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# The RETIREE CENTER Newsletter



## Hello Retirees,

I know I always sound like a broken record at this time of year, but seriously, where did June and July go? How can time fly this quickly? I guess it's because we've been having fun. We certainly have had a fun and busy spring and early summer at the Retiree Center. It all started in April with our wonderful Little Italy-themed luncheon. We had over one-hundred people attend the luncheon this year, and a good time was had by all. Our Social Committee got creative with the Italian theme and made the event very special for everyone. See the pictures on [page 5](#).

In early May, we continued the fun with our Living History Premiere event. All four of the documentaries that were presented at the premiere were excellent. Robin O'Callaghan, Tom Grier, and the student producers outdid themselves again this year. I think our four retiree honorees (Gary Evans, Jim Mootz, Vicki Decker, and Dennis Pack) were very impressed with the quality of the films. This year's Living History Project will be taking place during fall semester, and the premiere event will be on December 4th. We are excited to be able to honor four more retirees this fall with documentary films. We will be announcing the honorees soon. Please check out the pictures of the spring event on [page 6](#).

Later in May, a large group of retirees and community members joined the Retiree Center on our day trip to see Wicked at the Orpheum Theater. It was absolutely fantastic. We had great seats on the main floor. Everything about the play (the sets, the music, the acting) was superb. Earlier that

day, a group of us stopped at the Mpls. Institute of Arts to view the Guillermo Del Toro exhibit, "At Home with Monsters." It was weirdly wonderful and wonderfully weird, and I think I loved the exhibit as much as the play. Our day trips are one of my favorite things we do at the Retiree Center, so please let me know if you have ideas for future trips. I threw my hat in the ring to try and obtain group tickets to Hamilton during its run at the Orpheum...fingers and toes are crossed...I will keep you posted...

Last but certainly not least in the fun department was our Grandparents University event in late June. We received a ton of great feedback from the participants of this year's GPU. There was an interesting line-up of classes, and a full roster of activities to keep the grandparents and grandkids happy and busy. We added an evening pool party at the Bob Welch Aquatic Center, and it was a big hit with the kids. Eric Barnard also allowed us to use the WSU climbing wall...please go to [page 7](#) to see the pictures of one of our amazing retirees who braved the wall this year!

As you can see, I wasn't lying when I said we've been busy having fun this summer. Let's plan to keep the fun rolling into the second half of the year! We have lots of things happening at the Retiree Center this fall...check out the [calendar](#) inside. We hope you can join us for some or all of the things we have planned. Hope to see you soon!

*Jess*



## 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.*

# RETIREES IN THE NEWS

## Advisory Board

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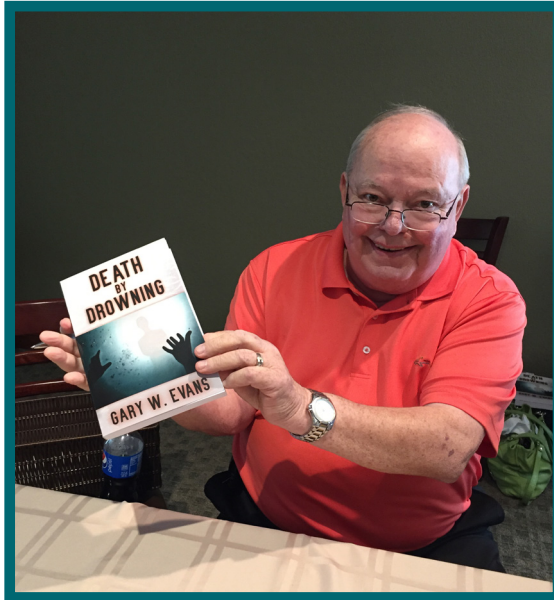
### Student Worker:

Madeline Wiard

## GARY EVANS

Gary Evans has been in the news for a couple of reasons over the past month. He was profiled in the Winona Daily News and the La Crosse Tribune when his new book, *Death by Drowning*, was made available to the public in late June. The book is a mystery set in La Crosse centered on the large number of Mississippi River drownings of college-age men in the past decade. The book attributes the drownings to the work of a serial killer luring the men to their deaths. I attended Gary's book party on June 27th and was able to snap a few pics of the festivities. I bought the book for the Retiree Center, but I haven't had a chance to crack it open yet! The book is on our shelf at the Retiree Center, so stop in and grab it if you'd like to settle in with a mystery sometime soon.

