### The Learning Club Newsletter and Schedule
#### November – December, 2011

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**WSU Learning Club**

- **Learning in Retirement**
- **Winona State University**
- **WSU Retiree Center**

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- WSU Retiree Center
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- Winona MN 55987

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

**Email:**
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- 507-457-2331

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*Sign up – 457-2331*

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**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 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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*We strongly encourage you to sign up for classes early as room capacity may necessitate capping attendance.*
SCAMS...AND OTHER SAFETY TIPS
Kevin Kearney has been with the Winona Police Department for over 12 years. He started as a patrol officer, then a DARE officer, and now works as the Community Liaison Officer. He will be doing a presentation regarding SCAMS targeting the “older Generation” and some other useful safety tips.

Date: Tuesday November 1, 2011
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Winona County History Center

ARMISTICE DAY BLIZZARD
November 11, 1940, a date to be remembered in the regional upper Midwest. The day dawned perfectly, sunny and warm, weather forecasters were predicting that later a front would be moving through, many duck hunters were out. The front came quickly, bringing blizzard conditions and dropping temperatures precipitously. Many hunters were stranded—there were dangerous rescues and acts of heroism. More than fifty hunters died in the region. Walt Bennick, Winona History Center archivist, will tell of that tragic day.

Date: Tuesday November 8, 2011
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Winona County History Center

“GIVE THE REBELS HELL”– MINNESOTA AND WINONA AT THE START OF THE CIVIL WAR
As a state recently admitted to the Union, how did Minnesota and Winona get so involved in the Civil War right from the beginning? Following some pre-war comments, special notice will be given to Winona’s young men who volunteered to fight. We will hear about a few of their reactions and experiences through letters sent back home. Join Jim Erickson in a discussion of the local events during the war’s first year, 1861, as a nation begins to celebrate the Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War, 1861-1865.

Date: Tuesday November 15, 2011
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Winona County History Center
Once again this year, Learning Club members will be joining with Gene Pelowski’s Advanced Government Class from Winona Senior High and WSU’s Teaching Social Studies Class to discuss a very timely topic—“What Should Go on the Internet?”

Those attending the Forum will focus on three views:
1) Privacy- a fundamental American value
2) Freedom of speech
3) Security and personal safety

Prior to the Forum, each person registered will receive a booklet covering this topic. We hope you will plan to attend. There will be opportunities to make comments along with listening to thoughts and information shared by those from high school age to Learning Club age. It will be a fascinating morning. Please make reservations early to ensure receipt of the booklet before the Forum.

Date: Friday December 2, 2011
Time: 8:00-8:30 am – Refreshments
8:30-11:30 am – Topic Introduction, Deliberation, Wrap-Up, Evaluation
Location: St. Mary’s Church, Visitation Commons, 1303 W. Broadway

END OF THE YEAR TAX TIPS

Dick Schneider, Professor Emeritus, WSU, is also an inactive CPA (Arizona, Minnesota, and Wisconsin) and currently works with the local AARP Tax Aide program. He will discuss end of the year preparations and share some important tips that you should know!

Date: Tuesday, November 29, 2011
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Winona County Historical Center

STALKING THE POLAR BEARS

Polar bears congregate at Hudson Bay to prey on the arctic seals to build up energy reserves for the winter. Elmer and Louise Mattilas traveled by train, tundra buggy and helicopter to see these magnificent bears. They will share their photos and information about the bears as well as their experiences of travel to Churchill, Manitoba.

Date: Thursday December 8, 2011
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Winona County 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, November 22, 2011 - Author: Michael Dibdin
No meeting in December
Time: 10:30 am
Location: Callista Court - 1455 West Broadway

STORYTELLING GROUP

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

Dates: Wednesday November 16, 2011
       Wednesday December 21, 2011
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.
Room Still Available in Senior University 2011 Fall Classes!!

Vanishing Species: Today’s Biodiversity and Mass Extinction – Carol Jefferson
Three World Religions: History, Beliefs, and Practices – Facilitators: David Marshall, Jim Reynolds
Panelists: Rabbi Michelle Werner, Colette Hyman, David Marshall, Kathy Redig, Rev. Timothy Forester, Ahmed El-Afandi

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**Spring 2012 Courses**

**Leaving a Legacy:**
*Writing a Personal Journal*
Carol Galbus, English Professor Emeritus

By recalling times/events in our lives and deciding which we wish to share, we will commit to writing about these bits of nostalgia and share with class members in order to stimulate more ideas and enthusiasm for continuing to do so. We may examine outside writings/writers to help us recall and write clearly. Much writing and sharing will be done! Required book supplied by instructor.

Tuesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31; 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
(limited to 10 students)

**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.

**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.

**Aldo Leopold’s Legacy:**
*The Conservation Ethic*
Bruno Bontani, WSU Biology Professor, Tom Hawkins and Eric Nelson, retired U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Joe Tedde, 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.

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

Wednesdays, April 25, May 2, 9, 16; 1:00-3:00 p.m.

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**REGISTERATION 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:

☐ Three World Religions - $40
☐ Vanishing Species - $40
☐ Leaving a Legacy - $47.60 (includes book)
☐ Ancient Creation Myths - $40
☐ Architectural Monuments - $40
☐ Aldo Leopold’s Legacy - $50

(includes $10 for May 16 field trip to Prairie Moon Nursery)

Total Enclosed $ __________

Indicate type of payment:

☐ Check ☐ Cash

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

Return the registration form along with your check or cash to:
Winona State University
Retiree Center
P.O. Box 5838
Winona, MN 55987
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