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NOTE FROM THE UMMRA PRESIDENT

Greetings again to all UMMRA members and potential members. We have many potential new UMMRA members due to the last RIO and large number of recent retirees. We welcome you and will provide you with one year's free membership. I hope everyone has enjoyed the mild Minnesota winter this year. We most likely will not see another winter this mild in our life times. Your board of directors has been busy taking care of business. At our winter quarterly meeting, we were fortunate enough to have Argie Manolis as our guest speaker addressing student volunteerism on campus. I think many of us were amazed at some of the numbers she presented. We also decided to contribute \$200 to the fund for research by UM retirees. UMMRA has a number of functions scheduled in the next weeks and months that you can see on the calendar in the next column. Especially note the UMMRA annual meeting and luncheon on April 19 when Chancellor Johnson will speak. We will elect two new board members: Candidates are Andy Lopez as in-coming President and Judy Riley as board member-at-large (2 years). Of course other members can be nominated from the floor. A very special event is the UMM retirees reception at the LaFave House on May 1 prior to the UMM annual recognition dinner. The UMMRA year end pot-luck picnic at East Side Park shelter, to be held on June 7, is always a relaxed fun event. Mary Jo Forbord will speak on Wellness. UMMRA is your organization. We invite you to get involved.

Lynn Schulz

**UMMRA ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON
 BUSINESS MEETING**

When: Thursday, April 19, 11:45 a.m.
 Where: Prairie Inn, Gazebo Room, Morris. Choose from the menu.
 Speaker: Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson will bring us up to date on what's new at UMM.

OTHER EVENTS

- April 5: First Thursday Luncheon, Prairie Inn, Gazebo Room, 11:45 a.m.
- April 16: 2012 **Jooinn Lee** Lecture. 7:30 p.m. Imholte Hall 109. See page 2.
- April 19: UMMRA Annual meeting. See box above.
- April 21: A celebration of **Jim Togeas**. Reception, Oyate, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Complimentary Dinner, Old No. 1, Morris, 7 p.m. See page 2 for more details.
- May 1: UMMRA reception for retirees, LaFave House, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- May 1: UMM Recognition Dinner, Oyate, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Complimentary for retiree and one guest. RSVP by Monday, April 23. Call Laura Walton at 320-589-6053 or reply on-line at morris.umn.edu/recognition_dinner.
- May 12: UMM Graduation: Division Receptions 11:00 - 12:30; Graduation on the mall at 1:30 p.m.
- June 7: UMMRA potluck at East Side Park, 11:45 a.m. Mary Jo Forbord will speak on Wellness.
Please check the Bits and Pieces column for individual retirement events. For rides or information, contact Lynn Schulz at 589-1795 or lynn@morris.umn.edu. An email will be sent out before events.

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The proposed slate for 2012-2013 board members will be voted on at the April 19 business meeting.
 President-elect: Andy Lopez, 1 year term
 Member-at-large: Judy Riley, 2 year term

Continuing on the board (already approved):

President: Lynn Schulz (1 year remaining)
 Secretary-Treasurer: Joan Reicosky (1 year remaining)
 Member-at-large: Dennis Johnson (1 year remaining)
 Editor, *UMMRA INFO*: Karla Klinger (appointed)
 Volunteer Coordinators: Bernice Erdahl and Cathy Kemble (appointed)
 UMMRA TC Representative: Laird Barber (appointed)
Thanks to Dian Lopez, Past-President and to Judy Riley, 1 year member-at-large.

SAD NEWS

Lloyd A. Brandt of Donnelly, 91, died February 6 in Belgrade. He graduated from WCSA in 1939 and was later a Custodian at UMM. Lloyd taught Sunday school at Kongsvinger Lutheran Church and sang in both the men's quartet and the church choir.
Harold Fahl, 83, died at Skyview Assisted Living in Morris on December 26. Buildings constructed under his tenure as Superintendent of Plant Services from 1968 to 1993 include the Humanities Fine Arts Center, Briggs Library, the PE Center, the Student Center, residence halls and the Heating Plant. The campus grew from 80 acres to 165. Harold served in the military in Korea and was an active participant in many church and civic organizations.

Veronica Wood-Bartlett, 97, Professor of German from 1965-1985, died in Minneapolis on February 2. Vicki, as she was known to her UMM colleagues, helped establish the UMM German Department.

Our sympathy to their families.

ADDITIONAL 2012 RETIREES

Dave Aronson, Director of Residential Life, 1981-1993, and Projects Manager for Plant Services from then to January 13, 2012. At UMM since 1981.

