



## UMMRA INFO

### THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MORRIS RETIREES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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#### NOTE FROM THE UMMRA PRESIDENT

*Welcome to a new year for UMM and for the UMMRA organization. We may all be a year older but also a year wiser. Correct? We hope all of our members will become active members this year. Please plan to attend the "First Thursday" luncheons and quarterly meetings to partake in good fellowship and good program presentations. I look forward to seeing each of you there.*

Lynn Schulz

#### UMMRA OPENING POTLUCK

**When:** September 6, 11:45 a.m.

**Where:** West Central Horticulture Gardens

Please bring a dish to pass.

**Program:** Possible Tour following.

Other quarterly meetings will be scheduled in February and April. For rides or information, contact Lynn Schulz at 589-1795 or [lynn@morris.umn.edu](mailto:lynn@morris.umn.edu). An email will be sent out before events.

#### OPENING CONVOCATION NOTES

Following are points made by Chancellor Johnson at the August 15 opening convocation.

- We balanced our budget again last year, ending with a surplus, and have established a contingency/reserve fund.
- UMM is on track to meet the number of degree seeking students used (1795) to establish this year's budget. When non-degree students are included, the total is likely to be in the mid-1800s. Numbers aren't official until ten days into fall semester.
- Of the entering first year class (again, unofficially), 39.1% are first generation college students 9.7% are out-of-state, 2.1 % are international, and 26.9 % are students of color. Their average ACT score is 25.2.
- The new student retention rate from first year fall (2010) to second year fall (2011) was 86.47%.
- Approval has been given to begin work on the budget for the planned, and much needed, Green Prairie Living and Learning Center. It will have 72 beds and will be located on the other side of the barn where the land slopes. 95% of new high school admits and half of all students live on the UMM campus.
- Market research has shown that the top reason all prospective students and parents choose a college is the quality of academic programs. UMM internal audiences (faculty, staff, students and alumni) perceive this quality to be very high. Our new messages about UMM will focus on the quality of our programs and faculty. Another important strength for both internal and external audiences is UMM's affiliation with the University of Minnesota.
- 95% of UMM alumni surveyed rate UMM good or very good. 85% of internal audiences would "do it again" in terms of working or studying here. 94 % of UMM's 2011 (continued on page 2)

#### FALL DATES TO SAVE

September 6: The opening UMMRA fall potluck will be held in the West Central Horticulture Gardens at 11:45 a.m. with possible tour following. Bring a dish to pass.

September 19: Barber Lecture by author Jay Parini on "The Imagination of Truth: How Fiction Shines a Light into the Dark Corners of History." HFA Recital Hall. 7:30 p.m.

September 21-23: UMM Homecoming:

21: Distinguished Alumni Awards/Cougar Hall of Fame Reception, Oyate: 5:30-6:30; banquet, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

22: Football game, Big Cat Stadium, 1:00 p.m.;

Ray Schultz ten-year anniversary reading of "The Laramie Project," HFA Blackbox, 7:00 p.m.;

CAC Concert, Haley Bonar and Fort Wilson Riot, Edson Auditorium, 9:00 p.m.

23: Homecoming Choir and Symphonic Winds Concert, HFA Recital Hall, 2:00-3:30 p.m.; post-concert reception 3:30-4:00 p.m.

October 4: UMMRA Quarterly Business Meeting, Ranch House Gazebo Room, 11:45 a.m. Officer Ross Tiegs of the Morris Police Department will present a short program. Choose food from the menu.

November 1: First Thursday Luncheon, 11:45 a.m. Pizza Ranch back room, Morris; Debra Nelson will talk about Lakeland Hospice.

November 13-15: Celebration of Scholarly Accomplishments. Oyate. Reception Nov 13, time to be announced.

December 6: Holiday Party, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Prairie Inn, Gazebo Room. Bring a white elephant to exchange.

*For the full list of music, theater, lectures and sports events, check the UMM calendar on-line.*

## OPENING CONVOCATION NOTES (continued)

graduates who were located (60%) report that they are employed full or part-time or are attending graduate or professional schools. 49% of graduates completed internships.

• Already this year UMM has been recognized by the *Fiske Guide to Colleges 2013*, by *Forbes* magazine, and by *The Winds of Change*. The ranking season has just begun. These magazines provide college profiles and compare and rank “Best” and “Top” colleges. *Compiled from notes taken by the editor and draft reviewed by the Chancellor. Errors are my own.*

## SAD NEWS

• **Ronald E. Shaw**, 67, former UMM history faculty member, died at his home in Clinton, Iowa on July 16. He had recently completed his Doctorate in American History at the University of Northern Illinois.

