



RETIREES ASSOCIATION

News & Notes

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Dates to Remember

December 1, 2009 - 7:30 pm

Country star, Lynn Anderson & Western Hemisphere Orchestra
Rice Auditorium

December 2, 2009 - 6:30 pm

WOU Tree Lighting & Parade

December 4, 2009 - 11:00,

12:15 & 1:30 Tea Times

Gentle House Tea Fundraiser

December 11, 2009 - 5:30 pm

Retirees Holiday Dinner and Silent Auction with live music
Gentle House

February 9, 2010 - 7:30 pm

Smith Fine Arts Series - Auryn String Quartet
Rice Auditorium

March 13, 2010 - 7:30 pm

Smith Fine Arts Series - Inti-Illimani
Rice Auditorium

April 4, 2010 -

Smith Fine Arts Series - An Evening with Mel Brown
Rice Auditorium

Happy Holidays to all!

Thank you for supporting students and programs at WOU during 2009.

President's Report: by Peter Stone

As outgoing president I want to thank all of our board for their support during the past two years and welcome Dale Cannon to the board. He has done a fine job working on programs and activities for the Emeritus Society and his addition to our board will help coordinate programs with both groups. Welcome aboard Dale.

The board has outlined an exciting year of activities for retirees beginning with a Grand Holiday Dinner and Silent Auction Scholarship Fund Raiser. Friday, December 11th will see the Gentle House ablaze with lights and decorations. Auction items will be available for bids throughout the house and available for bid during the social hour scheduled from 5:00 until 6:30. This is a wonder-filled way to begin the holidays with friends and retirees and a great support for the Western student scholarship program. YES, you are encouraged to make a party of the evening and invite friends and family to join us.

Respectfully,

Looking Ahead

by Peter Stone

At our Board meeting on October 12th Sandy Newland reported that we now have over fifty members and suggested that the retiree board members contact retirees concerning membership for the remainder of 2009/10.

The Holiday Dinner and Silent

Auction is scheduled for December 11th at the Gentle House.

The coming year will see an increase in activities with a day trip planned to Tillamook in February; a river and or train trip to Astoria in May; and a two day Ashland, Crater Lake trip in August. In October we plan to offer a one day Fall Color excursion to Sisters and Eastern Oregon. All in all it looks like an active year ahead for WOU Retirees and friends.

Where Are They Now?

by Peter Stone

When the Stone Family moved to Monmouth in 1968 we bought our home on Sacre Lane from none other than my new colleague James L. Kirk. We knew him then as Leo. In an article in the Statesman Journal by Barbara Curtin on October 11th 2009, we all got a sense of the talent and dedication he brought to the OCE Art Department for twenty-five of his thirty-five year teaching career.

Fresh from winning one of the top awards at this year's Oregon State Fair professional division for his paintings "The Bath" and another titled "Favorite Model", at age eighty-five he continues to produce fresh works. James is presently working on twelve commissioned portraits. JLK is a master of what he does, and in this writer's opinion, his work gets better and better. Mary Lou Zeek reported that he has never met a person to whom he hasn't said, "Stop, I have to paint you." Kirk and his wife, Alice, continue to live in Monmouth in a house he designed. They have been faithful members of the Retirees Association, and I hope I will get him to put an item or service in our Silent Auction at the Holiday

Dinner at Gentle House on December 11th.

Retirees Annual Fall Meeting

by Dr. Gary Huxford

A small but appreciative gathering of retirees attended the annual organizational meeting on September 23rd at Gentle House. The purpose of the meeting was twofold: to approve the slate of Board Officers for the year 2009-10, and to engage in a dialogue with Provost Kent Keeley dealing with the state of the University.

Officers for the coming year are:
Vice President - Dr. Gary Huxford
Secretary - Gibby Rowe
Treasurer - Ray Brodersen
Staff Representative - Bertha Bartel
Faculty Representative - Dr. Dale Cannon
Ex Officio Board Members:
Peter Stone and J. Morris Johnson, past presidents.

Peter Stone, David McCorkle, and Jim Beaird merit our thanks for their collective service on the Board.

Provost Neely delivered a wide ranging and insightful review of the status of the University as he sees it through fresh eyes. Members of the audience suggested ways the retirees can assist, especially in the area of recruitment.

All in all, it was a good meeting. We look forward to our holiday social December 11th. We invite all of you to think of contributions you may make to the silent auction to be held in conjunction with the dinner on the 11th. Forms can be obtained from Sandy Newland and/or members of the Board.

We hope to see you on the December 11th.

