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The internet has changed our world

by Judy Craig, Co-Chair, Electronic Technology Committee

Many of us lucky enough to be retired remember when calculators were a big deal and people were excited to have a Selectric typewriter on which to type a manuscript. Many tasks that are easy now required extensive preparation and time: working on a report with a colleague at another university, sending photos of the new grandchild, or talking with a colleague or relative overseas.

The Internet

Wednesday, November 16, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Oakwood Village University Woods
Arts and Education Center
6205 Mineral Point Road

Our speaker, **Lawrence H. Landweber**, the John P. Morgridge Professor Emeritus of Computer Science at the UW-Madison, had a leading role in changing all that. His career bears the imprint of the Midwest: after earning his PhD in computer science from another Big Ten institution (Purdue), he served as a long-time member of the UW faculty (1967-2000).

In the late 70s, while chairing his department, he began to explore how the networking underway among computer scientists could be used by his faculty and students. His proposal for CSNET, aiming for a network for all US university, industry, and government computer research groups, was funded by NSF in 1981.

Landweber's impact has been international. Since formally retiring in 2000, he has received numerous national and international awards, prizes, and advising appointments. In 2012, he was inducted into the Internet Hall of Fame, and he has served as Chair of the Board as well as President and Vice President for Education of the Internet Society. He is also a member of the Computer Research Association Board. Throughout his career, he has worked as both a consultant and a board member with a variety of companies.

Landweber's abstract of the presentation

The internet has brought dramatic changes to today's world, impacting on almost every aspect of human activity. Today's Internet has evolved via a series of (r)evolutionary advances both in the underlying technologies and in supported applications. The talk will describe these largely unanticipated advances after briefly discussing why 20 years after it was invented in 1974, the Internet became the world's dominant network. Societal challenges, both positive and negative, will be discussed and, probably inaccurate, predictions of the future Internet of 10 to 20 years from now will be presented.

Food pantry contribution

The food pantry recipient for this event will be the Personal Essentials Pantry. Both cash and checks payable to that organization will be accepted.

Registration

If you plan to attend and would like a copy of any handouts, please register before noon on Wednesday, November 9, by contacting the Retirement Association office at retireassn@mailplus.wisc.edu or 262-0641 and leaving a message. You are welcome to bring a guest; please indicate the name when you register.

Directions

Enter Oakwood grounds at traffic light at Island Drive and Mineral Point Road. The Arts Center can be directly accessed by taking the right fork off Island Drive when you enter the complex. Parking is very limited near the Arts Center entrance. Underground parking is available by veering left when you enter Oakwood. Take a right at the green sign that says "Heritage Oaks Parking." When you approach the parking garage door, push the red button and alert the receptionist that you are there for a UWRA program. You may park in any parking spot other than those marked "reserved." Take the elevator to the first floor. You may also park in a surface visitor parking spot (marked spaces along the drive and on up the hill to the large lot). On foot, enter Heritage (6205) at its main entrance using the third driveway on right, at stop sign, or enter the auditorium doors directly from the lower drive.

Financial seminar on income taxes

by Millard Susman, Co-Chair, Committee on Financial Matters in Retirement

Federal taxes and the election: what we might expect

Wednesday, November 16, 10:00 a.m. to noon

MGE Innovation Center

Irving Shain Conference Room (Room 50)

510 Charmany Drive

This seminar will be presented by **Ken Wundrow**, who has 35 years of experience as a tax preparer at Mennenga Tax and Financial Service. Ken will look at the upcoming election and the tax issues that may arise from the outcome. The focus will be on retirement and estate issues and possible tax-saving maneuvers available to the taxpayer as an investor and estate planner. Among the topic discussions will be insurance, the advisability of IRA conversions, gifting to charities and individuals, and other tax-related deductions and adjustments. If you have questions about this seminar, please contact Paul Reichel at preichel@wisc.edu or (608) 224-1991.

Registration

Because seating at the MGE Innovation Center is limited, we must ask you to register in advance. Please contact the Association office (see masthead), by Thursday, November 10, to register. If you or your companion registered for the seminar but cannot attend, please call 262-0641 by 8:30 a.m. on the day of the program to allow someone on the waiting list to attend. Financial seminars are offered free to UWRA members, and members may bring guests who are not members of the Retirement Association. If you plan to bring a guest, please indicate that when you register.

