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MEET OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS

Florence (Scotty) Tesar

Scotty chose to be a part of the ALL Board because of the diversity of subject matter. "Not having time to become involved during education/working/family years, I am taking time for myself now!!!"

As the first registered dietitian at North Country Hospital, Scotty retired with a long term interest in music. She sings with the Side By Side Singers, St. Philip's Choir, and Senior Center Singers. Scotty appreciates local theater and other productions. "We are fortunate to live with such a variety of people who continue to present new and talented offerings for those of us in a REMOTE area to enjoy all seasons." She also finds time to volunteer at hospital gift shop, library and library book store. All that time at the library fills her need to read, preferably non-fiction.

"I hope, during my working years, I was able to help patients during trying times to resolve difficult nutritional problems. I appreciate the staff of doctors and nursing staff at the hospital and nursing homes who helped me in any manner whatsoever. I remember them well! It was quite a ride and at 80 years of age I don't plan to quit yet!"

Lois J Jenkins

When asked, "why did you choose to become involved in ALL", Lois simply says "because I was asked". Working at Bemidji State University Catholic campus ministry for nearly forty years, she extended countless invitations to become involved in many different services. "I know how important invitations are and I know how important timely responses are for 'delay is the deadliest form of denial'. I enjoyed ALL programs even when I worked full time, I'd attend for the subject matter. It was free, easy to get to, always interesting and I loved learning everything."

Lois describes her interests as very broad and general and once was described as, 'a generalist.' "I did not think very much of that assessment, but over time, I now relish that astute observation of me, because I am just 'general' in many things. Maybe my growing-up -life on a farm in Clearwater County caused me to not specialize? Maybe it was because in the one room school house with all eight grades, I overheard every other grade's lessons? Maybe, just maybe, my call in life is to be a generalist. My daily routine is newspaper, crosswords, meditation, and reading from several good books." She is trying to keep her volunteering in this community down to a couple great non-profits, while working part-time (for insurance), and tending the yard and husband Earl.

Betty J. Magnan

Betty chose to be involved in ALL because she believes it is important for people of all ages to continue to learn and to expand their knowledge of both familiar and unfamiliar topics. ALL provides that opportunity for our community.

Betty has a varied work experience including legal secretary, business owner, elementary school teacher, branch librarian, and appraisal secretary. Volunteering has been an important part of her life at all stages. Right now she volunteers with America Reads at Lincoln School, Bemidji Area Food Shelf, Friends of the Library Book Store and Beltrami County Master Gardeners.

An avid reader, it is common for her to have a fiction, non-fiction and spiritual book going at one time. Betty starts many plants indoors from seed in the spring and spends many hours in the flower beds in the summer. Betty and her husband, Ted, moved to Bemidji in 1974 and have been married for 51 years. They have 3 adult children, 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

If you are interested in working with Scotty, Lois, Betty and the other great members of the ALL Board of Directors, contact the Center for Research and Innovation (218 755 4900 or cri@bemidjistate.edu) or talk to any current Board member at one of our spring presentations.

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Spring 2009 Schedule

All meetings will be held 10:00-11:30 a.m.
BSU Center for Research and Innovation
3801 Bemidji Avenue North, Suite 4
For additional information, contact the CRI.
Phone 218 755 4900
Email cri@bemidjistate.edu

Tuesday, March 10: ***Cultural Differences between France and USA***
François Fouquerel, Dean of French Year Round Program and Voyageur of Concordia Language Village
Mr. Fouquerel will be providing a French perspective on French-American cultural differences. What happens when John Wayne meets D'Artagnan, when Roquefort meets Hormone Beef? Gain an interesting perspective on freedom fries and other silly encounters.

Tuesday, March 17: ***Autism***
Dr. John Parkin, Pediatrician, Bemidji Merit Care Clinic
Dr. Parkin will be discussing causes, the medical diagnosis and the management of the effects of autism.

Tuesday, March 24: ***Guardian Ad Litem***
Traci Seelye, Manager, Ninth Judicial District Guardian ad Litem Program
Ms. Seelye will be leading a discussion and historical underpinnings of the federal mandates that require the court appointment of a guardian ad litem to every abused and neglected child who comes before the court. How Minnesota has complied with the mandate and the duty-role-function of a GAL will also be discussed.

Tuesday, March 31: ***Red Lake Archives***
Kathryn "Jody" Beaulieu, Tribal Council Secretary; formerly Director of the Red Lake Nation Archives & Library
We all know that knowledge is power and for far too long tribal nations have been denied access. We have all been denied the knowledge of the plight of "Americas" aboriginal people. Only when and if this comes to light shall there be any healing for the atrocities committed and for which we, to this day, still pay the price.

