



LIFE TIMES

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- 2 - Sherlock Holmes: More Real Than Life Itself
- 2 - Guam: World War II in the Pacific (NEW DATE)
- 3 - Galapagos, on the Path of Darwin
- 9 - "Trigger Point, A Nicholas Ford Novel"
- 10 - British Life Below Stairs: Domestic Servants during Victorian era - present day
- 10 - LIFE Advisory Board Annual Meeting at 3:30 pm (contact Jamie for Zoom link)
- 11 - Wolf Hunting and Feeding Behavior followed by Wolf Communication
- 15 - Natural Selection and Speciation Leading to Evolution
- 24 - All About NASA's James Webb Space Telescope, the Successor to Hubble
- 25 - From Papyrus to Printing Presses: Sacred Texts in Scrolls and Books



September/October LIFE Catalogs were mailed the end of July

**SAVE THE DATES:
Thu, Oct 27, LIFE Program's Harvest Dinner**

Thu, Apr. 27, LIFE Program's 30th Anniversary Celebration



LIFE: Join us for our Celebratory Year!

This month will mark the conclusion of my 12 years serving on the LIFE Advisory Board. Looking back on those years I am reminded of the tremendous growth and progress that has taken place, all under the guidance of Chrisanne Pieper and many exceptional advisory board members.

I began taking LIFE classes in 2008. At that time the Fall catalog (Sep. to Dec.) featured a combined total of 30 classes, inclusive of trips and movies. A \$25 membership fee was required to take classes until becoming optional that year. At the start of the academic year 2009, the age requirement of 55 was removed and the mission statement was revised to "older adults" with a welcome extended to anyone able to attend our daytime classes. All classes were held in person at the Heinz Center, membership was 165 and the class attendance averaged 15.

Attendance continued to increase and in 2013 we were offered a "dedicated" classroom in the Heinz Center which served us well until our growing numbers stretched the room's capacity. Then came Covid.

RCTC closed to in-person classes March 16, 2020 and we were forced to quickly rethink LIFE programming. We began offering classes via Zoom May 1, 2020 and to our great surprise, attendance and class offerings have greatly increased since then, with instructors now coming from all 50 states, class attendees often numbering in excess of 50 and many from well outside the area.

As we enter the fall 2022 academic year we are offering, just in the months of September and October, class numbers in excess of 50 plus 20 trips. Membership numbers are likewise increasing, 342 at the conclusion of this past fiscal year – and the membership fee is still only \$25 per year!

As we begin this celebratory year, I join with all of you in applauding the past 30 years of LIFE and participating in the classes and programs to come, to ensure the viability of this great program for many years.



**Judy Pease
LIFE Board Member**

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Teacher Feature...class on August 24th!

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