Our mission is to provide humanities-based educational programs that are stimulating and allow for social and personal growth opportunities for adults ages 55 and older. We strive to accomplish this through a variety of courses including lectures, discussion groups, and service learning opportunities.

LIFE membership provides:
- Learning opportunities for adults 55 and over
- A variety of program activities for a reasonable fee
- Interactive dialogue among instructors and participants
- Opportunities to socialize with others from varied backgrounds and experiences

LIFE Winter Kickoff Film!
“Away from Her”
"Away From Her" is about losing a mate to Alzheimer's after 44 years of marriage and having to make do with smiles and silences. A Time review says the film "adopts Alice Munro's story with unsparing sympathy."

Wednesday, January 9, 2008
1-3 p.m.
Heintz Center Room HA121

Learn more about a LIFE membership...
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Winter Term LIFERS:

The State of Minnesota will celebrate its Sesquicentennial in 2008. The LIFE Spring Program will include a visit to the Minnesota History Center. Here in Rochester, LIFE students will get an early start on the year's activities with a February class by Storyteller Kevin Strauss on "150 Years of Stories in the Northstar State."

In this brochure you will note opportunities to meet some fascinating folks through a LIFE Class:

- Rochester Coroner Dr. Eric Pfeifer to learn about some pathology cases.
- Dr. S. Chari, a Mayo Physician, who will introduce us to his faith, Hinduism.
- Dr. Romain Dallemand our very new Superintendent of Rochester Public Schools.
- Mayor Ardell Brede will spell out new directions for the city of Rochester.

There are many valuable learning opportunities waiting for you in the following pages:

- Popular LIFE Teacher and Historian, Bob Beery, will broaden your vision of the unique frontier of New Mexico with a closer look at Spanish Invaders, Hispanic Colonists, and Native American Traders.
- Join Instructor Mary Wallace for a fresh look at Women in Biblical stories who challenge the male world view and demonstrate courage, initiative, and intelligence.
- Film Guru, Jane Callahan, will help students take a new look at classic films which touch on such diverse topics as Shakespeare, Medicine, and Race.

We, on the LIFE Board, are enthusiastic about this upcoming cluster of classes. We welcome Nancy Gilliland, Sylvie Nickel, and Pat Walsh to the Board. Yes, it is great on a wintry day to get cozy at home with a good book, but it also expands the horizon to head out to the Heintz Center on the east edge of Rochester and join other eager students in a LIFE class.

A Parking Tip: If your class is in a Heintz Room starting with the letter HA then we recommend that you park on the EAST SIDE of the center. If, however, your class is in HB117, then you will find it more convenient to park in the WEST LOT. Wherever you park, come with an open mind and the high expectation that a worthwhile class is waiting for you. Looking forward to seeing you this winter.

Duane Charles Hoven, LIFE Board President

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COMMUNITY

Tales with Tails: A Storytelling Approach to the Wonders of the Natural World
Take a storytelling trip to the land of long ago when the animals could talk and even the stones can teach us something. Learn story reasons for why birds have different colors and why beaver has a flat tail. Award-winning author and storyteller Kevin Strauss will tell nature tales for families and adults. Cosponsored with Rochester Community Education.

- **Date:** Friday, January 25
- **Time:** 6:30-8:30 pm
- **Member Fee:** $8
- **Non-Member Fee:** $12
- **Instructor:** Kevin Strauss, Storyteller
- **Location:** RCTC – Heintz Center Room HB117
- **Sessions:** 1

Rochester’s Migrant Health Clinic Tour
Site Supervisor, Cathy Osmundson, will give you a tour of the Migrant Health Clinic at Heintz Center and answer questions you have about the clinic.

- **Date:** Wednesday, January 30
- **Time:** 10-11 am
- **Fee:** No Charge
- **Instructor:** Cathy Osmundson, RN
- **Location:** RCTC – Heintz Center Migrant Clinic
- **Sessions:** 1

Rochester As I See It
In his second term Mayor Brede has an interesting point of view. What are the issues? Where is Rochester headed? What will City of the first class mean in changes? How is the voice of the people heard? This will be your chance to question the Mayor.

- **Date:** Wednesday, February 13
- **Time:** 10-11:30 am
- **Fee:** $3
- **Instructor:** Mayor Ardell Brede
- **Location:** RCTC – Heintz Center Room HB117
- **Sessions:** 1

A Global Volunteer
Today magazine says Shirley Russo "makes the world a better place for people and animals." Our speaker has worked on six continents with Global Volunteers, helping build community centers, linking orphans with adoptive parents, setting up sports programs and working with dolphins and orangutans. In Ireland, she joined a walk around the world for breast cancer awareness. In her "spare time" she raises leader dogs for the blind.

