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**How to Register for Classes and Events:**

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2. **Email:** retiree@winona.edu
3. **By Mail:** The Learning Club, c/o WSU Retiree Center, PO Box 5838, Winona, MN 55987
4. **In Person:** WSU Retiree Center located on the 1st floor of the WSU Alumni House, 227 West 7th Street
   (Corner of Winona & Wabasha Streets). Parking is available in the back.

All classes/events that have a fee are required to be paid in advance of the deadline indicated (by mail or in person as indicated above). Reservation for the class/event is not secured until payment is received.
POVERTY IN WINONA

Media reports have made us more aware of the poverty produced throughout the nation by the Great Recession. But how much do we know about the effects of the recession in our own community? How great the needs and what are our social service organizations doing to meet them? Sandra Burke, the Executive Director of Winona Volunteer Services, will give us a clearer picture of what it means to be poor in Winona.

Date: Wednesday March 14, 2012
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Winona County History Center

LIBRARY SERVICE IN THE ELECTRONIC AGE

Carol Borzyskowski has worked in the library for twenty-five years. She has been at the circulation desk, behind the scenes and is now at the reference desk. She loves mysteries and solving puzzles and questions that patrons encounter. She served on the Fine Arts Commission for five years and initiated the Poet Laureate Program.

Carol will show how to explore and use on-line services provided by SELCO and how to get an on-line book. She will tell what publishers are doing and comment on print vs. digital publications. You will learn about how the library can fit your needs, the impact of budget cuts, and more.

Date: Thursday March 15, 2012
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Winona County History Center

TOUR: ST. MARY’S PERFORMANCE CENTER

We will meet in the lobby of the Performance Center for a brief tour behind the scenes of Page Theater that includes the “fly” system for lights and scenery. A brief history will be given of the building that is home to the Page Professional Performance series and many other performances.

Patrick Grace, General Manager, has been with St Mary’s for 4 years. “Fluffy” Blake is Production Manager, and Tove Wiggs is Box Office Manager.

Date: Tuesday March 20, 2012
Time: 1:00 pm
Location: St. Mary’s University Campus
"DIGGING THE BIG DITCH" – A PANAMA CANAL STORY

The Panama Canal is a story of desire, determination, engineering skill, and control of disease.

Thoughts of an efficient route across the Isthmus of Panama go back to the Spanish in the 1500's. The French then worked on a canal design and began construction in 1879. However, due to a poor design and disease, this project failed. Then the U.S. took over in 1904 and in ten years completed the current canal. The canal was turned over to Panama in 1999, and now a canal expansion project is underway which will allow the transit of larger ships.

Join Jim & Ruth Erickson as they share the history of the canal and, with pictures, let you experience their recent trip through the canal.

Date: Thursday March 22, 2012
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Winona County History Center

BASEBALL IN WINONA

Al Smith, Mr. Baseball of Winona, will prepare us for the baseball season by giving us some insights into the history of baseball as well as baseball now. His topics will include:

- In the Big inning Baseball (play on words)
- Baseball before its earliest days
- Baseball in its earliest days
- Baseball in Winona's earliest days
- Amateur Baseball in Winona and Minnesota now
- Baseball on the Pro level

Mr. Smith will be dressed in 1840's vintage Baseball attire!

Date: Tuesday April 3, 2012
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Winona County History Center

FROM MINNESOTA TO MARCELLUS: WHY HYDRAULIC FRACTURING OPERATIONS ARE EYEING THE UPPER MIDWEST FOR EXTRACTION RESOURCES

"Hydraulic fracturing" is a term that has come into our local vocabularies in recent months. Candace L. Kairies Beatty, WSU Assistant Professor of Geoscience, will give an overview of hydraulic fracturing processes and operations in the United States, with a focus on the Marcellus shale (a major natural gas deposit in the eastern US) and the role of Minnesota sand in the extraction process. Environmental issues and concerns with all aspects of hydraulic fracturing from sand extraction to the actual fracturing process will be discussed.

Date: Tuesday April 10, 2012
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Winona County History Center
TOUR: EQUESTRIAN CENTER

The Equestrian Center is owned and managed by Jessica Rivers. The facility is on 3 acres, has 342 stalls, and 2 indoor arenas. In addition to having breed shows, Jessica has a paint horse business. She trains and promotes the horses raised at the farm.

