Retiree Center SAVE THE DATE

December 2  |  President’s All-University Holiday Party, 2-4 pm, Student Activity Center- Kryzsko

December 2  |  Socrates Café Discussion Group, 2-4pm, WSU Retiree Center

“Should the 14th U.S. Constitutional Amendment be modified or repealed?” This amendment has been a focal point in debates about U.S. immigration reform and the “right to die” movement among others. The discussion on this question may be both timely and interesting.

December 3  |  WSU Jazz Ensemble Holiday Dance, 7pm Westfield Golf Club, donation at the door. Put on your dancing shoes and join us for an evening of music and fun. Benefits Friends of Jazz and local charity.

December 11  |  Winona State University Commencement Ceremony - all colleges - 10:30am, McCown Gym, Contact President’s Office for special seating: Karen Northam, 457.5472 or WSU Retiree Center, Cathie Logan, 457.5565

December 25, 2010  |  Merry Christmas to WSU Retirees and families

January 1, 2011  |  Happy New Year to You and yours

January 28, 2010  |  Socrates Café Discussion Group, 2-4pm, WSU Retiree Center

Grandparents University

Just what you have been waiting for - a chance to give your grandchild or special niece/nephew an experience on campus, in the residence hall, participating in courses of interest to both of you.

Sign up for the 1st Grandparents University, WSU, Summer 2011. June 23 & 24, 2011 stay in the new residence hall, attend classes in your "major", taught by WSU Professors in WSU classrooms and science labs. Enjoy meals together in the student dining hall and participate in campus activities.

Summer 2011 Majors

Biology - "River of Mark Twain, WSU STARS Flume Lab"  
Prof. Toby Dogwiler, GeoScience

Business - "Staying in Touch - Communications & Websites"  
Prof. Pat Paulson, Management Information Systems

Engineering - "Composites in a Material World"  
Prof. Beckrty Abdel-Magid, Composites Engineering

English & Technology - "Our Family Stories"  
Prof. Conan Kmiecik, English

Health Exercise & Rehabilitative Sciences - "Good Health for Me & You"  
Prof. Nancy Jensen, HERS

Physics - "Pressure Can Be Fun"  
Prof. Edward Roberts, Physics

Grandparent and grandchild select top three majors choices. Courses will fill first come, first served.

Plan your summer time together with a college visit to WSU Grandparents University.

SA VE THE DATES

Grandparents University

On-line Registration begins  
December 1, 2010  
View more information  
www.winona.edu/grandparents
**Note From the Directors**

...Fall has come and gone so quickly. It was filled with activities in the garden, last voyage on the river in my kayak, a busy Retiree Center and an opportunity to meet with AROHE (Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education) members at Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT in October. WSU Professor Aurea Osgood and I presented the survey methods used last spring by students in her Social Research 378. This process provides campuses documentation of involvement of Retirees in the University community. Thank you for participating in the survey last spring... we are very appreciative of your time and talent. You are Great.

Friends of Jazz has had a special spot in the heart of the Retiree Center since Orval Lund became the driving force to reactivate the group in support of the WSU Jazz Program. Rich MacDonald and the WSU Jazz Ensemble performed last year for their holiday dance and raised funds for Habitat for Humanity, Women’s Build. This year the Holiday Dance is Friday, December 3, 2010, Westfield Golf Club. Jazz students play this gig to give back to the community and support Friends of Jazz. We had a great time last year. Join the fun. Gather friends and make it a Retiree evening.

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**Academic Regalia**

WSU Retirees have suggested that the Retiree Center become a resource for Academic Regalia for new faculty.

Most of Professor Emeriti have gowns hanging in their closets gathering dust waiting for a family member or friend to pass it down to.

Do you have an academic gown you would like to donate to a gown collection? We will send out a notice to new faculty that these gowns are available for use during commencement. If we have enough gowns among Retirees, we will make them available to purchase and donate the money to the Retiree Center Foundation Account and give you a “Gift in Kind” receipt.

Call Cathie, 507.457.5565 or email, clogan@winona.edu if you are interested in donating your academic regalia.

**From the President’s Office**

Dear WSU Emeriti and Retirees,

Winona State University fall commencement ceremonies will be held on Friday, December 10, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. in Memorial Hall. You are invited to join us as we congratulate our graduates on their accomplishments and join in their celebration.

If you would like to attend our fall commencement, please let me know. To make arrangements for special guest seating or to march in the procession at this year’s ceremony, please contact me by Wednesday, December 1.

Thank you for your continued support of Winona State and I look forward to seeing you next time you are on campus. It is always a pleasure to visit with those who have done so much to make WSU the fine university that it is today.

