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at PebbleCreek

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Welcome to the 2017 – 2018 Season

The volunteers of LifeLong Learning at PebbleCreek outdid themselves, putting together what I think will be the best season yet in our 14-year history.

This past season, our first in the LLL Center in the Eagle's Nest Activities Center, we learned that having a designated room greatly enhanced and improved the way LifeLong Learning serves you, the residents of PebbleCreek.

Registration was smoother, team meetings were scheduled easily, and having the room for almost all our classes and every Great Decisions' session freed Clubhouse rooms for other clubs.

Nevertheless, there are always improvements to be made, so please take note of the following:

Registration: LifeLong Learning is moving to an all-online registration system, although checks and cash will still be accepted at the LLL Center and when purchasing Monday Morning or Premier Lecture tickets at the door. **New this year: online purchases must be paid for within 60 minutes.** If not, your reservations will be canceled, and your place in classes, lectures and trips will be released.

Because many trips fill quickly, we suggest you choose the trips you are most interested in and register and pay for those first. Then, go back onto the website for classes, lectures and other programs.

Also new this year: registration for **special programs** — **Ted Talks**, the **Sunday Series** and **PC Reads** — will not open until one month before the programs. This will alleviate the problems we encountered last year when people signed up in the fall for free programs, but had conflicts in their schedules by the time the date approached.

LifeLong Learning is truly a team effort; we depend on more than 80 volunteers who give their time and talent for your education and enjoyment. I hope you'll take time to introduce yourself and say thank you when you see a volunteer.

We are all lifelong learners, and so, on behalf of the board of directors and the rest of our team, I wish you a wonderful season of learning.

Phyllis Minsuk, President



LifeLong Learning Gives Back To PebbleCreek and the Greater Community



Each year, LifeLong Learning at PebbleCreek presents several free programs for the community. This season, we are going further by providing support to those beyond the gates of PebbleCreek. We are asking residents to bring canned goods or other food staples for admission to our **Sunday Series** programs in January, February and March. The food will be collected and donated to **St. Mary's Food Bank**.

After our recent trip to **St. Vincent de Paul Service Center**, several people asked if LLL could arrange for a group to volunteer. On March 30 we will do just that, when 25 people will have a tour of the center and spend the afternoon making pizzas.

LifeLong Learning also makes its space available to other groups in PC that need a classroom for educational purposes. The Daughters of the American Revolution used the center for a presentation on monarch butterflies, leading to a milkweed way station for the butterflies outside the Activities Center. It was used by the genealogy club, a nurses' webinar and, on an emergency basis, for other groups that needed a place to meet.

If your educational group needs space, check the LLL calendar and speak with Barb Younker, center manager.

PC Reads: This summer, LifeLong Learning began its first year-round program, a monthly drop-in book club that meets from 5–6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of every month. Please check our website to see what books will be discussed and remember to register for the session. Attendance is limited to 24 people.

Sunday Series: Our second Sunday Series has wonderful programs and light refreshments lined up for you. Please mark your calendar and remember to sign up one month in advance, as registration is limited to 100 people. More information about each program is available online.

- **Jan. 28, 2018:** Learn about the ancient art of storytelling with local artist Mark Compton.
- **Feb. 25, 2018:** For readers and book clubs, a discussion of *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett, led by Josh Borths, education director of Arizona Opera. The award-winning book is PC Reads' book of the year.
- **March 25, 2018:** Learn about and enjoy steel drums and the music of the islands with Sean Mireau of the Volcano Island Band.

TED Talks: From 2–4 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month, November–April, join a small group of your neighbors in a discussion of topics presented in TED videos. Registration is limited to 32 participants.

Cinema Society: See and discuss unusual films. Purchase or renew your membership, \$110, at the Activities Office. Movies are in the Renaissance Theater at 10 a.m. on Nov. 16, Dec. 14, Jan. 25, Feb. 22, March 8 and April 5. 

