As the WSU Retiree Center approaches being four years old, the Steering Committee representatives have been working even longer to bring the idea of a place that represents and honors the talents and commitments of former employees to fruition. Members of the Steering Committee commit to two-year terms to provide input and guidance to the Director for programming that continues to support the mission of Winona State University -- enrich the campus community and the lives of retired staff, faculty and administration.

We are very appreciative of the representatives that have served in the past and welcome the new members who bring their energy and ideas to provide continued growth and opportunities for WSU Retirees. If you have ideas that you would like to present, feel free to get in touch with Cathie or anyone on the Steering Committee.

Back Row: Nancy Amann, Henrietta Gerth, Ken Gorman, Kristi Ziegler, Ron Stevens, Vice Chair, Jim Reynolds, Chair, and Cathie Logan  
Front Row: Jim Bromelad, Bev Hoffman, Pauline Christensen, Executive Board, and Sally Sloan  
Not Pictured: Margaret Boland, Tom Grier, Rosanne Kubicek, Steve Richardson, Judy Routhe, Michael Swenson, Pat Tolmrie, and Charlie Zane
A Festival of Festivals  
Jim Erickson, William McNeil, Taff Roberts & Sally Sloan  
Course covers the history and importance of popular festivals: Mardi Gras [New Orleans], Dakota Gathering [Winona], Eistedffod [Wales], and the TellSpiel [Switzerland]. These four festivals were chosen for their richness in heritage and Winona community connections. The celebrations are related to national pride, traditions, and country origins.  
Mondays • October 26, November 2, 9, 16  
Maxwell 160 • 4 weeks • 1:30 - 3pm

Bluffland Ecology  
Carol Jefferson  
Examine the unique settings and biological diversity in Southeastern Minnesota bluffs and Mississippi Valley. Study the relationships between plants and animals and their physical environment as well as human activities. Learn about prairies, woodlands and streams. Discussions include biodiversity status, trends and conservation needs.  
Tuesdays • October 27, November 3, 10, 17, 24, December 1,  
Maxwell 160 • 6 weeks • 1:30 - 3pm

Tragic Visions  
Emilio DeGrazia  
Explore what is meant by “tragedy.” Are certain subject matters inherently “tragic,” or is “tragedy” a way of looking at experience? What role does “tragedy” play in a culture such as ours, dominated by melodrama, comedy and happy endings? Read Sophocles’ “Oedipus Rex” and a few other literary examples to evolve a better sense of how to think about the many sad experiences we cannot avoid.  
Thursdays • October 29, November 5, 12, 19, December 3  
Maxwell 160 • 5 weeks • 1:30 - 3pm

Senior University WSU  
A peer led set of short courses taught by retirees and topic experts to provide intellectual and cultural stimulation and growth, thus providing opportunities for lifelong learning and leadership, combined with the fellowship of peers sharing a common quest for continued growth.  
Non-credit classes, one day a week during a 4-6 week term, no tests, no grades.

For more information or to register, please contact:  
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A WSU Retiree Center Program

Winona State University Retiree Center
Just a Note from the Director ...

...fall of 2009 has been such a great time. There may have been no rain during September, but that allowed for us to be out and about for most of the month. Homecoming has become fun with WSU Retirees being honored and providing opportunities for us to gather together. (note the photos on page six) The reunion in the back yard and the parade brought good visits with friends and smiling faces, even if we did have to endure a little chill & rain. Thank you for being a part of the celebration – everyone wants to make the Retiree Reunion an annual event, so plan on the Wednesday evening before Homecoming next year... we’ll order warmer weather and more food.

... the location of the Retiree Center in the Alumni House has served us well. Retirees have been stopping by to pick up parking passes for the Purple Lots, too – do you need one? There is easy parking in the back for Retirees to just ‘drop in’ for a visit. Hank & Jo Van Poperin (Facilities) stopped in this month while visiting from Nevada. It was great to see them, they are loving retirement.

