

**LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES!**

Ready to hear the MGM lion roar? The Pathe cock crow? Bet you can't name the first film to win the Academy Award, in 1927-28 . . . Give up? Read on a little further.

Thanks to Dolores Lammers, who has a full video collection of Academy Award-winning films over the years, the UMM Retirees Association is pleased to present a free Sunday afternoon movie series to liven up the winter doldrums. The showings will be at the Prairie Lounge (back of Turtle Mountain Café) in the UMM Student Center on campus, at 3:00 P.M. Here is the line-up of films:

- JANUARY 10 – WINGS (1927-28 Academy Award), with Clara Bow and Buddy Rogers  
 JANUARY 17 – BROADWAY MELODY OF 1929 (1928-29 Award), first musical on film  
 JANUARY 24 – ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT (1930 Award), with Lew Ayres and Gary Cooper  
 JANUARY 31 – CIMARRON, by Edna Ferber (1931 Award)  
 FEBRUARY 7 – GRAND HOTEL (1932 Award), with Greta Garbo, John Barrymore, Joan Crawford, and Lionel Barrymore  
 FEBRUARY 14 – CAVALCADE, by Noel Coward (1933 Award).

Do join us for some old-time movie fun! If you can't make it the first week, come the next, or whenever you can. Plan to arrive about 2:45 P.M. so that the feature movie can begin promptly. Comfortable seating; very informal; maybe even free popcorn.

**RECORD MEMBERSHIP**

So far this academic year, the Retirees Association has a paid membership of 62, an all-time high. The dues are only \$5.00 per person (\$10 for a couple), so you really owe it to yourself to join if you haven't. Dues go to Ellen Ordway, the UMMRA Secretary-Treasurer, c/o Science & Math Division, UMM. **NOTE:** You won't receive the March or June newsletters unless you are an UMMRA member (don't say later that we didn't warn you).

Speaking of members, we have a new UMM retiree since the last newsletter. Bonnie Storck, Social Sciences, officially retired October 30, 1998.

**A HOME IN HUMANITIES**

As promised last fall, Chancellor Sam Schuman has found us an official "home" on campus. The Retirees Association is to have an office on the lower level of the Humanities Building, Humanities 14. This is also the office of our past president, Laird Barber, who is the faculty director, on a part-time

basis, of the Master of Liberal Studies program in University College. At the moment, Professor Tom Turner is sharing the office (while on leave) but UMMRA hopes to be able to move in later in 1999.

**NEWS FROM THE ALL-U. UMRA**

Our representative on the Board of the all-University Retirees Association is Laird Barber. He provides the following description of the University of Minnesota Retirees Association (UMRA):

"It is rather like UMMRA, except that it is much bigger. It has a full set of By-laws, a set of officers and committees, monthly board and executive committee meetings, and a dues structure (now \$25 per year for a family). There is a monthly meeting for all members (except in December and the summer months) with an invited speaker—usually from the University. Meetings are in the Campus Club of the Coffman Memorial Union (lunch costs about \$7). Members of UMMRA would certainly be welcome; the speakers are generally good. UMM retirees can join and receive UMRA's monthly newsletter describing all current activities. UMRA arranges numerous off-campus events, lobbies the University's central administration and others on behalf of retirees, and maintains a campus office. That office will be moved into the new Gateway Center once it is completed."

Laird Barber (tel. 320/589-4254) notes that he will be happy to provide more information about UMRA to anyone wishing it.

**TWIN CITIES VOLUNTEER CENTER**

The University Retirees Volunteer Center is a freestanding offshoot of UMRA, with its own officers and committee structure. Currently housed on the St. Paul campus, it will move with UMRA to the Gateway Center soon. Most volunteers—of whom there were 177 last year—are university retirees but this is not a requirement, nor is membership in UMRA.

The volunteers undertake a wide range of jobs: ushering at the Ted Mann Concert Hall, serving as "guinea pigs" for Medical School experiments, helping with Red Cross blood drives, judging at local school science fairs, tutoring, teaching English as a Second Language (ESL), etc. UMM Professor Emeritus Lisa Gumpel is among those teaching ESL at the Hubbs Center. About 60% of projects are university-related; about 40% involve non-profit community organizations.

Co-chairs of the Volunteer Center (and UMRA representatives) are Dan Bryan and Helen Briggs, widow of the first chief administrator of UMM, Rodney A. Briggs.

QUARTERLY LUNCHEONS

With all the other things going on in the New Year, don't forget to mark your calendar for the quarterly luncheons of UMMRA. The next one is Wednesday, FEBRUARY 10, 1999, at NOON at the CAFÉ IN THE MALL on Atlantic Avenue in Morris. Our speaker is to be Lowell Rasmussen, UMM's Vice Chancellor for Physical Plant and Master Planning, who will discuss the major building projects on campus this winter, i. e. the Science expansion and the Regional Fitness Center. Rasmussen can also answer questions about future plans for the campus.