Website: www.lifelonglearningatpc.org. Pick up a printed 2017–2018 SCHEDULE at a clubhouse, the Activities Office, LLL Center, Robson sales office or Creative Arts Center.

Premier Lectures

Nationally prominent speakers visit PebbleCreek.

Tuscany Falls Renaissance Theater, 7p.m. | Tickets are \$15 per person in advance or at the door.

Saturday, October 14

Piloting Air Force One on 9/11

LifeLong Learning kicks off its 2017-2018 season with an account of President George W. Bush's activities on 9/11 by the pilot of Air Force One.

Retired Col. Mark W. Tillman, pilot and commander of Air Force One, 2001–2009, will share his account of piloting the President on September 11, 2001. He protected Bush that day by keeping him out of harm's way and connecting the flying Oval Office to the nation's first responders.



Tillman was flying from Florida to Washington, D.C., when he learned that Air Force One might be a target. He then flew to Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana, where the President made a speech, then to Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha, Nebraska, and finally back to Washington - 10 hours after the President learned of the attack.

Saturday, November 4

Impossible Dreamers, 60 and Up

Impossible Dreamers is an inspiring documentary about senior athletes, 60-94. The film features the legendary golfer Gary Player and several other senior athletes as they strive to defy gravity in competition and life. The film illustrates not only what it means to be a champion, but also what it means to lead a life worth living.



Eric Goldfarb, the three-time Emmy winning TV and film editor who created *Impossible Dreamers*, will show an excerpt from the film and share his reflections on its making, how it changed his perspective on seniors and how we can all benefit from a positive attitude about aging.

Friday, January 12

The Ocean in Crisis

The declining health of the planet's ocean — where scientists say life began and 99 percent of life exists — is an imminent threat to survival on land.

Alanna Mitchell, the award-winning author of *SEA SICK: The Global Ocean in Crisis*, will talk about how humans are affecting the global ocean. The ocean is becoming warm, breathless and sour, and that has big implications for life on the entire planet, she says.



A Canadian journalist, author and playwright, Mitchell is fascinated with the intersection of science, art and society. She traveled around the world with scientists for three years to find the big picture and to weave the threads of science into a dramatic demonstration of the accelerating crisis in the world's ocean.

Friday, January 19

Former Chief of Naval Operations



Admiral Vern Clark returns to the Renaissance Theater to discuss the challenges the military is facing in the 21st century. Admiral Clark has been a featured LLL speaker several times, and PebbleCreek audiences never tire of his views of history and current affairs.

Admiral Clark completed a distinguished 37-year Navy career in 2005, starting as a lieutenant with a patrol gunboat and concluding in the halls of the Pentagon as Chief of Naval Operations and a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In between, he commanded ships, two destroyer squadrons, the Atlantic Fleet's Anti-Submarine Warfare Training Center, the Second Fleet, NATO's Striking Fleet and the Atlantic Fleet.

Friday, February 16

Eleanor Roosevelt, Living History



Susan Marie Frontczak, a storyteller who has brought literature and history to life for more than two decades, will portray Eleanor Roosevelt. Her performance will include a monologue and a Q & A between the audience and Mrs. Roosevelt and herself.

The time is December 1942, and Roosevelt has just returned from England where she visited with soldiers, generals, royalty and working people. It is a crucial time for Eleanor. She has worked tirelessly for world peace for 20 years through a world court, but her husband is the president of the United States and is embroiled in the largest war the planet has ever known.

Friday, March 16

Aviation History as Seen Through the Eyes of Igor Sikorsky, Founder of Sikorsky Aircraft



Sergei Sikorsky, the son of Igor Sikorsky, founder of the legendary Sikorsky Helicopter Company, will present the riveting story of this American icon. Igor was a scientist, engineer, pilot and entrepreneur who made fixed and rotary wing aviation history with a mix of genius, determination and humanity.

Born in Kiev in 1889, Igor built his first helicopter in 1909, six years after the Wright brothers' first flight. Forced to flee Russia after the Bolshevik revolution, he arrived in America in 1919, and by 1923 he had founded Sikorsky Aero Engineering.

