**February Will Be a Fun-Filled Month**

Unsutawney Phil did not see his shadow so hopefully that means spring will be just around the corner and the Daffodils will be in bloom. I know the past few warm days made me anxious to shed my winter coat and sweaters. Our last big snow has melted and now I'm ready for rain to wash the streets and give us much needed moisture.

I am looking forward to all the fun-filled activities that February holds from celebrating Valentine’s Day to celebrating UNOPA’s 50th anniversary. By now you should have your personal invitation to the party on Feb. 21st. I know the committee has worked hard to make this a memorable evening for all attendees. I encourage all of you to make a special effort to attend; it’s not every day UNOPA turns 50.

Since UNOPA is all about personal and professional growth, some other activities to put on your radar are all the brown bag workshops that

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**Engler Program is Topic for February 12th Meeting**

Our speaker for the February UNOPA meeting will be Dr. Thomas Field, Director of the Engler Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program and holder of the Engler Chair in Entrepreneurship at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Dr. Field will speak on the Engler Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program at the UNL Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR). This is a $20 million endowment fund from Paul Engler with the ultimate goal of creating employers and community builders.

Join us on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 11:45 a.m. in the Nebraska East Union for a presentation on this dynamic program. Lunch will be from Valentino’s Pizza and will cost $9.25. Please send your reservations to Alicia Arnold, 1700 Y St. – BSC, City Campus, 0694, arnold6@unl.edu.


Activities Abound in February and March

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have been scheduled over the next few months by our Outreach Director, Tricia Liedle. You will find a list below. Also there are trainings on "Situational Awareness" on Feb. 22nd from 12-1, East Campus Union and "Conflict De-escalation" on March 21st, 12-1, City Campus Union, presented by UNL Police Officer Aaron Pembleton. These are brown bags sessions that I would encourage you to attend. He comes highly recommended by those that have heard him speak. He makes you think about what you would do if faced with a serious situation.

Also coming up is the NEOPA state conference, April 18-19 at Southeast Community College, Lincoln, and the Central Area Conference on March 21-23 in Blue Springs, MO. Look for more details on these conferences coming soon. With all these professional development workshops and conferences in the near future, you will have several opportunities to help you grow professionally and put the information you learn to good use in your offices and your daily life.

UNOPA was well represented at our January meeting with UAAD and I hope to see a big crowd at the February 12th meeting. Since a UNOPA meeting is a great way to network, I would like to ask each of you to sit at a table with someone different than you usually sit with. Take this opportunity to get to know others and if we have new members and guests, I would ask that you be especially welcoming to them.

Thanks and Happy Valentine's Day! Don't forget to tell the ones you love how special they are.

– Linda Luedtke, CEOE, 2012-2013 UNOPA President

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**You’re Invited to Our Upcoming Brown Bag Sessions Sponsored by UNOPA Outreach**

Please join us for three upcoming fun and educational Brown Bag Sessions. Each topic will have two sessions – one on City Campus and one on East Campus. Bring your lunch and meet us at either the Nebraska Union or the Nebraska East Union from 12:00-1:00 p.m. For questions, please contact Tricia Liedle at 472-3305 or patricia.liedle@unl.edu.

**Topic: LinkedIn**

Speaker: Diane Siefkes

Wednesday, February 20
Location: East Campus Union

Wednesday, March 20
(same as Feb. 20 session)
Location: City Campus Union

**Topic: Outlook for MAC New Tidbits**

Speaker: Ranelle Maltas

Tuesday, April 23
Location: East Campus Union

Thursday, April 25
(same as April 23 session)
Location: City Campus Union

**Topic: Outlook for PC Users New Tidbits**

Speaker: Ranelle Maltas

Tuesday, May 21
Location: City Campus Union

Thursday, May 23
(same as May 21 session)
Location: East Campus Union

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**CALENDAR for 2012-2013**

**February**

12 UNOPA General Meeting, 11:45 a.m.–1 p.m., Nebraska East Union.

20 Brown Bag Session about LinkedIn with Diane Siefkes, 12-1 p.m., Nebraska East Union.

21 UNOPA’s 50th Anniversary Celebration! 5:30 p.m., Nebraska East Union.

22 Situational Awareness, noon-1 p.m., Nebraska East Union.

**March**

5 UNOPA Board meeting, 3 p.m., Whittier Conf. Room, 3rd floor.

9 PSP Luncheon, “Decades of Beauty,” Vine Congregational Church, Lincoln, 10:30-1:30.

12 UNOPA General Meeting, 11:45 a.m.–1 p.m., Gaughan Center.

20 Brown Bag Session about LinkedIn with Diane Siefkes, 12-1 p.m., City Campus Union (same as Feb. 20 session).

21 Conflict De-escalation, noon-1 p.m., City Campus Union.

21-23 Central Area Conference, Blue Springs, MO.

**April**

2 UNOPA Board meeting, 3 p.m., Whittier Conf. Room, 3rd floor.

9 UNOPA General Meeting and Past President’s Luncheon, 11:45 a.m.–1 p.m., Nebraska East Union.

18-19 NEOPA State Conference, Southeast Community College.

