**LOCAL 1950 NEWS**

Membership Meeting
Wednesday, March 9

**Menu**

- Chicken Tenderloins
- Marinated Vegetable Salad
- Chef Choice
- Vegetable
- Jellied Fruit Salad
- Apple Pie
- Coffee/tea/milk/pop/water

The *After Holiday Party*, Thursday, January 26, was attended by 70 members. The food was great, the fellowship outstanding, and the wonderful prizes.

**Drawings:**
- $50 Tina Sehl
- $25 Pat Sheldon
- $10 Patti Cooke, Maggie Salinger, Pat Frenn, (9713) Dan Leppanen, Tina Weiland, Norma Miller, Mary Letts, Tina VandeZande, Sue Young, Chryl Hemmila

**Tastefully Simple-Darlene Kyto**
Linda Sides, Kimber Olli

**Cards by Barb Munson**
Beverly Evans, Rhonda Peterson, Linda Hares, Tracy Van Able, Rynee Richards

**Cards by Jan Marana**
Steve Mahaffey, Darlene Kyto, Helen Bicigo, Linda Greenberg, Jeannie Wratschko, Lorilee Weiger

**NMU Bookstore**
- Sweatshirt - Marsha Larmour, Diane Rodgers, Janet Syria
- Sweatpants - Sheri Suckow
- NMU Blanket - Kris Rasmussen
- T-shirt - Gina O’Donnell
- Long sleeved t-shirt - Kay Schwartz, Jan Marana, Rita Leppanen
- Pens - Evelyn Stebbins, Rose Rosina, Phyllis Zaenglein
- Elephant - Janet Koski
- Cap & T-shirt - Lori Rintala, Pat Woods
- Crystal Ruler - Maddie Anderson

Meeting Schedule for 2004-2005

- April 6
- May 11

Spring Luncheon
Great Lakes Rooms

**WEAR RED**
You will soon see alot of people wearing RED on Fridays. Here’s why …

The Americans, who support our troops, are the silent majority. We are not “organized” to reflect who we are, or to reflect what our opinions are.

Many Americans, like yourself, would like to start a grassroots movement using the membership of the Special Operations Association, and Special Forces Associations, and all their friends, simply, to recognize that Americans support our troops. We need to inform the local VFWs and (0091) American Legion, our local press, local TV, and continue carrying the message to the national levels as we start to get this going. Our idea of showing our solidarity and support for our troops is -starting Friday, and continuing on each and every Friday, until this is over, that every red - blooded American who supports our young men and women, **WEAR SOMETHING RED**.

Word of mouth, press, TV — let’s see if we can make the United States, on any given Friday, a sea of red much like a home football game at a University.

If every one of our memberships share this with other acquaintances, fellow workers, friends, and neighbors, I guarantee

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2004-2005 Officers

President - Sue Tollefson
Vice President - Dan Leppanen
Secretary - Pat Frenn
Treasurer - Rita Leppanen
Sergeant at Arms - Phyllis Zaenglein
Guide - Karen Smith
Trustees - Maddie Anderson, Joann Jordon, Rhonda Peterson

Bargaining Team - Grace Albert, Penny Hubble, Kimber Olli, Pat Woods

District Representatives

Chief Steward - Grace Albert

District 1 - Jan Crawford - Cohodas

District 2 - Beth Sanderson - Services Building, Quad II, Jacobetti Center, PEIF, Superior Dome, Berry Events Center

District 3 - Gary Jerry - West Science, Learning Resources, Magers, New Science Facility, Whitman

District 4 - Vacant - University Center, Lee Hall, Art & Design, Gries Hall, McClintock, Thomas Fine Arts, and Hedgcock

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Have a wonderful day!

Kelly Dore March 2
Linda Roe March 4
Bill Kiple March 7
Robert Jenson March 11
Marianne Eyer March 14
Sheri Trotochaud March 17
Jean Olson March 19
Terry Mattson March 20
Grace Albert March 23
Gloria Alexander March 23
Kerry Mohr March 28
Diane Goethe March 29
Bonnie Pergande March 29
Nancy Ohman March 31

Good and Welfare

Gift certificate to Joan Dupras upon her retirement - Best wishes

Gift and card to Claudia Mankee for her baby boy

Employment Changes

Bernadette Norden’s position was reclassified as a Principal Secretary II 4A in Student Activities and Leadership Programs, effective 1/18/05.

Christy Johnson returned from leave, effective 1/18/05.