Sergei, the retired vice president of Sikorsky Aircraft, started as an apprentice in the Sikorsky factory at the age of 16. He served as a helicopter mechanic with the United States Coast Guard in World War II and spent the next 50 years in aviation.

Buy your Premier Lecture tickets online at www.lifelonglearningatpc.org.
Go to the page for the lecture you want to attend, then click on the link at the top of the page.
You may pay with a PayPal account or credit card.



Monday Morning Lectures

Hear outstanding speakers on a variety of topics in the Renaissance Theater Mondays at 10 a.m.
\$4 per person | Lectures run from 60-90 minutes.



October 16

The FBI and Crimes Against Children

It's really unthinkable, but every year thousands of children become victims of crime — whether it's through kidnappings, violent attacks, sexual abuse or online predators. These crimes, when perpetrated through the internet, are investigated at the local level by a task force that combines the resources of the FBI with other federal, state and local law-enforcement agencies.

Jerry Barker, a sergeant with the Phoenix Police Department and supervisor of the Arizona Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, and FBI Special Agent **Candace Rose** will talk about some of the crimes against children that have been investigated in the state.



October 23

Surviving an IED Explosion

In 2007, during his third tour of duty in Iraq, IED **Sergeant Matt Slaydon** was investigating a suspicious sign outside Kirkuk when a buried improvised explosive device detonated. The blast was devastating, causing traumatic amputation of his arm above the elbow and damaging both eyes, rendering him totally blind. Slaydon spent 15 months recovering from his injuries, retiring from the Air Force in August 2009.

While the drama of being an IED specialist may be over, Slaydon is not one to sit on the sidelines. He has shared his story in more than 100 locations around the world, inspiring soldiers and civilians alike.



October 30

The Incredible Journey to Saturn

Last season, NASA Ambassador **Ted Blank** wowed everyone with beautiful photos and amazing information about Mars. This year, Blank returns to bring us news about the planet Saturn as he recounts the Cassini-Huygens Mission to explore the second largest planet in our solar system, its spectacular rings and its many moons.

Blank will describe how the mission's Huygens probe drifted down through the atmosphere of Saturn's giant moon Titan and landed on it, the most distant landing from Earth. The mission showed one of the most Earth-like worlds ever encountered, with weather, climate and geology, flooded canyons, dunes, mountains and stable liquid that involves methane rather than water.



November 6

What's Your Dog Really Telling You?

If you ever owned a dog, you know that dogs really are people's best friends. They give you unconditional love, a forever wagging tail, licks on your face and a special greeting when you walk in the door. What could be better than that?

Clive Wynne, Ph.D., a behavioral scientist with a fascination for dogs, will tell us why dogs are so special, and how their intelligence compares to other animals. He is a professor of psychology and director of the Canine Science Collaboratory at Arizona State University, and has studied animal behavior in Britain, the United States and Australia.



November 13

**African Adventures
Through an Artist's Eyes**

The thrill of surviving the charge of an African bull elephant or paddling a canoe within inches of a hippo will come alive when artist and wildlife expert **Fred Krakowiak**, an authority on wilderness safari on foot, leads us on a virtual safari, bringing the magic and mood of Africa to the Renaissance Theater.

He believes that traveling in Africa is all about total immersion in a place where life is narrowed to what is immediately before your eyes. He snaps hundreds of photographs on each safari, records the sounds he hears and makes several sketches to use when he returns home to create his artwork.



January 15

**Prevent and Even Help
Reverse a Stroke**

Stroke, the leading cause of serious disability among older Americans, causes dementia as frequently as Alzheimer's disease and kills someone in the United States about every four minutes. **Dr. James Grotta**, the former chair of neurology and director of the stroke program at the University of Texas Medical School in Houston, will discuss the causes and warning signs of strokes and what you can do to prevent and potentially help reverse them.

