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# THE WILL **SPOTLIGHT** January 2011

## **SPRING COURSE LIST GOES ONLINE January 7**

Friday, January 7, 2011 at 8:00 am, WILL's Spring Course List will go on the WILL Web page [www.will-learning.com](http://www.will-learning.com). Complete versions of the 60 courses offered for Spring will be listed on the web and sent to our non-web users by mail. These mailed versions should arrive by the 7th.

All current WILL members will be able to sign up for 5, yes just 5, WILL courses at this time either on the web or by phone at 538-6835. When calling just leave your name and phone number. Our Registrar will return each call in the order in

which it is received. She often cannot hear some of your list of courses, so to expediate this process, just leave your name and phone number and say you wish to sign up for Spring WILL courses.

We limit the number of courses members can sign up for to 5 at this initial registration to make it more likely that all members can register for at least a few of their most wanted courses per semester. At the Social Sign-Up members may sign up for as many more courses as they wish from those that still have openings.

## **Spring Social and Course Sign-Up** **Thursday, January 20, 2011** **starting at 5:30pm**

Western Institute for Lifelong Learning presents its Spring Social and Course Sign-up for WILL members and non-members. A brief informational meeting will take place from 5:30 pm to 6:00pm in the Global Resource Center Auditorium.

At 6:00 pm the doors to the ABC room will open and members will be able to sign up for Spring Courses that remain open. Members will be able to sign up for unlimited courses, but remember to only sign up for those courses you are likely to attend.

Your WILL Social Committee will be offering their usual lottery to those who bring delectable eats to share with Social participants. For each dish you bring, you will get a lottery ticket that will put you in the drawing for one of three prizes. Prize winners will be drawn at the end of the 5:30 meeting.

## **Appreciation to our Volunteer** **WILL Facilitators**

All our Course Facilitators offer their skills and knowledge on a volunteer basis. They appreciate that some of us cannot attend a course due to unforeseen circumstances. Please if you are registered for a course and for some reason have to cancel your attendance, be late, or must miss a session of the course, PLEASE contact your course Shepherd (Shepherd name and phone number appear on the course reminder email from your Registrar) and let them know before the class if you cannot attend or will be late. Thank you. Your facilitator and shepherd will appreciate that call.

# **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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## Welcome New Office Specialist

WILL Advisory Board welcomes with great enthusiasm our new Office Specialist, Valentina Watson.

Valentina Watson is a native of Venezuela, born and raised there. She has been living in the USA for the past 20 years. Her paternal as well as maternal family are still living in Venezuela and she visits there almost every 2 years.

Valentina is a proud veteran of the US Army (served 8 years). She loves to travel especially to Europe, India, and South America. She speaks fluent Spanish. She loves to cook exotic foods, especially Indian food and to dance to Caribbean rhythms. Her undergraduate degrees are in Environmental Studies and International Relations with a minor in Geography from Florida International University. She is currently pursuing a Masters in Mental Health Counseling from WNMU. She is married and has a 1-1/2 year old son, Ethan. She loves to live in New Mexico.

Valentina's WILL Office Hours starting January 6, 2011 will be: **Monday – Friday, 8:45 to 12:45 in our WILL office, second floor GRC Building in the Small Business Development Center.**

WILL is very lucky and excited to have Valentina join our organization.

## WILL Lunch and Learn Series

Wednesday, January 26, 2011, "**A Border, The Cartels, and A Democracy: The Mexican Border Today**" *Presenter: Dr. Magdaleno Manzanarez*

Wednesday, February 2, 2011, "**Oh My, How Things Have Changed: A Nostalgic Stroll Down Bullard Street around 1949**" *Presenter: Pep Parotti*

Wednesday, February 9, 2011, "**The Universe: Magnetic Storm**" *Presenter: Gary Emerson*

Wednesday, February 16, 2011, "**First Strike" Animal Cruelty and Human Violence**" *Presenter: Michael Burns*

Wednesday, February 23, 2011, "**Meet Millie, Lottie and Bessie: The Ladies of the Evening in Silver City**" *Presenter: Liz Mikols*

Wednesday, March 2, 2011, "**It'll Never Fly**" *Presenter: Bill Baldwin*

Please go to our website, [www.will-learning.com](http://www.will-learning.com) for descriptions of programs and presenters.

Lunch and Learn is a free, open to the public series of programs where WILL members and non-members come together to share a potpourri of learning experiences. Lunch and Learn meets on the WNMU Campus in the ABC Room (first floor) of the Besse-Forward Global Resource Center on 12th Street. Each program only lasts an hour from 12 to 1. So come, bring a bag lunch, a friend, and enjoy.



WILL Outdoor Experience outing with Christine Staley, James Mathews, Katherine Schmidt, Pam Bryant, Ron Groves, John Mooney, Deanna Mooney

If you sign up for WILL's Outdoor Experience class, these are some Experiences to watch for:

*"Are you making a New Years resolution to hike the Continental Divide Trail .... from Mexico to Canada in 2011? No? Well, come and join us anyway Monday, January 17, (Martin Luther King day) for a moderate, one way, 4 mile hike (with car shuttle return) on a newer section of the CD trail, just south of Silver City.*

*... And ...*

*Do you wonder what birds winter in the SW New Mexico high country?*

Come join birder Brian Dolton on Sunday, January 23 for an easy hike at Lake Roberts and discover some of our winter avian residents."