Gary has also been honored by the Winona County Fair by being added to the County Fair Hall of Fame. Thursday, July 13th was Gary Evans Day at the Fair!



## DONNA HELBLE



In late June, the Winona Daily News published a story about the incredible generosity of Donna Helble titled, "A giver to the very end: Donna Helble's generosity to live on through her will." Many of us have been witness to Donna's generous spirit and have seen how she loved to help others in any way she could, so her generosity in death comes as no surprise to us. She will be missed by so many, and it is wonderful to see her legacy live on.

## JAMIEANN & PEGGY MEYERS

In late June/early July, the Winona Daily News and La Crosse Tribune published a seven-part story entitled, "Becoming JamieAnn." It's an in-depth, well-written piece that chronicles JamieAnn's journey of self-discovery beginning in childhood through today. Here's a link to Part One of the series: [Becoming JamieAnn](#)





# WSU ANNOUNCES NEW APPOINTMENTS

Initially published on Winona State University News

## BRIAN JICINSKY

Winona State University announces Brian Jicinsky as the Director of Undergraduate Admissions, effective June 14, 2017. As director, Jicinsky will provide leadership to the university in the area of student recruitment and engagement strategies that lift enrollment for both campuses (Winona and Rochester). In this position, he will provide information to prospective students (freshman and transfer), counselors (high school and community college), parents of prospective students and faculty/staff, to include geographically diverse populations in Minnesota and contiguous states. Jicinsky comes to Winona State University with more than nine years of experience, having most recently served as the Director of Admissions at Miami University Regionals in Ohio.



Brian Jicinsky

## LINDA KINGSTON

Winona State University announces the appointment of Linda Kingston to the position of Assistant Vice President of Adult and Continuing Education, effective July 15, 2017. As Assistant Vice President, Kingston will provide leadership in the development and delivery of online and hybrid distance education and extended learning programs, including online, off-campus and non-credit offerings. These distance learning programs will enhance and extend campus-based academic program offerings beyond the Winona and Rochester campuses, respond to academic program and workforce development needs, and provide access to higher education for the communities served. Kingston will serve as a university spokesperson for business and industry partnerships and community engagement, and develop collaborative partnerships with educational partners, including Minnesota State institutions, private institutions and nonprofit organizations. She will also lead WSU's Adult and Continuing Education (ACE) unit and Summer Session programming.



Linda Kingston

## RONALD STREGE

Winona State University announces the appointment of Ronald Strege as Director of the Warrior Success Center, effective July 17, 2017. Strege will provide leadership for student success and retention. As director, he will lead the Advising, Career, Tutoring and Access Services areas in continuing the mission of providing free and accessible services and resources for students to succeed. Strege assumes the role from Barb Oertel, who recently retired after 33 years of service to WSU. Strege has over 25 years of management and student advocacy experience. He most recently served as the Director for Diversity and College Access and Assistant to the Chief Diversity Officer at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point. Strege has a master's degree in counselor education from Western Illinois University, and a bachelor's degree in speech communication, public relations from the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater.



Ronald Strege

# SENIOR UNIVERSITY FALL 2017



As you can see, we have a great line-up of classes for Fall 2017.

Registration is now open, so reserve your spot soon!

