

UMMRA INFO

THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MORRIS RETIREES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
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SPRING IN MINNESOTA-2001

Last year at this time the ice was out of the lakes; this year there is still 23 inches of snow in the backyard and if it is not gone by April 15, it will set a new record for snow cover. Surely, Minnesota is not behaving.

APRIL LUNCHEON/ANNUAL MEETING/REUNION

The Spring Luncheon/Annual Meeting will be combined with the Annual Retirees Reunion on April 25, 2001. The schedule of events is as follows:

11:45 a.m. Luncheon is in the Cougar Room at Prairie Inn (pay your own way). The annual meeting with election of officers will follow. The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers for 2001-2002:

President – Fred Farrell

Past Pres.- Bettina Blake

UMRA Rep. – Laird Barber

Member at Large – Avis Brandt

The terms of Ellen Ordway (Sec./ Treas.) Maurice Tipcke (Member at Large) and Dolores Lammers (Newsletter/Historian) continue for 1 more year. Nominations will be accepted from the floor with the nominee's consent. Chancellor Sam Schuman will then bring us up to date on UMM activities this past year and in the coming year. Be certain to thank him for taking time from his busy schedule to meet with us.

1:30 p.m. UMM van, driven by Tip Tipcke, will transport people to the DENCO plant. May also drive own car.

1:45 p.m. Tour of DENCO (Ethanol plant)

2:45 p.m. Tour of the new addition to the UMM Heating plant by Mike Vangstad, Supervisor.

Other options are to visit the newly designed Prairie View Nursery on Hwy. 28, the Bookstore and Print Shop in the new Science Building.

4:30-6:00 p.m. Reception for faculty, staff, and retirees at the home of UMMRA president, Bettina Blake, 4 Circle Pines Avenue, Morris.

On leaving the reception you may park in the Science-Math lot and join a walk through the new tunnel that goes from the Science Building to the Student Center.

6:30 p.m. Faculty/Staff Recognition Dinner. Oyate Hall, UMM Student Center. For reservations, call Maggie Dylla, 320-589-6053.

If you need overnight accommodations the number for the Best Western Prairie Inn is 320-589-3030 (800-535-3035), Super 8 Motel is 320-589-8888 (800-800-8000), the Morris Motel is 320-589-1212, and American Bed and Breakfast is 320-589-4054.

The special rate at Prairie Inn for retirees is \$39.68 for double bed, \$44.10 for queen size bed; at Super 8 it is \$41.31 for 1 person, \$45.81 for two. Tip Tipcke, Avis Brandt, coordinators.

LISTSERV FOR UMMRA

UMMRA members who want to join our e-mail list may subscribe themselves. They should send an e-mail message from their own account, addressed to:

majordomo@mrs.umn.edu

containing the message text:

subscribe UMMRA

If you prefer you can send your address to Bettina Blake and she can e-mail it to John Bowers. Any list member may send mail to the list by addressing it to:

ummra@mrs.umn.edu

REGIONAL FITNESS CENTER UPDATE

The RFC will host a free Stevens County Health Awareness Day at the RFC on Thursday, April 5, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. There will be booths from area health and wellness providers plus: Blood Pressure and Cholesterol Screenings, Glucose Test, Body Fat Testing, Chair Massage, Sun Awareness, and more. There is one more session of the Arthritis Aquatic Program from April 3 to May 10 on Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

The L.I.F.E. Program (Low Intensity For Everyone) is an aerobic class that meets every Monday and Wednesday, 9:00-9:45 a.m.

There are water aerobic classes in the warm pool every week day except Friday. There is a cost for these three programs. Call 320-589-6485.

SAD NEWS

Nancy Halbe of Morris died in August of 2000. Nancy was the wife of Michael Halbe, who worked at WCROC and daughter-in-law of Leona Halbe, who worked at Food Service.

Lowell Benson of Morris died on January 23, 2001. Lowell was employed at the West Central School of Agriculture for 36 years.

“Mick” Briscoe died on March 7 in Lawrence, Kansas. Mick was a teacher at Morris High School and will be remembered by UMM theatre goers as Scrooge in the Christmas play and for his lead role in South Pacific.

Our condolences to Michael, Leona, Ann, Bonnie and their families.

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

Bernice Erdahl (320-246-3393, Donnelly) and Cathy Kemble (320-795-2290, Cyrus), co-chairs of the Volunteer Committee, organized 14 retirees to help at the Ice Cream and Lollipops Art Show, 3 retirees to serve wine before the performance of Much Ado About Nothing, and 3 to serve wine before the Minnesota Ballet performance. An interest form is enclosed for Morris area members.

MINNESOTA SENIOR FEDERATION

The United States Congress has done a few things to relieve the inequitable Medicare reimbursements in Minnesota. The Minnesota Senior Federation has been in the forefront in the work of increasing federal payments to Minnesota HMO's. Many more improvements are needed in the medical system and only through the efforts of organizations like the Senior Federation can they be done. You can join the Federation by paying dues to Judy Nord, Morris Senior Center, 603 Oregon Av., Morris, MN. 56267, telephone 1-320-589-2951.

