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May financial seminar

by Paul Reichel, Member, Committee on Financial Matters in Retirement

Seven keys to a successful retirement portfolio plan

Tuesday, May 16, 10:00 to noon

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

The stock market has been on an extended upward run, except for a few short hiccups, since 2009. Many people's portfolios have benefited from this long market rally. But how is your portfolio positioned for a future correction or bear market? **Christine Benz**, director of personal finance at Morningstar, will present a program that will cover how to test your portfolio's long-term sustainability given your anticipated spending needs. In a recent column she wrote, "Retirees should absolutely take steps to de-risk their portfolios after strong equity-market rallies, paring back on stocks and boosting their weightings in cash and bonds." But how much should you have in cash and bonds if you rely mostly on your pension and social security to meet your living expenses? She will describe the key asset classes that should belong in all retiree portfolios and how their mix should synchronize with spending horizons.

Ms. Benz will also cover the logistics of extracting cash flow from a portfolio in this low yield environment and protecting against inflation.

Food pantry contribution

The pantry for this event will be Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Both cash and checks payable to that organization will be accepted.

Registration

Advance registration is required. If you are not registered in advance, you may not receive handouts. Contact the Association office (see masthead) by Monday, May 8, to register. If you or your companion registered for this seminar but cannot attend, please call 262-0641 by 8:30 a.m. on the day of the program.

Please note that this session will not be videotaped for posting on the UWRA website.

Parking

Enter Oakwood grounds at the traffic light at Island Drive and Mineral Point Road. Take the left fork and then the second driveway on the right to enter visitor underground parking. Push the button for assistance. Park in any visitor stall; take elevator to first floor lobby where signs or a receptionist will help. The garage door opens automatically when you exit in the car. You may also park in a surface visitor spot (marked spaces along the drive and up the hill toward the large lot). On foot, enter Heritage (6205) at its main entrance (third driveway on the right, at stop sign) or enter the auditorium doors directly from the lower drive.

It is time to renew!

by Ann Wallace, Executive Director

If your mailing label says 2017, it is now time to renew your membership for 2017-18 using the application form in this newsletter. Send it in right away and save the Association mailing costs for individual renewal notices. Green members, who have no mailing label, will each receive an electronic message if it is time for them to renew. Please note that current memberships expire on June 30. Don't let this task get away from you.

Be sure to consider the two special membership categories that are listed on the application form. Life memberships are available if either you or your spouse/partner is receiving an annuity from the Wisconsin Retirement System, but any member can take advantage of the bargain six-years-for-the-price-of-five rate and save the hassle and postage of renewing each year. Also consider receiving your issue of *The Sifter* via email rather than the US Postal Service. Emailed issues go out at least a week before the hard copies arrive.

If you are both renewing your membership and registering for the Wade House trip, please submit a separate check for each activity.

UW-MADISON RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION
Membership for the year ending 6-30-18

Spouses/partners are included in the membership fee and need not have worked for the UW.

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP+4 _____

UW employment: university/classified staff academic staff faculty associate (non-UW)

Unit/dept. retired from _____ Year _____ Not retired

Topics I/we would like to see in Association programming: _____

Association activities for which I/we offer my/our expertise: _____

Sifter format (choose one): Sent in hard copy OR Sent by email

Regular: \$20 for one year

Bargain: six years for the price of five (\$100)

Life: \$300 nonrefundable

Eligibility: one member of household must be receiving a Wis. Retirement System annuity

Out of area: ZIP codes other than 535, 537, and 539 — \$10 for one year or \$50 for six years; emailed *Sifters* only

Not yet retired: \$10 for one year; emailed *Sifters* only

Did someone recruit you to join UWRA, and if so, whom may we thank? _____

Your check should be made payable to the UW-Madison Retirement Association and mailed with this completed form to the UW-Madison Retirement Association, 21 North Park Street, Room 7229, Madison 53715-1218. April 2017

RSVP 2017 Bus Buddy Tours

by Diana Jost, Assistant Director, RSVP

Bus Buddy Tours offer seniors age 60 and over an opportunity to go on a group trip by city bus to a designated location while learning how to navigate the Madison Metro Bus System. The program was designed to help ease the way for those who are not used to using the bus system while creating a fun social group outing for those involved. To join us for any of these trips or for more information, email Djost@rsvpdane.org, call 441-1393, or contact Jan Karst at Jkarst@rsvpdane.org or 441-7891.

