# Newsletter and Schedule
March-April, 2015

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**The Learning Club invites all members to share ideas for programs and attend programming meetings.**

*The next meeting is 2/23/15 9:00 am – History Center*

**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.
Atomic Bomb to Blue LED with Dr. Richard Shields

Reflections on how developments in physics have changed the world in my lifetime. I have been a professor of physics at Winona State University for over 40 years. Great developments in science and technology during that time have made my job very interesting and have changed the lives of everyone. I start with the atomic bomb and end with the invention of the blue laser. I then look into the future and make some predictions about the things to come.

Date: Monday, March 9, 2015
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Winona County History Center – Wanek Room

Wenonah Canoe Tour

Wenonah Canoe is a small, independent, family-owned company that has become an award-winning designer and manufacturer of high performance canoes and kayaks, sold and paddled around the world. Today we will have the opportunity to tour their newest facility dedicated to the manufacture of kayaks.

*The address is 850 Louisa Street. We are to meet at the front office at 10 a.m. Please be sure to register if you wish to attend since we are limited to 30 people for the tour.

Date: Tuesday, March 10 2015
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Wenonah Canoe Facility – 850 Louisa Street, Winona

PTSD: Will I Ever Get Out of the Army?

Dan Pomeroy, a Winona native, graduated in the class of ’67, just in time for the upcoming Vietnam War draft. After serving as an infantry paratrooper, he eventually earned a business degree and spent 25 years selling mostly medical equipment and pediatric vaccines out of a Chicago suburb. The first half of those years was "the American dream," the last half not so much. Around 2000, he approached the Veterans Administration and was diagnosed with chronic PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder). Dan will share his story of Vietnam and the aftermath he experienced.

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2015
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Winona County History Center
Grandparent’s University®
June 25-26, 2015

Are you looking for an engaging, hands-on learning experience to share with your grandchild? Winona State’s Retiree Center invites you and your grandchild to explore college life and create life-long memories at Grandparent’s University®, June 25 & 26, 2015. Class information and schedules will be posted online by February 15 at www.winona.edu/grandparents.

This year we have five exciting majors to choose from!

EXPLORING THE SCIENCE OF LIGHT:
Have you ever wondered how we know what stars are made of? Or why when we look at the Andromeda Galaxy in the night sky, we’re looking into the past? Or how a telescope works? This class will offer fun, hands-on activities to investigate the answers to these questions and many other fascinating properties of light!

TELLING TALES FOR THE STAGE:
Do you love telling stories? Do you dream about having your words brought to life on the Broadway stage? If so, this course is for you! In this class we’ll write an original short play based on a ‘mash-up’ of fairy tales filled with storybook characters! In this digital age of on-demand videos and amazing computer graphics we’ll discover why the simple act of bringing stories and characters to life on stage is still one of the world’s most popular art forms.

MYSTERIOUS MICROBIOLOGY – THE GOOD, THE BAD, and THE UGLY:
Discover the microbes that live EVERYWHERE – they are in us, on us, and all around us in places where you least expect! You will grow and view these microscopic bugs (bacteria, molds, germs, viruses, etc.) using high-powered microscopes. Come prepare to be amazed and, at times, a little “grossed out” by all the microscopic critters living in our environment!

FAMILY OUTDOOR (AND INDOOR*) ADVENTURES:
Get outside and experience some of the best outdoor activities the Upper Mississippi River Valley has to offer. Geocaching canoeing, and kayaking are some of the best family activities during the summer months. Learn the basics of these fantastic lifetime activities and share experiences in a beautiful outdoor setting. You’ll also have a chance to test your mettle on the low and high ropes courses and other adventure activities. *NEW FOR 2015: Students will be able to experience WSU’s brand new 5,200 square foot indoor climbing wall! (Don’t worry...if you would rather cheer your grandchild on than participate, that’s fine!).

LEGO MINDSTORMS – INTRODUCTION TO ROBOTICS:
This class will offer students the opportunity to embark on an adventurous challenge with Lego NXT technology in order to design, assemble and program robots. You will program your robots to perform tasks, compete in races, run an obstacle course, and complete other challenges created by you! No prior experience with computer programming or robots needed.

$295 per pair – w/stay in residence hall   $259 per pair – w/o residence hall

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Senior University – Summer 2015

We have a couple exceptional Senior University courses to offer this summer. I’m sure these classes are going to fill quickly, so register early! Summer registration will be open in late February/early March. More information at www.winona.edu/retiree/senioruni.asp.

