

# WINCHESTER ACADEMY NEWS



## MISSION STATEMENT

Our purposes are three-fold:

- (1) To enrich the life of the community by providing intellectually stimulating and informative programs
- (2) To serve the public's wish for continued intellectual growth
- (3) To provide a lay audience for Wisconsin's scholars and others with developed expertise to share their knowledge and enthusiasm outside the traditional structure of school and college.

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## “ A Lifetime of Learning . . . from Art to Zoology ”

### PREVIEW OF FALL - 2008 SERIES

The Fall Series will be highlighted by **Michelle Peterson**, opera and classical music mezzo-soprano, who will be our guest performer on October 13 at the First United Methodist Church. Her program is entitled “**The Art of Song: Songs in German, French, English, and Spanish.**” She has appeared in concert and opera with the Queensborough Philharmonic, and at the Danny Kaye Theater and Town Hall in New York City. She was a guest artist for the Americas Society and in the *Music at West End* concert series, and she has sung in *Live from Lincoln Center* broadcasts of *Pavarotti Plus* and in the New York premiere of Sir Paul McCartney's *Liver-*

*pool Oratorio* at Carnegie Hall. In Waupaca, she has been a guest soloist for the Waupaca Community Choir and Civic Orchestra in the Vivaldi *Gloria* and Handel' *Messiah*.

She will be accompanied by **Nell Buchman**, Waupaca, who is on the faculty of the Lawrence University Conservatory and Academy of Music.

Peterson has been a member of the Academy Board of Trustees since 2006.

An additional eight programs are on the Fall schedule (SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS) and will include:

“**Musicals Through the Ages,**” September 15 (Susan Rabideau); “**Libraries: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow,**” September 29 (Peg Burington); “**Athenian Sculptural Works and Popular Greek Religion,**” October 6 (Carol Lawton); “**Islam in America,**” October 20 (Martyn Smith); “**The Life and Times of Clarence Darrow,**” October 27 (Peter Baker); “**Factual Information about Wisconsin's Energy Supply, Utilization, and Renewable Energy,**” November 3 (Craig Ver Kuilen); “**Update on Our Solar System,**” November 17 (Randy Olson); and “**True Confessions of a Philatelist,**” December 1 (Wayne Youngblood).

## ACADEMY ADDS NEW BOARD MEMBER

Carol Elvery, a member of the Program Committee since 2006, has joined the Board of Trustees. She moved to Waupaca in and has distinguished herself as a community volunteer on many fronts.

Never a person to take the responsibilities of life lightly, Elvery obtained Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Duke University in 1960 and subsequently a Masters in Business Administration from Rosary College (Lake Forest, IL) in 1985. The majority of her professional career was spent at Memorial Hospital in Elmhurst, Illinois, where she functioned primarily in obstetrics-gynecology and

maternity care from 1974 to 1995.

Always an innovator and proponent of public education Carol has focused on youth involvement in nature projects and environmental preservation. She has been a volunteer naturalist at Mosquito Hill Nature Center and at present is a member of the Waupaca Tree Advisory Board/River Ridge Trail Committee, Friends of Mirror/Shadow Lakes, and Friends of the Tomorrow/Waupaca River.

Community medical care also ranks high on her list of volunteer activities. She participates at the Senior Nutrition Site, Meals on Wheels, and has counseled

seniors regarding the Medicare Part D options.

Carol views Winchester Academy as one of the distinctive features of Waupaca's attractiveness to people seeking intellectual stimulation in an environment free of urban congestion and sprawl. “It provides exposure to a wide variety of topics and interesting people. Knowledge about diverse subjects promotes a mind open to new ideas and tolerance of individual and cultural differences.”



## BE A PROGRAM SPONSOR

Many persons have inquired about program sponsorship. The cost is \$300, and your name will be listed on the flyer, in all publicity releases, and announced at the program.

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If you wish to receive Winchester Academy announcements, including background information and internet links for each program and speaker, please send your email address to the Executive Director (see address above).

## DOROW ASSUMES LEADERSHIP AND MOEDE RETIRES

The Academy's 2008-2009 slate of officers are: **President -- Rose Dorow; Vice-president -- Brad Sherman; Treasurer -- Teri Moe; Secretary -- Marge Goerman; Executive Director -- David Hathaway. Trustee emeritus: Gerald F. Moede.** The entire Board of Trustees is listed on page 1.

**Dorow**, a native of Milwaukee and graduate of University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, joined the Waupaca School System in 1980 when she and her husband, Paul, moved here from Phillips, Wisconsin. She taught kindergarten until she retired in 1999. She subsequently served on the School Board from 2000 to 2006.

Throughout her career she has also been an active volunteer in multiple community organizations, including the Academy for the last ten years.

**The Reverend Gerald F. Moede, Ph.D.**, resigned after 28 years as a member of the Board of Trustees. He also served as Executive Director from 2001 to 2004.

Noted for his gentle manner and keen insight, he served on the Program Committee throughout his tenure. A strong advocate of civil rights and human dignity, Rev. Moede championed discussion of controversial contemporary topics. He always spoke sensitively from a position based on fairness and broadening a person's perspective on complicated philosophical and moral issues.

Recalling his 28 years on the Board of Trustees, Moede made the following observations. "The Board has assumed increasing responsibility for programmatic activities in the last eight years."

"With the advent of more organized fund raising via special events the Board has addressed the need for financial planning."

"Marketing and communication have benefited from a transition to computerized correspondence."

"There has been a widening of program topics, including more musical performances."

"Personally I have enjoyed the fun at Board meetings, including both silly and serious debate, always with a sense of 'moving ahead'."

"Most of all, I remember and benefited from these years of getting to know well the people of Waupaca. It is a great place to live and work."

## WINCHESTER LOSES LEADER AND FRIEND

On June 14 the Academy and the community bid farewell to Jerry Knoepfel, Winchester President from 1995 to 2008 (see *Summer 2008 issue of the Newsletter*). He had experienced declining health for two years and heroically directed his last Waupaca Community Chorus concert in April, 2007. We all shall miss a very good friend who truly 'Made a Difference' in this community.

## BE PART OF WAUPACA AND CHAIN O' LAKES HISTORY AND TRADITION

With each passing generation precious history of the Chain O' Lakes is lost. Masterpieces of modern construction are replacing the simple elegance of "cottages" which once dotted the shoreline and were the sites of family reunions and traditions.

The **Chain O' Lakes Historical Society** is compiling a series of personal "memoirs" of who we were *then* before who we are now. These tributes to our heritage will be published and sold next summer. They will serve as treasured keepsakes for you and your family.

Stories, and particularly photos, are needed to preserve a record of the places and individuals of the Chain community. If you wish to know more, or if you wish to contribute photos or narrative, please contact Bob, Kessler (258-9232) or Mary Ann Wells (258-258-2165). Photos and manuscripts will be returned.

Similarly, if you are thinking of discarding old photos, documents, or other items of yesteryear, please contact the **Waupaca Historical Society**, Holly Center, 321 South Main Street, Waupaca, 54981 (715-256-9980).