



Minnesota Gerontological Society 2007 Conference
Dutch Kastenbaum Award
*Older Adults' Mobility at Home and in the Community:
 Strategies for Safety, Independence and Participation*

History of the Dutch Kastenbaum Award

The Minnesota Gerontological Society established the Outstanding Gerontologist Award in 1984 to recognize individuals who have made a special contribution to the life of older persons in Minnesota. These contributions may come from "hands on" work in the community, advocacy, program building, or research. Since then the Society has honored one or more persons each year (with a few exceptions). The roster represents an honor roll of service and contribution to the aging community.

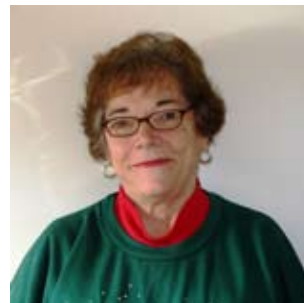
Dutch Kastenbaum



In 1998, the award was renamed the Dutch Kastenbaum Award to honor Abraham "Dutch" Kastenbaum. Dutch, trained as a social worker and was a pioneer in establishing service programs for older people (specifically the first senior center in Minneapolis). He headed the Division of Aging of United Way's Health and Welfare Council, and later became a celebrity with his weekly television show. Senior Citizens' Forum ran for almost 25 years and was a vehicle for informing older Minnesotans about a wide variety of issues that concerned them. The Minnesota Gerontological Society is pleased to be able to honor his memory through this award.

**MGS Outstanding Gerontologist Award
 Prior Recipients**

1984	Etta Saloshin	1994	Shirley Murray
1985	Grace Warfield	1995	Gerald Bloedow
	Norm Bourestom	1996	Dutch Kastenbaum
	Dutch Kastenbaum		Mariah Snyder
1988	Raye Kreevoy	1997	Janet Woodhull
	Cynthia Polich		Iris Freeman
1989	Elva Walker	1998*	Ken Hepburn
1990	Nancy N. Eustis	1999	Pam Parker
1991	Doug Hanneman	2000	LaRhae Knatterud
1992	Donald McTavish	2001	Warren Wolfe
	David Knopman	2002	John Selstad
1993	Donna Walberg	2003	Robert L. Kane
	Steven Miles		Rosalie A. Kane
1994	Muriel Ryden	2004	Maria Gomez
		2005	Marion Gepner
		2006	Jeanette Metz



Maddy Forsberg embodies what it means to be an outstanding gerontologist. Her distinguished career as a respected area agency on aging director centered on dedication to developing services has broad implications for older adults residing in rural areas across Minnesota.

She is known in the Aging Network for her strong advocacy as both a collaborator and coalition builder. Through her community development initiatives she set the bar by creating a network of rural health insurance counseling advocates for seniors, testifying before the Legislature as an expert on rural health care systems, providing educational opportunities for discharge planners, and leading policy and practice initiatives through a long list of coalitions including the Rural Health Advisory Council, State Transportation Coordination Advisory Committee, Minnesota Rural Health Association, and the Health Improvement Partnership. Above all else she draws upon her personal experiences to serve as the voice of older persons living in rural Minnesota.

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