



## UMMRA INFO

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### SPRING-2006

Spring is a time of change—green grass, tulips and daffodils. At UMM there will be many changes. Chancellor Sam Schuman will leave UMM and semi-retire in New Mexico. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean John Schwaller will move to Potsdam, New York. Anne Schwaller, coordinator of the Learning Unlimited program, will move with her husband. A new editor will take over UMMRA INFO with the summer issue, which will be Volume VIII. Remember to send Karla Klinger news about out-of-town retirees, address changes and exciting trips and activities.

### SPRING LUNCHEON/ANNUAL MEETING/REUNION

The agenda for the 2006 UMMRA spring celebration on Thursday, April 27, is as follows:

11:45 a.m. Luncheon in the Cougar Room at Prairie Inn, followed by the annual meeting that includes election of the 2006-2007 board members. We will order pay-your-own from the menu. Chancellor Schuman will give his final report to us on the status of UMM. This has always been a highlight of our celebration day and we truly thank Sam for meeting with us each spring.

1:30 p.m. A tour of the Stevens County Museum with Bernice Erdahl as our guide. After the tour, some UMM students will meet with us to share their year's adventures. It could include: a student of Pareena Lawrence who visited India as part of a student trip; Nate Peterson, the writer of the bio-mass grant; a student involved in the Small Towns projects.

4:00-5:30 p.m. The annual reception at LaFave House for new retirees, faculty, and staff hosted by UMMRA.

6:00 p.m. Faculty/Staff Recognition Dinner, Oyate Hall, UMM Campus. You can make reservations by calling Maggie Larson at 320-589-6053.

### ACTION ITEM AT ANNUAL MEETING

The proposed slate for 2006-2007 board members is as follows:

President-elect: Mary Ann Scharf - one year term

Member-at-large: Jim Tanner - two year term

Newsletter Editor/Historian: Karla Klinger - as appointed by president.

The terms of President Janet Ahern, Secretary-Treasurer Arden Granger, and member-at-large Roger McCannon continue for one more year. The Liaison to Twin Cities UMRA (Laird Barber), chairs of the volunteer committee (Cathy Kemble, Bernice Erdahl), and the travel coordinator (Avis Brandt) are appointed by the board.

Many thanks to Wes Gray who has completed his two years as

member-at-large. We hope he continues to drive from Alexandria for the meetings. He and Avy have been two of our most diligent participants.

### NEW RETIREES

Congratulations and welcome to UMMRA to:

Sam Schuman, Chancellor

Peter Orr, Plant Services

Eric Klinger, Social Science

### COMMENCEMENT 2006

Commencement ceremonies for the 2006 graduates will be held on Saturday, May 13, at 1:30 p.m. Retired faculty are invited to march in the procession. Regalia can be ordered from the bookstore.

### SCHUMAN FAREWELL EVENT

UMM is planning a farewell event to honor Sam and Nancy Schuman on his retirement as chancellor. The Morris Campus Student Association will host a picnic on Monday, May 1, on the campus mall from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

### CHANCELLOR SEARCH

A committee at UMM has been working hard to complete the chancellor search. Four candidates will visit UMM in April for interviews and presentations that are open to the public. They hope to have an appointment by the end of this semester.

### SAD NEWS

Thelma Gilbert died on March 2 in Arden Hills where she and Oren had moved a few years ago to be near their children. Thelma taught at the West Central School of Agriculture until 1963 and then worked at the UMM Records Office as a registrar until her retirement. She is survived by her son, John, and daughter, Carole Boyum, and four grandchildren.

Theodore Uehling, Jr. (Ted) died on March 6 in Ely where he and Anne built a house several years ago. Ted taught in the philosophy discipline at UMM from 1963 to 1996. A memorial service for Ted was held at LaFave House and attended by many of Ted's friends, colleagues, and students. It was a fitting tribute to the memory of Ted. He is survived by his wife Anne of Ely, four sons, Theodore III, Thomas, Trent, and Robert, and four grandchildren.

Our sympathy goes to the families of Thelma and Ted.

#### FIRST THURSDAY CASUAL LUNCHEONS

The following places are next on the schedule: April 6, Lammers cabin, Villard (Potluck); May 4, Berries and Marigolds, Starbuck; June (TBA), Arboretum trip and luncheon; August 3, Ahern cabin - Tanners co-host. Call President Ahern at 589-2474 for details or e-mail [ahernjt@morris.umn.edu](mailto:ahernjt@morris.umn.edu)

#### BITS AND PIECES

-The strategic positioning process at UMM is continuing through the Campus Resource and Planning Committee (CRPC) which is chaired by Andy Lopez. The preliminary report can be read at [www.morris.umn.edu/strategic/](http://www.morris.umn.edu/strategic/).

