WSU Retiree Center
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Retiree Center SAVE THE DATE

May 5 | Living History Project Premiere • 1pm • Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center • Reception following
May 7 | Winona State University Commencement Ceremony • Business & Liberal Arts, 9:30am • Education, Nursing & Health Sciences, Sciences & Engineering, 2pm • McCown Gym • Contact President's Office for special seating: Karen Northam, 457.5472 or WSU Retiree Center, Cathie Logan, 457.5565
May 11 | University Advancement Retiree Breakfast • Purple Rooms • 9-11am • Stop by Second Tuesday of each month - June 8, July 13, August 9 and September 14
May 27 | Socrates Café Discussion Group • 2-4pm • WSU Retiree Center
June 9 | Retirees Summer Celebration • Holzinger Lodge (651 West Lake Blvd) • Bring your own beverage and enjoy a picnic with WSU Retirees • RSVP by May 28, Retiree Center
June 11 | Bus to Twins vs. Atlanta • Leave at 2pm, Silver parking lot, Huff/Sarnia Streets • Return after game
June 24 | Socrates Café Discussion Group • 2-4pm • WSU Retiree Center
July 22 | Socrates Café Discussion Group, 2-4pm, WSU Retiree Center

Make the WSU Retiree Center website your go-to site for Winona State University activities. www.winona.edu/retiree

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.

You're Invited -
Living History Spring 2010

The Living History Project videos provide an oral history and a documented legacy of WSU Retirees' lives, experiences, accomplishments, and contributions to Winona State University during their careers.

WSU Retiree Center initiated and continues to oversee the University’s Living History Project in collaboration with Professor Robin O’Callaghan, Mass Communication, and students enrolled in TV Topics. The students interview and research to develop a documentary film focusing on a WSU Retiree and their contributions, accomplishments and experiences during their career at Winona State University. This intergenerational experiential learning venture is a project of pride for WSU; students, staff, faculty, administration and retirees.

Living History Spring 2010 premieres Wednesday, May 5, 2010, Performing Arts Center, Recital Hall, 1pm. Refreshments will follow program in Performing Arts Center Lobby. Copies of the DVDs are available for purchase at WSU Retiree Center.

Living History Spring 2010 Honorees

Joyce Locks, Professor Emerita, Health, Physical Education and Recreation; Years of Service 1962 – 1987
Katherine Boone & Olga Lezhepekova, WSU Mass Communication Students

Dan Hoyt, Professor Emeritus, History; Years of Service 1951 – 1984
Christopher Nelson, WSU Mass Communication Student

[Image of Joyce Locks]
[Image of Dan Hoyt]

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Welcome New Retirees

The Annual WSU Retiree Center Luncheon was held on April 22, 2010. Recent retirees were honored for their contributions to Winona State University:

Jane Baures • Athletics  
Sandra Benning • Registrars  
Steven Berg • Biology  
Andrew Bergaus • Facilities Services  
George Bolon • Physics  
Anthony (Tony) Brink • Facilities Services  
Ervin Bublitz • Sociology  
Rita Cada • Information Technology Services  
John Collins • Social Work  
Ronald Dietrich • Facilities Services  
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Jeanette Karjala • Business Education  
Ann Kendrick • Library & Information Services  
Mary Kosidowski • Outreach & Continuing Education  
Russell Lorenz • Facilities Services  
Eugene Lundak • Computer Science  
Kathie Mangen • Rochester Education  
Jacquelyn Markham • Library & Information Services  
Terri Markos • International Services  
William (Bill) Meyer • Facilities Services  
Jamie Meyers • Geoscience  
Margaret (Peg) Meyers • Health Services  
Shirley Mounce • Parking Services  
Cheryl Q Nelson • Mathematics & Statistics  
Wade Nelson • Education Leadership  
Diane Palm • Health Services  
Michael Parma • Facilities Services  
Terry Price • Mathematics & Statistics  
Luen Pruter • Library & Information Services  
Patricia Przybylski • Health Services  
Judith Rader • Physical Education & Sport Science and Recreation Tourism & Centric Recreation  
Chris Roffler • Facilities Services  
Janet Ruggeberg • President’s Office  
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Don Scheid • Philosophy  
Sandra Schmitt • Business Office  
Janice Sherman • Rochester Education  
Thomas Sherman • Rochester Education  
Patricia Tolmie • Education  
David Urion • Mathematics & Statistics  
Patricia Verdick • English  
Bette Weinmann • Residential College  
Alice Wicks • Facilities Services  
Bonnie Woodford • Counselor Education & Education Leadership

Generations Going Green

… the following is an excerpt from Generations-Journal of the American Society on Aging entitled Generations Going Green: Intergenerational Programs Connecting Young and Old to Improve Our Environment by Sheri Y. Steinberg and Donna M. Butts, Winter 2009-10 Volume 33, Number 4

Generations are linked throughout time. Health, hope, culture, and community braid together with other elements, to be passed up and down from age group to age group. Perhaps nothing so well illustrates the degree to which one generation cares about future generations as how much it invests in protecting the environment. Learning about and cherishing a healthy environment is taught, not passed on genetically. Elders always have been, and always will be, the keepers of this covenant and have always worked to pass on a commitment to the environment. Intergenerational environmental programs are a valuable mechanism for fulfilling this role.

