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The Extension

President's Message

Jim Sayer

It is that time of year again to support the WSURA Nick Davis Fund as part of the University's Campus Scholarship and Innovation Campaign. I encourage you to support CSIC and to think specifically about supporting our Nick Davis Fund. It is that fund that supports our annual scholarship awards, and I am pleased to report that your past contributions to that fund has allowed us to increase our scholarship awards from two to three this year.

I am also pleased to report that, like last year, we have 100% participation in this campaign by the WSURA Board members. In fact, the Board has committed over \$8000 to a matching challenge, meaning that that money will be used to match your contribution up to \$100 per contribution. So, let's give heartily this year to completely use that matching money.

News:

WSURA now has a new office! We have been relocated across Colonel Glenn in the WSU Foundation Building (just behind Wendy's). Our new office, 210 Foundation, is bright and airy, having over three times the square footage of our prior office in Millett Hall. Drop by sometime to see our new space, and there is plenty of parking.

We continue to work to see if the \$150 fee to be charged retirees for the use of WSU athletic facilities can be expunged. We see that fee as completely unnecessary for the operation of the University and nothing more than an aggravation for retirees. Stay tuned.

Cathy and I had the pleasure of spending February in Tucson, Arizona, and I wish I could say I missed the weather Ohio had that month—but I cannot lie. Being in 75 degree weather in Arizona did not make me miss Ohio one bit! While there, I had the opportunity to play a round of golf with good friend and fellow retiree **Dr. James Walker**, late of our Political Science Department. He is in fine shape and as full of blueberries as usual. It was great spending a few hours with him.

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The Extension is published quarterly for the WSU retirees by the Wright State University Retirees Association (WSURA).

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- Nov. 1—Winter Quarter
- Feb. 1—Spring Quarter
- May 1—Summer Quarter
- Aug. 1—Fall Quarter

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On that trip, I also learned:

The stretch of road on I40 between Amarillo, Texas, and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is the most boring four-hour drive I can imagine.

No matter where you are, even in the most remote God-forsaken spot in New Mexico (and there are plenty in that Land of Enchantment) you will see a Subway restaurant. They are everywhere—and I'm not sure that is a good thing.

Finally, there is a special spot in Hades for waiters/waitresses who give you coffee but no spoon to go with it. It is hard stirring sugar and cream with a pinky.

Let's support the Nick Davis Fund big time so that we can start thinking about giving our four scholarships next year!

News from WSURA

- As noted in the President's message, our new address is 210 Foundation Building. Please use this in any future correspondence.
- You should be aware that the Fairfield Road bridge over 675 is one lane traffic in each direction and National Road from Colonel Glenn to Kaufmann Road is one way traffic north only. Please take these inconveniences into account when coming to campus for the Reunion luncheon or the summer picnic.
- You should have received your new Directory recently. Please check the accuracy of your entry and email or send any changes to the WSURA office. We rely on input from members to keep our data as accurate as possible.

When it is not provided, we also look at previous directories and office records to fill in missing information. If you recently joined the organization, your information may have been entered into the data base too late for inclusion. In any case, please send us any errors or omissions. It is our intention to send a small update every few months so that new members and changes can be included more frequently, but WE NEED YOUR HELP. Emails are especially important since we used them for communication of information about upcoming activities. Please send current updates by August 1.

- A group of nearly thirty WSURA members and guests enjoyed the American Impressionism exhibit at the Dayton Art Institute followed by lunch at the Leo Bistro. Our group was divided into two smaller groups led by DAI docents. One of the groups had the added benefit of comments by **Gary Barlow**, who, as a professor emeritus of Art Education, was able to add his own insights into many of the paintings that we viewed. This outing was so successful that a follow-up has been planned for the Toledo Art Institute. See details in the Activities section.

Deaths

Kenneth Kramer, Associate Professor, Geological Sciences, COSM, October 22, 2014

John Ross, First basketball coach at WSU, March 10

Enrique Pantoja, Professor, Radiology Science, SOM, March 11

James Larkins, Professor, Spanish, COLA, April 5

SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC ON THURSDAY, JUNE 18!

(RAIN DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 25)

The following list has been taken from the official Human Resources files of the university. If you worked on a part-time basis after your official retirement, the date may seem inaccurate, but the last date of employment is used by HR. Please check with HR directly if you believe that any other inaccuracies have occurred. (775-2120).

The following WSU retirees will be invited to be special guests at this year's picnic. Drop by the retirees' area and say hello!

