



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monthly Updates for WILL Members

October 2009

LUNCH & LEARN

WILL's popular and free program, *Lunch and Learn* continues with a great fall schedule. All programs are from Noon until 1:00 pm at the Silver City Woman's Club on Silver Heights Blvd. No registration necessary-just show up and enjoy any or all of these programs:

Wednesday, October 7, The Economy Today -- Bill Baldwin. Bill, a retired banker, gives his take on where we are today and where we are going. Hang on to your 401(K)'s -- or is it now just a 101(k)? And you thought Economics was a dull subject! Come hear Bill give his up-to-date analysis on what is going on in the world of finance. Bill Baldwin graduated from Harvard College with a B.A. in Linguistics and Near Eastern Languages. A US Navy veteran, Bill also served in the Middle East as a United Nations military observer. He had a career in international banking and has traveled extensively in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Bill also serves on the WILL Board of Directors.

Wednesday, October 14, Reading a Map and Using a Compass in the GPS Age -- Brian Fuller. You can't read a map? You don't know North from South or top from bottom either? This is the session for you. This one-hour look at the basics of Map Reading and Using a Compass will help keep you from getting lost. Make your hikes more enjoyable and safer. Brian Fuller is a professional engineer who enjoys hiking, camping, and backpacking in the vast Gila National Forest and other wilderness areas. Brian is a member of the Grant County Search and Rescue team and is a Field Coordinator for the New Mexico State Police.

Wednesday, October 21, Tyrone: The Million-Dollar Ghost Town -- Jim Kelly. Rococo mansions patterned after imposing Mediterranean-style homes in Spain right here in Grant County. Such was the idea of

Mrs. Phelps of the giant Phelps-Dodge Corporation. Her dream was to make Tyrone the most beautiful mining town in the world. Come hear the engaging tale of this 1915-1921 project as told by Jim Kelly. Jim Kelly is a retired journalist who free-lances for several publications, including New Mexico Magazine and Desert Exposure. Jim also serves on the WILL Curriculum Committee and as a WILL Facilitator

Wednesday, October 28, A Look at Fort Bayard National Cemetery -- Cindy Van Bibber. Come explore an interesting piece of local history. The first burial was in 1866 and one of the more notable civilians buried at the cemetery is Walter Foote Sellers, author of the poem, "The Kneeling Nun". Bibber is director of both the Ft. Bliss and Ft. Bayard National Cemeteries. She will give her personal insight into this national treasure. Ms. Bibber was named director of both the Fort Bliss National Cemetery in Texas and the Fort Bayard National Cemetery in New Mexico in January 2008. She also served in the US Army from 1983 to 1994.

FILM

WILL, The Silver City Film Festival and The Silver City International Film Society are presenting the Emmy-nominated documentary, *Soldiers of Conscience* on Friday, October 2 at the Silco Theater, 311 N Bullard St., at 7 PM. Admission is \$5. Q and A with the filmmaker to follow the screening.

Made with official permission from the Army, *Soldiers of Conscience* transcends the usual rhetoric of politics to reveal the human truth that all of our soldiers are soldiers of conscience, wrestling with the demands of duty and the call of conscience. A film about war, peace, and the transformative power of the human conscience.

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ECONOMIC SUMMIT

The third and fourth installments of the Economic Summit are this month at the WNMU GRC Global Resource Center, 12th Street and Kentucky. WILL members as well as everyone in our community are invited to these free educational programs. Bring a friend with you!

October 14 - 5:30-7:30 pm Brother, Can You Spare a Few Trillion?

Judith Lawrence taught math and economics and directed institutional research at the University of Rhode Island. She served as staff economist for the Rhode Island public utilities commission.

She promises no simple answers for hard questions, but she does promise to ask those questions.

Why do individual and group interests often conflict? We save, and our neighbor hurts. We move up a notch, and the community pays. If the budget deficit worries us, shouldn't we support a tax on consumption? Must we have more cars, bigger cars, faster cars so that our economy will grow? Ask the same question for houses, refrigerators, television sets, telephones, and china pets. Which should we prefer: A higher quality of living or a higher standard of living?

Panelists *Magdaleno Manzanarez, Ph.D.*, Associate Professor of Political Science, WNMU, and *Rick Sherman*, who has wide experience in public policy, will sharpen the questions and broaden the answers.

October 21 - 5:30-7:30 pm The U.S./Global Economy as if People and the Environment (Really) Mattered

Emma Bailey, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Sociology, WNMU, conducts research on how economic and political decisions affect lives of women living at the U.S.-Mexico border. She is president-elect of the Association for Humanist Sociology and is associate editor of *Humanity and Society*.

The Gross National Product (GNP) adds up all the goods and services the U.S. economy produces. Dr. Bailey asks: Is the GNP the only way, or even the best way, to measure the success of our nation's

economy? What other models could we use? Growth for whom? Is there quality growth? When does growth harm us?

Non-renewable resources (fossil fuels) have supplied overwhelming economic growth. Dr. Bailey asks: Has our reliance on non-renewable resources led us down a path of no return?

Some in the past confused capitalism with democracy. Dr. Bailey asks: Why is current global capitalism *not* a democratic process? Should it be?

Artist Lecture Series

WILL, The Mimbres Region Arts Council and the WNMU Expressive Arts Department have collaborated this year to offer a series of five artist lectures. There will be one free program per month, at the WNMU Parotti Hall. This series is open to the public, so bring your friends.

The second artist program is:

Thursday, October 15, 6:30 pm
featuring **Carlene Roters, local painter, muralist and WILL member.**

ACTIVE and ALIVE

WILL has joined with a consortium of county health groups to offer the fall *Active and Alive* program. These offerings are free, begin the week of October 12, and carry on for 10 weeks. No registration necessary-just show up! For questions, call the Dept. of Health at 538-5318, ext. 129

Silver City Walking Club: Mondays & Wednesdays, 8-9 am. Meet at the WNMU Fine Arts Bldg. North Parking lot.

Downtown Walk and Laughter Club: Thursdays 8-9 am. Meet outside Java the Hut on Bullard Street.

Mimbres Exercise: Tuesdays, 10 -11 am. Mimbres Senior Center

Bayard Osteo Strength Class: Tuesdays, 6-7 pm, Bayard Community Center.