



## UMMRA INFO

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### WELCOME TO SPRING

*Spring has made several attempts to enlighten us after a long cold winter. It's a great time to take part in several special UMM and UMMRA events: the UMMRA annual meeting on April 24, the UMMRA annual reception on May 1 beginning at 4:00 p.m. followed by the Faculty/Staff Recognition Dinner at 6:00 p.m., the Honors and Awards Ceremony May 16, and Commencement on May 17. Our new retirees will be invited to join us for our spring UMMRA events*

*See you at the Prairie Inn!*

*Mary Ann Scharf*

### UMMRA SPRING ANNUAL MEETING

When: Thursday, April 24, 2008, 11:45 a.m.  
What: **Luncheon and Annual Meeting**  
Where: Cougar Room at the Prairie Inn in Morris  
Speaker: Chancellor Johnson has been invited to report on what's going on at UMM.  
Food: Order from the menu.  
To make a lunch reservation, contact Mary Ann Scharf at <mscharf@dishmail.net> or call her at 589-4688 by April 18.

### ANNUAL MEETING ACTION ITEM

**The proposed slate** for 2008-2009 board members will be voted on at the April 24 meeting. Names of nominees will be forwarded to you by email prior to the meeting:

Vice-president: (1 year term)

Member-at-Large: (2 year term)

### CONTINUING ON THE BOARD (already approved)

President: Mary Ann Scharf: (1 year remaining)  
Secretary/ Treasurer: Joan Reicosky (1 year remaining)  
Member-at-Large: Llea Anderson (1 year remaining)  
Editor, *UMMRA INFO*: Karla Klinger (appointed)  
Coordinators of Volunteers: Bernice Erdahl and Cathy Kemble  
UMRA TC Representative: Laird Barber  
Learning Unlimited Representative: Phyllis Gausman

*Special thanks to Janet Ahern for serving this year as Past-President and to Bill Stewart for two years as Member-at-Large.*

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

April 3: Lakeside Ballroom in Glenwood, 11:45 a.m.

May 1: UMMRA reception at LaFave House at 4:00 p.m.

June 5: Casual Potluck Picnic Lunch at Ray and Dolores Lammers' home, Skyview Plaza Courtyard, 11:45 a.m.

*If you would like to car-pool, e-mail Mary Ann Scharf at <mscharf@dishmail.net> or call 589-4688.*

### TWO SPECIAL EVENTS MAY 1 UMMRA ANNUAL RECEPTION

When: Thursday, May 1, 2008, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

What: **Annual Reception for Retirees, Faculty and Staff** hosted by UMMRA prior to the Faculty/Staff Recognition Dinner.

Where: LaFave House

### FACULTY/STAFF RECOGNITION DINNER

When: Thursday, May 1, 6:00 p.m., Oyate Hall.

Menu will include cranberry pork loin, baked potato and roasted vegetables. For reservations, call Maggie Larson at 320-589-6053 or send email to [larsonmt@morris.umn.edu](mailto:larsonmt@morris.umn.edu).

### LEARNING UNLIMITED SPRING PROGRAMS

April 24-25: *Heritage Days*. Hands-on demonstrations of living in the old days. Senior Citizen Center. Performance of Troubadour/ Singing Ranger Charlie Maguire at Senior Center 10 a.m; Elementary Concert Hall 1:30 p.m.

May 14: *The Movies - Reopening the Morris Theatre*.

Tina Didreckson and City Manager Blaine Hill. Senior Citizen Center, 1:00 p.m.

June 14: *Flag Day*, a community-wide celebration in East Side Park. Begins mid-afternoon.

### A COURSE TO CONSIDER

*Church Tours: Architecture and History* will be taught in Alexandria in April 2008 by Professor Laird Barber, with tour sites in Sauk Centre, Albany and Meire Grove. Call Karen Cusey, UMM Lifelong Learning, at (320)-589-6461 for information about times and registration.

### PARTICIPATION IN COMMENCEMENT MAY 17

Commencement ceremonies for the graduates of 2008 will be held on Saturday, May 17, at 2:00 p.m. on the Campus Mall (rain site PE Center). Retired faculty are invited to march in the procession. **TO WEAR AN ACADEMIC ROBE AT THE CEREMONY**, you must order it through the Bookstore by April 7. Commencement volunteers should call Maggie Larson at 320-589-6053 or email her at [larsonmt@morris.umn.edu](mailto:larsonmt@morris.umn.edu).

