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The Extension

Website Update

Abe Bassett

After many months of updating content and working with **Susan Krakos**, a web designer from the Office of Marketing, the retirees' website is up and running. **Susan** and I worked together this summer to reconstruct the site. At the August Board meeting, **Susan** gave an impressive visual presentation and explained how the new web site is designed to be informative and user friendly.

The website is now formatted to correspond with the other units of the university at wright.edu. Our office assistant, **Sarah Spitzer**, and I will be trained to add to and edit the site. See for yourself by going to www.wright.edu/retirees-association. Once there, bookmark the page to make it your return super easy. We know the site is not perfect and that it will never be perfect because it is a living document. We will be depending on you to give us ideas for improvement, pointing out our mistakes, and showing us how to improve. Send your comments, and suggestions to **Abe Bassett** at AbeBassett@gmail.com, or Abe.Bassett@wright.edu.

We could write pages about the features, but it is best if you explore on your own. Check out some of the new features and how easy it is to find and use. For example, under "**About: Purpose & History**" board minutes and treasurer reports are listed as soon as they have been approved.

Under "**Resources**" you'll find 50 links to the most important activities and venues in the university and the community. Throughout the website you find additional links to related topics.

"**Events**" is where we put our activity calendar and an added link to the University calendar. Here you will also find news and announcements, photographs, and current and past editions of *The Extension*.

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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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President's Message

Jim Sayer

Welcome to yet another academic year and another year of activity and service for WSURA, your Wright State University Retirees' Association!

LOOKING BACK

WSURA had a great year in 2013-2014 under the leadership of WSURA President **Abe Bassett**. Because of his efforts, we finally have been able to get our website into the twenty-first century: it is full of very useful information and is user-friendly for folks who want to know what WSURA is about. Check out our new website to see what a great improvement this is.

And, because of **Abe's** strong advocacy, retirees increased substantially our giving to the Campus Scholarship and Innovation Campaign, both in terms of percentage giving and in total dollars. By targeting our gifts to the **Nick Davis** fund, we have been able to increase our scholarship support this year to two very deserving students.

LOOKING AHEAD

As we move into our new academic year, WSURA has plans for many different and exciting activities, including a tour of the Carillon Brewing Company and dinner,; our annual Health Fair; and a tour of the STEM School as well as the ongoing Socrates Club..

Farther down the road, there will be road trips, basketball games, and other fun activities for all of us. Check the calendar on the next two pages for details and cutoff dates. If you are on our email list, you will receive notification as activities are added between issues of *The Extension*. The new website will have an up to date calendar as well. **Mary Gromosiak** works tirelessly to arrange lots of stuff for us to do.

PROVIDING SERVICE

Besides having fun, WSURA also is committed to service. For example, this year we shall again take part in the LEAP Program's "Conversation Partners" initiative. This is an opportunity for us to meet once a week for about an hour to have an informal chat with a

foreign student or two to help them improve their English-speaking skills. There is no agenda, just a casual chat on any subject to assist those students' oral capabilities. If you would like to take part, simply contact **Mailinh Nguyen** of LEAP at mailinh.nguyen@wright.edu or at 775-5289.

And, I shall follow **Dr. Bassett's** lead in pushing for more of us to contribute to this year's CSIC campaign. The goal is to increase our giving so we can increase the amount of scholarship dollars we contribute to our scholarship recipients.

LOOKING WAY AHEAD

Preliminary planning already is underway for WSU's Fiftieth Anniversary to be celebrated in 2017, proving how quickly time does pass. The goal is to coordinate this celebration with the arrival of a new University President under **Dr. Hopkins'** retirement, so 2017 will be one busy and exciting year.

I hope you take advantage of all the things WSURA will offer this year, and you may feel free to contact me at any time at james.sayer@wright.edu.

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"Membership" is where you'll find membership benefits, application, notices of deceased retirees, and a new feature:

"Reflections," where you are invited to share your special memories and experiences.

"Scholarship and Service" is perhaps the most important section where we list some of the things we are most proud of: historical preservation's oral histories; our scholarship program, our connection with the Alumni Association; our service in the LEAP program, our connection to the Library Book Club, and more.

Check it out and let us know how you like it.