He has devoted his career to research in the discovery, testing and application of new therapies for acute strokes, and was one of the primary researchers in the study of TPA, the drug that can reverse the effects of stroke if given within a three-hour period.

January 15
Martin Luther King Day
Join PebbleCreek's Just Folks for the annual celebration of Dr. King's legacy.



January 22

**Stalin and
Organized Terror**

As traumatic as ISIS terrorist attacks may be, they pale in comparison to Joseph Stalin's reign of terror, when more than one million Soviet citizens were killed and as many as 10 million were sent to the Gulag.

Robert Niebuhr, Ph.D., a faculty fellow at Arizona State University, will discuss how Stalin consolidated his power through the dramatic reign of terror. That consolidation, Niebuhr maintains, was instrumental in uniting the Soviet people in support of Soviet ideology and ultimately the triumph against Hitler.

He will also describe what was happening in the Soviet Union before and during World War II and Stalin's legacy and Soviet policies in Eastern Europe after his death in 1953.



January 29

**Military Aide to
President Reagan**

Steve Chealander flew with the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, rose through the ranks to colonel in the U.S. Air Force, piloted for American Airlines and directed its flight operations, and served as a member of the National Transportation Safety Board.

However, he is most often asked about his years as military aide to President Reagan, when he carried the president's emergency satchel, the so-called nuclear "football." It is portable and hand carried, but does not actually contain a big red button for launching a nuclear war. Its primary purpose is to confirm the president's identity and allow him to communicate with the National Military Command Center in the Pentagon.

Chealander lives in PebbleCreek with his wife, Becky. 

Monday Morning Lectures



February 5

Immigration and American Identity

Do immigrants bring rich diversity to America or are they a drain on the U.S. economy and a source of terrorism? **Mark**

Randol, whose 35 years in military

and civil service were largely devoted to counter-terrorism and domestic intelligence, will explore the issues surrounding immigration in the age of Trump.

An adjunct faculty member at Eastern Kentucky University, he will give the historical context for U.S. immigration policy and the differences between visitors, immigrants and refugees and the vetting process for each. He will also discuss the implications of increased deportations of the undocumented.



February 12

Katherine Lee Bates, America the Beautiful

Melinda M. Ponder will relate the amazing story of how a poem published in a church periodical during 1893 became *America the Beautiful* 18 years later.

In 1893, Katherine Lee Bates was teaching English at Colorado College and journeyed to the top of Pikes Peak. "It was then and there, as I was looking out over the sea-like expanse of fertile country spreading away so far under those ample skies, that the opening lines of the hymn floated into my mind," she later said.

Ponder is the author of the recently published *Katharine Lee Bates: From Sea to Shining Sea*, a biography of Bates. She became intrigued with Bates when she studied English at Wellesley, in the department Bates established decades earlier.



February 19

Human Trafficking

More than 20 million men, women and children are victims of human trafficking, a form of modern slavery that is a multi-billion dollar criminal industry. No corner of the globe is

exempt — from the girl forced into prostitution at a truck stop to the man discovered in a restaurant kitchen, stripped of his passport and held against his will.

Martina Vandenberg is the founder of The Human Trafficking Pro Bono Legal Center and has spent more than two decades combating human trafficking. A former Human Rights Watch researcher, she spearheaded investigations into human rights throughout the former Soviet Union and authored Human Rights reports about women forced into prostitution and rape used as a weapon of ethnic cleansing.



February 26

Arizona Goes to the Movies

Jim Turner, one of our most popular lecturers, returns to stimulate your memories of the Saturday matinees of your youth, when you may have put

down a quarter to see *Gunfight at the OK Corral*, John Wayne in *The Searchers*, filmed in Monument Valley, or *Oklahoma*, shot primarily around Nogales.

Turner will also talk about more recent films shot in Arizona's spectacular settings, *Psycho's* opening scene and shots of Route 66 in *Easy Rider*. Turner spoke previously at PebbleCreek about Poncho Villa, the Oatman girls' kidnapping by Indians, Arizona statehood and the history of the Pima Indians.

