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## **Break-Fest**

More Emeriti than usual enjoyed Break-fest on August 11. Dawn Gaymer, Vice President for Extended University Programs was the speaker. The Emeriti Council has been interested and investigating life long learning programs for the past two years. We were pleased to hear Dawn announce the creation of a Life Long Learning Institute, with free membership for all emeriti attending.

## **WEDNESDAYS II FOR FALL 2010 AND SPRING 2011**

**Wednesday, September 8: Robert Whaley (Music).** How does Robert Whaley fit the characterization of a tuba player as described by Garrison Keillor, from a chapter in his book *We Are Still Married* titled "The Lutheran's Guide to the Orchestra"? What does Mr. Whaley actually do back there behind the rest of the orchestra? Did you even know that he sometimes has two or even three tubas with him? He "tells all" on Wednesday September 8. (Emeriti Lounge, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Walwood Hall, WMU East Campus).

**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.* (Emeriti Lounge, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Walwood Hall, WMU East Campus).

**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. (Emeriti Lounge, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Walwood Hall, WMU East Campus).

**Wednesday, December 8: (Tentative) Music Theatre Performance Senior Showcase.** 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 II MEETINGS FOR WINTER 2011**

**Wednesday, January 12: Hal Ray (Health, Physical Education, and Recreation) "Exploring the Beauty of Sports."** (Emeriti Lounge, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Walwood Hall, WMU East Campus).

**Wednesday, February 9: Vern Stillwell—alias The Red Baron (Theatre): "Red Baron, Too."** Red Baron "Too" is as close to Red Baron 1 as anyone can be! He performs scenes from the life of Red Baron 1, at the time of the great War. Using authentic airplane models, he explains and demonstrates the importance of the airplane in this world conflict. Thought the Red Baron died in 1918? As you will see, he lives yet today. (Walwood Hall, WMU East Campus).

**Wednesday, March 9: Ed Heinig (Education and Professional Development) "The Korean War: A Forgotten War No More."** July 27, 1953. No bugles or trumpets as the Korean Conflict wound to an end with a ceasefire and not a victory. Personnel came home to an indifferent public that chided them for being asked to "die for a tie." Subsequently, we realize that the three years of terrible losses stopped Communist expansion in Asia; and the U.N. forces were vindicated. (Emeriti Lounge, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Walwood Hall, WMU East Campus).

**Wednesday, April 13: Hal Bate (Speech Pathology and Audiology) "Antique hearing aids: An historic look and listen."** The Baldwin Collection of Antique Hearing Devices has been, and continues to be, on permanent loan to the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology and is always on display on the third floor of the Unified Clinics, 1000 Oakland Drive, just to the left of the elevator exit on third floor. The devices will be brought to the usual Wednesday II meeting room in Walwood Hall. This Wednesday II presentation will provide an up close and personal look at, and even a listen through the types of non-electric hearing aids used by hearing impaired persons in the 1700s, 1800s, and into the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. You will see the types of devices used by Beethoven, and other well-known figures of those periods. Discussion will include the use, value, and limitations of these early amplifying devices. Richard Baldwin, an alumnus of WMU, and the collector and owner of these antique hearing aids, may also be on hand to comment on the devices, how and why he acquired the collection over the years, and to help respond to questions about the various devices. (Emeriti Lounge, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Walwood Hall, WMU East Campus).

**Wednesday, May 11: Larry Schlack, (Educational Leadership) "Michigan's One-Room Schools: Gone (Almost) But Not Forgotten."**

The program has three parts

- 1) a pictorial (color slides) history of Michigan one-room schools going back to the earliest ones
- 2) a pictorial (color slides) look at the architectural styles of the schools
- 3) speculation about the legacy of one-room schools that survives today: multi-age classrooms, cooperative learning, etc. (Emeriti Lounge, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Walwood Hall, WMU East Campus)

**EMERITI COUNCIL WEBSITE:** Please go to the website, [www.wmich.edu/emeriti/](http://www.wmich.edu/emeriti/) for news of the Emeriti Council. Former "Newsletters" can be viewed there as well as information about coming activities. Linda Law has been responsible for updating information this year. Anyone interested in relieving her of this responsibility should contact her, [linda.law@wmich.edu](mailto:linda.law@wmich.edu) or Robert Beam [robert.beam@wmich.edu](mailto:robert.beam@wmich.edu).

**THE 2010-2011 MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:** The returning members of the Council for 2010-2011 are as follows: Harold Bate, Robert Beam, Diane Hamilton, Linda Law, William McCarty, Larry Oppliger, and D. Terry Williams. Joining the Council in May for the 2010-2011 year: Robert Boughner, Ronald Crowell, Sandra Edwards, Gus Gianakaris, Judith Halseth, Arnie Johnston, and Donna Oas. Those whose terms ended in May 2010 are Sandra Edwards, Ruth Heinig, Donna Oas, David Rozelle, and Marion Wijnberg. We thank those departing members for their efforts in helping the Council undertake its activities.

**2009-2010 OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL:** Robert Beam is chair, Arnie Johnson is vice-chair, and Donna Oas is secretary.

**PRISM (PROVOST'S NEWSLETTER):** Prism is available to all members online at WMU's home page under Academic Affairs.

**EMERITI FLU CLINIC:** As this newsletter is published, the date of the fall clinic is not known. Emeriti are urged to look for announcements in September and/or call Sindecuse in the fall to learn the day of the Emeriti flu clinic. Sandra Edwards and Diane Hamilton are making arrangements.



**EMERITI TEXTBOOK SCHOLARSHIP:** Emeriti contributions to our textbook scholarship effort raised \$54,410 since 2005 for textbook scholarships to WMU students representing several colleges. The Emeriti raised \$8,350 last year, which is less than usual. These scholarships are greatly appreciated as parents and students are sometimes shocked as to how much textbooks cost, an average of \$950 per academic year. The Office of Financial Aid chooses the recipients to award \$250 each. The letter requesting donations for the 2010-2011 academic year is forthcoming. Please try to help this important project.

**EMERITI MEDALLION SCHOLARSHIPS:** Two are being financed. Emily Wacyk is a third year Medallion Scholarship recipient. She comes from Grand Ledge. Joshua Kallen from Portage Central High School is the second Medallion Scholar.

**UNITED WAY:** Watch for a letter from the University requesting your participation in this year's United Way. Emeriti are important contributors to this charity.