

MANKATO AREA LIFELONG LEARNERS

 MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MANKATO

Promoting vitality in later life

Summer 2018

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

David W. Allan

Our fiscal year 2018 ends on June 30. The Annual Meeting, which follows our Council Meeting, will be held at the Happy Chef Restaurant at 9:45 a.m. on June 18. All members are welcome to join us. Free pastries, coffee and tea will be served. We hope you can make it, meet new friends and enjoy some good conversation.

Recently, a few Council members attended a session on aging by the Chesley Center on Aging at Minnesota State University, Mankato and a regional summit meeting, in Mankato, on developing and organizing non-profit organizations by the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits.

You know, I presided at our regular Council meetings and asked a few people to help out. But, the real leadership happens within our organization. Many wonderful things

happen "behind the scenes"! I often sense a wonderful, friendly togetherness among our members. There are many who, with a kind thought and deed, just make my day . . . and the days of others. "Three cheers to all!" and " a job well done." Let's keep our joys high and our friendships strong. And, let's continue to feast on some good old-fashioned learning.

Georgia Holmes will take over as President on July 1. Georgia is an excellent leader. In her role as Vice President, she provided us with exemplary legal guidance and helped develop some of our presentations. She gave excellent input to our Program Development Workshop last fall. Georgia comes from an excellent academic and legal background. Thank you, Georgia.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

David W. Allan

The Publicity Committee recently learned about a new method for marketing. Having studied this digital system for a few weeks, the committee proposed it to the Council, which approved this project at the May meeting.

Together, with the help of the Free Press organization, the committee will use a new digital marketing system along with our usual print ads. What makes this digital selling method so exciting is that we will be able to count and analyze each "hit" that we receive from each reader who uses the daily Free Press digital edition. The ability to use viewer data gives us more exacting and more meaningful information that we can use to better reach out to each member and future members.

Using the Free Press website, the Lifelong Learners' "digital window" will appear. People will see a series of color slide images. Each image will change, in motion, like a digital slide show, and will tell the viewer about

our program, one of our new presentations or one of our special events. The selection of the slides, usually five or six in each program or series, may be changed quickly. Each digital image may be a combination of text, graphics or a pictorial design, enhancing and improving its meaning. Of course, we will use our *Wise Owl Logo* as the initial/title slide to identify who we are and what we do.

This new system enables us to easily link, back and forth, with our Minnesota State University, Mankato website giving more up-to-date and more flexible information.

What might be a future development? How about using a video segment to show one of our many successful activities. Leading off of this, we hope in the near future to produce a video segment that might be used on our Minnesota State University, Mankato website and as a branching segment through the Free Press Digital Window.

Presenting.....the Presentation Committee Sue Howard

How does Mankato Area Lifelong Learners' presentation committee form the quarterly roster of educational settings? We meet eight times each year to plan for the following quarter. We then meet the following month to solidify arrangements. At the first meeting, committee members share ideas for topics. Some of us already have suggestions for speakers/topics. Some have heard a speaker, heard about a speaker, have a timely topic in mind, or ask for suggestions from others. The 'slate' is started with each member ready to start planning for one or more sessions: choosing topics, contacting speakers, locate a venue, plan the date and time.



A yellow-billed cuckoo bird spotted at a Frydendall birdwatching outing for Mankato Lifelong Learners, at Williams Nature Center, during the month of May.

50+ LIFESTYLE EXPO Elizabeth A. Peters

Many thanks to the members who helped at the Lifelong Learners table at the Expo on May 8 at the Verizon Center. By promoting our organization at this and other events, membership in Mankato Area Lifelong Learners has grown to 280 members!

We appreciate the time given by Mary Bliesmer, Marcella Eilders, Joe Hogan, Sue Howard, Gloria Kennedy, David Janovy, Irene LePage, Rallah Madison, Sandy Mutch, Elizabeth Peters, Joyce Sandry, Sharon Schindle, Phyllis Stade, Carolyn Swan and Pam Blair, our Office Manager.



Lifelong Learners enjoyed "A Personal Experience: Meteorology and the Evening News" on May 17.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Warren Alleven
Joel Carlin
Angela Cooley
Ted Downey
Joan Eastman
Karen & Steve Flo
Evette Ingvalson
Jerald Kaphers
Barbara Keating

Judy Kelling
Megan Linder
Kay Lund
Mike Much
Doug Nelson
Richard Peterson
Daniel Schwartz
Carol Ann Seitzer
Kate Simonson

Bryce Stenzel
Katie Swensen
Mark Tarello
Barb Thiem
Mary & Richard Walker
Jason Willis
Sue Wiltgen

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

Nobel Conference 54 – Living Soil: A Universe Underfoot

Joyce Sandry

Scoop up some soil in your hands and consider this astonishing fact: there are more organisms in that handful of soil than humans who have ever lived. Soil is a living entity in its own right, a community of micro- and macro-organisms that interact with the earth's mineral resources to create this complex entity that undergirds all life on the planet. *Living Soil: A Universe Underfoot* invites participants to consider the vast diversity and complexity of soil, and to ponder the challenges we face in protecting this most fundamental resource. The conference is October 2 & 3 at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter.

We are again offering reserved seating tickets in the main auditorium for members. Because we have been such long-time supporters of the Nobel Conference, Gustavus is offering our organization a new reduction in the cost of reserved seating tickets this year.

Tickets this year will be \$58.00 for reserved seating on both days. The per-person cost given to us by Gustavus is \$52.50 and Lifelong Learners is adding a processing fee of \$5.50.

Please watch for an email or letter with more detailed purchasing information.

Additionally, Lifelong Learners is offering a Pre-Nobel Conference presentation at Snell Motors from 1-3 p.m. on July 10. Dr. Lisa Heldke, Director of the Nobel Conference, Professor of Philosophy, will be giving the presentation. We hope you will come.

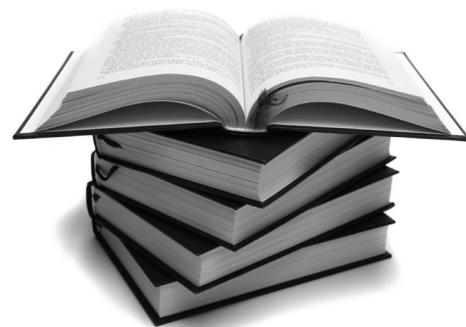
For more detailed information about the conference itself, visit gustavus.edu/nobelconference.

BOOK CLUB UPDATE

Sue Howard

One of our popular social groups is our book club, Book Ends, chaired by Jim Booker. The group meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday, at 1:00 P.M. in the small meeting room in the Blue Earth County Library. Seventeen people currently participate.

In May, members read and discussed *The Family Romanov*, by Candace Fleming. The June book of choice is *La Rosa* by Louise Erdich. In July, the group will be reading *The Heavens May Fall* by Allen Eskens and the September selection will be *Gardenia*, by Faith Sullivan.



FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT TOUR

There are still a few spaces available for our second Frank Lloyd Wright overnight tour to Mason City, IA on August 14-15. If you are interested, please contact the office.

"The longer I live, the more beautiful life becomes." Frank Lloyd Wright

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Curiosi-Tea House
529 Riverfront Drive
2 p.m. Thursdays
July 12, August 16, September 13

All members welcome.



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