-The Winter 2006 Profile published a long article on the Joseph J. Latterell Memorial Visiting Alumnus Program which is privately funded and gives grants to Science and Math Division disciplines to invite alumni to campus to serve as resource persons for students and faculty. It is a written tribute to Joe and his teaching contributions to UMM. The article can be read in the UMM archives. The magazine also had a photo of Joe's wife, Gerry, and Jim Olson, professor emeritus of chemistry, and a colleague of Joe.

-Profile also had a great photo of Jack Imholte in front of the John Imholte Hall sign.

-The March 1 Morris Sun Tribune published a picture of the 2006 Stevens Soil and Water Conservation District Board. Mary Ann Scharf represents Morris, Scott and Darnen Townships on the board.

-A highlight of February was Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion" radio show broadcast from the UMM PE Center. It was a goose-bump experience to hear the stories, the UMM choir, an UMM music instructor Tim Sparks over national radio—even more so for those lucky enough to be there in person. As Sam wrote in his University Update in the Morris Sun Tribune: We proved once again that the city is beautiful, the college is strong, and we're all above average.

-A picture of the crowd that attended a meeting in Glenwood about the Minnesota Design Team who will visit on June 8-10 was in the Pope County Tribune. Rumors were floating around the Office Bar in Villard that Jim Gremmels and Harold Fahl attended the design meeting and had a wild idea—drain the spring-fed water from Lake Amelia into the other Pope County lakes, seed corn into the lake bed, then sell the crop to lower property taxes.

-The February 2 Morris Sun Tribune printed an essay by Nat Hart titled "On This Earth: music of this sphere". It is in the archives.

-The same issue contained a picture of the 2006 Morris Chamber of Commerce directors which includes Roger McCannon.

-UMM student David Nelson has announced a new program called "Adopt a Grandparent". Its purpose is to get to know and give help if needed for various chores to local seniors. Brochures and application blanks are available from the Student

#### Activities Office.

-The Learning Unlimited February newsletter front page was a farewell letter from Fred Farrell as he steps down as program director.

-Phyllis Gausman, the new program director of Learning Unlimited, wrote a glowing summary of the LU forum in the March 15 Morris Sun Tribune. The complete 2006 program is in their newsletter and reminders are printed in the local paper.

#### MEMORY TOUR—DORIS L. BENSON

##### My First Year at UMM

I had been a stay-at-home Mom for the first 14 years of our marriage with four children and living on a dairy farm near Hancock, MN. After a severe hail storm in July of 1965 we decided one of us had to find employment. So I answered an ad in the Morris paper. I did not hear anything until one rainy day in September when Karl Bronhofs, the business manager, called me to the University. He wondered if I could handle a job with four children at home and I had to promise to stay for two years. It was an exciting time for our family and the beginning of a long-time employment for me. The Business Office was located in Edson Hall and had five people including Lois Norby and Martha Eul who helped break me in. Others I remember were Karen Carlson and Ann McKay, the cashier. We soon moved over to the remodeled second floor of Behmler Hall where I spent the next 30 years. I was a secretarial assistant doing a lot of typing invoices and preparing documents—all done by hand and with carbon copies. Martha Eul left that December and I moved into her job as a secretary. I handled accounts payable and purchase orders, did lots of record keeping and telling companies when their "check was in the mail". I remember coffee breaks with Ann Webster, Thelma Gilbert, Mavis Drange and Herb Croom. So my first year was busy and full of challenges. I always stayed in the Business Office and those people were my "family" away from home. I retired in December, 1995 after 30+ years. So UMM has been a big part of my life and I wouldn't trade it for anything.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Thursday, April 27: Spring Luncheon
- Monday, May 1: Farewell Event for Schumans
- Saturday, May 13: Commencement
- June 6-7: Symposium on Small Towns
- First Thursdays: Casual Luncheons

IF YOU MEET ANY PRESENT FACULTY OR STAFF, INVITE THEM TO OUR APRIL 27<sup>th</sup> RECEPTION FOR A GLASS OF WINE AND HOME-MADE TREATS.