

UMMRA INFO

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CHANCELLOR'S GREETING

It is an annual pleasure to greet the University of Minnesota Morris Retirees Association and to welcome you to a new year at our College. This promises to be another busy and productive time at UMM:

-We have welcomed a very large and highly qualified first year class of students, and the campus will be home in 2001-02 to the largest student body we have seen since the mid '90's.

-The "old" science building is scheduled to re-open for Second Semester this academic year, and it will certainly be wonderful to have the entire Science and Math complex fully functional in its exciting new configuration.

-It is our plan to go to the legislature this year with a strong request for funding to renovate the Social Science building. Estimates are that a complete updating of this important campus classroom and office space will cost around \$8 million. We will, of course, be asking for your support in making our case for this project.

-The renovation of the Social Science building is one aspect of our intention to have UMM's central mall area defined as a Historic District. The cluster of buildings surrounding the mall, mostly dating from the Agricultural High School era, represent an increasingly rare glimpse at an integrated, coherent, early 20th Century academic architectural style.

-Our Education Division will be undergoing its periodical reaccreditation review, from State of Minnesota and national review groups.

-We welcome this year two new senior administrators at the Vice Chancellor level: Sandra Olson-Loy, who has served UMM as Director of Student Activities, emerged from a national search as our new Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, and Dr. John F. ("Fritz") Schwaller, from the University of Montana, has arrived on campus to take up the post of Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Congratulations and welcome to both!

-This should be a definitive year in our UMM Capital Campaign. Although the Campaign runs until the end of the following year, the next 12 months will be crucial in determining the final outcome. Already, our progress has been heady, and UMM retirees have played a very important part in this developing success story.

-Finally, this year, like every year, will have its surprises, some good news, some bad. One of the most enlivening aspects of working at UMM is the way it is never possible to predict at the beginning of the year all that we will be looking back to at the end. Indeed, in the Chancellor's Office, most days have that unpredictable character! So, stay tuned...

As always, our UMM retirees continue to occupy a central, and a warm, place in the consciousness of our campus community. All of us are both grateful for all you have already done for UMM, and looking forward to all that you will continue to do in the future.

Sam Schuman,
Chancellor

WINERY AND APPLE ORCHARD CAR TOUR

Join us for a "fun day" on Wednesday, September 19. Experience a visit to the Carlos Winery, near Alexandria, to taste their wines. Feel free to view the apple orchard, the grape vineyard, and the stables, one of Minnesota's largest purebred Arabian horse facilities.

From the winery we will go to the Pommerenke Apple Orchard for a 1:30 p.m. tour of a beautiful setting. There is a neat gift shop so maybe bring along some money. Pam Pommerenke, whose husband, Jerry, is a graduate of UMM, will be our tour guide.

Next, we will travel west and stop at the Dew Drop Inn in Hoffman for pie and coffee. (Avis will call ahead to make certain there is enough pie left)

We will carpool and leave from the North UMM parking lot at 11:00 a.m. Plan to be back in Morris by 5:00 p.m.

Call Avis at 589-3304 as soon as possible if you plan to join the "fun day". Each place would appreciate knowing how many will attend. No cost except pie and coffee. (Maps will be provided to drivers on that day).

FALL LUNCHEON MEETING

The fall luncheon meeting of UMMRA will be held at the Common Grounds Caffe on Wednesday, October 17 at 11 a.m. (Note change in place and time) The business meeting will be held first followed by entertainment by Josh Fischer telling us about his CD. We will order pay-your-own lunch from their menu. Please be on time so the business meeting is over before their lunch crowd arrives.

DUES—MEMBERSHIP

Ellen Ordway reports that we have 91 members, so far, for 2001-2002. Of these, 52 addresses are in the Morris area. Members are interested in news so send information to Ellen to be included in UMMRA INFO.

OFFICE—ELECTRONIC MAILING LIST

Sam Schuman has provided UMMRA with office space in the Community Services Building and should be available soon.

As changes in health insurance for the University seem to be imminent, retirees need a way to keep informed. This was explained by Laird Barber in his Twin Cities UMMRA report in the summer UMMRA INFO. If and when information is available the fastest way to give this information is through e-mail. Members who want to join the e-mail list may subscribe by sending an e-mail message from their own account, addressed to:

majordomo@mrs.umn.edu
containing the message text:
subscribe UMMRA

Any list member may send mail to the list by addressing it to:
ummra@mrs.umn.edu

REGIONAL FITNESS CENTER

The fall schedule at the RFC has many programs for retirees:

Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Program—A recreational program conducted in the RFC warm water pool for persons with arthritis or other joint pain. Pre-registration at front desk is required. Two different times offered.

