

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

May 2008

Spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting

Date: May 15, 2008

Location: **The Reserve**
3155 Empire Lane
Plymouth, MN 55447

Contact: Marti Briest at 952-848-5819

Schedule: **12:15 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.**

Topic: Addressing Mental Health Issues
A Client's Right to Self Determination
v.s. A Danger to Self or Others

Speaker: **Mike Justin, LICSW, MALP**
ElderCare Consultants

Directions: From Highway 494: Take Hwy 55 West exit and go to the first intersection...Fernbrook Lane North. Turn right. The next intersection is Harbor Lane North. Turn right on Harbor Lane. At the first street you come to...Empire Lane...turn left. The building is ahead and on the left. Watch for the MASWA signs too!

Certificates of Attendance (CEU's) available.

1.5 CEU credit Guest fee: \$5.00

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUESTED

Payment must accompany registration. \$20.00 payable to MASWA.

Deadline Now Extended To: May 9th, 2008.

Mail to: Marti Briest, Parkshore Senior Campus
3633 Park Center Blvd., St. Louis Park, MN 55416
952-848-5819

**Menu Options:

Regular: Turkey or Ham Wrap w/fresh fruit
Vegetarian: Veggie Wrap w/Cheese
Vegan: Veggie Salad

The President's Message

Spring is finally here and I'm hoping that means "NO MORE SNOW!"



I am patiently waiting for the grass to green up, the trees to open their leaves (hurry, allergies are a killer this year!), the tulips to bloom, and the sound of all of the wonderful species of birds chirping loudly as they construct their nests to welcome their babies. Isn't spring a wondrous time? Everything is so fresh...

I am looking forward to the Spring Luncheon which is just around the corner, on May 15th at the Reserve. We have a great speaker planned, Mike Justin, and the food is always wonderful. I hope to see all of you there as this is the meeting we thank the outgoing board members for their hard work and the positive impact they have made on the organization, and the meeting where we welcome the new and continuing board members. Serving on the board of this organization is not only a privilege, but an honor. I hope you all consider becoming board members at some point in your careers. It is a wonderful experience in the democratic process, as well as a way to learn teamwork and team-building. Besides that, it is great fun and you really get to know those you serve with.

I will see you all on May 15th. I thank you for a great year, and I am looking forward to one more as your President.

Linda Debner

MASWA President

The Spring Luncheon & Annual Meeting replaces the regular 4th Thursday meeting for May.

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FEATURED BOARD MEMBER OF THE MONTH: Susan Green

As the daughter of a nursing home Co-Founder/Administrator, Susan Green has been actively involved in the Senior Community since the tender age of 4. As an RN she has provided care to the elderly in both acute and long term care settings. Susan and her brother Ron opened the first Visiting Angels office in Minnesota 6 years ago. Since then she has been involved in every aspect of growing and nurturing her business. Susan is currently co-chair of the Private Duty Team with the Minnesota Home Care Association. She has been active on the Minneapolis Senior Workers Board since 2004, previously serving 2 years on the Members At Large Committee and is currently the co-chair of the Fall Aging Conference.



Susan is the proud mom of 3 adult sons. She's a boater, a black belt, a yogi, a lover of shoes, a silly and sometimes known to be inattentive at MASWA meetings :)

Susan says, "Serving on the MASWA Board these past 4 years has been a life enriching opportunity. The good people and good works of both the Board and our Membership have made for a most wonderful experience. Thank you!"

MASWA/SPSWA Public Policy Meeting Tuesday, June 10

Southdale Library, 7001 York Avenue South, Edina, MN 55435, 952.847.5900

Guest/Topic: Dawn Simonson, Executive Director of Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging and co-chair of the Minnesota Leadership Council on Aging will update members on MNLCOA's work since their January presentation at Earl Brown Center. She will also highlight the programs that MAAA manages that provide so many useful services to our community.

Please check our website for public policy information: <http://www.seniorworkers.org/>



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