Wednesday May 17: Enjoy lunch at the Madison Senior Center, followed by a tour of the Madison Science Museum

Wednesday June 7: Tour Henry Vilas Zoo with a picnic lunch

Thursday July 13: Explore the exhibits at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum followed by lunch at Ian's Pizza

Thursday August 17: Participate in a hands-on project in the Bubbler at the Madison Central Library followed by lunch at the Plaza

University League luncheon and annual meeting

by Kay Jarvis-Sladky, Publicity Chair, University League

The luncheon on May 11 at 11:30 will feature Leslie Bellais, Curator of Social History at the Wisconsin Historical Museum, who will present "Victorian secrets, the revealing history of women's underwear." She will share the secrets behind Victorians' tiny waists and how women's undergarments reflected societal values. The presentation includes a slightly risqué Power Point presentation and possibly a chance to see examples of Victorian underwear from the Society's collection.

Cost is \$25, and registration is due by May 4. Please join us for this event by visiting the University League website for further details: univleague.wisc.edu.

It is bugging me: Why is my email acting strangely?

by Kathy Christoph, Co-Chair, Electronic Technology Committee

Why is my WiscMail not showing I've read a message? I thought I deleted a message on my laptop, but it's still appearing unread on my tablet. Where did that message go that I know I sent? Come to this session to share and hear a discussion of these and many other questions.

Bug extermination session

Thursday, May 25, 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Westmorland room, Oakwood Village University Woods
6205 Mineral Point Road

Two members of the Electronic Technology Committee who have been experiencing problems and have solved a few will lead the discussion. Come if you have questions. Come particularly if you have answers or opinions. Registration is not needed. The session immediately follows a meeting of the ETC that begins at 1:00 p.m. in the same place, which you may join if you like.

Summer travel reminder: two-day trip to Title Town USA!

by Esther Olson, Co-Chair, Travel Committee

Plan now to join us for a two-day trip to Green Bay on July 18 and 19, when we will visit the new 15,000 square foot Packer Hall of Fame, tour Lambeau field, and have a tailgate lunch. We will also visit the new Automobile Gallery that is the brain child of Red Lewis, inventor of the touchless car wash, where we will see more than 50 cars dating from 1912 to the present. Then it will be on to the Radisson hotel for dinner and entertainment plus some free gaming before retiring to our rooms.

The next day's itinerary includes breakfast at the hotel and a three-hour bus tour of the Oneida Nation, including the Cultural Heritage site, the Veterans Wall, log homes, a buffalo farm, and the first Episcopal church in Wisconsin. Then it is on to the National Railroad Museum for a tour, hobo lunch, and a train ride. Our last stop will be at Seroogy's Chocolate and Gift Shop, known for their handmade, hand-dipped chocolates. The details are coming in the June issue of *The Sifter*.

ETC Says: Ongoing WiscMail saga for retirees

by Sheila Spear, Co-Chair, Electronic Technology Committee

This message from the Electronic Technology Committee is irrelevant to those WiscMail users who fully transformed their email habits to conform to the new Office 365-based service in 2015. But there are problems ahead for those UW WiscMail users who stubbornly (that's me) continue to try to maintain their old ways of working.

As is the way of everything in the web world, nothing remains stable. So, if you are continuing to try to link Office 365 to an IMAP program on your home computer, such as Apple's Mail or Thunderbird, for example, you may be experiencing inconsistencies. Here is what is happening.

1. Microsoft makes changes to Office 365.
2. These changes make difficulties for those using non-Microsoft clients (the mail program on your computer) like Apple Mail and Thunderbird.
3. Neither the Office 365 Team nor Microsoft Support is able to provide technical support for non-Microsoft email clients configured with Office 365 accounts, so the DoIT Help Desk can only provide best effort support for non-Microsoft clients.
4. There are some workarounds that may help in the short term. This page on the UW Knowledgebase (kb.wisc.edu) is quite helpful: Office 365—Improving the performance of clients configured via IMAP.