Directions

Proceed west on Mineral Point Road past the Whitney Way intersection. The next traffic light is Rosa Road; turn left (south). At the third opportunity to turn left (one street and two driveways), turn left at the MGE Innovation Center sign, though it says 505 South Rosa Road. Proceed to the farthest building, noting the vertical white numbers 510 painted on the glass hallway between the buildings. The parking lot is on the left. Enter and proceed immediately downstairs. The conference room is at the base of the stairs.

Food pantry contribution

The food pantry recipient for this event will be the new Open Seat food pantry serving UW-Madison students. (See related article in this issue.) Both cash and checks payable to the UW Foundation with "Open Seat food pantry" on the memo line will be accepted.

Erratum

by Faisal Kaud, Member, Committee on Financial Matters in Retirement

Here's an important update on our article on Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs), which appeared in the October issue. We said that people who own more than one tax-deferred savings account can take their entire RMD from any one of those accounts or distribute the RMD among the accounts in any way they choose. It turns out (surprise!) that the tax law is more complex than we thought it was and that there are some restrictions. You can find a clear and concise discussion of these restrictions at the following website: tinyurl.com/z26pqsz.

A little light music

by Gary Mitchell, President, UWRA, and Member, Connections Committee

Join the UWRA for a special late-afternoon concert by the UW Wind Ensemble with special guests Winds of Wisconsin (WOW) on Sunday, November 20. WOW is an auditioned high school wind ensemble that just celebrated its tenth year. The concert begins at 5:00 p.m. At 4:00 p.m., an assistant to Professor Scott Teeple, Conductor, will give a special presentation for UWRA members and their guests.

Wind Ensemble Concert Sunday, November 20, 5:00 p.m.

with presentation at 4:00 p.m.

Mills Concert Hall
Humanities Building
455 North Park Street

The program includes John Adams' "Grand Pianola Music" performed by the UW Wind Ensemble. They will then be joined by the Winds of Wisconsin to perform Frank Tichell's "Angels in the Architecture" with Guest Conductor Michael Leckrone.

Registration

Tickets are not required, but RSVP at retireasn@mailplus.wisc.edu or 262-0641 so that we can make arrangements for the 4:00 p.m. presentation.

UWRA Travel Committee Trip

Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry

Wednesday, December 7

7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. approx.

\$45 (Sign up by November 18, first come/first served)



Possibly your last visit to the Museum was with your own children or grandchildren, nieces, or nephews. Having been recently remodeled and updated, it may hardly be recognizable; only a few things are holdovers. Check out the Museum website at msichicago.org to learn more about what's new. We hope to arrive by 10:30 for a full day of adventure. Elevators are available between floors. Lunch is on your own. There are several places to purchase food in the Museum.

Enjoy these special areas:

Christmas Around the World

You! The Experience

Numbers in Nature

Storms

Flight & Aerospace Technology

Inventing the Future

Where the Wild Things Are... Works of Maurice Sendak

Children young and old are welcome. Pricing for seniors (65+) @\$45 includes bus, driver tip, and Museum entrance fees. (Fees are adjusted to \$49 for each adult 12-64; \$43 for each child 3-11.) Please contact Peggy Daluge, 273-1091 with questions.

Everyone will board the bus at the Dutch Mill Park and Ride daily lot (off of Stoughton Road north of the beltline, across from Arby's) at 7:30. We plan to reboard the bus in Chicago at 3:00.

Members of the University League and PLATO will be permitted to register if space is available. No refunds.

UWRA Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, December 7

Name (please print) _____

Guests _____

Email _____

Phone _____ Cell phone _____

Affiliation: ___ UWRA ___ University League ___ PLATO

Cost: Seniors @ \$45 x ___ = \$ ___ Adults @ \$49 x ___ = \$ ___ Children @ \$43 x ___ = \$ ___

Please make checks payable to UW-Madison Retirement Association.

Mail to UW-Madison Retirement Association
c/o Division of Continuing Studies
21 North Park Street, Room 7229
Madison, WI 53715-1218.

Questions? Call 262-0641.
Please mail in time to arrive
no later than November 18.

Welcome to these new members of the Association, 9-9-16 through 10-10-16

Lyle Anderson
Arlin & Judy Brannstrom
Sharon Kemp
Gail Loughridge
Fran Metcalf
Stephen Myck
Kalen Nichols
Helen Noeldner
Nancy Odalen
Carol & Wayne Pearson
Janet Peterson & Maryann Stephenson
Jane & Evan Pizer

From your editor

This month you'll see a new column in *The Sifter*: Meet a Member. In this interview feature, you'll learn about one of your fellow UWRA members, including some information that may surprise and delight you. We hope to make this a regular monthly feature, so send us your recommendations of fellow members to interview for future columns, or volunteer yourself.

