

# Washington Teachers' Union Retirees' Chapter

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**WTU Retirees' Chapter**  
2023 - 2024 Calendar of Events  
Dr. John L. Taylor, President



Date/Time	Events	Other Information
<b>SEPTEMBER</b> 9/13/2023 10:30 am	<b>Membership Meeting</b> <b>Welcome: Dr. John Taylor, President</b> Greetings: Mr. Gaston, Library Administrator Speaker(s): Representatives from WTU- Local 6 - Jacqueline Pogue Lyons, President	<b>Lamond - Riggs/Lillian J. Huff Library</b> <b>5401 S. Dakota Ave., NE, WDC 20011</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b> 10/11/2023 10:30 am  10/26/2023 - Curtain 12:00 Noon	<b>Membership Meeting</b> <b>October is Cancer Awareness Month</b> <b>Guest Speaker: Representative from Howard University Cancer Research Center (Breast and Prostate Cancer)</b> <b>Update on: 2023-24 Enrollment/Health Benefits (Dental &amp; Vision United Health Care</b> <b>Play - "POTUS" - Arena Stage,</b> <b>1101 6<sup>th</sup> Street, SW WDC 20024</b>	Lamond-Riggs/L.J. Huff Library    Price: \$40.00 Seats Available - 40
<b>NOVEMBER</b> 11/8/2023  11/14/2023 10:00 am - Fellowship 10:30 am - Meeting	<b>Membership Meeting</b> Presenters: Staff Members - <b>WTU Local 6 - Enrollment /Benefits</b> for the 2023-2024 Year (United Health Care)  (Additional date for Enrollment)	Lamond-Riggs/L.J. Huff Library
<b>DECEMBER</b> <b>12/5 - 12/6/2023</b> (Tues. - Wed.) <b>(Boarding 7:45 am)</b> Bus departs at <b>8:00am</b> from: 14 <sup>th</sup> & Taylor St., NE WDC  12/08/2023 - Curtain 12:00 Noon	<b>TRIP: Lancaster Show Trip &amp; the Dutch Country</b> 1 night's lodging, 2 meals (1 breakfast, 1 dinner), Sight & Sound "The Miracle of Christmas", Visit Kitchen Kettle Village, see a show at the Music Theater, and more! (see FLYER for further details)  <b>Play - "Swept Away" - Arena Stage,</b> <b>1101 6<sup>th</sup> Street, SW WDC</b>	Price: \$335.00 <b>Need minimum of 30 attendees</b>  Price: \$40.00 Seats Available - 40

<b>DECEMBER</b> <b>12/13/2023</b> 11:00 am - 2:00 pm  <b>12/19/2023</b> <b>(Boarding 2:30 pm)</b> Bus departs at <b>3:00pm</b> from: 14 <sup>th</sup> & Taylor St., NE WDC (Returning at 11:00 pm)	<b>Membership Meeting/Christmas Luncheon &amp; Program Capital City Hall of Distinction (Israel Baptist Church)</b> Christmas Activities/Gifts for Stoddard Baptist and Heartland Nursing Homes <b>TRIP: Christmas Festival of Lights!</b> Golden Corral Buffet & visits to: Sandy Point, Mormon Temple & National Xmas Tree - WDC 	Capital City Hall of Distinction - 1251 Saratoga Ave., NE WDC 20018  Price: Free - Trip, Meal & Gratuity: <b>\$25.00</b> for Members ONLY (All Others <b>\$35.00</b> )  Seats Available: 45
<b>JANUARY 2024</b> 1/10/2024	<b>Membership Meeting – Happy New Year 2024!</b> Presenter: <b>Attorney William A. Bland</b> , President of the Robert A. Ades & Associates, P.C. – Legal Services Program	Lamond-Riggs/L.J. Huff Library 
<b>FEBRUARY</b> <b>2/14/2024</b> 11:00 am 2/29/2024 - Curtain 12:00 Noon	<b>Membership Meeting</b> <b>Black History Month</b> Program (Members' Participation) <b>Play – “Tempestuous Elements”</b> Arena Stage -1101 6 <sup>th</sup> Street, SW WDC	TBA  Price: \$40.00 Seats Available: 40
<b>MARCH</b> 3/13/2024 10:30 am	<b>Membership Meeting</b> <b>INFORMATION MONTH</b> Presenters: Metropolitan Police Dept. (This is Women's & National History Month)	Lamond-Riggs/L.J. Huff Library
<b>APRIL</b> 4/10/2024 10:30 am  4/17/2024 - Curtain 12:00 Noon	<b>Membership Meeting</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> Annual Health and Wellness Month</b> Department on Aging - Ms. Alice Thompson  <b>Play – “Unknown Soldier”</b> Arena Stage -1101 6 <sup>th</sup> Street, SW WDC	Lamond -Riggs/LJ Huff Library -  Price: \$40.00 Seats Available: 40
<b>MAY</b> 5/8/2024 10:30 am 5/20/2024	<b>Membership Meeting</b> Representatives from: American Federation of Teachers (Retirees), Social Security, and Howard University Audiology	Lamond-Riggs/L.J. Huff Library
<b>JUNE</b> 6/12/2024  6/27/2024 – Curtain 12:00 Noon	<b>Annual Closing Luncheon</b> Odyssey Cruise or ??? TBA  <b>Play: “The Migration”</b> Arena Stage – 1101 6 <sup>th</sup> Street, SW WDC	TBA  Price: \$40.00 Seats Available: 40
➤ Please make checks payable to: <b>WTU Retirees</b> ➤ mail to: <b>WTU Retirees Chapter</b> <b>PO Box 91008</b> <b>Washington, D. C. 20090</b> <b>Please Contact: Terrie Spann, Program Chair at <a href="mailto:terrie.spann@gmail.com">terrie.spann@gmail.com</a>,</b> <b>(202) 409-8595 (New#) - ALL trips depart from 14<sup>th</sup> and Taylor Street, N.E. WDC</b>		



