

UMMRA INFO

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CHANCELLOR'S GREETING

Welcome back to the UMM Retirees Association for the 2000-01 academic year. As you already know, this should be something of a landmark season for our college. Among the major events are: a meeting on our campus of the Board of Regents; the celebration of our 40th birthday as UMM (and the 90th anniversary of the West Central School of Agriculture); and the dedication of our fantastic new Science and Math building. I know that I will be seeing many of you at several of these exciting celebrations.

This will also be a decisive year for our Campaign Minnesota capital campaign here at UMM, and this is a good opportunity for me to thank all of the retirees who have already been generous in their support of this important fund raising effort. And, of course, it is also a good time to encourage those of you who have not yet made your gift to the campaign to consider doing so.

In a relatively small, human-sized learning community like UMM, retired faculty and staff remain an important part of our college family. The contributions of the UMMRA to the well-being of the college are many, varied and impressive. I thank you for those diverse and valued efforts, past present and future, and look forward to working together again this coming year.

Sam

Samuel Schuman
Chancellor

(Ed. Note: For the third year Sam has been kind enough to subsidize the printing and postage cost of UMMRA INFO. Please give him a big thank you for his consideration.)

TRIP TO TWIN CITIES CAMPUS

The University of Minnesota Retirees Association (Twin Cities) and their president, Richard Oriani, have invited us to visit their campus on October 24 and 25 (Tuesday and Wednesday). We would arrive at 11:30 a.m. and participate in their October luncheon meeting at the Becketwood Cooperative, 4300 West River Parkway, Minneapolis. A talk by Professor Jeffrey Kimpton, Head of the School of Music, will follow the luncheon. Then we will cross the Mississippi River to the President's mansion, Eastcliff, where Mrs. Judy Yudof will host a tour

and reception between 2:00 and 3:30 p.m.. At approximately 3:45 we will be given a tour of the new McNamara Gateway Building. We will have free time before meeting for dinner at 1666 Coffman, St. Paul. On the morning of the 25th we will tour the underground Andersen Archives structure on the West Bank before starting the trip back to Morris. The cost of the trip will consist of one night's lodging, Wednesday breakfast, and a share of the rental of a van (or vans). Bettina is investigating rental rates from the University and Heartland Motors and they sound quite reasonable. UMMRA will take care of parking for our van. The cost of a room at Day's Inn on University Avenue is \$59, single or double (regular price is \$119). We need a head count to know the number of van and hotel reservations to make. Please call one of the following people if you would like to join the group or prefer to drive your own car:

Bettina Blake: 320-589-4737

Laird Barber: 320-589-4254

Ellen Ordway: 320-589-1648

Avis Brandt: 320-589-3304

Dolores Lammers: 320-589-1083

Deadline for calls is Wednesday, September 20, 2000

We are grateful to our UMMRA colleagues for this invitation.

REGIONAL FITNESS CENTER

Happy First Birthday to the RFC. It opened on October 4, 1999 and has had a very successful year. They have had about 100,000 visits to the facility with over 800 community memberships and 1,800 UMM student members. There are several programs of special interest to retirees: senior strength training, arthritis foundation aquatic program, water aerobics and most of all, the walking track. Information is available in the Fall 2000 Brochure from the RFC or by calling 320-589-6485 or stopping at their front desk. Important perk! UMM will subsidize 50% of the membership fee for fully retired UMMRA members. Show your paid membership receipt when buying your card.

FIRST UMMRA LUNCHEON

We have scheduled the fall luncheon for October 11, 2000 at the Prairie Inn in the Cougar Room. The time is the same as last year at 11:45 a.m. The program will be given by Jim Gremmels on his

recent trip to China. Final details on the Twin Cities trip will be reported.

The second luncheon will be on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2001. Program to be announced.

The last luncheon will be the annual meeting in April on the same date as the Faculty/Staff Recognition Dinner. Avis Brandt is in charge of planning the luncheons for 2000-2001.

FOUNDERS DAY

UMM will formally inaugurate its 40th year with a Founders Day celebration on September 26, 2000. The festivities also celebrate the 90th anniversary of the WCSA and Experiment Station. The schedule:

7:30-9:30 a.m. Community Appreciation Breakfast,
Ardelle's Eatery, downtown Morris

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Campus celebration

3:00-4:30 p.m. Founders Hospitality,
UMM Science Atrium

5:00 p.m. Founders Finale and Gala Reception

A number of fun and commemorative items have arrived at the Office of University Relations. You can have these free of charge by calling Judy Riley, 320-589-6050, or by stopping at her office on the lower level of the Education Building. Copies of the weekly bulletin are also available from Judy. Commemorative wines can be purchased at the Morris Municipal Liquor Store, 14 East 5th St., Morris. The grapes were grown in Minnesota and the wines were produced and bottled by Northern Vineyards Winery in Stillwater and Wine Haven Winery in Chisago City.

FALL DATES TO REMEMBER

September 20 – Deadline for Twin Cities trip

September 26 – Founders Day

October 6-8 - Homecoming (Includes dedication of
New Science Building)

October 10 – Barber Lecture Series on Literature
and Language

October 11 – Fall Luncheon

October 24-25 – Trip to Twin Cities Campus

HERITAGE PRESERVERS

The steering committee will meet on September 13 to work on a new grant proposal. Jane Cunningham, Program Officer of the Minnesota Humanities Commission, will be present. The schedule of activities will be given in the January UMMRA INFO. Also, watch for it in the Morris Sun and Tribune.

HERITAGE MEMORIAL GARDEN

The West Central Research and Outreach Horticultural Center created some new displays this year. They included the addition of new garden

plots, as well as the Heritage Memorial Garden. It features a wooden seating arbor surrounded by plants found in western Minnesota. The garden honors WCES/WCROC employees who have died. The garden began with a donation from the family and friends of Dr. Dennis Warnes. Donations are welcome in the name of any employee of WCROC who has died.

BITS AND PIECES

-The MN. Senior Federation is still pursuing a lawsuit against the Federal Government seeking to adjust the great differentials in Medicare payments to states. A judge rejected the claim brought by Mike Hatch.

-Ellen Ordway wrote and submitted a brief history of UMMRA to Judy Korn in August. A copy of the history, plus President Blake's annual report, will be put in the Historian File. A job yet to be done is the sorting and filing of the materials from those years.

-The "Retirees Bill of Rights" is now officially the "Regents Policy on Faculty Emeriti". It was approved by the Board of Regents in July of 2000.

-Congratulations to Mary Ann Scharf who retired from the U of M Extension Division on July 1, 2000.

-UMM Bookstore, Duplicating Services and Post Office have moved to the lower level of the new science building.

-The Employee Benefits Office will be hosting an informational session on long term care coverage on October 2, 9 and 16. Contact Jenny Quam <quamj>.

VOLUNTEERS

Various offices at UMM have asked UMMRA for a contact person when volunteers are needed for specific events. The UMMRA Board decided to appoint two contact persons, one for faculty and one for staff. This will be on the agenda for the October luncheon, so please consider volunteering.

FOUNDERS DAY LOGO

The logo at the bottom of the page was created by Kevin Brustuen and others in the Office of External Relations. It commemorates the Morris campus' 40th birthday and the West Central School of Agriculture's 90th anniversary. It is a sketch of the Minority Resource Center building (former Old Music Hall), the oldest existing structure on campus.

CHANCELLOR SCHUMAN

It seems appropriate to end UMMRA INFO with hearty congratulations to Sam on his inauguration on September 7, 2000 as the fourth chancellor of UMM. He is a great supporter of UMMRA.

