



UMMRA INFO

THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MORRIS RETIREES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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CONGRATULATIONS, NEW RETIREES!

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LETTER FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

A big summer greeting to all our new and returning UMMRA members. UMMRA is open to retired or nearly retired employees from any University of Minnesota unit in or near the Morris area. I hope your plans for the upcoming year include being active in UMMRA.

Just a few items of interest to pass along to you:

- *There is an upcoming change in email service at UMM. Please find a web link elsewhere in the newsletter explaining the change and what we must do to keep our UMM email accounts active.*

- *At the annual meeting in April, Andy Lopez was elected as the Incoming President and Judith Riley was elected to fill the two year member-at-large position on UMMRA's board of directors. The presidential commitment includes a year as incoming president, two years as president, and one year as past president to provide continuity. Judy held a one year position and agreed to serve another two year term. Thank you to these two for agreeing to serve.*

- *UMMRA has a small mini-grant program for which you may apply at any time. The Twin Cities based UMRA program offers larger research grants to retirees of all University of Minnesota units. See article on page 2 and check both web sites.*

- *The membership form is found on page 4. Please clip the last half of the final page of this newsletter and return it to Joan Reicosky along with your annual dues. During your first year of retirement, your dues are waived, but you still must return the form so that we know you want to be a part of UMMRA. While filling in the form, please consider telling us what you have been doing and send suggestions for future programs.*

The board has set tentative dates for UMMRA meetings for the first half of next year. You will find them in the calendar column. Recent quarterly business meetings have generally been held in the Gazebo Room of the Prairie Inn. First Thursday luncheons are held in area restaurants the months that we don't have other events. Note that the first event of 2012-13 will be on Thursday, Sept 6, in the picnic area of WCROC with a possible tour of the horticulture gardens. The speakers listed need to be confirmed. The Board looks for topics of interest to the members, and your suggestions are welcome. Remember, UMMRA is YOUR organization. Get involved.

Lynn Schulz

UMMRA KUDOS

Jenny Nellis, Professor of Studio Art Emeritus, received the President's Award for Outstanding Service, the highest service award the University of MN bestows. The Award recognizes exceptional commitment and service beyond the regular duties of a faculty or staff member.

DATES TO SAVE

UMMRA Events

September 6: Our opening fall potluck will be held in the West Central Horticulture Gardens at 11:45 a.m. with possible tour following.

October 4 : Quarterly Business Meeting, Ranch House Gazebo Room, 11:45 a.m. Program by Morris Police Department on "Identity Theft and Scams."

November 1: First Thursday Luncheon, 11:45 a.m. Pizza Ranch, Morris; Vivian Heltemes will speak on Lakewood Hospice.

December 6: Holiday Party, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Prairie Inn, Gazebo Room. Bring a white elephant to exchange.

For rides or information, contact Lynn Schulz at lynn@morris.umn.edu or call him at 589-1796. An email will be sent out before events.

2011-2012 UMMRA Board.

President: Lynn Schulz (1 year remaining)

President-elect: Andy Lopez (1 year term)

Secretary-Treasurer: Joan Reicosky (1 year remaining)

Member-at-large: Dennis Johnson (1 year remaining)

Member-at-large: Judy Riley (2 year term)

UMRA TC Representative: Laird Barber (appointed)

Editor, *UMMRA INFO*: Karla Klinger (appointed)

Volunteer Coordinators: Bernice Erdahl and Cathy Kemble (appointed)

Our thanks to Dian Lopez for her contributions as president-elect, president, and past president and to Judy Riley for filling Tom McRoberts' vacancy on the board.

SAD NEWS

Longtime educator, community activist, and humanitarian, **Iver Bogen**, 82, died peacefully on April 24, surrounded by his family at Essentia Health Center near Duluth. Iver was UMM Director of Counseling from 1961-1965. As an educator, Iver sought and created opportunities for scholarly discussion of controversial subjects.

Margaret Hadler Anderson Simonson, 64, died at Courage Cottage in Morris on February 16th. She worked at UMM at the UMM Post Office during the 1980s.

Our sympathy to their families.

2011-2012 IN REVIEW

UMMRA quarterly luncheon meetings were held in the Gazebo Room at the Prairie Inn on October 20, February 12 and April 21 beginning at 11:45 a.m. Lunch was ordered from the menu. Guest speakers, respectively, were Joel Tallakson, who highlighted the four renewable energy systems that West Central Research & Outreach Center is involved in; Biomass Energy Systems, Conservation Systems, Solar Systems, and Wind Systems. In February, Argie Manolis spoke on student volunteerism. In spring, Chancellor Johnson updated us on UMM. The list of praise for UMM she cited appears below.