Benefits of an Intergenerational Framework

By using the intergenerational framework to address environmental issues, communities are able to reap the demonstrated benefits of intergenerational programs while enhancing the environment. The following are some of the potential benefits of intergenerational environmental projects:

• Bringing people of all ages together to work toward a common goal – to protect human health and the environment.
• Encouraging exploration, study, and action to improve the environment.
• Expanding the numbers of environmental stewards who are committed to the environment, feel a sense of responsibility to improve it, and have the skills to take effective action.
• Drawing attention to the shared environment.
• Providing opportunities for collaborative activity to improve the environment.
• Demonstrating that participants display an increased readiness to take action to protect and care for the environment.
• Helping people see the relevance and vital importance of the environment not only to their own well-being, but also to the well-being of their families and communities (Generations United, 2006).

Generations is the quarterly journal of the American Society on Aging. WSU Retiree Center has issues available for check out.

Note From the Director

…it used to be that the end of the academic year always held a certain sadness for me. Students were graduating and I knew I would not be seeing them again soon. Campus would be quiet – great for getting extra work done, but just not “right” for our university environment.

Being in the Retiree Center has changed that and now spring is one of the most exciting times for me on campus because the “soon to be” retirees are arriving in my office to say hello.

The end of this academic year has an especially heightened exhalation for the whole campus due to the number of employees who will become WSU Retirees – 54. That’s right – fifty four employees will have the status of WSU Retiree by June 30, 2010. This is the largest number of personnel to retire within one year from Winona State University. (At one time that number may have represented the entire faculty and staff). There is a tremendous amount of history and knowledge of the University represented in this group of employees - their combined years of service totals 1,402. That is a tremendous amount of service to the University community.

WSU Retiree Center years of service is only four. In four years we have established some great programs, offered social occasions to get together, and established volunteer and service opportunities to the University. And with fifty four active and enthusiastic “soon to be” retirees increasing our talent and energy, it is a great time for Retiree Center activities to strengthen and expand.

And to get started, we have planned an evening at Holzinger Lodge, June 9th – we’ll bring the food, you bring the beverages. WSU Retirees returning from the south, all of us who reside in the area year round and all the new 2009-2010 retirees will have a great celebration. All this and door prizes, too, for just $6.00. See you there…

-- Cathie

Oh, and Welcome, WSU Retirees 2009-2010.

Retiree Center
You're Invited to the Socrates Café!

You are invited to join a wonderfully collegial group of WSU retirees who meet once per month at the Retiree Center to discuss topics that range the full spectrum of academic and popular discourse.

The Socrates Café discussion group, now in its second year, meets on the fourth Thursday of each month. The next scheduled meetings are:

- May 27
- June 24
- July 22
- August 26
- September 23

No attendance, no tests, no required reading. Just bring your life experience, a healthy curiosity and an interest in reasoned discussion. Come and challenge your intellect and expand your horizons in a relaxed but stimulating environment. Refreshments are provided.

Contact Jim Reynolds at 454-5486 or jreynolds@winona.edu or consult the Retiree Center's website at www.winona.edu/retiree/index.asp for more information.

Spring 2010 Retiree Center Survey

Forgot to send in your Retiree Center Survey? Don't worry! It's not too late. If you have misplaced your survey please call Cathie Logan at 507-457-5565 and she will send you a replacement survey. If you just haven't gotten around to completing the survey yet, please take a few minutes to do so and mail it back or drop it off at the Retiree Center (227 West 7th St, Winona, MN 55987).

Every three years the Retiree Center, as part of its ongoing assessment surveys, surveys all WSU retirees about their perceptions and use of the Retiree Center and the extent of retiree involvement on campus and in their community. This information is relied upon to make changes to the organization and functioning of the Retiree Center as well as to publicize the many accomplishments of retirees. So it's important that we hear from you.

Please send in your survey today. All information provided will be held strictly confidential. Thanks for your help.

All-University Annual Campaign

The All-University Annual Campaign is in full swing through June 30, 2010. If you haven't already done so, please consider a tax-deductible contribution to your favorite WSU priority, whether it is scholarships, academic programs, the Sustaining Fund, the Integrated Wellness Complex, National Child Protection Training Center or other special projects of your choice.

