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2015 Floyd S. Oldt Outstanding Staff and Silver Pen Award Winners

UNL employees received awards at the Nov. 10 University of Nebraska Office Professionals Association luncheon. The Floyd S. Oldt Outstanding Staff Award was presented to Kathy Schindler, Administrative Support Associate for Agronomy & Horticulture, and the Floyd S. Oldt Silver Pen Awards were presented to Michelle Jacobs, Administrative Coordinator for the Marketing Department & CBA Agribusiness Program, and Susan Thomas, Accounting Associate for the HAPPI Business Center.



*Kathy Schindler,
Floyd S. Oldt
Outstanding Staff
Award Winner*

*Michelle Jacobs and Susan Thomas,
2015 Floyd S. Oldt Silver Pen Award
Winners*

Floyd S. Oldt Outstanding Staff and Silver Pen Award Winners

The Floyd S. Oldt Outstanding Staff Award recognizes an outstanding University of Nebraska office/service employee who demonstrates distinguished service and contributions to the University community. The recipient receives a \$1000 cash award, an engraved plaque, and a one-year UNOPA membership.

Kathy was nominated by Susan Thomas. The nominator and other letters of support commented that "Kathy's ability to think holistically about the program and assist in strategic planning as part of a team. She has the skills to think about the future while being able to dig into the details of tasks that need to be completed in the present. Kathy's co-workers are inspired by her ability to manage her workload and still have time to help others at a moment's notice. Kathy emulates what a professional should be at the University."

The Silver Pen Award honors office/service employees who have demonstrated superior performance while employed at UNL and who have made significant contributions to the University community. The recipient receives a \$600 cash award, an engraved A.T. Cross Silver Pen, a framed certificate, and a one-year UNOPA membership.

Michelle was nominated by Dwayne Ball. The nominator and other letters of support commented that "Michelle runs the day-to-day operations of the department with extreme skill, dedication, and tact. She has made sacrifices for our department far beyond the call of duty. She has a cheerful, positive, can-do outlook to life that is infectious. She is also a loyal Nebraska native and loves this state. It is not hard to see why. She encompasses so many of the good qualities that make this a great state to live and work. Michelle is a true UNL treasure!"

Susan was nominated by Kathy Schindler. The nominator and other letters of support commented that "Susan is willing to step outside of her comfort zone to answer questions, learn new tasks, and be a team player. Susan possesses qualities of a positive attitude, friendliness, loyalty, top-notch skills, willingness to learn new tasks, and being a team player. She seeks to make the corner of their world a better place whether it's for the university, Extension, unit, department, UNOPA or their community."

Congratulations to the award winners.

More details at: <http://go.unl.edu/gkcm>

Bischoff receives 2015 Floyd S. Oldt Boss of the Year Award

Dr. Richard Bischoff, Chairperson and Professor with Child, Youth & Family Studies, was presented the UNOPA Boss of the Year Award at the 35th annual boss's luncheon on Nov. 10, 2015. He was nominated by Lisa King. Some comments made by the nominator and letters of support include: "Richard is open to new ways of doing things, allowing us to experiment with our work to find the best practices for our job duties. He actively seeks advice from the department staff and faculty about how to best go about the policies in our department. Richard shows leadership abilities in a quiet way, by encouraging others and trusting people. He has a figurine in his office that shows people boosting one another up in a tree. Richard's philosophy is just that-we succeed and lead by helping others on their way".

Dr. Bischoff was presented a \$500 cash award, an engraved plaque, and one-year UNOPA membership.

Congratulations to the award winner.

More details at: <http://go.unl.edu/vjbp>



Lisa King and Dr. Richard Bischoff, Boss of the Year

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Dec. 8 General Meeting

Please join us on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the City Campus Union Ballroom for our monthly general meeting. Entertainment is being provided by the "Spontaneous Chordbustin" choir from Pius X High School.

Don't forget to bring your Giving Tree items for the Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach along with any food donations, and your Box Tops for Education to benefit the Elliott Elementary School. We look forward to seeing you on Dec. 8.

Happy Holidays!

The RSVP form will be forthcoming.

More details at: <http://go.unl.edu/h7gz>

President's Message: Proud of Your Generosity

I am pleased and proud of the generosity of our membership. You have shared your time working at our Huskers Game Day parking lot (UNOPA's only fundraising project); have purchased 50/50 tickets and brought non-perishable items to benefit Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach; and have collected Box Tops for Education to benefit Elliott Elementary School. Thank you! Keep up the good work!

Generosity is a wonderful virtue. I encourage you to nurture that virtue all year round. Find a way to share your time, talents and treasures with all those in need of whatever it is you have to share. Whether it is feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting this sick and lonely, or listening to your friend's or colleague's woes, be generous. There are plenty of organizations around Lincoln to help you nurture your virtue of generosity: Clinic with a Heart, People's City Mission, Matt Talbot Kitchen, and your church's social service organizations, to name just a few.

