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The Learning Club invites all members to share ideas for programs and attend programming meetings.
The next meeting is 1/6/14 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.
Eastern Europe

Journey with Ormsin & Harry Gardiner as they share their experiences and photos during their recent tour of Eastern Europe. The Gardiner’s are seasoned travelers who have delighted lifelong learning groups in Winona and LaCrosse with their travelogues.

Date: Wednesday, January 8, 2014
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: Winona County History Center

Hospice & Palliative Care

Shelia Skeels, LSW, is a College of St. Theresa graduate and a Winona native. She has been involved in the Hospice and palliative care world for 18 years. Skeels believes people know themselves the best but do not always understand their options. Thus she spends a significant part of her work life empowering people. Dying is scary, but it can also be planned much like we plan for birthing a child. Join us for this presentation and be prepared to engage in conversation.

Date: Monday, January 13, 2014
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: Winona County History Center
Cultural Experiences for a Family

In 1994 Marie Kovecsi and her family had the opportunity to live and work in Ifrane, Morocco at Al Akhawayn University for 18 months. The children were seven and 10 when they began their adventure in the Atlas Mountains. How did they prepare? What were the effects of this cultural immersion? Why did they decide to go to Morocco? These and other questions will be answered and discussed. Fair trade products and artifacts from our experience will be shared.

Marie and her husband share a spirit of adventure and curiosity about our world. The family lived in New Zealand for 13 years and also Morocco. They continue to enjoy opportunities to travel and adjust and absorb new cultures. They have lived in Winona for over 10 years and participate in volunteer activities since Marie has recently retired as a teacher of blind and visually impaired children.

Date: Thursday, January 16, 2014
Time: 11:00 AM
Location: Willowbrook Cooperative, 1420 East Burns Valley Rd, Winona

Frequently Asked Funeral Questions

Who do I call when a death occurs at home? What if I die away from home? How do costs differ...traditional vs. cremation? What is pre-funding and pre-planning all about? Brittany Horton/Funeral Director and Sydney Smith/Pre-Planning Specialist will answer these questions and more. Please, feel free to ask the questions you’ve always wondered about.

Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2014
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Winona County History Center

Learning Club Open House

Date: Thursday, February 6, 2014
Time: 9:00 AM (social), 10:00 AM Program
Location: Winona County History Center – Wanek Room

Please join us at what we loosely call the “spring” open house. There will be refreshments served, time to register for upcoming programs, and entertainment. We invite you to bring a guest who may be interested in joining the Learning Club.
**Midwest Music Festival**

When Midwest Music Fest (MWMF) began in 2010, it set out to introduce another annual arts event into Winona’s already thriving arts scene. The fest has continued to build on its success each year and is now in the planning stages for the fifth MWMF happening April 24-26, 2014. MWMF offers multiple genres of music on multiple stages featuring national, regional and local acts. MWMF collaborates with the City of Winona, Earth Day, Winona State University, MN Music Coalition, and numerous businesses and local Winona leaders.

Come hear MWMF founder Sam Brown and managing director Parker Forsell describe the ins-and-outs of the festival’s present and future, ask questions, and give advice!

**Date:** Thursday, February 13 2014  
**Time:** 11:00 AM  
**Location:** Winona County History Center

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**Lake Superior Circle Drive**

Travel with Stewart and Kay Shaw as they drive around Lake Superior, with a side trip to Isle Royale, recreating their honeymoon trip from fifty-one years earlier. Kay’s photos will include several waterfalls along the North Shore and in Ontario, and Ojibwe pictographs on Agawa Rock.

**Date:** Tuesday, February 18, 2014  
**Time:** 10:00 AM  
**Location:** Winona County History Center – Wanek Room

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**Computer Security**

If there's one word that can strike fear in the heart of any computer user, especially one who accesses the internet, or exchanges emails, that word is, "virus." Viruses can generate so much fear in the cyber world that news of a new virus often spreads faster than the virus itself. We'll talk about basic strategies, myths and truths in the world of computer viruses.

Jason Dicus, owner of Computer Dock will host a short presentation on computer viruses and internet safety. The lion share of the hour will be open to questions/answers and general discussion.

**Date:** Friday, February 21, 2014  
**Time:** 10:00 AM  
**Location:** Winona County History Center
Size Matters

Since she was in fifth grade, Learning Club member Barb Burchill has played many different sizes and types of flutes. Currently she plays in the Saint Mary’s University Concert Band, the Winona Municipal Band, and the occasional church gig. Flutes are one of the most ancient of instruments, and Barb will explain some of their history and demonstrate several different types.

Date: Monday, February 24, 2014
Time: 10:00 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, January 28; Author: Kerry Greenwood
      Tuesday, February 25; Author: Alan Bradley
Time: 10:30 am
Location: Callista Court - 1455 West Broadway

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

Dates: Wednesday, January 15
       Wednesday, February 19
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.
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We need your input! The Learning Club is planning a tour of the Arcadia Ashley Furniture plant for late March or early April. The tour covers 2.5 miles of the 50 acre plant (all under one roof!). Registration will be required and limited to only members of the WSU Learning Club. There will be two carts available (six people per cart) for those members unable to walk the 2.5 miles. To finalize our plans we need to know who would be interested in attending and, if so, would you need an accommodation because of limited mobility. Please call Ann Kohner at 507-457-5565 to indicate your interest in the tour and need for access to the cart.

This is only to gauge your interest in the tour, you will still need to officially register for the tour after you receive the Learning Club March – April Newsletter.