

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MORRIS

Benefits for Retired UMM Staff

UMM Retirees Association (UMMRA): Participation is open to University retirees and their spouses. You may join UMMRA prior to retirement. Dues are \$10.00 per person or \$15.00 per couple each year. Contact Andy Lopez, UMMRA president, at <alopez@morris.umn.edu> or Bonnie Tipcke, secretary, at <tipckebl@morris.umn.edu> for more information.

Among the benefits provided to UMMRA members are:

Newsletter - This group provides a quarterly publication.

Other Events - UMMRA schedules 3 business meetings a year, with a speaker, according to the group's by-laws. Other activities are scheduled during the year by the Board of Directors and are announced in the newsletter and the website at www.morris.umn.edu/ummra

UMM Parking Pass – Retirees who become members of UMMRA may obtain a “UMMRA” parking tag for their vehicle, free of charge. (*UMMRA pays the annual group fee.*) The tag allows parking in any public UMM lot. The tag can be obtained from UMM Campus Security, 9 Camden Hall, phone (320) 589-6000. You must provide a valid notice of participation in UMMRA.

Mini-Grants – UMMRA offers members mini-grants of up to \$350 each to support a retiree's research, or research-connected travel, or both.

Volunteer Service-UMMRA members help with UMM receptions, the annual children's art show, the annual book sale plus other activities in the Morris community. Contact Cathy Kemble at 795-2290 or Bernice Erdahl at 589-9007 if you are interested.

E-mail Accounts – University Retirees may maintain their UMM e-mail account for as long as they wish. Contact Computing Services at 10 Behmler Hall, phone (320) 589-6390 if you want to discontinue your account.

Business Office: Contact UMM Business Office, 205 Behmler Hall, (320) 589-6125 for more information about the following issues:

U Card – Retirees who already have a University identification card, or “U card”, can continue to use that card. Those who have not already obtained a card may do so through the U Card Office, 205 Behmler Hall. In order to request or maintain a U Card, they must have current information in the PeopleSoft System.

The U Card can be used for the following services at UMM:

Briggs Library – The U card provides access to borrowing and interlibrary loan privileges at Briggs Library and the use of University Libraries on other campuses as determined by their policies. Briggs Library also offers their own library card for these privileges.

Sodexo – Receive a 10% bonus for every dollar you add to your U card. For example, \$10 is worth \$11 of food purchases at Turtle Mountain Cafe.

Personnel, Benefits and Payroll Issues: Contact UMM Human Resources at 309 Behmler Hall, (320) 589-6024 for more information about these issues:

Directory Listing and PeopleSoft System – Personal information for retirees is maintained in the PeopleSoft System. This central information system for the University of Minnesota maintains current employee and retiree information, including most recent address which is included in the Student-Staff Directory. This information may be maintained on line at: <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/services/hr/>, click on Employee Self Service and Update Personal Information, or by contacting the UMM Payroll Office, 309 Behmler Hall, (320) 589-6022. Many of the perquisites rely on being a part of this database and keeping your information current.

Employee Benefits – The Twin Cities Employee Benefit Representative will assist people in retirement issues relative to University of Minnesota Employee Benefits. You may contact them directly at (800) 756-2363, or visit with them during one of their visits to UMM. You are encouraged to begin these discussions up to a year prior to actually retiring.

Retiree Checklist – This checklist is sent to supervisors at the time a notice of retirement is received. This will assist the supervisor and retiring employee to contact the appropriate campus offices to return University property and close out accounts prior to retirement.

Other Issues: Contact the office indicated for more information about these issues:

Campus Events – Senior Citizens are eligible for a discounted rate to the UMM Performing Arts Series and athletic events. UMM retirees are invited to the Chancellor’s Holiday Reception and the Faculty/Staff Recognition Dinner.

College Coursework: Minnesota residents 62 years or older may be admitted to UMM classes without credit at a minimal cost (materials and special fees only). They pay an extra \$10/credit to receive credit for a course. Admission is granted only after tuition-paying students have been accommodated. Further information is available from the UMM Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, 105 Behmler hall, (320) 589-6035.

Credit Union – If you have been a UMM employee or are a relative of a UMM employee, you may be a member of the Affinity Plus Credit Union. Contact Affinity Plus in Alexandria at (320) 762-1391 for more information.

Duplicating Services: This office provides service to the UMM and Morris communities for a fee. Contact Duplicating Services, 1180 Sci, (320) 589-6145, for more information.

Division Office Issues for Retired Faculty : Contact your Division Chair for more information about the following issues:

Administrative Support – Access to divisional secretarial services, work study students, use of computer, photocopying, use of University stationary and other similar items must be negotiated with the Division Chair.

Advising – Faculty retirees currently assist in the advising of students in some academic fields and in CERP (eg. study abroad). Academic advising assignments must be negotiated with the Chair of the unit where the program is housed.

Emeritus Status – The title of “Emeritus” will be awarded to all Tenured faculty members who retire because of age, with the understanding that the emeritus title will be of the rank held by the faculty member at the time of retirement. The Latin feminine “Emerita” is often used for female faculty.

Mail – It may be possible for Retired Faculty to continue to receive their mail in the division office. Such arrangements must be negotiated with the Division chair. If this is not possible, you may request a mailbox in the **Faculty Center** by contacting them at (320) 589-6273.

Office Space – Office or other working space arrangements must be negotiated with the appropriate Division Chair, keeping in mind that the activities of current faculty, staff, and students must have priority. Any such arrangement must have the Dean and Chancellor’s approval.

Teaching and Other Employment – Retired faculty members may occasionally obtain further employment with the University on a special contract, to be negotiated with the Chair of the unit involved and with the approval of the Dean.