From the Center for Lifelong Learning
At Northwest State Community College

Early Spring 2015       An Affiliate of the Road Scholar Institutes       Cecily Rohrs, Coordinator

We’re Heading for Memphis!

Of course Memphis is home to Elvis Presley, and we’ll allow a half day to check out Graceland, but there’s far more. Memphis is the heart of diversity. We’ll head toward the city on Sunday, April 19, and return to the College parking lot five days later in the early evening of Thursday, April 23.

We’ll spend time at the newly renovated National Civil Rights Museum, the museum dedicated to the lessons of the American Civil Rights Movement housed in part in the Lorraine Motel where James Earl Ray, fired the shot that killed Martin Luther King, Jr. We’ll enjoy Beale Street following in the footsteps of world famous Bluesmen and Soul Singers and even eat at the King’s Palace there. We’ll visit the Southern Tenant Farmers’ Museum. We’ll learn the story of the cotton trade, learn how the WPA of the Roosevelt administration transformed a community, enjoy a Sun Studio tour, and of course catch the famous Peabody ducks on parade. The boyhood home of Johnny Cash, plenty of good eating and fellowship will make this 5-day get-away another to remember!

Since we started selling this last fall, we have a nice group of passengers already in place. But we’d love to have you. We have plenty of room, but your initial $200 deposit is due almost immediately. See the registration page in this newsletter to sign up now!

Don’t delay!
Register TODAY!

Center for Lifelong Learning Datebook

Right Now: Register for the 5-day trip: “Spring in Memphis” with $200 deposit. Check or credit card. Since time is short, call Lynn in the business office at (419)-267-1312 and she’ll take your information to save your seat.

Wednesday, February 25: Final payment of $775 due in College office for spring trip.

Wednesday, April 8 – Registration due for our “Golden Nuggets of China –Then and Now” Seminar # 53.

Friday, April 10: 8:30- 3:00 p.m., Seminar # 53, “Golden Nuggets of China” at the College in traditional meeting room, C200.

Monday, April 13 – 7 p.m. Orientation at the College for Memphis trip in room C200.

Sunday, April 19: Early departure from NSCC for “Spring in Memphis.”
China is Theme of April 10th Seminar

As children, many Lifelong Learners turned away from anything that said, “Made in China.” It was almost anti-American. Today, however, innovative ideas, technology’s leading geniuses and some of America’s finest students were “Made in China.” The sleeping giant, half a world away has become a key player on the world’s stage. To get a glimpse into several nuggets of Chinese history and culture, we’re hosting Seminar # 53 on Friday, April 10th at the College.

Our Keynote speaker, Professor Emeritus SuiWah, is coming to us from Michigan State University and is funded by Northwest State as part of its on-going program to bring worldwide culture and history to our campus. The College will be a host site for a traveling exhibit on Chinese writing and calligraphy and the Professor will help us understand the unique and rich treasure of that art on display. And after the lecture, we’re planning that you too might like to try your hand at creating the artful Chinese characters.

In northwest Ohio, there are many ties with the world’s most populated country. We have teachers who have served there, families who have adopted Chinese children into their homes, local ownership of a Chinese orphanage just south of Beijing, native-born Chinese restaurant owners as well as major manufacturers who are closely tied to the emerging Chinese enterprise system. We plan to tap into some of these resources to provide nuggets of diversity to the professor’s lecture. Although the college food service will have a nice lunch for us, we assure you there won’t be roasted duck head on the menu!

Plan to enjoy a day of diversity that you won’t find anywhere else in the region. See the registration page in this newsletter. Your fearless leader, the late Louisa Strock, always said “Walk-Ins Welcome,” but it makes it really hard for food service to prepare. So please, call a friend and then contact us to let us know you plan to be a part of this great day.

If you plan to arrive about 8:30 for coffee and cookies, you’ll be all set for the program to begin promptly at 9. For sure by 3 o’clock on that Friday afternoon you’ll be ready to leave with a brand new appreciation for our Asian neighbors.

Remember, we are now easily accessible on the web. Go to www.northweststate.edu and a banner will come up that says Community. Click on Community and Lifelong Learning will appear. You’ll then be able to find everything from registration forms to newsletters, photos and updates on up-coming events.
Behind-The Scenes Trip a Huge Success

Do you know how many annuals Cedar Point plants each season? Do you know the name Berry Gordy? Do you know how early the TV 11 weatherman has to get up to give you an accurate forecast at 6 a.m.?

If you had joined us on October 14 and 15 for our Behind-the Scenes fall bus trip, you’d know these answers and hundreds more. We toured the Blade and TV 11 before leaving Toledo for lunch overlooking the water at Maumee Bay State Park. We enjoyed the Cleveland Botanical gardens, a live theater performance in downtown Cleveland, visited the Quicken Arena, home of LaBron and the 2016 Republican Convention, browsed the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and ended in the middle of Cedar Point!

Fellow travelers are still telling stories of that most interesting trip. Our hosts along the way didn’t want us to miss a thing. We thought we were riding on a magic carpet! (Sometimes we would have welcomed that because our legs were getting tired! But as always, if it’s more walking than you can do, find a bench and relax. We won’t forget to pick you up! Or catch a nap on the bus. It’s your vacation and you have choices!)

