With April Showers come May Flowers!!

UNOPA Past Presidents in attendance at the UNOPA General Meeting on April 8, 2008.

In the month of April we celebrated UNOPA's 45th anniversary as a UNL organization – with a special booklet containing excerpts from past UNOPA Notes, created by Mary Guest and Tonda Humphress; an updated powerpoint presentation (thank you Sandy Lineberry and Diane Wasser); and cake served by the FROLIKers. Many past presidents and current retirees received recognition and everyone was entertained by the Lincoln Christian High School singers.

April is also the time we present the Rose Frolik Award. I would like to congratulate all the nominees — Jeanne Andelt, Carol Wusk and Marlene Pyatt. Thank you for all the work that you do here at UNL and the professional, giving and unselfish way in which you accomplish it – you are women of notability and strength. It is a pleasure to work with all of you. And the winner is – Jeanne Andelt! Congratulations, Jeanne.

By the time you receive this edition of UNOPA Notes, the NEOPA spring conference will be over. I hope many of you took the time to attend this conference. This was a great opportunity for everyone to have the chance to do a little socializing, attend informative workshops during the day and end the conference with “April Showers Bring[ing]... A Rainbow of Opportunities.”

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The NAEOP national conference registration deadline of May 15, 2008 is fast approaching. There are currently twenty-one UNOPA members that will be attending this year’s conference in Broomfield, Colorado. I would personally like to thank the Chancellors Office for providing funding for these UNOPA members and for his support in the growth and advancement of many UNL professional staff members. This is a wonderful opportunity for UNOPA members to provide communication and ideas with other higher educational institutions across the country as well as meet new friends and colleagues.

On May 13 at the general membership meeting, we will wrap up the year with the installation of the new officers for 2008-2009. I look forward to seeing you all there and passing the gavel to Mary Guest and her Board of Directors.

2008 UNOPA Spring Career Development Workshop

by Betty Jacobs, Career Development Co-Director

Talking about the business of life . . .

Those who attended the UNOPA 2008 Spring Career Development workshop, “Let’s Talk Business! Finding One’s Voice During Life’s Transitions,” did not get zapped by the Wizard of Wall Street to become Power Moguls deftly defying ruthless sharks prowling a Sea of Entrepreneurial selections.

Dr. Jones shared some concepts taken from the writings of Rumi, making us aware that there is a “…search for soul and spirit, for depth and meaning in our lives; where did I come from, and what am I supposed to be doing? I have no idea…” an intensified search “…fueling a powerful and growing twenty-first century movement that is grounded in the age-old journey of the soul, that has been a core preoccupation of every human culture since the beginning of time.”

Perhaps some didn’t want to hear that there is a role that must be fulfilled, “to recognize and trust the power within you. Your journey will be filled with paradox. You will learn that reclaiming your soul requires uncommon courage and persistence… to be in touch with the universal source which is the oneness of all things.”

So, there is no concrete formula for success in this business of life, and yet the impact is as solid as concrete.

In her unique story telling style, one method used by educators and master teachers throughout time, Dr. Jones illustrated real life experiences that taught her, and now us, how to learn and apply time tested principles. That combined with her extensive education and real world experiences resulted in a beneficial seminar.

She led us to conclude that we should learn to accept ourselves, maintain values and character in pressure situations and embrace change. Most aspects of life do not consist of a formula written in a textbook.
On April 8 at the General Meeting, Jeanne Andelt was awarded the Rose Frolik Award. This award was established in 1988-89 under the leadership of Jan Harris. This award is named after our First President and Founding member, Rose Frolik. Rose feels that how you do your work may be a lot more important than what you do.

Jeanne was nominated by Lola Young and Sandy Lineberry. Jeanne has been an active member of UNOPA for nearly 20 years and belongs to the Nebraska Educational Office Professionals Association and the National Association of Educational Office Professionals. Jeanne was very active in getting the Professional Standards Program endowment fund started here at UNL.

Nomination letters reflected how Jeanne is a warm, upbeat and pleasant person with whom to work; she is very sensitive to others’ needs. Professional, knowledgeable, high productivity, extreme accuracy, friendly, courteous and striving for betterment, a remarkable team player are just some of the words used to describe Jeanne.

These nominations were judged by three Lincoln residents from outside the University. Our judges this year were: Sister Karen Marie, a Marion Sister teaching at Blessed Sacrament School; Sandy Wolfe, Director of the Mediation Center; and Lyn Folmer an office supervisor at a local business.

Along with Jeanne, Marlene Pyatt from Accounting and Carol Wusk from the College of Agriculture Sciences and Natural Resources were also nominated.

**ROSE FROLIK AWARD**

*by Diane Wasser, CEOE*

Sandy Lineberry presents Jeanne Andelt with the Rose Frolik Award.

Come join the ride . . .

**Sign up to serve on the UNOPA Board.** Contact Mary Guest (472-3755 or mguest2@unl.edu) to discuss these opportunities. We look forward to working with you.

“Building Better Partnerships”
Dear UNOPA Members,

This thank you note is being sent to tell all of UNOPA how much I appreciate your thoughtfulness during my illness. I hope it helps to tell you just how much it meant to me. Not only do I thank you, but my entire family is very appreciative of everything too. Know that if I can ever return the kindness, it will be done.

Feel free to keep checking my caring bridge website as I will continue to update it periodically. www.caringbridge.org/visit/patricialiedle

The next Light the Night Walk to support blood cancer research to find a cure will be held on Friday, September 11 (7:15pm) at Holmes Lake. I have signed up to walk as “Team Liedle” and am hoping many of you will consider joining my team. More information will be sent later this summer.