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**WTU Retirees' Chapter**  
September 13, 2023

Dear Fellow District of Columbia Public School (DCPS) Retirees:

Welcome to the first term (2023-2024) of our newly elected/returning Executive Board. Our returning members from the last Executive Board of the 2022-2023 term is a testament of their dedication, commitment and interest in the continuance of the wonderful efforts of the Washington Teachers Union Retirees' Chapter (WTURC).

We, the officers and members of the WTURC welcome you to our **LIVE and IN PERSON** monthly meetings held every second Wednesday at 10:30 am. at the Lamond Riggs Library located at 5401 South Dakota Avenue, Washington, DC. 20011.

Our goal is to:

- (1) Work closely with the WTU Local 6.
- (2) Take part in legislation that affects District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) Retirees/Residents.
- (3) Provide information from guest speakers on a variety of relevant topics.
- (4) Provide opportunities for all of our retirees to take part in, and to attend exciting events, i.e., Arena Stage plays, trips, Christmas and Black History Month special programs (with enjoyment of activities, fun and food).

***We need you! "Where There is Unity - There is Strength"***

Respectfully,

***Dr. John L. Taylor***

Dr. John L. Taylor, President  
Executive Board Officers and Members

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**SPECIAL  
ANNOUNCEMENT!!!**

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

The UDC Backus  
Campus is expected to  
be at **85%** capacity with  
its in-person student  
attendance this fall  
semester which begins  
August 21, 2023.

Please be informed that we are waiting for  
further instructions from the UDC Administration.  
In the meantime, if you are able to do so, please  
consider carpooling to the WTURC Membership  
Meetings due to limited parking spaces in the  
community of the Lamond-Riggs Library.

**Welcome Back,  
WTURC Executive Board**

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# WASHINGTON TEACHERS UNION RETIREES PRESENTS

## Lancaster Show Trip & the Dutch Country



### INCREDIBLE PRICE INCLUDES:

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- ♦ 1 night lodging in the Lancaster area
- ♦ 2 meals: 1 breakfast and 1 dinner
- ♦ Admission to the "MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS" Show at the Sight & Sound® Millennium Theatre®
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## 2 Days 1 Night

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### (Tue - Wed)

### Dec 5 - 6

### 2023

**Departure: 14th and Taylor St NE, Washington, DC @ 8 am**

**Day 1:** Board your spacious, restroom and video equipped Motorcoach and set off for Lancaster in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch Country. Upon arrival you will go to KITCHEN KETTLE VILLAGE – a charming marketplace of shops and restaurants. Then, Sight & Sound Theatres invites you to experience the "MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS" Show. This holiday season, travel back in time to Bethlehem as the original Christmas story unfolds all around you. Journey alongside Mary and Joseph, a flock of surprised shepherds, and three wise men—along with their camels! Experience MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS as it comes to life on stage with massive sets and live animals in this cherished holiday production from Sight & Sound Theatres®! Tonight, enjoy Dinner and check into your hotel.

**Day 2:** Today after enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you will go to THE AMISH EXPERIENCE attraction. The Amish Country Homestead is a reflection of their commitment to accurately and sensitively portray the Old Order Amish as they live and work in today's world. The Homestead is the home of the fictional Amish family of Daniel and Lizzie Fisher, whom you have gotten to know in the Amish Experience Theater's "Jacob's Choice." Inside the Homestead, learn of Amish traditions and practices, plain clothing and life without electricity. The Fisher One-Room School is attached to the house and filled with authentic desks and furnishings from an actual Amish school. You'll learn the tradition of teaching eight grades in one room. From the pantry stocked full of freshly canned vegetables to the family's plain clothes... from propane-powered lamps to air-compressor driven appliances...the Fisher Family Homestead truly provides insights into the complex riddles of a culture so very different from our own. Next, you'll have time on your own for some shopping. Then, you will enjoy Lancaster's famous American Music Theatre for the all-new "THE FIRST NOEL" show. Hear some of your favorite sacred and secular holiday songs and the outstanding musical arrangements of the AMT Orchestra. This will be an unforgettable experience that's bound to leave you in the holiday spirit. Later, you'll depart for home... a perfect time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done and where your next group trip will take you!

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# WASHINGTON TEACHERS UNION RETIREES PRESENTS

## Lancaster Show Trip & the Dutch Country



To: **Washington Teachers Union Retirees and Friends**

From: **Terrie Spann – Program Coordinator**

Subject: **Lancaster Show Trip (Sight & Sound Theater) 2 days/1 night - December 5-6, 2023**

The price for this trip is:

\$335.00 per person, double occupancy, or

\$374.00 for single occupancy, or

\$315.00 for triple occupancy (two double beds – no cots or pull-outs)

**A deposit of \$75.00 is due at once/on signing. The final payment must be paid on or before October 30, 2023. Because of the popularity, overwhelming request, and limited seating we recommend making early reservations.**

-----Please DETACH and return the bottom portion with payment-----

### RESERVATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Other phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) smoking ( ) non smoking

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Information that may require special attention: \_\_\_\_\_

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