Join Readers Theater This Year

New members are always welcome to join EWURA Readers Theater, a fun group that meets monthly at 11:30 a.m. in room L03 in the JFK Library on the EWU Cheney campus. Bring your lunch and desire to have fun. Your friends are welcome, too!

As in previous years, readers meet on the fourth Thursday of each month with the exception of November when, since Thanksgiving falls on that day, they will meet on the third Thursday (following the EWURA meeting). 2014-15 Readers Theater dates: Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 20, Jan. 22, Feb. 26, March 26, April 23 and May 28.

The Man Who Came to Dinner, suggested by Fred Lauritzen, will be this year’s first play.

Annual Retirees Breakfast, May 29, 2014

Clockwise from top left: Scholarship Chair Karen Raver talks about the Golden Eagle Scholarship; the annual meeting followed the breakfast; incoming President Jerry Uppinghouse and Joy Rea bid EWU President Rodolfo Arévalo a fond farewell as he retires; a large group of retirees attended the breakfast; EWU President Arévalo reviews the past year’s highlights at EWU.

A Letter from Your Golden Eagle Scholarship Recipient

To The Donors of the EWU Retirees Association Golden Eagle Scholarship,

I would like to thank you all for your generosity in awarding me the Golden Eagle Scholarship. This will greatly help me tackle the tuition costs to be paid in the upcoming school year. I have been quite successful in my academic career thus far and take seriously the faith others place in me. I would like all of you to know that I will honor this trust by continuing to do my very best. I regret that I was unable to attend the breakfast and convey my gratitude in person. I was nearing the end of a yearlong study-abroad trip in Kobe, Japan, returning to Spokane in August.

Some of you may be wondering why, as a science major, I decided to take a year off from my major to study abroad in Japan. I began studying Japanese in high school and was given the opportunity to go on a one month study abroad trip when I was sixteen. At that time, I had only been studying Japanese for nine months, and it would have been a bit of a stretch for me to say I “spoke” Japanese. The month I was there went by extremely fast. The majority of my time was spent in classrooms or being chauffeured from one place to the next, and although it was a tremendous experience, I have always wanted to return for a longer period of time to take in this wonderful culture. I have also wanted to be fluent in the language. I saw this year as my last opportunity to do that before I start taking more advanced chemistry classes and continuing on to graduate school. I have absolutely no regrets in this decision, as I am now fluent enough in Japanese to have been asked on more than one occasion if I was a native speaker. I have grown in many other ways as well that would not have been possible without the experience of studying abroad.

I am currently a biochemistry/pre-medicine major. Upon entering Eastern Washington University, my goal was to ultimately become a physician. However, I also had the opportunity while here in Kobe to befriend many people doing research in a variety of fields at a nearby research center. Hearing about their fascinating work has sparked my interest in doing some kind of research involving chemistry. I have not abandoned the idea of becoming a physician, but I would like to have more real-life experiences before cementing that decision.

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Again, thank you for your kindness and support in my academic pursuits. I have certainly reduced my financial burden which will allow me to focus on my true purpose of attending university, which is, of course, to learn. I promise your trust in me has not been misplaced.

Jesse Cuthbert
Mark Your Calendar


Senior Sojourner

Emeritus Professor of Education Bruce Mitchell reports from his home in Oxnard, California, that the Satori Camp for Able Learners he and Mike Cantlon started in 1983 is still going strong at EWU. Bruce’s son, Jeff, graduated from EWU. “He and I co-authored a book titled Lost in the Shelikof: An Alaskan Family’s Struggle to Survive, published in 2011.”

For the past two years, Emerita Professor of Education-Teaching Rita Seedorf has been writing a book with a longtime friend. Letters from Brackham Wood is fictional and contains letters between two cousins, one in England and the other in Spokane, written from 1937-1945. Their correspondence tells of the home front in both countries during WWII, the relationship between the two women, and a case of espionage. Published by Cozy Cat Press in Illinois, the book is available in paperback and Kindle versions. You can peek inside at Amazon.com.

In Memoriam


Candia Engleman, 91, died May 28, 2014, just short of her planned retirement date of July 1. She served 28 years in EWU Custodial Services.

Ray Whitfield, 98, died June 21, 2014. The EWU emeritus faculty member retired in 1977 after 28 years of service. He was a professor in the Department of Education and served as dean of Graduate Studies.

Curtis Coffee died July 26, 2014. The emeritus professor of music retired from Eastern’s Department of Music in 1996 after 26 years of service.

Mary Jane Booth died Aug. 10, 2014. She had been married to EWU Emeritus Professor of Geography Charles Booth, who died in 2006.

Thank You for Your Patience

If you left a voice mail at 509.359.4559 or sent an email to retirees@ewu.edu in recent months, EWURA President Jerry Uppinghouse asks for your patience. Delays in communication are due to transitions: EWURA office moving to Hargreaves Hall and Jerry learning his new role.

Call, 102 Hargreaves, Cheney, WA 99004-2402, or email pspanjer@ewu.edu.

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Annual Retirees Breakfast and Annual Meeting, May 29, 2014

Clockwise from top left: Walt Powers samples the breakfast buffet; Ron Dalla and Peter Bueger; Charlie Mutschler and Niel Zimmerman; Jewel Swan, Dick Christenson and Jack Swain; Dick Donley and Rodolfo Artelato; Richard Schulz, Jean Nelson, Gayle Hennings and Byron Miller; Marcia Magnuson and Carol MacQuarrie.

Calling All Senior Sojourners!

If you have a good story and a photo about your travels to share or have a change of address, tell us so that we can update our records and share your news with your fellow EWURA members and friends in an upcoming issue of The Golden Eagle Call. Please send to: EWURA, The Golden Eagle Call, 102 Hargreaves, Cheney, WA 99004-2402, or email pspanjer@ewu.edu.

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Retirement Year__________Department______________________________

Emeritus/a? □ Yes □ No Title at Retirement: __________________________

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