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Learning Club Memberships
$20/person annually  
Contact: 507-457-2331 for details

Go green - The Learning Club Newsletter is available online the 15th of even months  
www.winona.edu/retiree
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Sign up– 457-2331

The Learning Club invites all members to share ideas for programs and attend programming meetings.  
The next meeting is 11/24/14 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.
COMMONWEAL THEATRE MATINEE TRIP TO SEE ARCADIA

Join your Learning Club colleagues as we travel by bus to lovely Lanesboro to attend the Commonweal production of Arcadia. Amidst the gorgeous gardens at Sidley Park estate, vibrant and brilliant minds gush over their passions for everything from costume parties to landscape architecture to chaos theory. Alternating between the present day and the early 19th century, characters from both eras struggle to uncover the mystery of the estate. Tom Stoppard’s Tony Award-winning romance is a perfect blend of intellect and emotion, humor and heartache, and is considered by many critics to be his masterpiece. Arcadia does contain mature language. Note both the date of the play and the registration deadline.

Date: Sunday, November 2, 2014
Time: Bus departs at 11:45 a.m. – Play begins at 1:30 p.m.
Location: Park in the far end of the Wal-Mart parking lot
Cost: $32; Includes play and transportation ($25 ticket, $7 bus)
Registration Deadline: October 22, 2014
You can mail a check or pay in person at the Retiree Center. Checks should be made payable to “The Learning Club.”

EASTERN EUROPE TO THE BLACK SEA

HARRY and ORMSIN GARDINER TRAVELS

Sail continuously from the Danube River to the Black Sea aboard Grand Circle Cruise Line’s River Concerto. Step ashore in five Eastern European countries – Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, and Romania – to visit both old world villages and newly rejuvenated world capitals. Enjoy a home-hosted lunch in Croatia, visit nature’s amazing Iron Gates while cruising between Serbia and Romania, discover what life was like under Communism and today. Visit historic, seaside Constanta, Romania and discover its Transylvania region – a castle-dotted landscape that transports one back to the era of macabre figures both mythical (Count Dracula) and actual (Vlad the Impaler). Home base is the historic resort town of Sinaia, known for centuries as the “Pearl of the Carpathians.”

Date: Monday, November 3, 2014
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Winona County History Center
WORLD WAR I (PART II)

Dr. Norm Sobiesk will present the second part of his engaging insight into the history of World War I. Norm’s presentations always fill quickly and space is limited so please sign up early!

This presentation will focus on trench warfare on the Western front, the German U-boat campaign, the battles of Verdun and the Somme, and U.S entry in the war. The collapse of Russia and the final defeat of Germany will also be discussed along with the impact of World War I on Western Civilization.

Date: Tuesday, November 11, 2014  
Time: 1:00 p.m.  
Location: Winona County History Center

T’AI CHI WITH BRICE WILKINSON

T’ai Chi is an ancient Chinese form of exercise and martial art for health and self-development of the body as well as the mind. It is based upon the movement of animals and many other traditional fighting movements. It is designed and played in a continuous circular slow motion. It is a soft non-contact martial art and is used for health and longevity. T’ai Chi moves gently exercise every muscle, every ligament, and every organ in the body.

Brice Wilkinson has taught T’ai Chi at Winona State University for 34 years. He retired in 1998, but stays busy with T’ai Chi. He teaches classes at WSU on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the Integrated Wellness Complex and is the adviser of the University’s T’ai Chi club. He also teaches on Saturday mornings in Wabasha Hall.

Date: Monday, November 17, 2014  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Location: Winona County History Center
LA CROSSE COMMUNITY THEATRE...NOT JUST FOR LA CROSSE!

La Crosse Community Theatre has produced plays which have won on the regional level at the annual Wisconsin Association of Community Theatre Festival, and it is the recipient of the WACT's "Award of Organizational Excellence." Learn more about LCT and its beautiful new home, the Weber Center for the Performing Arts, by attending Greg Parmeter’s presentations in November. The programs are independent, so you can attend one even if you can't make it to both.

Greg Parmeter is the Artistic Director of La Crosse Community Theatre.

Date: Part 1 – Tuesday, November 18; Part 2 – Tuesday, November 25
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Winona County History Center

WE’VE GOT YOUR GOAT! THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF GOAT CHEESE

No kidding around, we’re going to delve into the wonderful world of goat cheese. We’ll start with a little history about why goat cheese is so popular in Europe and why production is finally growing by leaps and bounds in the U.S. We’ll discuss different types of goat cheese, healthful benefits, misconceptions and serving suggestions. Samples will be provided!

Chris Lukens is the Cheese Specialist at the Winona HyVee store. He lived in Madison, WI for 21 years before moving to Winona one year ago. In Madison, he worked for a specialty, boutique store as the manager of the specialty cheese, beer and wine departments. During this experience he was immersed in cheese culture (pun intended) by working one-on-one with local cheesemakers, judges, and members of the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board.

Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2014
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Winona County History Center
THE LEARNING CLUB PRESENTS: HERITAGE SERIES

From this point forward, all Learning Club presentations that include information about heritage will be signified by the blue lotus flower symbol. The lotus is considered one of the oldest and most beautiful of flowers, just like our heritages. The lotus will grow only in mud, which speaks of the common ground that humans share, no matter what our stations in life or heritage. The lotus blooms one petal at a time, like each time a baby is born in a lineage. The sacred lotus, like a lineage, has huge cultural, religious, economic and medicinal importance and many unusual traits. The blue lotus flower has been steeped in symbolism since the time of the Egyptians, where it was used as a metaphor for rebirth and a symbol of the sun. Its color also has been associated with a victory of the spirit, just like our ancestors.

TOM DUKICH: RETURN TO GIULIANOVA

Tom Dukich gathered facts and insights into his family's wonderful Italian heritage as he spent time listening to his grandfather tell stories of his birthplace in Giulianova, Italy. Tom’s grandfather never returned to Italy but Tom did, and he will recount his trip for us using slides of his photos. He’s chockfull of family stories and will even share his family's love for the accordion by performing his grandfather’s favorite song, “Return to Me”.

Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2014
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Winona County History Center

TRAVELING WITH SAINT PAUL

In May of this year Brian Singer-Towns was on a 17-day study tour in Greece and Turkey. The tour visited the archeological excavations of over 23 ancient cities recorded in the New Testament. Brian will use the second missionary journey of Saint Paul as the itinerary for a photo tour of the archeological remains of these ancient Greek and Roman cities. The cities and temples built by these ancient people are as breathtaking as the countries of Greece and Turkey are beautiful.

Date: Thursday, December 11, 2014
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Winona 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 25; Author: Erin Hart
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 19
Wednesday, December 17
Time: 1:00 pm
Location: WSU Retiree Center, WSU Alumni House, 227 West Wabasha.

Visitors or participants are always welcome. New members are welcome to come and listen or participate by telling a short story.

Learning Club Calendar of Events – November - December, 2014

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