Tuesday, April 7: ***Roots of Conflict in the Middle East***
Dr. Mary Hrenchir, Associate Professor of History, Bemidji State University
Dr. Hrenchir will focus on the historical connection between the Western legacy of imperialism and the emerging nationalism of both Arab/Muslim and Jewish/Israeli states. The endemic crises in the Middle East have their roots in the legacy of western colonialism and modernization and the impact on traditional societies.

Tuesday, April 14: ***Medical Ethics***
Mark Papke-Larson, Chaplain, North Country Health Services and Dr. Bill Dicks, Founder of the Medical Ethics Committee, Merit Care Clinic
Medical ethics encompasses its practical application in clinical settings as well as work on its history, philosophy, theology, and sociology. Learn more about how these tough decisions are made.

Tuesday, April 21: ***Bemidji Honduras Travelers***
Chris Keenan, Bemidji Rotary
Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Learn more about the Bemidji Rotary Club 's efforts in Honduras providing medical, dental and construction services there in cooperation with Honduras Rotary clubs.

Tuesday, April 28: ***THE NUREMBERG TRIALS: What Happened To The Top Nazis at the End of World War II?***
Dr. Art Lee, Professor Emeritus of History, Bemidji State University
WW 11 was the most destructive war --both in lives lost and destruction of properties-- in all human history. (Russia alone lost over 20 million people; some 6 million Jews died in Nazi extermination and concentration camps.) It was the most important event in the entire 20th century; the whole world was altered because of this war. At war's end, the top Nazis captured were all put on trial in Nuremberg, Germany, starting in the fall of 1945. These trials were followed closely throughout the entire world. The questions then and now: Were these trials simply a form of "Victors' Justice" or were they justified by international laws?

REGIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to the ALL, Spring 2009 Schedule, we are pleased to include other lifelong learning opportunities throughout the region provided by the Clearwater County Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning (NELL) as well as the Park Rapids Headwaters Center for Lifelong Longing (HCLL). Below are the listed schedules for the Spring 2009 sessions:

Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning (NELL) :

Please note these are subject to change. For location information/questions, please contact Tamara Edevold (218-694-2856) (evenings)

April 1: DR. LAWRENC MOE. "Humor in Poetry: Light Verse." Bagley

April 8: BOB PAULSON & JOHN ARNESON "Bees in the Garden" and "Confessions of a first time bee-keeper" Lengby

April 15: TBA, Clearbrook

April 22: DEAN VIKAN "Wildlife photography" Bagley

April 29: STEVE STARK as "Teddy Roosevelt" Fosston

May 6: THOMAS O'SULLIVAN "Art projects during the WPA" Bagley

May 13: ART LEE, Clearbrook

May 16: Syttende Mai SCANDINAVIAN DINNER & SKALMUSIK IN CONCERT Bagley

Headwaters Center for Lifelong Learning (HCLL):

Sessions to be held in Park Rapids at Northwoods' Bank Community Room from 1-2:30 PM on Tuesdays (unless otherwise noted).

Feb. 3: Denmark's Resistance in WWII – Aage Carlsen
Feb. 10: Broken Hart – Jerry Mevissen
Feb. 17: Understanding the Financial Crisis – Mark Hewitt
Feb. 24: Teaching in Poland – Emeline Cook
Mar. 3: North Country Trail – Matthew Davis

Mar. 10: Growing Up Under Hitler – Annelee Woodstrum

Mar. 17: Non-Traditional Artists – Paul Albright, Bickey Bender, Sandy Fynbo

Mar. 24: Park Rapids High School Competitive Speech Team

Mar. 31: Counter-intelligence and 9/11 – Lt. Col. Earl Juskowiak

April 3: Dessert Theater "You Caught Me Dancing" with Rhoda 7 PM Jackson Calgary Lutheran Church

WHAT OUR ATTENDEES SAY ABOUT A.L.L.

Dick Lueben: "The ALL serves two functions for me. It provides new viewpoints on widely varied topics to stir-up my brain cells, presented by knowledgeable people. And the weekly meetings are opportunities to chat with people who are outside the circle of folks whom I routinely meet during my other activities."

Bob Melchior: "We enjoy expanding our views of the world, either by travel or learning. One of the best learning opportunities is right here in our town on Tuesday mornings. It's called the Academy of Lifelong Learning. Superb speakers on an great range of topics bring the world to your doorstep."

Frances Peterson: "It's important to keep my mind active. There's no reason to stop learning after completing one's formal education. I attend because the programs are interesting and varied, and I always learn something new."

Join Dick, Bob, Frances and many others to stir-up your brain cells, meet new people, and learn something new.

YES! I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT A.L.L.

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