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Learning in Retirement

WSU Learning Club
Winona State University
WSU Retiree Center
P.O. Box 5838
Winona MN 55987

Location:
1st floor/ WSU Alumni House
227 West Seventh Street
Corner of Winona & Wabasha Streets
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http://www.winona.edu/retiree

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

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The Learning Club invites all members to share ideas for programs and attend programming meetings. The next meeting is 9/29/14 9:00 am – History Center

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Go green - The Learning Club Newsletter is available online the 15th of even months www.winona.edu/retiree
(click The Learning Club on the left navigation bar)
You may print a copy or read online

Save trees - receive an email copy

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 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.
ANNE PELLOWSKI: A POTPOURRI, WORK IN MONGOLIA, KENYA & STORYTELLING AROUND THE WORLD

Anne Pellowski grew up in Trempealeau County and graduated from the College of St. Teresa in Winona. She continued her schooling in New York and has traveled to 120 countries. She worked for UNICEF as the founding director of the Information Center on Children’s Cultures, and has traveled the world as a consultant.

She continues to travel the world giving presentations on storytelling and empowering her listeners to tell their own stories. Anne has authored many children’s books and other academic articles.

DATE: Thursday, September 4, 2014
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Winona History Center

SAINT MARY’S PRESS

Saint Mary's Press is a nonprofit Catholic publisher administered by the Christian Brothers of the Midwest Province. Located in Winona, Minnesota (MN) on the campus of St. Mary's University, Saint Mary's Press was formed in 1943. Saint Mary's Press has been recognized by the Printing Industry of America for excellence in printing and graphic arts and has been awarded multiple national Graphic Arts Awards including being named the Gold winner in the religion category in the 2014 Benjamin Franklin Award competition sponsored by the Independent Book Publishers Association.

Brian Singer-Towns, MThS, joined the editorial staff of Saint Mary's Press after more than 15 years in volunteer and professional youth ministry. Brian has an extensive background in theology, youth ministry, and religious education and leads workshops for leaders around the country on biblical literacy and other youth ministry topics. He resides in Winona, Minnesota, and serves as senior editor, author, and workshop presenter for Saint Mary's Press.

DATE: Monday, September 8, 2014
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Winona History Center
ALZHEIMER’S: 10 SIGNS

The warning signs of Alzheimer’s disease are often dismissed as side effects of normal aging. If you or someone you know is experiencing memory loss or behavioral changes, it’s time to learn the facts. Early detection gives you a chance to begin drug therapy, enroll in clinical studies and prepare for the future.

Attend this interactive workshop to learn the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer’s disease presented by Jodi Keller. Jodi is the Program Manager of the Southern Regional Center Minnesota-North Dakota Alzheimer’s Association. This class will separate myth from reality and address commonly-held fears about Alzheimer’s in America.

DATE: Monday, September 15, 2014
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Winona History Center

GMO (Genetically Modified Organisms) FARMING

In his talk "GMOs and You," Jim Riddle presents understandable research summaries of recent studies on the environmental and health effects of genetically modified organisms. Following the presentation, Riddle will be on hand to lead a discussion on the issue and steps that people can take to promote healthy food systems.

For more than 30 years, Jim Riddle has been an organic farmer, gardener, inspector, educator, policy analyst, author and avid organic eater. Jim was founding chair of the Winona Farmers Market Association and the International Organic Inspectors Association, (IOIA), and co-author of the International Organic Inspection Manual.

DATE: Thursday, September 18, 2014
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Winona History Center
GERMANS IN RUSSIA

Catherine II, in interest of improvement, began shortly after her accession to the throne, a largely invested settlement policy of the previously abandoned steppe area in the lower Volga River.

This presentation by Matt Vetter, Professor Emeritus Sociology at Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota, will examine the manifesto of Empress Catherine II and its effect of mass migration to Russia in the 1760’s, and subsequent migration to the United States. There will also be a brief review of the difference between a German from Russia and a Russian German.

DATE: Monday, September 22, 2014
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Winona History Center

FRAC SAND UPDATE

Domestic policy and resulting market forces have brought about significant speculation on industrial sand mining and processing in the Winona County region. Jason Gilman, AICP (American Institute of Certified Planners) will provide information on the geologic make-up and attraction of this region, the market forces making this area desirable for industrial sand mining and processing and information on what the future may hold for our area from market analysts from around the country.

Date: Thursday, October 9, 2014
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Winona History Center
TREMPEALEAU NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Jennifer Lilla is a Park Ranger at Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge and has served the Department of the Interior for over 30 years. She currently manages the Visitors Services program on the refuge. Her program will introduce, educate and inspire you to come across the river to a gem of a national wildlife refuge. Jennifer will talk about the seasons of wildlife, how the refuge is managed, the many environmental education programs offered and much more. The group will enjoy a pictorial tour of this marvelous habitat only minutes away from Winona.

Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2014
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Winona History Center

COMMONWEAL THEATRE

Hal Cropp, Executive Director of the Commonweal, will talk about the company, its founding principles, and its mission as a professional regional theatre company. Hal is in his 23rd season with the Commonweal and has served as an actor and director for many productions as well as being the Executive Director. Hal’s education includes a B.A. from Brown University, an M.B.A. from Santa Clara University, and an M.F.A. from the National Theater Conservatory. He was a Sally Irvine Award winner for Initiative in 2006. Many Learning Club members have enjoyed wonderful theatre at the Commonweal and this is a great opportunity to learn more about it.

Date: Wednesday, October 22, 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, September 23: Author: Jo Nesbo
      Tuesday, October 28: Author: Steven Havill
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: Callista Court - 1455 West Broadway
STORYTELLING GROUP
September to May - Meeting Date: 3rd Wednesday of the Month

Date: Wednesday, September 17
Wednesday, October 15
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Alumni House – 1st Floor

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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