

# The RETIREE CENTER Newsletter



*Hello Retirees,*

As I'm typing this report, Winona is in an Extreme Cold Warning with dangerously cold wind chills as low as 50 below in the forecast for tomorrow. I hope you are all staying warm and toasty inside! The Retiree Center has been very busy so far this semester despite the weather. Our Whale of a Time Senior U Lite course started this week at the Minnesota Marine Art Museum. Participants got to witness the advancement of the "Grand Panorama of a Whaling Voyage 'Round the World" during the first class period. We have five more amazing classes scheduled for this semester. Please see the list of offerings on [page 3](#) and register soon if you are interested.



We are also offering several fun day trips and travel opportunities this year. Details are on [page 5](#). Even more day trips are in the works, so watch your emails for details. We started our "Retiree Movie Morning" series this month. On January 13th, we had fifty retirees come to the Winona 7 Theater to see *Song Sung Blue*. Everyone seemed to really like the movie! We will be offering two more Movie Mornings this year, one in February and one in March. Watch for emails from me with more information. These are free events for you and a guest.

The annual Retiree Center Spring Luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 30th from 11:30-1:00 p.m. in the Kryzsko Grand River Ballroom. This is our opportunity to honor all the newest WSU retirees. Invitations for the luncheon will be mailed in March.

The Living History Project Premiere was held on Monday, December 4th. All three of the student-produced documentaries that premiered that evening were fantastic. Since we began the Living History project in 2005, we have had the privilege of honoring over 60 Winona State University retirees. Each person interviewed brings a unique perspective and together these interviews are capturing the history of WSU one story at a time. Please see the pictures below from the event. If you weren't able to attend, I invite you to visit our website and view each of the films. Here is the link:

<https://openriver.winona.edu/livinghistoryproject/>

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter, and I hope you can make it to some of our upcoming events. Check out the calendar on [pages 12 and 13](#). We have so many interesting things scheduled. Our mission at the Retiree Center is to keep you connected to Winona State and to each other. I hope that you will take advantage of these opportunities to do just that. *— Jess*  
See you soon!



Jim Bromeland & his student group



Jo Stejskal & her student group



Tom Sawyer & his student group

## RETIREE CENTER MISSION STATEMENT

*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.*

# RETIREE CENTER NEWS AND NOTES

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## RETIREES JOIN UNDERGRADS FOR CLASS

Adam Gaffey, Associate Professor of Communication Studies, is looking to have approximately twelve to fifteen WSU retirees join the March 23 & 25 class periods of his undergraduate Communication Studies 275 course entitled, “Communication and Civic Dialogue.” This is the fourth semester of collaboration between Adam and the Retiree Center. He greatly appreciates the life and work experience that retirees bring to class discussions. Previous discussions have centered around topics like technology and well-being, the value of work, work-life balance, and emotional intelligence.

Here is what Professor Gaffey had to say about this semester’s discussion:

*“This semester, we are exploring different approaches to social support on campus. We are all aware of different and unique needs for mental and physical well-being related to our student body, especially following the COVID-19 pandemic. Yet, providing and maintaining a full slate of services is often a challenge for institutions. Here’s where I sense members of the Retiree Center can provide some excellent perspective. What kinds of needs (physical or mental health) did they experience as students? What sort of services were provided during their time in college? Additionally, what—if any—changes did they observe in terms of their students’ needs as faculty members? How did their role as a professor change in relation to these needs?”*

These discussions will take place on Monday & Wednesday, March 23 & 25 from 10:00-10:50 a.m. in the DuFresne Performing Arts Center, Room 124. Adam asked me to get this information out to you in hopes that several of you might be interested in participating. Right now, we only have three people signed up to participate. He is hoping that at least twelve retirees will be interested in joining the conversation. This is a fantastic opportunity for intergenerational learning and a chance to connect with some of our undergraduate students. It’s a wonderful collaboration for the Retiree Center. I am so happy that Professor Gaffey is interested in continuing this opportunity for retirees to participate and share their wisdom with our current students!

