



UW-Madison Retirement Association  
2018-19 Retirement Challenges & Opportunities  
Committee Report  
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We started our new year in September 2018 as a brand-new committee. A merger of the Connections Committee and The Retirement Challenges Committee was needed as we were both looking for new members and with our merger it satisfied that need and presented us with a more diverse group that is addressing both the challenges but the opportunities as well.

The new committee members include Pat and me as Co-Chairs, Millard Susman, Gary Mitchell, Faisal Kaud, Sarah Potts, Susan Fischer, Marybeth Plane, Michelle Mickelson, Mary Metz, James Stratton. After starting the year, we have also been fortunate to add two additional members which include Wendy Way and Bob Jokisch. Thank you to you all for all the work and contributions that helped our committee to develop the varied and interesting events we have presented this last year and for the upcoming event scheduled for the new year beginning in September 2019.

The following were the events developed, presented and hosted by the Retirement Challenges and Opportunities Committee (RCOC):

- Our monthly breakfasts for members are held at Sofra Restaurant on the West side averaging 8-10 attendees each month. Our East side breakfast is averaging 12 to 15 members and is located at Elie's Café. Both sites provide fun, food and friendship. These breakfasts will continue next year.
- In September 2018 – **Dr. Art Walaszek**, an esteemed psychiatric physician at UW, gave a very interesting seminar on "Why do people come to my Office".
- In October 2018 - **Professor Emeritus, Paul Williams**, provided a hands-on lecture/workshop on, "Landscapes of Lilliput". Very fun and everyone went home with a terrarium creation they made themselves.
- In December 2018 – **Jan Hagen** presented her travelogue on her trip to the Rocky Mountains and her follow-up trip to Morocco.
- In January 2019 – **Evan Richards** was a real trooper and gave a talk about the East Troy Electric Railroad which has become an occupying event in his life. We had a major record-breaking cold day and he was brave enough to present to the brave that also came.
- In April 2019 - **Phillip Pellitteri** gave a very well received presentation entitled, "It's No April Fools, The Bugs Will be Coming!"
- In May 2019 - **Jo Ann Carr**, spoke with many of our members on her recent book, "Letters of Wisconsin Women during Civil War".

Our committee would like to thank the Board for approving free lunches for all committee members who attended the Annual Meeting this past May on a beautiful day in Spring at the UW-Madison Arboretum.