



## UMMRA INFO

THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MORRIS RETIREES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER  
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### WELCOME TO SPRING

Our cold brown winter was suddenly replaced with snow in February and March by back-to-back storms. With the change to Daylight Savings Time three weeks early, we gained a later sunset. Spring is here--a time to take part in several special UMM events: the inauguration April 20, the recognition banquet, UMMRA reception and annual meeting April 26, the Honors and Awards Ceremony and Recital May 11, and graduation on May 12. Join us!

#### APRIL 26 SPRING LUNCHEON, ANNUAL MEETING/ REUNION

The agenda for the 2007 UMMRA spring celebration on April 26<sup>th</sup> follows:

**11:45 a.m.: Luncheon** in Bello Cucina in Morris followed by the **Annual Meeting**. Election of two board members for 2007-2008 (see action agenda below). Newly inaugurated Chancellor Jacquie Johnson will provide an update on UMM. UMM students will provide entertainment.

**4:30-5:45 p.m.: Annual Reception for Retirees, Faculty and Staff** hosted by UMMRA, LaFave House.

**6:00 p.m.: Faculty/Staff Recognition Dinner**, Oyate Hall. This year's dinner will be a Chinese buffet. For reservations, call Maggie Larson at 320-589-6053 or send email to [larsonmt@morris.umn.edu](mailto:larsonmt@morris.umn.edu).

### ANNUAL MEETING ACTION ITEM

**The proposed slate** for 2007-2008 board members to be voted on at the April 26 meeting:

Secretary/Treasurer: Joan Reicosky (2 year term)

At-Large: Llea Anderson (2 year term)

### CONTINUING ON THE BOARD(already approved)

Mary Ann Scharf: President (2 year term)

Janet Ahern: Past President (1 year term)

Karla Klinger: Editor, Newsletter (appointment)

Coordinators of Volunteers: Bernice Erdahl and Cathy Kemble

UMRA TC Representative: Laird Barber

Learning Unlimited Representative: Phyllis Gausman

At-Large: William Stewart (1-year term)

*Special thanks to President Janet Ahern, who stays on as Past President; Arden Granger, who served four years as Secretary/Treasurer, and Jim Tanner, who served on the board the past year.*

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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

April 5: Doolittle's, Alexandria, Noon

May 3: Café Bella, Glenwood, Noon

June 7: Potluck at the Skyview Courtyard, Morris, hosted by Ray & Dolores Lammers.

*If you would like to attend or to car-pool, e-mail Janet Ahern at [ahernjt@morris.umn.edu](mailto:ahernjt@morris.umn.edu)*

#### APRIL 20 INAUGURAL CELEBRATION

*You are invited to attend the inauguration of  
Jacqueline R. Johnson as UMM  
Chancellor*

Luncheon: Student Center, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Ceremony: Edson Auditorium, 1:00 p.m.

Address: *On the Edge of Tomorrow*

*In the Middle of Everywhere*

Jazz Combo, Opposite Day, 2:00 p.m.

Undergraduate Research Symposium, 3:00 p.m.

*No RSVP is necessary. To volunteer to help at the luncheon, e-mail Maggie Larson at [larsonmt@morris.umn.edu](mailto:larsonmt@morris.umn.edu) or call her at 320-589-6053 in early April.*

### LEARNING UNLIMITED PROGRAMS

April 19 & 20: *Heritage Days*, Judy Nord-Johnson, Coordinator.

April 19: Hands-On Museum at Morris Senior Center.

April 20: 1:15-2:45 p.m., Morris Area Elementary Concert Hall. Dr. John "Chuck" Chalberg as Ignatius Donnelly, *prophet, visionary and radical reformer.*

May 9: 1:00 p.m. Morris Senior Center. American Poetry/Literature Festival: Jim Gremmels and Brent Olson.

June 14: 6:30 p.m. Flag Day. Morris East Side Park. Flag raising ceremony prior to Kiwanis talent show.

### COMMENCEMENT

Commencement ceremonies for the 2007 graduates will be held on Saturday, May 12, at 1:30 p.m. on the Campus Mall (rain site PE Center). Retired faculty are invited to march in the procession. Regalia may be ordered through the UMM Bookstore. If you would like to serve as a guide, contact Maggie Larson at [larsonmt@morris.umn.edu](mailto:larsonmt@morris.umn.edu) or call 320-589-6053.