If you’d like to take advantage of this unique opportunity, please email me, and I will let Adam know. He will send more information to us as we get closer to the March class dates.

## REMINDERS FROM THE RETIREE CENTER

- Please remember to keep the Retiree Center updated with your current address and email. If you need to report a change, please contact Jess by email: [retiree@winona.edu](mailto:retiree@winona.edu) or call 507.457.5565.
- The Retiree Center has moved to Somsen 102. The office was moved last August. The Alumni House is currently being used as a dormitory for 12 male students. A few people have recently stopped at the Alumni House thinking that the Retiree Center was still housed there, so I thought it would be a good idea to remind you of the new location!
- We still have gold parking permits for 2025-26 academic year in our office. If you haven’t picked up a pass, I would encourage you to stop by the office to grab one. Please remember I am a 1-person office, so it’s always best to call ahead to make sure I am here before stopping by.

# SENIOR UNIVERSITY SPRING/SUMMER 2025



Senior University is in full swing this spring! We are currently enjoying our *Senior U Lite: Whale of a Time!* course held at the Minnesota Marine Art Museum. We are still taking registrations for the five classes below. If you're interested, please register soon to reserve your spot!

<h2>THE AGING BRAIN</h2>	<p>Richard Deyo Only 1 spot left!</p>	<p>Wednesdays February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4 2:00-4:00 p.m. \$40.00</p>
<h2>APOCALYPSE PAST: THE SCIENCE OF MASS EXTINCTIONS</h2>	<p>Lee Beatty Class is SOLD OUT</p>	<p>Wednesdays March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15 2:00-4:00 p.m. \$40.00</p>
<h2>FIZZ, FUNK, &amp; FUEL ADVENTURES IN FERMENTATION</h2>	<p>Jen Zemke Maxwell 287</p>	<p>Thursdays March 26 April 2, 9, 16, 23 2:00-3:30 p.m. \$40.00</p>
<h2>FRANK CAPRA, "CAPRACORN," AND SOCIAL CONSCIENCE: FIVE REPRESENTATIVE COMEDIES FROM THE 1930S AND 1940S</h2>	<p>David Robinson 1st Class: Pasteur 237 Remaining classes held in SLC Auditorium 120</p>	<p>Tuesdays April 28, May 5, 12 19, 26 1:00-4:00 p.m. \$40.00</p>
<h2>SHAKESPEARE IN PERFORMANCE</h2>	<p>Jane Carducci Room TBD</p>	<p>Sundays July 12, 19 Class meets before &amp; after each play Price TBD (will include tickets to plays)</p>

We have some very interesting classes being planned for Fall 2026. Watch your email for updates! Do you have an idea for a course? Would you be interested in teaching a Senior University course? If the answer is yes to either of these questions, please let Jess know asap!

# RETIREE GUEST COLUMN - DAVID ROBINSON

(This article originally appeared in our May/Summer 2024 newsletter - I am re-running it in anticipation of David's Frank Capra Senior U Course this May)

I want to say a word or two about comedy: first, because it's my favorite genre, and second, because we are in dire need of it just now. Surveying the landscape in which we find ourselves stuck, we need a change of perspective. And considering the people who dominate the headlines, we could use a fresh set of characters, a new and revised plot, and a happy, promising ending.

What brought this need to the front of mind is the recent Academy Awards ceremony, where "Barbie" was nominated for, among other awards, Best Picture. "Oppenheimer," the winner, deserved the award. It was well-made and concerned the most distinctly non-comic event of our time, the making of the atomic bomb. But the director/producer of "Barbie," Greta Gerwig, was not even nominated for best director, despite her imaginative, innovative, and immensely popular movie. It became the other half of the unlikely Hot Couple of the Summer of '23, the so-called "Barbenheimer" phenomenon. The comedy arguably got more people back into post pandemic theaters than did Christopher's Nolan's brilliant film and Cillian Murphy's mesmerizing portrayal of the Father of The Bomb.



