



# The Extension

## Campus Reconnect Marlene Bireley

Fall Semester has started and the WSURA Board has been busy planning many activities for its members. After a fruitful brainstorming session in July, the Board has set as one of its highest priorities increasing the number of members involved in social, service and intellectual activities whether planned by WSURA or made available by the WSU community. This issue is filled with ideas that we hope will appeal to each and every one of you who still live in the Miami Valley.

We know that parking on campus is a deterrent for some of you. Good news! President-Elect **Jim Sayer** has spoken with **Robert Kretzer**, Director of Parking and Transportation and has this report:

There is no problem parking!

Besides being able to park in the Visitor's lot next to the Student Union, there are additional visitor parking spaces in other lots throughout campus. You may also park in F/S and commuter student spaces if the visitor spaces are full.

For convenience, you may request and print a visitor permit **in advance** at [visitorparking@wright.edu](mailto:visitorparking@wright.edu). You do not have to stop at the booth by the Student Union to pick up the permit.

So, come out to campus for seminars, performances, presentations, and everything else that keeps WSU vibrant. And, remember: you can park!

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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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- Aug. 1—Fall Quarter

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## Presidential Message

### Abe Bassett

The joint is jumping! And so are the Retirees!

Your Board of Directors came together in July for a special meeting to determine priorities and projects for the new academic year. Out of this meeting came several exciting initiatives and projects designed encourage retired faculty and staff to return to campus to enjoy the life of the University.

In spite of the fact that our meetings are very enjoyable—often filled with humor and always with camaraderie—we have agreed to reduce our decision time from two hours to 90 minutes. This will allow us to invite administrators and faculty to meet with us in the last half hour. We will learn more about their work and they will learn about the retirees. We have arranged for the speakers to address us in the Millett Hall Atrium so that you can attend. By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have heard from our first guest, **Dean Kristen Sobolik**, College of Liberal Arts.

However, please join us on October 2 when **Dean Joanne Li**, Soin College of Business and Administration will speak, and on November 6, when the University's new **Provost Sundaram Narayanan** will be our guest. In order to have room for you to join us, we are holding these meetings in the Millett Hall Atrium, beginning no later than 11:30 a.m.

In other action, the Board was unanimous in saying we need to upgrade our website. We now have appointed one of our members, **Amy Hopkins**, to act as Webmaster and a small ad hoc committee is hard at work to determine the content. We know you will be pleased with the results.

A developing relationship with the WSU Alumni Association promises many

benefits, the details of which will be announced throughout the coming months. Retirees will now be able to join the special travel tours offered by the Alumni Association. I have experienced an Alumni tour with the Ohio State Alumni Association and found the tour to be well organized. Great companionship develops on these tours, and the destinations are outstanding.

We have had discussions with the Friends of the Libraries to be program co-sponsors, and soon hope to have an announcement about an outstanding presentation.

Speaking of companionship, please note **Bob Wagley's** article on Dining In. Two events have already been scheduled for this year. You must tell Bob that you wish to be a member of the group, because future notices will be sent to only those who have indicated a desire of be part of the group.

The Socrates Café discussion group has been a part of the retirees programs for a good number of years now and will continue. You don't have to be a member of the group, but email notices and reports will be sent only have to those who wish to be informed. This discussion group is jointly sponsored by the Universalist Unitarian Fellowship and Temple Beth Or.

In another new venture, Board Member **Peggy Bott** is establishing a WSU Retirees Book Club. Please refer to the article in this edition for details.

Activities Chair **Mary Gromosiak** is at work planning another season of activities.

As you can see, your retiree organization is alive, well, and very active, providing opportunities for you to stay in contact with the University and with fellow retirees. It won't be too long before we come looking for retirees to join the board, and in the meantime if you have any thing you would like to say, please do so. Send an email to me at [abebassett@gmail.com](mailto:abebassett@gmail.com).

## WSURA Sponsored Activities

- September 11, 2013** Socrates Café  
Location: Temple Beth Or.  
Time: 1:00 (Brown bag lunch) 1:30-3:00 (Discussion)
- October 2, 2013** Presentation by **Dean Joanne Li**, Soin College of  
Business and Administration  
Location: 1st floor atrium, Millett Hall  
Time: 11:30
- October 9, 2013** Woodland Cemetery Historic Tour  
  
Walking tour is contingent upon the weather; the grounds  
are not handicap accessible, but it is allowable to follow  
by car. Total walking distance is slightly over a mile.  
  