... lots of planning has gone into Senior University. We are grateful to the “faculty” for their dedication and commitment to providing these opportunities for retiree learners. Our 2nd semester is getting underway. We are accepting registrations up to the first day of class. You can choose one class or all; one day a week or three; Monday, Tuesday or Thursday; See the registration form - to left. Last spring we ran the classes in separate sessions. This semester we are running them at the same time - we’ll need your feedback to see which works better. Share your ideas for class offerings you want in the future; 2010 spring semester is being put together now – if you want to be part of the curriculum group for Senior University, I welcome you.

...I always enjoy hearing from you. What are you doing these days? -- Cathie
News Article by Retiree

from M.J. McCauley
Physics, 1987

While in the physics department at WSU, I initiated some courses on energy. Those who remember “Ask It Basket” radio program know they covered various subjects. They interviewed me in 1980 about the energy course. I found a copy recently and put it on a CD. It covers fuel cells, hydrogen economy, electricity from nuclear plans, etc. If the country would have followed those technologies, we would not have the problems we have now.

As far as nuclear waste is concerned, a “Fast-Reactor” could cut nuclear waste half-lives to less than 1000 years. But both Bush and Obama administrations were opposed.

Also, we could send waste into space. NASA has been so safe with their projects. Listening to this CD can let you compare what our country energy discussion is today, with over 20 years ago!

* A copy of Mac’s CD is available at the Retiree Center for you to check out.

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Observatory

Hello Colleagues,

I am writing to invite you to visit the WSU Observatory, located on the roof of Minne Hall where we have a 12-inch reflecting telescope in our dome and two 8-inch portable telescopes. Public Nights at the Observatory are on CLEAR Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8-10 pm this fall. Members of the WSU Astronomy Club will be on the roof to point out various constellations and answer your questions. Sights that you might see this fall include the Moon, Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune, The Hercules Star Cluster, the Ring Nebula, the Andromeda Galaxy, and many other lovely astronomical objects. Friends and family are always welcome.

Please visit the Observatory webpage for more information, [http://course1.winona.edu/jlanderson/](http://course1.winona.edu/jlanderson/), including our complete fall schedule and directions to the Observatory. Because all of these events are weather-dependant, please check our Twitter page, [www.twitter.com/WSUAstronomy](http://www.twitter.com/WSUAstronomy), after 5pm on the day of an event to see whether we will be open or closed due to weather.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me - [JLAnderson@winona.edu](mailto:JLAnderson@winona.edu). I hope to see you at the Observatory this year!

Wishing you clear skies –

Jennifer L.B. Anderson, Ph.D.

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Life After Retirement

Last month we heard about Jacob Steigerwald’s recent publication. We would love to hear from ALL of you who are involved in work, hobbies or just interest in things unrelated to what you did during your employment at WSU. It need not be long. Just let us know about "LIFE AFTER RETIREMENT".

E-mail the Retiree Center at retiree@winona.edu, or call 507-457-5565.

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-- Sally Sloan, Steering Committee

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Be humble, for you are made of Earth.
Be noble, for you are made of Stars.
- Serbian Proverb
Attention All Retirees:

Open Enrollment is coming soon. To learn about what’s open and what’s new, attend the Open Enrollment Training available: **Friday, October 30th from 9:00am – 11:00am in the Performing Arts Center Auditorium.**

During this informational session, representatives from Minnesota Management & Budget (MMB), as well as the insurance carriers (Blue Cross, Preferred One, HealthPartners, State Dental Plan and HealthPartners Dental) will be available to answer your questions.

The 2010 Open Enrollment period is **November 4th – 17th, 2009.**

If you are unable to attend this session, more information will be provided on other training sessions offered throughout the State of Minnesota.

Don’t miss this educational opportunity provided to help you make informed decisions!

Got News?