The best comedies not only make us laugh, they give us something to chew on other than popcorn. Think Chaplin, for instance, whose films like "Modern Times" and "The Great Dictator" included biting comment. In "Barbie," America Ferrera's speech to the denizens of Barbieland provides just such a moment. As Gloria, an office worker and single mother, she neatly summarizes the dilemmas that modern women face, sparking a mini-revolution that leads to restoring the (somewhat changed) equilibrium of the film's opening. The film ends in male/female reconciliation and the promise of a new life—in not exactly offspring—on the way.

I don't think "Barbie" is a great film, but it does what good comedy, classical and contemporary, usually does. It not only entertains; it is also hopeful, the tensions and the troubles of the characters and the story at least somewhat resolved. Today, we aren't getting much tension resolution in our cinematic diets. Much of our culture doesn't demand satirizing; it provides plenty of self-satire. (I don't need to name names here, do I?)

I'm hoping to teach another film course for the WSU Senior University next May, this time to focus on the films of Frank Capra in the 1930s and early 1940s. Sometimes dubbed "Capra-corn" for their sentimentality and feel-good endings, they begin with "It Happened One Night" (1934), the first film ever to win all five major Academy Awards, and conclude with "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946), which has become a staple of Christmas TV viewing. All five might be seen as overly optimistic, even sappy at times. But they gave to people looking for a break from the harsh realities of the Great Depression and World War II's aftermath a brief respite. If I were advertising for them, I'd say "Be there and be square."



Writing about our own burnt-over, post pandemic era, various social commentators have opined that we are all dealing with depression, even death, to one degree or another. I'm not suggesting that a spate of more film comedies—even "Barbie II," lord help us—are going to magically heal those wounds. But they couldn't hurt.

# UPCOMING DAY TRIP & TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

## **GUYS AND DOLLS AT THE CHANHASSEN DINNER THEATER**

Date: Wednesday, April 8th - Matinee performance  
Venue: Chanhassen Dinner Theater  
This has sold out, but we are currently taking a waitlist.



## **HARRY POTTER AND THE CURSED CHILD AT THE ORPHEUM THEATER**

Date: Thursday, May 14th - 7:30 performance  
Venue: Orpheum Theater  
Tickets still available - [Register soon](#) if you're interested!



## **DISCOVER EUROPEAN CHRISTMAS MARKETS**

The cost of this trip is \$3829 per person double. This 9-day trip will depart on November 28, 2026. Set out on a grand holiday adventure through the winter wonderland of the Imperial Cities of Central Europe – Prague, Vienna and Budapest. Tour the magnificent Prague Castle and explore its famous Christmas market at the Old Town Square. Experience the world's oldest Christmas market in Dresden. In Vienna, learn the secrets of confectionary at a candy workshop and indulge in dinner at the famous Marchfelderhof. Tour gorgeous Budapest and explore its outdoor markets aglow with lights, where stalls of crafts and delicacies abound.

Trip Highlights: Prague's Christmas Markets, Prague Castle, Dresden's Christmas Markets, Cesky Krumlov, Vienna's Christmas Markets, Budapest's Christmas Markets, Matthias Church, Fisherman's Bastion, & Bratislava, Slovakia.

## **FRANCE MAGNIFIQUE DISCOVERY**

The cost of this trip is \$5629 per person double. This 12-day trip will depart on April 1, 2027. From the royal Palace of Versailles to the enchanting streets of Paris, grab a baguette and rendezvous with the best of France. Bask in the rich history, culture, and romance of these celebrated cities and charming towns. Explore the former royal court and gardens in Versailles. Stroll past the magnificent, colorful flora in Monet's Garden in Giverny. Immerse yourself in the history of Normandy's D-Day Landing Beaches and visit the Normandy American Cemetery, a solemn tribute to the brave soldiers who gave their lives. Delight in the UNESCO World Heritage Loire Valley. Enjoy a visit to the famous Chenonceau Castle. Sip wine during a tour of a winery and its impressive underground caves. Glide along the Seine as you take in the highlights of Paris. Savor the views and rich cuisine during dinner at the Eiffel Tower. Bask in the robust history, culture, and romance of these celebrated cities and charming towns.

