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2003/2004 Program Committee

Director: Sandy Watmore

The members of the Program Committee included Pat Hust, Faye Massa, Edie Schleiger, Jan Shamburg, Carol Wusk, Lola Young, and Sandy Watmore.

The UNOPA Board received a memo from a concerned member early in the year that mentioned she was tired of seeing the same people "up front" each month at the UNOPA meetings. In response to that memo and to help assure the members a variety of interesting programs and speakers, I asked individual members of the Program Committee to arrange one month's program. My goal was to rely upon each member's interests, personalities, and acquaintances to assure a large variety of monthly programs. Also, by asking the member who arranged the program to perform the introduction at the meeting, we would have the opportunity to see a variety of members "up front" during the year.

I worked with the Nebraska Humanities Council to arrange the September program. UNL employee, Bill Behmer and his wife, Gwen Meister, performed American Folk Music on the mountain dulcimer at the UNL City Campus Union. Between musical numbers, they explained the history of this music and several traditional instruments.

I arranged the October program because of a time conflict for the other members of the committee. Connie Yori, UNL Women's Basketball Coach spoke at the Devaney Sports Center entitled "Positivity!" She shared her positive philosophy of coaching and life.

November's meeting was a combined celebration of Veteran's Day and the Boss' Luncheon at the Nebraska East Union. Matthew Jones spoke about the Native American's role in the US Military. Program Committee member, Faye Mass, arranged this very moving speaker. The Boss of the Year was presented at this meeting. The Program Committee is responsible for preparing the printed programs for this meeting.

December's Holiday luncheon program was arranged by Carol Wusk. Since she was unable to introduce the musical entertainers, another Program Committee Member, Pat Hust, introduced Adrienne Dickson, UNL Graduate student, and her accompanist, Jack Rinke. They shared a medley of traditional and moving Holiday music in a snowy setting at the Champions Club.

The East Union was the setting for January's meeting which was arranged by UAAD. The speaker was Nebraska Senator, Dave Landis.

Lola Young arranged the February meeting. The Month of Love was celebrated at the UNL East Campus Union as all attending enjoyed complimentary chocolate from Christopher Elbow, a UNL graduate and entrepreneur. We learned about chocolate from Marilynn Schlep, Professor and Chair of the UNL Department of Nutrition and Health Sciences.

Jim McKee spoke at our March meeting at Abel Hall about the Nebraska State Fair. The topic was newsworthy because of the recent financial woes of the Nebraska State Fair and the impending decision about whether or not the Fair should be continued.

Jan Shamburg helped arrange some musical entertainment at April's meeting at the UNL East Campus Union. The Corresponding Secretary is in charge of this annual recognition of the Past President's and Retirees'. Entertainment was added this year as a trial. We felt we needed to provide something special for our very special guests.

May's meeting has arranged in tandem by the current and next year's Presidents. The current President used the time to thank all those who helped make the year a success and next year's President arranged for the installation of the elected officers and announced the theme for 2004/2005.

Each of the Program Committee members did as requested by arranging a monthly program or helping as needed. However the goal to get more members "up front" did not work out because frequent conflicts restricted many members from attending the meetings they arranged and completing the introductions. The second goal of providing a large variety of programs was successful. Each Program Committee member who arranged one of the programs used personal interests and acquaintances to showcase a unique program.

Program Committee Expenses: \$380.65

September	\$50.00	Speaker fee
October	\$18.84	Speaker's gift
November	\$21.75	Printing Programs
November	\$15.75	Speaker's gift
December	\$140.00	Speaker fee
January	\$0.00	UAAD Sponsored
February	\$11.50	Speaker's lunches
February	\$11.06	Speaker's gift
March	\$11.75	Speaker's gift
April	\$100.00	Speaker's fee
May	\$0.00	Installation only