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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Welcome to the many staff who will retire from UMM in December and January. We hope you will join UMMRA to make the organization even better. All new UMM retirees receive a free one year membership to UMMRA beginning in the summer following their retirement.

It has been a great fall season with well attended First Thursday luncheons, a good quarterly meeting and a fun holiday gathering (see photo). We would like to thank Steve Poppe, Joel Tallaksen and Roger Boleman for their presentations at our meetings and Andy and Dian Lopez for sharing their beautiful home on Lake Ida for dessert following our November luncheon in Alexandria.

Your board of directors has decided to NOT schedule First Thursday luncheons over the winter months due to uncertainty of winter weather out here on the prairie. Our next meeting will be the winter quarterly meeting, February 16 at 11:45 A.M., at the Ranch House Gazebo Room. Our speaker will be Argie Manolis, who will talk about student involvement in the community and answer any questions we might have. We hope to have a good attendance of current and new members. Please come! Our annual meeting will be held April 19 at 11:45, also in the Gazebo Room, with Chancellor Johnson as our scheduled speaker, and we will hold elections for several board-of-directors positions. Check the winter and spring newsletter for information. If any of you have suggestions for improvements in our organization or of people who might be speakers of interest to the group, please forward your suggestions to one of the current board members. Remember, this is YOUR organization.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Lynn

UMM NEWS

UM President, Eric W. Kaler, was inaugurated in September. A UMM wind turbine now stands near the WCROC turbine and was dedicated in fall. Bart Finzel became Acting Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean, and the division chairs changed from Mike Korth to Peh Ng in Science and Math and from Pareena Lawrence to Leslie Meek in Social Science.

UMM's degree seeking enrollment totals reached their highest number in more than ten years. UMM continues to receive high national rankings in journals, most recently from *U.S. News and World Reports*, *Consumer's Digest*, *Winds of Change* and the *Washington Monthly*.



Happy Holidays! L to R Row #1: Ralph Williams, Brian Williams, Laird Barber, Ellen Ordway; R #2: Eric Klinger, Martha Williams, Arlene Beseman, Andy & Dian Lopez, Joan & Don Reicosky, Dennis & Carole Johnson, Lynn Schulz. Photo by Karla Klinger

UMMRA WINTER LUNCHEON BUSINESS MEETING

When: Thursday, February 16, 11:45 a.m.

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

Speaker: Argie Manolis: Student Involvement in the Community.

The Annual Meeting will be April 19. Chancellor Johnson will update us on UMM.

First Thursday Luncheons will resume in spring.

For rides or more information, contact Lynn Schulz at 589-1795 or lynn@morris.umn.edu. An email will be sent out before events.

SAD NEWS

● **Fred Kill**, 87, died at West Wind Village in Morris on October 31. He had worked for many years at WCES on experimental plots, in Plant Services, and on special projects. He retired in 1986.

● Lillian Halbaaken, 85, of Morris, died at Stevens Community Hospital on November 30. She is the mother of **Lynn Halbaaken**, longtime Plant Services employee.

● John Kleinhans, 75, died on Monday, October 10, 2011 at his home in rural Donnelly. John is the husband of **Margaret Kleinhans**, UMM Food Service Worker.

● Theodore (Ted) Edward Uehling III, 51, died in Portland, OR on October 29. He spent his growing up years in Morris and his college and professional years in Portland. Theodore is the son of **Anne Uehling** and the late **Theodore Edward Uehling, Jr.**

Our sympathy to their families.

NEW RETIREES

Anne Hansen, Food Service Worker. Started 1999.
William 'Bill' Hennen, Building and Grounds Worker, Plant Services. Started 1986.
Jody Huntley, Executive Operations/ Student Services Specialist, Admissions. Started 1990.
Margaret Kleinhans, Food Service Worker. Started 1997.
Lois Kunde, Building and Grounds Worker, Residential Life, and/ or Cashier, Food Service. Started 1986.
Lou Logan, Principal Student Personnel Worker, Financial Aid. Started 1973.
Jeanne Richards, Teaching Specialist in Music. Started 1979.
Richard 'Jean' Richards, Associate Professor of Music. Started 1977.
Al Seifermann, Cook, Food Service. Started 1992.
Tom Turner, Associate Professor of Spanish. Started 1970.
Dorothy DeJager, Harold Hinds, Ron Kubik, Jenny Nellis and Judy Van Eps are retiring in January and were mentioned in earlier issues.