Trip Highlights: Versailles Palace & Gardens, Giverny, Normandy, D-Day Landing Sites, Omaha Beach, American Cemetery, Le Mont St. Michel, Loire Valley, Winery Tour, Chenonceau Castle, Seine River Cruise, Eiffel Tower Dinner



## **TRAVEL INFORMATION MEETING**

To learn more about these travel opportunities, please come to our Travel Information Meeting on Tuesday, March 3rd at 2:30 p.m. in Maxwell Hall, Room 158. Our Collette travel representative, Katie Ganshert, will be here to go through all of the details of these trips and answer any questions you may have.

# RETIREE CENTER WINTER SOCIAL PHOTOS



MARY BALLARD & MARY MUELLER



DEBBIE BLOCK & DEBBIE SING-MERCHLEWITZ



BRANT & KRISTI DEPPA & FELINO PASCUAL



MAUREEN & JACK GERSON



RHONDA & LOUIS LITERSKI



DIANE STEVENS & SEYMOUR BYMAN



BRIAN ALDRICH & MATT & TERRI HYLE



ELLEN ZEMPEL, VICKI DECKER, & DEBBIE DICKENSON



RUTH & FRANK BURES

YOU CAN VIEW THE REST OF THE PHOTOS FROM THIS EVENT ON OUR [FACEBOOK PAGE!](#)

# AROHE WEBINAR SERIES

This spring, AROHE (Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education) is hosting a webinar series in six parts focused on Charting the Journey to a Fulfilling Retirement. We are recommending these webinars for pre-retirees at WSU as well as current WSU retirees. These webinars are FREE and open to all who are interested. To pre-register for the series, please follow this link:

<https://www.arohe.org/page-1827074>

## Part I: Moving from Strength to Strength in Work, Life & Happiness

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 25th - 11AM-12:15PM

*Our skills and interests naturally change as we age - a fact that can be difficult and frightening for many “strivers.” How can we prepare for the changes that come later in life, and how can we structure our lives in a way that uncovers new strengths and leads to lasting happiness?*

## Part II: Building a Financial Foundation for Your Ideal Retirement

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 11th - 11AM - 12:15PM

*Planning for retirement goes beyond saving; it’s about creating a comprehensive strategy that supports your lifestyle and goals. This session will explore the key components of a strong retirement financial plan, practical retirement income strategies, the impact of healthcare costs and long-term care planning, as well as discuss risk management techniques.*

## Part III: Retiring Well - Creating a Personal Action Plan for a Fulfilling Retirement

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 18th - 11:30AM - 12:45PM

*Retiring, as a major life transition, can be both thrilling and challenging in unexpected ways. Beyond financial security and physical health, people need preparation for the psychological, social-relational, and life restructuring upheavals they will face.*

## Part IV: Discovering Your Purpose in Retirement

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 8th - 2PM-3:15PM

*Retirement isn’t the end of your story; it’s the beginning of your most meaningful chapter. What happens when the titles, roles, and routines that have defined us for decades fade away? For many pre-retirees and retirees, this transition sparks a powerful question: What is my purpose now?*

## Part V: Time Well Spent: How to Beat Distraction and Expand Your Time

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 22nd - 2PM-3:15PM

*The most meaningful investments in retirement aren’t just financial. They’re about how you spend your time. In this insightful session, Cassie Holmes, PhD, explores the powerful connection between time and happiness, offering research-backed strategies designed especially for those transitioning from academic careers. Discover practical exercises and thoughtful guidance to help you shape your days with intention, boost your well-being, and embrace a fulfilling retirement.*

## Part VI: Cultivating Social Connections and Support Systems in Retirement

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 26th - 2PM-3:15PM

*“The quality of your relationships is the single biggest predictor of happiness.” - The Good Life*  
*Join Marc Schulz, co-author of The Good Life, for an engaging and uplifting conversation about how to stay connected and supported in retirement. Drawing on insights from the landmark Harvard Study of Adult Development, Marc will share practical tips and inspiring stories to help you nurture friendships, strengthen community ties, and create a life filled with meaning and joy. This session is perfect for retirees in higher education who want to thrive socially and emotionally in this exciting new chapter.*

# WAR, PEACE, TERRORISM DISCUSSION GROUP

## Join the Retiree Center's War, Peace, Terrorism Discussion Group - Spring 2026

The Retiree Center recently started a new discussion group: War, Peace, Terrorism - led by Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, Don E. Scheid. This group is open to all adult learners, both within and beyond the university community, who are interested in thoughtful, respectful dialogue about some of the pressing issues of our time.

