

**JANUARY, 2004**

**LOMA SOCIETY OF THE TWIN CITIES**

## **FELLOW TALK**

### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**



**Terry Teske, Twin Cities LOMA Society President  
Senior Actuarial Assistant, Minnesota Life**

#### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

I want to send a special THANK YOU to everyone on the Board, especially our Past President, Mary Smythe, for making 2003 a huge success for our Society.

We are extremely fortunate to have such a talented, dedicated group of folks on our Board.

2004 also promises to be an exciting year. Our first of three meetings will be held on **Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**, at the Radisson Hotel South, in Minneapolis. Details for this meeting are on *Page 2*. See you there.

Our Spring Seminar will be held on **Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**. As you requested, this event will once again be held in the morning. Watch for more details in our next issue of *Fellow Talk*.

Our Fall dinner meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**. Our return guest speaker will be Bob Senkler, Chairman and CEO of Minnesota Life. We will also be recognizing all of our new LOMA designees at this meeting.

#### Mark your calendars for:

- Tuesday evening, February 3
- Tuesday morning, May 18
- Tuesday evening, September 28

Watch for our name change, from FLMI to LOMA Society, to take place during 2004.

Be an active member...attend your Society's meetings. ©

## FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> DINNER MEETING

**Location:** Radisson Hotel South  
7800 Normandale Boulevard  
Minneapolis, MN 55439  
Phone: (952) 835-7800

**Cost:** Members = \$30 / NonMembers = \$35

### Agenda:

5:30 – 6:15 Registration and Cash Bar  
6:15 – 7:00 Dinner  
7:00 – 8:30 Speaker, Nan Gesche Larsen  
Topic: Strategic Thinking for Success

### Dinner:

#### Choice of:

#### *Stuffed Chicken Breast*

(Boneless breast of chicken, stuffed with Gouda and wild rice, glazed with an Orange Grand Marnier Sauce)

#### Or

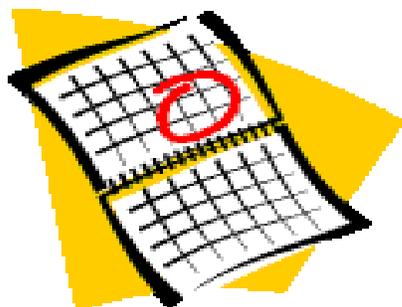
#### *Walnut Roasted Pork Loin*

(Trimmed center cut pork loin, slow roasted with a walnut pear chutney)

#### And

*Caesar Salad, Dinner Rolls and Butter, New York Cheesecake with Fruit Topping and Coffee*

**Please register with your company representative no later than Wednesday, January 28th**



**Mark your calendar for Tuesday,  
February 3rd.**

## ABOUT OUR SPEAKER



Nan Gesche Larsen has over 15 years of independent and corporate experience, with an established reputation for being a catalyst and coach in bringing about change and helping teams reach outstanding results.

Nan holds a MA degree in Organizational Communications and a professional certificate in Training and Development from the University of Minnesota, a BA degree in Economics from the University of North Dakota, and is a qualified administrator of the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator.

Nan has worked with diverse organizations on projects such as strategic planning, strategic learning, transition management and individual career coaching. She currently teaches at the University of Minnesota. ©

## STRATEGIC THINKING FOR SUCCESS

Strategic thinking isn't just for the boardroom. It is a necessary skill at all levels of an organization in order to face the rapid changes in business today. Participants will have the chance to practice techniques and tools for improving strategic thinking to bring success to their work and to their company. ©

# LOMA SOCIETY MEMBERS WALK IN TCF HOLIDAZZLE PARADE, COLLECT FOR EMERGENCY FOODSHELF NETWORK

By Paul Lindemann, Catholic Aid Association

The evening of December 4 was unseasonably warm—so warm, in fact, that it didn't even feel like the holidays were approaching! To put Downtown Minneapolis shoppers in the holiday mood, LOMA Society members and their families—16 volunteers in all—spent the evening as part of the TCF Holiday Parade on the Nicollet Mall.

Holiday is an annual festival of lights, music and holiday cheer. This year, it ran Wednesday through Sunday evenings (except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day) from November 28 through December 28. This was the second year that our LOMA Society has participated in the event.

Wearing train engineer's overalls, our volunteers walked in front of the parade over its eight-block route, spreading cheer and collecting donations for the Emergency FoodShelf Network (EFN). Some of the group walked with the Cub Foods/American Express Circus Train float to collect donations.

Volunteers collected over \$38,000 in cash and nearly 4,500 pounds of food for EFN during the 21 nights of the parade. American Express matched the first \$30,000 in donations, bringing the total to over \$68,000. This helped EFN brighten the holiday season for many Twin Cities families.

Holiday was a great evening of fun and fellowship. We hope you'll be able to join us next year! ©



Holiday volunteers

## Scholarship 2004

By Jennifer Victor-Larsen, Educational Representative



**\$500 for college!**

The FLMI Society of the Twin Cities Scholarship program awards \$500.00 annually for post-secondary education. Students may be an accepted first year or continuing student.

