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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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Spring is here!! I was beginning to think it would never come to Winona. We made it through another academic year so the campus is much quieter and parking much easier, but I miss all the energy that students bring to the campus and community.

On April 19 Winona State University inaugurated its fifteenth president. I was honored to serve as chair of the Inauguration Planning Committee. President Olson has said more than once that he plans to be here for many, many years; if I remember correctly 40 years was mentioned. I am impressed with his inclusiveness, abundant energy and thoughtful demeanor. I hope that each of you have an opportunity to meet him and remind him of that promise to retire from Winona State!

The Retiree Center welcomed 12 new retirees during our annual spring luncheon. Many of them have a long history at Winona State: Mary Ballard (37 years), Violet Belter (42 years), Bob Benedict, Phil Bostrack, Gary Bunce (42 years), Vicki Englich, Jim Hurley (30 years), Linda Schwarze, Joe Mount, Kathy Orth (30 years), Jan Stephenson (almost 40 years), Steve Schwartz, and Kathy Sagen. Congratulations to all of you! I hope we see you at Retiree Center programs and events.

For the first time Senior University is offering summer classes and we were happily overwhelmed by the response. Tex Hawkins and Eric Nelson, retired Wildlife Biologists, are teaching a Winona Spring Birds class that is meeting on Mondays in May and Carol Jefferson is leading an adventurous group of ecologically-minded paddlers in the Mississippi backwaters this June. Both classes filled within a few hours so we will definitely offer summer classes again next year. If you have never taken a Senior University class but would like to receive the fall 2013 brochure, please let us know via e-mail or phone. The Senior University Committee has a diverse slate of classes scheduled for next fall and spring 2014; check out the Retiree Center website for details at www.winona.edu/retiree.

We are also busy preparing for this summer’s Grandparents University. Several retirees have volunteered to help on June 20 and 21, but we could always use more! If you would like to spend time as a classroom aid, help during lunch or commencement, or simply greet participants at registration, please let us know – the more the merrier. If you would like to participate in GPU you may register online at www.winona.edu/grandparents/. Grandparents University offers a wonderful opportunity for grandparents and grandchildren to spend quality time together in a fun, interactive, educational environment.

Never a dull moment at the Retiree Center! We would love to see you at an event or program.

Ann Kohner, Director, Retiree Center

Howard Munson’s
Retired Phelps Lab School Principal &
WSU Professor Emeritus of Education
90th Birthday
Open House
Memorial Day May 27
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Winona Country History Center
160 Johnson Street, Winona

RSVP requested but not required
beth.munson2012@yahoo.com or
715-514-2698

Please no gifts. Cards and good wishes accepted
In the News

Fuzzy Little Caterpillar is a first-of-its-kind iPad/iPhone educational App that brings music and science together in an interactive format for kids 3 to 7. Featuring an original song by Cherubim Music founder Ruth Bures, the App presents beginning music reading and facts about the life cycles of moths and butterflies. Ruth is a Winona area musician and music teacher.

American Queen docking in Winona

Thursday, July 11
Thursday, August 29
Sunday, October 20

SAVE THE DATE!
HOMECOMING 2013
OCTOBER 18-19
ISLAND CITY LUAU!

The 26th Annual Winona
Dixieland Jazz Festival
June 29, 2013

It will again be held ‘on the green’ of Winona State University. Continuous Dixieland and Ragtime entertainment, with three great bands!

Noon ~ Jazz Camp Students
Middle & High students perform individually and in groups, after attending Winona State University Jazz camp.

1:15 ~ Ragtime Piano
Jim Radloff from Eau Claire, WI

1:50 ~ Barbary Coast Band
A great band from the Twin Cities

3: 25 ~ Ragtime Piano
Jim Radloff from Eau Claire, WI

3:45 ~ Blue Ox Jazz Babies
Classic Dixieland from Mankato, MN

5:20 ~ Ragtime Piano
Jim Radloff from Eau Claire, WI

5:40 ~ Gate City Jazz Band
Dixieland from Winona, MN

6:00 ~ Gate City Jazz Band
Performing for the Concert on the Green in partnership with The Great River Shakespeare Festival

7:15 ~ End of live Dixieland Music

7:30 ~ GRSF performance of ‘Henry V’
One of Shakespeare’s most gripping and imaginative plays.

Note: There is no admission fee for the festival, however we do accept donations
Life in Running Waters: River and Stream Biology in the Midwest US
Instructor: Dr. William Richardson
Date: Thursdays; September 5, 12, 19, 26
Time: 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Music of Countries and Cultures
Instructor: Ruth Bures
Date: September 12, 26, October 17, November 7
Time: 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Four Actresses of French Cinema
Instructor: Jeanine Black
Date: Mondays; October 7, 14, 21, 28
Time: 2:00-4:30 p.m.

Classic Greek Drama
Instructor: Emilio DeGrazia
Date: Mondays; November 4, 11, 18, 25, December 2
Time: 3:00-4:30 p.m.

