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 7 Street (Corner of Winona & Wabasha Streets). Parking is available in the back.

All classes/events that have a fee are required to be paid in advance of the deadline indicated (by mail or in person as indicated above). Reservation for the class/event is not secured until payment is received.
You’re Invited -
Learning Club Annual Potluck Picnic

Gather with your Learning Club friends for good food and a good time. The Club will furnish sloppy joes, buns, lemonade and tableware. Bring a salad, casserole or dessert to share (don’t forget to include a serving spoon!). John Breitlow will also be hosting a wine tasting session.

Date: Thursday, June 4, 2009
Time: Picnic begins - 11:30am, Food - Noon
Location: LaCanne Park, Goodview (off of Highway 61 N)
RSVP: Before May 29, 2009

Discover the Fun of Geocaching

Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. If you like hiking, biking or sightseeing, Geocaching can provide you another adventure with these activities.

The basic idea of geocaching is to locate hidden containers called geocaches and then share your experiences online. Geocaching is an outdoor activity enjoyed by people from all age groups, with a strong sense of community and support for the environment. It’s a great way to discover the natural beauty, history, get some exercise, and enjoy the thrill of finding hidden “treasure!”

This is a beginning geocaching program in two sessions. In the first session participants will learn all the basics about geocaching and operating a GPS unit. GPS units will be provided for the class. The second session will be outdoors beginning at the band shell at Lake Winona, and searching for geocaches hidden around the lake.

Presenter’s Biography: Cindy Samples has a B.S. in Recreation and Park Administration from Western Illinois University. She has worked for the federal government for 28 years. She has been a Park Ranger with the Corps of Engineers in Illinois, Iowa, and Idaho. In 2000 she joined the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge in Minnesota.

Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2009
   Thursday, May 7, 2009
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Winona County Historical Society (May 5)
         Lake Winona Park Band Shell (May 7)
Respiratory Issues and Advances

What is a respiratory therapist anyway? Review the recent advances made in the world of the intensive care unit. Get a glimpse inside the real world of respiratory and critical care research. Learn how good ideas become real therapies that can help patients.

Curt Buck is the director of the Respiratory Care Service and Co-director of the Anesthesiology Clinical Research Unit at Mayo Clinic Rochester. Curt has been a Mayo employee since 1972 when he started as a bell boy in the St. Mary’s Hospital lobby. Since that time he has completed nurses training at Rochester Community College, worked as a critical care nurse, completed respiratory therapy training at the Mayo School of Health-Related Sciences, and worked as an ICU respiratory therapist. He completed education as a nurse anesthetist at the Mayo program in Nurse Anesthesia. In 1996 he co-founded the Anesthesiology Clinical Research Unit in an effort to improve critical care and perioperative clinical research. Curt is an assistant professor of Anesthesiology in the Mayo College of Medicine.

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2009
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Winona County Historical Society

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Who Wrote Shakespeare’s Plays?

For centuries, skeptics have doubted that a man, whose education and experiences as limited as those of the historic William Shakespeare, could have written the plays that bear his name. But if Shakespeare didn’t write them, who did? Professor Fred Foss will present his answer to this intriguing literary mystery.

Fred Foss, Professor Emeritus, Biology, Winona State University has done extensive research on this subject.

Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2009
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Winona County Historical Society
The Olympic Sport of Luge

This lecture will take a look at the Olympic sport of Luge. We will take a peek at some of the sport’s history, the training and equipment involved, along with Dr. Zeller’s personal experiences in working with Luge Olympians.

Presenter’s Biography: Dr. Brian Zeller has recently completed his 9th year as an Associate Professor at Winona State University and is the Clinical Coordinator for Athletic Training Education. Prior to WSU, Dr. Zeller was employed as the Head Athletic Trainer at Asbury College in Wilmore, and staff athletic trainer for the Lexington Clinic Sports Medicine Center. Dr. Zeller has an undergraduate degree in Athletic Training from the University of Wisconsin LaCrosse, a Master’s degree in Athletic Training from Indiana State University, and a PhD in Exercise Science from the University of Kentucky. Dr. Zeller has worked with athletes and patients on the high school, collegiate, and Olympic levels, with a year of experience working for the United States Olympic Committee at the Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid, NY.

