Holiday Gala, December 2nd, Snapshots

Over ninety Osher members and guests enjoyed food and conversation at the Holiday event.
Happy New Year!! Those of us who live in Wisconsin are very aware of the cycle of seasons. (There’s a winter storm watch on as I am typing this.) For me, this develops a consciousness of the effects of time…and of the mystery of time itself. Past, present, future…we live in time. We spend time, waste time, use time wisely, save time and even lose time.

There are natural markers for months; cycles of the moon, and for days; movement of the sun, even seasons relate to the relationship of the sun to earth. But, hours, minutes and seconds are all human measurements. They seem to have developed mostly as an economic measure to keep track of work and workers. Without clocks, how would we know how long an hour is? In China, while on a trip, we discovered that the entire country is on one time zone. Imagine, at eight in the morning workers in the eastern part of the country report and work until four. At the same “time” (according to daylight), thousands of miles to the west, employees work from eleven till seven. Everyone works eight hours; they just start at what amounts to sun time, without reference to clock “hours”. Here, flying from Milwaukee to San Francisco takes about four hours. You leave here at eleven and arrive two “clock” hours later. Coming back takes six “clock” hours. The two systems of time calculations are very different, but is one better than the other? Several years ago I spotted a “retirement” clock in a specialty store. The face of the piece was marked with the standard 1, 2, 3…but it then trailed off with “who cares”. I’m still sorry I didn’t buy it.

In the language of several American Indian tribes there is no method for indicating tense. All verb forms are available only in the present. Think of what this would do to our perspective on the past and future. They would both be “with us” in the here and now. Our ancestors would “be” with us, and our grandchildren would also “be present” with us. Do you think that this might change the decisions we make? The urgency to protect and preserve the environment might be more sympathetically treated, for example. Our ancestors are watching; our grandchildren are in need. Indeed, isn’t this true even without the analogy?

Thinking of these considerations of time, how are you going to spend your next month, your next year? I’ve given up making resolutions, instead, I make plans. For one thing, I’m going to carefully examine the short course offerings for spring and register for the ones I’m really interested in. I’ll make time for them.

Let’s return to the familiar image of the Old Man, Father Time, accompanied by the newborn New Year. Recognize that this season presents an opportunity to change, to grow, to shape, to learn. See you in class.

Terry Rozga
Special Interest Group Notes
January—February, 2010

For more information about Special Interest groups, call the Group Coordinator.
Unless stated otherwise, all meetings will be held at
UWM Hefter Conference Center, 3271 N. Lake Drive

LANGUAGE:

FRENCH: Prof. Martine Meyer 414-964-3717
Every Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

GERMAN: Silke Kluewer 262-237-0781
Second and fourth Tuesday 1:30–2:30 p.m.

ITALIAN: Silvana Kukuljan 414-332-4427
Every Tuesday, 12:00–1:15 p.m.

SPANISH: Tony LoBue 414-962-2395
Every Thursday, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

SPANISH CONVERSATION:
Simon Arenzon 262-242-2035
Every Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

BOOK GROUP:
Cathy Morris-Nelson 414-352-2839
Third Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Jan. 19: “Unaccustomed Earth” by Jhumpa Lahiri
Feb. 16 “Run” by Ann Patchett
Meet at the Shorewood Library—Lower Level

COMPUTER USERS’ GROUP:
Peter Lee 414-202-6312
Every Friday, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Meet at Shorewood Library – Lower Level

EARTH WISDOM:
Dale Olen 262-255-3628
Every other Wednesday, beginning Feb. 3, 2010
10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

GOLD STAR MYSTERIES:
Beverly DeWeese 414-332-7306
First Thursdays, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Jan. 7: “Bamboo and Blood” by James Church
“Eye of Jade” by Diane Wei Liang
Feb. 4: “Spade and Archer” by Joe Gores
“Maltese Falcon” by Dashiell Hammett

HISTORY:
Marilyn Walker 414-332-8255
Second & Fourth Wednesdays, 9:00 – 10:15 a.m.
“India: a History” by John Keay
Jan. 13: pp. 289-342
Jan. 27: pp. 348-382
Feb. 10: pp. 383-447
Feb. 24: pp. 448-483

Procedures/Policies for canceling Osher classes due to Weather

It is that time of year when weather might become a factor in determining if an Osher class or event needs to be canceled. If Milwaukee Public Schools are canceled, Osher classes and events will be canceled. Ultimately it will be your decision if you attend a class or not, if weather is threatening.