## NEW RETIREES

**Llea Anderson.** At UMM since 1971. Vending Supervisor.

**Gordon Harstad.** Since 1977. Residential Life Custodian.

**Bill Hunt.** Since 1994. Assistant Professor of Political Science.

**Jooinn Lee.** Since 1961. Professor of Political Science and Chair of the Division of Social Science.

**Joan Reicosky.** Since 1979. Instructor in Management.

**Dennis Templeman.** Since 1971. Associate Professor of Anthropology.

## BITS AND PIECES

**Laird Barber** will teach *Church Architecture and History: A Study and Tour of God's Houses* on April 10, 17 and 24 in Alexandria. It is a lifelong learning non-credit course co-sponsored by Morris CERP and Alexandria District 206 Community Education, funded in part through an Osher grant. Call Karen Cusey at CERP (320) 589-6461 or District 206 at (320) 762-2149 for information about cost, time and location.

**Fred and Luisa Farrell**, back from a month in Peru, report that summer was very hot in Lima. They returned to Morris in time for the cold and the snow.

**Jim Gremmels** will be inducted into the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame on April 14. He was inducted into the Cougar Hall of Fame last September and is a charter member of the Augustana Sports Hall of Fame.

**Ernie and Cathy Kemble** are spending the last two weeks of March in Torremolino, Spain, about 50 miles from the Rock of Gibraltar. They, along with **Steve and Arden Granger and Barbara McGinnis**, are among volunteers who will plant 300 trees along Morris' east entrance as part of a two-year highway landscaping plan.

**Helen Kill** is shown in the February 3 *Morris Sun Tribune* as winner of a Stevens County Historical Society raffle for a rosemaled plate created by **Avis Brandt**.

**Eric Klinger** consulted for a Berlin Max Planck Institute in February. He will present a poster at APS in May, serve on a PhD thesis committee in Wales in June with former UMM psychologist Miles Cox, and will present at the European Congress of Psychology in Prague in July. Eric's photo with UMM grads who worked on the Fantasy Project is in the *Winter Profile*.

**Dolores and Ray Lammers** are moving to Skyview Court in Morris in spring. They won the playhouse in the St. Mary's raffle.

**Bill and Ida Stewart** were among the special guests at a UMM MSP Alumni gather in Chicago last November. Their photo appears in the *Winter 2007 Profile*.

**Pat and Jim Tanner** will move to a single family home in Park Rapids in June, keeping their lake home of 25 years for the summer. They got caught in the blizzard on their way to vacation in Ft. Myers, Fla., but both should be tanned and recovered from respiratory infections by the time UMMRA INFO is printed.

**Ruth and Neil Thielke** returned in mid-March from a prophetic mission trip to Ireland and Spain. They will travel to the Republic of Georgia in April.

*Other accomplishments by UMMRA members are in the Archives.*

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### HORTICULTURE VOLUNTEERS

The UM West Central Research and Outreach Center is expanding opportunities for volunteers to make the horticulture garden the best it can be. Contact Jean at [spohrjim@morris.umn.edu](mailto:spohrjim@morris.umn.edu) or call 320-589-1711.

### PRAIRIE RENAISSANCE VOLUNTEERS

The Rolling Plains Art Gallery is coming to Morris March 29-April 7. If you can take a shift welcoming people and keeping track of numbers, contact Athena Kildegaard at (320)-585-5037. UMMRA members also are invited to help staff the PRCA Gallery 3-4 hour shifts every month or two.

### UMM EVENTS

A few volunteers are needed as hostess or guide for the April 20 Inauguration and May 12 Commencement. Contact Maggie Larson if you are able to volunteer.

*Watch for volunteer opportunities through UMMRA INFO. Please contact Karla Klinger if you know of others.*

### LONG TERM CARE COVERAGE

The University of Minnesota's long-term care coverage has a new vendor, John Hancock. The Open Enrollment period has been extended through April 20, 2007. For information about costs/benefits, go to the [John Hancock Web site](#), user name *uplanltc*, password *mybenefit*.

## NOTE FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT

*Since this is my last note to you in my role as UMMRA president, I pondered how some operatic heroines might take their leave. Should I fling myself from the parapet ala Tosca? Or commit hara-kiri, Butterfly-style, with a ceremonial sword? I've always admired Violetta and Mimi who sing long, glorious arias on their deathbeds. Okay, that does sound a tad dramatic and fatal.*

*Instead, I would like to thank the wonderful, competent UMMRA board members both past and present who have made my job easier. Also, a heartfelt thanks to all of you who have willingly volunteered to read at West Wind Village, assist at events on campus or in the community, make yummy foods for receptions or potlucks, or visit ill UMMRA members. UMMRA is a terrific way to continue our connection with UMM and each other. Your dues have made a financial impact this year, too, assisting the Learning Unlimited program when they lost Humanities funding.*

*Please plan on making Thursday, April 26, UMMRA Reunion Day. It's a fine time to visit campus and see many of your former colleagues and friends. I look forward to seeing you, and I'll try to avoid the parapet and just move to the wings as our ultra-able Mary Ann Scharf takes over the reins.*

**Janet**