23 Brown Bag Session about "Outlook for Mac New Tidbits," with Renelle Maltas, noon-1 p.m., Nebraska East Union.

25 Brown Bag Session about “Outlook for Mac New Tidbits,” with Renelle Maltas, noon-1 p.m., Nebraska East Union.

**May**

7 UNOPA Board meeting, 3 p.m., Whittier Conference Rm 3rd Floor.

14 UNOPA General Meeting, 11:45
Nominate a co-worker for Rose Frolik Award

The Rose Frolik/Past Presidents luncheon is Tuesday, April 9, 2013, from 11:45–1 p.m. at the Nebraska East Union.

Nominations are open for the annual Rose Frolik Award. This award was created to recognize a UNOPA member who demonstrates the attributes of UNOPA’s founder and first president, Rose Frolik. Rose was an enthusiastic, energetic person who challenged life and felt that how you do your work may be a lot more important than what you do.

Any UNOPA member who has been an active member for at least the last five years is eligible. (Members of the 2012-2013 Awards Committee, including the director, and UNOPA elected officers are ineligible. Individuals who have previously received this award are also ineligible.) Nominees must meet all eligibility criteria to be considered. A nomination may be made by any one, including self. In the event of a tie, the monetary award will be split among the winners.

UNOPA is looking for nominees who exemplify the spirit of Rose. Nomination information is on our website at: http://unopa.unl.edu/about/annualawards and should be submitted by March 4, 2013. Please direct all questions to Diane Carson, dcarson2@unl.edu, 402-472-8209.

Consider Running for 2013-2014 UNOPA Offices

The nomination committee is requesting members send more suggestions for the officer positions (Recording & Corresponding Secretaries and President Elect) we need to fill for next year. The committee will contact them.

Our board has been super this year. I think everyone would agree it’s been a good experience. In order to keep an organization fresh, some new faces are needed each year that will bring new ideas to the table. So please consider helping out. If you have never run for office, now is the time to step out of your comfort zone, put your name on the ballot and join in the fun next year. You make great friends from other parts of the campus besides where you work. Networking is one of the huge benefits.

Call one of the committee members, Nelvie Lienemann, Jaime Long or Diane Carson or send the form to Nelvie at 207 AGH, 0704.

Goodburn Speaks at January UNOPA/UAAD Meeting

More than 100 UNOPA and UAAD members attended a joint meeting January 15 at the Wick Alumni Center to hear Amy Goodburn (far left), UNL Associate Vice Chancellor, speak about the university’s goals for the next five years.

Technology Tips

In February, Information Services will offer a series of workshops for faculty and staff on Microsoft Windows 8. The workshops will be taught by Ranelle Maltas, technology training manager.

Sessions in the Nebraska City Campus Union are:
- Feb. 21, 9:30 a.m.

Sessions in the Nebraska East Union are:
- Feb. 20, 9:30 a.m.

In the past, the UNL Information Services (I.S.) Department has not supported Windows 8 Operating System or Microsoft Office 2013, according to their website (http://is.unl.edu). The Windows 8 operating system did not work with Firefly or the SAP GUI (Graphical User Interface).

Specific questions about Windows 8, MS 2013, Internet Explorer, and Firefly may be directed to the Helpdesk at 402-472-7373.

Inspirational Thoughts

“‘If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you will have succeeded.’”

– Maya Angelou
Pasta with Personality is New Fundraiser

UNOPA will be selling Fun Pasta for our spring money maker. The pasta comes in all kinds of interesting shapes and colors that make eating pasta fun. There are a variety of shapes for everyone to include personal interests, holidays, kids sports, and your favorite collegiate sports teams. Fun Pasta has pasta and mixes for soups and salads, gluten-free pasta, plus much more. There will be a sample display and packets available at our next general meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 12th.

You can sell two ways – with a fun pasta packet we can provide you, or you can shop online at http://www.funpastafundraising.com/shop/unopa where even more products are available. Please share this link with your family and friends. Selling dates are Feb. 11th to March 15th so you have plenty of time to sell. Remember UNOPA earns 40 percent of the total sold minus shipping costs which are $6.95 for orders under $75 or free for orders over $75. Combine orders, pay no shipping and have the orders delivered directly to your office. Orders are shipped by FedEx Ground in about 5-7 working days after receipt of payment.

For questions, please call or email either Jane Schneider at 472-8670, jane.schneider@unl.edu or Linda Luedtke at 472-9354, lluedtke1@unl.edu.

See Menu for the UNOPA 50th Anniversary Celebration

For those of you who are wondering what the menu will be for our 50th anniversary celebration, here it is.

- Beef tips w/mushrooms over rice
- Dill red potatoes
- Rolls/butter
- Chicken w/forty cloves of garlic
- Waldorf salad
- Coffee/tea/water
- Whole kernel corn
- Fruit tray
- Decorated Anniversary Cake
- Fresh vegetable medley
- Broccoli raisin salad
- Dill red potatoes
- Waldorf salad
- Fruit tray
- Decorated Anniversary Cake
- Rolls/butter
- Chicken w/forty cloves of garlic
- Whole kernel corn
- Fresh vegetable medley

Everyone should have received their invitations and registration form by now. If not please let Marcy Tintera know. The goal is at least 100 in attendance so please send in your form and $13 payment right away. Then mark your calendars for a fun night on Feb 21st at 5:30 p.m. at the Nebraska East Union.

Join UNOPA and make a difference! Contact Barbara Homer, Membership Director, at bhomero@unomaha.edu to join.