But the bottom line is that non-Microsoft clients' computers can be configured with Office 365 accounts, many of which are free, although there is no guarantee of consistent or problem-free functionality. And, unfortunately, there is not a free Microsoft desktop email client available. Our options seem to be

- (1) to stop using WiscMail and use some other service such as gmail;
- (2) to use WiscMail web only (wiscmail.wisc.edu); or
- (3) to buy Outlook.

For home computers, get Office 2016 or 365 Personal or Home (Home does not include Outlook). Office 365 costs \$69.99 for Personal and \$99.99 for Home per year. Office 2016 for Home and Business costs \$229.99 for outright purchase. For iPhones and iPads, there seems to be a free app for Outlook at the App Store, and presumably a similar one for Android.

UW-MADISON RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION TRAVEL COMMITTEE

Wade House and Kohler Design Center

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Ever wonder what traveling was like in the 1800s? Join the Travel Committee's June 13 trip to historic Wade House and get a glimpse of travel and lodging accommodations in "them thar days." Tour the renovated hotel, the carriage museum, the blacksmith's shop, a sawmill, and the new visitor center. Then travel through time to the state-of-the-art Kohler Design Center in Kohler, where a self-guided tour through the product showroom and designer rooms will provide a glimpse of both old and new products as well as the Company's history.

In mid-1800, Sylvania and Betsey Wade moved to the Greenbush area to build a halfway house that would become a regular stop for the stagecoach lines operating between Fond du Lac and Sheboygan settlements. The Wades opened the hotel to the public in 1850, and the Greek Revival style building brought a feeling of civilization to the young community. The hotel was the scene of cotillions, business meetings, political caucuses, and circuit court sessions. But prosperity stalled in the early 1860 when the newly completed railroad bypassed the Greenbush area, and in 1910 the hotel was closed. The building languished in disrepair until the 1950s, when the Kohler family acquired it and set about restoring it to its original splendor. In 1953, the property was deeded to the Wisconsin Historical Society. In 1968, the Wesley W. Jung Carriage Museum was opened. In 2001, the Herrling Sawmill was opened to the public and in 2013, 60 years from the original opening of the halfway house, a new Visitor Center was opened.

Note: Some moderate walking may be necessary. Horse-drawn wagons will be available at the Wade House for touring the points of interest.

A box lunch at the Visitor Center will include a sandwich or wrap, chips, cookie, and beverage. (Gluten free available – please indicate with lunch choice.)

Cost: \$50 per person includes admission, lunch, tax and gratuity, motor coach, and driver gratuity.

Registration deadline: May 19, 2017. University League and PLATO members may register if space is available.

- 7:30 Leave Westside pickup point (West Towne Sears – lot near beltline)
- 8:00 Leave Eastside pickup point (East Towne Sears/Planet Fitness – across East Towne Way from Culver's – under lamp post with red and white number 10 sign. Access is via Eagan Road)
- 6:00 Arrive Eastside
- 6:30 Arrive Westside

Questions: Call UWRA office at 608-262-0641 or Esther Olson at 608-335-3207.

UWRA travel to Wade House and Kohler Design Center
Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Names(s) (please print) _____

Phone number: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

Affiliation: _____ UWRA _____ University League _____ PLATO

Select lunch choice (each person):

_____ Ham sandwich (ham, cheddar, lettuce, tomato, honey mustard mayo on sourdough) (Gluten free _____)

_____ Turkey wrap (turkey, provolone, tomato, lettuce, cranberry mayo on garlic herb wrap) (Gluten free _____)

_____ Garden wrap (diced tomato, cucumber, red pepper, lettuce, cheddar on garlic herb wrap) (Gluten free _____)

Dietary restrictions? _____

Payment of \$50 per person is enclosed. 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 7205, Madison, WI 53715-1218 to arrive before **May 19**. (Please do not include trip fee in the check to renew your membership.)

