

The RETIREE CENTER Newsletter



Hello Retirees,

I wrote the first draft of this letter back in early July. Upon looking at it again this week, I found I had to change it up quite a bit. In that early draft, I wrote about how nice it was to be enjoying a more normal summer and not worrying about COVID nearly as much. It's true that I have enjoyed a wonderful summer seeing family and friends as much as possible, but as July comes to a close, the picture doesn't seem as rosy as it did just 4 weeks ago. The Delta variant is wreaking havoc in low-vaccinated areas, and it seems each day we are getting closer to needing masks again, even for those who are vaccinated. I hope it doesn't come to that, but the future is still very iffy. After enjoying this brief hiatus from everyday worry, it would be very difficult to go back to it. I guess I will keep doing what I've been doing since this whole thing began, hoping for the best but preparing for the worst.



On a brighter note, I am happy to say that at least in the near future things are going to look much more normal at WSU. For starters, the Retiree Center is open again! Nancy and I are so happy to be back in the office, and we hope to see you soon. In August, we will be open daily. Most days only one of us will be in the office at a time, so it always makes sense to call before heading over to make sure somebody is available. Students will be returning to campus in just a couple of weeks. It's going to be wonderful to have them back. Currently masks are not required in WSU buildings for those who are vaccinated and are preferred for those who have not been vaccinated. I've spoken with the Director of the Integrated Wellness Center, Jeff Reinardy, and he plans to open the fitness center up to retirees again in the fall! I know this is very welcome news for many of you. You will also have access to the library and all other buildings on campus.

In other happy news, on July 13th, the Retiree Center held its first in-person event since early 2019. Retirees enjoyed a couple of lovely



rides aboard the Cal Fremling that morning. We had perfect weather that day, and everyone seemed to be in great moods and happy to be together again. Amy Welch was able to wrangle seven other Facilities retirees onto the 1st boat ride that morning. It was great to see all of them (pictured left). Amy said the party didn't break up until 3:00 p.m., because they were enjoying each other's company so much. They decided to grab a burger together after the ride. You can see several other photos from that day on the next page.

We are planning to have other in-person events this fall, most notably our Retiree Fall Luncheon on Thursday, October 28th. We are looking forward to honoring all of our newest retirees at this event. I hope you will be able to join us (invitations will be mailed soon), and I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Jess

From Left: Bryan Dulas, Kevin Kimmel, Amy Welch, Bill Meyer, Scott Engler, Tony Bronk, Gary Gile and Dannie Maul

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.

COFFEE BREAK ABOARD THE CAL FREMLING

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UPCOMING RETIREE CENTER DAY TRIPS



SOLD OUT - Currently taking waitlist

We are offering a fantastic day trip to see the Vikings take on the Seattle Seahawks in the first home game of the season on Sunday, September 26th. This should be a great opportunity to see the new stadium and watch an exciting game with friends and colleagues.

The cost for this trip is \$110. This includes your ticket to the game, bus ride (including snacks and water) and a tip for the bus driver.

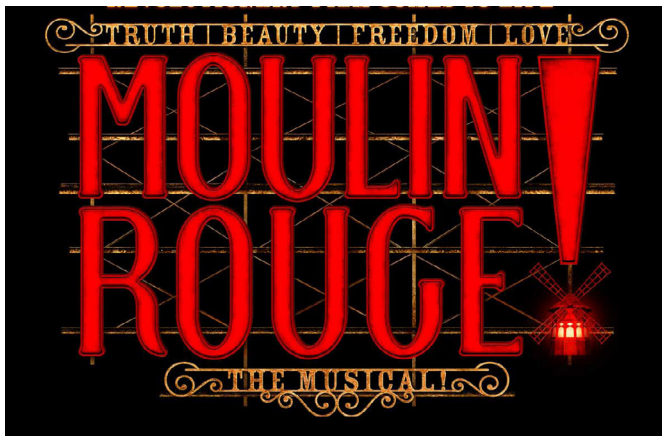
Only 2 tickets left! Register soon if you're interested!

On Tuesday, October 19th, we will be heading to the Orpheum Theater in Minneapolis to see an evening performance of *Disney's Frozen: The Musical*. We have secured great main-level seats for the show!



Before the play begins, we will eat an early supper as a group at the Rock Bottom Brewery (cost of supper is included in the price of the trip). The Rock Bottom Brewery is conveniently located just across the street from the Orpheum on Hennepin Avenue. We will have a private room that overlooks the Orpheum and will have three delicious menu options available to us. The cost of the trip is \$110/person and includes your ticket to the play, dinner at Rock Bottom Brewery (not including alcoholic beverages), the bus ride (including snacks and water) and tip for the bus driver.

This trip had originally been planned for May 2019 but was rescheduled due to COVID.



Registration will open this fall!

