WESTWARD, HO! The celebrated Will Bagley is our April luncheon guest

His topic: “Mormons, Buffaloes, and Indians: Trails Westward”

Perhaps best known for his groundbreaking Blood of the Prophets: Brigham Young and the Massacre at Mountain Meadows published over a decade ago, the much admired Western historian Will Bagley is a Fellow of the Utah State Historical Society, a rare honor bestowed on those whose scholarship has made a lasting contribution. He has authored many articles and books about overland emigration, frontier violence, railroads, mining, and the Mormons. His books include So Rugged and So Mountainous: Blazing the Trails to Oregon and California, 1812-1848; With Golden Visions Bright Before Them: Trails to the Mining West, 1849-1852; and Always a Cowboy: Judge Wilson McCarthy and the Rescue of the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad, to name but a few of his more recent works.

Bagley has edited important sources for Western history, among them the official 1846-1847 Mormon Trail journals of Thomas Bullock (Pioneer Camp of the Saints), Frontiersman: Abner Blackburn’s Narrative, and the papers of Sam Brannan (Scoundrel’s Tale). He has also co-authored or co-edited with historian David Bigler such work as The Mormon Rebellion: America’s First Civil War, 1857-1858; Army of Israel: Mormon Battalion Narratives; and Innocent Blood: Essential Narratives of the Mountain Meadows Massacre.

No stranger to Radio West, he also appeared in the 4-hour 2007 American Experience series “The Mormons.” At present he is completing the Arthur H. Clark Company’s magisterial 16-volume KINGDOM IN THE WEST: The Mormons and the American Frontier with a final volume focusing on the often overlooked “Ute Voices from the Mormon-Indian Frontier,” as well as working on Vol. 3 of the OVERLAND WEST series:

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Luncheon Menu Tuesday, April 14, 12:15 p.m., Union Building Saltair Room
Reservations should arrive by mail to Gene Carr by April 7. See page 5

- Mixed field greens with Ranch or Italian dressing
- Crusted Mustard Pit Ham
- Scalloped Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables
- New York Cheesecake with Raspberry Topping
- Cranberry Spritzer and Water  Coffee and Tea Service
- Vegetarian Option: Penne Pasta with Fresh Spinach and Tomato Marinara
- Fruit Plate Option
IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, SO ARE WE

The Professors Emeriti Club is looking for officers. You’ve heard from many of the current officers what a great experience it is to serve on the Executive Board. Now let me tell you why.

First, the people you work with and for are really a lot of fun. Each position has been crafted to be minimal in time and effort. But, of course, you can take your ideas of what to do to fulfill any and all of your dreams.

Now for the harsh news… there are only two positions available this year. President Elect is one. It is the way you can serve without stressing out. It is a “look and learn” time before you get to make announcements at the luncheons.

Kidding aside, it is really a nice way to get into the workings of the Club. It is a fantastic way for a newer member to get acquainted with the “old” members. Going on to the President’s position the next year is smooth and easy. You will love it!

The other position available is that of Treasurer. NO, it does not require a person with accounting experience. The system is in place to let you coast through the duties. The checks come in – they are recorded, listed and deposited. The name tags are put out at the luncheon for those who have paid. Sometimes two people or couples like to do this position together. That’s okay, too. Above all of the other Board positions, this one allows you really get to know the members. It’s a positive challenge.

Keep in mind that other than monthly Board meetings, the luncheons from October through May are where the responsibilities lie. Each Board position is for one year unless the office holder wishes to continue. Just look at the members we have now and you will see that it is a rewarding experience. Dennis Alexander served as newsletter editor for three years and volunteered last year to continue on the Board as President Elect – another three–year commitment. Way to go, Dennis!

Members of the Board support each other. If there is an illness, a travel plan, a house remodel or anything, the other Board members take up the slack. Please contact me, Katherine Carr, chair of the nominating committee, to put in your name or recommend someone else, someone you love, to fill one of these offices. Thanks!

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TOPAZ, ’44 UTES REVISITED

Other guests at the April luncheon will be Lorraine Crouse of the Marriott Library’s Special Collections, and Dr. Jeanette Misaka. Lorraine will display an exhibit on Topaz, Utah’s World War II internment camp for Japanese-Americans. Jeanette, emeritus professor of special education, assisted in developing the exhibit. Many Club members probably read two recent articles in The Salt Lake Tribune, the first on the camp’s anniversary, the second on artwork that was produced by internees behind the fences.

Another guest will be former athletic director Arnie Ferrin (staff emeritus). The All America basketball star played for the 1944 Utes who won the National Invitational Tournament title. Wat Misaka, Jeanette’s uncle, was a Japanese-American player on the Ute squad.

IN MEMORIAM

Lois I. Cline (spouse of Victor, Professor Emeritus, Psychology) February 14, 2015

Carolee Moncur, Physical Therapy February 28, 2015

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He has won Best Book awards from the Western History Association, the Denver Public Library, Westerners International, the John Whitmer Historical Association, and three Spurs from Western Writers of America. Bagley’s latest book, South Pass, Gateway to a Continent, examines what Wallace Stegner called “one of the most deceptive and impressive places in the West” from its discovery in 1812 to the the end of the covered wagon era in 1869, surveying the fur trade, emigration and the Gold Rush, the disaster of the “Handcart Scheme,” the Pony Express, and the coming of the telegraph and the railroad.

