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WSU Learning Club

Learning in Retirement

WINONA STATE UNIVERSITY
Retiree Center

The Learning Club

Mailing Address:
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Location:
1st floor/ WSU Alumni House
227 West Seventh Street
Corner of Winona & Wabasha Streets

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http://www.winona.edu/retiree

Learning Club Memberships
$20/person annually
Contact: 507-457-2331 for details

The Learning Club invites all members to share ideas for programs and attend programming meetings.
The next meeting is 10/7/13 9:00 am – History Center

Go green - The Learning Club Newsletter is available online the 15th of even months
www.winona.edu/retiree
(click The Learning Club on the left navigation bar)
You may print a copy or read online

Save trees - receive an email copy

Sign up – 457-2331

How to Register for Classes and Events:

1. Phone: call 507-457-2331
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 programs/events requiring an additional fee must be paid in advance of the deadline indicated (by mail or in person as indicated above). Reservation for the program/event is not secured until payment is received.
THE ALL TOO HUMAN SIDE OF HISTORY

Dennis Challeen, retired judge, has written five books on criminal justice, is a visiting faculty member of the National Judicial College and has spoken at judges education seminars throughout the U.S. Judge Challeen is credited with creating the program of sentencing non-violent offenders to community service instead of jail-time; a program that has spread across the nation and to foreign countries. (for more on Judge Challeen please see his bio on Amazon.com)

Date: Wednesday, September 4
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Winona County History Center

THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF CHILDHOOD

Katy is happy to share with The Learning Club what her work has taught her about the changing landscape of childhood. She has been engaging Minnesotans in a conversation about what children, especially the youngest in our community, need to succeed in a world that few of us can even imagine. Our communities need to do a better job in supporting young families. She looks forward to sharing and learning with you.

Katy Smith is an ECFE parent educator in the Winona Area Public Schools, plus a community educator to a variety of groups. We are also proud of Katy as the 2011 Minnesota Teacher of the Year.

Date: Thursday, September 12
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Winona County History Center

WHAT HAPPENS TO OUR RECYCLABLES?

With all the changes to Winona County’s recycling program in 2012, including single-sort recycling, many residents want to understand what happens to recyclables collected in the program. Anne Morse of Winona County will join us to provide an overview of the processing side our recycling system, including a video of the sorting equipment used at the big recycling Materials Recovery Facility. She can answer your recycling questions, of which we know nearly all of us have at least one.

Anne Morse, Sustainability Coordinator, will provide a look at the uses for recycled materials and the products that contain recycled content. Anne has been in charge of the county’s recycling program since 1991, and today also works to promote energy conservation and renewable energy of all types in the county.

Date: Wednesday, September 18
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Winona County History Center
THE REAL-LIFE GREAT HORNED OWL SOAP OPERA

First Victor evicted Wendell and Wheezy from their own territory. Then Wheezy got sick and was taken into rehab and Wendell waited every day for her to return. Wheezy died so Victor and Virginia ran Wendell off. Then when Rusty and Iris moved in, Scarlett Owl Hara showed up to try to steal Rusty and kill Alice. If this sounds like a soap opera, it is! But it’s a real life, true as true can be owl soap opera that has taken place just outside of Houston.

Get the juicy details on this ongoing owl drama in a presentation that involves audio recordings and video footage of these owls. Alice the Great Horned Owl will be present to tell her side of the story too as you learn about the vocalizations, behavior, and breeding ecology of her species in this real life research adventure.

Directions: Take Homer Road to Pleasant Valley Road (which becomes County Rd 17 and eventually CR12). Turn right onto MN 76 (travel 13.7 miles on this road). Turn left onto E. Plum Street, travel .1 mile to the Nature Center.

Date: Tuesday, October 8
Time: 10:30 am
Location: Houston Nature Center, 215 W. Plum St, Houston, MN
Attendance limited to 35 people, please sign up early

Note: If you plan on having lunch in Houston, Karla recommends a great German restaurant, Through the Grapevine, run by a wonderful German woman, Rosi Buege, who makes everything from scratch! Please call ahead for reservations, 507-896-1000.

AGE OF NAPOLEON

Military genius, Child of the French Revolution, Reformer, or Dictator? Who was the real Napoleon? What were his accomplishments? What is his place in history?

Dr. Norm Sobiesk, WSU Professor Emeritus, will present a two-part lecture series on Napoleon Bonaparte.

Part I. The rise of Napoleon from obscure origins to Emperor of France.

Part II. After conquering most of Europe Napoleon over-reached himself. His disastrous Russian Campaign marked the beginning of the end for the Napoleonic Empire.

Dates: Monday, October 14 and Wednesday, October 16
Time: 1:00 pm
Location: Winona County History Center
GARGOYLES, GROTESQUES & CHIMERAS

We all know what a gargoyle is, or do we? When did they start appearing on buildings? Why are they there? Enjoy a fascinating look at these sculpted figures and discover the differences and similarities among gargoyles, grotesques and chimeras.

Jeanine Black is a language instructor with a passion for the Middle Ages. She holds master's degrees in French (University of Kansas) and English (Georgetown University) and completed 24 hours of study toward a PhD in medieval French literature at the Catholic University of America. She also studied at the Université de Dijon and Université de Genève, and has taught French as an adjunct faculty member of the WSU Global Studies and World Languages department.

Dates: Thursday, October 31
Time: 10:30 am
Location: Winona County History Center

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, September 24; Author: Ellis Peters
      Tuesday, October 22; Author: Indridason Arnaldur
Time: 10:30 am
Location: Callista Court - 1455 West Broadway

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

Dates: Wednesday, September 18 – Topic: My Favorite Vacation
      Wednesday, October 16
Time: 1:00 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.
# Learning Club Calendar of Events – September – October, 2013

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Stay Curious – Keep Learning!