Mysteries of the Upper Mississippi: Geology and Ecology of a Large Floodplain River

Instructors: Toby Dogwiler & Bill Richardson; Date: Thursdays; June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 2 & 9
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Ever wonder what goes on in the murky waters of the Mississippi River and how the river and its valley were formed and got to be where they are today? If so, this is the course for you. We will investigate the geologic history of the Mississippi, its dynamics and processes, its many life forms, and its many ecological systems. The course will include hands-on experiences in the WSU STaRS Flume lab and on the Mississippi River, including a class period on the vessel Cal Fremling, as well as a foray into the backwaters of Aghaming Park. Limited enrollment.

Outdoor Adventures

Instructor: Eric Barnard & Ross Greedy; Date: Wednesdays; July 8, 15, 22 & 29
Time: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Gain an appreciation and concern for our natural environment while exploring outdoor activities. Learn new skills, meet new people and get outside! Activities include geocaching, rock climbing, canoeing and kayaking, as well as high & low ropes course initiatives and elements. All activities follow the challenge by choice philosophy and are facilitated by nationally certified instructors. Step out of your comfort zone and join others in four weeks of new adventures in the Mississippi River Valley! Eric Barnard, director of WSU’s Outdoor Education & Recreation Center, and his staff are highly-trained outdoor professionals. He is committed to inspiring individuals to become lifelong advocates for sustainability, conservation and healthy lifestyles. Limited enrollment.
Genetics

Dr. Dick Kowles will present on the topic of Genetics. Dr. Kowles is a retired Professor Emeritus who devoted 40 years to education and the sciences at Saint Mary’s University.

Dr. Kowles was honored with a Presidential Award for Outstanding Merit by Saint Mary’s in 2012 for teaching, mentoring and inspiring thousands of biology students for more than 40 years and for securing more than 30 national and private grants for the advancement of science at SMU. Additionally, Dr. Kowles — renowned regionally and nationally as an expert in the field of genetics — has distinguished himself as both a researcher and a writer through the publications of books, textbooks and scientific articles.

Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2015  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Location: Winona County History Center

The Changing Face of the Family Farm

Date: Thursday, April 9, 2015  
Time: 1:00 p.m.  
Location: Winona County History Center

Glen Groth is a family farmer and the President of the Winona County Farm Bureau. He has given presentations about farming to many groups in the area including the Winona Lions and Rotary Clubs. He will give an overview of today’s agriculture industry while also taking time to delve into controversial topics like GMOs, animal welfare, pesticides and the changing face of the family farm.
Cleaning out those closets and wondering what to do with your no-longer-needed stuff? Someone needs it, and today's online selling options make it easier than ever to find that someone. If you've been reluctant to try online selling, Marilyn DuCett, Barb Burchill, and Michelle Urbick can help you have success with eBay, Craig's List, or Etsy. Marilyn sells real estate for her career here in Winona, but she uses eBay for buying and selling household items; Barb is a long-time Winona resident and Learning Club member who has sold numerous items on Craig's List; and Michelle is a local business owner and web marketing expert who has been selling vintage and handmade products online for more than three years. This will be a panel discussion with a Q-and-A session following.

**Date:** Monday, April 20, 2015  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Winona History Center

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**Vietnam Revisited: Reflections of a Young Lieutenant**

This talk will center on Roger Reitmeier's personal reflections of the Vietnam War from the perspective of a young combat officer (i.e. the general nature of the war in the trenches, mistakes relative to how the war was managed by the civilian authority in Washington and senior military leadership, and what it was like to return to a country torn apart philosophically by the war). Roger's tour of duty was from Sept 1967 to Oct 1968. He was an artillery officer assigned to an infantry battalion as a Forward Observer and later as a Liaison Officer and participated in 12 combat operations plus the Tet Offensive of 1968 (the "Gettysburg" of the Vietnam War). During his service, he participated in several close combat fire fights.

**Date:** Wednesday, April 22, 2015  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Winona History Center
Fly Fishing Eternity: Poems from the Driftless Region

Michael Larson teaches English at Southeast Technical College in Winona, and is both a fly fisherman and a poet. In the summer of 2013, he received a grant from the Southeast Minnesota Arts Council to write a series of poems about fly fishing here in the Driftless Region. He will read from the resulting work as he talks about both poetry and fly fishing.

Date: Thursday, April 30, 2015
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Winona History Center

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 24, 2015 - Author: Josephine Tey
       Tuesday, April 28, 2015 – Author: Charlotte MacLeod
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: Callista Court - 1455 West Broadway

STORYTELLING GROUP

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

Dates: Wednesday, March 18, 2015
       Wednesday, April 15, 2015
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: WSU Retiree Center, WSU Alumni House, 227 West Wabasha.

Visitors or participants are always welcome. New members are welcome to come and listen or participate by telling a short story.
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