Meet a member: ten things about Tad Pinkerton

by Debra Lauder, Column Coordinator

Spouse/significant other: Hannah Pinkerton.

Current work and/or before-retirement work: Professor in Computer Sciences and Acting DoIT Director.

The first thing I did after I retired was travel, for example, to Bhutan and Peru.

Now I spend my time in my shop turning wooden bowls.

The top item still on my bucket list is visiting Patagonia.

My favorite part of work before retirement was speaking to campus groups about technology.

My favorite part of retirement is spending an hour each morning with *The New York Times*.

Something that would surprise you about me is I've done fifteen American Birkebeiners and two full Ironman triathlons.

My favorite restaurant in the Madison area is Craft Table and Tap.

The music I most enjoy listening to is classical, every day on WPR.

Encore, encore!

by Marian. Fisher, Member, Committee on Financial Matters in Retirement

The March 21 presentation on continuum of care retirement communities received praise from those attending the talk, and other groups requested the presentation. You have the ability to listen again with copies of the slides and data any time you wish. Simply go to our website (uwra.wisc.edu), click on resources, and then on presentations. "Use our website" is what we are going to give as advice to those groups requesting this talk.

For a future presentation, our subcommittee members are already at work focusing on the next level down from the continuum of care. Remember, you and other groups can have encore presentations any time you wish via our website.

Welcome to these new members of the Association, 3-10-17 through 4-9-17

Carl Aniel
Randall & Susanne Dunham
Linda Duychak
Frederick Elder
Margaret & Rylan Falkenstein
George Klasek
Marilyn Krump & Gloria Krysiak
Susan Latton
Christine Wille
Diane Woodbridge

UWRA monthly reminders

Westside breakfast at Sofra, 7457 Elmwood Avenue, Middleton, 8:30, May 1, June 6, July 6, August 1, September 7.

Eastside breakfast at Elie's, 4102 Monona Drive, Madison, 8:30, May 25, June 15, July 25, August 17, September 21.

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

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

Continuing education opportunities

by Julie Nelson, Administrative Assistant, Attic Angel Association

The Continuing Education Programs of the Attic Angel Association are held each Monday at Attic Angel Place, 8301 Old Sauk Road, Middleton. The programs are open to the public. Coffee is served at 10:00 and the program begins at 10:30 a.m. There is no charge, and no reservation is required.

May 1: "Global health perspectives" by Professor Linda Bauman, retired, School of Nursing, UW-Madison.

May 8: "Romancing the world: getting married from Argentina to Zanzibar" by Professor Dennis Dresang, retired, Political Science Department, UW-Madison, and Maxine Austin, landscape architect.

May 15: "My life with cranes," by Professor George Archibald, Co-Founder and Senior Conservationist, International Crane Foundation.

May 22: "One community, one water," by James Tye, Executive Director, Clean Lakes Alliance.

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UW-Madison Retirement Association Calendar

May 1	8:30 a.m.	Breakfast at Sofra
May 11	10:00 a.m.	Annual meeting and luncheon
May 15	8:00 or 8:30 a.m.	Trip to Yerkes Observatory and East Troy Electric Train
May 16	10:00 a.m.	Investment strategies, pre- and post-retirement
May 25	8:30 a.m.	Breakfast at Elie's
May 25	2:30 p.m.	ETC drop-in session
June 6	8:30 a.m.	Breakfast at Sofra
June 13	7:30 or 8:00 a.m.	Trip to Wade House and Kohler Design Center
June 15	8:30 a.m.	Breakfast at Elie's
June 20	10:00 a.m.	The many challenges of Alzheimer's*
July 6	8:30 a.m.	Breakfast at Sofra
July 18 and 19	two-day trip	Green Bay*
July 25	8:30 a.m.	Breakfast at Elie's
August 1	8:30 a.m.	Breakfast at Sofra
August 17	8:30 a.m.	Breakfast at Elie's

*Details will be provided in future issues of *The Sifter*. Registrations will be accepted after the full descriptive article has been published.