- **Date:** Tuesday, February 19
- **Time:** 10-Noon
- **Fee:** $9
- **Instructor:** Shirley Russo, Global Volunteer
- **Location:** RCTC – Heintz Center Room HA121
- **Sessions:** 1

Meet Rochester Public Schools’ Superintendent
Come meet the new Superintendent, get an update on Rochester Public Schools, and find out how you can help in the schools.

- **Date:** Tuesday, February 26
- **Time:** 10-11:30 am
- **Fee:** No Charge
- **Instructor:** Dr. Romain Dallemand, ISD 535 Superintendent
- **Location:** RCTC – Heintz Center Room HB117
- **Sessions:** 1
CommUNITY

The Religions of Rochester – Part V
We live in an age when religion is on the front page of our daily newspapers and often the lead item on evening television news. It is important for all of us to understand the heritage, core values and practices, as well as present controversies and challenges of religious communities. In our winter session, Part V of our series, three representatives will offer a perspective of their faith tradition.

- March 5 Hindu Religion, Dr. Suresh Chari
- March 12 New Life Worship Center, Rev. Phil Shaw
- March 19 Unitarian/Universalist Rev. Carol Hepokoski

Dates: Wednesdays; March 5, 12, 19
Time: 10-11:30 am
Fee: $21

Instructors: Dr. Chari, Rev. Shaw, Rev. Hepokoski
Location: RCTC – Heintz Center Room HA121
Sessions: 3

History

People’s History—Lives They Created—New Mexico’s Unique Frontier
Cultures in contact on the Rio Grande frontier in New Mexico are often ignored in histories of the American West. Indeed, early Spanish settlement there predated Jamestown and Plymouth. The native peoples in the pueblos, Spanish colonial invaders, and Hispanic colonists developed new ways of living and relating to one another within this unique setting. Neighboring tribal societies – Apache, Navaho, and Comanche, among others – became part of the vast trading network that grew up in the Santa Fe-Taos area. The sources used by historians in telling this rich history include folklore, a wealth of ethnographic reports, archaeological evidence, as well as government and church records and the colorful observations of travelers from a variety of backgrounds. This class is part of a series of proposed historical topics focusing on the development of life within special American traditions and communities.

Dates: Tuesdays; January 22, 29 and February 5
Time: 10-Noon
Fee: $27

Instructor: Bob Beery, Historian
Location: RCTC – Heintz Center Room HA121
Sessions: 3

Journey to America
Kim will share his story of a young boy's family life having to live through the Khmer Rouge War. Once Kim’s family escaped the Khmer Rouge, they had to face a different kind of war in America. They were confronted with a new culture and language.

Date: Monday; February 4
Time: 10-Noon
Fee: $9

Instructor: Kim Sin
Location: RCTC – Heintz Center Room HB117
Sessions: 1
HISTORY

The Conquistadors
This class will provide an overview on the Conquistadors, adventurers whose desire for wealth and land led them to the New World and helped make Spain a superpower. This course will include discussion of the interaction of the Conquistadors with Native Americans and its legacy and the role the New World played in European politics at the time.

**Dates:** Mondays; February 25 and March 3  
**Time:** 10-Noon  
**Fee:** $18

**Instructor:** Barry McKnight, History Professor  
**Location:** RCTC – Heintz Center Room HB117  
**Sessions:** 2

150 Years of Stories and Storytelling in the Northstar State
Minnesota is a melting pot of cultures with Ojibwe, Dakota, French, Yankee, Irish, Norwegian, Finnish, Austrian, Slovak, Hmong, and Somali immigrants. This interactive storytelling program will walk listeners through the immigrant history of Minnesota through the folktales that these cultures brought to the Northstar state.

**Date:** Tuesday; February 26  
**Time:** 1-3 pm  
**Fee:** $9

**Instructor:** Kevin Strauss, Storyteller  
**Location:** RCTC – Heintz Center Room HB117  
**Sessions:** 1

150 Years of Minnesota Nature Writers and Writing
In this workshop, award-winning Minnesota author Kevin Strauss will introduce participants to such famous Minnesota nature writers as Sigurd Olson, Laura Ingalls Wilder, and Jean Nicollet. He will also explain how these authors approached their work and provide activities so that participants can try their hands at writing about our natural world.

