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2013 Retiree Spring Luncheon - we honored 12 new WSU Retirees

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.



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Parking Notice: Retiree Parking Permits expire July 31, 2013. Please stop by the Retiree Center office, 227 W Wabasha St., to receive your new permit.

Where does the time go? It seems like spring commencement was just last week, and here we are planning to welcome back students on August 26!

It has been a busy summer at the Retiree Center; we had a wonderful picnic at Lake Lodge on July 18 (thank goodness the Lodge is air conditioned). If you live in Winona or are visiting, plan a stop at Lake Lodge to use the canoes and kayaks offered by the Winona Park and Recreation department; the fee is only \$5 per person for the entire year. We also offered summer Senior University classes for the first time and were very pleased with the enrollment, so look for summer offerings again next year. Grandparents University 2013 was a success (see the photos in this issue); in fact, a few students suggested we make it three days instead of two!

We are working on a pre- and post-retirement workshop for November with topics that include estate planning, retirement readiness (emotionally and financially), Medicare, and long-term care. I will send a notice via regular mail and e-mail once the details are finalized. We also have five classes scheduled for this fall's Senior University. The class list and registration information are in this newsletter. I think we've succeeded in bringing you a broad range of choices; I hope we see you at a class or workshop this fall!

Don't forget to pick up your 2013/2014 parking permit!

See you soon,

Ann Kohner
Director, WSU Retiree Center

WSU ALL UNIVERSITY PICNIC

Monday, August 19, 2013

Lake Park - near the Bandshell

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

STUDENT MOVE-IN DAY

Tuesday, August 20, 2013

Call the Retiree Center if you want to help.

CLASSES BEGIN

August 26, 2013

THEATRE & DANCE PRESENT

"night, Mother"

September 26 - 28

HOMECOMING 2013

Save the date for WSU Homecoming events -
October 19 - 21!

This year's theme is River City Luau.

RETIREE FALL REUNION

Thursday, October 17, 2013

Tau Center, WSU West Campus

Invitations will be mailed in September.



***WSU RETIREE SUMMER SOCIAL -
WE ARE READY TO ROW!***

Grandparents University 2013



Marsha Schultz and her granddaughter, Trinity

Participants of Grandparents University (GPU) 2013 enjoyed classes and activities while sharing special moments and cafeteria food! We welcomed 54 students on June 20 for two days of education, activities, tours and FUN. Eight Winona State retirees and their grandchildren joined us this year.

A bit of rain briefly interrupted the activities (something not unexpected this spring and summer), but we moved into the beautiful Science Laboratory Center atrium and the kids had a great time exploring the building! GPU 2013 offered classes in Astronomy, Digital Photography, French, and Canoeing/ Kayaking and Geocache.

Keep Grandparents University in mind when you plan next summer's schedule. We would love to have you join us.



Joyce Rocco and her granddaughters, Sola and Myka

Senior University

THIS FALL SENIOR UNIVERSITY WILL OFFER FIVE CLASSES:

*** FALL BIRDING TRIPS, TIPS, & CONSERVATION WITH ERIC NELSON & TEX HAWKINS**
Wednesdays, Sept. 11 & 25, Oct. 9 & 23, Nov. 6; 9 - noon OR 10 - noon
ENROLLMENT LIMITED TO 20 PEOPLE. \$50

*** LIFE IN RUNNING WATERS: RIVER AND STREAM BIOLOGY IN THE MIDWEST US, TAUGHT BY DR. WILLIAM RICHARDSON**
THURSDAYS, SEPT. 5 - 26; 10 a.m. to noon (2 FIELD TRIPS) - \$40

*** LEARN ABOUT AND EXPERIENCE MUSIC OF OTHER CULTURES, RUTH BURES, INSTRUCTOR (IN CONJUNCTION WITH WSU'S INTERNATIONAL MUSIC SERIES)**
THURSDAYS, SEPT. 12 & 26, OCT. 17, NOV. 7; 3 - 4:30 P.M. \$40

*** FOUR ACTRESSES OF FRENCH CINEMA TAUGHT BY JEANNE BLACK**
Mondays, Oct. 7 - 28; 9:30 - 11 a.m. \$40

*** CLASSIC GREEK DRAMA WITH PROFESSOR EMERITUS EMILIO DEGRAZIA**
Mondays, Nov 4-25 & Dec. 2; 3 - 4:30 P.M. \$40

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE OFFERINGS PLEASE VISIT THE RETIREE CENTER WEB-SITE:
WWW.WINONA.EDU/RETIREE

THE FALL 2013 SENIOR UNIVERSITY BROCHURE IS NOW AVAILABLE. THE RETIREE CENTER WILL HOST THE SECOND ANNUAL SENIOR UNIVERSITY REUNION FOR ALL PAST SENIOR UNIVERSITY PARTICIPANTS ON AUGUST 6.