Water Aerobics—Fun in the pool. A 50-minute class including warm-up, stretching, aerobic activity and resistance exercises. Two different times to choose from.

Aquatic Conditioning—An hour of fat burning in the Rec Pool. This class takes it one step above the water aerobic class by using high intense, plyometric type moves in the pool. A great low impact class for an alternative to your regular training routine.

Stretch and Relax—A 30-minute class to strengthen and elongate your muscles using Yoga moves and flexibility training. Learn to relax and learn stress management skills.

Cost and specific times are available at front desk.

There is free open swim for seniors on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m..

UNIVERSITY HEALTH PLAN MEETINGS

Several times are scheduled to hear about the new Uplan which affects nonunion employees. We need information as to whether or not this covers retirees.

Tuesday, September 25, 2001—Alumni and University Rooms (Choose one session)

Session #1: 9 – 10 a.m. or Session #2: Noon – 1 p.m.

In addition, this same information will also be presented via ITV in HFA #7, from noon – 1 p.m. on:

Monday, September 10 or

Friday, September 28 (Choose one)

Let Sarah Mattson, UMM Human Resources, know if you plan to attend.

HERITAGE PRESERVERS

Heritage Preservers will be presented this year under the umbrella of Learning Unlimited, which was officially formed in June, 2001. As yet, the programs have not been scheduled but six will be held from February through May of 2002. There will be news in the winter UMMRA INFO. Learning Unlimited is coordinated by Community Education and has

the slogan “A commitment to continuous learning for older adults in our community.”

BITS AND PIECES

-Former Chancellor John Q. “Jack” Imholte was injured in a mountain biking accident on Thursday, August 30 in Vermont. Although he was wearing a bicycle helmet, he suffered brain, neck and back bruises. At this time he is recovering at a rehabilitation center in Burlington and Lucy is with him. Letters and cards can be sent to them at 1875 Ford Parkway, St. Paul, MN 55116. Everyone who knows Jack considers him a dear friend and wishes him a speedy recovery.

-Glendon Rose died on Friday July 13. He worked at West Central Experiment Station for 43 years before retiring in 1983. Our sympathy to his wife, June, and 3 sons.

-Pat Kahng has been traveling all over—most recently in Guam and is now in Korea attending a family wedding.

-Doris Benson spent 2 weeks in June in Norway and a week in August at Holden Village in Chelan, Washington. Holden Village is a Lutheran based bible retreat for families. The scenery was gorgeous at each site.

-Ginny (Hinmon) Klein and her husband have built a new house in Spring Green, WI. and were able to move in this summer. Now they have time to enjoy it!

-“Chancellor Dave” Johnson reports that he took another of his hiking trips to Norway this summer. Dave was also elected President of the board of directors of the Elder Learning Institute at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. He was also elected to be President Elect of UMMRA, the Twin Cities retirees group.

-Bettina Blake is preparing a talk on her trip to Russia which included cruising on northern rivers and lakes and visiting monasteries. Carpenters have finally started construction of the addition to her cottage in Cape Cod.

-UMM retirees, Cathy Kemble, Arden Granger and Curt Gunvalson were pictured in the Morris Sun Tribune as they volunteered at UMM as greeters to new students and their families. 12 retirees worked at the event. Call Cathy Kemble, 320-795-2290 or Bernice Erdahl, 320-246-3393, if you are interested in volunteering at UMM.

-Laird Barber was recognized as a Pioneer Builder in the July Pioneer Public TV “Preview”.

-Mary Ann Scharf was recognized in the September Pioneer “Preview”.

-Dick Grant was featured in an article entitled “Bookman: Teacher R. Grant Reflects on a Lifetime of Collecting Books” in the Morris Sun Tribune.

-Mercedes Ballou and Bill are taking short trips in the Florida area to Key West, Disney World, etc.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 19 (Wed.) Winery/Orchard car tour

Sept. 28-30 Homecoming

Oct. 17 (Wed.) UMMRA Fall luncheon

Oct. 18 State of the U. address by President Yudof, Science Auditorium, 3 p.m.

