p.m. reading in CSU. Then, we will discuss the visiting writers' works during subsequent class meetings. If you would like to talk with me further about your interest in this workshop, please e-mail me at: Suzanne.bunkers@mnsu.edu.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

- The Annual Meeting has been scheduled at Old Main Village on Thursday, September 27, 2007 at 11 a.m.
- Gymana Ganu (Welsh Hymn Sing) will be celebrated on Saturday, September 29, at 7:30 p.m. at Bjorling Recital Hall at Gustavus Adolphus in St. Peter. The Hymn Sing will be on Sunday, September 30 at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Mankato.
- The Nobel Conference will be October 2-3, 2007. Fifty tickets are available at $35 each.
- Tuesday With Morrie play will be Thursday, October 18, at 1:30 p.m. at the Hassler Theater in Plainview, MN.
- The St. Paul Chamber Orchestra Concert will be Friday, November 9, 2007, at Wooddale Church.
- The Christmas Carol will be Wednesday, December 12, 2007, at the Guthrie Theater.

In the works for 2008: Penumbra Theater, Minneapolis Art Institute, Science Museum, Walker Art Institute, Coke Museum near Montgomery, Owatonna Bank Architecture, Fairmont Movie reprise, May 2, 2008 – The St. Paul Chamber Orchestra Coffee Concert at Wooddale Church (already scheduled).

Call the MSU for Seniors office (389-2011) if you want your name removed from our mailing list.

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MSU for Seniors at 507-389-2011 (V), 800-627-3529 or 711 (MRS/TTY).
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Elderhostel recently made contact in regard to the Barnes and Noble gift wrapping held December 22, 2006, asking for information on the details which they would like to use in one of their EIN newsletters. I have promoted this Barnes and Noble non-profit activity for the past couple years to different agencies. The volunteers worked from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., receiving tips that were given upon wrapping the books in the total amount of $109.23. The MSUS sign exposure attracted two individuals interested in becoming a member.

The Extended Learning representative, Jean Clarke, indicated a ‘flyer’ has been completed which explains the tuition-free admission to MSU procedures for senior citizens. They will be ready for distribution soon.

I will be concluding my participation as a committee member to the Center of Aging. A new president of the MSU-S will become a committee member each year.

The 11th Annual MSU-S meeting will be held Thursday, September 27, at a cost of $10 for the luncheon at Old Main Village dining room. The entertainment will be a preview of MSU Theatre production “CATS.”

Thank you to all volunteers in assisting during my term as president. I appreciate your willingness to assist in the different projects.

Helen Peterson, President

COUNCIL NOTES

The MSU for Seniors Pot Luck Group organization provides those that participate with unique opportunities to meet and visit with seniors who have a wide array of life experiences. Over a period of five years you will get to meet 30 to 40 people enjoying their company while experiencing a variety of delectable meals in warm home settings.

According to the information I have available, a group of MSU Seniors met for the first time in fall of 2000 to organize a pot luck group. At that time the group consisted of ten couples and four singles. These 24 people were divided into three groups of eight. The seniors in each of these groups scheduled dates and locations of their four pot luck dinners over the following four-month period. In February 2001, all those who had participated and new recruits met for a semi-annual meeting to reshuffle the groupings for the spring-summer month period. They all met again in the summer to determine the groupings for the fall and winter months.

By the fall of 2001, there were four groups of eight. These numbers remained about the same until fall of 2003 when another group of eight was added. Since then the Pot Luck Group has remained at about 40 people (30 couples, 10 singles) with about 4-6 people added or leaving annually.

At our semi-annual meetings, everyone brings a dish to pass, and we meet at a central location such as Old Main or Real Life Center or at someone’s home. At these meetings, all those attending get to meet with the members of their new grouping and set up their next four-month schedule (dates and locations). The couple hosting the dinner prepares the main course and provides appetizers and beverages, while the other three couples bring the vegetable, salad, or dessert (who brings what is rotated over the course of the four dinners). The group usually gets together between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. to visit an hour or so before dinner is served. There are lively discussions on various topics and exchanges of life experiences between people in the
I've been asked to write about our bridge group. We meet the 4th Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., at the Best Webster (restaurant of the Best Western Motel), Highway 169 N. The group graduated from three tables to four tables; however, summer vacations have returned us to three tables. We have two who would like to be a part of the fourth table. Would any of our MSU Sr. members, or members of the sub list, like to add their name to the regular list?