30 Years

Norman Anon
James Lucas

25 Years

Joseph Alter
Robert Lairmore
Viola Schwenker

20 Years

Connie Avery
James Barnes
Dixie Barnhart
Lowell Batten
Joanne Benasutti
Joycelyn Boinott
Myron Cox
Stewart Cummins
Donna Deane
Juanita Gagle
James Gallagher
R. Goodin
Paul Grenzebach
Raymond Hutchinson
Robert Irwin
Anna Isper
James Jacob
F. Johns
Ronda Krogman
Nello Lansdowne
Gene Leese

B. Leonard
John Lindower
Norma Liston
Marc Low
William Marshall
John Martin
Gerald McDowell
Matthew Melko
Shirley Monnin
Ronald Nimmer
Juanita Noble
Patricia O'Meara
Donald Pabst
Julia Palmer
Marjorie Pappas
Jay Peeler
Samuel Pitner
Margaret Roach
Marvin Seiger
Glenn Smith
Howard Snavely
William Steinhart
F. Swann
James Webb
Shirley Williamson

15 Years

P. Berra
William Brown
Jerome Clemens
Lois Cook

Donna Courtney
Dolores Davis
Gigi Gardner-Schlesinger
James Gleason
Elizabeth Harden
Lawrence Hussman
William Kane
Thomas Listerman
Peggy Madok-Crisp
Ronald Markert
Joan Mullins
Ruth Schumacher
Robert Silverman
Donald Thomas
Joseph Zambarnard

10 Years

Elizabeth Adkins
Michael Bosworth
Margaret Bott
James Branch
James Brandeberry
Joe Brown
Mark Cannon
Lori Carter
Roma Carter
James Cavins
Brian Christenson
Deborah Cowles
Harriet Dadras

Dianne Dewey	Anita Curry-Jackson	Pamela Sturm
Dorothy Fay	Ruth Darrow	Maria Urban
Jack Gruber	Robert Dearbaugh	Becky Volz
Jarrell Hagan	Mary Donahoe	Carol Wagner Williams
William Hanks	Linda Einfeldt	Liyi Wang
Theda Hoskins	Ralph Farley	Cassandra Wood
Ronald Hough	Diane Frey	Timothy Wood
Carlotta Johnson	Robert Frey	Nils Young
Marsha Jones	Joyce Gilmore	Ivy Young
Jeanne Lemkau	Paula Goodrich	
William Lockwood	Dale Goubeaux	
Mary Mazey	Paul Griffin	
Donna Menelle	Molly Gunderkline	
Ronald Nischwitz	Carolyn Harpel	
Jerry North	Rhonda Hensley	
Noel Nussbaum	Lillie Howard	
Sheryl Provens	Elvira Jaballas	
Robert Rea	Lula Jones	
Robert Reece	JoAnne Jones	
Neal Reichelt	Lawrence Kahoe	
Belle Sheno	Mary Kenton	
Linda Shook	John Kimble	
Terry Smith	Robert Koerker	
Douglas Snyder	Ronald Kremer	
James Swaney	Jan La Forge	
Mary Thomas	Sharon Lewis	
Lottie Tyler	Alexander Little	
Harvey Wachtell	Mary Lynd	
Carol Wantz	Marguerite MacDonald	
Norma Wilcox	Gerald Malicki	
Philip Wise	Stephen McConnell	
Teresa Wood	James McDougal	
	Frank Nagy	
5 Years	Kenji Oshiro	
Marjorie Baker	Sharon Perry	
Linda Barsalou	Diane Ponder	
Frieda Bennett	Susan Praeger	
Gregory Bernhardt	Richard Rapp	
Enoch Bowen	William Rickert	
Barbara Brumfield	Martha Sammons	
Paul Carlson	James Sayer	
Mark Clasen	Teresa Shepherd	
Jacqueline Collier	Michael Sincoff	
William Conner	Susan Skarznski	
Thomas Cress	Gloria Sparks	

Summer Activities

Thursday, May 14	WSURA Reunion Luncheon 11 a.m.– 4 p.m. Berry Room, Nutter Center (Reservations Closed)
Thursday, June 18 (Rain Date: June 25)	WSU Retirees and Employees Picnic 11 a.m.– 1 p.m. Garden of the Senses
Thursday, June 18	WSURA Annual Meeting 10 a.m.– 12 p.m. Newman Center (adjacent to the Garden of the Senses)
Friday, August 14 – Saturday, August 15	Bee on the Go Travel: Tour of Toledo See Following Page for Details

Other Activities of Interest

May 11– May 15	Free skin cancer screenings will be offered by the Wright State Physicians group. Check this website for times, places and other details. http://wrightstatephysicians.org/whatsnew/ skinscreening2015.html
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Did you know?

In the old west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a "shot" of whiskey.

The Mississippi River was the main way of traveling from north to south. Riverboats carried passengers and freight but they were expensive so most people used rafts. Everything had the right of way over rafts which were considered cheap. The steering oar on the rafts was called a "riff" and this transposed into riff-raff, meaning low class.

As the paper goes through the rotary printing press friction causes it to heat up. Therefore, if you grab the paper right off the press it is hot. The expression means to get immediate information.