SENIOR UNIVERSITY IS OPEN TO ALL PERSONS OF RETIREMENT AGE - YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A WSU RETIREE. PLEASE CONTACT THE RETIREE CENTER IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT SENIOR UNIVERSITY.



“Brain-er-cize” at the Socrates Cafe’!

OK, so you exercise your body, but how about your brain? Do you want to stretch your thinking, and grow new dendrites? Then come to the next Socrates Cafe’ discussion group to develop more brainpower! We are an amiable group that discusses a wide range of challenging topics.

The group meets on the fourth Thursday of each month from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Retiree Center, 227 W Wabasha St. No attendance taken, no tests, and no required reading are pluses. 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 the Retiree Center at 457-5565, akohner@winona.edu to be put on the e-mail list for Socrates Cafe’ discussion notices. You may also find information on the Retiree Center website at www.winona.edu/retiree/index.asp.

Upcoming Discussions:

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

August 22

September 26

October 24

2013 RETIREE SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who completed the 2013 WSU Retiree Survey! We are pleased to report a survey completion rate of 37.2%, well above the 2007 response rate of 10% and a little better than the 2010 rate of 36.3%.

The Retiree Center Advisory Board Assessment Committee will carefully review the survey to discern areas of improvement or concern. We truly appreciate your suggestions and perspectives; don’t be shy about contacting the Retiree Center with ideas for programming or projects.

The 2013 Survey Report will be posted on the Retiree Center website by mid-September.

We want to extend a big thank you to Sociology Professor Aurea Osgood and her graduate student, Michelle Subart, for their work on the 2013 survey.

WAZOO’S LIST IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Wazoo’s List is similar to Craig’s List for members of the WSU Community. You can buy, sell or give away goods, or solicit services:

Give away garden vegetables

Sell your washing machine

Find a pet sitter

Hire a student to mow your lawn

Give away those Journals you no longer read!

Learn more about Wazoo’s List at <http://wsu.mn/Wazooslistinfo> or join Wazoo’s List on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/groups/WazoosList

Guest Columnist

Finally, summer is here! After a cool, wet spring and a similar early summer, July has brought us a stretch of hot summertime weather. This is what we long for all winter. Enjoy it while it lasts.

If you haven't been on the WSU campus lately, a number of exciting changes are beginning to unfold. First, the Integrated Wellness Complex Native Prairie Garden project, spearheaded by Kaitlyn O'Connor, a recent graduate from WSU in Biology, has begun. Kaitlyn has been working with Ed Becker from Winona Nursery to create a garden highlighting native prairie species that require minimum maintenance. Assorted native grasses, medicinal plants, edible plants and butterfly gardens will be seen as one walks through the meandering paths that have large boulders separating each section. Each species will be labeled with the plant's common and botanical name, plus a QR code that links to the WSU Landscape Arboretum Online Plant Database. A large staging area will be placed in the center of the gardens for hosting a class, a guest speaker, or a slide show or presentation. Since the actual planting of the prairie garden took place very recently, patience is needed when viewing these plants. It often takes several growing seasons for these plants to become established and display their flowers.

Another key addition to the campus landscape is the continuation of the tree identification project. Approximately 30 more trees have permanent powder-coated tree identification signs next to them, each having a QR code allowing individuals with smart phones to access more information on each tree. This is in addition to the original 30 temporary signs that were placed by trees last fall.

Each Saturday morning during the Great River Shakespeare Festival, tree tours have been provided for visitors to the campus. A number of MasterGardeners, Tree Care Advisers, and I have volunteered time to provide interested Great River Shakespeare Festival guests a peek into WSU's diverse tree population. In addition to conducting tree tours, Nancy Reynolds has coordinated the volunteer schedules for the tours.