**Date:** Friday; March 7  
**Time:** 1-3 pm  
**Fee:** $9

**Instructor:** Kevin Strauss, Storyteller  
**Location:** RCTC – Heintz Center Room HB117  
**Sessions:** 1

Outlawry in Minnesota
Author Jack Koblas will present the Old West outlaw in a setting far removed from the traditional streets of Dodge City or Tombstone—the raw Minnesota frontier during two different centuries of depredation and lawlessness. The Old West becomes the Midwest, the Pecos our own backyards, as gun-slinging desperadoes drift in and out of Minnesota to plunder the not-so-easy booty being monopolized by other robbers living in the state. Come ride with the likes of Jesse and Frank James, Cole Younger, John and George Sontag, Chris Evans, Pat Crowe, Ed and Lon Maxwell, and the "Black Bart of Wisconsin," Reimund Holzhay; and on the running boards of 1930s criminals "Ma" Barker and her four sons, Alvin "Creepy" Karpis, "Baby Face" Nelson, George "Machine Gun" Kelly, John Dillinger, Homer Van Meter, Bonnie & Clyde, "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and Roger "The Terrible" Touhy.

**Date:** Thursday; March 20  
**Time:** 1-3 pm  
**Fee:** $9

**Instructor:** Jack Koblas, Author  
**Location:** RCTC – Heintz Center Room HA121  
**Sessions:** 1
Issues in Education
Before retirement, Jerry Goetz was one of the Leadership Team with the Rochester Public School. He currently is teaching an “Issues in Education” class for St Mary's University in Rochester. This will be an open discussion of current education issues. Please bring education topics to share. Mr. Goetz is prepared to lead the discussion which may not arrive at an agreeable conclusion. Students will gain an understanding of the issues facing American education.

**Date:** Monday, January 14  
**Time:** 10-Noon  
**Fee:** $9

Instructor: Jerry Goetz, Retired Administrator  
Location: RCTC – Heintz Center Room HA121  
Sessions: 1

Politics in Minnesota: Is There Middle Ground, Common Ground?

**Dates:** Fridays; February 1 and 15  
**Time:** 1-3 pm  
**Fee:** $15

Instructors: Sheila Kiscaden and Dave Bishop  
Location: RCTC – Heintz Center Room HA121  
Sessions: 2

Great Decisions 2008
Back this year with very pertinent world issues for discussion. Participants will be able to peruse current materials, discuss and debate current political and world concerns. Materials are acquired through the Foreign Policy Association and the Minnesota International Center. Topics for discussion will be: Iraq end-game, European Union at 50, Talking to our enemies, Russia, U.S. defense & security policy, Latin America: shift to the left?, U.S.-China trade policy, and Private philanthropy. Class fee includes student handbook/study guide. **Registration deadline: February 1.**

**Dates:** Thursdays; February 14,21,28 March 6,13,20,27 and April 3  
**Time:** 1-3 pm  
**Fee:** $35

Instructor: Roundtable Discussion  
Location: RCTC – Heintz Center Room HA110  
Sessions: 8

Additional Perspectives of a Changing Asia
Come join us in a discussion with Merlin J. Ricklefs to learn more about living and working with a changing Asia. Following his two part class last September on "One Perspective of a Changing Asia", attendees identified three topics they wanted to learn more about: 1) Competition for Earth's Resources 2) China's Cooperation with India and 3) Repercussions of the One Child Policy. Mr. Ricklefs will begin with a brief review of the most significant trends and observations emphasized in his previous classes and then build perspective by focusing on the above topics. Mr. Ricklefs will lead a discussion on each topic by reviewing relevant background, providing insight into current issues and then addressing questions from the audience. It is requested that attendees come prepared with at least one question for each topic and an attitude to assertively pursue answers and understanding. Mr. Ricklefs will be returning from a lecture series on "Executive Leadership" that he will have delivered to government and business leaders in South China in November 2007.

**Date:** Wednesday; February 6  
**Time:** 10-Noon  
**Fee:** $9

Instructor: Merlin Ricklefs  
Location: RCTC – Heintz Center Room HB117  
Sessions: 1
HEALTH

Rochester’s CIA—Meet the Coroner
Dr. Pfeifer will describe the world of Pathology and share interesting cases. Parking Validation will be available for any of the downtown city ramps operated by Republic Parking by bringing your ticket stub in to the session with you to be stamped. The closest is the ramp attached to the Radisson.