Bee On The Go Travel

GROUP MOTORCOACH TOURS

Friday, August 14 – Saturday, August 15, 2015: Tour of Toledo

Join WSURA as we head north Toledo for a few days of sightseeing and fun!! This two-day tour, hosted by Bee On the Go Travel, LLC, will include:

- Deluxe motorcoach transportation with a host on board
- Overnight accommodation
- Three meals, including lunch at Packo's (founded by Jamie Farr from M.A.S.H. and Toledo native)
- Lots of sightseeing! Admission include to: The 25 ft bronze sculpture of Abraham Lincoln in Troy; the Great Lakes Museum and Freighter Ship, the Toledo Art Museum and Glass Museum, and a River Cruise of the waterfront.
- Enjoy some time on your own at either the Hollywood Casino in Toledo or Levis Commons, a dining/shopping/entertainment venue.

COST:

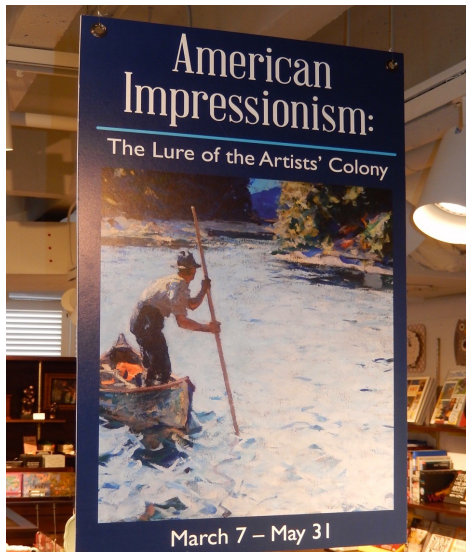
Double occupancy per person: \$270.00

Triple occupancy per person: \$245.00

Quad occupancy per person: \$225.00

Single occupancy per person: \$350.00

Reservations: A deposit of \$125.00 per person is required to hold your reservation. Go to www.beeonthego.com or call **Jan Austin** (owner, tour operator and proud graduate and retiree of WSU) at 937-428-7459. Check or credit card is accepted. Full payment would be due on July 5, 2015.



Lunch at the DAI

David Lee Garrison Named Ohio Poet of the Year

The Ohio Poetry Day Association named **David Lee Garrison**, Professor Emeritus in Modern Languages, and **Dzvinia Orłowsky**, Ohio native and Professor of English at Pine Manor College in Massachusetts, Ohio Poets of the Year in honor of their recent books. **Garrison's** is *Playing Bach in the D. C. Metro*. The State of Ohio designated the third Friday of every October as Ohio Poetry Day in 1938, the first state to dedicate a day for poetry; eventually many other states followed suit.

David, a WSURA member, taught Spanish and Portuguese at Wright State from 1979 to 2009 and chaired the Department of Modern Languages from 1999 to 2007. He lives in Oakwood with his wife, **Suzanne Kelly-Garrison**, a Lecturer in the Raj Soin College of Business and a novelist.

One poem by **Garrison** and one by **Orłowsky** appear in the anthology, *Ohio Poetry Day: Best of 2014*. This volume includes winning poems from thirty-six poetry contests administered by the Association and sponsored by individuals and organizations from all over the state.

The Poet of the Year award is decided by judges appointed by the Association. Past winners from Dayton include **Deanna Pickard** (2004) and **Herbert Woodward Martin** (2005), who was the featured speaker at the recent WSU Friends of the Libraries spring banquet.

The title poem from *Playing Bach in the D. C. Metro* was featured by United States Poet Laureate **Ted Kooser** on his website, *American Life in Poetry*, and other poems by **David Lee Garrison** have been read by **Garrison Keillor** on his radio program, *The Writer's Almanac*.

"My main goal as a poet is to communicate, so my poems are not hard to understand with a first reading," Garrison says. "In all of them, however, I try to achieve a depth that invites a second or third reading as well."

David's *Every River on Earth* is the title poem of an anthology of writing about Appalachian Ohio recently published by Ohio University Press. He has given us permission to share it with you:

Every River on Earth

I look out the window and see
through the neighbor's window
to an Amish buggy
where three children are peeping back,
and in their eyes I see the darkness
of plowed earth hiding seed.
Wind pokes the land in winter,
trying to waken it,
and in the melting snow
I see rainbows and in them
every river on earth. I see all the way
to the ocean, where sand and stones
embrace each falling wave
and reach back to gather it in.



WSURA Membership Form

New Renewal Date _____
Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Spouse's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Primary Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Wright State Department at Retirement _____ Year _____

Spouse's Department at Retirement _____ Year _____

Email Address _____

Check One: Faculty Unclassified Classified

Life Membership:

_____ \$100 (Ages 59 and below)

_____ \$80 (Ages 60-69)

_____ \$60 (Ages 70 and above)

Classified employees may deduct \$10 from each of these categories.

*NOTE: If you and your spouse are retirees from WSU, use the age of the younger spouse for determining the Lifetime fee. If you have paid the current annual fee and would like to become a Life Member, subtract the annual fee and remit the difference.

Annual Membership:

_____ \$20

Patron (Membership in WSURA not required):

No set amount. Donations are tax deductible. Contributions should be sent directly to the Foundation as follows:

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Note on check memo line: 551327 Patron Donations Fund

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