

University for Seniors - Spring Term 2009

News Notes



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Greetings from the NEW Director...



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am **Jane Dolter**, your new University for Seniors Director. I met a few of you at my presentation that was part of the interview process. I met even more members at the Fall Appreciation Luncheon, and I am anxious to meet everyone else.

I am a native Duluthian, growing up in Morgan Park in the shadows of the steel plant. Both my grandfather and father worked on the railroad at "the plant." Their jobs included moving product in and out of the open hearth and other plant locations where they were needed. In fact, during the War (the big one, WW II), my mother even worked at the plant in the nail room—a different take on "Rosie the Riveter."

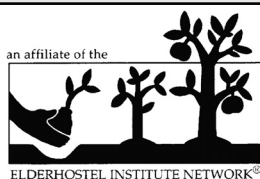
I graduated from Morgan Park High School in 1968, and received my Bachelor's degree in Management from UW-Superior and a Gerontology Certificate and my Master's in Management from The College of St. Scholastica.

I worked for the Duluth Public Schools for approximately 10 years as the Treasurer of Central High School. I retired on Dec. 31, 2007 after 22 years with Northern Pine Girl Scout Council as the Director of Membership Services. For the past year I have worked as an Area Supervisor for the Foster Grandparent Program.

My family has had a cabin at Lake Nebagamon, WI since the summer I turned 4—last summer was my 54th at the cabin. The cabin was a great place to grow up in the summer months and continues to be a gathering place for family and friends. Ask me about our "Donut Day" event.

I live in Smithville with my four pound Yorkie named Jozy. I am active in my church, and take great delight shooting hoops with the kids next door.

It is an honor to be a part of such a GREAT program. I am looking forward to celebrating the Roaring Twenties and experiencing first hand your "Wisdom, Creativity, and Vitality." Please stop in the office and introduce yourself—you are always welcome.



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From US Council President, Clarice Roseen

Dear Fellow Members,

It's a new year. My final letter as Council President, is written as January, 2009, begins. Like the nation, our organization has had an election and change of administration. At our winter kick-off luncheon, nominees Robert Hickman and Judy McKim were unanimously approved as president-elect and corresponding secretary for 2009-10, and we welcomed Jane Dolter, who is replacing Mary Lee Lalich as US director. Our next council president, Ron Anderson, has already enlisted committee co-chairs for next year, though he commented the process left him feeling he had a phone attached to his ear.

As we pivot from the past year to the year ahead, it seems an appropriate moment to recognize some of those who have contributed to the success of our program and to appeal to others to add their efforts. First, thank you to Carole Schweiger, who has provided continuity during a time of change and shown infinite reserves of knowledge, understanding, and patience. Second, thank you to the current council for being so capable, creative, efficient, fun, and quick to address and resolve issues. Third, thank you to study group leaders and assistants whose willingness to prepare and participate form the foundation of our program.

Finally, I want to thank our sponsor—UMD Continuing Education. We're completing a celebration of two decades which have made us an integral part of the university community. Beginning with an outreach to "rusty ladies" and culminating in a program for life-long learning, UMD Continuing Education has shown a commitment to students all across the age-range. We at the end of it would like to express our appreciation.

But our focus this spring is on the future. A strategic planning session held every three years is scheduled for March, at which time the council meets to assess progress on our last plan, identify concerns, set goals, and propose steps for accomplishing them. Member ideas are an important resource for this endeavor. Please participate in surveys or contact council members with your suggestions.

Currently, we're introducing and "field testing" a mentor program. It's designed to encourage members with areas of interest or expertise, but little experience teaching or leading groups to consider offering a study group. A mentor can help you with preparing a syllabus, planning presentations, developing materials, and guiding discussions. Information for getting started is in the green book. Another approach that has worked well is to enlist a partner or two to share leadership duties.

Earlier, I mentioned Ron Anderson's recruitment of the committee co-chairs who form the University for Seniors council. As May approaches, these chairs will, in turn, be seeking committee members. To avoid having phones attached to ears, glance at the committees included on the cover of this News Notes and, if one appeals to you, volunteer. Prevent unnecessary surgeries.

As someone who has enjoyed being a student, assisting with and leading study groups, serving on and co-chairing committees, and presiding at council meetings, I can highly recommend these stimulating and interesting activities for all kinds of excellent reasons.

In closing, I wish to echo Fred Astaire in George and Ira Gershwin's *Damsel in Distress*: Nice work if you can get it – and you can get it if you try.