INCREASING HEALTH  
THROUGH EXERCISE  
AND NUTRITION

Justin Geijer &  
Kent Hansen  
Maxwell Hall 257

Wednesdays  
August 30 September 6, 13,  
20, 27, October 4  
3:00-4:30 p.m.  
\$40.00

ART HISTORY "ISMS"

Nicole Chamberlain-Dupree  
MN Marine Art Museum

Wednesdays  
September 6, 13, 20, 27  
October 4  
1:00-2:30 p.m.  
\$40.00

THE ECONOMICS OF  
CLIMATE CHANGE

Matt Hyle  
Maxwell Hall 257

Mondays  
September 11, 18, 25  
October 2  
3:00-4:30 p.m.  
\$40.00

THE AGING BRAIN  
AND STROKE

Richard Deyo  
Phelps Hall 210

Thursdays  
October 5, 12, 19, 26  
November 2  
2:00-3:30 p.m.  
\$40.00

MARCEL PAGNOL:  
NOVELIST, PLAYWRIGHT  
& FILMMAKER

Jeanine Black  
Maxwell Hall 257

Thursdays  
October 12, 19, 26  
November 2, 9, 16  
3:30-5:30 p.m.  
\$40.00

DIGGING DEEPER:  
INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED  
GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

Janis Martin  
Maxwell Hall 160

Tuesdays  
October 31,  
November 7, 14, 21  
1:00-3:00 p.m.  
\$40.00



# 2017 SPRING LUNCHEON

**The Spring Luncheon was a lovely event...many thanks to the Social Committee members for their hard work!**





# SPRING 2017 LIVING HISTORY PREMIERE



A great batch of documentaries were created for the Living History Project this spring! The premiere event was attended by many friends and family members of our four honorees. I think everyone in attendance was quite impressed with the quality of the films. Save the date for our Fall 2017 Living History Premiere on December 4th.

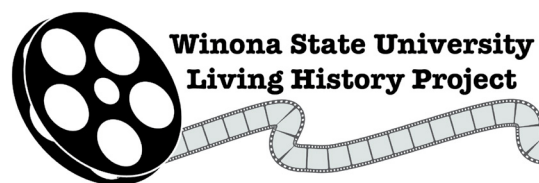


The Spring 2017 LHP Honorees: Jim Mootz, Vicki Decker, Gary Evans and Dennis Pack



The 2017 honorees with the student producers and course instructors (Robin O'Callaghan & Tom Grier)

The Living History Project seeks to build a permanent video archive of documentaries about retired faculty, staff and administration whose WSU careers have made notable contributions to the history of the University. If you would like to nominate someone for the Living History Project, please contact Jess or Nancy at the Retiree Center to have a nomination form sent to you. The nomination form and all retiree documentaries are also available on our website: <http://www.winona.edu/retiree/livinghistory.asp>





