



# UPDATE

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## President's Letter

**Marilyn Fenton**

It's hard to believe the summer is already over and a new school year has begun. But after the heat we've endured, I'm looking forward to wearing turtlenecks, seeing my breath and watching the leaves turn.

I'm also looking forward to a fresh year for UAAD. We have a new slogan for the year – **P<sup>3</sup>: Proactive Approach to Professional Development and Personal Growth.**

This continues last year's theme of being proactive and focuses on two things every professional needs and can appreciate – professional development and personal growth.

For professional development, we're offering many choices so that everyone can find something that fits into their schedule. We'll be continuing *In the Know*, last year's successful program that provides in depth sessions on various areas to help broaden our institutional knowledge so we can all be better UNL ambassadors. We'll also be starting a book club to read and discuss books that will help us in our careers. These will be in addition to our traditional spring and fall professional development

workshops. Look for more information on all these in this Update and in future issues.

We have an excellent array of programs for the year, with fall focusing on professional development and spring on personal growth. These will continue to be in our usual lunch hour format. Check out the program listing in this newsletter and mark your calendars for the upcoming semester.

Our September program highlights another theme for this coming year – giving back to the community. Julie Dierberger, the Program Coordinator for Service Learning & Volunteer Services from Student Involvement will speak on the importance of service to the community. Also, graduate assistant Ashlee Dickinson will share experiences from UNL's recent Katrina relief trip.

This program will kick off UAAD's year of community service. At each meeting, UAAD members will have an opportunity to support a local charity, with plans for a food drive, a mitten collection and many

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others. I'm confident UAAD can prove the point that when small contributions are pooled together, they make a sizable impact. Stay tuned for more information on each month's service project.

So, with this ambitious agenda for the coming year, I'd like to welcome you all back to UAAD after the summer off. UAAD is growing along with you to provide networking, programs and development opportunities for all its members. I look forward to seeing you at meetings this fall. And please do bring a friend or guest. UAAD is only as strong as its membership and the more the merrier.

P.S. Since I came up with idea of starting a Member Profile in the Update each month, I got to do this first one. Check out this new feature for more than you ever wanted to know about your president. And don't be surprised if you get called to do the next one. :) ☎

# Why Join UAAD?

## For \$10\* in annual dues, you receive:

- ☎ Access to seminars and workshops that enhance professional development and growth.
- ☎ Monthly meetings with speakers who provide stimulating programs.
- ☎ UAAD *Update*, a monthly electronic newsletter about members, activities, and issues of interest.

\*Or \$18 for two years

## Meetings:

Usually the third Wednesday of the month from September through May, on alternating campuses, generally during the noon hour.

## How to Join:

Any employee of UNL or an affiliate agency with managerial/ professional responsibilities is eligible. Just fill out the application on the back of the last page, detach and return to the membership committee chair OR bring the form to the next UAAD meeting.

**Mark Your Calendar**

**Importance of Service to the Community:**  
**Katrina Relief Trip**  
*presented by*  
*Julie Dierberger, Program Coordinator for Service Learning & Volunteer Services, and*  
*Ashlee Dickinson, graduate assistant*

**Wednesday, September 20**  
**11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

City Union, Room to be posted

# Look at What's to Come

The professional development team is offering a variety of options that will fit your needs and schedule. If you have questions, contact Paul Marsolek, Professional Development Chair, at 472-1104 or pmarsolek2@unl.edu.

## "In the Know" series

The purpose of this series is to help UAAD members develop a network of peers to make each other and UNL more effective and foster an environment of cooperation and trust between staff and leaders on campus. More information will become available as the series is scheduled.

## Book Club

The purpose of this club is to allow UAAD members to network with their peers and develop action items to improve the culture and effectiveness of our workplaces on campus. The plan is to meet at scheduled time throughout the semester to discuss assigned chapters. Further details will be announced as they become available.

## Professional Development Programs

The purpose of this series is to provide an opportunity for the professional development of the UNL community.

**October 18 (Wednesday)**, 1:30-4:00 PM, following the monthly meeting

**Gallup Strengths Finder** with D'vee Buss Assistant Dean of the College of Business Administration and Betsy Klemme, Academic Advisor (*Attendees need to buy the book and take the Strengths Finder before attending, details to come*)

**March 21 (Tentative)**, 1:30-4:00 PM, following the monthly meeting

**Creativity** with Barbara Tootles. ☎

# Member Spotlight

## Marilyn Fenton

**M**y name is Marilyn Fenton and I work as a Data Analyst in Accounting. I've spent most of my professional career in higher education, first at Brown University in Providence and now here at



Marilyn Fenton  
UAAD President

UNL. I moved to Nebraska in 1997 and have been at UNL since 1998, for the first five years in Human Resources and now in Accounting.

