader in ant diversity if not the 'antiest' state. The different species of ants will be covered and this session will give you a glimpse into the lives of people who collected and named ants in Florida, as well as the scientists who research them.
- **Session B (11 AM) Mechatronics, Erik Christensen, Dean, Applied Sciences & Technologies**
What is mechatronics and what does it mean for our community? Mechatronics is a multi-disciplinary sub-field of engineering that deals with designing and operation of computer-controlled electromechanical system. Mechatronics engineers develop new sustainable solutions to industrial issues and innovate machinery for modern use. Dean Christensen will update you on all the latest invocations of this new South Florida State College program.

March 29th – 9 AM (CRN 21331) - Meet at the Hotel Jacaranda at 9 AM

- **Session A: Genealogy-Jan Grove, Genealogy Society**
Jan Grove with the Genealogy Society will share information about her family and provide an introduction to Basic Genealogy. This will include how to gather information and evaluate census records.
- **LLI Closing Luncheon—Jacaranda Hotel (Lunch is on your own—\$14.50 includes Meal, drink, tax, gratuity).**
- **Lifetime Learners Committee Meeting directly following lunch.**



2018 Lifetime Learner Institute Registration

January 11 – March 29, 2018
Thursdays, (11 sessions) 9:00 AM – Noon

Program Contact:
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Please make your selections below

Student Information (please print)

<input type="checkbox"/>	2018 Season Membership Fee – CRN 20125			\$105
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save \$93 • Includes all sessions • Does not include field trip admissions and/or lunch 			
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/11/2018	20390	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime Prevention • Choices & Consequences 	\$18
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/18/2018	20392	★ Field Trip Avon Park Bombing Range "Birds and Bombs"	\$18
<input type="checkbox"/>	1/25/2018	20391	★ Field Trip Highlands County Sheriff's Office Animal Services Pet Rescue	\$18
<input type="checkbox"/>	2/1/2018	20393	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Florida Stories • Whip Master 	\$18
<input type="checkbox"/>	2/8/2018	20394	★ Field Trip Highlands County Jail "A Day in Jail"	\$18
<input type="checkbox"/>	2/15/2018	20395	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Istokpoga • Botanical Garden Project in Avon Park 	\$18
<input type="checkbox"/>	2/22/2018	20397	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Christianity • The History of Avon Park Baseball 	\$18
<input type="checkbox"/>	3/1/2018	20400	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Florida Flywheelers • Sandhill Crane 	\$18
<input type="checkbox"/>	3/8/2017	20401	★ Field Trip Frank Lloyd Wright at FSC	\$18
3/15/2017 SPRING BREAK - COLLEGE CLOSED				
<input type="checkbox"/>	3/22/2018	20402	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wild about Ants • Mechatronics 	\$18
<input type="checkbox"/>	3/29/2018	21331	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genealogy • Closing Luncheon-Hotel Jacaranda (Lunch cost \$ Includes meal, drink, tax and gratuity) • LLI Board Meeting to follow 	\$18

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

SSN: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone (H): _____

Phone (C): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please Select Method of Payment

☐ **Mail In**

My check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed along with my registration form – Mail to SFSC. See below for address.

☐ **In Person**

At Student Services / Building B - Entrance #1 - Pay with cash, check or credit card (Discover, VISA, Master Card).

***If paying by credit card call 863-784-7405
to register over the telephone –
Please fax form to 863-453-2365***

If paying by check, please make check payable to:

South Florida State College

**Please mail in your completed registration form
and check to :**

South Florida State College
Attention: Cashier Services
600 W. College Drive
Avon Park, FL 33825

★ **Members and non-members are responsible for all
additional field trip admission and/or lunch costs**

Testimonials

I've been attending Lifetime Learners regularly since 2005, and it has exceeded my expectations again and again. Time after time speakers have opened my eyes to topics for which I knew little or nothing about. I have made dear friends spending time with people weekly and going on enjoyable outings together. We have explored a variety of venues from the Caladium farms in Lake Placid to the Dali Museum in St. Petersburg and the Selby Gardens in Sarasota. We even toured an organic pig farm and saw some newborn piglets!

Lifetime Learners is a wonderful opportunity for us in Highlands County, and I've found it very rewarding! We're so fortunate to have it here at the college centrally located and very reasonably priced making it easily doable and enriching in many ways!

—Kathy T.

"I keep coming back... I enjoy it!"

—Nancy Ranck

My husband and I went to Lifetime Learners the first year that we moved to Florida in 2014. What a GREAT way to learn about the area and make new friends!

We have learned so much and had so much fun. This will be our third year and we are still eager for the coming session to start in January!

Come join us whether you're a new resident or someone who has lived here a long time, there is lots to learn and people to meet.

—Judie and Doc

Lifetime Learner Institute is a fantastic source of new experiences and knowledge of things that the majority of our group would never even consider, and yet were mesmerized when we were listening to presentations or visiting facilities. My natural curiosity, is satisfied and thrives on our weekly activities, and the topics covered.

—Roger P.

Lifetime Learners Institute at SFSC makes the first three months of each year a time I look forward to continuing a life long love of learning, and connecting with others in the area with intellectual curiosity and interesting life experiences.

The SFSC meeting facility is thoroughly modern in terms of multi-media equipment, and comfortable for the attendees. The chance to hear and talk with experts in a multiple of disciplines, to learn more about the history, geology, and stories of central Florida, is my reward for retiring! As a transplant to the area experiencing what it was like to be an early "settler" or an indigenous resident, is priceless in understanding the area. From a demonstration of how to make the cow whip really crack, to raising bees in the area, the invention and production of CitraPac, and a lecture on growing Alternative Fruit Trees and Crops to Citrus, each weekly session has left me with new knowledge, and a thirst to continue learning and exploring this area.

Each field trip has been both fun and a great learning experience. From the new Dali Museum in St. Petersburg, to the Murals of Lake Placid, a day at Bok Towers, and a trip into the production end of Lake Ridge Winery near Clewiston has been a "hands on learning" experience.

—Alice O.

A SNOWBIRD'S EYE VIEW OF LLI

LLI gives the "snowbird," like myself, a fast track opportunity in becoming integrated with the local, regional and state community of their winter home. It highlights the positives of people living in a world too often exposed to negative bombardments.

LLI reflects the diversity of people, places, and opportunities for personal growth, satisfaction, and the well being of your winter community. It gives great satisfaction in "learning" about topics you would never be exposed to otherwise.

I am an explorer and LLI is a paradise of information and exploration; simultaneously providing the opportunity to form acquaintances and relationships that are both local and national. Pretty cool!

A Believer!

—Bruce Vickey



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