I welcome feedback on this column, and on the newsletter generally; you can reach me at mbray@wisc.edu. Just like the UWRA itself, *The Sifter* works best through the contributions of many volunteers sharing their labor and good ideas.

Monthly reminders

Westside breakfast at Sofra, 7457 Elmwood Avenue, Middleton, 8:30, November 22 and December 12.

Eastside breakfast at Elie's, 4102 Monona Drive, Madison, 8:30, November 18 and December 15.

Reservations are not needed for either location. You are welcome regardless of where you live.

For information on upcoming PLATO trips, go to <http://platomadison.org/page-18561>.

Driver services volunteer opportunities

by Diana Jost, Assistant Director, RSVP

Drivers are urgently needed to drive passengers in all Dane County communities, providing seniors (60 years and older) and veterans of all ages with rides to medical and other important appointments, or to deliver meals to seniors in communities outside of Madison. The program has a very flexible schedule, has no minimum hours required, and provides a mileage reimbursement and extra liability insurance.

If you are interested in driving or delivering meals, contact Gene Kundert, gkundert@rsvpdane.org or 608-441-7896; to help veterans of all ages and their families, contact Tom Poppe, tpoppe@rsvpdane.org or 608-238-7901.

Candlelight Dinner

University League is pleased to invite you to their annual late fall Candlelight Dinner Concert Saturday, November 12, at Nakoma Golf Club at 4145 Country Club Lane, Madison, WI. The evening begins with the social hour and a cash bar beginning at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will follow at 6:00 and the musical performance at 7:00.

The barbershop "Delight Quartet" features son of League member LaVonne Senn as the foursome gets listeners tapping their toes to their song repertoire from the 50's, 60's and 70's. The quartet is known throughout the state for their performances at venues such as the state capitol, Miller Park, and the Bradley Center.

The cost of the entertainment plus a three-course dinner including salad, entree, vegetable, dessert, and beverage is \$40. All entrees are gluten-free, with choices of pesto-crusted chicken breast and roasted vegetable Napoleon.

Please visit the University League website for further details: univleague.wisc.edu/program.htm.

Meet a member: ten things about Chuck Read

by Debra Lauder, Column Coordinator

Name: Chuck Read.

Spouse/significant other: Helen Read.

Before retirement, I was a Professor of Linguistics (and before that, English), Associate Dean and Interim Dean of the Graduate School, and Dean of the School of Education.

The first thing I did after I retired was begin to clean out 35 years of accumulated books and files (this project is still going on!).

My favorite part of retirement is not having to deal with the current University budget situation.

I still can't throw away copies of letters of recommendation I wrote for some terrific students.

Now I spend my time traveling, biking, reading, attending concerts and lectures, and flying (see below). But I also work on smaller projects for the University: for nine years after retirement, I led the Kauffman Seminar, a year-long professional development opportunity for UW-Madison administrators. Currently I am chair of a review committee and a new member of the UWRA Board.

The top item still on my bucket list is flying around Lake Michigan with Helen.

Something that would surprise you about me is that I learned to fly a couple of years after I retired. We like to fly around the region, just for lunch or on a day-long outing.

What I've been reading lately: *Post War* by Tony Judt. It's a massive, 800-page history of Europe since World War II. It's more than I really wanted to know, but a fascinating topic. In lighter moments, I'm reading *Piper Cub Tales* by Frank Baker, Professor Emeritus of Educational Psychology. Frank and I have the same aviation disease.

I joined UWRA because of opportunities to see friends and colleagues at talks and on outings.

My favorite UWRA activity is one-day travel opportunities to interesting places in the region that we somehow missed, even though we've lived here for 46 years.

Learn just for fun as a senior guest auditor

by Moira Kelley, Senior Counselor/Communications Coordinator,
Division of Continuing Studies

If you are looking for an opportunity to get back in the classroom but don't want the pressure of completing assignments or taking tests, becoming a senior guest auditor is a great option. Wisconsin residents age 60 and older may audit non-participatory lecture courses for no cost at UW-Madison and other state public universities. Auditing is allowed when space is available, and instructor permission must be obtained.

