**Winter Program**

**Route of the Maya – Travels through Central and South America**

Thursday, January 31, 2019  
CWU Lombard Room at 4:00 p.m.  
Refreshments and social hour 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Join us for the CWURA winter program when Rosco Tolman, former CWURA president and retired professor in world languages, presents an armchair expedition to the lands of the Maya. Rosco will discuss his fall 2018 travels to Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras, on a tour sponsored by the Maya Exploration Center. The tour included visits to the Olmec outdoor museum, La Venta Park in Villahermosa, the Maya sites of Palenque and Yaxchilan in Mexico, Quirigú and Tikal in Guatemala, and Copán in Honduras.

Register at cwu.edu/retirement-association, or contact Catherine Scarlett at 509-963-3083 or scarletc@cwu.edu.

**Bordeaux Wines in Bordeaux and Washington State**

Tuesday, March 5, 2019  
CWU Lombard Room at 4:00 p.m.  
Refreshments and social hour 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

What makes a wine a “Bordeaux?” Learn about the wine, grapes and geography of Bordeaux wines from France and Washington presented by CWU professor of history and former Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, Marji Morgan. Professor Morgan is passionate about good wine and good stories, and the Washington wine world provides both in a compelling and complementary way. Marji shares her stories about wine on her website at linesonwines.com and has been a frequent presenter in Ellensburg and the region.

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**Spring Trip**

**LeMay, America’s Car Museum**  
Tacoma, WA  
Thursday, April 25, 2019

Experience the history of America on four wheels and motor. LeMay, America's Car Museum, is an international destination for auto enthusiasts to celebrate America's love affair with the automobile and learn how it shaped our society. Recognized as one of MSN’s 10 Best Automotive Museums worldwide, USA Today's 10 Best Museums in Seattle, and KING5's Best Museum in Western Washington. Read more at americascarmuseum.org.

Registration is $60.00 per person which included transportation by motor coach from Ellensburg and back, museum entrance fee, and lunch at the Pacific Grill (located at the museum).

We will depart from the Super One parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and return around 5:00 p.m. Register at cwu.edu/retirement-association, or contact Catherine Scarlett at 509-963-3083 or scarletc@cwu.edu. Make checks payable to the CWU Foundation. Deadline to register is April 18, 2019.
President's Corner

I watched the sun rise this morning to another beautiful day of this extended Indian summer. Just another one of the joys of retirement, I can spend another day outside enjoying this wonderful season.

Speaking of enjoyment, the retiree members were given a tour of the new Samuelson Building. The old SUB is now housing Information Technology and Administrative Management (ITAM), Sociology, Mathematics, Computer Science and the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Program, as well and the CWU Data Center. The labs and programs are amazing! Robots, cybersecurity, and new ways to prepare teachers in STEM. Several faculty and students took the time to explain what happens in the labs and lectures. We ended our tour in the student lounge that overlooks the campus. The Samuelson building isn’t the only one new on campus. When you are in town take a trip around campus, construction abounds!

The Retiree Association Board is planning an interesting year of events. In January, one of our world travelers will present a virtual tour of a sunny and warm country. A chance to visit with old friends while enjoying wine, craft beers, and munchies will follow. In February, we plan to bring a wine tasting tour to you where Professor Marji Morgan will provide hands on knowledge about wine. Then, our big trip will be to the LeMay American’s Car Museum in Tacoma in April. This is the highlight of the year!

The Retiree Association is supported in part by membership dues. Our event expenses are paid by our yearly $20 membership dues. A lifetime membership of $200 goes to our scholarship endowment for a graduate student scholarship. As the endowment grows through your contributions, the better we can support our CWU graduate students.

Marilyn Mason,
President
Meet Our CWURA Graduate Scholarship Winner for 2018-19

The CWURA awarded the annual graduate scholarship this year to Heather McKinnon. Heather is a graduate student in computer science for the 2018-19 year. Heather is from Marysville, WA and a first-generation college graduate. Heather completed her BS in biology in 2010 and pursues work as a seasonal wildlife technician around the Northwest. Heather’s work brought her to Alaska where she was an observer working on fishing vessels in the Bering Sea, taking biological and fishing effort data for NOAA. Heather wanted to see how she could take my work with biology a bit further and found the Computer Science master’s program here at CWU where she could combine her interest of both fields, biology and computer science. She’s in her first quarter of graduate studies and she is studying bioinformatics and creating algorithms to help analyze complex or large biological data sets. Heather is hoping her degree will help her get a career in biomedical, cellular, or genomic research.

Heather’s CWURA scholarship is made possible by the generous support of CWU retirees and friends. Please consider making a gift on our web site at engage.cwu.edu to support more students like Heather. To those who have already made gifts this year to this scholarship, we say thank you.

In Memoriam

Remembering those in the CWU community who passed in 2018

Leonard Anthony  Myrna Antonich  Bob Bennett  Lila Breshears  Christie Brown  Travis Burrough
Owen Dugmore  James Erickson  John Foster  Peter Gries  Ray Hall  Mark Halperin
Kevin Higgins  Bob Irving  Louis Kollmeyer  Merle Kunz  Pat Lacey  Wells McInelly
Mae Morey  Michael Olivero  Don Ringe  Lana Jo Sharpe  Helen Smith  Norman Spurgeon
John Storlie  NaDine Tolman  Wes Van Tassel  Clifford Wolfsehr  B.J. Wright

CWURA Annual Distinguished Retiree Award 2018

CWURA recognized Joe and Myrna Antonich for service to the Ellensburg community and to Central at the annual meeting in May, 2018. The CWURA was proud to present this award to Joe and Myrna for their service to the local community through their work with Kittitas County Search and Rescue, the Red Cross, and the Rodeo City Radio Club, just to name a few. Joe and Myrna shared their 2007 travel adventures on a tall sailing ship to Antarctica at the winter 2009 travel presentation. Joe retired as Director of Financial Services in 2004. Myra worked in many departments on campus, starting in the registrar’s office. Myrna passed away in June, 2018.

The CWURA welcomes nominations for the 2019 Distinguished Retiree Award. Please visit our web page at cwu.edu/retirement-association for nomination forms.
Calendar of Events

JANUARY 31 - CWURA Winter Travel Program
4:00 p.m. CWU Lombard Room
Travels through Central America by Rosco Toleman
Refreshments and social hour will follow from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

MARCH 5 - Bordeaux Wines in Bordeaux and Washington State
Presented by Professor Marji Morgan.
4:00 p.m. CWU Lombard Room
Wine tasting following presentation.
Cost is $10.00 per person.
Registration at cwu.edu/retirement-association.

APRIL 25 - CWURA Spring Trip
Visit LeMay – America’s Car Museum, Tacoma, WA
Cost is $60.00 a person.
Depart from Super One Parking Lot at 8:00 a.m.
Registration at cwu.edu/retirement-association.

MAY 21 - CWURA Annual Meeting
SAVE THE DATE!

Ongoing

CWURA First Friday Coffee
Retirees and friends enjoy informal gatherings each First Friday of the month.
Please join us for refreshments and camaraderie at 9:30 a.m. at the Dakota Café on Pearl Street in Ellensburg.

Wildcat Walkers - CWURA Walking Group
Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. Walkers meet at the Irene Rinehart Park bridge parking lot at 9:00 a.m. for approximately 2 hours of walking. For more information, contact Virginia Mack at vmackred@gmail.com or 509-899-1345

For more information on CWURA events and activities visit our website at cwu.edu/retirement-association.
Visit the “Briefing Room” for updated information on legislative issues effecting higher education: cwubriefingroom.wordpress.com.