The date of the spring luncheon is Wednesday, April 14, 1999, with Professor Peh Ng discussing the upcoming switch to semesters.

No need to make reservations for these luncheons—just come if you are in town. It's fun to get together once in a while!

MAY REUNION PLANS

Charlotte Eul is working away on plans for a big reunion of all retirees this coming spring. SAVE THIS DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1999. The day will get underway at noon with a pay-as-you go lunch in the Prairie Lounge (adjacent to Turtle Mountain Café in the Student Center) in the company of Lowell Rasmussen, the UMM Vice Chancellor for Physical Plant and Master Planning. After lunch he is offering a tour of UMM construction sites (you might have to don a hard hat...). The rest of the afternoon will be free for visits to former workplaces on campus, or to the bookstore, the greenhouses, the Human Resources Office, etc. Then comes a reception for faculty, staff, and retirees at the home of UMMRA president Bettina Blake, from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M., after which everyone will gather in Oyate, UMM Student Center, for the annual Faculty-Staff Recognition Dinner.

If you are coming in from afar and need overnight accommodations, remember that the Sunwood is now the Best Western Prairie Inn (tel. 320/589-3030 or 800/535-3035) and that other possibilities include the Super 8 Motel (320/589-8888 or 800/800-8000), the American House Bed & Breakfast (320/589-4054), and the Morris Motel (320/589-1212).

A SPECIAL VISIT

Guess what? The Twin Cities retirees are coming to Morris! The UMMRA Board extended an invitation to our UMMRA counterparts this past fall and now we are jointly choosing a suitable date. May 6-7 or June 3-4 seem to be the most likely possibilities for the "Migration to Morris." An overnight visit is planned, including a (perhaps) picnic lunch, tours of the campus and Experiment Station, and a reception and dinner. HELP! We need volunteers to assist with this event, which should be enjoyable for all.

HERITAGE PRESERVERS

Official word has not yet been received but the chances are good that the latest UMMRA grant

proposal will be accepted by the Minnesota Humanities Commission. That will mean another \$3,000 for a series of "heritage" programs from February through June, coordinated by Judy Nord. For 1999 we have added a new dimension. In addition to programs on genealogy, storytelling, and local heritage, three National Issues Forums are scheduled. These are small-group discussions of controversial topics, using techniques for "civic deliberation" which date back to colonial America. We hope to attract a cross-section of young and old, conservative and liberal, etc., and to promote some useful discussion of concerns related to children.

Announcements will be sent out soon but here is a preliminary peek at the six-event schedule:

I. NATIONAL ISSUES FORUMS - Wednesdays, 1:30 to 3:00 P.M., Morris Senior Center

1. February 3 OUR NATION'S KIDS: IS SOMETHING WRONG? (Laird Barber, May Jesseph)
2. February 24 THE TROUBLED AMERICAN FAMILY: WHICH WAY OUT OF THE STORM? (Bettina Blake, John Anderson)
3. March 17 CONTESTED VALUES: TUG-OF-WAR IN THE SCHOOLYARD (Phyllis Gausman, Burt Nyphen)

II. PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE - Morris Senior Center, sponsored by community groups

1. Friday, April 16, 2:00 P.M. ...THROUGH LIVING HISTORY: HERITAGE DAYS (Judy Nord and the Council on Aging) with KEVIN BYRNE portraying TEDDY ROOSEVELT
2. Friday, May 14, 1:30 P.M. ...THROUGH STORYTELLING: TELLING WISDOM, with CAROL McCORMICK (Leona Classen and the Saga Spinners)
4. Thursday, May 27, 7:30 P.M. ...THROUGH GENEALOGY: STEPHEN GROSS, on UNDERSTANDING THE HISTORY OF CHILDREN THROUGH GENEALOGY (Marvel Wagner and the Genealogical Society).

NEWS, NEWS . . .

Were you aware that Ed and Patty LaFave have donated their Morris home on College Avenue to UMM? This is a major gift to the campus, from two of our most loyal supporters. As you may recall, Ed LaFave, then president of Citizens Bank, helped lobby the State Legislature to bring UMM to Morris.

In another important donation, Professor Emeritus Liselotte Gumpel has made an endowment bequest to UMM to be used for scholarships, with preference to American students of color.

With these examples in mind, you may want to talk with members of your own family about memorial gifts to UMM. An endowed scholarship preserves a family name in perpetuity while assisting future generations.