Karen Northam
President's Office

**In the News**

Hello Everyone,

Great news!!! Reveka’s Revenge, Bk 2 of The Crimson Pursuit was released today!!! Champagne is popping tonight!!! Go to www.bynergEbooks.com to get your copy today. It will be coming soon to Amazon Kindle, Fictionwise, etc. If you haven’t gotten Bk 1, Reveka’s Return it’s available at most ebook sites. Strong female vampire characters, good vs. evil, a little steamy romance, blood, supernatural, more blood, sharp incisors, etc. Nothing like a good set of fangs to celebrate the Halloween season. Reading you can sink your teeth into. So get your copy of Reveka, turn down the lights, curl up with your favorite ereader, and enjoy a good scary story.

I love a good review if you feel so inclined. Write me...of course, if it’s bad I know dark sinister people.

We are in Albuquerque for the winter. I get more time to write in the morning. The new book, I’m working on, is called The Collapse. It’s about what happens when our civilization collapses—the why, the how, and the who...good vs. evil. Big apocalyptic scenario. My main character, Heckel Casey, slowly discovers he’s the force to confront and eliminate the demonic source that brought The Collapse.

Drop an email and let me know how you are doing. Take care...and Happy Reading!!!


**Antheanuem**

Wednesday, November 17, 2010 - 2nd floor WSU Library

"Jobs in the XXI Century: The Importance of Being Earnest About Cultural Competency"

Juan Fernandez Iglesias, Associate Professor Foreign Languages Department

The importance of a global perspective in a student’s curriculum has become an integral part of a Liberal Arts education. Global awareness is already reflected in the mission of public universities. Many employers demand prospective employees to navigate cultural differences. Professor Fernandez Iglesias will describe these competing realities and offer some solutions on how to solve this dilemma.

**Necrology**

Everett Walden
Educational Administration
November 12, 2010

We honor and mourn our University colleagues who have recently died. We recognize the richness of each life, the gifts these members have brought to many, and loss felt by family and friends.

**TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY**

Tour Egypt: Ancient & Modern

Spring 2011, 10 day tour of Egypt, is open to adult members of the community and provides first-hand experience of Middle Eastern history, religion and language. Mary Ann Pevas, Professor Emerita, Economics & Finance, and Middle East expert, guides a learning experience of a lifetime to Cairo, Alexandria, Luxor, and the Nile offered through the department of Outreach and Continuing Education (OCED).

Dr. Pevas’ expertise enhances your visit to famous and astonishing sites. Meet with modern-day Egyptians and learn about an Islamic society’s efforts to modernize. Learn about traditions of Christianity, as well as Islam and the life of the Pharaohs. For more information, contact OCED, 507.457.5080.

Send Cathie an email - let her know what you have been doing... traveling, writing, relocating, learning... clogan@winona.edu. Thank you.

**On Campus**

**In the News**
Registration Form

Name ____________________________________________
Address __________________________________________
City __________________ State ____ Zip _______
Phone ____________________________________________
Email ____________________________________________

Please provide:

☐ WSU Retiree ID# __________________ OR
☐ Senior University ID# __________________ OR

Birth Date _____________

□ Chaucer - $40
□ Film Comedy - $40
□ Evolution of Mammals - $40

Total Enclosed $ __________

Indicate type of payment:

☐ Check  ☐ Cash

Return the registration form along with your check or cash to:

Winona State University Retiree Center
P.O. Box 5838
Winona, MN 55987

Senior University WSU Spring 2011

Chaucer: The General Prologue to The Canterbury Tales
Kent Cowgill, Jane Cowgill

The class will focus on the The General Prologue to The Canterbury Tales and one tale: The Shipman’s Tale. Objectives include close reading and appreciation of the text within the context of Chaucer’s life and times, accurate translation and pronunciation of Middle English, and attention to the ways in which a familiarity with the General Prologue’s pilgrims’ portraits enhance one’s enjoyment of The Tales.

Wednesdays • December 1, 8, 15, 22
Maxwell 160 • 4 weeks • 2:30-4:30pm

Film Comedy
David Robinson

Four of five films that suggest the development of film comedy from its beginnings in the silent era (Chaplin, Keaton), through the “Screwball Comedy” era of the ’30s, the romantic comedies of the 50’s, and one example of postmodern comedy (either “High Fidelity” or “(500) Days of Summer” are the highlights of this course. Join Dave Robinson, film reviewer for over 35 years for The Winona Post, for Film Comedy.