Sheri Trotochaud’s position was reclassified as a Senior Clerk III in the Registrar’s Office, effective 1/18/05.

Sue Tollefson accepted the Principal Secretary position at the OEC, effective 2/21/05.

Kitchen Tip
Don’t let over-salting ruin a dish. Add a peeled potato while the dish is still cooking. Throw the potato away before serving. The excess salt will go with the potato.
Senior Corner

Just mature

Today at the drugstore, the clerk was a gent.
From my purchase this chap took off ten percent.
I asked for the cause of a lesser amount;
And he answered, “Because of the Seniors Discount.”

I went to McDonald’s for a burger and fries;
And there, once again, got quite a surprise.
The clerk poured some coffee which he handed to me.
He said, “For you, Seniors, the coffee is free.”

Understand—I’m not old—I’m merely mature;
But some things are changing, temporarily, I’m sure.
The newspaper print gets smaller each day,
And people speak softer—can’t hear what they say.

My teeth are my own (I have the receipt),
and my glasses identify people I meet. (8739)
Oh, I’ve slowed down a bit...not a lot, I am sure.
You see, I’m not old...I’m only mature.

The gold in my hair has been bleached by the sun.
You should see all the damage that chlorine has done.
Washing my hair has turned it all white,
But don’t call it gray...saying “blond” is just right.

My car is all paid for...not a nickel is owed.
Yet a kid yells, “Old duffer...get off of the road!”
My car has no scratches...not even a dent.
Still I get all that guff from a punk who’s “Hell bent.”

My friends all get older...much faster than me.
They seem much more wrinkled, from what I can see.
I’ve got “character lines,” not wrinkles...for sure,
But don’t call me old...just call me mature.

The steps in the houses they’re building today
Are so high that they take...your breath all away;
And the streets are much steeper than ten years ago.
That should explain why my walking is slow.

But I’m keeping up on what’s hip and what’s new,
And I think I can still dance a mean boogaloo.
I’m still in the running...in this I’m secure,
I’m not really old .... I’m only mature.

Vanishing Oatmeal Raisin Cookie
(source: Quaker Oats cereal)

1 cup (2 sticks) margarine or butter, softened
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 cup granulated sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp salt (optional)
3 cups Quaker Oaks (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
1 cup raisins

1. Heat oven to 350.
2. Beat together margarine and sugars until creamy.
3. Add eggs and vanilla. Beat well.
4. Add combined flour, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt.
   Mix well.
5. Stir in oats and raisins. Mix well.
6. Drop by rounded tablespoons onto ungreased cookie sheet.
7. Bake 10-12 minutes or until golden brown.
8. Cool 1 minute on cookie sheet; remove to wire rack.
   Makes about 4 dozen.

Bar Cookies: bake 30-35 mintues in ungreased 13X9 metal baking pan.

HINT: Cook raisins in water for about 3 minutes. They will pump up. Drain and add to mixture.

In January and February, we contributed 86 inkjets to Redeemer’s youth program. The total is now 306. Please continue to send them to CD.
Thanks.
Thank You

Dear Local 1950

Thank you so very much for the certificate to the “Lobster” my favorite place to eat.

This past year has been a whirlwind. Car accident-surgery-moving-becoming a grandma and retiring. I’m looking forward to 4-wheeling and kyacking at our new home in Republic.

Sincerely, Joan (Dupra)

February 8, 2005

Dear Ms. Tollefson:

Thank you so much for your generous sponsorship of NMU’s Wildcat Wellness Health Fair 2005. Your contribution of $50, on behalf of UAW Local 1950, will greatly assist us in keeping this a truly quality health promotion event. Thanks again for your support!

Sincerely,

Barbara Coleman, Coordinator
Wildcat Wellness Health Fair 2005

My cousin’s husband sent this to me. pz

Family & Friends:

I recently renewed my membership in the National Wildlife Federation and now receive both, the magazine and news on their web site. The latest web site story has a fascinating item I would recommend you check out. Go to www.nwf.org/northernforest/.

There is a theory that everyone on Earth is connected by no more than six degrees of separation (or six friends of friends of friends). Is the same true for wildlife? Find out how the animals of the Northern Forest are connected to each other and to other North American Wildlife through Nature’s Web®!

Those of you who have children and grandchildren should be sure they see this.

A man takes his Rottweiler to the vet and says, “My dog’s cross-eyed, is there anything you can do for him?” (6493)

“Well,” says the vet, “let’s have a look at him.” So he picks up the dog and examines his eyes, then checks his teeth. Finally, he says “I’m going to have to put him down.”