Please send your contribution to WSU, P. O. Box 5838, Winona, MN 55982, Attention: Cindy Jokela. Every gift is warmly received and will make an immediate impact at the University.

Send Me an Email!

Keeping up-to-date with WSU Retirees is easy... if you are not using your WSU email - I'll add your personal email to my list.

Cathie, clogan@winona.edu

What's New on the Retiree Center Website?

How to Learn Just About Anything Online for Free, an article by Bill Hogan, January 2010 AARP bulletin. http://www.winona.edu/retiree/SENIORU.asp

Whenever I start perusing Bill Hogan's article, I get so caught up in the vast amount of Life Long Learning resources available, I can't wait to pass it on to others. He gives good advice on "How to Get Started", and best of all, he gives excellent summaries on the list of E-learning sites.

So take a break from Facebook, and see what's available to learn with just the click of a mouse! Feel free to contact me with any ideas you have that can improve our website. Or if there is something that you really like, let me know. I'd love to hear from you.

-- By Judy C. Routhe, Retiree Center Web Manager jrouthe@winona.edu

Summer Social at Holzinger Lodge

Let's celebrate with our new WSU Retirees! Join us for good food and prizes. Bring your own beverages.

Date: Wednesday, June 9, 2010
Time: 5pm
Location: Holzinger Lodge (651 West Lake Blvd)
Event cost: $6.00

Please RSVP by Friday, May 28th to WSU Retiree Center, 507-457-5565.

Twins Baseball Game

Are you ready for some baseball?

Have you seen the new stadium? We are taking a bus to the WSU Alumni Twins game June 11, 2010, Twins vs. Atlanta. Game starts at 7:10 pm.

Game tickets can be purchased from WSU Alumni Relations or on your own at http://minnesota.twins.mlb.com. (Tickets available at Alumni, 457-5027 or www.winona.edu/alumni after May 11, 2010)

Bus tickets: $22.00 - can be purchased from Retiree Center, 457-5565, or 1st floor of Alumni House. Bus leaves at 2pm from South Silver Lot (corner of Huff & Sarnia Streets). Arriving early so you can check out the stadium or visit the Alumni Event off site (TBA).

Send Me an Email!

Keeping up-to-date with WSU Retirees is easy... if you are not using your WSU email - I'll add your personal email to my list.

Cathie, clogan@winona.edu

Senior University Fall 2010

WSU Senior University has completed three semesters of classes and has lined up classes for fall 2010. Senior University is a set of short courses taught by professor emeriti, WSU faculty, and topic experts and provides lifelong learning and leadership with the fellowship of peers.

If you have not had the opportunity to join one of these classes, get in touch with one of the Learners of a previous class and ask them about their experience. We've received great comments:

"Great Instructor – great group of classmates!" 
"Fascinating topics", “… really like openness of ideas and interchange… excellent teaching…low-key… Great Class!"

Our appreciation goes out to all the instructors who have given so much time in preparation for these classes and sharing their knowledge and expertise… they all say the motivation comes from the Learners who contribute so much to the learning environment and their personal joy to be in the classroom again.

Fall 2010 course offerings include two from English:

- Chaucer: The General Prologue to the Canterbury Tales, Instructor, Kent Cowgill, WSU English, 2001. The course will focus on the General Prologue to the Canterbury Tales and one Tale, The Shipman’s. Reading and appreciation of the text are the primary objectives and to enhance enjoyment of the Tales.

- The Poetry of War and Peace, Instructor, David F. Marshall, UND, English & Peace Studies, 2009. This seminar will explore a selection of poetry about war and peace. The poems on those subjects will inevitably lead us to other great universal themes such as love, conflict and the meaning of death.

Watch for a listing of all classes to be offered, complete details and registration information in the August Newsletter and online at www.winona.edu/retiree.
Top row: Jani Baures, Sue Haedtke, Russ Lorenz, Terri Markos, Sandra Benning

Middle row: Bill Meyer, Pat Przybylski, Bette Weinmann, Tim Hatfield, George Bolon

Bottom row: Karen Gardner, Jeanette Karjala, Jamie Meyers, Cheryl Q. Nelson, Serena Holstad

Top row: Janet Ruggeberg, Alice Wicka, Mary Kosidowski, Luena Pruter, Tom Sherman

Middle row: Ken Gorman, Chris Roffler, Peg Meyers, Sandy Schmitt, Jan Sherman

Bottom row: Patty Verdick, Pat Tolmie, Richard Jarvinen, Gene Lundak, Ann Kendrick

Right: President Judith Ramaley, Judy Rader