Wednesdays • January 5, 12, 19, 26, Feb 2
Maxwell 257 • 5 weeks • 1-3pm

The Evolution of Mammals
Robert Sloan

The fossil history of Mammals from their origin from the earliest Reptiles in the Pennsylvanian Period (310 million years ago) to the present is very well known. This includes their near extinction at the end of the Permian (250 million years ago), their expansion as mouse-sized animals during most of the Mesozoic, and their rapid adaptive radiation, (expansion in variety and sizes) after the extinction of the non-flying Dinosaurs at 65 million years ago. Their diversification into the existing forms, including Humans, is presented.

Tuesdays • April 5, 12, 19, 26
Maxwell 160 • 4 weeks • 10am-12pm

Early Jazz, Ragtime and the Blues 1900-1928: The Musical Migration from New Orleans to Chicago
Lyelle Palmer

An auditory exploration of the birth of black America’s unique contribution of musical genres/styles in high-energy brash and brassy two-beat street bands, dazzling parlor piano professors and down-home soulful blues laments. Hear the hopeful historic sounds of American optimism in the forms, players, and stylistic evolution from Bolden to Bix, from Dixieland to Chicago, and the world-class keyboard geniuses of Jelly Roll Morton and Scott Joplin. The era before big bands had a spirit all of its own—raw enthusiastic creativity and confidence that uniquely and harmoniously tickles the ear to this day. Come to the dance.

Tuesdays • February 8, 15, 22, March 1
Maxwell 257 • 4 weeks • 1-2:30pm

Senior University WSU Fall 2010

WSU Retiree Reunion, October 13, 2010
Barking up Winter Trees

As the colorful leaves of autumn drop to the ground and the trees become barren, tree lovers know that the long months of winter are just around the corner. So what can be interesting to see on a tree during the winter?

Actually, trees have a number of interesting features to look for during the winter. Let’s start with the evergreens. After a new snowfall, the snow hanging from the branches of the Pines, Spruces, and Firs is a special sight. The contrast of the green evergreens against the fresh snow can be striking. If one lives near the WSU campus, a walk through the grounds just after a major snow storm is invigorating and worth the effort. It is even better if one can beat the snowplows and trail one’s own path.

If baseball is your fancy, check out WSU’s Black Spruce. It is one of Minnesota’s native trees and found at the Minnesota Twins Target Field. Micheal Cuddyer hit a home run into the grove of Black Spruce during game 1 of the playoffs with the Yankees. WSU’s Black Spruce can be found on the north side of Memorial Hall.

Going back to winter features, the bark of many trees is worth examining. When walking by the east side of WSU’s Science Laboratory Center, notice the somewhat spongy and deeply furrowed texture of the bark on the Amur Corktrees. If one could look through the bark to the inner bark, one would find yellow. In ancient China this yellow inner bark was once used to produce a yellow dye.

The Hackberry tree in front of Watkins Hall also has an interesting bark. It has distinctive rough, warty ridges, which helps to identify it.

Sometimes trees have a peeling or exfoliating bark that can be quite interesting to look at during the winter. The 3-Flowered Maples located in the sitting plaza at the west entrance to PAC display a similar exfoliating bark.

Another intriguing tree with unusual bark is located in the secluded alcove next to the northwest entrance to SLC. The Snakebark Maple has a bark that is snake-like, smooth, and green with purplish - red tints. Vertical stripes can be spotted on the younger bark. Watch out if it starts hissing!

O.K., other than bark on a tree, many trees have various kinds of fruit. We have about 10 different kinds of Crabapples on campus that have attractive red and golden fruits. Many of these fruits persist throughout much of the winter. The fruit, which is set late in the summer, provides birds a valuable source of food during the winter months. Did you know that a crabapple is defined by the size of its fruit? If the fruit is smaller than 2 inches in diameter, it is a crabapple. If the fruit is larger, it is usually referred to as an apple. Now you know!

The slow growing Showy Mountain Ash has bright scarlet berries that are a favorite of Cedar Waxwings and Robins. WSU’s Showy Mountain Ash can be found in the central part of the campus courtyard.

WSU has a number of trees that have pods that hang onto the tree throughout much of the winter. A mature Catalpa tree with long, thin pods can be seen in front of Watkins Hall, while the Kentucky Coffeetree has shorter thicker pods and can be spotted west of Minne Hall. The dark pods of these two different trees stand out in the winter and add another dimension to the winter landscape.

So open your eyes a bit wider and take a brisk stroll through the campus and see the trees during the snowy months of winter. There are many more trees of interest that are just waiting for you to find. You might actually have a good time.

Bill Meyer, Contributing Columnist, 2010, Senior Groundskeeper