WSURA Fall Activities

Wednesday, October 1, 2014	11:15 am— Dr. Gregory Bernhardt will give a powerpoint presentation about the Dayton Regional Stem Program following the WSURA board meeting in the COLA conference room.
Thursday, October 9, 2014	Socrates Café discussions are held the second Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm at the Temple Beth or at Rahn and Bigger Roads in Kettering.
Wednesday, October 22, 2014	10 am– 2 pm—2014 Health & Benefits Fair Apollo Room, Student Union
Tuesday, October 28, 2014	10:30 am tour of the STEM program 1724 Woodman Dr., Dayton. Dr. Bernhardt and his Chief Academic Officer, Robin Fisher , to provide an overview of the program. Tour ends by 11:45 am. 12:15 pm—lunch to follow at the Fox & Hound in Beavercreek, OH. Reservations due by Wednesday, October 15, 2014. Please include the total number in your group attending the tour and the number to expect for lunch. Email: mary.gromosiak@wright.edu or call 937-974-4010.
Thursday, November 13, 2014	Socrates Café
Wednesday, December 10, 2014	WSURA Board Holiday Luncheon with scholarship recipients, Holiday Inn
Thursday, December 11, 2014	Socrates Café
December 2014	WSURA Annual Holiday Brunch—Details TBA

Other Activities of Interest

Presidential Lecture Series TBA. Watch the Wright State website for details.

Unwin(e)d Book Club: *The Weirdness* by **Jeremy Bushnell** (Off Campus)

November 6, 2014, 5:30pm; Winan's, 3510 Pentagon Blvd, Beavercreek

Join us to talk about this book that is, according to **Charles Yu**, "...wild. And smart. And hilarious. And weird ... in all kinds of good ways." Come discuss this book with the Wright State community at Winan's Fine Chocolates and Coffee at 3510 Pentagon Park Blvd.

For more information or to join the discussion online, check out the Unwin(e)d blog. Contact **Mandy Shannon** with any questions.

Unwin(e)d Book Club: *The Weirdness* by **Jeremy Bushnell** (On Campus)

November 18, 2014, 12:00pm; Room 441, Dunbar Library

Join us to talk about this book that is, according to **Charles Yu**, "...wild. And smart. And hilarious. And weird ... in all kinds of good ways." Come discuss this book with the Wright State community at a brown bag lunch at Dunbar Library.

Wright State Physicians Lecture Series—Fall Lectures TBA

The Wright State Physicians group will be presenting lectures on various topics at their on-campus building. Videos of past sessions may be viewed at www.wrightstatephysicians.org/ortho/video.

Wright State Physicians Inc. includes more than 150 physicians affiliated with the Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine. The group provides primary and specialty care in a wide range of specialized diagnostic and treatment services throughout the Dayton region.

To better meet the needs of patients, Wright State Physicians Family Medicine now offers same-day appointments at the Wright State Physicians Health Center on the campus of Wright State. The practice reserves a majority of patient appointment times during each day for same-day access appointments. Patients can call and schedule on the day they wish to be seen. The practice is accepting new patients. To make an appointment, call (937) 245-7200 or view the website at <http://www.wrightstatephysicians.org/fm>.

For more information, contact: **Heather Maurer**, Marketing Communications Manager, Wright State Physicians, (937) 245-7629 or heather.maurer@wright.edu.

News from WSURA

Retirees Really Support Campus Scholarships

Data from the recently-completed CSIC campaign show that WSU retirees continue to support the University's scholarship efforts in a big way. As of the end of July, we retired folks contributed over \$114,000 to CSIC this year—as compared to \$42,000 last year, and our participation rate jumped up to a full ten percent.

In support of the **Nick Davis Fund**, which WSURA uses to support our annual scholarship distribution, over \$6500 was designated for this fund by 42 donors—as compared to \$1300 from 17 donors last year.

The **Nick Davis Endowment** now stands at \$52,329.50. The spendable account has a balance of \$336.46 after a scholarship disbursement of \$2616. Our goal of reaching \$60,000 in the coming year is, I believe, within reach.

Special thanks go to Past President **Abe Bassett** for his ramrodding this increase in our scholarship support! Thank you for your contributions!

