



FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Barbara Keating

While our Lifelong Learners (LL) membership numbers are making a post-pandemic comeback, they are not yet large enough to avoid deficit budgets. We have been dipping into our reserves created with donations and bequests. In the meantime, our expenses continue to grow. To avoid raising membership fees, the LL Council has decided to pursue alternative fundraising.

HOW YOU CAN HELP...

1. Invite friends to join Lifelong Learners.
2. Volunteer for one of our committees or offer to be a member-at-large on the Council.
3. Make a tax-deductible donation to replenish our reserves.

SCAN TO GIVE



To make a tax-deductible donation to Lifelong Learners by check, make checks payable to Minnesota State University, Mankato Foundation, **and specify "Lifelong Learners" in the memo line**. Send to: MSU Foundation, 126 Alumni & Foundation Center, Mankato, MN 56001.

To make an tax-deductible online donation, go to <https://engage.mnsu.edu/mall> or use the Mankato Area Lifelong Learners donation QR Code above. Thank you for supporting LL.

HISTORY OF MANKATO AREA LIFELONG LEARNERS – PART 1

The idea for an organization promoting lifelong learning for seniors originated with Professor of Gerontology, David Janovy. Emerita Professor Eddice Barber acted on his idea, and the two cofounded the organization on October 30, 1995, in Memorial Library with five others in attendance. By November of that year, several others had joined, and committees were formed. The group began classes with an enrollment of 50 as MSU for Seniors in 1996. The classes were similar in format to the current presentations, although MSU provided classroom space. The organization's original members had all been participants in Elder Hostel (now Road Scholar). Sponsorship by Minnesota State University Mankato was supported by President Rush and was formally approved by the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, the Dean's Council, and the President's Council. In May 1997, a constitution and by-laws were formally approved by the membership. By the fall of 1999 class enrollments had increased to 121. Several special events were organized each year, and educational trips were very popular.

In 2007 MSU for Seniors had annual membership dues of \$10 and fees for the classes were \$25 per quarter. The organization was affiliated with the Elderhostel Institute Network (EIN). All organizations in this network were sponsored by a college or university and were member-directed and financially independent.

In the 2008-2009 fiscal year, the organization changed its logo and its name to Mankato Area Lifelong Learners. MSU continued its sponsorship and provided office space for a part-time office manager.

SPECIAL EVENTS – SUMMER 2024

Vine's Love Your Age 55+ Expo

The annual VINE-sponsored Love Your Age 55+ Expo will be held 1-4 PM, Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. The Expo includes free goodie bags to the first 800 attendees, free health assessments, free refreshments, door prizes, and a speaker series. Many vendors (including Lifelong Learners) will have booths in the Grand Hall. For more information, see: <https://vinevolunteers.org/expo/>



Gustavus Nobel Conference – 2024

The Gustavus Adolphus College Nobel Conference 60, "Sleep, Unraveled," will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, October 1-2, 2024. Since the conference is free this year, Lifelong Learners (LL) will not organize or preregister our usual group for discounted tickets. The conference will be held in Christ Chapel on the Gustavus campus instead of in the arena. The lectures and panel discussions will be available for viewing online without cost or pre-registration.



If you plan to attend the conference in person, please register using the registration link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeD-RO5A_ZLAMNkvbkNvTX1UB3kj4h7IRO_ikS-vznl3nkrA/viewform

The conference organizers have offered us the possibility of some limited reserved LL group seating if we can tell them about the approximate number in mid-September. If you would like to sit near other LL members, please call or send Colleen a note at (507) 389-2011 or email: LifelongLearners@mnsu.edu. You must still register using the link.

For more information, go to <https://gustavus.edu/events/nobelconference/2024/>

LIFELONG LEARNING TIDBITS



Registered Dietitian April Graff, who gave the April 29 Lifelong Learners (LL) presentation on "**Nutrition for Senior Health**," has volunteered to serve as a resource person about nutrition and diet for LL members. **To contact her:** email: Agraff@hy-vee.com, call the Hy-Vee store at (507) 625-9070, or visit the store on 2010 Adams Street, Mankato. Thank you, April!

WELCOME NEW MEMEBERS! WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU!



Patricia Anderson
David Bergmark
Susan Bergmark

Heide Hinckley
Deb Joerg
Genevieve Roessler

Gary Schott
Katherine Schott
Carol Seifert

Kyle Ward

Please welcome Colleen Fritz, our new office manager!



2024 SUMMER REGISTRATIONS & MEMBERSHIP FORM

Silver Membership: \$35/year - Presentations \$5 each Gold Membership: \$140/year - Presentations included	Registration prior to attendance requested. Non-member: Presentation \$10
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New Member | **Renewal** | **New Info**
 \$35 Basic Membership — Member 1
 \$140 Bundled Membership — Member 1
 Name: _____
 Email: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Birth Year _____

New Member | **Renewal** | **Non-member**
 \$35 Basic Membership — Member 2
 \$140 Bundled Membership — Member 2
 Name: _____
 Email: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Birth Year _____

Annual Membership Fee(s) _____

MBR 1	MBR 2/NM	PRESENTATIONS - \$5 each Basic Membership	\$10 each Non-members (NM)
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<input type="checkbox"/> 2:	<input type="checkbox"/> 2:	Mon., July 15 - An Introduction to Traumatic Brain Injury	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 4:	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:	Mon., August 5 - The Criminal Justice System	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 6:	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:	Thurs., August 22 - Get Moving: Motivating Yourself to Exercise	
<input type="checkbox"/> 7:	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:	Wed., August 28 - Speciesism and Society: Rethinking Our Relationships with Animals	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 11:	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:	Tues., September 24 - Using County Resources to Build Your Family Tree	

_____ **Total Presentation Registrations for Members**

_____ **Total Presentation Registrations for NM**

_____ **Total Presentation Fees**

_____ **Grand Total All Fees**

Submit registration form and payment to:
 Mankato Area Lifelong Learners
 129 Morris Hall,
 Mankato, MN 56001

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS: 

SIP AND CHAT - "TEA AND SUMMER PIES"

Join LLL friends at the **Curiosi - Tea House**,
1745 Commerce Dr., North Mankato at 2:00 pm
for two types of tea and a fruit pastry. Self-pay
at the Tea House. **If you plan to attend, please**
notify Colleen at 507.389.2011 or email:
lifelonglearners@mnsu.edu.

Tues, July 16 - Blueberry Pie & Tea

Tues, Aug. 20 - Peach Pie & Tea

Tues, Sept. 17 - Apple Pie & Tea

VINE'S 55+ Expo

September 17 · 1 - 4 pm
Mayo Clinic Event Center

Gustavus Adolphus College
Nobel Conference 60

October 1 - 2, 2024
Christ's Chapel.

GREAT DECISIONS: SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, 2-4PM

July 10 - (Pioneer Bank) Richard Lietch on China -U.S. Trade Policy

August 14 - (Pioneer Bank) Todd Lefko on the Future of NATO

September 11 - (Bethlehem Lutheran Church) Edmund Downie (pending confirmation)
on Climate Technology and Competition



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