Again, I must express my gratitude for all the kind words, prayers, food, and emotional support during my battle with cancer. It is wonderful to know that I have special friends in my life. This battle was won and I will continue the fight to stay in remission.

In his loving care,
Tricia Liedle & family

Go ahead and mark your calendars now, then watch for more information in future notices from UNOPA as we get closer to the event date. This is a great chance to join “Team Liedle,” participate with other UNOPA members in a social activity, get some exercise and help a lot of people facing this devastating illness. We hope you, and maybe your families, will be able to “Join Team Liedle” in September.

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MEMBER NEWS

*by Helen Sexton, Corresponding Secretary*

Recent cards were sent to the following UNOPA members who have had personal emergencies.

• Thinking of You — Kathy Bennetch
• Congratulations (new baby) — Sarah Hansen

If you know a UNOPA member who would appreciate a congratulations, get-well, sympathy or thinking-of-you card, please contact Helen Sexton at 472-2341 or hsexton2@unl.edu.
Mentoring Committee

Mini-Mentoring Workshops have been very well attended and received this year. I have enjoyed working with my committee and the various speakers. I have especially delighted in meeting many of you attendees for the first time or to renew past acquaintances.

I do want to give a special thanks and applause to each of our speakers for taking the extra time to present on both campuses. It was so appreciated by the attendees and our committee. We hope that this new tradition can continue on as it opens vistas of information to twice as many people. Thanks again to Shannon Poppe, Specialist, Environmental Health & Safety; Greg Clayton, Director, Benefits & Risk Management; Kathy Prochaska-Cue, Extension Family Economist with the University & CYAF Faculty; William Lyons, Law Professor, UNL College of Law; Marilyn Baalhorn, Health Aide Coordinator, University Health Center; and Angie Frederick, Assistant Director, Fitness and Wellness Services, Campus Recreation.

Jan K. Edwards,
Mentoring Committee Chair

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Summer Social
Thursday, June 5, 2008

Are you ready for some summer fun and to spend some time with your UNOPA friends? If so, plan to attend the summer social.

We will begin with a tour of the newly renovated Johnny Carson Theatre & Film (Temple) Building, followed by a chance to relax and enjoy a movie at the Ross Theatre right next door.

Food will be served and door prize donations are welcome.

Don’t miss out – mark your calendars now and plan to attend this wonderful event!! Watch for more information forthcoming in May.

Outreach Committee Co-Directors
Barbara Homer
Linda Luedtke
The NAEOP Central Area had their annual Professional Development Day on March 29, 2008 in Columbia Missouri. Four UNOPA members attended the conference “Professionalism is Cooking in Missouri!” Attending the conference were: Lola Young, Central Area Director, Sandy Lineberry, Debbie Hendricks and Diane Wasser.

The conference started with a breakfast at 7:30 am. We then learned how to take minutes at “Jot that Recipe Down – Taking Minutes Efficiently” presented by Vicki Phillippe. Our central area meeting was held after a great lunch. During the afternoon we learned good behavior in “Proper Etiquette & Ethics in the Workplace,” presented by the NAEOP President Linda Sockwell.

It was a great conference and remember you are all members of Central Area if you pay NAEOP dues. Also make sure you sign up for the Central Area Breakfast meeting if you are going to Colorado this summer.

NEOPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP

by Diane Wasser, CEOE

The Nebraska Educational Office Professionals Association held their Annual Spring Conference on April 11th at the Cornhusker Hotel here in Lincoln. Several UNOPA members attended the one-day conference which began with a social the night before and ended with a banquet Friday night.

The conference presenters gave us a glimpse into how to cope with four generations in the workplace at one time. Then we discovered in the afternoon what color/personality we are and what that means.

At the banquet in the evening we installed our own Becky Hastings as NEOPA President for the coming year. In the fall we will travel to Wayne, Nebraska for the fall workshop. Keep your eyes open for more details as we get closer to the event.

Becky Hastings with her husband, Gary, at the 2008 NEÖPA Annual Conference.
MAY GENERAL UNOPA MEETING

Installation of New Officers

May 13, 2008 at 11:45 a.m.
Nebraska East Union

The May 13 UNOPA General Meeting will be held at the Nebraska East Union at 11:45 am. It will conclude with the passing of the gavel.

Come and meet the New UNOPA Officers and Board of Directors for 2008-2009.

Congratulations to our 2008-09 Elected Officers!

•Mary Guest, President
•Peg Johnson, President-Elect
•Tonda Humphress, Recording Secretary
•Cindy Knight, Corresponding Secretary
•Yunling “Grace” Li, Treasurer

Due to the increase in printing costs, the UNOPA General meeting minutes will be posted on the UNOPA website: http://unopa.unl.edu, or call Janice Kohler at 472-1103 if you would like a hard copy and do not have access to the website.

Together Everyone Achieves More

“Building Better Partnerships”
May 2008 Calendar

May 3 ........ UNL Last Day of Classes

May 10 ....... UNL Commencement

May 11 ....... Mothers Day

May 13 ....... UNOPA General Meeting - New Officer Installation
              Nebraska East Union - 11:45 a.m.

May 15 ....... PSP Application Deadline

May 16 ....... Early Registration Deadline for the NAEOP National Conference

May 16 ....... UNOPA Notes Article Deadline

May 26 ....... HOLIDAY - Memorial Day (UNL Closed)

May 30 ....... Registration Deadline for the NAEOP National Conference
              Must register by this deadline to avoid late registration fees