

group. My wife, Mary, and I have been involved with the Pot Luck Group since 2004 and have thoroughly enjoyed meeting all the participants, visiting their homes, and eating a great variety of delicious meals.

All are welcome. If you would like to participate, an annual fee of \$10 per person is required. Interested people please contact one of the following: Al Berner, 507-278-4490, pvbritts@hickorytech.net; Kay VanBuskirk, 507-388-6188, ckvanb@hickorytech.net; Lenor Fonda, 507-387-3397.

Alfred Berner, Group Program Chair

Greetings from Anita Dittrich, MSU for Seniors Office Manager. I have truly enjoyed this very part-time job since June 1999, working in the office usually on Tuesday and Friday mornings, with the other three mornings being taken care of by my very able assistants/volunteers:

Jeanan Anderson*
Sally Burdick*
Helen Griffith
Kathryn Hanson*
Shirley Higginbotham
Grace Keir
Dorothy Lindsay*
Romaine Touhey
Kay VanBuskirk
Harlan Vee
Marion Woie

*Usually volunteer TWO times each month

Without the help of the volunteers our organization would not be where it's at! My most sincere THANKS to them all!

Our data base has been growing - currently there are about 485 labels that need to be attached to envelopes for each mailing. Plus keeping them in ZIP code order for the bulk mailing is another challenge for the volunteers. I enjoy making the name-tag labels for our classes. We hope that we will continue to keep up with the growth of this interesting and educational organization.

Anita Dittrich, Office Manager

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

MSU-S NOTES

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 Broman, 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.

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.

COMMUNITY AND CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

ENG 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, autocritical work) 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. Once a month, on the Thursday evening when Good Thunder Series writers read from their work, we will conclude class early and attend the 7:30