This is a discussion-based group only - no tests, no papers, no homework. Each session will draw from participants' ideas and questions as we explore the complex themes of war, the pursuit of peace, and the changing nature of terrorism. Guided by the spirit of the Socrates Cafe' model, we'll engage in open-ended inquiry, active listening, and shared reflection.

The first session was held on January 15th. An enthusiastic group of about fifteen people joined Don Scheid for a thoughtful discussion of these issues. The next session will be held on Thursday, January 29th. This session will focus on the ICE occupation of Minneapolis and the changing nature of the weapons of war, particularly the weapons currently being used in Ukraine.

### Schedule/Location:

- Bi-weekly on Thursday afternoons (Remaining dates: January 29, February 12 & 26, March 12 & 26, April 9 & 23, May 7)
- 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Somsen Hall, Room 113

Whether you are well-versed in these topics or simply curious, your voice is welcome. Come connect with others, broaden your perspective, and contribute to meaningful conversation in a supportive environment.

## WSU BUDGET FORUM HIGHLIGHTS

In November, Winona State hosted a FY26-27 Budget Forum, bringing faculty and staff together to review enrollment trends, financial outlooks, and strategic priorities aligned with Winona State 2035.

### Key Takeaways:

- Enrollment Growth: Full-Year Equivalent (FYE) enrollment is projected to rise 2.5% in FY26 and 1.8% in FY27, with new freshman enrollment up 11.6% this fall and especially strong gains from the Twin Cities metro area.
- FY26 Budget: A \$4.4M deficit will be addressed through fund balance and carryforward savings, supported by a "hiring chill" and careful position approvals.
- Positive Outlook: Minnesota State is exploring a common tuition rate and adjustments to the allocation model, which could increase revenue for Winona State.
- Strategic Investments: Initiatives on the horizon include the construction of CICEL and Foundation Hall - a new 340-bed residence hall, as well as expanded student services through Warrior Journey and Campus Compass.
- FY27 Planning: Cabinet will implement \$3M in base budget reductions while continuing to prioritize student success and sustainability.

President Janz emphasized that while challenges remain, enrollment momentum and strategic planning position Winona State for a strong future. The presentation and recording are available on the budget webpage:

