



UMMRA INFO
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NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all the UMMRA membership and to our new retirees! I hope everyone is able to spend this holiday season with friends and family.

Your UMMRA organization has had a good fall season and looks forward to several gatherings coming up in the near future. We will NOT have a first Thursday meeting in January but will have our quarterly meeting at the Ranch House Gazebo on February 7th. This will be an important meeting because we will have a first reading of some suggested changes to our UMMRA by-laws. We also plan to have one or two UMM student speakers. Then in March we will prove that we listen to members' suggestions by planning a group activity on campus. We will attend a UMM choir concert together on Sunday afternoon, March 3rd. Our annual meeting will be April 4th with Chancellor Johnson as our speaker. Further information and reminders will be sent as these dates get closer. Please plan to attend and enjoy not only good information but good fellowship with your other retired UMMers. Have a safe holiday season.

Lynn Schulz

**UMMRA WINTER LUNCHEON
BUSINESS MEETING**

When: Thursday, February 7, 11:45 a.m
 Where: Prairie Inn, Gazebo Room, Morris. Choose from the menu.
 Presenter: UMM Student Speakers
For rides or more information, contact Lynn Schulz at 589-1795 or lynn@morris.umn.edu. An email will be sent out before events.

WINTER AND SPRING DATES TO SAVE

- January: No activity planned
- February 7: Quarterly meeting. See box above.
- March 3: UMM Choir Concert, HFA Recital Hall, 3 p.m. UMMRA members will attend together. More information closer to the event.
- April 4: Annual Business Meeting. Prairie Inn Gazebo Room, 11:45 a.m. Chancellor Johnson will provide an update on UMM.
- April 25: UMMRA reception at LaFave House. 4:00-5:30 p.m. Recognition dinner in Oyate 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- June 6: Potluck picnic at East Side Park, 11:45 a.m. Randee Hokanson will highlight Stevens County Historical Museum activities

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Briggs Library is developing collections to include the research and creative works of UMM faculty, staff and students and would appreciate titles and other pertinent information needed to identify and order the works. Contact LeAnn Dean <deanl@morris.umn.edu> if you have works to share. The Library is also administering the digital UMM Well--a permanent digital archive--for the intellectual, scholarly and creative works of the UMM community. Submit your completed materials for long-term preservation and worldwide electronic access. Contact Jayne Blodgett at <blodgettj@morris.umn.edu> for digital submissions.

RETIREMENTS

- **Thomas Bengston**, Parking Enforcement Officer with the UMM Campus Police, retired December 11. At UMM since December, 1978.
- **Ken Hodgson**, Associate Professor of Music, will retire January 1, 2013. At UMM 34 years.
- **Michael O'Reilly**, Professor of Mathematics. Will retire January 1, 2013. At UMM since 1986.
- **Tap Payne**, Professor of Theater Arts, has finished teaching, though his official phased retirement date will be May 12, 2013. At UMM since 1979.

Weather facts: September was Minnesota's third driest month on record since moisture began to be reported. Mark Anthony, who writes the *Morris Sun Tribune* weather column, predicts 28 inches of snow this winter, 17 less than average. We'll see!

KUDOS

Andy and Dian Lopez Computer Room: A room in the Science building has been dedicated to celebrate the contributions of **Dian and Andy Lopez**, active founders of the Computer Science program and major. Located between two computer science labs, it will serve as a place to relax. The room was furnished through funds provided by their former students and was dedicated September 22 during Homecoming.