BITS AND PIECES

□ Humanities honored six retirees at a reception on December 8: **Bill Hennen, Jenny Nellis, Richard 'Jean' Richards, Jeanne Richards, Tom Turner and Judy Van Eps**. Social Science honored **Harold Hinds** at a dinner held December 3 at the Prairie Inn. Dining Services had a reception for **Anne Hansen, Marge Kleinhans, Lois Kunde and Al Seifermann** on December 12. Financial Aid held a reception for **Lou Logan** on December 14.

□ A *Celebration of Scholarly Accomplishments* was held on November 8 in the Student Center. Posters displayed some of the scholarly work of almost 50 UMM colleagues, current and retired. Congratulations to these featured retirees (or almost-retired staff): **Bert Ahern, Edith Borchardt, Van Gooch, Liselotte Gumpel, Harold Hinds, Eric Klinger, Neil Leroux, Jean Richards, Sam Schuman and Ruth Thielke**. Hopefully, this recognition will become an annual event.

□ **Bert and Janet Ahern** were back in town for **Harold Hinds'** celebration. **George and Pat Fosgate** made their annual visit this year in mid-October. **Anne Uehling** was here for the *Scholarship Jubilee* October 8.

□ In October, **Carole and Dennis Johnson** co-chaired the Morris First Lutheran Norwegian dinner. In December, they were featured in *Scandinavian Christmas Traditions*, a Pioneer Public TV special. They prepared a feast of their holiday favorites and celebrated with their guests.

□ **Ernie and Cathy Kemble** and the student recipient of their scholarship are featured in the December Report on Giving.

□ **Pat Kahng** is in Hawaii with son, Sam, after visiting with other children in Chicago and San Francisco. January through much of March, **Eric and Karla Klinger** will be in NC and the West Coast, and **Dian and Andy Lopez**

MEMORY TOURS OF UMM--VAN GOOCH

The quotations are taken from transcripts of interviews conducted for the award winning video, "Promise of the Prairie: Education in Three Acts" by Roger Boleman, Mike Cihak and Chris Butler and are used by permission of Media Services.

Interviewer **Chris Butler** asked **Van Gooch** about faculty research, part of the three part mission of the University.

Van Gooch: Having undergraduate students is absolutely a key. When I came back to Morris, I knew that I needed to involve undergraduate students. One thing that encouraged me was seeing Ernie Kemble's psychology research and how successful he was involving undergraduate students. So I knew that had to be part of what I would do. Teaching is the number one goal at UMM, and I think all the faculty here believe that, and I believe that. So a neat way to make sure that you do research is [to] make commitments to students through directed studies, or UROPS, or MAPS, or something like that. And get those students in the lab, and then that sort of becomes part of your teaching. And then it really forces you to make sure that you get that research done. And it's just fun to work with students. Having students do undergraduate research is where you find out that the student really learns biology and science. It really doesn't come to reality until you get your hands on things. And research really helps in that respect, but it's also why we try to make sure we have labs for all our sciences courses. Research is where I've really developed over the years in understanding the kinds of things I'm teaching. Part of what a university means is that the faculty are expected to do research, and that research aspect of it is very important to keep the university faculty vital.

Christopher Butler: Does it make you a better teacher?

Van Gooch: Absolutely. What I'm teaching in cell biology now is almost totally different than what I taught back in 1978. The only way I've been able to keep up with those kinds of changes is through research. If I just did it by reading *Science Magazine* I don't think I would have been able to keep up with that kind of thing. Having sabbaticals has been very, very important in my particular career as well. Each of the sabbaticals I have had has really helped me come back and boost what I can do in a teaching environment here at UMM.

BITS AND PIECES (continued)

will be in Puerto Rico. **Barbara McGinnis** will be in CA from January until mid-April. **Don and Joan Reicosky** will take an eastern Caribbean cruise in February.

□ Several retirees have been in and out of the hospital. *UMMRA Info* does not report their names, but to those of you who are having surgery or are in poor health, we send our best wishes for recovery.

*Other references to retirees in the news are on file.
Send us your news!*