12:15 pm: Lunch at Coco's Bistro;  
250 Wayne Avenue, Dayton
- October 10, 2013** Socrates Café (See above for details)
- October 11, 2013** Dining In  
Hosted by: **Abe and Sharon Bassett**  
(See article by Bob Wagley for details)
- October 23, 2013** Health Fair  
Location: Student Union Apollo Room  
Time: 10:00-2:00  
Be sure to visit the WSURA booth for treats and sign up  
for a door prize!
- November 14, 2013** Socrates Café (See above for details)
- December 8, 2013** Dining-In Holiday Brunch  
Hosted by: **Tom and Helen Listerman**  
Time: 11:00-2:00  
Cost: Cost for entrees to be shared among those attending.  
Contact Helen Listerman to choose a menu item to share.  
Choices: Meat and egg dish, side (fruit, potatoes, bread,  
rolls), appetizers  
Address: 161 Wynstone Ct., Xenia, OH 45385  
Phone: 937-352-6265
- December 12, 2013** Socrates Café (See above for details)

## Other WSU Activities of Interest

### **Friends of the Libraries' Workshop Series**

Time: 10:30-12:30 Saturdays

Coffee and light snacks included

Location: Dunbar Library

Cost: \$12 for Friends' members;  
\$15 for nonmembers

Register by calling 937-775-2380 or online at  
[Libraries.wright.edu/calendar/events/](http://Libraries.wright.edu/calendar/events/)

**October 12, 2013**

Your Life Story

Make a digital scrapbook using your own photos.

**November 16, 2013**

Grandparents Online

Learn to use Facebook, Twitter, YouTube,  
Instagram and many more.

**January 11, 2014**

Research Your Roots

Beginning genealogy. Learn what materials are  
available to get started.

**February 8, 2014**

History in Newspapers

Learn how to research historical newspapers for  
local history, stories and more.

**November 14, 2013**

### **Presidential Lecture Series**

#### **David Frum**

Author of six books, advisor to George Bush and  
Rudy Guiliani

Time: 7PM in the Student Union

**September 17, 2013**

### **Wright State Physicians Lecture Series**

#### **Justin Lodge, P.T., D.P.T.**

A physical therapist with Wright State University  
Topic: Proper exercise and the prevention of  
common injuries

Location: Family Medicine Conference Room in  
the Wright State Physicians Building  
(725 University Blvd)

Time: 7:00 pm

**October 15 & November 19**

Topics and speakers TBA

## **Book Club**

### **Peggy Bott**

If you are interested in joining a WSURA book club, please e-mail me at [peggy\\_bott@yahoo.com](mailto:peggy_bott@yahoo.com) (and include your preference for meeting time: afternoon or evening and day of the week). I will notify you of the time and place of our first meeting. The format I am considering is having each member take a turn choosing a book and leading the discussion on this book. However we can discuss this more at the first meeting that will be just for working out the details of how the group will function. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

## **Dining In**

### **Bob Wagley**

We are now in our fifth year of "Dining In" (it is patterned after the Gourmet A La Carte dinners sponsored by the Wright State University Women's Association in the 1970s and 1980s), bringing together people throughout the university for evenings of good food and conversation. This was an unparalleled opportunity to meet people from outside your department then and it still is. WSURA changed the name two years ago to Dining In to distinguish it from our Dining Out activities and to better reflect our changing lifestyles.

We hope that you will be able to join us for the coming year--three dinners are planned again for this year. The menus and the hosts will soon be posted on our website. <http://www.wright.edu/admin/retirees>.

How does it work? Once you notify us that you are interested, we will email information as to how and when to contact

the host(s). When you contact them, indicate what menu item you would like to prepare. This menu item selection is on a first-come-first-served basis so act fast.

Some host sites have limited seating so this is another reason for responding soon after receiving the contact information. Keep track of how much you spend in preparing your menu item because at the evening's end, each person or couple presents the cost of preparing their dish and accounts are settled so that the total cost of the evening is equally divided.

We would love to have you join us this year. Please email [robertwagley@att.net](mailto:robertwagley@att.net) by September 20 with your contact information (email and home phone number) so we can include you in our mailings.

Please also include whether you would be coming as a single or with a friend, partner, spouse or whatever. We always hope that all who sign up will attend each meal but we realize that this is sometimes impossible given our busy social and travel schedules.

If you are willing to host one of the meals this year, please indicate this when you reply.

## **Deaths**

**Jud Yalkut**, Art, COLA, July 2013

**Jeff Vernooy**, Director, Office of Disability Services, August 2013

**Beverly (Bunnie) Byrum Robinson**, Professor, Communication. COLA, August 2013

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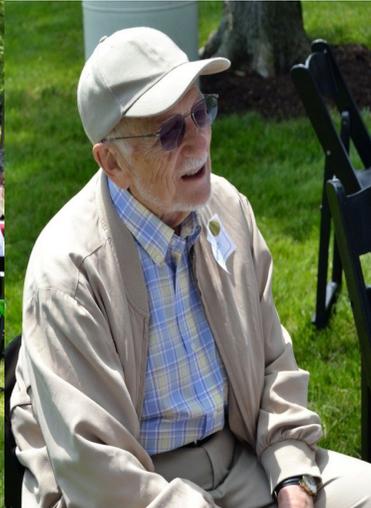
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## Picnics Galore!



**WSU Summer Picnic**



**“Indoor” Picnic at the Wagleys’**



**Fiesta at the Gromosiaks**



**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)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$75 (Ages 60-69 )

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 (Ages 70 and above)

**Annual Membership:**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10

**Patron (membership in WSURA not required):**

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

Wright State University Foundation

3640 Colonel Glenn Hwy.

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