• Merle Coulter, 76, father of **Jacki Anderson**, passed away on June 6. A veteran and a farmer, he was active in civic and church organizations. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, dancing, as well as watching sports teams. *Our sympathy to their families.*

## CELEBRATION OF SCHOLARLY WORK

Articles, books, professional productions, art exhibitions, etc. for 2010 & 2011 will be featured in a Scholarly Accomplishment Celebration Nov. 13-15. To apply to have your work included, contact Roger Wareham ([warehamr@morris.umn.edu](mailto:warehamr@morris.umn.edu)) 589-6462 before Sept 10.

## BITS AND PIECES

□ **Ferolyn Angel** and Dan Allenspach were in Rapid City in July for the Antiques Road Show and might end up on TV! She is wrapping up work on her UMRA grant for translating her mother’s journals about life in Nazi Germany during WW II.

□ **Laird Barber** took a cruise to cities in Italy, Croatia, Greece, Corfu, Crete and Cyprus!

□ **Arlene Beseman** moved to Coon Rapids, MN in late July.

□ **Bettina Blake** attended her 60<sup>th</sup> reunion at Barnard College in NYC. Last year Bettina helped produce the Dorchester’s Historical Society book including information about The Blake House. It just received an award from the New England Museum Association

□ **Richard** and Joan Burkey spent a few weeks at their son’s summer home at the top of a mountain.

□ **George Fosgate** starred in *Tuesdays with Morrie*. He and Pat traveled to Mexico, Las Vegas and New York. In NYC, they attended a ceremony where UMM grad Matthew Lefebre was given an award in theatre design.

□ Delores and **Warren Huebner** spent the winter in AZ.

□ **Marge Kleinhans** traveled to Ohio and to Louisiana for the Mardi Gras.

□ **Maggie Larson’s** travel includes a trip to Seattle as well as MN road trips. Maggie appears in the July 28 *Morris Sun Tribune* photo of the Morris High 45-year class reunion. She works seasonally at Sweet Lily’s in Morris.

□ Twenty years ago, as noted in the July 21 *Morris Sun Tribune*, **Andy Lopez** and **Tom Turner** were among those recognized for their roles in scouting.

□ **Barbara McGinnis** completed her annual trips to stay with children in Baltimore, MD, Springfield, IL, and Bakersfield, CA. In July, she attended a reunion in St. Paul with her side of the extended family.

□ **Lois Norby** spent ten days at Disney World with her grand-children and great-grandchildren; she also visited in Texas. She volunteers and plays bridge.

□ **Joan and Don Reicosky** traveled to Rosario, Argentina, in August, where Don gave a professional presentation. They toured the Mendoza wine region and Iguazu Falls.

□ **Mary Ann Scharf** is enjoying living near her daughter and sister in St Peter--with fewer volunteer and board roles and with Gustavus Adolphus College across the street.

□ **Lynn Schulz** continues to play accordion at four rest homes and other functions. In addition to being president of UMMRA, he is a vehicle driver for Valu Ford and backup driver for Steven County’s Vet Van.

□ **Sam Schuman** has been invited to teach fall semester in the Honors College of the University of New Mexico.

□ **Ruth Thielke’s** second book, *Hitchhiking by Brush Taxi*, the layered life story of 85 year old Helen Arnseth Torvik, has just been published. Helen spent 20 years each in Madagascar and two other Christian missionary settings, and was an aide during the first council of African nations. Copies are available through Ruth.

□ UMM hosted the annual **WCOSA All-School Reunion** on July 21 for the classes of 1942, 1947, 1957 and 1962. The event began with a hearty noon meal followed by tours of UMM, WCROC and the alumni garden; an annual meeting; and a buffet dinner in Oyate.

□ 40 years ago, as recounted in the July 28 *Morris Sun Tribune*, **Ralph Williams** was guest music director to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Peace Garden on the border between Canada and North Dakota.

## UMM FEATURED ON ENERGY. GOV

UMM and the town of Morris are featured in a new *Energy.gov* video series highlighting the role of clean energy across the country. You can view the video at <http://energy.gov/articles/morris-minnesota-creating-sustainable-college-campus-and-local-jobs>.

## A HOT SUMMER!

The WCROC temperature charts for July published in the *Morris Sun Tribune* show 24 days with high temperatures over 80, 6 days over 90, and one day at 75! Low temperatures were usually in the 60s, except for three in the high 50s and three in the low 70s. 1.52 inches of rain fell on one July day and .47 inches during the rest of the month.