Online classes are not available for guest auditing. This fall UW-Madison has 663 senior guest auditors enrolled in 837 classes across 72 departments, with most taking classes in history, music, and art history.

At UW-Madison, auditors are admitted by Adult Career and Special Student Services (ACSSS). Applications are due three weeks before the start of each term, which is mid-August for fall and late December for spring. To ensure all degree-seeking students are accommodated, Senior Guest auditors begin enrolling on the first day of classes each term. ACSSS staffers are ready and willing to help senior guest auditors with the application and enrollment process.

Visit the ACSSS office to view a printed version of the timetable or, for the most up-to-date schedule of classes, use the online Public Class Search at registrar.wisc.edu/schedule_of_classes_students.htm to view courses by term. Additionally, each term we provide a list of course possibilities that can be found on the program website.

Please visit our website or contact our office for more information and the application for admission.

Web: continuingstudies.wisc.edu/advising/audit60.htm

Email: advising@dcs.wisc.edu

Phone: 263-6960

Help support a new food pantry

by Mary Czyszczak-Lyne, Member, Volunteering Committee

The UWRA Volunteering Committee is excited to promote the new food pantry supporting UW-Madison students. Collections will be made at upcoming programs, beginning with the financial program on November 16. (See above description.) The Open Seat is the first student-run, student-serving food pantry at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. All students with a Wiscard are eligible to use their services. The Open Seat is a resource created to alleviate the stress that comes from facing food insecurity. It is located on the fourth floor of the Student Activity Center, Room 4209.

UWRA members can support the Open Seat even if unable to attend an event. To donate, go to supportuw.org/give, which is the UW Foundation's site. Type "Student Food Bank Fund" in the "CHOOSE WHAT TO SUPPORT" box. Open Seat uses 100 percent of your donation to purchase items to stock the pantry.

If you have any questions or would like more information, feel free to contact thepantry@asm.wisc.edu. You can also visit their website at asm.wisc.edu/resources/food-pantry/ or their Facebook page at facebook.com/ASMOpenSeat/.

Membership dues waiver is back!

by Debbie Lauder, Co-Chair, Membership Committee

We're pleased to announce the return of the offer where you can earn a one-year waiver of your UWRA membership dues. It's really very easy. Recruit one or more new UWRA members and you qualify! When you recruit the new member(s), contact Ann Wallace at the UW-Madison Retirement Association Office (see masthead) and let her know whom you recruited. Please ask your recruit to make a notation on the membership form that you recruited the individual in the section that reads "Did someone recruit you to join UWRA, and if so, whom may we thank?"

You can receive the waiver if you recruit a former UWRA member whose membership has been lapsed for more than one year. That person will be considered a new recruit for purposes of this promotion and you will get credit for the returning member. This offer is available through June 30, 2017, but don't wait to get that waiver and recruit a new member today.

A great joy of retirement: the Mississippi River cruise and museum trip

by Keith Landers, Member, UWRA

One Wednesday in September, 56 members of the UW-Madison Retirement Association joined each other on a trip to Dubuque, arranged by the Travel Committee. We experienced all of Wisconsin and Iowa's varieties of weather: fog, heavy rain, thunderstorms, heavy winds, and bright sunshine.

The UWRA Travel Committee arranged this day of camaraderie with UW retirees and guests. On arrival, we toured the National Mississippi Museum and Aquarium, where we could track the animal life and flooding of America's greatest river.

The highlight of the day, though, was a two-hour cruise on the Spirit of Dubuque Mississippi River boat. The captain narrated the history of the Mississippi River as we passed sites along the shorelines and steam-paddled under the two main bridges in Dubuque. My wife and I especially liked dining with other retirees and their significant others on the boat trip, eating lunch with four others as we cruised on the Spirit of Dubuque. (My wife, Jan Landers, worked for Central Wisconsin Center and I worked at the UW Law School.)

We were given choice for our afternoon activities. Some members went to visit the Diamond Joe Casino. With others, we walked across the 3rd Street bridge and took the Fenelon Place funicular to the top of the bluffs to see three states (Iowa, Wisconsin, and Illinois) from the panoramic vista, which was particularly exciting. Still others toured St. Luke's United Methodist Church, an 1896 Romanesque church featuring eight large Louis Comfort Tiffany stained-glass windows and a refurbished 1897 organ with 30 ranks and over 1,000 pipes. Others attended 3D/4D movies of great historic interest: "Flying Monsters" (about dinosaurs that flew) and "Bugs" (a rain forest adventure). We were amazed to learn that dinosaurs developed wings and actually flew for millions of years.