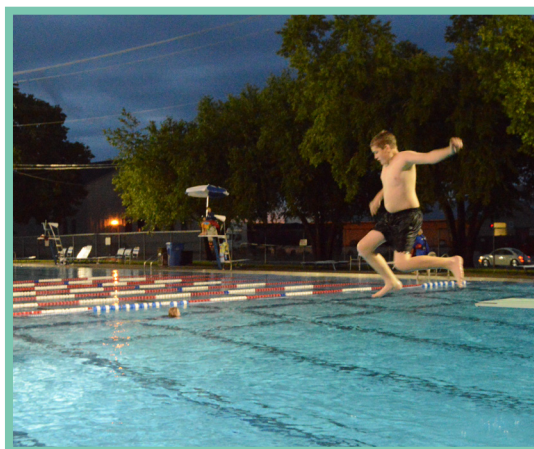
# GRANDPARENTS UNIVERSITY



## Grandparents<sup>®</sup> University

June 22-23  
Thursday-Friday

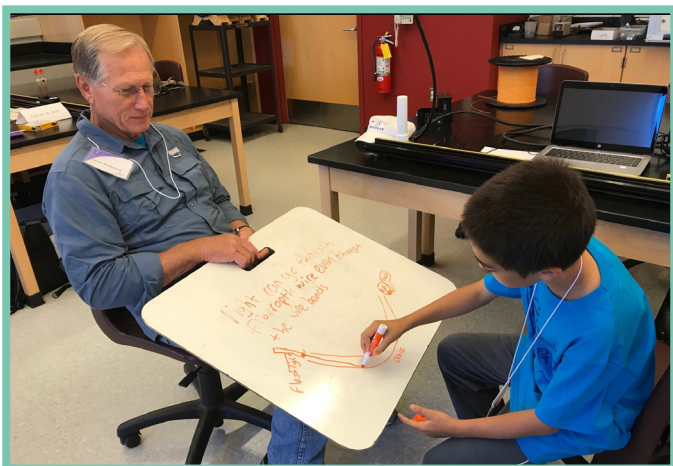
# 2017



The pool party was a hit with the kids!



Bonnie Woodford and her grandson, Charlie, had fun hanging out with Wazoo.



Jim Bromeland, and his grandson, Milo, were hard at work in the Star Wars and Lasers: Exploring the Science of Light course.



Ormsin Gardiner scaled the climbing wall quite well....we were impressed & inspired!



# RETIREE SPOTLIGHT

## CARL STANGE

By: Brian Waldbillig

Initially published on Winona State University News

Carl Stange has been known to say that he has 8,000 kids. But anyone who knows the recently retired Director of Admissions for Winona State University knows that his impact reaches far beyond just the 8,000 students on campus. Stange started at WSU in 1984 and during his 33 years with the university has represented the university in many ways: as an admissions counselor, the Interim Transfer Coordinator and Veteran Affairs Certifying Official, Wazoo Mascot Advisor, a Freshman Admissions Counselor, Assistant Director and Ambassador Advisor. During his final year at WSU, he was even selected as WSU's nominee for the Minnesota State Professional Excellence Award for Administration and Service Faculty for his service to the university and its students. Stange spent his days trying to engage and connect prospective students to WSU through town tours, free application weeks and helping transfer students get acquainted with their new college town. Efforts by Stange and his fellow Admissions staff have helped the office maintain its admittance goals since 1984. Stange also admitted two of WSU's largest freshmen classes in 2011 and 2012. Over the last three decades, his career has taken him to high schools, college fairs and even an elementary school to tell the story of WSU. But once the admission and registration process was complete, Stange said his work was still not done. "I have either coached the first generation student with enthusiasm that they can do it, or reached out and embraced a Minnesota Dream Act student who is completing a pre-nursing degree with a 4.00 GPA, or counseled an athlete who decides college athletics is not as important as a degree, or listened to that parent that just does not know how to let go," Stange said. "I have used many different styles and approaches to reach each one of them in order to watch them succeed." Stange also gets students involved with decorating floats for WSU Homecoming every year and serves a formal meal each fall to help students celebrate the end of the semester as well as learn proper dinner party behavior and establish connections and traditions. For Stange, his tenure at WSU has been marked by the success of graduates, many of whom he helped advise and guide through their time at WSU. "My personal success at WSU has been measured by her graduates. Graduates who continue to live by our mission statement: A community of learners improving our world," Stange said.



## CAROL BLUMBERG

Information received from University Communications

Carol Joyce Blumberg, a Professor in the WSU Department of Mathematics and Statistics from 1987 to 2006, was made a fellow of the ASA in 2010. The short citation accompanying the award says it was given for "notable contributions to statistics education at the national and international level; for outstanding teaching, advising and mentoring; for extensive service to the profession; and for contributions to the fields of educational statistics and energy statistics." After retiring from WSU, Dr. Blumberg worked for the U.S. Energy Information Administration from 2006 to 2014. She is now fully retired and works part-time as an unpaid Education Volunteer for the ASA.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## STUDENT MOVE-IN DAY - VOLUNTEERS WANTED



### Volunteer on Move-In Day - August 15, 2017

The Alumni Relations Office would like you to welcome new WSU students and their families as they settle into their new home on the WSU Campus.

