

## 2006-2007 IN REVIEW

### RECEPTIONS AT THE LA FAVE HOUSE

On September 28, UMMRA sponsored a wine and cheese reception for Chancellor Johnson. On April 26, we sponsored the annual reception for retirees, faculty and staff. Members provided food.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY NOON LUNCHEONS

These monthly get-togethers are open to all UMMRA members. From one to two dozen retirees met for lunch at noon in restaurants in Terrace Mill, Alexandria, Glenwood, or for potlucks hosted in their homes by the Aherns, Grangers, and Lammers. Over two dozen retirees attended the June 7 potluck at Skyview Plaza, ate well and toured the facilities and apartments.

### QUARTERLY PROGRAMS

October 18: Peter Wyckoff, UMM Biologist, gave a power point presentation titled *Climate Change in Lake Woebegone*. A few facts: In 100 years, the amount of carbon dioxide will double; the average spot on earth will be 6 degrees warmer because of greenhouse gases. Minnesota will be 5-20% wetter and slushier in winter and 5-20% drier, more like Kansas, in summer.

February 14: Sue Granger showed pictures of UMM buildings and grounds from the very early days as an Indian School through the present day. She discussed the UMM Historic Preservation Plan.

April 16 Annual meeting: Board members were elected and appreciation was expressed to outgoing board members. Chancellor Johnson provided an update, describing new wind and bio-mass initiatives. Blakely Hall will be converted to academic use, and Community Services will be redesigned. Permission is being sought to build a new "green" dorm which can also be used for summer conferences. Musical entertainment was provided by the UMM jazz group *Opposite Day*.

### SAD NEWS

□ Sam Schuman's father, Stanton Schuman, drowned while canoeing with Sam and his dog, CC, in Illinois. Fishermen rescued Sam, when the canoe capsized, but his father didn't resurface. Our sympathy to Sam and Nancy.

### BITS AND PIECES

□ The June issue of *Profile* features **retirees for 2007: Llea Anderson, Gordon Harstad, Jooinn Lee, Joan Reicosky, and Dennis Templeman**. Access *Profile* under University Relations on the UMM web-site.

□ **Leona Classen** has endowed the Harold and Leona Classen Family Scholarship for students formally admitted into the Education program.

□ The Backyard Garden honoring **Wes Gray** is featured in the spring 2007 *WCSA Alum News*.

□ **Jim Gremmels** led a workshop in Morris on May 9 as part of the Learning Unlimited Poetry Festival.

□ Former Chancellors **Dave Johnson** and **Jack Imholte** and **Lucy Imholte** are pictured as guests at Chancellor Jacquie Johnson's inauguration in the April 21 *Morris Sun Tribune*.

□ UMMRA volunteers **Cathy Kemble** and **Joanne Hagstrom** are pictured in the June 2 *Morris Sun Tribune* serving ice cream to children at *Ice Cream and Lollipops*.

□ The Jooinn Lee Political Science Lecture Series was established to honor new retiree, **Jooinn Lee**.

□ **Barbara McGinnis** participated in a family reunion at St. John's between June 9 and 15.

□ UMM Alumni fondly discuss the impact of several professors in their lives in the June *Profile*: **Eric Klinger, Ellen Ordway, Don Spring** and **Ted Uehling**.

Other references to retirees are on file in the UMMRA Office.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

UMMRA volunteers are needed to assist at events, such as orientation and commencement; to bring food for receptions and luncheons, to read at West Wind Village, and to help with the annual children's art show and UMM annual book sale. Contact Cathy Kemble at 795-2290 or Bernice Erdahl at 589-9007 if you are interested.

### MEMORY TOURS OF UMM

**Bernice Erdahl** may be the only UMM retiree who attended the West Central School of Agriculture, a high school boarding school established in 1909, which preceded UMM. She lived in the Camden girls' dorm and above food service in Junior Hall, now called Behmler. In 1940-1943 when she attended, most of the buildings currently around the UMM mall were here. Bernice vividly remembers the Armistice Day blizzard of November 11, 1940, one of the worst storms in Minnesota history. *My father was bringing me back on Sunday evening when huge wet flakes started coming down. On Monday, when we had to go over to food service for meals, our dorm supervisor had us link hands and walk, single file, roped together. It had been a warm fall, and many hunters died in that storm. We were so glad Dad got safely home. In my senior year, I lived with 8 girls and our instructor, Mrs. Fern Johnson, for 8 weeks in the home management house, where HFA now stands. We took care of a seven month baby from St. Paul and did all of the cooking and the cleaning. For 22 years beginning in 1971, Bernice was a custodian of Pine Hall, Gay and Indy and second mother to many students, with whom she stays in touch. She remembers when boys and girls began living in the same dorm, then on opposite sides of the same floor, and then next to each other. There was some humming about this among the parents, but when the girls moved in, the boys showed more respect. One year, the boys gave me a hanging plant, because they felt so bad about how messy they had been. Bernice considers UMM a blessing in her life and volunteers through UMMRA. Ask her about the 7 bats football players pinned to the Camden bulletin board!*