The Short, Wild and Woolly History of the English Language
Instructor: David Marshall Ph.D.
Date: Thursdays; February 6, 13, 20, 27 and March 6
Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Making Sense of Modern Art
Instructor: Dominic Ricciotti
Date: Mondays; March 10, 17, 24, 31 and an optional field trip
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

The Sex Life of Trees: Five Spring Field Trips
Instructor: Carol Jefferson
Date: Wednesdays; March 19; April 2, 16, 30; May 13
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

History of the Vietnam War
Instructor: Tomas Tolvasis
Date: TBA
Time: TBA
Grandparents University® 2013
Winona State University Retiree Center
Thursday & Friday, June 20 & 21, 2013

Astronomy – Hey, What’s Up
Come & explore the astronomical (and human-made) objects that inhabit our night sky.

Outdoor Quest – Kayaking/Canoeing/Geocache
Experience the beauty of Lake Winona and the WSU campus while learning in a dynamic, interactive environment. Fun for all ages!

Bonjour, French Friends!
Get to know French explorers, learn French names for your favorite animals, “meet” French painters, learn what it’s like to be French through music and literature—including Babar the elephant and Pierrot the clown.

Composites in a Material World
Composites have created a revolution of modern new fibers and polymers! Learn about composite carbon fibers and the creation of new building materials. Tour an internationally recognized leader in the manufacture of composite materials.

Our Family Stories
Oh the stories we have! Did your grandparents have adventures, special friends, how did they meet? You will exchange stories, record those stories and create a multimedia document to share with your extended family.

Exploring Digital Photography
No photographic experience necessary! If you have a passion for photography and want to make better digital photographs come learn to see things the way photographers see them. You will also spend time on photo editing and photo archiving.

Contact the Winona State University Retiree Center at 507.457.5565 or go to the website: Winona.edu/grandparents for program details and registration information.
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I hope you had a chance to stop by the campus April 26 to experience some of the WSU Arbor Day Events. That morning we celebrated Arbor Day by staging a number of events starting with the planting of a tree in the plaza in front of WSU’s Krueger Library. Shortly before the ceremonial tree planting, Provost and Vice President Nancy Jannik and Dr. Bruno Borsari from the Biology Department commented on recent efforts to use the outdoor campus as a “living laboratory” for learning purposes. With the help of nearby elementary school students and WSU sustainability and environmental groups, a young Magnolia tree was planted. Copies of our popular tree book, “Campus of Trees, Winona State University”, were made available by representatives of the WSU Bookstore.

After the planting, Nancy Reynolds and I led two separate tree tours from the new Magnolia tree through the courtyard and then circling around the Performing Arts Center, eventually ending up on the south side of the Integrated Wellness Complex (IWC). There, John Yearous from the IT Department demonstrated how the new tree identification sign QR codes work. These tree identification signs are prototypes of the new signs that may start appearing this summer. At this time the QR codes appear on 30 prototype tree signs that have been placed near various trees on the campus grounds. If you have a smartphone, try accessing the tree information on each tree with a QR code. It’s quite amazing!

Finally, Kaitlyn O’Connor (Sr. Biology student) gave a demonstration of her IWC Native Prairie Garden project. This project will include a series of small gardens displaying native plant materials. Some of the gardens include a medicinal plant garden, an edible plant garden, and an assortment of native grasses. Due to the late spring, construction on this garden has been delayed. This native garden will add a great deal of beauty and interest to the south side of IWC. A number of guest speakers wrapped up the Arbor Day celebration. Hopefully this Arbor Day celebration will become an annual event where we can showcase WSU’s trees to the greater Winona community and the students and staff of WSU.

Bill Meyer, 2010, Senior Groundskeeper
Contributing Columnist
Remembering Grandma (Kathi Gudmundson)

December 2012
Third Grade

What She Did For Me!
By Katrina Breaker

My Grandma Kathi is my angel because she took great care of me and taught me great skills of life. She was very funny all the time especially when she tried to make me laugh! She also made up silly names for things to help me understand! She loved to joke around! She made me laugh all the time.

My grandma was one of the best givers I’ve ever known. She gave special little things whenever I or she visited! She loved to give hugs and kisses to all of her family and friends! I can think of so many things in my room that she gave me, whenever I see them they make me feel special! She was also a great teacher! Even though she didn’t teach at a school! When I was 3 or 4 she taught me how to be confident while making it fun! She also taught me self esteem. She was also very smart! Her job was to work with computers at a college.

She was also a great story teller. She told me about her childhood as a farm girl, about her 4 brothers and 1 sister and the rest of her family. Every day she would tell me what would happen that day. One of my favorite things she told me about was the future! She told me she would be so happy when I got married and had a kid!
My Grandma Kathi was one of the best people I have ever known and I am glad she came into my life.

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Retiree Center
SAVE THE DATE

May 10: Spring Commencement, 9:30am & 2pm, McCown Gym
Retiree Breakfast, 9-11 am, Purple Rooms, Kryzsko Commons:
   May 14
   June 11
   July 9
   August 13

May 14: Willow Creek Retiree/Alumni Social, 5:30-7:30pm, Willow Creek Golf Course, Rochester
June 20 & 21: Grandparent's University 2013 -- Registration information on the website - winona.edu/retiree.

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We honor and mourn our University colleagues who have recently died. We recognize the richness of each life, the gifts these members have brought to many, and loss felt by family and friends.

(Full obituaries available on the WSU Retiree Center Website: www.winona.edu/retiree/memoriam.asp)
If you know of colleagues we have missed, please contact Retiree Center at 507.457.5565, or send an email to retiree@winona.edu.

Jan Varner
Spouse of Jerry Varner
April 10, 2013

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