Check out the hearing loop in the theater.

March 5

How to Talk About Death



Death is one of the hardest topics for us to talk about. **Dave Kampfschulte** will help us understand how important it is to talk about death with spouses, parents, children and

friends. He will share his insights on how to initiate end-of-life conversations and how to talk about death in a positive way. Kampfschulte has spent 30 years in the hospice field as a volunteer, educator and author.

Kampfschulte is the author of *I'm Dying to Talk With You*, in which he shares conversations he's had with patients and families on end-of-life decisions and how those conversations helped complete the story of their loved one's life.

March 12

Arizona's Agriculture Industry and GMOs



For some, the initials GMO on a food product mean it should be avoided like the plague. Others, however, see them — the abbreviation for genetically modified

organism — as a symbol of an improved product, one grown to provide more taste or nutrition, or to be better able to resist disease and pests.

Modification is nothing new, however, as farmers have improved wild plants and animals for thousands of years by cross breeding to obtain desirable characteristics.

Katie Aikins, director of education for the Arizona Farm Bureau, will talk about how Arizona's \$17.1 billion agriculture industry uses GMOs and will provide a better understanding of the technology.

March 19

Progress in Anti-Aging Interventions



People have been searching for the fountain of youth for centuries, but only in the past few years has real scientific progress been made in extending

the duration and quality of human life through interventions that control the basic aging processes.

Gary Marchant, a professor of law at Arizona State University, will discuss what some of those interventions are and how legal and regulatory barriers, based on outdated medical models, assume aging is not a treatable or modifiable condition.

Merchant will suggest ways to help overcome the obstacles that hinder consumer access to these interventions, as well as the broader social and ethical implications of an extended human lifespan.

March 26

Solving Crimes With Secret Witnesses



Too often, vital information on crimes fails to reach police, because people withhold it for fear of retaliation or because they do not want to testify in court.

In northern Nevada, there is an alternative: Secret Witness, a private, nonprofit organization that provides a safe channel for providing the information to law-enforcement while keeping the identity of those providing information protected and anonymous.

Don Richter, the founder of Nevada's Secret Witness program, will talk about how the program functions. Since its inception in 1979, Secret Witness has received more than 105,000 anonymous calls, helped solve more than 1,000 crimes and generated reward payments of more than \$300,000.

- Special Thanks -
More than 80 PC volunteers make it happen!

Classes

Explore New Areas of Interest

Registration is required for all classes. Register online and pay with your credit card or PayPal account, or come to the LLL Center during center hours and a LLL volunteer will help you. Unless otherwise noted, classes will be held at the LLL Center and are limited to 24 participants. For a full description, visit our website at www.lifelonglearningatpc.org/classes and click on the title of the class.

Artisan Bread **Gene Fioretti**

PC's master baker invites you into his home to learn how to bake wonderful breads. All you bring is yourself for a demonstration of all the steps to a beautiful bread, and you'll leave with a recipe and tips to make artisan bread at home.

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 10–11:15 a.m. OR

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 10–11:15 a.m.

Location: Instructor's home | Maximum: 15 | \$10

Ballet: Learn About Cinderella **Joseph Cavanaugh**



Meet one of Ballet Arizona's professional dancers and hear firsthand about the grueling work and the exuberant joy of bringing ballet to life. Focused on *Cinderella*, this is the perfect class to attend prior to the LLL Feb.17 trip.

Thursday, Jan. 25, 1–2 p.m. | \$10

Birds of PebbleCreek **Tom Schull**

Want to know more about the birds that hang around your neighborhood? Learn about the birds in the PebbleCreek community, how to identify them and how to become a "birder."



Wednesday, Feb. 21, 1–3 p.m. | \$20

Canada, Our Neighbor to the North **Rob Clemens**



Many Americans are unaware of Canada's ethnic and cultural diversity, linguistic history or the many contributions our friendly neighbors to the north have made to American society. Learn about the similarities and the differences between the two countries.