You can always call Kathy Czerniakowski at 414-227-3222 or Cathie Sanders at 414-227-3366 if you are not sure of the status of a class.
Scenes from the Holiday Gala (continued)

Out and About ---

Notes from the Executive Director:

--I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year!

--Spring courses will start on February 15th. Thanks to the short course committee for a great line-up of courses. Check your short course catalog for information on registration.

--We are looking for members to get more involved in the organization by serving on committees. If you have the time and would like to get more involved call Terry Rozga, 414-332-4052 or me, and we can answer your questions.

--On January 26th, Ron Manheimer, Retired Executive Director of the North Carolina Center for Creative Retirement will give a presentation on Creative Retirement (see enclosed flyer). I hope many of you will be able to attend.

Cathleen Sanders

New Member Orientation
Thursday, January 14
9:30-11:00 a.m.
Lake Park Community Room
3133 E. Newberry Blvd.
Audit Course at UWM for Free

One of the perks of local Wisconsin residency for seniors aged 60 is the right to audit courses for free at University of Wisconsin System institutions, including the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Osher lifelong learners are encouraged to register for these courses that are open to auditors and special students on a space available basis. According to UWM’s University Relations, popular course topics with the 60-and-over crowd include meditation or yoga instruction, history classes examining World War II or the Vietnam War, and Hebrew Studies.

To register:
Visit the web for course listings and times at www.schedule.uwm.edu.

Complete a University Special Student application; provide proof of date of birth (driver’s license or birth certificate) and meet the state residency requirements. This is done at the Office of Adult and Returning Student Services (OARSS), Room 212, Mellencamp Hall, 2442 E. Kenwood Boulevard.

On or before the first day of classes (January 25 for the Spring 2010 semester), auditors can pick up an ADD/DROP form at the OARSS office. This form should be taken to the first class session, signed by the course’s instructor, then returned to the OARSS office. Registration will be completed at that time.

For more information, contact the Office of Adult and Returning Student Services at 414-229-5932 and press 2 at the prompt.

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION

for Spring Short Courses

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First floor parlor
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The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) offers area residents a variety of unique educational experiences. Unless otherwise indicated, events are free. For a full schedule of UWM events, you can go to www.uwm.edu. Click on the “Quicklinks” button at the top of the page and go to Event Calendar. In the meantime, here’s a sampling of events to whet your appetite.

## Dance

**Winterdances: Identity**

*Thursday, February 4-7, 2010; 7:30pm; Sunday matinee 2pm*

Mainstage Theatre Arts Center, 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd.

Winterdances: *Identity* will feature the premiere of alumna Suniti Dernovsek’s “Always Merry and Bright.” Dernovsek is the first Dance New Work Award winner. Shell M. Benjamin, Ferne Bronson, Ed Burgess, and Simone Ferro look at an array of cultural inspirations in their exploration of race and identity.

Tickets: $20 general/$12 students, seniors & UWM alumni faculty & staff

Call: 414-229-4308

## Music

### UWM Faculty Recital: Scott Cook, cello

*Wednesday, January 27, 2010; 7:30pm*

Peck School of the Arts Recital Hall, 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd.

Cellist Scott Cook performs with guest Bruce Barber, harpsichord.

Tickets: Free

Call 414-229-4308

### Fine Arts Quartet

*Sunday, February 7, 2010; 3:00 p.m.*

Helen Bader Concert Hall, Helene Zelazo Center for the Performing Arts

2419 E. Kenwood Blvd.

The world-renowned Fine Arts Quartet, artists in residence at the UWM Peck School of the Arts, plays Haydn’s Quartet, Op.77, No.1; the Rachmaninoff Quartet No.1; and Fritz Kreisler’s Quartet. Pre-concert talk with Dr. Timothy Noonan at 2:15pm

Tickets: $20 general/$12 students, seniors & UWM alumni, faculty & staff

Call: (414) 229-4308

### Chamber Music Milwaukee: Songs of Love

*Thursday, February 11, 2010; 7:30pm*

Helen Bader Concert Hall, Helene Zelazo Center for the Performing Arts, 2419 E. Kenwood Blvd.

