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# President's Message - Happy New Year to each of You

Here are a few thoughts and items of interest I want to share with you ...

## **\*\*UNOPA/UAAD Joint Meeting\*\***

Our January General Membership meeting will be the UNOPA/UAAD Joint Meeting. Please note the deviation from our usual second Tuesday schedule. We will meet on the third Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 11:45 – 1:00, at the East Campus Union Great Plains Room. The "Backyard Farmer" will be featured once again to answer all of your yard and garden questions and get you dreaming about spring.

You will have the opportunity to be doubly charitable at this meeting. Both UAAD's charity, OpeN Shelf Pantry, and UNOPA's charity, Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach, will have boxes available near the registration table for you to bring your donations.

- Bring your donations of non-perishable food items for MTKO.
- Bring your donations of hygiene products (shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine products, and laundry detergent) for OSP.
- Both will also accept checks. Please make checks for OpeN Shelf Pantry payable to UAAD, and for Matt Talbot payable to UNOPA.



Roddy Spangler

In the spirit of sharing our generosity, our 50/50 proceeds will be donated to OpeN Shelf in January.

UAAD will provide an Eventbrite registration link during the first week in January.

## **\*\*Thank You, Volunteers\*\***

I personally want to thank the 38 UNOPA members and six of their spouses who volunteered to work at our Football Day Parking Lot. As mentioned before, this is UNOPA's only fundraising project, and we are very fortunate that UNL Parking & Transit Services provides this opportunity to us. We raised over \$3,500 this year.

## **\*\*Request for our Support\*\***

I was contacted by William Nunez regarding an upcoming Foundation initiative/campaign that will be for the next three years. It is focused on raising money for student support. They will be seeking support from faculty and staff of the University. Dr. Nunez was asking if I, as UNOPA president, would lend my name to this effort. It may be as simple as writing a letter to my colleagues or it could be serving on a committee. He's not sure what the role will be, but wanted to know if UNOPA would be supportive. I said yes and thanked him for the opportunity.

## **\*\*Head Start on Board Nominations\*\***

It is not too early to start considering who to nominate for next year's board. I am sure Tricia and the nominating committee would like assistance from all of us with this task. Encourage your colleagues to be a committee director or run for an elected office. Donelle Moormeier and Donette Petersen are co-directors of the Nominating Committee.

## **\*\*Professional Growth Workshop\*\***

Kelsey Sims is helping set up a wonderful idea for a professional growth workshop. She has contacted J.S. Engebretson, Manager of Communications & Marketing for the College of Engineering. J.S. has indicated that she would be interested in presenting a business writing workshop. We are still working out the details, but the plan is to schedule it for the third week of February (Tuesday or Thursday), from 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. Watch for more details and registration information.

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

# Members entertained by Spontaneous Chordbustin' at December General Meeting

UNOPA members and guests were entertained by Spontaneous Chordbustin' at our December general meeting.

Spontaneous Chordbustin' is a quintet from Lincoln, specializing in barbershop and a cappella music.

The members started singing together two years ago as freshmen at Pius X High School for vocal music director, Mr. Todd Krier. Mr. Krier is also the director of the Lincoln Continentals, a men's barbershop chorus started in Lincoln in 1946. He encouraged all his male Pius X students to join the group. In February 2014, these five boys attended the Continentals' "guest night," and they were hooked, soon busting into chords frequently and spontaneously, giving them the name, Spontaneous Chordbustin'.

Their first official performance was for the District Music Contest in April 2014, where they earned a Superior ranking. They then sang for the school's pop concert in May 2014, and got their first request for an outside "gig". Over the next 18 months, as members of the Barbershop Harmony Society, Spontaneous Chordbustin' has performed more than three dozen gigs at parties, sporting events, etc. In February 2015, they were recipients of the Continentals' "Spark Plug Award" for their contributions to barbershop music.

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

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More details at: <http://go.unl.edu/i7de>

# Giving Tree Contributions

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Giving Tree recipient: Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach. Donated items included food items, assorted personal hygiene items, towels, socks, and hand heaters. Over 10 boxes of donated items were delivered to MTKO on Dec. 11. They appreciated all items and will use them to serve Lincoln's homeless and near-homeless community. Thank you for your support of MTKO!

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



Mary Greer (L), Marsha Yelden (R)



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# Get On Board -- Nonprofit Board Training to begin in January

The Junior League of Lincoln is providing the opportunity for community members to learn and develop the skills desired by area nonprofit boards. At the completion of training, attendees will understand the components of a working board, the responsibilities of its members, and be prepared to tackle projects, planning and problem solving. Whether you're looking for your first opportunity, have a few years of service under your belt, or are a long-term member of a board needing a new strategy, this training is for you.

The training will be held every Tuesday in January from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at The Nonprofit Hub, 211 N 14th Street. Food and networking will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by programs at 6:00 p.m.

Topics include: Fiduciary Responsibilities, Fundraising and Marketing, Legal Responsibilities, Strategic Planning, and Executive Directors. Sessions presented by local board members, non-profit directors and topic experts. Read more at <http://www.jll.org>. Register here on EventBrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/get-on-board-non-profit-board-training-hosted-by-the-junior-league-of-lincoln-tickets-19568919164>.

Registration will close on December 31 and the cost is \$100. Please contact Sara Luther, [schroe33@gmail.com](mailto:schroe33@gmail.com) or by phone, 402.651.5841 if you have any questions.

Great news! The National Association of Educational Office Professionals (NAEOP) has approved this series for 10 hours of in-service credit for any UNOPA member who attends and is looking for in-service credits toward their PSP/CEOE Certification.

More details at: <http://go.unl.edu/c80d>

# Happy Holidays from UNOPA Notes Committee

Happy Holidays from the UNOPA Notes Committee, Barb & Lindsay! Enjoy your break!

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



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