

UMMRA INFO

*THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MORRIS RETIREES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Today Paul Douglas of WCCO reported that it was raining in the Twin Cities and a week ago it was 20 degrees below zero. Today in Morris fog hides everything beyond half a block and white barbs of frost cover the tree branches and bushes. Indeed, the following fits our climate so far this winter:

“Another perfect day, all jade and sapphire. No place can have more beautiful days than Minnesota when it behaves.” -Sinclair Lewis, 1942

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

Bernice Erdahl (320-246-3393, Donnelly) and Kathy Kemble (320-795-2290, Cyrus) have agreed to coordinate an UMMRA Volunteer Committee. They will have a list of University needs at the Winter luncheon and again in the Spring newsletter. You may sign up at the meeting or give them a call.

WINTER LUNCHEON

The Winter meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 14, Valentine's Day, at 11:45 a.m. at the Prairie Inn, Cougar Room. As always, pay your own. Arne Pederson and his brother, Leland Pederson, will be sharing with us their discoveries in Viking research which includes the Kensington Runestone. The Pederson brothers are former teachers, Arne in Starbuck and Leland in Coon Rapids.

Come join us and enjoy some Scandinavian treats.

REUNION PLANS

The Annual April Reunion will be held on Wednesday, April 25, the same day as the Faculty-Staff Recognition Dinner. At the January board meeting members discussed various afternoon activities. If you have ideas call Maurice "Tip" Tipcke at 320-589-1619. A complete schedule will be in the Spring newsletter.

If you need overnight accommodations the number for the Best Western Prairie Inn is 320-589-3030 (800-535-3035), Super 8 Motel is 320-589-8888 (800-800-8000), the Morris Motel is 320-589-1212 and American Bed and Breakfast is 320-589-4054.

NEWS FROM UMRA (TWIN CITIES)

On November 28, 2000, Laird Barber attended the meeting of the University of Minnesota Retirees Association (UMRA) at which the speaker was Professor Judith Martin of the Minneapolis Campus's Department of Geography. Her topic was "Recent Issues in Minneapolis Planning"; she described in a

very interesting way some of the issues that face city planning boards. Sometimes Twin Cities UMMers attend; Ted and Judy Underwood were there as well as former chancellor, David Johnson. At UMRA's next meeting, the speaker will be Professor Robert Veninga of the University's School of Public Health; the meeting will occur at Becketwood, 4300 West River Parkway, Minneapolis at 11:30 a.m. on January 23, 2001. Future speakers include Regent Patricia Spence on March 27, 2001 and Vice President and Chief of Staff to President Yudof, Tonya Moten Brown, on April 24, 2001. If you would like to join UMRA and receive their very informative newsletter, send \$20 yearly dues (\$25 family) to:

U. of M. Retirees Association, Inc.
Alvin F. Weber, Treasurer
1666 Coffman Street, Apt. 333
St. Paul, MN.55108

The UMRA January newsletter published Part I of the text of the Administrative Procedures for the Regents Policy on Faculty Emeriti. Part II will be in the February UMRA newsletter.

HERITAGE PRESERVERS 2001

The University of Minnesota, Morris Retirees Association and Heritage Preservers will present WE ALL CAME FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE which will consist of six sessions about immigrants and immigration policy. Throughout the series, the emphasis is on the approaches fostered by the humanities. The assumption is that careful reading and thinking about our world and country by ordinary people can lead to a better informed and educated citizenry.

Session 1 The Myth of the Melting Pot
Wed., Feb. 7, 2001, 1 p.m. Senior Center
Rande L. Hokanson, Director, and Larry Hutchings, Curator, Stevens County Historical Society

Session 2 America as a Nation of Immigrants: Admissions Decisions

Wed., Feb. 21, 2001, 1 p.m. Senior Center
Convenor: Burton Nypen, Part-time Superintendent, Browns Valley Public Schools

Session 3 Is It Cold Cash Versus a Warm Welcome? The Costs and Consequences of Immigration in America

Tues., March 6, 2001, 7 p.m. Federated Church, 200 South Columbia Avenue, Morris

Convenor: Judy Riley, Chair, Morris Area Chamber of Commerce; Facilitator: Michael Haynes, Stevens County Economic Improvement Commission
Session 4 America's Changing Face: Defining the Limits of Diversity