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2009
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Winona County Historical Society

1945: Hitler’s Final Days (The Red Army Advances to Berlin)

“If others win the war and if they do to us only a fraction of what we have done in the occupied territories, there won’t be a single German left in a few weeks”; statement witnessed in a crowded train and made by a highly decorated German soldier from the Russian front. What were Hitler’s final days? the impact?

Presenter, Ray Brooks, has given previous presentations on the Battles of Stalingrad and Kursk.

Date: Thursday, May 28, 2009
Time: 1:00 am
Location: Winona County Historical Society
Finland Today: Session 1

Finnish History: Session 2

Session 1: What is Finland like? Who are the Finns and what are they like? Finland, a Nordic country, is known for more than long distance runners and forests. Come and hear how and why Finland changed to a knowledge-based economy in the 1990s.

Session 2: Finland has been a country only since 1917. A long history of rule by other Nordic countries and Russia precede its independence. After a long obstacle course it has become one of the most developed countries in the world.

Presenter, Elmer Mattila’s Finnish ancestry is basis for his interest in Finland. He has visited Finland often and lived there one year.

Date: (Session 1) Tuesday, June 2, 2009
      (Session 2) Tuesday, June 9, 2009
Time: 10:00am
Location: Winona County Historical Society

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Cathedral Craft Company Tour

Meet at Cathedral Crafts for the tour. We will see the design and assembly process of restoration and new glass pieces. Cathedral Craft Company is located at 730 54th Ave in Goodview.

From Winona, take Hwy 61 to Goodview, turn right on 54th Ave. Cathedral Co. is on the right side of the street (across from yellow townhouses).

Tour is $3 per person.
Pay at site of the tour, cash or check only.

Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2009
Time: 10:00am
Location: Cathedral Craft Company
          (730 54th Ave, Goodview)
China – Some Things Not Always Included In the Tourist Guide

I once saw a sign in a Third World country urging people to vote against banks adopting computers for use in their work. The sign claimed, “We don’t need technology, we need jobs for people!”

That may well apply in China. See the kinds of jobs available for people who have none, but still must support a family. “Off the beaten path” includes people who live in caves. You’ll find interesting happenings from Guangzhou, the former city of Canton, to the edge of the Gobi Desert, where you can drive 100 miles without seeing a living thing, ending in Turpan and Urumqi, major caravan stops on the famous Silk Road in far northwestern China.

Presenter; Roger Carlson, Professor Emeritus, Geography, Winona State University.

Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2009
Time: 10:00am
Location: Winona County Historical Society
Mystery Readers Book Club
The Mystery Readers Book Club meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month, except December 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.

**Dates:** 4th Tuesday
May 26, 2009 – Robert Crais  
June 23, 2009 – Val McDermid

**Time:** 10:30 am  
**Location:** Callista Court - 1455 West Broadway

Spinna a Yarn – Storytelling Group
The Storytelling Group is helping to revive the oral tradition and encourages people to attend who are interested in speaking or just listening -- 2nd Thursday of each month.

**Dates:** 2nd Thursdays,  
May 14 and June 11, 2009  

**Time:** 1:00 pm  
**Location:** WSU Retiree Center,  
1st floor of the WSU Alumni House,  
corner of 7th & Winona Streets

Biking with The Learning Club
Biking with The Learning Club is the 3rd Monday of every month*. Sign up at The Learning Club Open House, February 11, 2009, email retiree@winona.edu or call The Learning Club, 457-2331.

Specific directions are e-mailed the week before or telephone contact can be made also. We bike in a loose group about 15-20 miles. It is usually out and back, and then we go out for lunch.

All riding is done on a trail – paved or packed limestone. All levels of bikers are welcome. The trails can be hiked, so walkers are welcome, too. We make reservations for lunch, so we need to know how many are participating.

**Dates:** Mondays, April 27 (*4th Monday) so maybe the weather will be better. We will bicycle the Pepin County Trail (Chippewa River Trail) and have lunch in Nelson at the Cheese Factory.  
May 18, 2009  
June 15, 2009  
July 20, 2009  
August 17, 2009

**Times and Locations:** to be determined
Information will be forwarded to members a week before date of event.
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