Member Profile: Linda Nolan

By Genee Brukwitzki

If you are a new member attending an OSHER event, undoubtedly Linda Nolan has introduced herself to you and made you feel welcomed. She probably asked about your interests and mentally recorded that information so that she can connect you with an appropriate OSHER committee. Her charming manner has also convinced you that working on an OSHER committee is just what you had been planning to do. Linda Nolan is the very dynamic chairperson of the Leadership and Development Committee and is very dedicated to carrying out the goals of OSHER.

Linda joined OSHER following her retirement in 2009 because she loves to learn and to share what she has learned. She immediately noticed that there was a lack of diversity and set out to become a member of the Membership Committee. Her goal was to enhance diversity by promoting the organization in different locales. Linda felt that diversity needed to be increased not only racially, but geographically as well. With her vision OSHER has hosted new membership events where members share their interests and invite new members to join.

In 1959 Linda came to Milwaukee with her daughter because she felt "stagnant" in Ohio and she wanted a different environment for herself and her daughter. She left her family - husband, uncle, and brother - in Ohio. Originally planning to move to Chicago she decided to live in Milwaukee because the "streets were clean" and there was "no degradation." She knew she could live in Milwaukee a long time. At the start she worked in a plastics factory and went to night school. She then began her administrative career as a manager in a contact lens laboratory until they went out of business. She went on to own a construction company with her daughter, and later became a contract and international sales person for Traffic and Parking Control.

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President’s Letter

In the last edition of “Osher Outlook” I talked about out impending Spring and Summer and how the change of seasons would allow us to emerge from our indoor pursuits and get back to the outdoor pleasures of gardening, golf and Brewers baseball. Alas, nature played a trick of me. I was diagnosed in May with a torn tendon in my left leg. The injury required surgery, which has been successfully completed, but also weeks of physical therapy also being on crutches for over 8 weeks. So, there went my golf season and my homegrown tomatoes!! Well, one can’t brood on that, so I’m concentrating on more sedentary pursuits. I’m catching up on my reading, spending a little more time on the Internet, watching my golf on TV and have discovered a new area of interest – cooking shows!!! Once I can walk again, I may even be competing with my wife Kathleen for some time in the kitchen. I’m also looking forward to the Osher fall schedule which promises to be very interesting. So, now when you see me hobbling around our Annual Spring Luncheon and Meeting, you’ll know what it’s all about. Hope to see you there.

On a final note, our superb Executive Director, Cathie Sanders will be retiring in June. I think I can speak for all of us when I say that it’s been a pleasure to work with Cathie over the past years. She is the heart and soul of the Osher organization and will be deeply missed. Cathie, we wish you all the best in your retirement and all of your future endeavors. We look forward to seeing you as a member of Osher. Good luck and godspeed.

David M. Keller
Special Interest Group Notes
July—August, 2011

For more information about Special Interest groups, call the Group Coordinator. Interest Groups are held at two locations:
UWM Heft Conference Center, 3271 N. Lake Drive (Heft)
Shorewood Senior Resource Center, lower level, 3920 N. Murray Ave.

BOOK GROUP:
Cathy Morris-Nelson 414-352-2839
Third Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
No Meetings in July and August (Shorewood)

EARTH WISDOM:
Dale Olen 262-255-3628
Second and fourth Wednesday
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Heft)

FRENCH:
Prof. Martine Meyer 414-964-3717
Every Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.–12:00p.m. (Heft)

GERMAN CONVERSATION:
Valerie Brumder, 414-352-4506
Second and fourth Tuesday 1:00-2:30 p.m. (Heft)

GOLD STAR MYSTERIES:
Beverly DeWeese 414-332-7306
First Thursdays, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. (Heft)
July 7:
“Scent of Rain and Lightning” by Nancy Pickard,
“Liars Anonymous” by Louise Ure
August 4:
“61 Hours” by Lee Child
“The Hearse You Came in On” by Tim Cockey

HISTORY:
Marilyn Walker 414-332-8255
Second & Fourth Wednesdays
9:00–10:00 a.m. (Heft)
The Book, “The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America’s Black Mygration” (1915-1970) by Isabel Wilkerson will be discussed in the two meetings in September
No Meetings in July & August

ITALIAN:
Silvana Kukuljan 414-935-2958
Every Tuesday, 12:00–1:30 p.m. (Heft)

SPANISH:
Tony LoBue 414-364-4936
Every Thursday, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. (Heft)

SPANISH CONVERSATION:
Simon Arenzon 262-242-2035
Every Tuesday, 9:30-11:30a.m. (Heft)
Annual Spring Meeting and Luncheon

Ninety-five members attended the luncheon and annual meeting at the Wisconsin Women’s Club on Wednesday, June 15th. The slate of officers was announced and a unanimous vote for David Kelling as President, Phil Rozga as President Elect, Mary Kelly as Secretary, and Betty White as Treasurer was accepted. After everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch, we listened to an informative and entertaining presentation by Osher member, Dale Olen.
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Linda is a modest woman who is more comfortable talking about the achievements of others than of herself. She is very proud of her daughter who is completing her doctoral degree in managerial leadership and her granddaughter who is obtaining a collegiate degree in international marketing with a minor in Spanish. She credits her daughter with teaching her to be more adventurous in her life. Linda said she has become more willing to do something on the spur of the moment due to her daughter’s influence.