UMMRA business is under the direction of the Board, which plans UMMRA programs and agendas for the year, including the quarterly meetings, picnics at the beginning and end of the year, First Thursday luncheons, and the reception at the LaFave House prior to the annual recognition dinner. The Board oversees membership, membership benefits, the budget, and the award of mini-grants, and addresses specific issues as they arise. A special issue this year was how to handle memberships and parking permits for those who retire mid-year. The Board also provides general oversight to the UMMRA website and for the *UMMRA Info* newsletter. UMMRA volunteers read to residents at West Wind Village and often help guide parents and new students at orientation and graduation. UMMRA donated \$200 to the UMM General Scholarship Fund in memory of previous members who had died during the academic year and another \$200 to honor recent retirees. As of May 22, UMMRA has 124 members and a bank balance of \$2681.27. Particular thanks to our web master, **Andy Lopez**, and volunteer coordinators, **Cathy Kemble** and **Bernice Erdahl**. The membership will decide next year whether the web master should become an ex-officio Board member.

MINI-GRANT OPTIONS

UMMRA awards a maximum of three **mini-grants**, of up to \$350 each, in support of an UMMRA member's learning activity. Application forms can be found at: <http://www.morris.umn.edu/ummra/UMMRAMiniGrants.pdf>. Submit them throughout the year to Joan Reicosky, Secretary-Treasurer, 24 Brook Street, Morris, MN 56267. Larger research grants of up to \$1400 are available through the Twin Cities UMRA program. For fuller information, see <http://www1.umn.edu/umra/grants.php>.

UMM MOVING TO GMAIL

Starting June 4-8 UMM will open up the new Gmail service to all retired staff and faculty. You are encouraged to migrate your email from the old email system to the new service by using the self-service "Google Account Options" form at the bottom of <https://www.umn.edu/dirtools/>. After August 27, accounts that have not migrated will be closed. A fuller explanation will be posted on the UMMRA web site by mid-June.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships have been established by or to honor these retirees:

- Harold P. and Leona E. **Classen** Family Scholarship;
- Alumni Association Herb **Croom** Endowed Scholarship;
- Orval Truman **Driggs, Jr.** / Thomas B. **McRoberts** Scholarship
- **Fosgate** Theatre Scholarship;
- Florence **Eystad Gahm** Memorial Scholarship;
- Emilie **Gieske** Scholarship for Students of Grant or Stevens County;
- Daisy Regis and Harry **Hansen** Memorial Scholarship;
- Arnie **Henjum** Education Scholarship;
- **John Q. Imholte** Scholarship;
- Clyde E. **Johnson** Music Scholarship;
- Sun M. **Kahng** Memorial Scholarship;
- Ernest **Kemble** Scholarship;
- **Khan** Achievement Scholarship;
- Theodore S. and Tone H. **Long** Scholarship;
- Dian and Andy **Lopez** Scholarships;
- Patrick **McGinnis** Family Scholarship;
- International Students Scholarship Fund established by Thomas B. **McRoberts**
- Edna Snee Rodgers Memorial Scholarship established by C. Frederick and Edith Rodgers **Farrell** to honor Edith's mother
- Robert James Riley Memorial Scholarship established by Judy **Riley**
- Nathan Goldberg Scholarship for Community Service established by Sam and Nancy **Schuman**
- William **Stewart** Scholarship;
- Ted **Uehling** Endowed Scholarship
- University Association **Lucy Imholte** Scholarship
- James **Van Alstine** Geology and Environmental Sciences Scholarship

PRAISE FOR UMM FROM:

The Princeton Review selected UMM for inclusion in their 2012 *Guide to 322 Green Colleges*.

UMM received AASHE **STARS gold** certification. The **EPA** recognized UMM for on-site Green Power Generation.

Forbes rated UMM one of 100 "best buys" and #90 of 650 colleges.

Kiplinger rated UMM one of best values among 100 schools.

US News and World Reports named UMM among the top six national public liberal arts colleges.

Sierra Club included UMM in its "cool schools" ratings.

The Washington Monthly lists UMM in the top 200 liberal arts college.



Back row: Dave Aronson, Jeanne Richards, David Jones, Richard Jean Richards, Harold Hinds, Jody Huntley, Lois Kunde. Front row: Rosa Kill, Tom Turner, Lou Logan, Anne Hansen, Al Seifermann, Margaret Kleinhans. Not present: Mike Berlinger, Dorothy DeJager and Bill Hennen. Ron Kubik, Jenny Nellis, Judy Van Eps, and Randy Wenz were listed in 2011, though their last day was this year.

2011-2012 RETIREES

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

Mike Berlinger, Heating Plant Boiler Operator, Plant Services. Retired September 3, 2011. At UMM since 2008.

Dorothy DeJager, Transfer Specialist in the Office of the Registrar and Scholastic Committee administrative support, retired January 2012. At UMM since 1969.

Anne Hansen, Food Service Worker. At UMM since 1999.

William 'Bill' Hennen, Building and Grounds Worker, Plant Services. At UMM since 1986.