Bagley will be introduced by Dr. Floyd A. O’Neil, Director Emeritus of the American West Center at the U.
TIPS FOR TRAVELERS: EMERITI CLUB TOUR 2015  
Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island

Here are a few bits of useful information for our Nova Scotia/PEI travelers:

**Time Zone:** Halifax is three hours ahead of (that is, later than) Mountain Time.

**Money:** We will be traveling to small communities, so whipping out American dollars will not do. You will need Canadian money. The rate is favorable to us these days. You can buy Canadian dollars at Zions Bank and elsewhere if you wish to have cash in hand before departure, or simply use ATMs once we arrive. (As of Feb. 23: at Zions Bank the rate was $1US = $1.20CAN.) Be sure to check with the issuer of your credit/debit cards about any international fees and to let them know you will be traveling.

**Voltage:** The voltage in Canada is 110-120 and the plug is the standard North American grounded variety we are familiar with here at home. No converter/adapter needed.

And as our travel agent Monica says, “Water and language will not be a problem!”

**Please note:** We will have a pre-trip meeting at Thomas Travel two or three weeks before our departure to meet & greet, ask any questions we may have, and get our travel documents. You will receive word about the meeting—date and time—in the mail.

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REMINDER: Cinderella & Funny…Happened…Forum

Those who purchased tickets for the Utah Ballet’s *Cinderella* on April 3 at 7:30pm at Kingsbury Hall should now have their tickets in hand.

For those who requested tickets for the April 18 matinee performance of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* at the Babcock Theatre: Your tickets will be distributed at the April luncheon unless you asked that they be mailed to you instead. Should you be unable to attend the April luncheon contrary to plan, Michele will then mail your tickets to you. There will still be time for you to receive them prior to the performance.
Pioneer Theatre Company's season

The Music Man
Preview - April 30
Available - April 6*
Date corrected from last newsletter

EMERITI BENEFITS-AT-A-BARGAIN
FIT NEARLY EVERY INTEREST

As you may have experienced, the University “powers-that-be,” through their wisdom and concern, have again changed the on-campus benefits we may receive. This is not done to be mean, but to help each department meet the requirement of paying its way.

If you go online to find out what is there for you and your spouse, http://admin.utah.edu/academic_senate/professors-emeriti-club, you will find that you still have the privilege of using the golf course.

WHAT?! There is no golf course! However, you do have the parking for free in pay lots with your Emeritus Card. You get discounts on University productions. PMT play preview on the Thursday before opening night is free with each Emeritus Card allowing two seats.

OSHER classes are free – except for the fee, if any. Discount at the University Bookstore is still 10%. You have use of the Marriott Library, and availability of the University group secondary or supplementary insurance. Regence Blue Cross even offers prescription coverage through the “donut hole” for a monthly premium. The Fine Arts and Natural History museums, music programs, lectures, and classes are either free or at a discount.

And now the charge for using the new Student Life Facility – and, WOW, it is really a fantastic addition to our campus. It's no longer free. We are to have access the same as faculty, but active faculty do pay a bit more. The yearly fee is $267.13. If you figure out the daily cost (the building is open every day), the lowest possible charge is $.73 a day. You may pay-as-you-go at $6 for a day pass and use all the areas, but if you buy the yearly pass at $267 and use the facility once a week that works out to just over $5 a visit. If you want to play basketball or racquetball you have to reserve time. Bottom line, you would do yourself a big favor by visiting this magnificent building.

If you are interested in what other benefits we may have, please go to http://admin.utah.edu/academic_senate/professors-emeriti-club and call the department or venue of your interest if you have more questions.

Even though our benefits seem to be shrinking, we still, as Emeriti, have more than any other entity on campus – except for the “powers-that-be,” of course.
Luncheon Reservation Form

Please mail to arrive no later than April 7, 2015

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Name ____________________________________ Ham ______ Veggie Plate ____ Fruit Plate____
Partner ____________________________________ Ham ______ Veggie Plate ____ Fruit Plate____
Guest(s) ____________________________________ Ham ______ Veggie Plate ____ Fruit Plate____
Number attending @ $15.00 each ______ Luncheon total: $________

Dues for 2014/15 $10.00/Single or $20.00/Couple

Dues total: $________

Make check payable to: Professors Emeriti Club.

Total enclosed: $________

Send to:
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Vouchers available again for School of Music performances

The School of Music has generously renewed its voucher program for 2015. All vouchers purchased hereafter will be good for School of Music performances through February 2016. Vouchers are only $1. For a complete listing of School of Music concerts visit the calendar of events website at http://music.utah.edu/events/index.php. Vouchers are available at all luncheons or may be obtained by contacting Henry Wolking at henry.wolking@music.utah.edu or call 801-664-8147.