

UMMRA INFO

THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MORRIS RETIREES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Holiday Greetings and Happy New Year from UMMRA! It was fantastic to see so many of you at UMM's 2010 celebration this fall. All our former chancellors and/or their spouses were there, the History Panel was a huge success, and the Retiree's Luncheon was overflowing. Homecoming included the dedication of the Ray Lammers Proscenium Theater. The Promise of the Prairie DVD is still available (only \$30 which goes to scholarships for UMM students) at <http://2010.morris.umn.edu>.

Thank you for making the celebrations so wonderful.

Check out the First Thursday Luncheons and winter business meeting. If you are in the area, we need volunteers to read on Wednesdays at West Wind Village (formerly The Villa). You can bring material or use stories and poems they have there. Residents love to hear stories from the past and to talk about their own similar experiences. Contact Cathy Kemble or Bernice Erdahl.

At our Fall meeting, Mike Heikes told an inspiring story of Helmets for Kids. Three members reported on their mini-grant progress. Karla Klinger reported on her research on women in their 70's, Ferolyn Angell on her translation of her mother's diary from Germany during the Holocaust, and Dolores Lammers showed how she is learning Chinese painting.

What would you like to learn or do? If you have been thinking about doing a project and need an incentive to get it done, apply for an UMMRA mini-grant! The form and process are on our web page. Stay warm and keep in touch with UMMRA.

Dian Lopez

FROM THE UMMRA BOARD

All new UMM retirees will receive a free one year membership to UMMRA beginning in the summer following their retirement. Those staff who retire before May will receive a note of welcome, but their memberships also will begin in summer.

FIRST THURSDAY CASUAL LUNCHEONS

January 6, Chinese Grand Buffet, Morris, 11:45 a.m.

March 3, Bello Cucina, Morris, 11:45.

May 5, Terrace Mill, Terrace, 11:45

June 2, Spring Picnic, East Side Park, Morris, 11:45.

For rides or more information, contact Dian Lopez on her cell phone at 287-1517 (local in Morris). An email will be sent out before events.

UMMRA WINTER LUNCHEON BUSINESS MEETING

When: Thursday, February 17, 11:45 a.m.

Where: Prairie Inn, Gazebo Room, Morris. Choose from the menu.

Speaker: To be announced.

The Annual Meeting will be April 21 with Chancellor Johnson as speaker.

LEARNING UNLIMITED PROGRAM DISSOLVED

In the past few months, the Learning Unlimited program has lost its chair (Phyllis Gausman), its coordinator (Elaine Simonds Jaradat) and its administrative home (Community Education). The Board voted in December to dissolve Learning Unlimited. The final program will be held in spring 2011. Learning Unlimited documents will be transferred to the Stevens County Historical Museum.

PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION IN MORRIS

Garrison Keillor and "A Prairie Home Companion" will return to the Morris campus for a live show on Saturday, February 19, 2011. Tickets are available on-line through the UM Northrop Ticketing System or call 320-589-6080 for information.

NEW RETIREES

□ **James Guy Anderson**, Senior Operating Engineer, retired from UMM on September 1. He has worked at UMM since 1989.

□ **Dennis Johnson**, WCROC professor and dairy scientist, retired in August after 42 years of service. He is a University of MN and WCSA graduate.

SAD NEWS

Melvin Foss of Barrett, 93, died at the Prairie Ridge Hospital in Elbow Lake on October 11. Melvin was a longtime employee in Plant Services and a PE Center custodian.

Phyllis Gausman, 90, teacher, writer and volunteer, died on November 25 at her farm near Alberta. She taught English, speech and drama at area high schools for almost 50 years and for a time taught UMM's course on Methods in English. Phyllis was active in many state and national organizations. She was co-founder of the Lake Region Arts Council and chair of Learning Unlimited.

John Stuart Ingle, 77, Professor of Studio Art, died in Chaska on October 30, 2010. John came to UMM in 1967 and retired in 2003, gaining a national reputation for his still-life watercolors of beautiful objects. His work is described in a book by John Camp, titled The Mind and the Heart. John lost his wife, **Gigi**, last summer.

Charles "Charlie" Jones, 89, UMM's first police officer, died on November 16 in Wheaton. He served UMM from 1962 to January 1981. Services were held in his hometown, Herman.