There is no lifting involved!

Answer questions, offer a bottle of water or a shady spot to stand and make our incoming students and their families feel welcome in our wonderful Winona community.

Please contact Machel Carney in Alumni Relations if you are interested in volunteering at a welcome tent. There are three shifts: (9-11AM, 11-1PM, and 1-3PM) at three different locations on campus.

Alumni Relations would like to have two volunteers per locations...ask a friend to join you.

Contact Machel today at 507.457.5027 or email [mcarney@winona.edu](mailto:mcarney@winona.edu)

## RETIREE PARKING PERMITS ARE AVAILABLE NOW!

2017-2018 retiree permits are now available. Please visit the Retiree Center this summer to receive your new parking permit. Retirees with parking permits can PARK ANYWHERE on campus. This includes all gold and silver lots. This is a fantastic benefit for you, but you do need to make sure to pick up a new permit each year...you may be ticketed if your car is displaying an expired permit. Stop in and get yours soon!

## REMEMBER TO KEEP US UPDATED...

Please remember to keep the Retiree Center updated with your current mailing address and email address. If you need to report a change, please email us at [retiree@winona.edu](mailto:retiree@winona.edu) or give us a call at 507.457.5565.



# SAVE THE DATES

## August



### STATE CAPITOL DAY TRIP

Wednesday, August 23, 2017



### SOCRATES CAFE

August 24, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Kryzsko Commons G100

### STUDENT MOVE-IN DAY

Tuesday, August 15, 2017  
8:30 am - 2:30 pm  
*See [page 8](#) for details*

### RETIREE BREAKFAST

August 8, 2017  
9:00 am - 11:00 am  
Kryzsko Commons Purple Rooms

## September

### BOATS & BLUGRASS FESTIVAL

September 21-24, 2017  
Prairie Island, Winona



### GREAT DAKOTA GATHERING

September 9-10, 2017  
Unity Park, Winona



### SOCRATES CAFE

September 28, 2:00-4:00 pm  
Kryzsko Commons G100

### RETIREE BREAKFAST

September 12, 2017  
9:00 am - 11:00 am  
Kryzsko Commons Purple Rooms



### CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS TRIP

September 17-24, 2017

# SAVE THE DATES

## October



### SOCRATES CAFE

September 26, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Kryzsko Commons G100

### RETIREE FALL REUNION

Thursday, October 19, 2017  
Invitations will be sent  
in September



### WSU HOMECOMING

THEME: ALL ROADS LEAD HOME

October 20-21, 2017



## November and Beyond



### THANKSGIVING BREAK

Retiree Center Closed  
November 22,-24, 2017

### RETIREE WINTER SOCIAL

Monday, December 11, 2017  
Invitations will be sent  
in November

### WSU COMMENCEMENT

Friday, December 8, 2017  
McCown Gymnasium

### LIVING HISTORY PREMIERE

Monday, December 4, 2017  
3:30 pm - 5:30 pm  
Stark Hall 103 Auditorium







*Dolores Schiller  
Nursing Department  
May 28, 2017*

## IN MEMORIAM



*We honor and mourn our  
University colleagues who  
have recently died.  
We recognize the richness of  
each life, the gifts these mem-  
bers have brought to  
many and the loss felt by  
family and friends.*



*Dennis Landers  
Spouse of Joanne Landers  
April 2, 2017*

## 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
- Free WSU retiree e-mail
- WSU Fitness Center access at employee rate
- ID card for all retirees
- Free parking pass for all lots, must renew each year
- 15% discount on clothing and WSU gifts at bookstore, no books
- Computer, printer, fax and copy access in the Retiree Center
- Student tech consultations

