



MINNEAPOLIS AREA SENIOR WORKERS ASSOCIATION

Our Mission: To develop a multidisciplinary community of professionals working in the field of aging who are educated, supported, and interconnected so they may improve services and advocate for older adults.

August Membership Meeting

- Date:** Thursday, August 30, 2007
- Location:** Walker Plaza
131 Monroe Street
Anoka, MN 55303
- Contact:** Diane Rideout at 763-422-1226
- Schedule:** 2:25 Registration and Networking
2:40 Business Meeting
3:15 Program Presentation
4:15 Networking and Tour
- Topic:** The 3-D Approach: Distinguishing Delirium, Depression, and Dementia
- Speaker:** Carol Brage, RN Program Director
GRACE Program – Regina Medical Center
- Objectives:** At the conclusion of this session, the participants will be able to:
- Define delirium, dementia, and depression.
 - Discuss how to distinguish delirium, dementia and depression
 - Describe the nursing or healthcare worker implications related to caring for patients with delirium, dementia, or depression.
- 1 CEU credit
Certificates of Attendance (CEU's) available
Guest Fee: \$5.00
- Please Note: Meeting is on fifth Thursday.**

Remember to check out the MASWA website www.seniorworkers.org. There have been some changes made and a few more will be made in the near future.

The President's Message

Happy August, fellow MASWA members!

We are in the midst of a glorious summer and I am enjoying every moment of it, as I'm sure you are! Does it get much better than this?

Your Board of Directors is getting ready for our Summer Retreat, which is an afternoon of creative thinking. We will be reviewing all of the surveys you have been diligently filling out for us. For those who have not filled out a survey as yet, please go to the MASWA website (seniorworkers.org) and select the Minneapolis side of the website and follow the directions to fill out the survey. I know it will take a few minutes, but we really need your input to point this organization in the direction all of you want it to go.

At the retreat we will be thinking about philanthropic opportunities, scholarship ideas, and improving the content of our meetings so all of you can get the greatest benefit from being members of MASWA. Thank you for your ongoing support. I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting.

Your President and fellow member,

Linda Debner

Save the Date for the Fall Aging Conference

October 26, 2007

Earle Brown Heritage Center

Planning is well underway, check the website:

<http://www.seniorworkers.org> for periodic updates!

Hope to see you there.

2007 Membership Survey

TAKE THE MEMBERSHIP SURVEY....LINK CAN BE FOUND ON <http://www.seniorworkers.org>

The Board values and “needs” your input to help with planning for MASWA goals and activities for this upcoming year. We want MASWA to represent the expectations of the membership.

We would like to have feedback in time for the Board Retreat, but we will continue to collect survey responses and discuss at future meetings.

Have you started the challenge yet?

If you happen to have missed the Spring Luncheon, MASWA’s Membership Committee is challenging the membership to recruit people that work with seniors in all different industries to become members of MASWA. In return you will have the chance to win either a \$100 or \$300 gift certificate. How? Each person you refer gives you a chance in the drawing to win one of the \$100 gift certificates. The member that recruits the highest number of new members wins the \$300 gift certificate. **Be sure to have your referral put your name in the “How did you hear about MASWA?” line on the application.** If you have any questions, please contact Angie Furr-Bizal at Angie.Bizal@alz.org. Good Luck !!

Public Policy News

Be sure to check out the Joint Public Policy page on <http://www.seniorworkers.org>. Here you will find links to many useful organizations on both the State and National levels which will help you stay informed and proactive. Periodically, the joint committee will post updates on pending or urgent issues we feel may be of interest to you. An action alert concerning a proposed Elder Justice Act has recently been posted on this link. The collective voices of MASWA and SPASWA have an exciting opportunity to impact the decisions that affect the rights of the seniors we serve.



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