Winter Program

Traveling through Spain by Car, Foot, Train, and Airbnb

Wednesday, February 1, 2017
CWU Lombard Room at 4:00 p.m.
Refreshments and social hour 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Why join a tour group when the adventure of international travel is at your fingertips? Join tour guides from Rick Steves’ Europe and online Airbnb for an international travel experience you won’t forget. Ruth Ann Stacy will also provide a slideshow sneak peek of her trip through Spain, where she and friends took the planning into their own hands.

If you plan to attend, please call 509-963-3083 or register online at cwu.edu/retirement-association/cwura-events.

CWURA Movie Night at Central

Tuesday, February 14, 2017
7:00 p.m.
CWU Student Union Theatre
The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

Enjoy an evening at the movies with CWU retirees and friends. Join us for a screening and discussion of the two-time Golden Globes nominated movie, The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel. A post movie discussion will be led by professors Gerry Stacy and Liahna Armstrong.

The movie is set in a hotel in India, where seven senior citizens take the leap and decide to spend their “golden years” in a less expensive, and perhaps more stimulating environment than they could have found in Britain. The retirees are wonderfully portrayed by seven senior British actors, led by Judi Dench, Maggie Smith, Bill Nighy, Penelope Wilton, Tom Wilkinson, Ronald Pickup, and Celia Imrie.

Evening Under the Stars

CWU’s New Science II Building and Planetarium
Wednesday, March 8, 2017
5:30 p.m. – Building Tour
6:00 p.m. – Social
6:30 p.m. – Planetarium Show

The CWU Retirement Association invites you to an evening under the stars in the newly built Science II facility. Join us for a trip through the heavens in the 80-seat theatre featuring eight projectors covering a large dome. Our hosts include noted CWU Physics professor, Bruce Palmquist, who will guide us through the stars and planets.

Dedicated in early October, the new Science II facility is the home to CWU’s Geological Sciences and Physics departments. The building features an observatory and several specialty labs, such as optics and laser labs, an ice core lab, and an acoustic lab.

A building tour is scheduled before the planetarium show, for those who are interested in seeing some of the new learning spaces for Central students.

Please RSVP. Call 509-963-3083 or register online at cwu.edu/retirement-association/cwura-events.
In Memoriam
Remembering faculty and staff who passed in 2016.

James Alexander  
Dorothy Anderson  
Laura Appleton  
Debbie Boddy  
F. Ross Byrd  
Ellen Crawford  
Joan Dumas  
Henry Eickhoff  
Thomas Engel

Dorothy Howard  
Gerald Gunn  
Russell Hansen  
Raeburn Heinbeck  
Marie Heinz  
Christina Hull  
Jane Jones  
William Lacey  
Virginia Linnell

Lyda McKeeman  
Cynthia Murray  
Robert Pacha  
Carmen Pederson  
Anna Uebelacker  
Edwin Torres-Pagan  
Donald White  
Helen Wise

Join the CWURA Retirement Association for 2017.
Membership helps cover the costs of events that are important to you.
Please complete form and send in by mail or join online at cwu.edu/retirement-association.

Name: ____________________________
Spouse/Partner’s Name: ____________
Street: ____________________________
City: __________________ State: ___ Zip: ___
E-mail: ____________________________
*If you do not want your street address published in the newsletter or on the CWURA web site, please check here.
Phone: ____________________________
Cell: ____________________________

If not a CWU retiree, check one:
- CWURA Friend
- Retired from (Institution)

Membership includes spouse/partner (choose one):
- Regular member, $20
- Life Member, $200

Please make check payable to the CWU Foundation. Mail check and form to:
CWU Foundation, 400 East University Way, Ellensburg, WA 98926-7508

Meet Our CWURA Graduate Scholarship Winner for 2016-2017

Corey Brumbaugh, for service to the Ellensburg community and to Central. We were proud to present him with the 2016 Distinguished Retiree Award at the CWURA annual meeting in May 2016.

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Larry has been active in the Ellensburg community since his retirement from the Department of History, 23 years ago. His record of community service is stellar, focused on leadership and involvement in organizations focused on the environment, health care, and social justice issues.

CWURA welcomes nominations for the 2017 Distinguished Retiree Award. Anyone may submit nominations and those nominations will remain active for three years. Please visit our web page at www.cwu.edu/retirement-association for nomination forms.

Twent y-one golfers gathered at the Ellensburg Golf Club on September 9 to celebrate the end of an era at our 21st Annual Senior Open Golf Tournament. The CWU Senior Open was initiated in 1996 by co-directors, Don Schliesman and Jean Putnam. The first gathering was held on Tuesday, July 23, 1996, a year before it was officially called an “annual” golf tournament. The final golf team tournament winners were Pat Lacey, Phil Backlund, Jeff Harada, and Gary Smith. For his last year, Don Schliesman was on the team with the least puts of 12, along with Jason Roundy and Beth Smith. After the golfers had completed their nine holes, they were joined by additional guests for the annual luncheon. Door prizes were provided by CWU Athletics, with gifts such as a CWU water bottle, scarves, t-shirts, and a variety of fruits and vegetables to remember our early years. CWURA thanks Don and Jean for creating this enjoyable event and running it for the last 21 years.

The CWURA Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Center at the CWURA Annual Meeting. The meeting was chaired by President Sheryl Grunden and was attended by approximately 75 members. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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