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 12:30–2 p.m. | \$15

Driving High Performance Cars **Don Clinkinbeard**

Whether you own a Corvette, Mustang or Porsche, or just wish you could, learn how to get the most driving pleasure from high-performance vehicles.



Wednesday Jan. 10, 1–2:30 p.m. OR

Wednesday Feb. 7, 1–2:30 p.m. | \$15

Drones: Past, Present and Future **John Mullen**

How are drones used today, and what does the future hold for these unmanned aerial vehicles? Class plus demonstration in the adjacent lawn area.



Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1–2:30 p.m. OR

Wednesday, March 7, 1–2:30 p.m. | \$15

Great Decisions

Carole Korzilius, coordinator

Great Decisions is an eight-week discussion program focusing on different critical issues facing the United States. Created by the Foreign Policy Association, the program involves reading the Great Decisions briefing book, watching a DVD about the topic and discussing the issues in a small group with other residents.

Choose from one of five groups that will meet for two hours per session.

*Mondays, beginning Jan. 22, at 4 p.m. OR
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Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 23, at 4 p.m. OR
Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 23, at 6:15 p.m. OR
Fridays, beginning Jan. 26, at 9:30 a.m.
\$35 + \$10 for second book-sharing participant*

Humor: How to Prevent Hardening of the Attitudes **Debbie Harbinson**

Learn the many benefits of laughter, including better health and happiness, less stress and even better relations among countries. This class provides theory and gentle therapeutic laughter exercises.

Tuesdays, Feb. 13 and Feb. 20, 1–3 p.m. | \$35

Interior Design

Suzanne Schultz

Want to update your home but don't know where to begin? Learn the basics of interior design and make your home a reflection of you.

Saturday, Mar. 24, 10 a.m.–noon | \$20

Opera, *The Barber of Seville*

Joshua Borths

Rossini's greatest masterpiece, *The Barber of Seville*, will be brought to vivid life at AZOpera. In preparation for the LLL trip to the opera on Sunday, March 11, learn what to watch and listen for from the stage director of the production.



Thursday, Feb. 1, 11 a.m.–noon | \$10

Pasta, Homemade

Gene Fioretti



Learn the secrets behind making pasta from scratch, including the specifics of ingredient selection and how to mix, roll, cut, dry and cook it. Enjoy samples

and leave with recipes and equipment lists so you can make your own delicious pasta.

*Tuesday, Jan. 23, 10–11:15 a.m. OR
Tuesday, Jan. 30, 10–11:15 a.m.*

Location: Instructor's home | Maximum: 15 | \$10

Understanding the Current Energy Transformation **Dru Bacon**

There's lots you can do beyond solar energy to reduce your energy consumption and help solve the climate challenges we face. Learn how to assess your energy use practices and what is happening in agriculture and industry.

Saturdays, Feb. 3, and Feb. 10, 10 a.m.–noon | \$35

World of Roses

Clair Martin



Learn the fascinating history of roses in this illustrated lecture by the curator emeritus of the Huntington Rose Garden. Roses tolerate

our desert heat and flower abundantly in late fall and into spring but rest during the summer. 🌹

Thursday, Feb. 22, 1–3 p.m. | \$20

Questions?

Mary Gangl, director of classes, at 623.236.9613

or

**Di Week, class facilitator, at 602.214.5279 or
classes@lifelonglearningatpc.org.**

Trips

Join Friends, Old and New, on LifeLong Learning Trips

Interested in exploring the Phoenix area but don't want to do it alone? LifeLong Learning at PebbleCreek makes it easy with trips to many of the best sights and sounds in the area. The fee for each trip includes round trip bus transportation, tips, entry fees and lunch or dinner unless otherwise noted. Details of each trip are available online. Trips fill quickly, so please make plans to register online at www.lifelonglearningatpc.org.