Date: Thursday, May 19, 2022 - 1pm show (matinee)

Venue: Orpheum Theater - Minneapolis

From the Orpheum's website: "Baz Luhrmann's revolutionary film comes to life onstage, remixed in a new musical mash-up extravaganza. Directed by Tony Award-nominee Alex Timbers, *Moulin Rouge! The Musical* is a theatrical celebration of truth, beauty, freedom and — above all — love. With a book by Tony Award-winner John Logan, music supervision, orchestrations and arrangements by Justin Levine, and choreography by Emmy Award-nominee Sonya Tayeh, *Moulin Rouge!* is more than a musical; it is a state of mind."

The Retiree Center was informed by the Orpheum Theater that *Hamilton* will be postponed until sometime in 2023. All who had bought tickets through us have been refunded. The Retiree Center will still be entitled to 50 tickets when the show runs. Those who had tickets will be given priority in purchasing tickets in 2023. We were so sad to hear about the postponement, but it gives us something wonderful to look forward to!



SENIOR UNIVERSITY FALL 2021



As you can see, we have a great line-up of online classes for Fall. All courses will be held online via Zoom. We will resume in-person classes in Spring 2022. We hope this means that some of you who don't live in or around Winona and can't normally participate in our Senior University courses will decide to give it a try this semester!

Registration is open now!

ON LIBERTY
JOHN STUART MILL'S VISION
OF A FREE SOCIETY

David Speetzen

Tuesdays
August 24, 31
September 7, 14, 21
2:00-3:30a.m.
\$40.00

**THE SUPREME COURT &
THE CONSTITUTION**

Matt Bosworth

Fridays
September 10, 17, 24,
October 1
2:30-4:30 p.m.
\$40.00

**EATING YOUR WAY TO
GOOD HEALTH**

Kent Hansen

Thursdays
October 7, 14, 21, 28,
November 4
2:30-4:00 p.m.
\$40.00

**SENIOR U LITE:
LEARNING YOUR WAY
AROUND THE NIGHT SKY**

Jennifer Anderson

Date Change!
Tuesday
October 19
1:00-3:00 p.m.

**THE STATE OF FAMILIES
IN THE UNITED STATES**

Aurea Osgood

Tuesdays
October 26
November 2, 9, 16
1:30-3:00 p.m.
\$40.00

RETIREE NEWS & NOTES

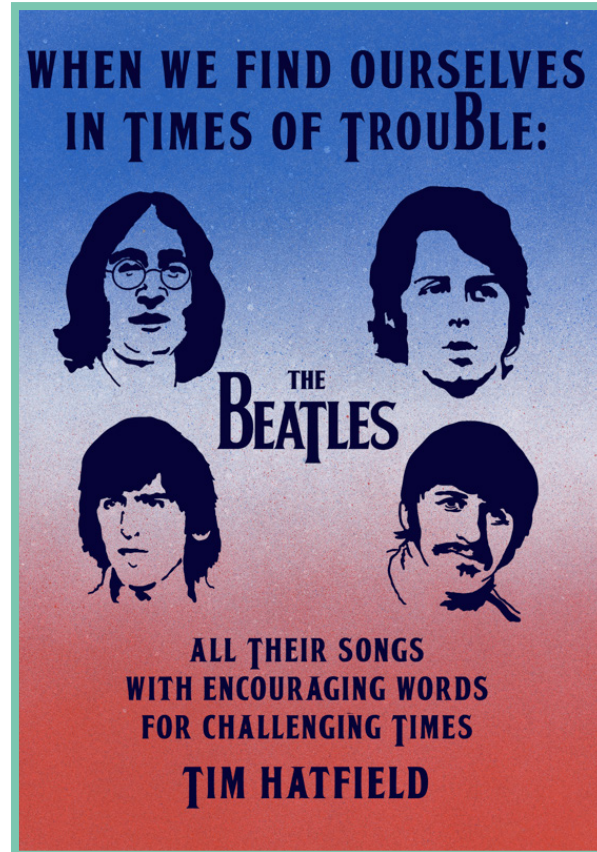
TIM HATFIELD'S NEW E-BOOK!

You may remember an article in our last fall newsletter about Tim Hatfield's daily emails entitled, "Beatles Uplift of the Day During the Time of Corona Virus." In these emails, Tim offered some well-researched background on a chosen Beatles song of the day and touched on how the song tied into what was going on in the world at that particular time. I remember looking forward to receiving his email each day, and I also remember telling Tim that I hoped these emails would one day become a book. Well, that day has come, I'd like to say that I was responsible for this, but many of the people receiving his emails expressed the same sentiment. All I can say is I'm glad Tim took all of our advice and wrote the book!

The e-book is available on Amazon for \$9.99. Here is a link to order if you're interested: [Tim Hatfield E-book on Amazon](#)

From the back cover: "This book, written by a lifelong Beatles fan, highlights all the songs of the Beatles, with stories of each song from their earliest demos to Abbey Road. The 260 stories include 10 "Bonus Tracks" of special interest. The book sprang from the author's love of rock and roll and special love of the Beatles' music, but specifically from his desire to help people cope with the uncertainty and anxiety of the coronavirus pandemic. What became clear during almost a year of notes to a large group of family and friends is that the music of the Beatles could be just as important and potent a gift to a person during any challenging time in their life -- a brief uplifting respite from stress and worry. For each song's back story, special attention is devoted to the band's creative process and its influence on and synergistic relationship with the culture at large. The music of the Beatles can, indeed, provide those brief life-giving respites during a national trauma or any personally difficult time -- our times of trouble. Explicit reminders and encouragement to persevere during those times of trouble accompany each song."