Great Day Together Last October

The one-day Behind-the Scenes seminar at the College on October 31st opened new doors of understanding for us. We learned of the skill of ocularist Brian Miller, a Wauseon native now known worldwide for his creation of eye prostheses. Thanks to Defiance store manager Patrick Zickgraf, we now know that the Kroger stores know when each customer walks through the door, know how many people are in the store at one time, and then that computer tells them how many clerks should be available for check-out! We heard WNDH news director Dave Kleck talk about changes in radio broadcasting in the last decade and then we left the College that Friday afternoon to visit one of the two of the local I-Heart Stations, WNDH in Napoleon and WDFM in Defiance. We learned that yes, it is very possible that at different times throughout the day, the local radio station you are listening to, does not have anyone sitting in the chair orchestrating news, weather and music. The computer does that!

Keep current on events with www.northweststate.edu and click on Community in the banner.
Just what is this *Lifelong Learning Program* all about?

The Lifelong Learning Center at Northwest State is a college-sponsored program for this area’s adults over age 55. Costs to participate are very minimal and it’s all pay-as-you-go. Nothing to join, no long-term commitments. Come when you can. We are an affiliate of the International Road Scholar Institute formerly known as the Elderhostel program.

For the most part, there is a one-day fall seminar and another in the spring held at the Community College campus at 22600 State Route 34, Archbold.

Over the years the day-long studies have ranged from understanding the roles the canals played in Ohio’s development, to visiting the regional jail, studying the War of 1812 in depth, and even a day to look at the difficulties of grandparents raising their grandchildren. The Center for Lifelong Learning also sponsors a multi-day trip each spring and an overnighter in the fall.

Over the years, men and women from the five-county region, and even a few from a greater distance, have met classroom-style for the seminars to listen to new ideas, and characters from history. Many have taken a seat on a motorcoach and shared experiences and meals together from Ottawa, Canada to New Orleans!

We hope you will join us as we continue to stretch our minds. We hope to see you often and we invite you to introduce a friend to the experience. Some lifelong learners come only for a few seminars. Others come only on the study-travel trips. Some do both. As you wish!

There are no rules, but you’ll see that our participants are positive, on-time people who enjoy interacting with other adults, who still seek new and interesting ideas to ponder, and who remember the manners and respect they were taught as kids! We look out for one another.
Our Lifelong Learning Center is an affiliate of the bigger institute of lifelong learners called the Road Scholar Program. (Formerly Elderhostel) That program has a national and an international division. If you have a few extra coins in your pocket and you’re up for an adventure, enroll toll-free at 877-426-8056 or visit them online at www.roadscholar.org.

They have a big catalogue they could send you or you could browse on-line for learning experiences in this country or abroad. Their mission statement says, “Not-for-Profit Road Scholar inspires adults to learn, discover and travel. Our learning adventures engage expert instructors, provide extraordinary access, and stimulate discourse and friendship among people for whom learning is the journey of a lifetime.”

Hopefully you see that on a smaller scale, this is our mission too!

No internet in your house? Stop by your local library. They’ll gladly help you log on to www.northweststate.edu and find the Community section on the banner. There you’ll find registration forms and newsletters and by checking every few months, you’ll not miss out on anything!

Have Questions?
Contact Cecily Rohrs, program coordinator, at:
419-267-5502 or via email at crohrs@northweststate.edu

Send all mail to:
Northwest State Community College
22600 St. Rt. 34 • Archbold, OH 43502
Attn: Lifelong Learning

Checks should always be made to:
CLL (Center for Lifelong Learning)
The excitement of learning separates youth from old age. As long as you’re learning you’re not old.

Rosalyn S. Yalow

Be a student so long as you still have something to learn, and this will mean all your life.

Henry L. Doherty

Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.

Anthony J. D’Angelo

Commit yourself to lifelong learning. The most valuable asset you’ll ever have is your mind and what you put into it.

Brian Tracy
Registration for One-Day Seminar
“Golden Nuggets of China – Then and Now”
Seminar Fifty-Three in the Center for Lifelong Learning Series
Friday, April 10, 2015  Meeting Room Number C200.
8:30 registration, coffee and cookies

(We hope to hear from you before April 8th for a lunch count, but walk-ins will be accepted if there has been a cancellation.)

NAME ____________________________ PHONE ____________________________
ADDRESS ____________________________ LUNCH? Y ______ N ______
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Fees: Number of participants registering for the seminar: ______ @ $5.00 = ______
Number of participants registering for the luncheon: ______ @ $7.00 = ______
Total Due __________________________

Select One: ______Payment enclosed.  -OR- ______ Will pay at the door.

Make your check to NSCC- CLL and please return form by April 8 to Business Office, Attn: Lynn, Northwest State, 22600 SR 34, Archbold, OH 43502-9542.

Questions? Call Cecily at 419-267-5502.  or  Email: crohrs@northweststate.edu

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“Spring in Memphis”  Registration  $975 All-Inclusive
Sunday through Thursday, April 19-23, 2015

Make check to NSCC- CLL (or use credit card below) and return form and deposit of $200 per person to Business Office, Attn: Lynn, Northwest State, 22600 SR 34, Archbold, OH 43502

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OR Are you seeking a traveling partner?  Y ______ N ______

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