Bronzsmith Fine Art Foundry and Gallery



Watch a pouring of a bronze sculpture and learn about the "lost wax" process of bronze casting at the **Bronzsmith Fine Art**

Foundry in Prescott. We will visit the gallery that features exquisite traditional and contemporary bronze sculpture by established masters and emerging artists. After lunch, we will visit **Sharlot Hall Museum**, with nine buildings and gardens devoted to Arizona history.

Thursday, Nov. 9 | 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

Cost: \$95 | Maximum 40

Luke Air Force Base

Go behind the scenes at **Luke Air Force Base**, home to the 56th Fighter Wing and the new F-35 fighter jets. After the tour, enjoy a buffet lunch at the base.



Tuesday, Dec. 5 OR Tuesday, Jan. 9

8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. | Cost: \$50 | Maximum 25

Celebration of Christmas



Experience the joy of Christmas like never before! This Broadway-style, musical theater presentation features hundreds of performers,

a live orchestra and advanced technology with incredible special effects.

Culminating in a beautiful nativity scene with a majestic kings' procession, this year's holiday show includes exciting new dance numbers, professional acrobatic silk artists, awe-inspiring aerial stunts, flying angels and so much more! Dinner is included.

Tuesday, Dec. 19 | 4–9:45 p.m.

Cost: \$85 | Maximum 56

Goodyear Airport and University of Phoenix Stadium

Visit two West Valley facilities in one trip: the nearby airport and a world-class, multi-purpose sports and entertainment complex.



Drive by mothballed aircraft, including Lady Bird Johnson's plane, and see how planes are refurbished.

Enjoy lunch at the stadium before a 75-minute tour of the building that features North America's only rollout, natural grass field and a retractable roof.

Wednesday, Jan. 17 | 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Cost: \$60 | Maximum 56

LECTURE ATTENDEES SINCE 2005



26,903 Monday Morning

11,526 Premier

38,429

TOTAL ATTENDEES

Medical Marijuana, From Seed to Product

You will not need a state-issued Medical Marijuana ID Card to visit Arizona Nature's Medicine facility in Phoenix. The guided visit will begin with a tour of the dispensary, with explanations of the various products available and their uses. We will then have the opportunity to see the indoor grow room, where marijuana is grown under light, dried and processed for dispensing. Dinner is at the **Yard House**.



*Thursday, Jan. 25 OR Thursday Feb. 1
4–8 p.m. | Cost: \$55 | Maximum 30*

West-MEC Education Centers



A Lear jet to repair in class? A pharmacy mock-up to stock? Vocational education has really changed! Tour two of Western Maricopa Education

Center's (West-MEC) six West Valley campuses, where students, who compete to enroll, wear uniforms indicative of their chosen career fields. They spend half days in labs and half days studying a traditional high-school curriculum. Lunch is at **Tempo Urban Bistro** in Verrado.

*Wednesday, Feb. 7 | 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Cost: \$55 | Maximum 56*

Ballet Arizona, Cinderella

Artistic Director Ib Andersen's *Cinderella*, choreographed to the music of Sergei Prokofiev, will vividly delight you with the beauty and majesty of classical ballet, wrapped in the promise of "happily ever after," and generously sprinkled with a wonderful dose of humor. The trip begins with a pre-ballet lecture. After the performance, dinner will be at **Sonata's**.



*Saturday, Feb. 17 | 12:15–7:45 p.m.
Cost: \$150 | Maximum 30*

OdySea Aquarium and Butterfly Wonderland

See two of the area's newest attractions in one location on a trip to Scottsdale. You'll be able to tour **OdySea Aquarium**, the largest aquarium in the Southwest, and the **Butterfly Wonderland**, the largest indoor butterfly pavilion in America. Tour the adjacent facilities at your leisure, taking time where you want to spend it. Lunch will be on your own at one of the many eateries within the same complex.



*Wednesday, Feb. 21 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Cost: \$65 | Maximum 56*

Trip Policy

Members of the LifeLong Learning Trip Team visit every destination to ensure interesting, entertaining and safe trips. While LLL aims to accommodate everyone, some venues are not appropriate for those with mobility limitations. Please note there are no refunds for trips. We maintain a waiting list for all trips and will help identify people who could take your place if you need to cancel.