It was an entertaining day for everyone, and we encourage you to attend future day trips with friends or significant others.

Oral history volunteers needed

*by Troy Reeves, Head, Oral History Program,
UW-Madison Archives*

The campus oral history program (OHP)—staffed with just one FTE—succeeds in our primary goal (collecting campus history stories from those who experienced it) only by having committed volunteers donate their time to help us. Specifically, we rely on volunteer interviewers. We currently have a list of nearly 350 people whose stories have been identified as a critical addition to our oral history collection. There are far more potential interviewees than “staff” time to conduct them.

To provide the best possible historical material to current and future researchers, we take seriously the process of training volunteers. We aim to create oral histories that are useful and usable to future researchers. Volunteer interviewers will be expected to donate at least two to three hours of work for each hour of oral history conducted. As noted earlier, we take this process seriously. We’d rather someone decide not to volunteer after reading this than start the process with a prospective narrator and end up quitting before a worthwhile interview emerges.

Thank you for considering this volunteer opportunity. Please call 608-890-1899 or email troy.reeves@wisc.edu if interested or requesting more information.

Volunteer to help a senior or adult with a disability

by Megan Meyer, Volunteer Coordinator, Independent Living, Inc.

Winter is coming! Help keep seniors and disabled adults safe through the winter months with our snow shoveling program. Snow shoveling volunteers are matched with one or two folks in their area of town and shovel within 48 hours of a snowfall of two inches or more. Equipment is provided by the client.

Other current needs include social visits, meal delivery, and household help. Volunteers commit one or two hours per week or every other week on an ongoing basis. It’s a great opportunity to create lasting relationships with seniors in your area!

All volunteers are invited to attend a welcome orientation that covers opportunities and procedures. To volunteer, call 608-268-9641 or email mmeyer@independentlivinginc.org. Additional information is at IndependentLivingInc.org/volunteer.

Give a little and change a lot!

*by Lori Berquam, Chair, University Coordinating Committee,
Partners in Giving*

Did you know that retired employees of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and UW Health can continue to support many of their favorite charitable organizations in Dane County by contributing to the Partners in Giving campaign? Information about this year’s campaign can be found at giving.wi.gov/.

To give by credit card using the secure server, visit the Partners in Giving website at giving.wi.gov/. To give by check, request a Partners in Giving booklet and pledge form by contacting Carli Wilke at carli.wilke@uwdc.org or (608) 246-5482. You also can access the campaign booklet at giving.wi.gov/wpcontent/uploads/2016/08/book_2016.pdf.

As a thank you for your gift, you will receive an email with an invitation for you and three guests to attend the Wisconsin women’s basketball game against Marquette University on Sunday, December 11, at the Kohl Center. You will also be eligible for discounted tickets for the Wisconsin men’s hockey series against Nebraska-Omaha, taking place on December 2 and 3.

Attic Angel continuing education

by Julie Nelson, Administrative Assistant, Attic Angel Association

The Continuing Education Programs of the Attic Angel Association are held each Monday morning at Attic Angel Place, 8301 Old Sauk Road, Middleton, WI. The programs are open to the public. Coffee is served at 10 a.m. and the program begins at 10:30. There is no charge, and no reservation is required.

Monday, November 7: “Deciding what’s true: political fact checking in American journalism” by Professor Lucas Graves, UW School of Journalism.

Monday, November 14: “Election 2016: what just happened?” by Professor Kenneth Mayer, UW Political Science Department.

Monday, November 21: “Education reform in Wisconsin: what works and what doesn’t” by Professor John Witte, UW Political Science Department and La Follette School of Public Affairs.

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UWRA Calendar

November 14	10:30 a.m.	Morning program by APT artistic director
November 14	11:45 a.m.	Luncheon program on "Shakespeare's Books"
November 16	10:00 a.m.	Federal tax: after the election
November 16	1:30 p.m.	History and development of the Internet
November 18	8:30 a.m.	Breakfast at Elie's
November 20	4:00 p.m.	Pre-concert presentation
November 20	5:00 p.m.	Wind Ensemble Concert
November 22	8:30 a.m.	Breakfast at Sofra
December 7	7:30 a.m.	Trip to Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry
December 12	8:30 a.m.	Breakfast at Sofra
December 14	10:00 a.m.	The State of the U.S. Economy
December 15	8:30 a.m.	Breakfast at Elie's