Not Bored On This Board

by Peter Stone

Your Retiree's Board IS a working board whose primary reason for being is to help retirees keep abreast of what is going on at WOU, keep you informed about what is important to know that might affect your retirement, and to raise funds for scholarships. We do this by creating trips that we hope will

produce funds and, of course, by using a part of your annual membership dues. The demographics today of who and where our members retire have changed making it harder to maintain the number of members we once had. Few remain in Monmouth and as we experience this we simply don't have the participation in the organization we had five and ten years ago. We need you and the fresh ideas you can bring to the retirees. Your board is actively developing an exciting series of events that brings us together more often with lead times that we hope will make it possible to participate. Most of our events in 2010 will not be limited only to retirees, but we invite family and friends to join us in our activities. December 11th will see our Holiday Dinner and Silent Auction at the Gentle House. It promises to be a great evening and a special way to begin the holidays. It is fast approaching and we already have 29 reservations. We will have space for only seventy-five guests so make your reservations with Sandy now so you won't be disappointed. Join with your family and friends, and consider joining the Retirees' Active Board. Call me, Peter Stone at 503-363-6019 if you think you are interested in board membership. I'll see you on December 11th.

Wait Until You Read This!

by Peter Stone

The menu alone is worth saving December 11th for an evening that you are bound to remember, if for no other reason than the food. The Retirees have invited Reed Catering to give us a change from the ordinary. President Peter Stone met with Cora Snow to plane the menu and here it is:

Appetizers will be presented among guests during the social hour while you make bids on the silent auction items 5:00 - 6:30 pm.

*Flatbread with Oregon Cheeses, Anis, Cream cheese and Smoked Salmon

*Warm Wild Mushroom Tarts with Oregon Goat Cheese

*Salad served at the table at 6:30 includes: chopped romaine with fresh strawberries and blue cheese with light vinaigrette

*Assorted Special Breads & Butter on the table

*Entrees will be served at the table with a choice of the following:

*Pounded chicken rolled, stuffed and sliced with a special sauce, stir-fried green beans and a soufflé of risotto

*Flat Iron Steak (medium rare) with stir-fried green beans and a soufflé of risotto

*Vegetarian plate on request

*Dessert includes assorted special pastries and a choice of coffee or tea

Mark your calendar now and make reservations with Sandy. The cost per person, including gratuity, is \$45.00. We will have space for just seventy-five guests so sign up today and bring family or friends.

NO HOST BEVERAGE SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THIS EVENT.

Auction Items

Listed below are some of the auction items available for bids at the Holiday Dinner:

- Pittock Mansion tickets
- A case of trout flies by Morris Johnson
- Two for one coupons for the RAM Restaurant
- Northern Lights Theatre tickets
- Mission Mill tickets
- Ankeny Vineyard Wine Tour & Tasting
- High Desert Museum tickets
- Family Fun Center & Bullwinkle's Restaurant
- King Estates Wine Tour
- Portland Spirit Boarding Passes
- Golf for four at Illahe
- Marr Bros. fir bark dust
- Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum
- A.C. Gilbert Discovery Village
- Since 1856: A History of the College at Monmouth
- Hoodport Winery Tour & Tasting
- Portland Chinese Classical Garden
- King Estate Pinot Gris wine
- San Antonio Restaurant certificate
- Northwest products gift basket
- Bentley's Grill certificate
- Inn at Spanish Head certificate
- Giclee print by John Casey
- "Reclining Nude" painting by Dan Cannon
- French Domaine Saint Benoit 2008 Syrah, silver medal winner wine
- Stoneware coil pot by Peter Stone



Membership Help

There are currently 57 members in the WOU Retirees Association compared to a total of 75 members last year. Please support the WOU Scholarship Program by sending your check to the WOU Foundation, The Cottage, 345 N. Monmouth Avenue, Monmouth, OR 97361.

Memberships dues are only \$20, but if you wish to include extra for the WOU Retirees Association Scholarship, it will be greatly appreciated by students who are fulfilling their dream of a college education. If your membership has lapsed, we hope you will come back and support the scholarship program.

- Yes, I/we will be pleased to attend the WOU Retirees Association Holiday Dinner on Friday, December 11, 2009.

_____ Please reserve _____ places at \$45 each

_____ # Flat Iron Steak with small soufflés of risotto & stir fried green beans

_____ # Pounded chicken stuffed rolled & sliced with sauce & stir fried green beans

_____ # Vegetarian plate on request

Price includes hors d'oeuvres, dessert, non-alcoholic drinks and gratuity.

Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

Guest name: _____

- Enclosed is a check made payable to the WOU Foundation
 I/we regret that I/we will not be able to attend.

Please return this card by December 7th
 Call Sandy at 503-838-8147 if you have any questions.

Benefits of joining the Retirees Association:

campus parking · library privileges · access to e-mail and the internet

athletic schedules · newsletters

In addition, all retirees are listed in and receive a copy of the campus telephone directory

Membership year is July 1 - June 30

Yes, I want to join the Western Oregon University Retirees Association

Name: _____ Retire year: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Name on Card: _____

Exp. Date: _____ 3-Digit Security Code: _____

Membership @ \$20 x _____ (# of memberships)

Cash/check

Credit card (Visa or MC)

Total membership \$ _____

I would like to make a contribution to the Student Emergency Fund: \$ _____

Total Amount \$ _____

Card # _____

Signature: _____

- Please provide me with information about wills and estate planning

Return this form along with your payment to: WOU Foundation, 345 Monmouth Ave N, Monmouth, OR 97361. If you have any questions, please call Sandy at 503-838-8147.

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