



Winchester Academy of Waupaca, Wisconsin

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Dear Friends and Fellow Travelers,

Welcome aboard the Winchester Express! I am writing to share with you some information about our upcoming “excursion” from our Board of Trustees and the Program Committee. On this journey we will enjoy new places and new ideas. We are people who find fun and joy and happiness in learning something new. So, “All Aboard!”

In the Waupaca community, we have a jewel of an organization to promote new knowledge and learning. It is the Winchester Academy. It is not a place. It is not an edifice or a cathedral, as some suppose. It is not a nationwide syndicated or franchised organization. It is US! It is an interaction of friends and neighbors who receive great joy from learning. It can be very simple. For Socrates it was a rock under a sycamore tree! For Winchester it is getting together on some Monday evenings to “grow our brains”. It is a shared journey. And, YES! It is fun.

No doubt, in this world of internet and cable TV there are many sources of knowledge. So what gives Winchester our special “added value”? I suggest that the magic of our organization includes the following:

1. It is the social aspect of being with friends and developing a devotion to our common goals. We are Winchester!
2. It is our love for the Winchester experience and loyalty to the organization.
3. It is being part of a community and cooperating with other local organizations seeking the enrichment of life in Waupaca.
4. It is the pride in our reputation, both locally and statewide, for program quality, for carefully selected topics and meticulously chosen speakers. It represents a consciously diverse and varied subject matter.
5. We participate for FREE, right here in Waupaca!

So be part of the fun and share the *joie de vivre* of our Winchester Academy! In the coming weeks we will learn about current conflicts in the Middle East, bluegrass music, voucher schools, Native American culture, genetics in medicine and Wisconsin cheese made from sheep and goat

milk. Into the Fall and beyond you can continue our journey with presentations on the quality of our well water, religious rights and freedoms, the solar system, art and music, and poetry, Hmong culture in our midst, and wolves in our forests. Hear about brain trauma, ethnic immigrations to Wisconsin, scientific breakthroughs in insulin research and diabetes treatment, eagles and other raptors, and women in politics. A rich diversity of topics will be ours.

This will be fun! Highlight the topics that fascinate you and watch for more dates and announcements. Please don't just include your favorites. Choose ideas about which you know little, or perhaps which don't at first excite you. Then, find the joy. Experience the fun. Learn new stuff! Tickle your fancy! Come along with us on our Winchester excursion. Adventure awaits us.

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