



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

David W. Allan

My presidency ends in June therefore this is my last letter to you our valued members and friends. Being your president has been an excellent experience for me. This opportunity enabled me to extend myself into new areas, and I thank you. I am impressed with the unified commitment everyone has given. This is what makes our organization succeed. The quality of people in our organization is nothing but outstanding.

With this issue I begin to serve as your new Newsletter Editor. The Council, members and friends of lifelong learners wish to thank Tricia Nienow for serving many years as our Newsletter Editor. We all extend you a warm and pleasant future, Tricia. Many, many thanks.

Recently Time Magazine in the February 26, 2018 issue, [pp.47-83] you will find a section on Longevity. One of the articles, "How to Live Longer Better" points out several ways for healthy living.

The article states: "80% of people ages 65 or older are now living in metropolitan areas." The article goes on and states: ". . . but cities increasingly rank high on both doctors' and seniors' lists of the best place to age gracefully because of their offerings." Even though the Mankato area is a smaller metropolitan area we are discovering more seniors like the extensive offerings available to them in our community. Lifelong learners continues to try to meet some of these needs.

The article talks about ". . . the other-people aspect". What is this all about? Basically, as we get older, staying associated with people and building new friendships leads to a healthier life. I found, related to our group, seeking new knowledge and seeking new friendships and relationships seems to fit into who we are and what we do. Needless to say, it is really all about the fun we have with our social and learning times together.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

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The Publicity Committee, chaired by Joe Hogan, is known for its frequent ads and community announcements in The Free Press and the HOME Magazine. Joe has also been successful in working with two local radio stations as well. When the notable speaker Tom Hanson was in town, two local radio stations, KMSU (Karen Wright) and KTOE (Pete Steiner), provided many live interviews.

The committee stays in close touch with our local television station, KEYC - Ch. 12, offering them our list of activities, presentations and special speakers. It is not unusual to see one of their camera people visiting us to video tape a short segment for an upcoming broadcast. .

Just recently a new public relations tactic was achieved, namely, placing an advertisement in the annual 2018 Guide to Visiting & Living in Greater Mankato. The main title of this colorful, dynamic booklet is called: Mankato Now Playing.

"Getting our name out there" should attract new retirees considering moving into the Mankato Area.

Just this month 30,000 copies of this visitor's guide booklet have been distributed to visitor centers, airports, hotels and motels, prominent restaurants and other public locations throughout Minnesota. The advertisement may be found on page 43.

The Committee included artist Nancy Allan who designed this ad. The heading for the ad is: "Jog your mind and make new friends". Our popular logo, "the Wise Old Owl", is featured in the center of the ad.

SPRING SOCIAL

New Members, Ongoing Members, and Anyone who is interested in

PLEASE JOIN US

for

Coffee ... Tea . . . Treats

Meet new people

Great conversation

Information about *Mankato Area Lifelong Learners*

April 21, 2018

9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota

224 Lamm Street, Mankato



NEW SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Harriet Plotz

Afternoon Tea at the Curiosi-Tea House

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

Please join us for a Thursday afternoon tea party! Once a month, we will gather for tea and conversation at the Curiosi-Tea House. Owner Heidi Wyn will discuss the history of teas and give us tips on making a good cup of tea.

Afternoon Tea begins April 12 at 2 p.m. (come and go as you please) at 529 Riverfront Drive. For \$5 (pay at Tea House each time), you will receive a sampling of three teas and a sweet treat in great company. All members welcome. (Hats and gloves are optional Ladies!) Additional scheduled dates: May 10 and June 7. Please call (389-2011) or email (lifelonglearners@mnsu.edu) if you plan to attend.



MANKATO CLINIC FOUNDATION GRANT

Sharon Schindle

The Mankato Clinic Foundation has very generously awarded the Mankato Area Lifelong Learners a \$1000 grant to help fund our room rental costs at the Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota. This is the second grant in recent years that the Mankato Clinic Foundation has

awarded to our organization. If you are a Mankato Clinic patient, please make sure and thank your doctor the next time you have an appointment. The Foundation funding comes from donations by the physicians at the Clinic. We certainly appreciate their support of our organization!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to our new members.

Karen & Lynn Fluegge
Alan & Dianne Honermann
Pat & Randy Hurd
Irene Lepage

Nick Meyer
Dick Offenhauser
Pat Coyle

Barb Muellerleile
Jim & Joanie Peterson
Leigh Pomeroy
Rebecca Volk

We look forward to meeting you at our events and welcome your suggestions.

RESTAURANT DINING GROUPS

Harriet Plotz

Would you enjoy eating out with a group of old and new friends?

Would you like to try the various restaurants in our area?

Would you enjoy a new adventure?

Yes, Yes, And Yes?

Join our 2018 Restaurant Dining Group

The Restaurant Dining Group is very popular with members and continues to grow. It is great fun to meet new people and try new and different eating experiences. Our "lunch only" group enjoys about 35 members and dinner groups usually have about 45 people year around.

How does it work?

The "lunch only" members eat together once a month with a choice of an early or late lunch. Restaurant choices are dependent upon the time chosen.

Dinner groups are determined at random with about eight people per group. The composition of the dinner groups changes three times a year: January, May, and September. On a rotating basis, members select a restaurant and a convenient date for their group so all can enjoy the fun and fellowship of eating together. Groups usually dine together four times each session.

Feel free to join more than one group. The choice is up to you!

Ready to join us?

Contact Pam at the office at (507) 389-2011 or Email ... lifelonglearners@mnsu.edu



Love is friendship that has caught fire. It is quiet understanding, mutual confidence, sharing and forgiving. It is loyalty through good and bad times. It settles for less than perfection and makes allowances for human weaknesses. - Ann Landers

50+ Lifestyle Exposition

May 8th

Verizon Center | 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Mankato Area Lifelong Learners will have a booth in the Banquet Hall. Many people stop to ask and learn about our mission, **Promoting Vitality in Later Life**.

If you can volunteer for an hour, please call the office at (507) 389-2011 by April 26th and you will be contacted the first week in May.

Success is not final; failure is not final. It is the courage to continue that counts. - Sir Winston Churchill

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Our Public School System,
Future Plans and Challenges
Wednesday, March 21,
1:30-3:30 p.m.
Children's Museum,
224 Lamm Street

Sheri Allen, Superintendent of Mankato Area Public Schools and Scott Hare, Director of Student Support Services, will speak about the accomplishments of our public school system, how we have changed over the past five years, as well as plans and challenges ahead. This event is free and open to the public. Bring a friend and get the facts.

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Mankato Area Lifelong Learners Coupon

This coupon allows any prospective member to attend for free (a \$10.00 value) one presentation when accompanied by a current Mankato Area Lifelong Learner member.
(Excludes Great Decisions and Special Events)

Limit one coupon per person. No duplicated coupons are accepted.

Coupon expires June 30, 2018

\$10 Value

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Name _____

Email _____

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