



### 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.*

#### June Membership Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, June 28, 2007

**Location:** Jones-Harrison Residence  
3700 Cedar Lake Avenue  
Minneapolis, MN 55416

**Contact:** Cynthia Frances at 612-920-2030

**Schedule:** 2:25 Registration and Networking  
2:40 Business Meeting  
3:15 Program Presentation  
4:15 Networking and Tour

**Topic:** "Ageism in our society: examine it's effects for all women, including the GLBT community perspective."

**Speaker:** Annalee Stewart, member of OLOC (Old Lesbians Organizing for Change)

**Objectives:** Participants will learn:

- To reexamine your beliefs about aging – for others and yourself.
- How carrying a secret for a lifetime impacts one's life.
- Education about a group of lesbians over age 60 who offer an organization that enables older lesbians to meet and share their experiences in life.

1CEU credit  
Certificates of Attendance (CEU's) available  
Guest Fee: \$5.00

#### Welcome to our new President, Linda Debner!

Hello fellow MASWA members,  
I can't believe it is June already. Where has spring gone? I know everyone is very busy this time of the year, so I thank you for your continuing participation in MASWA.



As your new President, I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about myself. I have been a registered nurse for many years, 33 to be exact. For some of you this is a lifetime! After receiving my degree in Nursing, I completed a BA in Public Relations and an MA in Health and Human Services Administration. The last 12 years I have been working for Hospice of the Twin Cities as Director of Provider Relations, Community Education, and Quality Improvement. I know this is a very long title ~ my business card is actually a license plate. Prior to hospice I worked in medical education for eight years, the insurance industry for ten years, and a family practice clinic for two years. That takes us back to 1814, and that was a very good year! I am a widow and have one child, a daughter, who is the reason I cherish life! My daughter and I live in Elk River with our nine cats. Now you probably know more about me than you ever wanted to!

I urge you to think of goals we can work toward as an organization. Please share those goals with each other and your Board of Directors. Remember, this is YOUR organization and we have the potential of making a positive impact on our community.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the June membership meeting.

Your President, Linda Debner

#### The New MASWA Board of Directors

A new MASWA Board of Directors was nominated and then confirmed at the Spring Luncheon on May 17, 2007. The new Board members elected are: President: Linda Debner, President Elect: Loretta Stinson, Past President: Paul Blom, Secretary: Beth Nemeck, Treasurer: Paul Blom, Historian: Kelly Lundgren, Members-at-Large: Marti Briest, Barb Grimm and Polly Lewellyn, Membership: Angie Furr and Marlene Panek, Public Policy: Diane Rideout, Conference: Susan Green and Loretta Stinson, Program: Cynthia Frances, Rosemary Rohach, and Kay Johnson, Education: Connie Marsolek, Communications: Kitty Engle, Nominations: Allen Cox. Get to know your new Board at the next meeting!



The **Spring Luncheon** was a great success! Pictured are some of the newly elected board members and one of the beautiful centerpieces.

A great day!



### **Nominating News.....**

For those members who indicated interest in being on a committee of the Board for the 2007—2008 year, please look forward to being contacted sometime in June by the Chairperson of your committee of interest. If you somehow have been missed and don't receive a call, please give Allen Cox, the Nominating Committee Chairperson a call. His phone number is 612-824-2345. Thank you for your willingness to participate in our organization.

Past Nominating Chair, Paula Dechmann



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## **Public Policy Forum Tuesday, June 12, 2007**

*“Where Are We and Where Are We Headed?”*

**Time:** 2:30 p.m. Registration

**Location:** Lakeview Commons of Maplewood  
1200 North Lakewood Drive  
Maplewood, MN  
651-770-1111

**Presenters:** **MN Representative Mindy Greiling**  
**and**  
**MN Senator Linda Berglin**  
Chair of Senate Health and Human  
Services & Corrections Division

### **Overview:**

- Recent mental health initiatives
- Recent legislation affecting seniors and persons with disabilities
- Priorities ahead

CEU's will be available ~ Guest fee \$5.00  
Annual membership opportunities