Dates: Thursday; January 10
Time: 10-Noon
Fee: $5 (Bring a Friend for Free)
Instructor: Dr. Eric Pfeifer, Dept. of Anatomic Pathology, Mayo Clinic and Olmsted County Coroner
Location: UMR – University Square—Rm. 414
Sessions: 1

LITERATURE

Great Books
We have been pleased with our Great Books Foundation connection. The high-quality book selections are available in nicely bound paperback editions and appropriate discussion guides. With a wide variety to choose from, our members have just finished the tantalizing novel, “Lolita” form the series: Love and Marriage. We now embark on a timely collection of literature: Clashes of Culture, which features, among several, “A Passage to India” by E.M. Forster. Come join us in a LIFE bargain buy: a one-time charge of $30 for 10 months (20 hours) of two-hour monthly meetings! You will be responsible for purchasing the reading materials at a reasonable price ($18) in addition to the class fee. We limit enrollment for optimum class discussion. Wait List Only Available at this Time.

Dates: Thursdays; January 3, February 7, March 6
Time: 10-Noon
Fee: $30
Instructor: Bob Morse
Location: RCTC – Heintz Center Room HA121
Sessions: 3

LIFE’s “Reading in Retirement”
A new LIFE Program adventure started in September: “Reading in Retirement.” Members will meet once a month to read and discuss the same book. Following completion of each book, subsequent books will be chosen by the members attending. Members will be responsible for buying their own books. There is no fee for this group. Please call Board Member Ione Schloegel at 288-3295 to find out what the book is for January.

Dates: Fridays; January 4, February 1, March 7, April 4
Time: 10-Noon
Location: RCTC – Heintz Center Room HA119
Sessions: Ongoing

Uppity Women of the Bible
Written by men over 1000 years of time and culture, the Bible often leaves women unnamed or portrays them as manipulative, sinister, or weak. Occasionally, however, women appear in Biblical stories who challenge the male worldview and demonstrate courage, initiative, and intelligence. This class will explore the stories of five Biblical women who refused to fit the mold of submissiveness. We will discuss the consequences of their actions and look at what these women can teach us for today.

Date: Thursday; January 17
Time: 1-3 pm
Fee: $9
Instructor: Mary Wallace, MA
Location: RCTC – Heintz Center Room HB117
Sessions: 1
THE ARTS

Broadway After the Rodgers and Hammerstein Era
A look at the history of the changing Broadway musical from the 1960's through the works of Stephen Sondheim, Andrew Lloyd Webber and the mega-musicals, and the Disney corporate musicals.

Date: Thursday; January 17
Time: 10-11:30 am
Fee: $7

Instructor: Frank McIlmail
Location: RCTC – Heintz Center Room HA121
Sessions: 1

Leading Ladies of Broadway
We are familiar with Ethel Merman, Mary Martin, and Julie Andrews but who are the women of today who light up the Broadway stage? We'll look at the talents of the past and present stars who continue to entertain us.

Date: Monday; January 28
Time: 10-11 am
Fee: $5

Instructor: Frank McIlmail
Location: RCTC – Heintz Center Room HA121
Sessions: 1

I Tell Stories, You Can Too!
Learn how to find, learn and tell folktales, fairy tales and personal stories. Whether you have told a few stories or you're a rank beginner, this workshop will get you started telling tales. Award-winning author and storyteller Kevin Strauss uses stories, demonstrations, and small group activities to get you comfortable talking and telling in front of others. This workshop culminates with a volunteer story concert in which participants can share their stories with a friendly audience. The story concert will be on Saturday evening, February 9, at 6:30 pm at Heintz Center, Room B117.

Date: Thursday; February 7
Time: 1-4 pm
Fee: $12

Instructor: Kevin Strauss, Storyteller
Location: RCTC – Heintz Center Room HB117
Sessions: 1

Russian Mystery
Russian composers seem to have competed to see who could be most Russian. Tchaikovsky was never more Russian than in his stately "Marche Slave" (Slavic March). Borodin's "In the Steppes of Central Asia" reveals the eastern exoticism preserved in Russia's interior. Prokofiev's suite from "The Love for Three Oranges" shows how the Russian enigma unveiled itself in more recent times. And Shostakovich's "Fifth Symphony" testifies as to just how romantic a Russian can be. Participants may obtain tickets to the Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale's concert on February 23 at a $2 discount Cosponsored with Rochester Community Education and the Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale.