## UMMRA INFO

### THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MORRIS RETIREES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER VOLUME X, NUMBER 1, SUMMER 2007

#### LETTER FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

*Greetings from UMMRA, the UMM Retirees Association. This year several UMM staff retired. Congratulations and welcome to: Lea Anderson, Gordon Harstad, Jooinn Lee, Joan Reicosky, and Dennis Templeman. UMMRA holds three luncheon meetings a year in October, February and April (the annual meeting). There is a timely program topic and a brief business update for the members. Beginning several years ago under Janet Ahern's leadership, monthly casual luncheons also have been scheduled from September through June on the first Thursday of the month. Those retirees who enjoy checking-out the restaurants in the area (typically the 30 mile radius of Morris) usually carpool and have lunch at interesting spots. We had a wonderful potluck in June at Skyview Plaza, hosted by Ray and Dolores Lammers. For the first event in fall, Marty Kroening has invited us to have a September 6 noon picnic at her farm near Morris. Please join us.*

*As president for the next two years, I look forward to your participation with UMMRA. I was not a UMM Campus staff person but worked with the U of M Extension Service of Stevens County from 1960-63 and 1982-2000. It was exciting being in Morris as UMM developed, and it was neat to welcome and enjoy those first faculty members as well as to work with each of the chancellors and the WC Research and Outreach Center over the years. I hope many of you will join this way of staying-in-touch with co-workers and the University/ Western Minnesota community through the Retirees Association. Mary Ann Scharf*

The summer UMMRA Newsletter is sent to all retirees.  
Other issues are sent only to paid members.

#### 2007-2008 DATES TO WATCH FOR

##### FIRST THURSDAY CASUAL LUNCHEONS

September 6. Marty Kroening's farm. Noon.  
More information will be available toward fall. Go one mile past the airport on West Highway 28 to County Road 63. Turn left for 6/10 mile. Her farm is on the right side of the road. If you plan to attend or wish to carpool, e-mail Mary Ann Scharf at [mscharf@hometownsolutions.net](mailto:mscharf@hometownsolutions.net) or leave a message on her Morris phone, 589-4688.

##### OPENING OF THE 2007-2008 ACADEMIC YEAR

August 26. Contact Maggie Larson to volunteer to help welcome new students and their parents: email [mlarson@morris.umn.edu](mailto:mlarson@morris.umn.edu).

#### UMMRA

Congratulations to our new retirees and Happy Summer to all! What better place is there to live than in Minnesota in the summer?

2006-2007 was a year of new beginnings. Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson was inaugurated on April 20, prior to the Undergraduate Research Symposium. Her topic, delivered with verve in front of her family, University of Minnesota administrators, and UMM community, was *On the Edge of Tomorrow, In the Middle of Everywhere*. As an editorial by Sue Dieter in the *Morris Sun Tribune* noted, her speech *had everything a good speech should have—an appreciation of history, a reminder of mission, a blueprint for future success and a dead pig*. Well done! Jacquie has agreed to continue to fund UMMRA INFO through the Chancellor's Office, and, in addition to wishing her well, we thank her for her support of UMMRA.

#### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Enclosed is a letter from Joan Reicosky, UMMRA secretary/ treasurer, explaining our purpose and activities and inviting you to join UMMRA. In UMMRA you will be in touch with many of the people you've worked with over the years. Yearly dues are \$10 per person (\$15 a couple), payable on July 1, 2007. Please include information about your activities, any address changes, and your e-mail address, if you have one.

#### 2007-2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mary Ann Scharf: President (2 year term)  
Janet Ahern: Past President (1 year term)  
Joan Reicosky: Secretary/Treasurer (2 year term)  
Lea Anderson: At-large (2-year term)  
Bill Stewart: At-large (1-year term)  
Bernice Erdahl and Cathy Kemble: Coordinators of Volunteers  
Laird Barber: UMTC Representative  
Phyllis Gausman: Learning Unlimited Representative  
Karla Klinger: Editor, Newsletter (appointment)

*Special thanks to Janet Ahern and Arden Granger for their service to the Board. Notice of cancelled meetings and their new dates will be announced over KMRS or sent by e-mail. The UMMRA Office is in the Faculty Center East Annex.*