“What? Because he’s cross-eyed?”

“No, because he’s really heavy.”

For what it’s worth

Before going through a car wash, remove your magnetic ribbon. (9713)

They can be blown off your vehicle by the powerful water spray.

A bag of frozen vegetables, wrapped in a towel, makes a great ice pack.

Each issue of the Flame contains a 4 digit number of the member’s choosing. This month there are 5 hidden in the newsletter. If you see your number, call Rita Leppanen @2495, who will issue a $5 check to you. Annette Brown, Jeff Roo, Sally Olsen, Lynne Enrietti, and Chyrl Hemmila were the February winners.

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The Stellas’ are named after 81 year old Stella Liebeck who spilled coffee on herself and successfully sued McDonald’s. That case inspired the Stella Awards for the most frivolous successful lawsuits in the United States. Unfortunately the most recent lawsuit implicating McDonald’s, the teens who allege that eating at McDonald’s has made them fat, was filed after the 2003 award voting was closed. Remember, these are juries of our peers who decide the outcome, (6253) not the lawyers or judges. This Year’s Awards Go To...

5th Place (tied): Kathleen Robertson of Austin, Texas was awarded $780,000 by a jury of her peers after breaking her ankle tripping over a toddler who was running inside a furniture store. The owners of the store were understandably surprised at the verdict, considering the misbehaving toddler was Ms. Robertson’s son.

5th Place (tied): 19 year old Carl Truman of Los Angeles won $74,000 and medical expenses when his neighbor ran over his hand with a Honda Accord. Mr. Truman apparently did not notice there was someone at the wheel of the car when he was trying to steal the hubcaps.

5th Place (tied): Terrence Dickson of Bristol, Pennsylvania was leaving a house he had just finished robbing by way of the garage. He was not able to get the garage door to go up since the automatic door opener was malfunctioning. He could not re-enter the house because the door connecting the house and garage locked when he pulled it shut. The family was on vacation and Mr. Dickson found himself locked in the garage for 8 days. He subsisted on a case of Pepsi he found and a large bag of dry dog food. He sued the homeowner’s insurance, claiming the situation caused him undue mental anguish. The jury agreed to the tune of $500,000.

4th Place: Jerry Williams of Little Rock, Arkansas was awarded $14,500 and medical expenses after being bitten on the buttocks by his next door neighbor’s Beagle dog. The Beagle was on a chain in its owner’s fenced yard. The award was less than sought because the jury felt the dog might have been a little provoked at the time as Mr. Williams, who had climbed over the fence into the yard, was shooting it repeatedly with a pellet gun.

3rd Place: A Philadelphia restaurant was ordered to pay Amber Carson of Lancaster, Pennsylvania $113,500 after she slipped on a soft drink and broke her coccyx (tailbone). The beverage was on the floor because Ms. Carson had thrown it at her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier, during an argument.

2nd Place: Kara Walton of Claymont, Delaware sued the owner of a Night Club in a neighboring city when she fell from the bathroom window to the floor and knocked 2 front teeth. This occurred while Ms. Walton was trying to sneak in the window of the Ladies Room to avoid paying the $3.50 cover charge. She was awarded $12,000 and dental expenses.

1st Place: This year’s runaway winner was Mr. Merv Grazinski of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mr. Grazinski purchased a brand new Winnebago Motorhome. On his trip home from an OU football game, having driven onto the freeway, he set the cruise control at 70 mph and calmly left the driver’s seat to go into the back and make himself a cup of coffee. Not surprisingly the RV left the freeway, crashed and overturned. Mr. Grazinski sued Winnebago for not advising him in the owner’s manual that he could not actually do this. The jury awarded him $1,750,000 plus a new Winnebago Motorhome. The company actually changed their manuals on the basis of this suit just in case there were any other complete morons buying their recreational vehicles.

The real morons are the people on these juries!
that it will not be long before the USA will be covered in RED - and make our troops know there are many people thinking of their well-being. You will feel better all day Friday when you wear RED!

Let’s get the word out and lead by example: Wear RED on Fridays ... 

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS. WE LIVE IN THE LAND OF THE FREE, BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE. FOR US, THEIR BLOOD RUNS RED!

GOD BLESS AMERICAN.

Thanks to Sue Henderson

After Holiday Party

More After Holiday Party pictures on our website