**Retiree Center SAVE THE DATE**

- **May 25** | Twins Game: Seattle Mariners vs Minnesota Twins Game at noon, bus leaves South Silver Lot (across from Kwik Trip) at 8:30am
- **May 26** | Socrates Cafe Discussion Group, 2-4pm, WSU Retiree Center; discuss topics that range the full spectrum of academic and popular discourse to challenge your brain and expand your horizons. Wanted: a healthy curiosity and an interest in reasoned discussion. Refreshments served. Easy parking.
- **June 14** | University Advancement Retiree Breakfast, Purple Rooms, Kryzsko Commons
- **June 21** | Retirees Summer Celebration, Holzinger Lodge (651 West Lake Blvd), Bring your own beverage and enjoy a picnic with WSU Retirees, RSVP by June 14, Retiree Center
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- **July 12** | University Advancement Retiree Breakfast, Purple Rooms, Kryzsko Commons
- **July 28** | Socrates Cafe Discussion Group, 2-4pm, WSU Retiree Center
- **August 9** | University Advancement Retiree Breakfast, Purple Rooms, Kryzsko Commons
- **August 25** | Socrates Cafe Discussion Group, 2-4pm, WSU Retiree Center

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**WSU Retiree Center**
Winona State University
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**WSU Retiree Center Mission**
To support the mission of WSU and enrich the campus community as well as the lives of retired staff, faculty and administration by providing institutional connections between the University and retirees who may wish to continue their intellectual and social participation in collegial life and service to the University.

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On Campus

Just a Note from the Director...

…I am finally in my sunroom office on campus. This is where it all began just five short years ago. Look how far we have come. And the best part for me has been the wonderful people I have met - YOU. It has been a rewarding endeavor to bring WSU Retiree Center through its first five years.

I remember in the beginning, I would answer the phone “WSU Retiree Center, etc…” and Jim Reynolds would always say it was so great to hear those words. The vision he and Ron Stevens shared with the WSU Community had become a reality. Actually, I was having such fun getting things started; it did not feel like work. Kate Parsi and I made a great team and together we put out the word…”WSU Retirees are important to Winona State”.

The five years have gone so quickly… where will we be in five more years? There are so many possibilities. Share your ideas. Make it happen.

As of June 30, 2011, I am joining your ranks as a WSU Retiree by taking early retirement. I have had a challenging, rewarding and often times, fun career at Winona State. 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.

It has been a privilege getting to know some of the finest people who have served Winona State; before me and with me. You made my days joyful and together we made WSU a better place.

Peace and joy to you and yours. Stay in touch.

Your friendship means very much to me.

Thank you.

Cathie

[Image]

Bus & Baseball

Twins Game - you asked for it - you got it; a day game. May 25, bus and game - $45. There are still have a few seats available - call the Retiree Center today, 457.5565.

Depart: 8:30 am - Winona State – Parking Lot South Silver (corner Huff/Sarnia)
Park your car in lot.
Arrive: 10:45am Target Field
Game Time: 12:10 pm – Seattle Mariners vs Twins

If you have gone in the past with us on the bus, you know we always have a good time, and prizes.
(I do need new material for the baseball trivia game…)

“A Campus of Trees”

“A Campus of Trees: Winona State University” is the title of a new book released in early February 2011. Book authors are Bill Meyer, recently retired Senior Groundskeeper at WSU, and Tom Grier, a WSU professor of Mass Communication and professional photographer.

The book includes descriptions and photographs of many of the more than 100 types of trees growing on the WSU campus. The Winona State campus grounds are home to at least one of the 52 tree species considered native to Minnesota. The book also includes maps of several self-guided walking tours of campus that lead readers past some of WSU’s more unique and beautiful trees.

The book is available for $20 at the WSU Book Store and other local book stores, with all proceeds going to the WSU Tree Fund. Money from this fund is used to help maintain tree diversity on campus through new purchases and replacement of trees that are damaged or lost due to disease or insects, weather problems, or construction.

Thank you, Cathie!

By now many Newsletter readers may have already learned that Cathie Logan is soon to become one of the retirees she has worked so enthusiastically to serve for the last five years. As she announced at the April 20th Retiree Luncheon, Cathie will retire as of June 30, 2011. Thus it seems appropriate to use this limited space to briefly acknowledge some of the many significant achievements during her tenure as the Retiree Center’s first Director.

Importantly, Cathie has been successful in raising the profile of WSU’s Retiree community on campus. The importance of creating a physical presence for retirees cannot be understated. She was instrumental in establishing the Retiree Center within the Alumni House and with staffing, equipping and furnishing the space as an inviting and functional area for retirees to meet and engage in a variety of activities. Cathie’s enthusiasm and commitment to working with and for Retirees has created a welcoming atmosphere for Retirees and community members alike. This environment has resulted in the development of a range of popular programs (educational, service and social) that fulfill its mission to serve WSU’s retired faculty, staff and administration as well as the campus as a whole.

Cathie’s dedication and passion for the Retiree Center and WSU’s Retirees will be greatly missed. Yet Cathie promises to remain active at the Center, only now as a retired member of the WSU community.

Thank you, Cathie, for all of your hard work.

By James R. Reynolds, Chair, and Ronald A. Stevens, Vice Chair, Retiree Center Advisory Board

In the News

Summer Social At Holzinger Lodge

Let’s celebrate with our new WSU Retirees! Join us for good food and prizes. Bring your own beverages.

Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2011
Time: 5pm
Location: Holzinger Lodge (651 West Lake Blvd)
Event cost: $6.00
Please RSVP by Tuesday, June 14th
WSU Retiree Center, 507.457.5565

Stop by WSU Retiree Center and pick up your 5th Anniversary celebratory coffee/soup mug.