The only reports we hear about this group are positive – all say they have fun and enjoy the camaraderie of the players. We all learned bridge at various stages of our lives – some play this way and some play that way – but at MSU for Seniors Bridge, we all play together.

Prizes are awarded to three. June bridge totaled to a win for Mary Alice Morgan. Second place was won by Judie Sheehan with Norma Thomas placing third. Pennies are paid for each set trick. At times, the pennies are too many for just your pocket. To accommodate this, we furnish a small baggie which was taken home by Marilyn Noren in June.

Mary Alice Moran is our phone reminder chairperson. If you would like further information regarding MSU for Seniors Bridge, you can either call Mary Alice at 387-8141 or Marion Woie at 386-1872.

Marion Woie, Bridge Chair

REGIONAL FOCUS

I joined MSU for Seniors in January, 2003 at the suggestion of my friend and neighbor, David Olson. The programs offered have been interesting and educational and some even scintillating as was a program put on by the MSU Physics Department.

I'm always amazed how the committees keep coming up with new ideas each quarter. My thanks to these people; looking forward to future events.

Gary Bromann, Retired from Dept of Defense, Defense Intelligence Agency

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members who joined during the Summer Quarter 2007: Armin Diersen, Mankato; Judy Essen, N. Mankato; Chuck Gasswint, Mankato; Arnoldus Gruter, Mankato; Gordon and Joyce Hedman, N. Mankato; Mary Hemphill, Madison Lake; Mary Hoffman, Mankato; Mary Ellen How, Mankato; Judy Jackson, N. Mankato; Charlotte Johnson, Mankato; Linda Karow, Mankato; Donna Kowal, St. Peter; Randi Mark and David Godin, Mankato; Harley Mohr, Mankato; Marilyn Noren, Mankato; Kathy and Rod Ohman-Elbert, N. Mankato; Mary Jo Roberts, Mankato; Jo Schultz, Madison Lake; Sara A. Stinson, Mankato; Clayton and Eunice Tiede, Mankato; Burdette and Margaret Wheaton, Mankato; and Joyce Zimmerman, Mankato.

Please continue to send names of people you think would be interested in MSUS so that we can contact them as prospective members. You may call a person on our Membership Committee listed below or call the office. If this person would like to attend a class with you, you may obtain a BLUE GUEST SLIP at the MSUS office in Wiecking Center 115. Thank you for your help. Dena Fisher (338-7783), Karen and Merrill Frydendall (388-7249), and Donna and Dale Hanke (625-6528).

MEMBERS – Please remember to pick up your name tag when entering a class. It is our record of attendance. The number of attendees is important to the MSU Center of Extended Learning. Besides, it helps us to get to know one another.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

MSU for Seniors Council wants the membership to know that it has authorized the offering of scholarships to members who are on limited income and in need of financial assistance in order to participate in MSU for Seniors classes. Interested individuals need to contact Anita at the office on Tuesday or Friday mornings and complete a brief application form.

COMMUNITY AND CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

ENGLISH 649 AUTOBIOGRAPHY AND MEMOIR – FALL 2007

In this course, we will discuss and write various forms of autobiography and memoir. Each participant will have several opportunities to bring drafts of writing to class for workshop sessions. We will evaluate how strategies of composition (e.g., narrative, description, comparison & contrast, illustration, reportage, autobiographical) can enhance forms of autobiographical writing. Just as important, we will examine not only how a text works but also what it might mean to different readers. This workshop is designed to draw participants from a variety of backgrounds and academic fields; each participant will have a chance to contribute writing to workshop sessions, join in reading and critiquing other participants’ writing, and complete a portfolio of polished autobiography and memoir. In lieu of a final examination, we will have a reading by class members during our last meeting. Completed portfolios are due on the same date. One month, on the Thursday evening when Good Thunder Series writers read from their work, we will conclude class early and attend the 7:30