

# MANKATO AREA LIFELONG LEARNERS

 MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MANKATO

Promoting vitality in later life

Summer 2017

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Sue Howard

This past year has gone very fast as president of Mankato Area Lifelong Learners! Soon you will have a new president, after our annual meeting on June 19th. I am so grateful for and thankful for our 240 members who support our Lifelong Learners group. I believe that all of our members participate in a way that works for him/her. Some members join to attend our quarterly presentations, others support our group to hear Great Decisions presentations, to attend the Nobel Conference at a reduced rate, or

to attend special events. Some join to participate the social events such as lunch and dinner groups, special events, to play bridge, or to be in the book club. All of us are involved in a way that offers us a way to learn more, meet new people, and support our mission. I am also thankful for all of the committee members who worked so hard over the year, coming up with new ideas, plans, and opportunities. I am pleased to say that I am a member of Mankato Area Lifelong Learners!!

## A BRIEF LOOK AT GEORGIA HOLMES

President Elect

Georgia Holmes was born in Mankato and attended the Mankato Public Schools. She graduated from Mankato High School (now Mankato West) in 1964 and then attended Mankato State University. She graduated with a B.S. in Secondary Education and majors in English and French, and then taught in the Saint Cloud and Mankato Public Schools. While teaching in Mankato, she completed an M.A. in English at Minnesota State Mankato. She then attended William Mitchell College of Law and graduated with a Juris Doctor degree in 1977. After passing the Minnesota Bar Exam, she clerked for the District Judges in Minnesota's Fifth Judicial District and practiced law in Mankato for about ten years. In 1980 she started teaching business law courses in the College of Business at Mankato State University (now Minnesota State University, Mankato). While on leave from her teaching position at Minnesota State Mankato, she attended the MBA program at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. She was granted tenure in the Business Administration program and eventually was promoted to full professor. She also served as a

representative from the Mankato Faculty Association to the state board of the Inter-Faculty Organization and as President of the Minnesota State Mankato Faculty Association. She is a licensed attorney who has authored articles and papers on various business law topics and has been active in several professional organizations, including the Academy of Legal Studies in Business and the American Bar Association. She was appointed to the State of Minnesota Water Resources Board by Governor Rudy Perpich and served in that capacity for six years. She retired from Minnesota State Mankato as an emeritus professor in 2016 and now does occasional editing projects for McGraw Hill Publishing Company. She is also working on a revised edition of her book "It's Time to Pray: A Child's Guide to Prayer."

Mankato Area Lifelong Learners is very appreciative to Dave Janovy who has donated an easel portfolio to carry the NEW Lifelong Learners poster and also a carrying tube for the banner. THANK YOU!

Area Congressmen visit with Lifelong Learners visitors to the renovated State Capitol

*"Thanks for coming up, it made my day."* Rep. Jack Considine

*"It was fun for us too. Thanks to everyone for coming"* Rep. Clark Johnson

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Elizabeth Peters

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members. We look forward to meeting you at our events.  
We welcome your suggestions.

Ione Barron  
Stephen Lucht  
Kat Parrish  
Sister Rita Schwalbe

Penny Herickhoff  
Maryetta McCarty  
Cathy Rieber  
Lynette Vogel

Joyce Johnson  
Malcom O'Sullivan  
Thomas Weight

Lucy Lowry  
Rose Olmsted  
Wayne & Delores Unke

## 50+ LIFESTYLE EXPO

Elizabeth Peters

Many members helped "tell the story" of Mankato Area Lifelong Learners on May 9 by talking about activities and promoting with bookmarks. Thanks to David Allan, Olga Carlson, Dave Janovy, Sandy Mutch, Elizabeth Peters, Joyce Sandry, Sharon Schindle, Carolyn Swan and Donnette Wheelock. Sister Rita Schwalbe and Lynette Vogel won gift memberships!. **WELCOME**

## MORE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Dave Janovy

In our last Newsletter I said I would point to some senior specific information. There are far too many Internet sites to list on these pages. So, here are some selected starting points.

### COMPREHENSIVE SITES

These are 2 of the best (IMHO) lists of senior resources Browse for long lists of relevant sites—pick and choose among them.

[southplainfield.lib.nj.us/seniors/seniors.htm#general](http://southplainfield.lib.nj.us/seniors/seniors.htm#general)

This long, comprehensive list comes from a New Jersey library. Links to most everything you ever wanted to know about seniors.

[AARP.org](http://AARP.org) Loads of reliable info.

### SPECIALIZED SITES

[eldercare.gov/](http://eldercare.gov/)

A national information and referral resource to provide support to consumers across a spectrum of issues of importance to seniors. Especially useful for long-distance caregiving.

[medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare/search.html?](http://medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare/search.html?)

Federal site allowing comparisons among nursing homes local and nationwide.

### OTHER

[suddenlysenior.com/index.shtml](http://suddenlysenior.com/index.shtml)

A fun, eclectic site with an attitude about growing older.

[Benefitschekup.org](http://Benefitschekup.org)

A guide to often overlooked benefits for seniors. State and national.

### AND...A FEW OTHER THINGS

**62+ Waiver Mankato State Mankato and South Central College**

Senior Citizens (62+) may take any course for no tuition charge if it is taken "for audit", on a space available basis "Audit" means attending class but no tests or grades. (Most of us would audit rather than going for credit.) The only fee for auditing a class is a Health fee is \$5.15 x # of credits of the course taken (\$15-\$22). 389-2252 Minnesota State Mankato Help Center

**Memorial Library, Minnesota State Mankato.**

As a public library, anyone can access its extensive holdings with a local library card.

**America the Beautiful pass. (AKA Golden Age pass)**

\$10 at location gate. This is a lifetime entrance permit for you and your passengers to visit national parks, monuments, historic sites, recreation areas, and national wildlife refuges which normally charge entrance fees.

*Who in the world am i? Ah, that's the great puzzle. ~Lewis Carroll*

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# LIFELONG LEARNER MONEY FACTS

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Sharon Schindle Sue Howard

Lifelong Learner Members have been curious about the funding of our organization. This article is intended to explain the sources of operating funds and expenses.

To fund operating expenses, 29% comes from class fees for presentations, 27% from membership fees, 36% from member donations and 8% from sponsorships. Lifelong Learners also receives in kind assistance from Minnesota State University, Mankato in the form of office space and computer. The organization does not receive any direct funding from the University.

Operating expenses include staff salary, advertising, printing, graphics, purchased services, room rental for presentations, speaker fees, office expenses, supplies and miscellaneous costs. Operating shortfall is projected to be \$4,850 for fiscal year 2018 which begins July 1. Additional sources of funds are being explored by the Council; such as sponsorships, grants and increased fees. Quality and value of presentations and programs will be a foremost consideration as decisions are made.

*The wise mind mourns less for what age takes away than what it leaves behind.  
~William Wordsworth*



## NOBEL CONFERENCE 53 October 4 and 5 2017



What an exciting year for the Nobel Conference! The theme, "Reproductive Technology: How Far Do We Go?" should be fascinating. Here is a "teaser" from last year's bulletin: "From artificial insemination to in-vitro fertilization to contraception, reproductive technologies have long raised a host of complex scientific, social and ethical questions. New techniques and technologies, such as genome editing in embryos and the transfer of mitochondria from one egg to another, complicate those questions still further. The 53rd Nobel Conference invites participants to consider how continuing innovations in reproductive technology challenge us to think about what it means to be human."

New this year, Gustavus is offering a "sneak peak camp" August 4-6. The cost including presentations,

room, and meals is \$300 (\$200 if no room). And as usual Lifelong Learners is offering one 2-hour pre-conference information session to be held August 5, 2 - 4 P.M. at the Children's Museum, 224 Lamm Street. The presenter will be either Yurie Hong, Professor of Classics and this year's Conference Chair, or Lisa Held, Professor of Philosophy and Nobel Conference Director.

This wonderful opportunity for Lifelong Learners members has not changed, with a reduced price for reserved seating at \$75 (\$150 for non-members); \$12.50 for lunch each day, and \$30 for the evening banquet. A registration form and more details will be sent to each member, so watch for that in your mailbox early summer.

**From a mentor and beloved friend of Mankato Area Lifelong Learners:** " I am impressed with the growth of the Great Decisions program. My friends who come to Mankato for presentations and discussions report that the group is a favorite because of the high level of interest, civilized discussions and insightful questions from the group." Randy Czeswik

*How old would you be if you didn't know  
how old you was?  
~Satchel Paige*

Interested in information about  
dining groups?  
Call Harriett @ 387 3990

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## GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decision presentations are held at 2 P.M. on the second Wednesday of the month at the Children's Museum.

Future meetings include:

- July 12 **Saudi Arabia in Transition**  
Henry Berman
- August 9 **The Future of Europe**  
Tom Hanson
- September 13 **Conflict in the South China Sea**  
Chuck Woodbury

Please contact Bruce or Elizabeth if interested in attending ONE meeting.

*Life itself is the most wonderful fairy tale. ~Hans Christian Anderson*

Clip and Save

## 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 is valid July 1, 2017 – September 30, 2017

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