Send an email to Cathie to let her know what you have been doing…traveling, writing, relocating, learning…clogan@winona.edu. Thank you.
Retiree Luncheon 2011

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WSU Retirees 2011

2011 WSU Retirees

Leon Bowman • Facilities Services
Emmanuel Brako • Biology
Ruth Bures • Music
Marie Bush • Business Office
Vicki Decker • Career Services

John Ferden • Student Life & Development
Gail Grimm • Health, Exercise & Rehabilitative Sciences
Drake Hokanson • Mass Communications
Steve Juaire • Physical Education & Sport Science

Mary Kesler • Psychology
Cathie Logan • Retiree Center

Sandra McNab • Parking Services
Hugh Ouellette • Computer Science
Sandy Roraff • Financial Aid

Joanne Rosczyk • Infrastructure Services
Patrick Shaughnessy • Facilities Services

John Stafford • Teaching, Learning & Technology Services
Kathy Sullivan • Library

Brian Trainor • Facilities Services

Back: John Ferden, Hugh Ouellette, Kathy Sullivan, Gail Grimm,
Front: Emmanuel Brako, Vicki Decker, Marie Bush, Mary Kesler, Patrick Shaughnessy

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Spring was a little slow in revealing herself this year, but eventually the Magnolias, Redbuds and Crabapples displayed their expressive flowers. I hope you had a chance to view the spring colors on the WSU campus. Now as we begin to soak in the warmer temperatures of summer, we look at trees a bit differently than in the spring. Instead of the dazzling display of flowers, we witness the cooling effects of the tree. The big large tree on the south side of the house or on the south side of a classroom at WSU offers relief on a steamy hot day. The big leaves filter out much of the intensity of the sun and allow us to sit under the tree, drinking our favorite beverage.

So, what trees might be of special interest during the months of summer? Let’s look at one tree that has some unusual and intriguing features, the American Chestnut. This once dominant tree was a symbol of early America where it was found throughout eastern America. The total number of American Chestnuts in the early 1900’s was estimated to be over 3 billion. Pretty impressive. Unfortunately, the Chestnut blight was introduced to the United States in 1904 and within 20 years virtually all Chestnuts were destroyed.

Today, only a few pockets of the American Chestnut can be found in the U.S. One such stand is located at the farm of Phil Lunde just east of Trempealeau, WI. Nearly 100 year old Chestnuts can be found in a large grove at the Lunde farm. Forest researchers come from all over the U.S. trying to determine why these trees have survived. Other smaller groves and single Chestnut trees can be found occasionally in our area. Our very own legendary WSU retired baseball coach Gary Grob has an American Chestnut or two.

WSU has one American Chestnut that originally came from a seedling gathered at the University of Wisconsin Arboretum. Several stops later, the tree arrived at WSU where it is showcased near the west entrance to the Wellness Center. WSU’s American Chestnut blooms in midsummer, usually by the 1st of July. Look for long, white catkin flowers to drape the tree, giving the impression of a curtain. The big leaves filter out much of the intensity of the sun and allow us to sit under the tree, drinking our favorite beverage.

In the fall, these flowers turn to a spiny husk that hold 2-3 nuts. If you can beat the squirrels to the nuts, you can have a tasty treat and maybe even roast them over a fire. Be careful when you pick up these spiny husks. Remember it has prickly burs that protect the fruit.

If you have a special tree on campus that you would like me to discuss in a future Newsletter, let me know. I can be reached at wmeyer@winona.edu.

Bill Meyer, 2010, Senior Groundskeeper
Contributing Columnist

The Music of Thomas Talbert
Richard and Mary Hammergren headline special musical event being held Sunday, July 24, 2011, 7:30 pm, Somsen Hall, WSU - The Music of Thomas Talbert, presented by the 14-piece Twin-cities-based Talbert Jazz Orchestra joined by several of the original members from the 1960’s Thomas Talbert Walker Arts Center Jazz Orchestra. Also featured during the evening is vocalist, Mary Hammergren, special guest pianist, Bette Talbert and noted author, critic, and internationally celebrated radio jazz talk show host, Leigh Kamman, as Master of Ceremonies.

WSU’s own, Professor Richard Hammergren, was the most frequently featured performer on all of Talbert’s compositions in early 1960’s in Minneapolis. In fact Dick now has in his possession, the full orchestrations and musical scores for three of Talbert’s albums; each of which was performed at Carnegie Hall during Tom’s New York residency. The complete orchestration of the Louisiana Suite was a personal gift from Talbert to Mr. Hammergren.

Plan to attend this unforgettable evening of uniquely original jazz. Of Talbert’s pieces (some of which date back to the 1950’s), “Someone’s Rocking My Blues,” “Flirtation” and “Swing Will Be On Time” are most memorable.

Sunday, July 24, 2011
7:30 pm, Somsen Auditorium
Admission: adults: $28, students: $15
Proceeds to benefit the WSU Thomas Talbert Music Scholarship Fund
Tickets available at: www.wsuartstickets.com

Contributing Columnist

Grandparents University®
Are you looking for a fun and educational way to spend some time with your grandchild this summer? Winona State University is hosting “Grandparents University®” June 23-24, 2011! Grandparents (adult) and grandchildren (restricted to ages 8-14) are invited to experience university life by enrolling in a “major” (innovative, hands-on classes) of their choice taught by current WSU faculty.

Cost for one grandparent and one grandchild, including housing, meals, instruction and all program materials is $295. $259 per pair without housing. Registration and information; visit www.winona.edu/grandparents or call 507.474.3900. Class sizes are limited, major selections are made on 1st come, 1st served. Reserve your class today.

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Congratulations
David Hamerski, Physics
50 years of service to WSU