## NEW RETIREES (2008)

**David Dylla**, HFA custodian, at UMM since 1974

**Charles Grussing**, Police Lieutenant, at UMM since 1981

**David Hoppe**, Professor of Biology, at UMM since 1975

**Craig Kissock**, Professor, Secondary Education; Global Student Teaching/ELTAP Director; at UMM since 1969

**Andy Lopez**, Professor of Computer Science, at UMM since 1970

**Dian Lopez**, Professor of Computer Science, at UMM since 1970

## BITS AND PIECES

Dennis Benson, son of **Doris Benson**, was promoted to the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Minnesota Sex Offenders Program after 34 years with the Minnesota Department of Corrections.

**Pat and George Fosgate** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on March 29 with a surprise party arranged by their daughter, Laurie, and her husband. Congratulations! Pat and George starred together at UMM 15 years ago in *Love Letters*, a play by A.R. Gurney,

The March 13 *Morris Sun Tribune* "25 Years Ago" column reports that **Mimi Frenier** was one of three UMM faculty members featured in the Matrix series about the University shown on KSTP Television.

Past and present UMM studio art faculty since 1960, including **Lois Hodgell, John Ingle, and Fred Peterson**, were represented in an exhibit from January 24 -March 14 in the HFA Gallery. The mezzanine featured a memorial exhibit of work by **Lois**, who died in 2006. In spring, the University of Minnesota Press will publish a reprint of **Fred's** book, *Homes in the Heartland*.

**David Hoppe's** contributions to UMM over 33 years and his plans for the future are featured in the Winter 2008 issue of *Profile*. See page 10 for an interesting story.

**Joan Reicosky** is shown in a February 6 photo in the *Morris Sun Tribune* playing the tuba with the Morris Area Community Band.

The Winter 2008 *Profile* magazine shows **Bill and Ida Stewart** honored guests at a Multi-Ethnic Student Program Alumni gathering in St. Paul in November, 2007. These and other winter references are filed in UMMRA Archives.

## SAD NEWS

**Arnold Henjum**: Arnold Henjum died at West Wind Village in Morris on March 5 at the age of 82. Arnie taught in the Division of Education for 26 of his 43 years teaching. Our sympathy to Irene, his wife of 58 years, and to his family.

**Robert DeWall**: Bob DeWall, Morris businessman and long-time friend of UMM, died on March 6 at the age of 94. Bob was a founding member of the WCEDA, which convinced the Regents to establish UMM here. Our sympathy to his wife, Marion, and to his family.

## MEMORY TOURS OF UMM—Anne Uehling

*August of 1963: Ted and I arrived in Morris. Ted was excited - only Siberia has a greater temperature range. I was skeptical. Newcomers doubled the size of the faculty; consequently, our housing choices consisted of a coal bin converted to an apartment or a hole in the ground. Ted was fresh out of graduate school, and we were dirt poor. We begged and borrowed and, with Ed LaFave's help, purchased the hole in the ground on West Fourth Street. The class of 63-64, Truman Driggs, Vlad Thomas, Louise Curtis, all of us, had been captured by Rod Briggs' enthusiasm. The chance for Ted to build a program, the colleagues that became friends, the students, the opportunity to dream and grow were rewards we gathered over the years. The UMM Women's Association sponsored Christmas parties for our children, helped at graduation receptions, helped Fred Peterson launch Ice Cream and Lollipops - the list goes on and on. Karla Klinger and I founded Country Day Nursery. Ruth Roquitte and I wrote a history textbook.*

*Women's issues took the stage. Spouses could not both teach at the University. Talented faculty wives couldn't be hired in tenured positions. Women were scarce in the administration. Then came Mimi Frenier and Bettina Blake and the abolition of the nepotism rule. We saw changes. (Ted and I argued about he/she and him/her. His women students challenged him, Pieranna Garvaso joined the philosophy faculty, so.....) The League of Women Voters played a role in electing women to the school board and city council. In 1982 I started working in CEE with Gail Nelson and Karla Klinger, energetic comrades. What a great place to work. My love of the north woods lured me away, but I always carry with me the memories and cherished friendships.*

## WEB RESOURCES

Want to keep up with what's new at UMM? Check the UMM web-site at <http://www.morris.umn.edu>. To read UMM's quarterly *Profile* magazine on-line, go to: <http://www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/universityRelations/>. Click on *Profile*. The Twin Cities UMRA newsletter at <http://www1.umn.edu/umra> has information about opportunities to work, to volunteer, or to find housing.

## AN INVITATION

What activities have you found to be meaningful during your retirement? Are you still working professionally? Have you found interesting volunteer opportunities? This editor would like to compile a list of volunteer opportunities that other retirees could consider and feature them in *UMMRA INFO*. Please send me a note at [klingerk@hometownsolutions.net](mailto:klingerk@hometownsolutions.net).

## HOW FAR WE'VE COME

50 years ago, the *Morris Sun Tribune* reported that WCEDA was stepping up efforts "to secure establishment of a two-year college level branch of the University of Minnesota" at Morris.