Another interesting tidbit, Tim's son Rick did the cover design and art work!



RETIREE PARKING PERMITS ARE AVAILABLE NOW!

The 2021-2022 retiree parking permits are now available! You may stop in at the Retiree Center to pick one up. Since we are a 2-person office, Nancy and I advise visitors to call before coming to the center to ensure that one of us is available to help you. We will also mail permits by request. To request a permit, please email us at retiree@winona.edu. Include your name, current mailing address and license plate number/State of Issuance.

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 get a new permit each year...you may be ticketed if your car is displaying an expired permit.

CALENDAR

August



RETIREE CENTER COFFEE BREAK

Tuesday, August 10, 2021
2:00-3:30 p.m.
Via Zoom - Guest to be announced

LEARNING CLUB OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, August 12, 2021
9:00 a.m.
Winona County History Center
Renew your membership and learn about upcoming events!

WSU CLASSES START

Monday, August 23, 2021



GOLD PARKING PERMITS AVAILABLE

Pick one up in our office or have one mailed to your home
See p. 5 for details



SENIOR U COURSE

On Liberty: John Stuart Mill's Vision of a Free Society
Taught by David Speetzen
Begins Tuesday, August 24th
2:00-3:30 p.m.

September



MN VIKINGS DAY TRIP

September 26, 2021
Vikings vs. Seahawks



9/6/21
WSU Closed



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Tuesday, September 14, 2021
2:00-3:30 p.m.
Via Zoom - Guest to be announced

BOATS & BLUGRASS FESTIVAL

September 23-25, 2021
Prairie Island, Winona



STEAMBOAT DOCKINGS IN WINONA

"America" docking September 9 and 12
"American Melody" docking September 21 and 25

MINNESOTA MARINE ART MUSEUM

Dudley Edmondson: Northern Waters
September 10, 2021 - January 2, 2022



CALENDAR

October



RETIREE CENTER COFFEE BREAK

Tuesday, October 12, 2021
2:00-3:30 p.m. - Via Zoom
Andrea Northam & Kendra Weber

WSU HOMECOMING

Theme: Home Sweet Home
October 3-10, 2021



HAPPY
HALLOWEEN!

AROE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

ASSOC. OF RETIREMENT ORGANIZATIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION
OCTOBER 12-14, 2021

RETIREE CENTER DAY TRIP

FROZEN AT THE ORPHEUM THEATER

Dinner at Rock Bottom Brewery
October 19, 2021

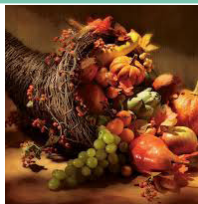


RETIREE CENTER FALL LUNCHEON

DATE CHANGE!!!

Thursday, October 28, 2021
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
East Hall - Krzysko Commons

November and Beyond



THANKSGIVING BREAK

Retiree Center Closed
November 24-26, 2021

LIVING HISTORY PREMIERE

Monday, December 6, 2021
3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Stark Hall 103 Auditorium

WSU COMMENCEMENT DAY

Friday, December 10, 2021

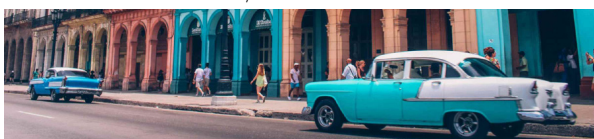


MOULIN ROUGE DAY TRIP

Orpheum Theater
Thursday, May 19, 2022
Registration will open in the fall!

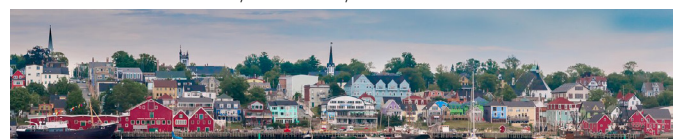
RETIREE CENTER CUBA TRIP

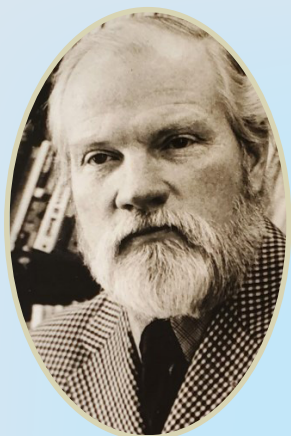
February 28-March 4, 2022



RETIREE CENTER NOVA SCOTIA TRIP

July 21-July 30, 2022





James Nichols
English
May 18, 2021

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.*



Brian Briggs
Accounting
May 29, 2021



JamieAnn Meyers
Geoscience
May 10, 2021



Carmen Keister
Spouse of Bob Keister
July 8, 2021

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
- Free Notary Public services
- 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
- WSU Library privileges (Retiree ID card serves as library card)

