Member Profile: Simon Arenzon

“No matter what job I have had in life, I always have been happy and positive. I enjoy the moment, living each moment.” These words were expressed by Simon Arenzon, who facilitates the Spanish Conversation Group for Osher. Simon believes that life should not be taken too seriously. He said, “Life is a joke that God puts in our path and everything depends on how you live that joke. I live it with laughter and a smile.”

The happiest moments for Simon come from helping others.

Simon was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, of immigrant Polish parents. Early on Simon showed a “business mind.” At age ten he was working in a pharmacy delivering medications and doing odd jobs. During his high school years, he was an apprentice for a jeweler. When his father bought a knitting machine, Simon began the trade of manufacturing cloth. He later opened a knitting factory in Asuncion, Paraguay.

With his aunt’s assistance, Simon came to the United States in 1960. His career and life have taken many paths throughout the United States. Starting in Michigan he worked in a junkyard, hotel, and automobile factory. While on a visit to Milwaukee in 1963 he was introduced to the Reliable Knitting Works factory and subsequently worked there for ten years. Next, he lived in California and Missouri operating initially a Sambo’s and later an Italian restaurant.

Simon’s life took a detour in 1983 when he suffered a stroke that impaired his ability to speak and walk. He lost his home, car, possessions, and his marriage ended. As Simon reflected on his stroke he said to God, “OK, your joke, what’s next for me?” In typical Simon style, as he was recovering, he volunteered to assist others in a family support group. He believes that the family needs as much help as the patient in coping with a stroke. He wanted to help mitigate the suffering families have when caring for their loved ones.

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President’s Letter

“Spring has sprung”

Well, the snow is melting, flowers are beginning to bloom, and the sun is shining. I think spring is here!! Now we can emerge from our winter hibernation, get outdoors and start doing things we want and like to do. We’ll soon be gardening. The golf courses are starting to open, and the Brewers are beginning to play ball. We’ll have much to do when summer comes.

In addition to all of that, the Osher summer schedule is the most extensive that I have ever seen. It includes a 5-day week of learning – The American Indian Experience in Wisconsin, and a course on Novels to Film, which includes such classics as “Grapes of Wrath” and “The Kite Runner.” There will be a Potpourri in July and August and Mind Aerobics in July. There will also be “Go Explore” events to the UWM Planetarium, Estabrook Park and the Lynden Sculpture Garden on Brown Deer Road.

Finally, don’t forget our Annual Luncheon and Meeting on June 15 at the Woman’s Club of Wisconsin to open our summer festivities. I think we’re going to have a busy and interesting summer!! Hope to see you all.

From the Executive Director

Thank you and Adieu!

As many of you know, I will be retiring from UWM in June. I have been at UWM for over 37 years and I am looking forward to the next chapter in my life. I want to thank everyone for the privilege of working with you for the past 11 years. I have enjoyed every minute and have met wonderful people. I wish you much success in continuing to grow the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.
Special Interest Group Notes
May-June, 2011

For more information about Special Interest groups, call the Group Coordinator.
Interest Groups are held at two locations:
UWM Hefter Conference Center, 3271 N. Lake Drive (Hefter)
Shorewood Public Library, lower level, 3920 N. Murray Ave. (SPL)

BOOK GROUP:
Cathy Morris-Nelson 414-352-2839
Third Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (SPL)
May 17: “Pictures at an Exhibition” by Sarah Haughteling
June 21: “Freedom” by Jonathan Franzen

COMPUTER USERS’ GROUP:
Peter Lee 414-202-6312
Every Friday, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. (SPL)

EARTH WISDOM:
Dale Olen 262-255-3628
Second and fourth Wednesday
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Hefter)

FRENCH:
Prof. Martine Meyer 414-964-3717
Every Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. (Hefter)

GERMAN:
Valerie Brumder, 414-352-4506
Second and fourth Tuesday 1:00-2:30 p.m. (Hefter)

GOLD STAR MYSTERIES:
Beverly DeWeese 414-332-7306
First Thursdays, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. (Hefter)
May 5: “Hidden Man” by David Ellis; “Man from Beijing” by Henning Mankell
June 2: “In the Shadow of Gotham” by Stephanie Pin- toff; “Duty to the Dead” by Charles Todd.