Thank You, Mary Lee!

Farewell to Mary Lee Lalich, newly retired Director of the University for Seniors. We thank her for over six years of outstanding service and dedication to the US program, and we look forward to seeing her back on campus attending study groups this spring!



Mary Lee Lalich with new US Director, Jane Dolter.

BROWNLEE ADVISORY BOARD

The Brownlee Advisory Board will be holding their quarterly meeting on April 28, 2009. The Board invites US members to submit any proposals you may have that will enhance our programming. Proposal forms are available in the Hub at 305 Kirby Plaza or you may submit them electronically. Please submit your proposals by April 14 to the folder in the Hub or to staff in room 335 Kirby Plaza. If you have any questions, please contact a Brownlee Board member or a staff member.

Round of Applause!

Thank you to the following members and friends who have made gifts to the University for Seniors Foundation since September 2008:



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Mary Lee Lalich, retired US Director

Contributions to the US Development Fund provide scholarships for US members, as well as funding for new member receptions, luncheons for study group leaders, printing, postage, and other items. All donations are tax-deductible and qualify for inclusion in the UMD Alumni class donor's list. Gifts can be made payable to UMD/US. A note will be sent to each donor and to the person or family being honored. Please contact the US office for more information: 218/726-7637.

OUR ROARING TWENTIES THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES

The University for Seniors twenty-year celebration continues through May with a special event each month. Please mark your calendars and plan to join in the fun!

February 25 – Winter Appreciation and Spring Kick-Off Luncheon

“Honor Our History” committee members are planning a special program featuring a slide show, photo albums, music, and memories from the past 20 years. All past presidents will be honored guests at this luncheon. Be sure to wear your US sweatshirt or polo shirt if you have one, or wear something blue. The event begins at 11:30 a.m. in the Kirby Ballroom. Hurry to sign up by the February 18 deadline.

March 25–Tweed Tea with Chee

World famous water color artist Cheng-Khee Chee will give a presentation to US members in the Tweed Museum lecture room at 2:00 p.m., followed by tea and treats on the main floor. This is a rare opportunity to meet a man who has been described by people who know him as “a modern day master,” and a “complete artist.” Due to space limitations, only 100 pre-registered members will be admitted. Please check the green books or call the US office to see if there is still room to sign up.

April 11–Dinner Dance at Northland Country Club

The party starts at 5:30 p.m. and features a dinner menu of chicken picatta with a dijon caper sauce, vegetable, baked breads, dessert, and coffee for \$29, including tax and tip. The Northland Country Club has generously waived the room rental fee.

A grant from the Brownlee Foundation will provide music by the Randy Lee Ensemble, playing popular music from our era. Enjoy a great evening of dancing, or play table games and enjoy listening to the live music. Come and have a wonderful time with your University for Seniors friends.

May 20–Spring Appreciation Luncheon

This end-of-the-year event will showcase US writers through the years. A new book of poetry will be featured, along with short stories and memorable events all written and presented by our members. This is also an opportunity to thank the spring term study group leaders for volunteering their time and expertise to the program. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon, with a choice of beef stroganoff or vegetable penne salad, for \$9 per person. Open to the public, so invite a friend or neighbor to come along!

Looking ahead Watch for the summer events postcard in your mailbox!

Strategic Planning Process

This is a formalized process that allows us to briefly look back at our accomplishments and challenges, and an opportunity to plan and prioritize for the future. The strategic planning process for University for Seniors happens every three years. In March of 2009, we will take two days to complete the plan for the next triennium.

Pat Miller will once again be using her skills and insight to guide us through the process. We have compiled a questionnaire for you to complete to make our information current and relevant. Please complete and return it by the deadline—we want your input!



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on Wednesday, February 25, 2009

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Luncheon Reservation Form*

Name(s) _____

Telephone number _____

Number of people attending _____

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The luncheon will be held in the UMD Kirby Ballroom on the third floor of the Kirby Student Center. Come as early as 11:30 a.m. to visit with spring study group leaders and register for the spring term. An "Honor Our History" program will feature photos, music, and memories from the past 20 years. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.

The cost of the luncheon is \$9.00 with your choice of French dip with side salad or penne and roasted vegetable salad. **Advance reservations and payment for the luncheon are required by February 18.** This event is open to the public. For additional information call 218/ 726-7515.

You can include payment for the luncheon on the registration form by checking the box and totaling together your study group registration and luncheon reservation.

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