An upcoming opportunity to be generous is The Freedom Fund Breakfast, Honoring Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Friday, January 15, 2016. President Elect, Tricia Liedle and I will be attending, and it would be wonderful to have a whole table (or more) of UNOPA members represented at this event. The cost is \$20 each. The Keynote speaker will be Dr. Marilyn Moore, President of Bryan College of Health Sciences, and the 2015 MLK Scholarship recipients will be introduced.

An invitation and ticket order form can be found on the UNOPA website: <http://unopa.unl.edu/meetings>. The deadline to order tickets is December 11.

Once again, thank you for your generosity.

Roddy



Roddy Spangler

2015 Giving Tree: Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach

Collection for the 2015 Giving Tree has begun. Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach is already our 50/50 drawing and food drive recipient. Help Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach continue to "Do Big Good" by donating any of the requested items listed below:

- Razors & Shaving Cream
- Nail Clippers
- Bath Towels & Washcloths
- Soap & Body Wash
- Shampoo (both large & small sizes)
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste/Toothbrushes & Covers
- Kleenex
- Toilet Paper/Disposable Moist Wipes
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Diapers (sizes 3, 4 & 5)
- HE Liquid Laundry Detergent
- First Aid Supplies/BAND-AIDS
- Adult Socks (plain white crew)
- Bug Spray/Sunscreen
- Rain Ponchos
- Gloves/Hand Heater Packs
- Bike Locks & Cables
- Backpacks
- Gift Cards (Shopko, Super Saver, Payless)



Giving Tree

All items should be brought to the Dec. 8 General Membership meeting. Items can also be brought to Marsha Yelden (120 VBS, East Campus) or Mari Greer (303 Canfield Admin, City Campus) before Dec. 10.

For more information about Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach, please visit: <http://www.mtkserves.org/>

More details at: <http://go.unl.edu/x023>

UNOPA Parking Lot Update

Our fundraising efforts for UNOPA selling parking stalls at the Whittier Lot during home football games is winding down. We have only 1 more game, Friday, November 27, when the Huskers take on the unbeaten (as of today, anyway) Iowa Hawkeyes. We are expected to have staff on site from 6 AM until 15 minutes after the 2:30 PM kickoff. We are still looking for volunteers so, if you want/need an escape from Black Friday shopping or the long weekend with relatives, we encourage you to join Jan and Linda. To date, 41 volunteers have shared their weekends with 4 of our volunteers being recruited spouses. Thanks to all of you. Several have worked more than one game or one shift. We have one special volunteer who's been at 5 of the 6 games already and has volunteered for November 27 as well. Thank you so very much, LeAnn Frobom!

It's kind of a challenge to keep track of how many spaces we are authorized to sell. Most of the time, there is equipment used by faculty and staff housed in Whittier parked in stalls, and sometimes we have faculty and staff who are required to work on Saturday for some project or another and we let them park without cost because it is work related. But, a quick count shows that UNOPA has sold 84 stalls at Brigham Young University, 68 stalls at South Alabama, 65 stalls at Southern Mississippi, 57 stalls at Wisconsin, 64 stalls at Northwestern, and 63 stalls at Michigan State for a total of 401 stalls sold. UNOPA receives \$8 per stall and, at this time, we have made \$3,208 to be added to the UNOPA funds.

Thanks again to all who have helped out.

Linda Arnold and Jan Wassenberg, Ways & Means Co-Chairs and Little Red

More details at: <http://go.unl.edu/9zad>

Roshan Pajnigar retiring in January

Roshan Pajnigar of Human Resources will be retiring in January 2016. Roshan was a big supporter of UNOPA and our mission. Please take the time to let her know how much she will be missed. -- Roddy

Dear Friends:

I am happy to inform you that today I have submitted my formal retirement notice to be effective the end of January 2016. I am sure many of you have anticipated this move for some time now. This was not an easy decision but I felt that this was the right time to move on to the next stage of my life and spend more time with my family. I leave with many fond memories that I will cherish forever.

I have genuinely enjoyed my career at the University and count myself very fortunate to have spent all this time working for an amazing organization. I arrived in the States 36 years ago with my young family and am proud to say that this is the one and only institution I have worked at since our arrival. During this time I was accepted, nurtured and allowed many opportunities to grow by this organization. Needless to mention your amazing support and friendships has made working at the University all the more enjoyable and a rewarding experience. Please accept my gratitude for this support and friendship.

My personal best wishes to you.

Roshan

More details at: <http://go.unl.edu/kzyq>

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UNOPA's Mission

Education is the birthright of every person. We as members of the University of Nebraska Office Professionals Association pledge ourselves to safeguard that right. We acknowledge the unique role of educational office professionals and the importance of their contributions to the university and the community. The purpose of UNOPA is to provide professional growth and promote high professional standards for educational office professionals with the University of Nebraska, as partners, upholding the quality of service to the university educational system and the community.

More details at: <http://go.unl.edu/yzkd>