# Newsletter and Schedule

## March – April, 2011

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WSU Retiree Center

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507-457-2331

### Reminder.

**Registration matters.**

Thank you.

### How to Register for Classes and Events:

1. **Phone:** call 507/457-2331
2. **Email:** [retiree@winona.edu](mailto: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.

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HEARING LOSS & HEARING AIDS

Are you accusing others of mumbling? Have others been turning up the TV volume? Dr. Diane Perrone will review types of hearing loss and current hearing aid technology. Dr. Perrone has a clinical doctorate in audiology and since 1998 has been a clinical audiologist at Gundersen Lutheran.

**Date:** Thursday, March 10, 2011  
**Time:** 2:00 pm  
**Location:** Winona County History Center

SOURCING FOOD LOCALLY

Locally grown foods may be better for your health as well as good for our local economy. Learn about foods that are available directly from local farmers and at the Winona Farmers Market. Learn about growing practices and we’ll examine how to become a “co-producer” of your food by buying locally.

Presenter name: Jennifer Rupprecht  
Jennifer and her husband Mike have farmed together since 1983. Their farm is a certified organic pasture and crop farm. They have marketed their grass-fed beef and organic chickens locally, including at the Winona Farmers Market for the last 12 years.

**Date:** Tuesday March 15, 2011  
**Time:** 10:00 am  
**Location:** Winona County History Center

THE ROLE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Eric Sorenson has been the City Manager for the City of Winona for more than 23 years. He has recently retired and left a legacy of multiple accomplishments. He will speak to us on the Winona Charter and the implications for the role of the City Manager.

**Date:** Monday March 21, 2011  
**Time:** 1:00 pm  
**Location:** Winona County History Center

TUNISIA: Culture & History from Mediterranean to Sahara

Tunisia has a long history beginning with its native Berber peoples. Highlights of its past include the major ancient Phoenician City of Carthage and the many Roman ruins in the area which became the “bread basket” of the Roman Empire.

Traveling south, you pass millions of olive trees brought here by the Romans, and then you will see oases with huge date palm plantations. Once in the south, you realize that almost 40% of the country is part of the great Sahara Desert, where camels are still used for transportation. Join us as we look at and discuss this somewhat unknown but fascinating country.

**Date:** Thursday March 24, 2011  
**Time:** 10:00 am  
**Location:** Winona County History Center
WINONA MANUFACTURING

Winona has fared better than many communities during the recession, in large part because of its strong manufacturing base. Many of us do not fully understand the strength and diversity of this base. We may know of Fastenal and RTP, but what exactly do they do? What about the many smaller companies that we rarely hear about? Della Schmidt, Winona Chamber of Commerce President, will give us a better understanding of this important part of our community.

Date: Thursday, April 7, 2011  
Time: 10:00 am  
Location: Winona County History Center

MALAYSIAN CULTURE

Americans hear a lot about China, Japan, North and South Korea, and Vietnam, but what about Malaysia, one of the Asian nations that is rarely in the news in the United States? As a result of this lack of regular news coverage, we know little about Malaysia and its people. Someone who can increase our understanding is Pat Mutter, Executive Director of Visit Winona. She was born and grew up in Malaysia before coming to the United States as an adult. She will explain how the culture she knew in Malaysia compares with the culture she found when she came to America.

Date: Monday, April 11  
Time: 10:00 am  
Location: Winona County History Center

ST. MARTIN’S LUTHERAN CHURCH TOUR

St. Martin’s is more than 155 years old and was the first Lutheran Church in Minnesota. It is the Mother Church of the Minnesota and Wisconsin Synods.

Date: Thursday, April 28, 2011  
Time: 10:30 am  
Location: St. Martin’s Lutheran Church 328 E Broadway

Note: Please enter on the Broadway side of the church—through the double glass doors on the west side of the church’s main steps
A peer-led set of short courses taught by professor emeriti, WSU faculty, and topic experts to provide intellectual and cultural stimulation and growth, thus providing opportunities for lifelong learning and leadership, combined with the fellowship of peers sharing a common quest for continued growth.

Non-credit classes, one day a week during a 4-6 week term, no tests, no grades.

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

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The Learning Club
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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 22, 2011 – Author Sarah Graves
      Tuesday, April 26, 2011
Time: 10:30 am
Location: Callista Court - 1455 West Broadway

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

Dates:          Wednesday March 16, 2011
               Wednesday, April 20, 2011
Time:           1 pm
Location: WSU Retiree Center, WSU Alumni House, 227 West Wabasha.

Topics:
March 16- A story about a horrible haircut you got (or gave)
April 20- A story about helping a stranger or someone you knew in great need

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.
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