Date: Monday; February 11
Time: 6-7 pm
Fee: $2.50

Instructor: Jere Lantz, Conductor
Location: Kellogg Middle School Room 115
Sessions: 1
**THE ARTS**

**More Film Genre Studies**
This three-week course will include a lecture on the chosen topics followed by a classic motion picture, demonstrating aspects of the genre. Our three new topics are Shakespeare on Film, Medicine in the Movies, and Race in American Cinema. Join us!

- **Dates:** Thursdays; February 14, 21, 28
- **Instructor:** Jane Callahan
- **Location:** RCTC – Heintz Center Room HA121
- **Time:** 9-Noon
- **Fee:** $25
- **Sessions:** 3

**Hollywood Jewels : A Century of Movie Stars and Their Jewelry from Mary Pickford to Madonna**

From the silver screen silent pictures to the Hollywood Starlets of today we will take a nostalgic look at their fabulous jewels. This is a power point presentation showing your favorite movie stars and their designer jewelry with the stories of both. Estate jewelry is displayed that represents Mary Pickford’s late Victorian era through the glamour years of Joan Crawford and Bette Davis and contemporary artists like Elizabeth Taylor to the stars of today. Join the fun remembering the movies and the stars that made them great.

- **Date:** Friday; February 29
- **Instructor:** Barbara Hight-Randall, Jeweler
- **Time:** 1-3 pm
- **Location:** RCTC – Heintz Center Room HB117
- **Fee:** $9
- **Sessions:** 1

**To Heaven with Mozart**

We seek Mozart where he may best be found—in his music. From the teenage "Third Violin Concerto" to his final, interrupted masterpiece, his "Requiem", we examine what made him eternal. If music got any better than this, we couldn't listen. Participants may obtain tickets to the Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale's concert on Mar. 29 at a $2 discount. Co-sponsored with Rochester Community Education and the Rochester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale.

- **Date:** Monday; March 17
- **Instructor:** Jere Lantz, Conductor
- **Time:** 6-7 pm
- **Location:** Kellogg Middle School Room 115
- **Fee:** $2.50
- **Sessions:** 1

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**LIFE Winter Kickoff Film**

“Away from Her”

**Wednesday, January 9, 2008  1- 3 p.m.**
Heintz Center, Room HA121

Come socialize, eat popcorn, and enjoy the film!
ONE-DAY TRIPS

These one-day trips are cosponsored with Rochester Community Education.

“The Meeting” at the St. Paul History Theatre
2008 marks the 40th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. This "meeting" between Dr. King and Malcolm X never actually happened, but renowned playwright Jeff Stenson takes on an imagined journey that is truly unforgettable. As these two giants spar, it is violence versus nonviolence, Christianity versus American Islam, family man versus family man. It's the story of two great men who struggled for leadership of the Civil Rights Movement. No refunds after December 15.

Guide: Chrisanne Pieper  
Leaves from: Recreation Center – West Lot  
Sessions: 1  
Date: Thursday; January 24  
Time of Departure: 8 am from the Recreation Center  
Estimated Time of Return: 3:30 pm  
Fee: $42 (includes transportation, lunch at Café Latte, and main floor theater ticket)

“Incorruptible” at the Old Log Theater
This is a riotous new comedy, which will star Tom Stolz and Steve Shaffer playing monks in a French monastery in the year 1250 AD. As the play opens, the "monks are in a funk." The bones of their Patron Saint Foy haven't produced a miracle in thirteen years. As a result, the pilgrims have stopped coming and the money has stopped flowing. The monks can hardly feed and clothe themselves, let alone the villagers in need. When they discover that the bones of Saint Foy have been stolen by a rival monastery and that the bones are now working miracles, Brother Olf and Brother Felix become desperate and team up with a one-eyed minstrel and scheme to get the bones back. This lightening-fast American farce has been delighting audiences from Key West to Philadelphia to Iowa City to San Francisco. Fee includes lunch of smoked pork chop, salad, potato, green beans, and dessert. No refunds after January 15.