Mobility Issues

Anyone requiring assistance with accessing the bus or with walking must have a friend or relative who will be responsible for assisting him or her. Bus drivers and LLL escorts will not be able to assist. Some destinations require extensive walking on unpaved, uneven paths, which may not be appropriate for those using canes, walkers or wheelchairs. Please talk to us to assure your safety.

Dietary Restrictions

Please note on your registration what your dietary issues are, and we will accommodate accordingly. This MUST be discussed IN ADVANCE of the trip. Trip costs are determined by group pricing, and additional fees may be necessary if food needs are not known before you arrive at the restaurant.



Trips

Phoenix Symphony, Brahms and Schumann



Internationally acclaimed German violinist **Friederike Starkloff** is making her American debut during this concert. She will perform the formidable Brahms's violin concerto. The trip begins with a pre-concert talk with the conductor and guest musician and lunch will be at **Seasons 52** following the concert.

Friday, Feb. 23 | 9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
Cost: \$90 | Maximum 30

Pima Air Museum & Air Force Boneyard, Tucson



Enjoy a day devoted to aviation with a visit to the **Pima Air and Space Museum**, the third largest aviation museum in the world, with more than 300 historical aircraft, from a Wright Flyer to a 787 Dreamliner. Explore the exhibits after a docent-led bus ride around the various aircraft stored in the dry desert air. After lunch, tour the 4,000 military surplus aircraft at the **Davis Monthan Air Force Base**, a one-of-a-kind specialized facility that provides critical support and repair for fighters in use around the world.

Tuesday, Feb. 27 | 6:15 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
Cost: \$95 | Maximum 56

AZ Opera, *The Barber of Seville*

Considered one of Gioachino Rossini's greatest works, *The Barber of Seville*, is a delightful opera full of twists and turns, mistaken identities and the triumph of young love. Sung in Italian, easy-to-read subtitles will be projected on a screen above the singers. Enjoy a pre-opera lecture and dinner after the opera at **Alexi's Grill**.



Sunday, March 11 | 12:15–7:15 p.m.
Cost: \$160 | Maximum 30

Florence Ruins, Monastery & Museum

The trip begins at **Casa Grande National Monument**, one of the largest prehistoric structures ever built in North America, where the ancient Sonoran Desert people developed a system of irrigation farming and extensive trading connections around 1350. Visit the **Greek Orthodox Monastery**, a 12-acre oasis with a system of gardens, pathways, gazebos and fountains. Enjoy lunch at **Mount Athos Restaurant and Cafe** before touring the **Pinal County Historical Society Museum** to learn about the history and growth of Florence, AZ.



Tuesday, March 13 | 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Cost: \$75 | Maximum 25

LLL Gives Back at St. Vincent De Paul

We return this year to **St. Vincent de Paul** as volunteers. The trip begins with a tour of the service center, which houses the services of food delivery to the entire Phoenix area, homeless ministries, medical and dental clinics, dining rooms, an urban farm and a dream center. After lunch at **China Chili**, we return to St. Vincent's to make pizzas that will be served during an upcoming meal.

Friday, March 30 | 8:15 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Cost: \$30 | Maximum 25

Discover Tucson

The first stop is the **Bryant Bannister Tree Ring Laboratory** at the University of Arizona. The world-renown lab uses tree rings to study how humans, climate, forest fires and insects impact the planet. Next stops are **DeGrazia Gallery in the Sun** to tour the mission and view his famous paintings of Native American children and the **Arizona State Museum**, the oldest and largest anthropology museum in the Southwest. Following lunch at **Trattoria Pina**, we will take a 50-minute tram ride up **Sabino Canyon**. 🌿

Tuesday, April 3 | 7:30 a.m.–8 p.m.
Cost: \$95 | Maximum 50

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