LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to Gloria Kennedy, a new council member in charge of the Promotions area. She will be issuing news releases to the area newspapers of the classes and events of the MSU-S.

The City of Mankato hosted the Senior Expo at the Civic Center Plaza May 15 from 9 to 4 p.m. A thank you to the volunteers at the MSU-S booth: Kay VanBuskirk, Sally Burdick, Nancy Allan, Jane Witz, Lenore and Bob Fonda, Shirley and Bruce Ruble, Dena Fischer, and Romaine Touhey. I especially appreciated their gracious and prompt acceptance.

The 2nd annual Chesley Lecture hosted by the Minnesota State University, Mankato’s Center of Aging was held at the Country Inn Suites on April 23. Speakers at the event were: Helen Kivnick, Professor of Social Work at the University of MN and Jim Klobuchar, award-winning national columnist. The diverse topics provided interest to the audience, which were well represented by MSU-S members.

Carole Petersen commented on the interesting trip April 20 to the Fairmont Film Society.

I have heard many positive comments about the variety of classes offered by MSU-S.

Thanks for all the opportunities made available by the MSU-S volunteers.

Helen Peterson, President

COUNCIL NOTES

Greetings from the Extended Learning office at Minnesota State University, Mankato! My name is Jean Clarke, and I am a Program Coordinator in the Extended Learning Office. I have worked with MSU for Seniors for the past few years as part of my responsibilities in Extended Learning.

I thoroughly enjoy attending the council meetings once a month with the council. They are a wonderful bunch of people.

Our office offers a connection for MSUS with the University. Part of Extended Learning’s mission is Lifelong Learning, so working with your group is a natural fit. We also support MSU for Seniors by updating the MSU for Seniors website. We enjoy assisting MSUS with whatever we are able to.

Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of your group!

Jean Clarke, Extended Learning
Kudos to the Special Events Committee! The Special Events Committee of MSU is a hard-working group that arranges bus trips for members to attend a variety of activities. You have received individual notices announcing trips to events such as the Minnesota Symphony and St. Paul Chamber Orchestra concerts, Old Log Theater, Fairmont Film Society, and most recently the Caves and Gangster trip to St. Paul. Other trips are planned for the next few months.

How much simpler could it be to board a bus in Mankato and doze, read, or converse during the trip? Then, instead of fighting for a parking space, you get off the bus at the door, have a cup of coffee and a bit of pastry (or a meal at the Old Log), enjoy the concert or play, walk a few feet back to the bus, enjoy the ride, and back you are in Mankato!!

Watch your mail for announcements of coming trips and Come Aboard!! You will be glad you did!!

Joe Hogan, Vice President

My life has included sharing in the life of the Council of the MSU for Seniors for going on three years. Leaving the context of the immediate Mankato area has taken me into communities where MSUS is not well known. Now that is too bad for those who have not encountered MSUS.

The concept of Minnesota State University for Seniors is one which seeks to help persons who are age 55 years and more to make it possible for them to continue the activity of learning. I suppose that some persons figure that by the time one reaches age 55 that learning is all behind them. But the folk who share in the activities and classes through MSUS quickly learn that the things to be learned and experienced are beautiful and wonderful.

MSU for Seniors opens many windows to experience the world in which we live. And it can be exciting.

Keith W. Purscell, Past President

I am new to the council and to the position as Newsletter Editor. I am a retired instructor from South Central Technical College (now under the title of South Central College) in the Office Technology Program. I thoroughly enjoy everything MSU-S offers. I am open to suggestions from members regarding the newsletter, and I look forward to meeting more of you at future classes and on future trips.

Karen Sandersfeld, Newsletter Editor

MSU-S NOTES

REGIONAL FOCUS

I've enjoyed attending MSU for Seniors for over five years. I also enjoy the people who attend because they include my former school superintendent, school psychologist, doctor, and dentist. My home is our family farm east of Janesville where I live with my sister, Carol, and our dog and cat. I usually attend with Bill Burns, another retired teacher from Janesville.

June Fell
NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the new members who joined during Spring Quarter 2007: Marilyn Birbeck, N. Mankato; Jan Cole, Mankato; Mary Ann and Orville Jensen, Mankato; Sandy Parks, Cleveland; James Roe, N. Mankato; and Dennis and Karen Sandersfeld, N. 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.

MSU FOR SRS SWEATSHIRT/T-SHIRTS

We have ONE sweatshirt (size Medium, $16) and ONE t-shirt (size Small, $11) available in the office, Wiecking B115. Call first – 389-2011 – and come and get them. It is okay to park on Ellis Street “No Parking” zone for 15 minutes.

If you are interested in purchasing one or both, also please CALL THE OFFICE and state your preferences. As soon as we get 10 orders (to keep the price lower), we will order them. Have three orders so far, need seven more.

POT LUCK GROUPS
The All Groups Pot Luck will be held in August when new groups will be formed. Now is the time for new members to sign up. Pot Luck groups consist of six to eight people who meet four times in individual members homes. Each couple (or two singles) hosts the group once and is assigned to bring salad, vegetable or dessert to the remaining meetings. In August and February, All Groups Pot Lucks are held at which time the small groups are reshuffled. This is a great way to get to know some of your fellow members and have fun doing it. If you would like to join, but lack a partner we will be happy to place your name on a substitute list or we may have another single waiting. To be placed on the mailing list for details about the August meeting and to be assigned to a Fall group, please call Al Berner (278-4490), Kay VanBuskirk (388-6188), or Lenore Fonda (387-3397).
MSU SENIORS BRIDGE
Meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at 11:30 for lunch and bridge at the Best Western. For more information contact Marion Woie (386-1872).

COMMUNITY AND CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

SPECIAL EVENTS
-Norma Thomas has the June 13 St. Paul Caves and Gangster trip ready to go with 35 members signed up already.
-Eddice Barber has a bus trip ready to the Old Log Theater production titled Leaving Iowa for July 18 with chicken, fish, pork, and vegetarian choices.
-Win Grundmeier is working on a bus trip to New Ulm Schell's Brewery/Harken's Store/Ft. Ridgely for August 15.
-Also in August or September will be the Preview of the Nobel Conference meeting in St. Peter managed by the Curriculum Committee.

Preview of Coming Attractions –
-The Nobel Conference will be October 2-3, 2007.
-Jack Auger will work on a Wind Farm/Fall Color tour also in October.
-We will attend the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra Concerts at Wooddale Church on Friday, November 9, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. and Friday, May 2, 2008.
-Norma Thomas will look into A Christmas Carol at the Guthrie in December, 2007
-Win Grundmeier will look into a trip to the Jeffers Petroglyphs.
-Eddice Barber will look into a trip to the Minnesota Zoo.
--Any ideas for the Special Events Committee, please let us know.

ALL-MSTC (ALL-MANKATO STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE) REUNION, FRIDAY, July 13, 2007
Mankato State Teachers College graduated classes from 1921 to 1957, so this year marks the 50th year of the transition from "teaching" designation to broader emphasis. We are trying to generate an experience, if possible, by offering tours, lab tutorials, or interactive presentations. Coffee/registration is 8:30 to 10:00, followed by reunion activities. Two 45-minute break-out sessions will be offered on CSU 2nd floor (topics to be determined, but will be listed in registration materials).

HIGHLAND SUMMER THEATRE
- The Robber Bridegroom, June 14-18
- The Runner Stumbles, June 26-July 1
- Bye Bye Birdie, July 13-15, 19-22

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