Chamber Music Milwaukee ushers in Valentine’s Day with an intimate concert featuring Schubert’s Fantasy for Two Pianos, songs by Richard Strauss and Mozart, and Robert Schumann’s Märchenerzählungen. Performers include pianists Judit Jaimes, Elena Abend and Jeffry Peterson; Tanya Kruse, soprano; Gregory Flint, horn; René Izquierdo, guitar; and Todd Levy, clarinet

Tickets: $15 general/$9 students, seniors & UWM alumni, faculty & staff

Call: (414) 229-4308
Visual Arts

Inova: Spatial City: The Architecture of Idealism

February 5-April 18, 2010

Institute of Visual Arts, Inova/Kenilworth, 2155 N. Prospect Ave.

Gallery hours: Wednesday & Friday-Sunday, 12 noon-5 pm;
Thursday, 12 noon-8 pm.

Spatial City: The Architecture of Idealism is an art exhibition inspired by the theoretical architecture of Yona Friedman. Friedman’s work, created in the aftermath of World War II (Friedman fled his native Hungary, arriving in Paris via Israel), has influenced a generation of French thinkers and conceptual artists, who respond to his drawings as philosophical constructs worthy of exploration, explication and confrontation. With an emphasis on French contemporary art, Spatial City brings together an international, multi-generational array of artists whose work contends with idealism, utopian thinking and, in counterpoint, the cynicism that follows failed revolution and the confrontation of optimism with pragmatic reality.

Tickets: Free

Call: Dr. Jose Rivera: rivera9@uwm.edu

Musical Theatre

Showtune: Celebrating the Words and Music of Jerry Herman

February 12-14, 2010; 7:30pm; Sunday at 2pm
Peck School of the Arts Recital Hall, 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd.

With seven Broadway shows to his credit, Tony Award winner Jerry Herman is undoubtedly the most prolific and skillful theatrical composer/lyricist working today. His buoyant, melodious tunes for hit shows like Hello Dolly, La Cage Aux Folles, and Mame represent the best of what classic American musical theatre is all about: pure, unabashed joy. Minimally staged, this production focuses instead on Herman’s captivating tunes and the talented performers of UWM’s Inter-Arts Musical Theatre program.

Tickets: $10 general/$7 students, seniors & UWM alumni, faculty & staff

Call: (414) 229-4308

Welcome

New Members

John Angelos
Frances Assa
Irene Brown
Robert Gottschalk
Geri Halaska
Janet Jesmok
Marilyn Johnson
Arlene Kurzer
Jim Meinert
Rolf Reineck
Constance Tresch
Judith Uelmen
Gwen Werner
Bill Werner
Geraldine Wind
Marva Young
University of Southern Maine hosts Osher’s National Resource Center

The University of Southern Maine is home to the National Resource Center website that serves as the network of 122 Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes. The National Resource Center for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes plays a lead role in disseminating information on educational programming for older learners. The Center exists to facilitate the exchange of opinions, solutions and experiences among institutes so all can benefit. Visit their website at www.usm.maine.edu/olli/national.

Career Transitions Center Course Offered to Osher Members at Discounted Price

The Career Transitions Center is offering Osher members a discount on the following course.

Financial Strategies for Successful Retirement
4 Tuesdays: 6:15-8:30pm, February 2, 9, 16, and 23
School of Continuing Education, 161 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee
Cost: $119 (Osher members will receive a 25% discount at registration)
Program #3030-8000

Learn how to make informed decisions about your future, set realistic goals, properly allocate assets, and minimize the impact of taxes and inflation, control health care costs and plan for the transfer of your estate. If you are over the age of 50, this course is a must! This four-week class includes a 235-page illustrated textbook and a comprehensive retirement plan at no additional cost. Three speakers will be featured in this course.

Couples may attend together for a single registration fee. Class sizes are limited so register today. You can register by call 414-227-3200 or online at sce-registration.uwm.edu
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Please contact Cathie Sanders at sceosher@uwm.edu with ideas and/or articles.
Deadline for the March/April issue is February 1.

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