<https://www.winona.edu/about/leadership/university-finances/annual-budget/>

# RETIREE CENTER FAST FACTS

- 1. Retiree general information:**
  - The Retiree Center services 681 WSU retirees & spouses of deceased retirees
  - Approximately 400 retirees live within a 50-mile radius of Winona, approximately 300 live within the city limits
- 2. Retiree Center General Budget Information:**
  - Retiree Center has one .80 position/Director
  - Total salary + fringe as of FY26: \$87,970
  - Total operating budget: \$19,328, Total of salaries, fringe, and operating budget: \$107,298
  - The Retiree Center's FY26 budget allocation of \$107,298 represents a modest 0.1% (0.00107%) of the University's overall approximate budget of \$100 million
  - Every \$1 received by the Retiree Center results in \$3.12 in direct and indirect returns to the University
- 3. Number of participants in Retiree Center programming:**
  - Senior University: approximately 145 each semester (WSU Retirees and adult learners in the community; the Retiree Center is one of only 5 senior learning centers in the state of MN)
  - Day Trips: approximately 175 each year (WSU Retirees and adult learners in the community)
  - Travel Program: approximately 12 each year (WSU Retirees and adult learners in the community)
  - Retiree fall and winter socials: approximately 200 each year
  - Retiree Spring Luncheon: approximately 100 each year, Retiree Breakfasts: approximately 270 each year
  - Learning Club membership: approximately 120 (WSU Retirees and adult learners in the community)
  - Student Engagement: The Retiree Center engages undergraduate students through the Living History Project and our triennial assessment surveys – we have worked with approximately 300 students on these projects since 2005
- 4. 2024 Retiree Center Triennial Assessment Survey Results: (the next survey will be completed in 2027):**
  - Approximately 54% of retirees volunteer in some capacity
  - 33 Retirees responded as volunteering at WSU for an average number of 51 hours per year (1683 total annual hours)
  - Value of volunteer time in 2024 is \$33.69/hour - Value of retirees' time at WSU (for the 33 who responded) is approximately \$56,700/year
  - 62 survey respondents reported volunteering within the Winona community (off the WSU campus) each year, the average number of hours per year was 34 hours. Value of retirees' time in the community (for the 62 who responded) is approximately \$71,018/year
- 5. Retiree giving since FY05:**
  - FY05 \$38,045 from 60 donors, FY06: \$106,875 from 63 donors
  - FY07: \$95,355 from 80 donors, FY08: \$210,609 from 90 donors
  - FY09: \$81,484 from 82 donors, FY10: \$79,765 from 99 donors
  - FY11: \$287,407 from 113 donors, FY12: \$65,383 from 124 donors
  - FY13: \$157,955 from 136 donors, FY14: 238,287 from 123 donors
  - FY15: 874,537 from 121 donors, FY16: \$359,400 from 140 donors
  - FY17: \$161,086 from 135 donors, FY18: \$2,467,100 from 139 donors
  - FY19: \$887,178 from 186 donors, FY20: \$600,448 from 177 donors
  - FY21: \$96,475 from 120 donors, FY22: 200,958 from 112 donors
  - FY23: \$238,016 from 119 donors, FY24: \$373,863 from 124 donors
  - FY25: \$231,661 from 102 donors

Total over 21 years: \$7,851,887
- 6. Retiree Scholarships/Retiree Center Scholarship:**
  - Number of retirees with WSU scholarships: 119
  - Retiree Center Scholarship current balance: \$60,320 as of 11/1/25
  - We have awarded \$25,500 to 27 deserving students as of 11/1/25

# CALENDAR

## February

### RETIREE CENTER MOVIE MORNING

Winona 7 Theater  
Tuesday, February 10, 2026  
Beginning at 10:00 a.m.



### AROHE CHARTING THE JOURNEY TO A FULFILLING RETIREMENT WEBINAR SERIES

Moving From Strength to Strength in Work, Life, and Happiness

Webinar: Thursday, February 26, 2026  
11AM - 12:15PM

To Register for the webinar:  
<https://www.arohe.org/event-6482693>

### WAR, PEACE, TERRORISM DISCUSSION GROUP

Led by Professor Emeritus Don Scheid  
All are welcome!  
February Dates: February 12 & 26  
2:00-4:00 p.m.  
Somsen Hall, Room 113



### WSU ORCHESTRA SPRING CONCERT

Sunday, February 28th - 2:00 p.m.  
DuFresne Performing Arts Center

### FROZEN RIVER FILM FESTIVAL

February 1-8, 2026



### DANCESCAPE PERFORMANCE

WSU Theatre & Dance  
February 19-21, 2026 - 7:30 p.m.  
DuFresne Performing Arts Center

## March

### AROHE CHARTING THE JOURNEY TO A FULFILLING RETIREMENT WEBINAR SERIES

Building a Financial Foundation for Your Ideal Retirement - Wednesday, March 11th  
11AM-12:15PM

Creating a Personal Action Plan for a Fulfilling Retirement - Wed., March 18th  
11:30AM-12:45PM

To Register:  
<https://www.arohe.org/event-6493871>

### RETIREE CENTER MOVIE MORNING

Winona 7 Theater  
Tuesday, March 17, 2025  
Beginning at 10:00 a.m.  
Event is on 3rd Tuesday  
due to Spring Break



### RETIREE CENTER TRAVEL INFORMATION MEETING

With Collette Travel Rep - Katie Ganshert  
Tuesday, March 3, 2026  
2:30-4:00 p.m.  
Maxwell Hall, Room 158  
Katie will discuss our European Christmas Markets and France Magnifique trips!

