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Four ways 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 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.
HEALING THE WOUNDS & PREVENTING THE PRACTICE

The Center for Victims of Torture (CVT) is a private, non-profit organization headquartered in Minneapolis, MN that provides victims of politically motivated torture with medical, psychological, and social services both in the Twin Cities and abroad. Founded in 1985, The Center for Victims of Torture was the first organization in the United States created specifically to provide specialized treatment for torture victims.

For both its victims and perpetrators, torture is degrading and dehumanizing. Yet it is commonly utilized throughout the world. The Twin Cities Center for Victims of Torture has become a leader in helping victims recover from torture and in advocating for ending its practice. This session will take you through the Center's twenty-six year history and mission.

Presenter:
Ben Kohler spent his entire career in education—as a high school teacher and counselor, in Chicago but mainly in the Twin Cities. For the past ten years, since he retired, he has served as a volunteer at the Center in various roles—as a client advocate, language tutor, driver, speaker, and writer for the Center's story gathering project.

Date: Thursday, July 28, 2011
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Winona County History Center

ROLE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Winona was settled by non-Native Americans in 1851, and the town was laid out into lots in 1852-3. The population increased from 815 in December, 1855, to 3,000 in December, 1856. In 1860 Winona had a population of 2,456, and was third largest city in Minnesota until the late 1880s. The first charter election for the city of Winona was held April 7, 1857. What is the role of the City Manager? Eric Sorenson presents the Winona Charter and the implications for the role of the City Manager.

Presenter:
Eric Sorenson was City Manager for the City of Winona for more than 23 years. Recently retired, Sorenson has left a legacy of multiple accomplishments.

Date: Tuesday, August 2, 2011
Time: 1:00 pm
Location: Winona County History Center
Bill Meyer, recently retired Senior Groundskeeper for Winona State University, leads a tour of the campus landscape. Winona State campus boasts more than 90 species of trees. He presents some of the more interesting and unusual trees found on the grounds, along with many of Minnesota's native and non-native trees. Get ideas for trees that would be good in your backyard. Bring questions, and be prepared to have an enjoyable and informative morning.

**Presenter:**
Bill Meyer grew up in St. Paul, MN worked at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum while a student there, and after graduating, worked as a horticulturist on the Deer Lake estate of former governor Elmer Andersen, near St. Croix Falls, WI, before his position at WSU.

**Date:** Wednesday, August 10, 2011  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Winona State University Campus  
Meet at the Gazebo (center of campus).  
Bring your own water bottle - water will be provided.

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**The Learning Club - Fall Open House**

**Date:** Thursday, August 11, 2011  
**Time:** 9:00 am Social Hour  
9:30 am Meeting  
10:00 am Program  
**Location:** Baldwin Lounge, Kryzsko  
Winona State University  
Parking available:  
Silver Lot (Huff Street)  
Gold Lot (Mark Street)  

2011-2012 Membership Dues: $20  
Pay at Open House or Mail to Retiree Center

**Reservation Needed.**  
**RSVP** 507.457.2331 or retiree@winona.edu

Fall Open House Program features *Heart Strings Harp Circle*, a harp ensemble from the Winona area. Members started playing the harp for various reasons, and have one thing in common – they love the harp, the music they create with it, and how it makes them feel. The group has grown to ten members. Members of the group present information about harps as part of their entertainment.
The Muslim Community in the United States

The Muslim community has become an important part of our diverse American culture. What were the beginnings of this community? How and why has it grown? How has it been affected by the attitudes of the post-9/11 world? Ahmed El-Afandi discusses these and other relevant questions.

**Presenter:** Ahmed El-Afandi, Professor Emeritus, Political Science, Winona State University. His contributions to the community of Winona, through organizations such as the Human Rights Commission and the Islamic Center of Winona, have provided understanding of complex and important issues of diversity and civil freedom.

**Date:** Tuesday, August 16, 2011
**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, July 26, 2011, Author: Chuck Logan
- Tuesday, August 23, 2011, Author: Keith Ablow

**Time:**
- 10:30 am

**Location:**
- Callista Court - 1455 West Broadway

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**STORYTELLING GROUP**

**Storytelling will not be held July or August. We will resume in September**

**Meeting Date:** 3rd Wednesday of the Month
**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 assessable. New members are welcome to come and listen or participate by telling a short story.

For more events during the month of July, check out the Visit Winona website http://www.visitwinona.com/events/
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Dear Learning Club Members,
It has been a great pleasure to get to know you and serve the members of The Learning Club through my position as the WSU Liaison for 5 ½ years while Director of WSU Retiree Center. I am retiring from the University, June 30, 2011. I have always been proud to be a part of this community and when our paths have met, I’ve enjoyed getting to know a little about you and enhancing my life. Continue your good work in providing lifelong learning opportunities in Winona. The University is filling my position in the near future and continues to support The Learning Club.

Cathie Logan

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