



January, 2019

Dear Retirees,

We hope that thus far winter has treated you well. However, if by February you find yourself beset by deep-winter blues, we encourage you to cheer yourself up by attending the February's Retirees luncheon. It is a time when you can have convivial conversations with old friends and colleagues, then turn your attention to our guest speaker. This year the luncheon and program are scheduled for Friday, February 8, 11:30-1:00 in the Rogue River Room of the Student Union Building.

Those of you attending the fall luncheon heard a wonderful talk about China by Karen Gernant, Emeritus Professor of History. We think you will be equally pleased by Geoff Ridden's upcoming presentation. Geoff is an engaging speaker, and can be counted on to be knowledgeable, insightful, and entertaining when he delivers a speech entitled "How to Succeed in the Arts without Making a Living."

English by birth and upbringing, and a retired Dean and Professor of English at Winchester University, Geoff became a resident of the Rogue River Valley in 2008, and since his coming has been active on the region's arts scene. Some of you will undoubtedly know him by his voice: he has been a volunteer announcer for Jefferson Public Radio's classical music segment. Or you could have seen him singing in the valley's chorales, or acting on its stages. And you could have read his reviews of Oregon Shakespeare Festival plays for *The Jefferson Journal*.

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Before the program we will spend a few minutes informing you about the Association's scholarship and provide details about our financial condition. Should you wish to contribute to the scholarship fund, or if you have neglected to make an annual membership donation of \$20, we will have forms available.

As usual, you can buy a lunch in the Union's food service and carry it to the Rogue River Room. If any of you have mobility issues, we can provide assistance. If you prefer to bring your own lunch, that is fine. Coffee and tea will be available.

We look forward to seeing you.

Cordially, Your Volunteer Leadership Council,

Jim Dean, Ralph Fidler, Bev De La Zerda, and Ron Bolstad

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