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Wednesday II for Fall/Spring 2009-2010

Wednesday II programs are held in the Heinig Emeriti Lounge on the second floor of the Walwood Hall at 2:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month during the fall and spring semesters, except as noted below. Enter Walwood Hall from the parking lot by the door closest to Oakland Drive.

December 9: The Department of Theatre's Music Theater Performance Program:

The senior class will present a sampling of their upcoming "New York Showcase," presented during spring break in the Big Apple for agents and casting directors. This presentation will be held in the Gilmore Theatre Complex. Park in the Miller ramp. You will not be ticketed.

Wednesday, January 13: Sharon Carlson, Director of Archives and Regional History Collections at WMU, will conduct a presentation that will be three-fold: 1)

Collections/services that are provided that may be of interest (local history, University history, and genealogical), 2) How they get collections or more specifically their appeal for emeriti papers, and 3) an appeal to anybody interested in volunteering to identify photographs.

Wednesday, February 10: A VISIT TO NORTH VIETNAM

Until recent years, the northern regions of Vietnam were unavailable to American travelers. Now the borders are open and travel, while a bit on the rough side, brings one in contact with some of the most beautiful sights in all the world. Award winning videographer **Frank Jamison and his wife Paula** have had the great good fortune to travel to Vietnam on several occasions with their Vietnamese friends Huan Le and Tuch Tran. Frank and Paula will whisk you away on the magic carpet of video to such storied places as the capitol city of Hanoi, beautiful Halong Bay, the Buddhist temples of the north and a special excursion on Vietnam's "Orient Express" to the tribal hill station of Sapa. Come along.

Wednesday, March 10: Donna Oas and Bharti Katbamna (Speech Pathology and Audiology) “The Smile Train”. Unlike many charities that do many different things, The Smile Train is focused on solving a single problem: cleft lip and palate. Clefts are a major problem in developing countries where there are millions of children who are suffering with unrepaired clefts. Most cannot eat or speak properly, aren't allowed to attend school or hold a job, and face very difficult lives filled with shame and isolation, pain and heartache. Donna and Bharti will show a video and also report on their trip to India as visiting volunteers in this charity endeavor.

Wednesday, April 14: June Cottrell (Theatre) “The Kalamazoo Ladies Library Association.” A significant, but likely little known part of the history of Kalamazoo is the Ladies Library Association and the building which houses it. June Cottrell, a member of the Ladies Library Association, will coordinate and host this meeting which will be designed to inform us of the rich history of this group as well as to guide us through this special building, with all its historical artifacts and areas. This is a special **off-campus** Wednesday II. The meeting will be at the usual time (2:00-3:30) but rather than being at Walwood on the east campus it will be at the Ladies Library Association, 333 South Park, right behind the Civic Auditorium. There is no specific parking lot to use, but most are likely aware of general on-street parking and parking lots nearby for use. **Please note:** Given that this is a preserved historical building it is not readily accessible to those who have difficulty navigating stairs. There are stairs outside (and no ramp) as well as stairs to the second floor (no elevator).

Wednesday, May 12: Bob Miller (Office of Community Outreach). “The Business, Technology and Research Park.” Bob will provide an overview of the current status of the Business, Technology and Research Park as well as future projections and plans.

Wednesday, September 8: Robert Whaley (Music) “Confessions of a Tuba Player- or what does that person in the back of the orchestra really do? And why does he have so many tubas?”

Wednesday, October 13: Stanley Robin (Sociology) “Generational Medley.” Stan will perform a set of monologues he has written. It consists of eleven connected pieces titled: *Announcement; Awakening; The Bonus; The War; Waiting; Encounter; The Letter; The Visit; Sisters; The Day He Died; Homecoming.*

Wednesday, November 10: Mike Stoline (Statistics) and Marie Stoline. “Experiences and Insights from Russia”. Mike and Marie will share their experiences, insights, and impressions from their visits to Russia, including their trip to Chernobyl at the time of the nuclear disaster.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL: Since last spring, D. Terry Williams has acted as chair, Robert Beam as vice chair, and Donna Oas as secretary. The other current members of the Council are Harold Bate, Robert Boughner, Ronald Crowell, Sandra Edwards, Diane Hamilton, Ruth Heinig, Linda Law, William McCarty, Larry Oppliger, David Rozelle, and Marion Wijnberg. The terms of Boughner, Crowell, Sandra Edwards, Ruth Heinig, Oas, Rozelle, Wijnberg, and Williams expire in May of this 2010. The nomination committee of Bob Boughner and Bill McCarty is hard at work seeking candidates for the election of 2009 members of the Council.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER: The first event during the last six months was the August Break-Fest at which Dean Margaret Merrion, College of Fine Arts, spoke on “My First Decade in the College of Fine Arts.” The Break-Fest was well attended and was organized by Donna Oas and D. Terry Williams. Then in September our Wednesday II programs, organized by Hal Bate and Ron Crowell, began with Vern Stillwell (Theatre) regaling us with “Riverboats” by Captain Billy-Bob Beasley and his French mascot Louis Cinq. The remaining Wednesdays II included Judith Halseth (Social Work) in October presenting “Find Your Ancestors, While You Still Have Time: Genealogy for Retirees.” In November, Don Desmett (Director of Exhibitions, Frostic School of Art) provided a power point presentation on the Richmond Center for the Visual Arts, followed by a tour of the three large gallery spaces.

On October 23, the Council assisted WARF who presented a forum on the “The Current Perspective on Health Care.” Thanks to Ron Crowell who worked on this.

EMERITI MEDALLION SCHOLAR ISSUES:

Our New Medallion Scholars: Our new Medallion Scholar is Joshua Kallen, a Portage Central graduate. While a student there, he was very active in the Business Professionals of America organization and served as his school’s team captain. He also participated in the chess club, Science Olympiad, jazz band, and marching band. He has been an active participant in Boy Scouts of America for eight years, and in 2009 received an Eagle Scout award. Emily Wacyk, a journalism and communication major, is our returning Scholar. Two of the Council members have taken Ms Wacyk and Mr. Kallen out to lunch early in the Fall Semester. The Medallion Scholars have been invited to our holiday gathering.

TEXTBOOK SCHOLARSHIPS:

The Emeriti Council’s Book Scholarship Fund has awarded a total of \$45,960 since 2005. The Office of Financial Aid chooses which students receive awards of \$250 each.

REMINDERS:

Disposal of old texts: WMU library has a department which will accept donations, and either a) add to them their collection, b) have the Friends of WMU Library try and sell them or, c) if all else fails, give them to a consignment agent who will sell them (at some price) with part of the proceeds ending up in the library’s budget. Its possible to find a “good home” for our books and help the library at the same time!!! The person in charge of that process is Randle Gedeon , Acquisitions and Serial Resources Department. His email address is randle.gedeon@wmich.edu.

Staying fit: Both West Hills and the Student Recreation Center are available free of charge for Emeriti. West Hills can be accessed at wh-membership@wmich.edu.

Dick Schaper of Retirement Services, passed on this information for Emeriti: Adult Day Services are available at Oakland Centre at 2255 W. Centre Ave. in Portage. Dawn J. Vander Ploeg is Director and can be reached at 373-3200. Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan has three venues: Paw Paw at 801 Hazen St. 657-7300, Kalamazoo at 222 N. Kalamazoo Mall Suite 100, 345-0273, and Rose Arbor at 5473 Croyden Ave. 345-8910.