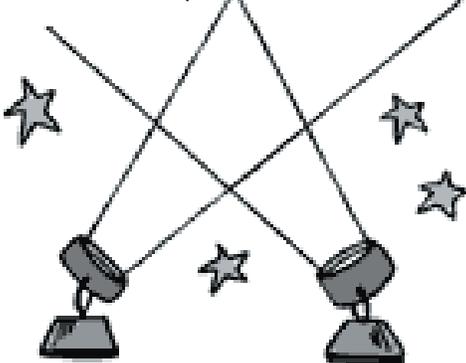
**What do you see**

**as one of the biggest turning points in your life?**

I studied abroad in Orleans, France during my junior year of college. It was a total immersion program – French dorm, French roommate and French classes. It was an amazing year full of challenges, with opportunities to travel and make some of the best friends I'll ever have. I left as a carefree (relatively) college student but came back an adult with a changed world view that has had a huge effect on who I am today.

**What are you most proud of?**

I've spent countless hours volunteering at the Wahoo Public Library, wearing many hats but currently I'm Treasurer of the Foundation and President of the Friends. After years of hard work, we



had the grand opening of our new library in July. Seeing all the people there and the fabulous new building made all the time and energy worthwhile.

**What is your favorite thing to do on a day off?**

Depending on the weather, either gardening or scrapbooking. A great weekend has both.

**What is the most unique or interesting thing about you that most people probably don't know?**

I don't know if this qualifies as the MOST interesting but I've been a Master Gardener for years, certifying first in RI and then again when I moved to Nebraska. To satisfy my volunteer requirement, I wrote a gardening column in the Wahoo Newspaper for five years and now maintain the plantings at the new Wahoo Public Library, which include a butterfly garden and a Cather garden filled with plants mentioned in My Antonia and O' Pioneers.

**What is the last good book you read?**

I'm just now finishing David Sedaris' *Me Talk Pretty One Day*, which I've been reading at my desk while I eat lunch. I've gotten some funny looks from co-workers when I burst out laughing. I especially appreciate his essays about struggling to learn French when he moved to France.

**What's your favorite TV show?**

I'm almost embarrassed to admit this but.....Survivor. Love it!

**If you could have dinner with one person from the past or present, who would it be?**

I'd love to have dinner with Stephen King. I can't imagine what kind of person can write such imaginative, twisted tales. He's one of my very favorite authors, can you tell? ☹

## Programming Highlights 2006

**T**his year looks to be very exciting. To follow the P<sup>3</sup> theme, the fall programs will address *Professional Development* and the spring programs will address *Personnel Growth*. There are still many plans yet to be made and not all speakers for the spring are confirmed, but the fall schedule is listed below.

**September 20 (Wednesday)**

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM @ City Campus  
**Importance of Service to the Community: Katrina Relief Trip**, presented by Julie Dierberger, Program Coordinator for Service Learning & Volunteer Services, Ashlee Dickinson, graduate assistant  
*Bring your own brown bag lunch*

**October 18 (Wednesday)**

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM @ City Campus  
**Gallup Employee Engagement**, presented by Nancy Myers, Director of Organizational Development, Human Resources  
*Bring your own brown bag lunch*

**October 18 (Wednesday)**

1:30 AM – 4:00 PM @ City Campus  
**Professional Development Series: Gallup Strength Finder**, presented by D'vee Buss, Assistant Dean of the College of Business Administration and Betsy Klemme, Academic Advisor

**November 15 (Wednesday)**

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM @ East Campus  
**Humor in the Workplace**, presented by Patt Harper, Ha Ha Productions  
*Bring your own brown bag lunch*

**December 15 (Wednesday)**

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM @ City Campus  
**Annual Graze & Mingle**  
Catered Lunch by Manhattan Deli [pre-paid reservations] and UAAD member holiday goodies  
Presentation by Ed Zimmer, Historian for City of Lincoln ☹

# Opportunities & Benefits of UAAD Membership

## Would you like to:

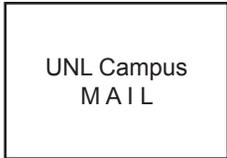
- Meet other UNL employees?
- Learn more about UNL and campus issues?
- Develop professional skills?
- Discuss common interests with fellow professionals?
- Serve in a leadership position or on a committee?

## If your answer is YES...

Join the University Association for Administrative Development, an organization formed by employees for employees of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

## What UAAD does for YOU:

- Stimulates the improvement of operations in administrative and managerial areas of UNL.
- Promotes professional development among participating members through the exchange of ideas and techniques.
- Provides communications between UNL administrator and managerial/professional staff.
- Serves as a source for UNL administrators to call upon for representation on appropriate committees or campus processes.



## Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Department \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

- Managerial/Professional staff
- Academic/Administrative staff
- Office/Service Staff  
(with managerial/supervisory responsibilities)

How did you learn about UAAD? (please check)

- Website
- Flyer
- Current UAAD Member

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to serve on a UAAD committee?

- YES
- NO

Dean/Director or Dept. Head/Chair

Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Refer to the UAAD website at [www.unl.edu.uaad](http://www.unl.edu.uaad) for committee descriptions)

**Make check for payable to UAAD, \$10 for one year or \$18 for two years**

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