Wed., March 21, 2001, 1 p.m. Morris Senior Center
Convenor: Carol Wilcox, Mayor, Morris, Minnesota

Session 5 True Songs of Minnesota

Fri., April 20, 2001, 1:30 p.m. Morris Senior Center
Presenter: Charlie Maguire, Composer/Musician

Session 6 Minnesota Icelanders: Their Experience and Their Literature

Mon., April 30, 2001, 7:30 p.m. Morris Senior Center
Presenter: Bill Holm, Minnesota Author and Lecturer
The Morris Senior Center is located at 603 Oregon Avenue, Morris. Pamphlets explaining more about the sessions will be available at the Winter luncheon and in the Morris newspaper. They also list the planning committee and sponsoring organizations.

REGIONAL FITNESS CENTER UPDATE

If your joints are sore from too much football watching or the cold weather has you down, try the warm water recreational pool. No need to be a swimmer as the pool has different levels. They have increased their water aerobics classes to six a week so you can choose your time, day and instructor that fits your aerobic ability.

Amy teaches from 12:00 to 12:50 on Tues., Thurs.

Jan teaches from 4:30 to 5:30 on Mon., Thurs.

Michelle teaches from 4:30 to 5:30 on Tues., Wed.

The Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Program is for persons with arthritis or other joint pain.

Session I Jan. 9-Feb. 15 Tues. and Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Session II Feb. 20-Mar. 29 (same times)

Session III April 3- May 10

Senior Strength is weight training for the older adult.

Feb. 27-April 5 Tues., Thurs. 10 to 11 a.m.

L.I.F.E. is a low intensity exercise program for beginners and older adults. Mon., Wed. 9-9:45 a.m.

Personal training sessions can be scheduled.

All the above programs have a reduced cost with membership. The recreational pool is open on Tues. and Thurs. from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. for Seniors only. That is free of cost to members.

SAD NEWS

Verna Teberg died on January 6, 2001. Verna was a secretary in the Science and Math Division at UMM and retired in 1986.

Rita Hesse died on January 3, 2001 on Lake Amelia in Villard. She was the wife of Lynn Hesse who worked in Plant Services at UMM until 1978. Lynn died in February of 1982.

Mildred Tresler died on December 26, 2000. Millie worked at the West Central School of Agriculture during the 1980's. Our condolences to the families of Verna, Rita, and Millie.

UMMRA'S VISIT TO UMRA

On October 24 and 25, 2000, eighteen members of UMMRA were guests of UMRA in the Twin Cities. Thirteen people rode into Minneapolis in van from Morris; May Jesseph drove up from Rochester, and David Johnson, Ted Underwood, Jack and Lucy Imholte joined in some of the events.

They met the UMRA people at Becketwood for their monthly meeting, luncheon and lecture. The informative talk was given by Professor Jeffrey S. Kimpton, Director of the School of Music at the University. After lunch, they traveled across the River to Eastcliff, the large and storic home of President and Mrs. Yudof. Judy took them on a guided tour of the newly decorated and renovated mansion.

They registered at the University Day's Inn and then went to 1666 Coffman, a retirement community available to all who have been associated with the University. There, they had another excellent meal and then were entertained by duo pianists Marjean Postlethwaite and Bernard Lindgren.

After breakfast on Wednesday morning, they went to the Elmer Anderson Library and (vast, underground) archives. Professor Donald Kelsey told them about the planning, construction, and operation of this immense storage building, whose size and scope is needed to store and deliver, as needed for research, some five to seven million books, journals, maps and photographic collections.

All those who went on the tour were delighted and recreated by the experience. Our most grateful and hearty thanks go out to our UMRA colleagues and friends who made this trip possible. Special thanks to Professor Richard Oriani, the President of UMRA, and closer to home, thanks also to UMMRA's President, Bettina Blake. Both these people put in literally hours in planning and arranging a trip that went off so well and was so enjoyable.

Also, our thanks to UMRA for the framed document bearing the words COMMUNE VINCULUM OMNIBUS ARTIBUS (All arts have a base in common) which is the motto of the University. We will display it in our office, when we have an office.

(Editor's note: Thank you to Laird Barber for the above information. The total report will be filed.)

