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NOTE FROM THE UMMRA PRESIDENT

Welcome to all UMMRA members and to readers who are receiving this first electronically delivered copy of the UMM retirees' newsletter!

Spring and summer came a little late this year, but we are now enjoying a great Minnesota summer. Among the activities that your board worked on this summer is the delivery of the UMMRA newsletter electronically via our website. The electronic version will be able to include more photos (especially color) and longer articles than the two-page print version allowed. UMMRA members for 2013-14 may still choose whether to receive the newsletter electronically or paper copy by the USPS.

This summer has been a time of transitions. At the spring meeting, the membership decided to split the Secretary/Treasurer position into two positions. Our new Treasurer is Ron Kubik and Joan Reicosky will continue to serve as our Secretary. Our Newsletter Editor/Historian since summer 2006, Karla Klinger, will leave the board in spring 2014. We are pleased that Judy Riley, former Director of University Relations, has agreed to assume the position. Once electronic delivery is in place, the board will review alternative newsletter formats.

In terms of events and meetings, the board has decided to try to patronize a number of different establishments for the coming year. See the tentative schedule on this page in the column to the right. I am looking forward to a year of exciting developments at UMM and UMMRA. If you have any suggestions, questions or concerns about UMMRA, drop me a line at alopez@morris.umn.edu or call me at 320-760-4416.

Andy Lopez, President 2013-2015

OPENING CONVOCATION NOTES 2013

If you're in the area next summer, consider attending the campus opening convocation as the Chancellor shares good news about UMM, colleagues greet one another again, and new staff come on board. It didn't hurt to have the event on the same day that the new green residence hall was open for tours and that UMM was identified in the Star Tribune as "the most effective and efficient" of the four year public colleges in Minnesota! UMM "stands out among the state's four-year public institutions for generating more grads than expected at a good price."
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UMMRA OPENING POTLUCK

When: September 5, 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Where: West Central Horticulture Gardens
 Rain site Ag Country Auditorium on the grounds.
 Please bring a dish to pass.
Program: West Central Speaker: Bernie Angus
 Other quarterly meetings will be scheduled in February and April.
 An email will be sent out before events.

FALL DATES TO SAVE

September 5: UMMRA fall potluck, West Central Horticulture Gardens, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. See box.
September 16: Truman Driggs Lecture Series: "The Strange and Curious History of the Illegal Alien." Prof. Evelyn Hu-Dehart, Brown University. HFA Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.
September 27-29: Homecoming: (27) Alumni Social Gathering, Student Center, 5:30 p.m.; Distinguished Alumni Award and Networking Banquet, Oyate Hall, 6:30 p.m. (28) Dedication of Green Prairie Community residence hall after football game
October 3: UMMRA Quarterly Meeting, Old Number 1, Lower Level, 11:45 a.m. Short menu. Sandy Olson Loy, Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs, will talk about the Green Prairie Community residence hall.
October 9: Jooinn Lee Lecture Series. 109 Imholte Hall, 7:00 p.m. Dr. Eric Schwartz of the Humphrey Institute will speak. This lecture is rescheduled from last spring.
November 5-7: Celebration of Scholarly Accomplishments, Oyate.
November 7: First Thursday Luncheon, Mi Mexico Restaurant, Second floor, City Center (location tentative), 11:45 a.m. Update on University's insurance program.
December 5: Holiday Party, 4:00-7:00 p.m., Morris Senior Citizens Center side room, 603 Oregon Avenue. Catered dinner. Bring along a white elephant as gift exchange

SAD NEWS

Charles Edward Waibel of Milan, husband of **Carol Ford**, passed away August 16.
 Lee Ann Ott, daughter of **Irene and Arnie Henjum**, died of cancer in Montana on August 19.
 Patti Jo Rach, wife of **Tom Rach**, passed away on Friday, July 19.
Our sympathy to their families

Opening Convocation (continued from page 1)

The Chancellor began with stories about incoming students who participated in the STELLAR and Gateway summer programs and ended with vignettes of four 2013 graduates. Bright and interested, these students identified some of the qualities of the college that they value. Among these are the flexibility of the curriculum and the possibilities to pursue individualized projects and to conduct research with the faculty. Other notes:

- The total number of students in 2013-2014 (unofficially) appears to be around 1892. Retention is up 5-6 % from last year. The average ACT of the incoming high school class is 25.27. Of the new freshmen, 26.3% are students of color, 84.3% are from MN, 1.5% are international.
 - More students will live on campus than previously. In addition to the Green Prairie Community residence hall, one floor of Blakely will be opened to students.
 - Several efforts are in place to improve retention, such as Master Advising, One Stop financial aid advising, and the Early Alert system.
 - UMM broke its record in philanthropic contributions. The HFA Gallery is being renovated through the generosity of Ed and Helen Jane Morrison. The Robert B. DeWall Memorial Courtyard is almost complete.
 - The Chancellor will continue to seek ways to recognize and reward faculty and staff. In her vision of the future, she will emphasize increasing student numbers and retention, will work to increase on-campus housing, and will continue to support new and re-packaged majors.
 - Tours of the green dorm took place after the meeting.
- Compiled from notes taken by the editor. Figures checked with the Chancellor. Errors are my own. Ed.*

There are two long-term rewards in the teaching enterprise: staying in touch with the world of ideas and seeing the good things that students do with their lives. When I started, I knew that I wanted the first, but I was too close to the age of my students to know how rewarding the second would be.