Harold Hinds, Professor of History, retired January 2012. At UMM since 1970.

Jody Huntley, Executive Operations/ Student Services Specialist, Admissions. At UMM since 1990.

David Jones, Production Supervisor, Campus Duplicating, retired April 20, 2012. At UMM since 1975.

Rosa Kill, Buildings and Grounds Worker, Plant Services, retired January 11, 2012. At UMM since 1988.

Margaret Kleinhans, Food Service Worker. At UMM since 1997.

Lois Kunde, Building and Grounds Worker, Residential Life, and/ or Cashier, Food Service. At UMM since 1986.

Lou Logan, Principal Student Personnel Worker, Financial Aid. At UMM since 1973.

Jenny Nellis, Professor of Studio Art since 1977. Retired December 2011

Jeanne Richards, Teaching Specialist in Music. At UMM since 1979.

Richard 'Jean' Richards, Associate Professor of Music. AT UMM since 1977.

Al Seifermann, Cook, Food Service. At UMM since 1992.

Tom Turner, Associate Professor of Spanish. At UMM since 1970.

BITS AND PIECES

It was fun to see so many retirees at the April 21 celebration of Jim Togeas' 50th year at UMM. They included:

Rosemarie **Abbott**, Janet and Bert **Ahern**, Dave **Aronson**, Laird **Barber**, Steve and Arden **Granger**, Ruth **Gremmels**, Pat **Kahng**, Ernie and Cathy **Kemble**, Eric and Karla **Klinger**, Ardath **Larson**, Maggie **Larson**, Jooinn and Young Sook **Lee**, Dian and Andy **Lopez**, Tom **Mahoney**, Barb **McGinnis**, Vinod **Nangia**, Jenny **Nellis**, Jim and Nancy **Olson**, Ellen **Ordway**, Joan and Don **Reicosky**, Bill **Stewart** and Ralph and Martha **Williams**. In addition to including many of these same retirees, the June 1 Recognition Dinner included David **Johnson**, Harold and Liz **Hinds**, and Pat and Jim **Tanner**. Dave gave a well attended lecture, "Speaking Minnesotan with a Mesabi Dialect," in Briggs Library the next evening.

UMM RETIREES ASSOCIATION (UMMRA)

To potential and present members of UMMRA:

This is a call to join or renew membership in the UMM Retirees Association (UMMRA) for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. If you are still on the staff or have previously been so, you are eligible to join your colleagues and fellow staffers in UMMRA. Our membership consists of both retired and not-yet-retired members of any University of Minnesota unit, primarily those in the Morris area, i.e. WCROC, Minnesota Extension, Continuing Education, Regional Programs, and Summer Session, etc., as well as UMM. It includes faculty and all other staff (including bargaining units) and spouses. At present we have 124 members.

UMMRA functions not only as a social organization where members occasionally meet with old friends, but also helps members make the transition to retirement a bit easier. Members receive our newsletters and communications, such as e-mail, about special lectures, events, or activities both on campus and in the community, as well as those sponsored by UMMRA.

We offer retired members certain benefits, such as free UMM parking permits, and information on their "perks" as University retirees, such as how to be maintained in the University data base (at present this is not automatic), and how to obtain a retiree "U-card" for continued access to libraries and other University facilities. We serve as a link to the administration, and are continually defining and trying to upgrade benefits for retirees, especially in the Morris area. We also provide mini-grants up to \$350 to members who want to pursue special interest projects. UMMRA also has a representative on the all-University Retirees Association Board in Minneapolis (UMRA).

We hope that you will join UMMRA for the 2012-2013 season. During your first year of retirement, your dues are waived, but you still need to return the form below. Our dues are \$10.00 per year per person, \$15.00 per couple. Please fill out the section below and return it with your check to our Secretary/ Treasurer. We look forward to hearing from you.

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UMMRA MEMBERSHIP DUES, 2012-13

Joan Reicosky, Secretary/Treasurer, UMMRA
24 Brook St., Morris, MN 56267

Date _____

Name(s): _____

e-mail: _____ Telephone # _____

Address: _____

Worked at UMN from _____ to _____ Retired from (Unit, Dept.) _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ for dues for one year (July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013) for _____ person(s) @ \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Please make check payable to UMMRA. Dues waived for 2011-12 retirees; however, please fill out the form and mail it to Joan Reicosky to activate the waiver.

List activities, travels, or significant events you have been involved in during this past year.

What other kinds of services or activities would you like to see UMMRA provide? Please indicate your choices.

- Group attendance at UMM events (e.g., plays, performing arts, concerts) or _____
- Group trips/ tours out of town (e.g., Twin Cities theatre, museums) or _____
- Opportunities to volunteer (e.g., orientation and graduation guides) or _____
- Garden and landscape projects or _____
- Continue monthly luncheons? Yes No Add short programs to luncheons? Yes No
- Other _____

Please use additional sheets if necessary.