Guide: Chrisanne Pieper  
Leaves from: Recreation Center – West Lot  
Sessions: 1  
Date: Thursday; March 6  
Time of Departure: 9:30 am from the Recreation Center  
Estimated Time of Return: 5:30 pm  
Fee: $56 (includes transportation, lunch, and theater ticket)
ONE-DAY TRIPS

“Tea for Three” at the O'Shaughnessy Theater and McHattie’s Victorian Tea House
We will attend “Tea for Three,” a play at the O'Shaughnessy Theatre in St. Paul. "Tea for Three" reveals a gallery of intimate portraits of three remarkable, radically different First Ladies including "Lady Bird" Claudia Taylor Johnson, Patricia Ryan Nixon and Elizabeth Bloomer Ford. This one-woman show is deeply touching and funny, a thought-provoking exploration of these fascinating women and what they faced in this most unusual job. Starring Emmy Award winning actress Elaine Bromka. No refunds after March 7.

Guide: Chrisanne Pieper  
Leaves from: Recreation Center – West Lot  
Sessions: 1  
Date: Sunday; April 6  
Time of Departure: 11:45 am  
Estimated Time of Return: 6:45 pm  
Fee: $76 (includes transportation, supper at McHattie’s, and main floor theater ticket)

“Lady with all the Answers” at the St. Paul History Theater
Esther "Eppie" Pauline Friedman Lederer, better known as Ann Landers, was born July 4, 1918 along with her twin sister Pauline "Popo" Esther Friedman Lederer, better known as Abigail Van Buren. Rivals in work and in life, this play is Ann's story. Beginning in 1955, Ann's advice column ran for 48 years. Her wit, frankness, and honesty on many subjects made Ann Landers the most popular columnist in America. Come see this funny, breezy, and unforgettable play with a flare for the unexpected. No refunds after March 17.

Guide: Chrisanne Pieper  
Leaves from: Recreation Center—West Lot  
Sessions: 1  
Date: Thursday; April 10  
Time of Departure: 8 am  
Estimated Time of Return: 4 pm  
Fee: $42 (includes transportation, lunch at Macy’s River Room, and main floor theater ticket)

“Jersey Boys” at the Orpheum
"TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!" raves the New York Post for JERSEY BOYS, the 2006 Tony Award®-winning Best Musical about Rock and Roll Hall of Famers The Four Seasons: Frankie Valli, Bob Gaudio, Tommy DeVito, and Nick Massi. This is the story of how four blue-collar kids became one of the greatest successes in pop music history. They wrote their own songs, invented their own sounds, and sold 175 million records worldwide—all before they were 30! Jersey Boys features their hit songs Sherry, Big Girls Don't Cry, Rag Doll, Oh What a Night, and Can't Take My Eyes Off You. "IT WILL RUN FOR CENTURIES!" proclaims Time Magazine. No refunds after January 11.

Guide: Chrisanne Pieper  
Leaves from: Recreation Center – West Lot  
Sessions: 1  
Date: Saturday; April 12  
Time of Departure: Noon  
Estimated Time of Return: 6 pm  
Fee: $102 (includes transportation, box lunch, and main floor theater ticket)
INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHIES

Bob Beery
Bob Beery is a native Minnesotan living in Rochester with his wife, Phyllis, for 35 years. He has degrees from the University of Minnesota, including a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction. Bob was Rochester Public Schools' Curriculum Director when he retired. Before that he served as a social studies consultant, which included the opportunity to teach at every level. He has had a special interest in state and local history curriculum and the inclusion of cultural anthropology in the schools. He has published professional articles and materials for classroom use. In retirement he has taught as adjunct faculty for RCTC, Winona State, University of Minnesota, Saint Mary's University, and the College of St. Francis.

Jane Callahan
Jane has her BA magna cum laude in American History from University of MN and her JD from the Univ of Minnesota as well. She has taught the History of American Cinema class at RCTC for 8 years. She has also taught American Government there and at Augsburg in Rochester. Jane practiced law in her early days in Rochester. She is active in the Rochester League of Women Voters and at her church, Zumbro Lutheran. For hobbies Jane plays tennis and sings classical music.

Barbara Hight-Randall
Barbara has been an instructor in all areas of gemology for the Gemological Institute of America throughout the United States and overseas; this experience expanded to the largest diamond cartel in the world, DeBeers. As their Midwest Marketing Director she shared her knowledge of gemology, advertising, promotion and retail experience with jewelers around the world. Barbara is now co-owner of Hight & Randall, Ltd., Personal Jeweler, with her husband Randy Randall. Hight & Randall, Ltd., Personal Jeweler is a fine jewelry store focusing on custom design and exceptional diamonds and gemstones and member firm of the American Gem Society; Barbara holds their highest title of Certified Gemologist Appraiser. During her jewelry career she has been a presenter, instructor and keynote speaker for participants of national jewelry organizations, as well as local service groups. She serves on the national Board of Directors of Jewelers of America which represents the independent retail jeweler in the United States. Locally she serves on the board of directors for Choral Arts Ensemble and the performing arts center task force for the Rochester Orchestra and Chorale. Barbara is a member of Christ United Methodist Church, PEO, The Downtown Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow, having held active leadership positions in all.