UMMRA TRIP TO UMRA PART II

Wes Gray, retiree from the Horticultural Science Dept. of West Central Experiment Station (1947-1988) decided to join the trip because he was curious about the structural engineering of the Elmer Anderson Library and the underground archives. However, the trip helped him relive parts of his past life. At the luncheon he and his wife, Avie, sat with an instructor he had 45 years ago at the University, talked with a former dean of the Institute of Agriculture and a Farm House fraternity brother, both of whom he hadn't seen for over 30 years. At Eastcliff he unsuccessfully searched the grounds for some of his lilies that were planted 20 years ago. The biggest treat was talking with B.E. Youngquist who was at the West Central School of Agriculture when Wes came to Morris. Dr. Youngquist was responsible for developing the Southern School of Agriculture at Waseca (now a prison) and is considered to be the founder of the French fry industry in the Red River Valley and U.S. because of his potato processing discoveries.

WINTER LUNCHEON UPDATE

As we all became Irish on St. Patrick's Day, we all became Scandinavian at our winter luncheon listening to the Pederson brothers tell us about their discoveries in Viking research and enjoying lefse, krumkake, and rommegrot prepared by Avis Brandt and Bernice Erdahl.

Leland Pederson sent a letter to Avis thanking her for an enjoyable meeting with our group. We thank Avis and Bernice for the extra work of treating us with the goodies.

"CAMPAIGN MINNESOTA"

Doris Benson, staff representative, informs us that the campaign is still on-going. Contributions are welcome and can be made to Judy R. Korn, Development Associate/Communications. Judy reports that during the last fiscal year, donations to the University of Minnesota, Morris increased 177 %. Since counting began in 1996, UMM has raised \$5,667,539. Almost 30% raised toward the campaign goal of \$6 million has been contributed by faculty, staff, and retirees. Bettina Blake is the representative for the faculty.

HERITAGE PRESERVERS 2001

The first four events of Heritage Preservers have taken place. The remaining schedule is: Friday, April 20, Senior Federation's celebration with Morris area sixth graders at 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, with entertainer Charlie Maguire presenting songs about immigrants; and Wednesday, May 2-

author Bill Holm speaking on "Minnesota Icelanders: Their Experience and Their Literature," 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center, sponsored by Saga Spinners, with Laird Barber doing the introduction.

The Morris Senior Center is located at 603 Oregon Avenue, Morris. Full report in the summer INFO.

NEWS FROM UMRA (TWIN CITIES)

The next UMRA luncheon speaker will be the Vice President and Chief of Staff to President Yudof, Tonya Moten Brown, on April 24, 2001. Call Laird Barber (320-589-4254) if you want more information. Part II of the text of the Administrative Procedures for the Regents Policy on Faculty Emeriti was published in the February UMRA newsletter. Copies of the full text are available by calling 320-589-1083.

COMMENCEMENT 2001

Retired faculty members are invited to march in the Commencement procession on Friday, May 11, 2001. Orders for academic regalia must be sent to Maggie Dylla 600 East 4th St., Morris, MN 56267 by April 6.

BITS AND PIECES

-Congratulations to new retirees: Marilyn Bober, Fred Farrell, Nat Hart, Jim Olson and Bob Vikander. More information will be in the summer INFO.

-On April 26 an Employee Benefits Counselor will be at UMM from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Prairie Lounge. You need to call Jenny Quam at 589-6024 to arrange an appointment.

-Thelma and Oren Gilbert were pictured in the Morris Sun Tribune enjoying the Cattlemen's dinner.

-Doris Benson was featured in "Sunspots," Morris Sun/Trib.

-Jim and Ruth Gremmels were highlighted in M, a University fund raising publication. Copies will be available at the reunion.

-The summer 2000 newsletter Contributions featured an article on the late Iftikhar Khan, and pictures of Ralph Williams, Rose Marie and Robie Abbott, Arden Granger, George and Pat Fosgate, Jack Imholte, Jim Gremmels, and Bettina Blake.

-Liselotte Gumpel, Professor Emeritus of German language and literature, was featured in the summer 2000 Foundation pamphlet "Making A Difference."

-The winter 2001 Profile has pictures of C. Frederick Farrell, Pearl Johnson, Lois Hodgell, Fred Peterson, Ralph Williams, Steve Granger, Jack Imholte, Robie and Rose Marie Abbott, and Hertha and Jay Roshal.

-Jack and Lucy Imholte gained two more grandchildren last fall, Claire Lucy (daughter, Rebecca) and Jack Gibbs (son, John) which makes a total of six grandchildren.

-Betty and Sinmin Wu live in San Diego, CA. and enjoy their three young grandchildren.

UMMRA retirees are great travelers so next time we will cover trips taken during the past year. Please send news to Ellen Ordway when you pay your dues in July.

THINK SPRING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