David Jones, Production Supervisor, Campus Duplicating, will retire April 20. At UMM since 1975.

Rosa Kill, Buildings and Grounds Worker, Plant Services, retired January 11. At UMM since 1988.

The full list of 2011 & 2012 retirees will appear at the end of the academic year. The above list includes those staff names that have not appeared in previous newsletters.

BITS AND PIECES

□ **Dave Aronson, Bill Hennen, David Jones, Rosa Kill and Randy Wenz** were feted at a group reception in Oyate on January 10.

□ An off-campus celebration for **Dorothy DeJager** was held at the Met Lounge on January 11 and for Ron **Kubik** and **Randy Wenz** at the Eagles on January 19 and 12 respectively.

□ Tim Cleary, UMM 1992 **Studio Arts** Alumnus, has been commissioned to construct a statue honoring Tuskegee airmen. In a March 10 *Morris Sun Tribune* article, he praised the relationships he forged with his professors that “provided a firm foundation for building his professional and personal life.”

□ The 26th Annual **Edith R. Farrell** French Poetry Reading Contest was held on Tuesday, March 27, in the Student Center.

□ **Chuck Grussing** played the role of Chief Bromden in the Alexandria Area Arts Association presentation of “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” in February.

□ **Sun Kahng’s** role in establishing a student exchange program with Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea in 1992 is described in the March 10 “Looking Back” column of the *Morris Sun Tribune*.

□ The 2012 **Jooinn Lee** lecture, featuring Dr. Caroline Hartzell, will be delivered on April 14 at 7:30 p.m. in 109 Imholte Hall. Hartzell, professor of political science at Gettysburg College and 2010-2011 Jennings Randolph Senior Fellow at the US Institute of Peace, will discuss “Ending Civil Wars and Producing Peace.” Free and open to the public.

□ **Judy Riley’s** article “Mentoring Across Cultures” appeared in the January 28 *Morris Sun Tribune* Community Builder Extra. Her “Sunspots” profile of Tracy Anderson appeared March 10.

□ **Jean** and Jerry **Sasek** have sold their Morris house and are moving to east Texas to be near their daughter and family in Louisiana. Jean began working at UMM in 1985

and retired from Continuing Education in 2008. A going-away party took place on March 18.

□ Neil and **Ruth Thielke** traveled to Frankfurt, Germany, in February to become honorary American grandparents and to Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic for church work. Neil recently also went to Kenya with his Outfitters for Adventure team to bring clothes and to audit sites for 80 orphans placed in homes. They purchased a van to transport AIDS patients to a nearby clinic.

MEMORY TOURS OF UMM: RUTH GREMMELS

On Jim’s love for UMM

The quotations are taken from transcripts of interviews conducted for the award winning video, “Promise of the Prairie: Education in Three Acts” by Roger Boleman, Mike Cihak and Chris Butler and are used by permission of Media Services.

Ruth: When Jim bought his white Mazda he came home and he said, “I’m going to have the local body man put stripes on my car.” I said, “Stripes? I think it looks nice the way it is.” “No,” he said, “I want a maroon and a gold stripe running up the front and all the way down the back.” I said, “Kind of weird but go ahead.” So he did and a few weeks later, I think it was [Dave] Johnson who was Chancellor then, [he]... said he got a call from a concerned citizen that *Mr. Gremmels in Glenwood is using a University car for all his traveling.*

Chris: Using people’s tax dollars?

Ruth: Yes. *My tax dollars are being spent.*

Chris: But I think that car was such a great symbol of what a fan he was.

Ruth: Yes, of course it was.

Chris: There are a lot of people who say they love UMM but there are not a lot of people who would paint their car.

Ruth: And he traded that car in and bought a pickup and he had the same thing done to the pickup, the maroon and gold.

Celebration of Jim Togeas

A celebration of not-yet-retired **Jim Togeas**, who has taught at UMM for 50 years, will be held on April 21.

There will be an open reception in Oyate followed by a complimentary dinner at Old No.1/ Southside. Submit memories or video greetings or view event details at www.morris.umn.edu/alumni/togeas. RSVP on-line or call 320-589-6386.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

● Evergreen Readers: Contact Cathy Kemble or Bernice Erdahl to volunteer to read to residents of West Wind Village.

● The PRCA in Morris asks UMMRA members to consider working for 3-4 hours a month. Contact (320) 585-5037 or e-mail prca@prairierenaissance.org

● UMM Graduation Volunteers: Contact Dave Swenson at (320) 589-6080 to help out on May 12.