Jack Koblas
John Koblas is one of the most dynamic, interesting and prolific writers in the outlaw genre and is the foremost authority on the James-Younger Gang's exploits in Minnesota. Among his other biographical works are six books on the lives of F. Scott Fitzgerald and Sinclair Lewis. He was chosen by the Postmaster General to present the Sinclair Lewis stamp at its First Day of Issue ceremony and has been a featured guest on national television shows including Good Morning America and CBS Sunday Morning. Koblas is the author of more than 500 short stories, articles, and poems published worldwide; a nationally syndicated column, and feature stories for the Daytona Beach News-Journal. John Koblas has appeared throughout the country giving speeches to outlaw/lawmen groups, civic clubs and library associations. He was the 2001 recipient of the Charlie Pitts award and is an honorary member of the James-Younger Gang in Northfield. He is also a member of both the national James-Younger Gang and the National Outlaw and Lawman Association (N.O.L.A.). Mr. Koblas recently wrote a book about the Sontag Brothers, who were raised in Mankato, Minnesota and later in life became California train robbers.

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Frank McIlmail
Frank McIlmail, born and reared in Rhode Island, worked as a teenager in New York City where he fell in love with the Broadway musical theater. A registered nurse by profession, Frank moved to Rochester with his wife, Judy, and two daughters in 1973 to teach nursing at the College of Saint Teresa in Winona. Frank recently has taught nursing at Viterbo University in La Crosse, WI. Frank's love of Broadway has given him the opportunity to teach about Broadway musicals at Elderhostels in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Barry McKnight
An Adjunct Faculty in the History Department at RCTC for the previous 4 years, McKnight teaches US History, European History, Medieval History and Military History. He has earned degrees at University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse and University of Minnesota-Minneapolis. He also works as lead Cultural Heritage Interpreter at Historic Murphy's Landing, a living history site in Shakopee, MN that focuses on life in Minnesota and the United States in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Merlin Ricklefs
Merlin Ricklefs, sometimes referred to as "Professor Ricklefs" or simply Rick, grew up in Northwest Iowa and graduated with BS and MS degrees in Engineering from Iowa State University. He is an independent international consultant, lecturer and educator on global topics of Leadership and Effective Management for Achieving Excellence. He works with the Mingda Institute (Chinese Executive Leadership Training Program) of the University of Minnesota China Center and was recently the first English speaking professor to lecture to the Chinese speaking Executive MBA faculty, students and alumni of Sun Yat-Sen University in Guangzhou, China. He has worked in Thailand since 1995 and taught as a Visiting Professor at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, since 1998.

Shirley Russo
After graduating from Winona State University with majors in physical education and speech and a minor in health, Shirley spent the next 35 years in education. She taught students physical education at Sault Ste. Marie High School in Michigan, in Brentwood, NY, and Lourdes High School in Rochester. Shirley went back to school to get a licensure in special education. She taught learning disabled students at Kasson High School for 15 years. She is no longer in the education field, but hopes people are still learning from her. Shirley is doing what she wants to do and focusing on other things. Some of those things include raising puppies for Hearing and Service Dogs of MN, being a breast cancer advocate, continuing as coordinator of SPRED (special religious education), and traveling worldwide.

Kevin Strauss
Award-winning author, naturalist and storyteller Kevin Strauss takes his listeners on a journey to a land of long ago and far away, or to your backyard just this morning. His stories make people laugh, make them think and leave them wanting to hear more. Kevin has performed and presented workshops at the Mall of America (Burnsville), the Minnesota Zoo, the National Storytelling Conference (St. Louis, MO, Chicago, IL and Bellingham, WA), and North House Folk School, Vermilion Community College (Ely, MN). Kevin is the author of three books, including Tales with Tails: Storytelling the Wonders of the Natural World (Libraries Unlimited, 2006), two storytelling CDs, and two storytelling DVDs.