### RETIREES INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN WSU COURSE

Communication & Civic Dialogue - Prof. Adam Gaffey  
Monday & Wednesday, March 23 & 25, 2026 - 10:00-10:50 a.m.  
DuFresne Performing Arts Center, Room 124



### WSU SPRING BREAK WEEK

March 9 - March 13, 2026  
Retiree Center will remain open M-Th  
Retiree Center closed on Friday 3/13

# CALENDAR

## April

### RETIREE CENTER DAY TRIP

*Guys and Dolls - Matinee Performance*  
Chanhasen Dinner Theater  
Wednesday, April 8, 2026  
SOLD OUT

### RETIREE CENTER SPRING LUNCHEON

Thursday, April 30, 2026  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Kryzsko Commons - Great River Ballroom



### AROHE CHARTING THE JOURNEY TO A FULFILLING RETIREMENT WEBINAR SERIES

Discovering Your Purpose in Retirement  
Wednesday, April 8th - 2PM -3:15PM

Time Well Spent: How to Beat Distraction and Expand Your Time  
Wednesday, April 22nd - 2PM -3:15PM

To Register:  
<https://www.arohe.org/event-6494053>

### EARTH DAY

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

### ARBOR DAY

Friday, April 24, 2026  
Watch your email for WSU celebratory events

### WAR, PEACE, TERRORISM DISCUSSION GROUP

April Dates: April 9 & 23  
2:00-4:00 p.m.  
Somsen Hall, Room 113

## May and Beyond



### RETIREE BREAKFASTS

Second Tuesday, May-September  
9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Kryzsko Commons



### WAR, PEACE, TERRORISM DISCUSSION GROUP

Thursday, May 7  
2:00-4:00 p.m.  
Somsen Hall, Room 113

### GREAT RIVER SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

SEASON 23: JUNE 24-JULY 26, 2026  
SEE DETAILS ABOUT OUR SENIOR U COURSE - [PAGE 3](#)



### RETIREE CENTER DAY TRIP

Thursday, May 14, 2026  
*Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*  
7:30 Performance  
Registration open now!

### RETIREE CENTER TRAVEL

Discover Utah's Mighty Five and the Rockies  
May 18-26, 2026



### WSU COMMENCEMENT

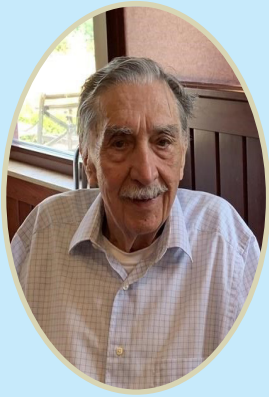
Friday, May 8, 2026



### AROHE WEBINAR SERIES

Cultivating Social Connections and Support Systems in Retirement

Wednesday, May 6th - 2PM -3:15PM



*Richard Sovinec  
Music  
June 27, 2025*



*Myra Carlson  
Spouse of Roger  
October 31, 2025*

## IN MEMORIAM



*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 the loss felt by  
family and friends.*



*Karen Cleveland  
College of Education  
November 9, 2025*



*Nancy Dunbar  
Spouse of Wayne  
December 29, 2025*

## THE PERKS OF BEING A WSU RETIREE

- Athletic Events: Free admission to regular scheduled campus athletic events
- Teaching, Learning and Technology Services: Free campus offered classes when space available
- WSU Fitness Center access at employee rate
- ID Card for all retirees
- Notary Public Services available at no charge
- WSU Library privileges (Retiree ID Card serves as library card)
- Free parking pass for all lots, must renew each year
- 15% discount on clothing and WSU gifts at bookstore, no books
- Printer, scanner, and copy access at the Retiree Center (up to 10 pages per visit)