HISTORY:
Marilyn Walker 414-332-8255
Second & Fourth Wednesdays
9:00–10:00 a.m. (Hefter)
“Desert Queen: The Extraordinary Life of Gertrude Bell” by Janet Wallach
No Meetings in June

ITALIAN:
Silvana Kukuljan 414-332-4427
Every Tuesday, 12:00–1:15p.m. (Hefter)

SPANISH:
Tony LoBue 414-364-4936
Every Thursday, 9:30 – 11:30a.m. (Hefter)

SPANISH CONVERSATION:
Simon Arenzon 262-242-2035
Every Tuesday, 9:30-11:30a.m. (Hefter)
Spring Fling Photos

Osher members enjoyed fellowship and food at the annual Spring Fling on March 31st. The event was held at the Wauwatosa Civic Center, 7725 W. North Avenue, Wauwatosa.

Harriet Pfersch and Jean Davidson
Simon has helped others in multiple ways throughout his life. For example, he sponsored 28 people to immigrate to the United States by providing food and shelter, and helping them find jobs and homes. When he had a restaurant, Simon supplied food and services to organizations serving the community, so that a thousand people could eat a meal without cost. More recently he went to Argentina with a woman who was afraid to fly so she could see her mother with Alzheimer’s Disease in a nursing home.

Simon has a daughter and four grandchildren from his first marriage who live in Florida and Georgia. He and his wife, Dorothy, have five grandchildren residing in Louisiana, Iowa, and Wyoming.

Simon says, “We are in this world to share. In helping others, never expect a return from that person or action. Return comes in many other ways. There are so many ways to help one another. Many think you have to have money to help, but you can help by consoling, lending an ear, and by listening. The person in need [who is] talking to you, their moment is your moment.”

_The Spanish Conversation Group meets from 9:30 to 11:30 every Tuesday. Every week participants discuss in Spanish a different topic, such as the adventures of a trip._
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Art

Arts and Technology Night
Wednesday, May 18, 6-9pm
Kenilworth Square East
Performance, Installation, Sculpture and Screen-based work from the Interdisciplinary Arts and Technology Program
Contact: Box Office: 414-229-4308

Great Books Roundtable Discussions
William Shakespeare: King Lear
Wednesday, May 25, 2011, 7-9pm
Curtin Hall, Room 839, 3243 N. Downer Ave
Contact: 414-229-4345; website: www4.uwm.edu/libraries/special/currentevents/greatbooks/general_info2.cfm

Dance

Summerdances: Essential/Essensual
Thursday, June 2-4, 7:30pm
Mainstage Theatre
The summer dance season heats up with new choreography from faculty and guest artists, including Dance MFA alums Gerald Casel, a New Work Award winner, and Leonard Cruz. Janet Lilly and Simone Ferro will present premieres about women in bureaucracy and the Brazilian Bumba-meu-boi to round out the evening’s journey
Fee: $17 general/$12 seniors, faculty, alumni/$10 students
Contact: Simone Ferro, sferro@uwm.edu, 229-4178

Music

UWM Symphony Orchestra
Wednesday, May 11, 7:30pm
Helen Bader Concert Hall, 2419 E. Kenwood Blvd
The Symphony Orchestra will be featured on the graduate conducting recital of Molly Lieberman
Fee: $10 general/$7 seniors, UWM students, faculty and alumni
Contact: Box office: 414-229-4308
Wind Ensemble and Symphony Band Concert
Thursday, May 12, 7:30pm
Helen Bader Concert Hall, 2419 E. Kenwood Blvd
Annual Student Soloist Concert featuring performances by UWM student soloists, accompanied by the Wind Ensemble and Symphony Band
Fee: $12 general/$10 seniors, faculty and alumni/$8 students
Contact: Box Office: 414-229-4308

UWM Jazz Ensembles and Youth Jazz Ensembles
Sunday, May 15, 7:30pm
Helene Zelazo Center for the Performing Arts, 2419 E. Kenwood Blvd
Fee: $12 general/$10 seniors, faculty and alumni/$8 students
Contact: Box Office 414-229-4308

