

**Summary of Qualifications of Applicants for Membership
on the
Senior Services Advisory Council
June 2007**

New Candidates Recommended for Appointment to the Council

Rod Holst

After retiring as an investment broker, Mr. Holst started a local business assisting seniors and their families with placement in licensed community-based facilities, such as residential care facilities, assisted living facilities, or adult foster homes. He is a member of the Alzheimer's Association Educational Advisory Board, M.O.S.S. (Marketing of Senior Services), and the Southtowne Rotary Club. He attends monthly meetings of the Senior Professionals Information Network, various trainings through the Alzheimer's Association, and delivers meals on wheels. He has also given presentations on senior issues to various organizations around the community.

Kathy Mann

Ms. Mann is an active participant with the Senior Companion Program. In particular, she assists people with visual impairments, as she has personal experience in this area. Previously Ms. Mann worked in the retail and insurance business. Ms. Mann also counsels people with disabilities through the Commission for the Blind. She attends two support groups under Vision Northwest and has particular interest in encouraging people who are blind or disabled with their daily life activities.

Donna Peterson

Ms. Peterson has extensive education in the area of gerontology, having received her master's degree with a concentration in elder abuse, Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. She has been the instructor for the Adult Foster Home Certification at LCC, the education chairperson for the Cascade Coast Office of the Alzheimer's Association, was a charter member of LCC's Center for Leisure and Living, and has served on many boards and professional organizations in the field. Ms. Peterson is currently the Coordinator for the 1st Annual Alzheimer's Conference to be held on June 2, 2007.

Dr. Dwayne (Sparky) Rice

Dr. Rice has been a family physician in Lane County for 30 years. During that time, he has served as the Medical Director for Riverpark and Valley West nursing facilities for 25 and 20 years respectively. For the past five years, he has been a

participant in the Caring Visitors program at the First United Methodist Church. Additionally, Dr. Rice is the Chairperson of “Justice and Mission Matters” at the First United Methodist Church.

Betty Jane Shirley

Ms. Shirley has many years of experience working in a medical laboratory within a hospital environment. She has been very active in the League of Women Voters and has served on the Roseburg Planning Commission. Ms. Shirley has extensive personal experience with issues related to care giving, as she has cared for her husband who is currently a resident of a local licensed facility.

Candidates for Appointment as Community Representatives

Melissa Bowers

Ms. Bowers works for the City of Junction City as the Director of the Viking Sal Senior Center. The center houses the Senior Meals Program and the Senior Connections Program for services in the Junction City area. Ms. Bowers is a member of the Lane Coalition of Senior Programs, the Section for Older Adult Resources (SOAR) of Oregon Parks and Recreation, the Senior Meals Advisory Committee, and the Health Steps to Aging Committee.

Susan Busler

Ms. Busler is a faculty member for the Oregon State University Extension Service. In this capacity, she develops and delivers educational programs to people of all ages, including seniors. She has served on the Advisory Board for OASIS and a myriad of Extension-related committees dealing with senior issues. She has also worked with Meals on Wheels programming in Eugene and Springfield.

Carmen Dake

For more than 20 years, Ms. Dake has been working with seniors in the Cottage Grove community. She has worked as the manager of Jefferson Park, an apartment complex serving low income senior and disabled residents. Currently, she is the owner/operator of Magnolia Village Memory Care, an assisted living facility in the Cottage Grove area. Ms. Dake has been active in the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce. She has also participated on Alzheimer support groups and the Community Health Committee, which fosters health education in the Cottage Grove area.

Cathy Davenport

Ms. Davenport is currently an RN Care Coordinator at Barger Clinic. She has worked with seniors for many years, including working in a nursing home environment, as a case manager and adult protective services worker at S&DS, and with the State of Oregon in the Client Care Monitoring Unit. Ms. Davenport has extensive experience in the area of quality care for seniors and people with disabilities, and has also interfaced with many community partners such as Volunteers in Medicine, Shelter Care, Riverstone Clinic, and White Bird.

Megan O'Connor

Ms O'Connor has 20+ years of experience working in the administration field of civil law. She also has 10 years of experience working with non-profit organizations. She has participated on numerous non-profit boards and has given numerous presentations. Ms. O'Connor has first hand experience providing round-the-clock care to her mother. She is currently the manager of the RSVP program for United Way of Lane County.

Mary Ellen Riley

Ms. Riley was on the cutting edge of community-based care in the early 1980's. She began her career providing care to people with disabilities in her own home. Since then, she has owned up to 4 foster care homes and now operates a 42 bed residential care facility which provides housing and long term care to brain injured, severely disabled adults and seniors. She is a member of the Oregon Health Care Association and has extensive experience working on boards and committees.

Yvaughn Tompkins

Ms. Tompkins has 31 years of public service to the citizens of Lane County. During her tenure, she has worked with a wide variety of people and age ranges. She has effectively directed youth programs and senior programs. She has served on a variety of City, community agency, task teams, boards and organization committees. Ms. Tompkins is currently the manager of the Campbell Senior Center in Eugene.