**Directions:** Take HWY 43 [near Fleet Farm] for approx. 5miles. Turn right [W] on HWY 21 [Gilmore Valley Rd], travel approx. 1 mile. Equestrian Center is on your left or take HWY 14, turn left onto Gilmore Valley Rd, travel for a little over 5 miles-Equestrian Center is on your right.

**Date:** Monday April 16, 2012  
**Time:** 10:00 am  
**Location:** Equestrian Center, 24621 Gilmore Valley Road Winona MN

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STUPID DECISIONS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Can leaders who attain positions of prominence and power be trusted to make wise decisions? Not if the Civil War is any indication. Some of the Civil War's best generals made terrible decisions that led to lost battles and thousands of unnecessary deaths. Robert Raz, a retired Winona State University professor, will describe specific examples of these bad decisions, including decisions by the war's two greatest generals, Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant. He will also speculate about why intelligent people do dumb things.

**Date:** Thursday April 26, 2012  
**Time:** 10:00 am  
**Location:** Winona County History Center

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The Learning Club  
...within the CLUB schedules

**MYSTERY READERS BOOK CLUB**

The Mystery Readers Book Club meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month at Callista Court. Members read any work by the author chosen for the month. To begin discussion one member gives a biographic summary of the author and information about his/her work.

**Date:** Tuesday March 27, 2012; Author: Henning Mankell  
**Date:** Tuesday April 24, 2012; Author: Daniel Silva  
**Time:** 10:30 am  
**Location:** Callista Court - 1455 West Broadway

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**STORYTELLING GROUP**  
**September to May** - **Meeting Date:** 3rd Wednesday of the Month

**Dates:**  
Wednesday March 21, 2012  
Wednesday April 18, 2012  
**Time:** 1 pm  
**Location:** WSU Retiree Center, WSU Alumni House, 227 West Wabasha.

Visitors or participants are always welcome. Parking is available in the driveway behind the Alumni House and the front door is handicap accessible. New members are welcome to come and listen or participate by telling a short story.
Senior University Spring 2012 Courses

Ancient Creation Myths
Emilio Degrazia, English Professor Emeritus
A study of creation myths as scripted in Mesopotamian, Greek/Roman, and Hebrew texts. Various interpretive models to be considered.

Thursdays, February 9, 16, 23, March 1, 8
2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Maxwell 257

Architectural Monuments of the Western World
Dominic Ricciotti, Art Professor Emeritus
A discussion of a single architectural monument representative of its era comprises each of the five class lectures. Considered too are various thematic links among the buildings, whether architectural, philosophical, or conceptual. Sculpture made for the building and how it relates (through iconography or style) to its function is also explored. Each lecture includes additional examples of the featured building’s type so as to illuminate its style or its meaning.

Tuesdays, March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Maxwell 257

Aldo Leopold’s Legacy: The Conservation Ethic
Bruno Borsari, WSU Biology Professor, Tex Hawkins and Eric Nelson, retired U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Joe Tadie, Saint Mary’s University Philosophy Professor
This course will focus on the conservation ethic and environmental achievements of Aldo Leopold, one of the most famous environmental pioneers of the 20th century. Participants will read and discuss Leopold’s, A Sand County Almanac, view the documentary, “Greenfire,” and engage in a full afternoon field trip to a local prairie and watershed that illustrates Leopold’s influence. Note: Optional day field trip to the Leopold Center and Sand Hill Crane Foundation, Baraboo, WI (additional cost) on May 23rd.

Wednesdays, April 25, May 2, 9, 16
1:00-3:00 p.m. Kryzsko, Dining Rooms E, F, G

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Senior University Spring 2012

REGISTRATION FORM

Name __________________________
Address __________________________
City ______________ State ____ Zip ______
Phone __________________________
Email __________________________

Please provide:
WSU Retiree ID# ____________________ OR
Senior University ID# ________________ OR

Birth Date __________________________

Indicate which course fees are enclosed:
☐ Ancient Creation Myths - $40
☐ Architectural Monuments - $40
☐ Aldo Leopold’s Legacy - $50*

*Note: A Sand County Almanac required reading
Available at Amazon.com for approx $6.17

Total Enclosed $ ____________

Indicate type of payment:
☐ Check  ☐ Cash

You may register online at: http://winona.augusoft.net

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