First Activity of the Year

A good sized group of retirees is scheduled to tour the newly opened Brewing Co. and German Restaurant located in Carillon Park. The brewing company and restaurant are set to open on Friday, August 22, 2014 and our tour and dinner will be on September 12. This issue was published too late to include the information but we hope you received the email announcing the outing.

The Carillon Brewing Co. will be producing and selling beer and wine using tools and techniques dating back to 1850. Guests will be encouraged to participate by cranking the grain mill for the beer and lowering the press for wine and cider production.

More About the STEM School

On Tuesday, October 28, 2014, WSU retirees will have the opportunity to visit the Dayton Regional Stem School (DRSS). **Dr. Gregory Bernhardt**, president of the STEM's governing board and former Dean of the College of Education at WSU, will be on hand along with his Chief Academic Officer, **Robin Fisher**, who will provide us with an overview of the program.

According to **Dr. Bernhardt**, he is pleased with the progress of the school since it opened in 2009. In a recent issue of the Dayton Business Journal, the DRSS was rated #17 out of 100 high schools in the region. Although science, technology, engineering and math are the focus of the school, other subjects that are part of the curriculum or electives include: language arts, history, art, fitness, wellness, nutrition, economics, comparative religions, multi-media, social studies, speech and debate, calligraphy, architecture and Chinese. See the activities page for details of the visit.

Deaths

William Lockwood, June, 2014, Lock Shop

Robert Jewett, June 2014, Associate Dean, School of Medicine

Karen Hayes, July, 2014, Lecturer, English, CO-LA (active faculty)

Robert Weisman, July, 2014, Biochemistry, first Department Chair, also served as Associate Dean, School of Medicine, and interim Dean of the College of Science and Mathematics

Gregory Woods, July 2014, Custodian
Dorothy Fay, August 2014, Financial Services and Admissions

Senior Discounts (Thanks to **Leone Low** for sharing this information. We can't vouch for the current accuracy of the information so consider this just a guideline.)

Keep this list and send a copy to your senior friends and relatives and people that may know seniors. Many restaurants, supermarkets, department stores travel deals and other types of offers give discounts with different age requirements, some of them as young as fifty. Remember: you must ask for your discount!

Here are examples of what is available.

Applebees: 15% off with Golden Apple Card (60+)
Burger King: 10% off (60+)
Chick-Fil-A: 10% off or free small drink or coffee (55+)
Chili's: 10% off (55+)
Golden Corral: 10% off (50+)
Steak n' Shake: 10% off every Monday and Tuesday (50+)
Subway: 10% off (60+)

Banana Republic: 30% off (50+)
Bon-Ton Dept: 15% off on senior discount days (55+)
Kohl's: 15% off (60+)
Stein Mart: 20% off red dot/clearance items first Monday of every month (55+)

Marriott Hotels: 25% off (62+)
Quality Inn: 40%-50% off (60+)
Rodeway Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)
Sleep Inn: 40% off (60+)

AMC Theaters: Up to 30% off (55+)
Cinemark/Century Theaters: Up to 35% off
Regal Cinemas: Up to 50% off

AT&T: Special Senior Nation 200 Plan \$19.99/month (65+)
Jitterbug: \$10/month cell phone service (50+)
Verizon Wireless: Verizon Nationwide 65 Plus Plan \$29.99/month (65+)

Great Clips: \$8 off hair cuts (60+)
Supercuts: \$8 off hair cuts (60+)

Now, go out there and claim your discounts!—and remember—YOU must ASK for your discount!

Annual WSURA Meeting and WSU Picnic



WSURA Officers



Annual Meeting Attendees



Sheila Hull and Simone Hunegnaw
5 year retirees



George Hess
15 year retiree

Gary Barlow and Marc Low
The two original academic employees of WSU.

Gary represented Miami University and **Marc** represented The Ohio State University.



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)

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:

_____ \$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
Dayton, OH 45435-0001

Make your check payable to:

Wright State University Foundation

Note on check memo line: 551327 Patron Donations Fund

Please fill in the information requested above and send it with your dues (please do not send cash) to:

WSURA, Attn: Treasurer, 139 Millett Hall, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435