Eligible students are members of the FLMI Society of the Twin Cities in good standing, their children, grandchildren or spouse.

New FLMI designees eligible for membership in the FLMI Society of the Twin Cities are also eligible if they received their designation before September 1, 2004.

A statement of personal goals or development plan must be submitted for students. Members or associate members must submit a statement of how their LOMA educational achievements or society membership has helped them. ©

## **ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM 2003 SOCIETY OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

### **Mary Smythe, President**

As President of the FLMI Society of the Twin Cities in 2003, I organized the board meetings and worked closely with all the board members to arrange for our 3 Society meetings; our dinner meeting in February, our spring seminar, and our October dinner meeting/ new FLMI recognition program.

We tried something new in 2003, by holding a joint meeting with the local Underwriting organization for our February meeting. The topic was "Fraud", which was of interest to the members of both groups. It was nice to do something a little different and it was a good opportunity to network and socialize with many people that we might not otherwise meet.

Our Spring Seminar was also a little different, in that it was held in the morning instead of the afternoon. We had a good turnout and received good feedback from the surveys returned, so we are looking forward to doing this again in 2004. We were lucky to have the Chairman of LOMA's Board of Directors, Mr. John Gilbert speak to us last October. He gave an update on the many services that LOMA provides to its member companies, and gave a brief overview of the new FFSI program.

We believe we provided many informative speakers at our Society meetings in 2003. We are going to focus on keeping the topics relevant to our industry and professional development. If you have any ideas for topics you would like to know more about, or if you know of any speakers that may be of interest to our Society, please let one of the Board members know.

In 2003, our Society also did some great things to help our local communities. At our Spring Seminar, we collected donations for the Cancer Kids Fund and raised nearly \$600 for this organization. At our October meeting, we collected food and monetary donations for the Emergency Food Shelf Network. We also had some members that donated their time to the Food Shelf organization by volunteering at the Holidazzle

parade on December 4th. We walked ahead of the parade with jingle bells in hand, collecting food and cash donations for the Food Shelf. It was a lot of fun, and we hope to participate again in 2004.

### **Terry Teske, Vice President**

My responsibilities included assisting our President, publishing our newsletter, taking photos, sending Thank You cards to our guest speakers, and creating our membership directory.

In September, I attended LOMA's annual conference in San Antonio, Texas. While there, I represented our Society in the Officer's Training Workshop. It was FANTASTIC!

### **Lori Webb, Treasurer**

I managed all Society finances, including responsibility for the budget and bank account. I collected registrations and all money for our three meetings.

In September, I attended LOMA's annual conference in San Antonio, Texas. It was educational and inspirational.

### **LuAnn Maxfield, Society Committee Representative**

In 2003, I continued to be the communications link with LOMA headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. On the local front, I served as the liaison for our Society members to the Board members by providing feedback from surveys that I designed. The Society members' responses on the surveys are valuable information to the continued success of our Society.

### **Carole Hanson-Grue, Program Chair**

I was responsible for setting up all of our meetings, including: making reservations, determining food items and providing establishments with a final member count of attendees.

I participated in the establishment of guidelines for choosing a scholarship applicant winner.

## **ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM 2003 SOCIETY OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS (continued)**

### **Paul Lindemann, Member At Large**

My responsibilities included contacting all of our charities that we were involved with, preparing our Society's brochure, and acting as liaison for our Society members.

I participated in the establishment of guidelines for choosing a scholarship applicant winner.

### **Jennifer Victor-Larsen, Education Representative**

Prepare forms/information regarding the scholarship; Chair selection committee for the scholarship; attend board meetings; participate in obtaining speakers and preparation for association meetings, as needed.

I participated in the establishment of guidelines for choosing a scholarship applicant winner.

### **Steven Afdahl, Web Master**

Maintained our website, and am currently revamping our website.

## **We're On The Web**

[www.flmi-tc.com](http://www.flmi-tc.com)

Visit our website, for a list of your Officers and Board of Directors, newsletters, events and more. ©

## **LOMA SOCIETY OF THE TWIN CITIES**

### **2004 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **President:**

Terry Teske, FLMI/M, ACS, AIAA, ARP  
Minnesota Life

#### **Vice President:**

Lori Webb, FLMI, ACS, AIAA

#### **Treasurer:**

Rolf Anderson, FLMI  
New York Life

#### **Secretary:**

Mary Rausch, FLMI  
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

#### **Member At Large:**

Paul Lindemann, FLMI, ACS  
Catholic Aid Association

#### **Society Committee Representative:**

LuAnn Maxfield, FLMI, ACS, AALU  
Hartford Life

#### **Program Chair:**

Carole Hanson-Grue, FLMI, ACS, AIAA, AIRC, FIC  
Catholic Aid Association

#### **Education Representative:**

Jennifer Victor-Larsen, FLMI, ACS  
Catholic Aid Association

#### **Web Master:**

Steven Afdahl, FLMI  
Minnesota Life

#### **Past President (2003):**

Mary Smythe, FLMI, CLU, FALU, ACS, AIAA  
Hartford Life