BITS AND PIECES

□ A *Celebration of Scholarly Accomplishments* was held November 13-15 in Oyate Hall. Posters displayed some of the scholarly work of almost 50 UMM colleagues, current and retired. Congratulations to these featured retirees (or almost-retired staff): **George Fosgate, Harold Hinds, Eric Klinger, Karla Klinger, and Tap Payne. Tom McRoberts** was cited for his help in gaining external funding in 2007, 2009 and 2010. Several retired faculty were listed as recipients of the Faculty Distinguished Research Award in earlier years: **Jim Carlson, Harold Hinds, Dave Hoppe, Eric Klinger and Dwight Purdy.**

□ The 2012 **Driggs** History Lecture, with speaker Sterling Evans from the University of Oklahoma, was presented on September 25. The **Barber** lecture, featuring author Jay Parini, was held September 19. The **Latterell** Visiting Alumnus Lecture, featuring UMM alumni Bill and Kari Roberts, was held October 18.

□ **George and Pat Fosgate** made their annual Minnesota visit in time for Homecoming. In honor of Pat's 75th birthday, they took a transatlantic cruise from Southampton, UK, to Florida in November.

□ **Chuck Grussing, Ken Hodgson, and Jeanne Richards** participated in the annual "Adair and Friends" musical in September.

□ **Ken Hodgson** conducted his final carol concerts, *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*, on November 30 and December 1 and 2. A retirement event was held for him at the Prairie Inn following the final performance.

□ **Carole and Dennis Johnson** co-chaired the Morris First Lutheran Norwegian dinner on November 5th. Pioneer Public TV showed a program featuring their *Scandinavian Christmas Traditions* in November and December.

□ **Eric Klinger** presented a paper, *A goal theory view of alcohol abuse*, as part of a symposium in October at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Experimental Social Psychology in Austin, Texas.

□ The disciplines of Math and Statistics honored **Michael O'Reilly** with an event on December 6.

□ Humanities honored **Tap Payne** with a reception in the Black Box Theatre on December 1. Tap has been active not only with more than 100 UMM theatre productions, but also as co-founder, with his wife **Margaret** and Shawn Wunder, of the Play Rights, producing wonderfully funny community theater in which some of our UMM retirees participated. Sadly, Play Rights has disbanded, given the departure of several major initiators. Tap and Margaret have moved to Arizona.

□ During the academic year, **Judy Riley** writes a monthly "Sunspots" feature for the *Morris Sun Tribune*. This fall she featured a 90 year old bowler, a breast cancer survivor and a veteran.

□ **Donna Scarborough** has just completed 11 years of volunteering at the local hospital and 10 years with first graders. She has recuperated from a car accident and reports: *I am up and about...not dancing, but walking at a good pace!* Paige Scarborough, UMM's latest Green Corps member, is Bill and Donna's granddaughter.

□ **Anne Uehling** is a member of a committee working with the Center for Small Towns to create an economic profile of four townships in northeast Minnesota. One objective is to determine the contribution of seasonal residents (who comprise more than 50 percent of the home owners in each township) to the local economy and tax base.

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SAD NEWS

● **Leslie K. 'Les' Lindor**, 92, died at West Wind Village in Morris on September 13. Les was a 1938 graduate of the West Central School of Agriculture and was employed by WCSA and the West Central Research and Outreach Center between 1947 and 1987.

● **Lyle Lundebrek**, Plant Services carpenter, lost his father **Maynard Lundebrek**, November 7, 2012. Funeral services were held in rural Starbuck.

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Enrollment figures: Fall 2012 enrollment of degree seeking students reached 1788, including an incoming freshman class of 413. Total enrollment, including PSEO and enrichment students was 1896. About 81% of UMM students come from 80 of MN's 87 counties. Just over 9% are out-of-state students from 27 states. 185 students, about 10% of the student population, are international students from 15 different countries.

Construction on the first UMM residence hall since 1971 begins in December. The new Green Prairie Living and Learning Community will be focused on environmental sustainability.

National Recognition

US News and World Report named UMM as one of the top 10 public liberal arts colleges for the 14th consecutive year.

In the *Nationwide Sustainability Survey* rankings, UMM jumped in rank from 69 to 47, the only Minnesota school to be included this year.

UMM also made a huge leap in the *Washington Monthly's* annual rankings of liberal arts colleges, from #173 to 105. UMM also ranked sixth among the 26 public institutions on the list.

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