Thomas B. McRoberts, 64, administrator, innovative educator, and mentor to countless staff and students, died of cancer at Courage Cottage in Morris on October 11. Tom was the recipient of several awards, including the Tate Advising Award and the President's Award for Outstanding Service. He retired in 2009 after 34 years of University service.

Elizabeth Payne, 79, who worked at UMM Food Service and the Post Office until her retirement in 1996, died in Glenwood on September 26. She is the mother of **Dan Payne**, UMM carpenter.

Joseph Wagner, 90, died in Hoffman on September 26. He was a UMM custodian from 1972-1985. His wife, **Marvel**, also worked at UMM in MSP.

Our sympathy to their families.

BITS AND PIECES

□ The proscenium theatre was renamed in honor of **Raymond J. Lammers** at a ceremony held in the theatre on October 9. Faculty, friends, and former students attended, along with Ray's family.

□ Many **former faculty, staff and administrators** attended UMM's 50th Birthday Celebration and/ or the Homecoming events. Names of many of the retirees who attended are listed below:

Bert and Janet **Ahern**, Arlene **Beseman**, Bettina **Blake**, Avis **Brandt**, Helen **Briggs**, Marlys **Buntje**,

Bernice **Erdahl**, Harold and Marion **Fahl**, Luisa and Frederick **Farrell**, Jr., George and Pat **Fosgate**, Mimi **Frenier**, Van and Sue **Gooch**, Stephen and Arden **Granger**, Ruth **Gremmels**, Chuck and Carrie **Grussing**, Nathaniel **Hart** and Vicki Graham, Lucy **Imholte**, David **Johnson**, Carole and Dennis **Johnson**, Pat **Kahng**, Ernie and Cathy **Kemble**, Eric and Karla **Klinger**, Richard and Kathleen **Kloos**, Dolores **Lammers**, Ardath **Larson**, Andy and Dian **Lopez**, Tom **Mahoney** and Maddy Maxeiner, Roger and Carol **McCannon**, Barbara **McGinnis**, Gary and Kitty **McGrath**, Michael **Miller**, Jack and Lynn **Nachbar**, Lois **Norby**, Ellen **Ordway**, Eleanor **Peterson**, Evelyn **Peterson**, Joan and Donald **Reicosky**, Judy **Riley**, Mary Ann **Scharf**, Samuel and Nancy **Schuman**, Lynn and Sheila **Schulz**, Pat and Jim **Tanner**, Ruth **Thielke**, Anne **Uehling**, Barbara **Valnes**, Ralph and Martha **Williams**

PROPOSED CHANGES IN UMMRA BY-LAWS

To be voted on at our February Business Meeting

UMMRA membership is open to all retirees from University of Minnesota units in this area as well as to their partners. In order to make that clear, the UMMRA Board proposes the following changes in the UMMRA by-laws. They were discussed and amended in October and will be presented to the membership for action in winter.

Proposed changes in the UMMRA By-Laws::

Article II—Purpose:

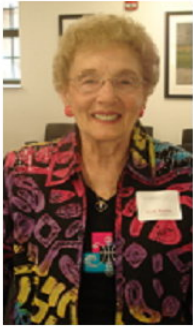
The University of Minnesota units in the Morris area include WCROC, Continuing Education, Minnesota Extension and UMM. The purpose of this Association shall be to promote, protect, and support the interests, rights, needs, and welfare of persons who retire from these units of the University of Minnesota and to foster their continued association with the University.

Article III—Membership:

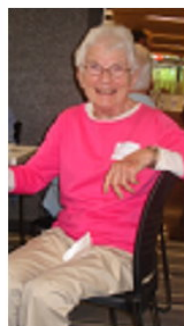
Section A: A person who is a retiree from ~~the~~ one of these University of Minnesota units of Minnesota Morris, his or her spouse or domestic partner, or the spouse or domestic partner of a deceased retired person may become a member of the Association upon payment of annual dues. Exceptions may be made by the Association membership.

Section B. Employees of ~~the~~ these units of the University of Minnesota ~~units~~ who are nearing retirement may become Associate Members upon payment of annual dues.

The final two issues of UMMRA Info will contain excerpts from interviews conducted for "Promise of the Prairie." The photos on the next two pages were taken either by Karla Klinger or by UMM Alumni Relations and are used with permission. Photo Identities can be found on the UMMRA web site.



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