

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.

Monthly News

June 2008

Joint Public Policy Forum St. Paul and Minneapolis Senior Workers Association

- Date:** Tuesday, June 10, 2008
- Location:** Southdale Library
7001 York Avenue South
Edina, MN 55435
952-847-5900
- Contact:** Joyce Konczyk at 612-227-7414
- Schedule:** 2:30 p.m. – Registration
2:45 p.m. – Speaker Presentation
4:30 p.m. – Adjourn
- Topic:** “Dynamics of Policy and Politics”
- Speaker:** Dawn Simonson, Executive Director,
Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging,
Co-Chair, MN Leadership Council on Aging
- Directions:** Intersection of York Avenue & 70th St.
(Map on MASWA website)
- Objectives:**
1. Current initiatives, rebalancing senior services
 2. How economic changes affect funding sources
 3. Synopsis of legislative session 2008
 4. Role of the Area Agency on Aging
 5. Advocacy, where to find good resources
- Certificates of Attendance (CEU's) available.**
- 1.5 CEU credit Guest fee: \$5.00**

The President's Message

Hello!



I want to thank all of you who attended the Spring Luncheon. It was a great success. The lunch was very good and the speaker, Mike Justin, was very informative, and funny, as well. I am always amazed at the amount of door prizes you all contribute, and that really makes the luncheon fun. I want to send a special thank you to the “members-at-large” (Marti Briest, Barb Grimm, and Polly Lewellyn) who planned the luncheon and carried it off without a hitch.

The new Board of Directors will have their first meeting in June and will start setting the agenda for this coming year. I am anxious to welcome them to the Board. They are a great group and we are very fortunate to have them working for all of us. As you all know, the new Board members will be serving on the Board for two years, and those who are returning to the Board will be finishing out their two year term this coming year.

We continue to urge all of you to give your Board any ideas you have for education, conference speakers, and ways of giving back to the community. We need to hear from you so we move this organization along in the way you want us to grow. Your Board members are listed on our website and please feel free to contact us.

Don't forget the joint Public Policy meeting June 10th at the Southdale Library. All of the details are on the website. I think it will prove to be a very interesting meeting.

Linda Debner

MASWA President

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FEATURED BOARD MEMBER OF THE MONTH: Marlene Panek, Membership Chair

This is my third year being on the Membership Committee for the MASWA Board. I truly value the opportunity it has provided me to give back to the senior community. In my opinion, the best seat to hold on the board is the Membership chair because I get to meet and greet all the wonderful and dedicated senior workers that share the same desire to better the lives of older adults each month at our membership meetings. I have been working in the senior industry for the past eight years. I started in the senior housing market and then five years ago found my calling in care management. The loves in my life are my husband, two children - Grace (3) and Trevor (1), the color Red, dressing up for Halloween, boating, baking anything with chocolate in it and shopping for a good deal!



Congratulations and thank you to the following new board members:

Diane Maurer, Member at Large
Ben Musburger, Education

Georgia Lane, Historian

Virginia Kafer, Program
JoAnn Sanford, Nominating



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