Jim Togeas, in the July 22 *Chronicle of Education*

BITS AND PIECES

- **Ferolyn Angell** is editing a compilation of her mother's writing about her family life before and after the expulsion of the Jews from Germany. The title is "Seven Girls, One Boy." All but one of the 8 children, raised as Christians, survived in exile. The project was funded by UMRA and UMMRA. Seven of 13 members of the next generation, now dispersed around the world, met in California in June.
- **Dave Aronson** and family toured Boston while Stacey attended a conference. They had dinner with **Bettina Blake**. **Dave** continues to work with the Theatre Coop to save and improve the Morris Theatre.
- **Arlene Beseman** is settled in a 3 bedroom condo in Coon Rapids and reports she is busy with family.
- **Bettina Blake** gave her cottage on Cape Cod to the Falmouth Land Trust and her 2002 Chevy to the sexton at the church. After the Boston Marathon bombings, she found herself in the crime perimeter, locked down for 48

hours. She writes, "It was such a horrible, senseless crime on what is usually a joyous day of international sport."

- **Dave Dylla** writes from Whitianga, New Zealand, that he plays duplicate bridge M-W in three coastal towns. He walks his two dogs in Lonely Bay in the Shakespeare Cliff Reserve where his wife, Adele, is part-time gardener and pest-controller.
- **Jim and Gladys Henricks** drove to Massachusetts last September and visited Boston, Salem, Lexington, Concord and Plymouth Rock.
- **Harold and Liz Hinds** moved to Portland, OR July 1.
- **Marge Kleinhans** traveled to Louisiana in January and February and to Arizona in July.
- **David Johnson** has completed a book titled *Shetels to Shipsides* to be published by Amazon. It is about the emigration of his mother's people from Yiddish speaking Orthodox Jewish villages to Russia, Poland and America.
- **Eric Klinger** took part in a symposium in VA Beach in June at the International Association for the Study of Dreams. In July the e-journal *Frontiers in Psychology* published his review article on goal commitment and the content of thoughts and dreams.
- **Maggie Larson** reads at West Wind Village and works at Sweet Lily's as needed. She traveled to Seattle and took a road trip of MN.
- Last spring, **Jooinn** and **Claire Lee** traveled to 7 African countries: Kenya, Tanzania, Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa.
- **Andy and Dian Lopez** spent 3 months in Puerto and explored Culebra Island in the Caribbean. **Andy** is president of UMMRA. **Dian** is president of the Ida Lake Association and Chair of the Douglas County Hospital Board
- **Barbara McGinnis** visited her children in Baltimore, VA and IL and spent 3 ½ months with daughter Claire and family in Bakersfield, CA.
- **Pat Nelson**, Executive Office and Administrative Specialist in the Division of Education, retired August 1 after 25 years of service.
- **Vicky Demos** and **Fred Peterson** live in Salisbury, MD. **Vicky** edits the book series *Studies in Gender Research*, now in its 19th year. **Fred** continues to make art and to show his work in galleries in the east and mid-west. **Eric and Karla Klinger** visited them on their trip east in June.
- **Joan and Don Reicosky** visited in the Riviera Maya in June. **Don** spoke at conferences in France, Brussels, Illinois and Ohio.
- **Jeanne and Jean Richards** visited national parks in Utah and attended the National Flute Association Convention at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.
- **Mary Ann Scharf**, now living in St. Peter, MN, participated in a 9 month leadership program sponsored by the Nicollet County. Extension Service called "Connecting the Lines." It introduced her to how 9 towns in the county have adapted to stay vital.
- **Elizabeth Schmidt** is a volunteer at the Morris Senior Center.

Bits and Pieces (continued)

- **Lynn Schulz** continues to play accordion at four rest homes and assisted living facilities. He also drives vehicles for three dealerships in Morris.
- **Sam and Nancy Schuman** traveled this spring to Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina, where Sam took a bike trip over the Andes. They also traveled to Paris; Sam presented a paper at the International Nabokov Society Conference.

CHANGES IN THE TOWN

An old Morris Landmark comes down



The 1915 Morris High School before destruction



The old Morris High School, located on Columbia Avenue between East Fifth and Sixth streets, opened its doors in September 1915 when the existing schools (Longfellow on the west side and Lincoln on the east) could no longer serve a population that had reached almost 1700. The new school was beautifully equipped and was said to rival “the best in the nation.” The last class graduated in 1978. In the photo above, only the auditorium was standing before being totally demolished on August 22. The City is discussing proposals with prospective developers for construction on the property of various kinds of affordable housing. Sources SCHS and Aug 24 *Morris Sun Tribune*, pp 1-2.

- **Anne Uehling** is active in educating people in the Ely area about the proposed sulphide mining (copper, nickel, cobalt, platinum group metals) in the Superior National Forest of northeast MN
- **WCSA Alumni** and friends gathered together on Saturday, July 20.

A WELCOME ADDITION TO UMM

A new UMM landmark goes up



Green Prairie Community
Located on the hill beyond the north parking lot.



View from the east of two wings of the new hall. The new two-story “Green” dorm, the first residence hall construction on campus since 1971, will provide suite-style “housing for 72 students during the year as well as living and learning spaces for research, workshops and programs linked to renewable energy.” It has insulated concrete floors and energy-efficient heating and cooling systems and is designed to meet LEED Gold standards. The dorm is intended to be “a lab for green living.” “Two wings will be reserved for students interested in pursuing sustainable life styles.” Source: *Profile*, V. XVIII, Summer/Fall 2013, p.9. All photos by Karla Klinger.