

Educational series launched by Women's Fund

When the community leaders started the Women's Fund several years ago, they knew that education needed to be part of the mission and goals of the fund. As a result, a three-part series entitled "Woman to Woman: Hearing Our Voices" will take place this fall and early winter. (see schedule in box).

This series is led and coordinated by the grants and research committee of the Women's Fund.



June Roos

June Roos, of B a u e r l y Companies, is the chairperson. "One of our roles is to focus on education and information events. In developing this series, we wanted to

raise awareness in the community about issues women face. It's important that we listen to each other to create a better understanding."

The Women's Fund targets three key groups: middle school girls, women in transition and elder women. Each of the programs focuses on one of those key groups.

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"It is our hope that we will create positive outcomes for women and girls. We want to enable and empower them to improve their lives," Roos explained. "We believe this series really supports the Women's Fund mission to 'enhance the lives of all women and children.'"

These events are free and open to the public but specifically geared to women. Registration is preferred. For more information or to register, call the Central Minnesota Community Foundation at (320) 253-4380 or (877) 253-4380 or email gstark@communitygiving.org.

Woman to Woman Series

Each session will take place at the Stearns History Museum beginning at 5 p.m. with registration and snacks. The presentations will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by a question and answer session. The programs will conclude by 7 p.m.

Thursday, September 29, 2005

"The Psychology of Middle School Girls"

Presented by Bette Bakke, psychologist who specializes in treating eating disorders Behavioral Health Clinic, St. Cloud Hospital

Thursday, October 27, 2005

"Journey of a Lifetime: Women and the Aging Experience"

Presented by Dr. Phyllis Greenberg, professor of gerontology, St. Cloud State University, who will address the strengths and challenges elder women face and how best to respond to their needs.

Thursday, December 1, 2005

"Women in Transition - Immigrant Women in our Midst"

A panel discussion led by Brianda Cedeil from Hands Across the World. The panel will address the challenges facing immigrant women as they transition into Central Minnesota.



SATURDAY, SEPT. 17, 2005

The Second Annual Williams Wobegon Ride

The nine-mile ride begins at the trailhead in St. Joseph. Bikers will ride to the trailhead in Avon where they will either be shuttled or ride their bikes back to St. Joseph. Funds raised will go to the Julianne Williams Fund at the Central Minnesota Community Foundation. Watch the St. Cloud Times or call (320) 253-4380 for more details.

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