An amazing development this summer has come by means of a sizable donation to WSU. The late Richard Holle and his wife, Moonyeen, have been generous benefactors to WSU. Recently, Moonyeen made a large donation to the WSU Landscape Arboretum. The new WSU Landscape Arboretum will be named in their honor.

Speaking of Great River Shakespeare Festival visitors, I can't help but think the guests will notice a special tree as they walk up to the PAC to see a play. Or perhaps they will spot this tree after enjoying one of the free musical concerts staged in the courtyard. As a visitor walks up to the PAC's main entrance past the three-tiered water gardens, an elegant tree called the Weeping Katsura stands out. You cannot miss this tree's stunning dramatic weeping form. It's as if it has a role in one of Shakespeare's plays. The Weeping Katsura Tree is an eye-catching, colorful, medium-sized tree recognizable by its smaller, heart-shaped leaves, resembling those of the Redbud tree. It can be found in the low mountains of both Japan and China where the climate is similar to southeast Minnesota's. Water is especially important during the establishment period of the Weeping Katsura and during dry periods. It makes a perfect centerpiece for a Japanese garden or a very stately specimen for any park.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, and stop by WSU and check out the new Native Prairie Garden. It is bound to be one of the major attractions to the landscape scene in several years.

Bill Meyer
Retired 2010
Winona State's "Tree Master" & Groundskeeper



Winona State University News

On July 15 we welcomed our new Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Patricia Rogers. She replaces Nancy Jannik who has provided leadership and continuity to the Provost's office during a transition period. Rogers comes to WSU from Bemidji State University where she served as the Dean and Interim Dean for the College of Science and Human Ecology and the School of Graduate Studies since 2007.

We also welcomed a new Director of International Services. Kemale Pinar has more than 30 years experience in the field of international education. Pinar was the lead recruitment officer at three major universities: Saint Mary's University, the University of Oregon in Eugene, and the University of New Brunswick in Canada.

Winona State is now offering a Professional Science Master's Degree in Applied Research and Management (PSM). This degree is designed for recent graduates who want to further their careers in science-related fields. The PSM is an innovative graduate degree that allows students to pursue an advanced degree while employed with a partnered employer. For more information on this degree option, please contact Scott Segal at 507-457-5260.



Please let us know if your address or email changes, so we can keep you informed of Retiree Center events.

Contact the Retiree Center at 507.457.5565 or Ann Kohner at akohner@winona.edu.

Winona State student athletes continue to set records in the classroom. Spring 2013 WSU teams achieved the highest cumulative GPA in school history - 3.30! Also, 57 Warrior student athletes earned a perfect 4.0 GPA, 134 were named to the Dean's List and 61% qualified for the Presidential Scholar Athlete Award. CONGRATULATIONS to our outstanding Warrior Athletes!!

The Winona State University Foundation is celebrating its 50 Year Anniversary with a Gala on September 20 at Lourdes Hall (west campus). For more details, contact the Foundation Office at 507-457-5020.

Necrology

John "Mick" Michalowski
Print Shop Director
July 3, 2013

Jane Schneider, wife of Dutch (Byron) Schneider, General Maintenance Worker (GMW) passed away July 15, 2013 at the age of 84.

James "Jim" McDaniel
Retired Business Administration Faculty
July 20, 2013

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.

(Full obituaries available on the WSU Retiree Center Website: www.winona.edu/retiree/memorial.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.



Retiree Center **SAVE THE DATE**

August 13: Retiree Breakfast, 9-11 a.m., Purple Rooms, Kryzsko Commons

August 16 - 18: Goodview Days Celebration

August 19 (Monday): All University Picnic, Lake Park, near Bandshell, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

August 22: Socrates Cafe, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Retiree Center, Alumni House

August 29: American Queen docking in Winona

September 7: Winona Family Art Day, Lake Park - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

September 15 - 18: Great Dakota Gathering, East Lake Park

September 26: Socrates Cafe, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Retiree Center, Alumni House

September 26 - 28: Boats and Bluegrass Festival, Prairie Island Campground

October 12 - 13: Winona County History Center Cemetery Walk, Woodlawn Cemetery

October 17 (Thursday): WSU Retiree Fall Reunion, Tau Center (watch for an invitation)

October 19: WSU Homecoming Football Game

October 24: Socrates Cafe, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Retiree Center, Alumni House



Winona Spring Birds - Senior University Class
Prairie Island Campground, Mississippi River shoreline