Youth Wind Ensembles Concert
Sunday, May 15, 3pm
Helen Bader Concert Hall, 2419 E. Kenwood Blvd
Youth Wind Ensembles Concert including performances by Youth Wind Ensembles alumni Billy Gerlach, trumpet and David Woger, trombone, as well as UWM Professor of Saxophone, Curt Hanrahan. Also, Jenifer Minor from Hartland Arrowhead High School (Jake Polancich-director) will perform Mozart: Concerto for Flute in G, KV. 313 (1st movement) with UWM Youth Chamber Winds. Minor was one of two winners of the 2010-2011 UWM Youth Wind Ensembles Student Soloist/Concerto Concerto Competition.
Fee: $12 general/$10 seniors, faculty and alumni/$8 students
Contact: Box Office: 414-229-4308

Fine Arts Quartet Summer Evenings of Music
Concert I
Wednesday, June 1, 7:30pm
Helen Bader Concert Hall, 2419 E. Kenwood Blvd
Contact: Box Office: 414-229-4308

Concert II
Sunday, June 5, 7:30pm
Helen Bader Concert Hall, 2419 E. Kenwood Blvd
Contact: Box Office: 414-229-4308

Concert III
Sunday, June 22, 7:30pm
Helen Bader Concert Hall, 2419 E. Kenwood Blvd
Contact: Box Office: 414-229-4308

Concert IV
Sunday, June 29, 7:30pm
Helen Bader Concert Hall, 2419 E. Kenwood Blvd
Contact: Box Office: 414-229-4308

Theater
No, No, Nanette
Sunday, May 8; 2:00pm
Mainstage Theatre
Opening in 1925 at London’s Palace Theatre and later that year on Broadway, “No, No, Nanette” introduced a slew of delightful songs by composer Vincent Youmans, including two that were destined to become classics: “Tea for Two” and “I Want to Be Happy.” The 1971 revival, supervised by none other than the legendary Busby Berkeley, was a big hit and ignited a nostalgia craze on Broadway. Now you can greet an old friend as a new generation of theatre artists lace up their tap shoes to bring you American Musical Comedy at its best.
Fee: $17 general/$12 seniors, faculty, alumni/$10 students
Contact: LeRoy Stoner, lstoner@uwm.edu, x3913
Why aren’t classes being held at the Presbyterian Church?

There are plans to build a large structure on North Oakland Avenue where the Sendik’s parking lot currently is. This structure will house a new Walgreen’s, other retail space, and 84 apartment units. If the project is approved, construction will begin September 2011, to be completed in twelve to sixteen months. The Short Course Committee decided not to hold Osher classes at the church next fall for several reasons:

- While the construction is underway, parking will be a challenge
- The noise of construction would disrupt classes held in the small upstairs classrooms
- The large room downstairs will not be available due to renovation.

Fortunately, many Osher members enjoy attending courses at the Heft Center on Lake Drive and downtown at the UWM School of Continuing Education.

The beautiful downtown facility is free of charge to Osher, offers free parking, dependable, on-site technical support, and places to eat. More classes will be scheduled at this location as alternate venues are investigated.

Free Parking for Osher Members at the School of Continuing Education

Enter the Grand Avenue parking structure off of Plankinton Avenue. Park your car on the 2nd or 3rd level at the north end of the structure, closest to the mall entrance. From the parking structure, enter the Plankinton Building/Grand Avenue Mall and cross the rotunda to the elevators on the north side of the building (closest to Wisconsin Avenue). Take the elevators to the 7th (classrooms) floor. Bring your parking gate ticket to the 7th floor reception desk for a validation sticker.

Wine and Cheese Party

Friday, May 27, 3-5pm, 3439 N. Summit Avenue
Please RSVP by May 23 to Kathy, 414-227-3222 or kathycz@uwm.edu
See Enclosed Flyer

Annual Spring Luncheon and Meeting

Come to The Annual Spring Luncheon and Meeting, Wednesday, June 15, 11:30am-2:30pm, at the Woman’s Club of Wisconsin
Registration deadline is June 7th.
See Enclosed Flyer
The Osher Outlook is a bi-monthly publication of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UWM. Please contact Cathie Sanders at sceosher@uwm.edu with ideas and/or articles. Deadline for the July-August, 2011 issue is Monday, June 6

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