Mary Wallace
Mary Wallace holds a Master of Arts degree from United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities with concentrations on Hebrew Bible and Feminist Theology. She has led local workshops on Human Sexuality, Women and the Bible, and Women's Spirituality. Mary has worked for the Minnesota AIDS Project and Barnes & Noble Bookstores, and is currently employed at Nature's Way Landscape Nursery.
REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Cost / LIFE Membership
All individuals participating in LIFE classes are required to be LIFE members. Membership for the year is $25 per person and is in effect September 1 through August 31 each year. An additional, nominal fee is charged per course or event. Quarterly kickoffs are free.

Anyone of retirement age (55 years and older), or a spouse of an eligible participant, is welcome to join. The only prerequisite is an active interest in learning. There are no educational requirements, no term papers, no tests - everyone succeeds!

Faculty
Various courses are led by professional educators, community leaders, or peer volunteers.

Location
LIFE holds most classes in comfortable classrooms at the Heintz Center, 1926 College View Drive S.E., Rochester, Minnesota. The parking is free and very accessible. Small class sizes promote friendly exchanges and quality instructor contact.

Registration
To register for any of the activities in this brochure, complete the registration form and:
• Return it by mail to LIFE, 851 - 30th Avenue S.E., Box 50, Rochester, MN 55904-4999.
• Call 507-280-3157 (have class registration and credit card information available).
• Fax the completed form 507-280-3168.
Specific information is included on the registration form.

Cancellation and Refund Policy
All class cancellations must be received a minimum of one week prior to the starting date of the class to qualify for a 90% refund. A 10% processing fee will be retained for all refundable cancellations.

All refunds are processed through the State of Minnesota system that requests a social security number to process payment. Without a social security number a refund will not be processed. All payments through the State of Minnesota require a minimum of three weeks to be processed. Your patience is appreciated.

We reserve the right to cancel classes. In the event that a class is cancelled to low enrollment or instructor conflict, refunds will be processed in full. In the event that a class is cancelled due to inclement weather or other emergencies, it will be announced via KNXR and KROC radio stations. If all Rochester Public Schools are cancelled due to weather, all LIFE classes are cancelled. Every effort will be made to reschedule these sessions. If an individual is unable to attend on the rescheduled date, a full refund will be processed. LIFE annual membership fees are non-refundable.

Equal Access Policy
Rochester Community and Technical College and University of Minnesota Rochester are equal opportunity educators and employers. Services are provided without discrimination as to race, gender, color, creed, religion, disability, national origin, marital status, or sexual orientation. Arrangements will be made to reasonably accommodate persons with disabilities and/or provide these materials in alternative formats providing two weeks notice. For more information, please call 507-280-7218.

Contact Information
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REGISTRATION FORM

Place a check mark in the box of the class/activity you wish to attend.

NOTE: A LIFE membership is required for participation in all the events except the Kickoff.

☐ No Charge  LIFE Kickoff Film (1288)
☐ No Charge  Rochester’s Migrant Clinic (1293)
☐ No Charge  Rochester’s Superintendent (1290)
☐ No Charge  LIFE’s Reading in Retirement (1300)
☐ $8  Tales with Tails (member) (1323)
☐ $12  Tales with Tails (non-member) (1324)
☐ $3  Rochester As I See It (1321)
☐ $9  A Global Volunteer (1326)
☐ $21  Religions of Rochester-Part V (1294)
☐ $27  People’s History (1295)
☐ $9  Journey to America (1319)
☐ $18  The Conquistadors (1318)
☐ $9  150 Years of Stories (1291)
☐ $9  150 Years of MN Nature Writers (1320)
☐ $9  Outlawry in Minnesota (1327)
☐ $9  Issues in Education (1325)
☐ $15  Politics in Minnesota (1317)
☐ $35  Great Decisions 2008 (1280)
☐ $9  Additional Perspectives of Asia (1333)
☐ $5  Rochester’s CIA (1299)
☐ $9  Uppity Women of the Bible (1284)
☐ $7  Broadway after Rodgers... (1287)
☐ $5  Leading Ladies (1289)
☐ $12  I Tell Stories, You Can Too (1285)
☐ $2.50  Russian Mystery (1296)
☐ $25  More Film Genre (1292)
☐ $9  Hollywood Jewels (1328)
☐ $2.50  To Heaven with Mozart (1297)
☐ $42  “The Meeting” (1279)
☐ $56  “Incorruptible”(1278)
☐ $76  “Tea for Three” (1277)
☐ $42  “Lady with the Answers” (1281)
☐ $102  “Jersey Boys” (1276)
☐ $15  2008 Winter/Spring Membership (1298)

TOTAL DUE*

*Register before January 2 and take $3 off your total bill.

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