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Winter Luncheon Thursday, January 18, 2024

Alioto's-3041 N. Mayfair Road NOTE PRICE: \$25 per person 11am-Gathering / 12pm-Lunch / 1:00 program

The luncheon selections are:

- Chicken Romano- grilled chicken breast served with green peppers, onions, and mushrooms, topped with mozzarella cheese. A side of mostaccioli is included.
- Sliced Pork Roast- with homemade bread dressing and gravy
- Seasonal Salad with grilled chicken breast

Lunches include choice of dressing, whipped or buttered new potatoes, Italian bread and coffee. Rice or Mostaccioli is served in lieu of potatoes for certain entrees. Salad lunches are served with Italian bread, coffee, tea, or milk. Vanilla ice cream w/chocolate syrup for dessert.

Lunch is \$25 per person. Please make checks payable to: WSJ Society.

Checks need to arrive by January 11, 2024 Mail checks to:

> WSJ Society P.O. Box 1425 Grafton, WI 53024

Please let us know of any dietary restrictions you may have when making your reservations. Or, contact Jim Pasterczyk, VP Program at 414-764-8609.

Program

While Phenology might be a new term for many - gardeners, sports enthusiasts, and anyone with a profession or hobby that depends on seasonal rhythms are already phenological observers.

A simple definition of Phenology is: the study of recurring plant and animal life cycle stages, especially their timing and relationships with weather and climate.

The modern study of Phenology can be traced at least to the mid 18th century. In Great Britain, Robert Marsham is considered the founding father of Phenology. He began recording spring species and events back in 1736 called "Indications of Spring".

Here in Wisconsin Aldo Leopold (author of "A Sand County Almanac" and considered by many to be the father of wildlife ecology in the US) took a keen interest in Phenology. The Aldo Leopold Foundation continues the Leopold family legacy of keeping phenology records with the publication of their annual Phenology Calendar.

Our speaker Dr. Mark D. Schwartz is a Distinguished Professor in the Geography Department at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. Information about Dr. Schwartz, his teaching, and research can be found at: https://uwm.edu/geography/people/schwartz-mark-d/

His presentation looks at phenological interconnections and changes at the start of the growing season in North America since 1900, both overall, regionally, and locally.

PLEASE NOTE:

At its December meeting, the WSJ Board made the following policy change regarding paper copies of the newsletter. This is due to the dwindling number of requests and to simplify membership management. Effective immediately, no new requests for paper newsletters will be accepted from current or new members. Members currently receiving paper copies (there are less than a half dozen) may continue this service.