Linda’s treasures are seeing her family grow and spending time with her friends. Linda and her daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter frequently take trips to New York and Washington DC. She travels to Canada and Illinois with friends to see a play and to do some shopping. She enjoys a good meal and is a talented chef. Her “signature” dishes are chicken salad and southern style macaroni and cheese.

Linda Nolan is a person of her word. She learned from her parents that it is very important to follow through on promises and to do so to the best of her ability. Linda thrives on a sense of accomplishment and it has permeated her career and retirement efforts. OSHER has very much benefitted from her spirit of commitment.
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2011 Musical Monday

August 15

Join Osher Friends at Lake Park

Picnic Area #3
(just south of the playground and tennis courts)

August 15, 6:30-8 p.m.

• Bring your own picnic. Ask a friend to join you to learn about becoming a member of Osher.

Randy Sabien & Bill Camplin
Funky, bluesey, swingy fiddler & Folk singer/songwriter.

Concerts will go on, rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, the concert will move to the Marcia Coles Community Room in the lower level of the Lake Park Pavilion, but everyone should hope for clear and dry weather.

For questions contact Kathy Czerniakowski 414-227-3222, kathycz@uwm.edu
On Tuesday, June 8, twenty-eight Osher members went to the Milwaukee Public Museum as a part of Kim Beck’s Week of Learning: the American Indian Experience in Wisconsin. Led by anthropologist Dawn Scher Thomae, the day started out focusing on archaeology in Wisconsin. Dawn shared her expert knowledge on the significance of archaeological digs in Wisconsin. She specifically spoke about Aztalan, where Osher members had gone the day before to see an active archaeological dig. The digs here prove that Aztalan was a Northern outpost of the Mississippian people. Their major city in Southern Illinois, Cahokia, was an important urban center around 1250 A.D.

Professor Scher Thomae described how different groups of Europeans interacted with the Native peoples they met. The French, who came largely to the northern US and Canada, were mostly traders and trappers interested in making lucrative trade connections. They married Native women and became part of the Native culture. Therefore, they didn’t have as detrimental an effect on Native groups as other Europeans, such as the Spanish, English, and Russians who did not intermarry.

A focal point of the American Indian area of the museum is the turntable exhibit showing the standard opening procession of a Pow Wow. Each individual depicted in the display is a real Native person from Wisconsin. These people chose the outfits that “they” wear in the exhibit, and are meant to show modern outfits worn at Pow Wows today. All six federally recognized tribes in Wisconsin are represented in this exhibit.

In the afternoon, Mark Denning spoke about Indian culture and the worldview that he has as a Native person. “We are all created from our experiences,” he said. There is less focus on linearity, and more cyclical thinking, recognizing the interconnected nature of life.

Mr. Denning discussed the importance of music and dance to Indian culture. He is an accomplished dancer, and donned an impressive fringed outfit before performing a grass dance.

The final activity of the day was a talk from Barbara Gross, who greeted the group in the Anishinabe (Ojibwe) language. In that language, Anishinabe means “the people.” Many of the names Native people apply to their own groups translate to “the people.”

Ms. Gross talked about how important elders were, and still are, in her Anishinabe community. “Elders are the keepers of wisdom,” she said, drawing a distinction between wisdom and knowledge. Knowledge is knowing how to do something, but wisdom is knowing whether we should do it.

Ms. Gross discussed the negative effects Indian schools in the 19th and 20th centuries had on at least three generations of Native people. The purpose of these schools was to take Native children away from their families and assimilate them into the white community. These children grew up believing that their ancestral culture was bad, and many abandoned it.
New: Fee for Interest Groups

At the Board of Directors meeting on June 13th it was decided that members attending special interest groups would be charged a semester fee. Effective this fall, in addition to the $40 membership dues, the charge for a special interest group will be $15 per person per semester. Special Interest Group members will register for the group each semester, as for any other Osher course or program.
If you have questions or concerns, please contact Osher President David Kelling at dinkel-ling@aol.com or 414-332-8889.

Potential New Members Event (We Need Your Help!)

The Membership Committee is planning an event for potential Osher members. Saturday, September 17, 10:00AM, at the UWM Hefter Conference Center, 3271 N. Lake Drive. Do you know someone who might enjoy Osher? Let us know and we will send them a special invitation with the date, time and location. Just email Kim Beck at kathycz@uwm.edu or call 414-227-3222 with their name and address.

New Member Orientation
Wednesday, July 13
Time: 1-2:30PM
Lake Park Community Room
3133 E. Newberry Blvd.

Musical Monday
August 15 6:30-8:00pm
Lake Park Picnic Area 3

In-person Registration and Fall Reception
Wednesday, August 24, 2-4PM
UWM School of Continuing Education
161 W. Wisconsin Ave., 7th floor
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