WSU Retiree Center Newsletter Group – the quarterly newsletter is well received, especially by those living a distance from Winona State. It is great fun to work on – bring your ideas and hidden talents as writers and editors and join this group. Assist in preparing, publishing and mailing the quarterly WSU Retiree Center Newsletter.

Winona State University
Darrell W. Krueger Library

Athenaeum

All Athenaeum events begin at 1:00 PM and are held on the south end of the Library’s second floor, unless otherwise noted.

October 21, 2009
**n, e and Prime Numbers**
Joyati Debnath
Professor, Mathematics and Statistics Department

October 28, 2009
**It’s Only a Movie: The Politics of the 1970s and 80s Horror Film**
Nathan Wardinski

November 4, 2009
**Repeal, Amend, or Punt? State Legislative Responses to Unconstitutionality**
Matt Bosworth, Associate Professor
Political Science Department

November 18, 2009
**Contemporary Abstraction and the Pictures of Robert Ryman**
Vittorio Colaizzi
Assistant Professor, Art Department

For a complete schedule of Athenaeum events visit: [www.winona.edu/library/athenaeum](http://www.winona.edu/library/athenaeum)

Keeping up to date with WSU Retirees is easy . . .

**SEND ME AN EMAIL!**

If you are not using your WSU email - I'll add your email to my list.
Spring Semester 2010 Advising

Barb Oertel, Director of Advising and Retention, and her staff could use some additional help advising students for spring semester. Advising takes place from November 1-20 in their Maxwell 3rd floor offices and any training needed will be provided.

It’s fun and a great opportunity to help students and our colleagues in Advising and Retention. If you have an hour or two you can spare for advising, please contact Barb at boertel@winona.edu or 457-5600.

Volunteer Opportunity

Registrars has been scanning student documents and records for the past 10 years. All current and most recent student records are now available electronically. There is a need now to scan and preserve all student records dating back to 1860. Some of the oldest records are becoming very fragile and special equipment is needed to protect the documents during this process.

There is a need for volunteers to preserve these files and transfer them to electronic records. Registrars is currently purchasing the equipment and when they are set up, they will be offering training, and setting up schedules for volunteers to complete the scanning project.

Keep this project and chance to get together with a few friends to preserve University records and reminisce. I will keep you informed as the opportunity draws near.

--Cathie

Necrology

(No Photo Available)

Vivian Morgan
Spouse of Leo Morgan
August 11, 2009

Barbara Conway
Cashier’s Office
August 28, 2009

Ronald Hatlevig
Spouse of Jacqueline  (deceased 2009)
October 8, 2009

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.

Do You Like To Sing?

If you like to sing, Jean Leicester (Retiree, Education) has just the thing for you! Jean is forming an all-volunteer choir that sings a variety of music designed to comfort persons with terminal or chronic conditions. Jean is looking for singers who will bring their joy of singing whether or not you can read music or have experience. Contact Jean if you are interested at jleicester@winona.edu.
WSU Retiree Center Winter 2009 - Save the Date

October 22  |  Socrates Café Discussion Group, 2-4pm, WSU Retiree Center

October 30  |  Open Enrollment Information, 9-11am, Performing Arts Center

Week of October 26  |  Classes start for Senior University WSU

November 1  |  Athenaeum proposals for Spring semester due

November (TBA)  |  Socrates Café Discussion Group, 2-4pm, WSU Retiree Center

December 4  |  WSU Jazz Ensemble Holiday Dance, Time & Place TBA

December (TBA)  |  President’s Holiday Party

December 11  |  Winona State University Commencement Ceremony - all colleges - 10:30am, McCown Gym, Contact President’s Office for special seating: Karen Northam, 457.5472 or WSU Retiree Center, Cathie Logan, 457.5565

December (TBA)  |  Socrates Café Discussion Group, 2-4pm, WSU Retiree Center

January 28, 2010  |  Socrates Café Discussion Group, 2-4pm, WSU Retiree Center

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