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## UMMRA INFO

### THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MORRIS RETIREES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER VOLUME IX, NUMBER 2, FALL 2006

#### PRESIDENT'S GREETING

*On behalf of all UMM retirees, I would like to welcome our new Chancellor, Jacqueline Johnson, to campus. UMM is a special place where many of us worked for most of our careers, and we look forward to supporting Dr. Johnson and UMM as she begins her leadership here. Please don't miss the chance to get to meet and greet Dr. Johnson on Thursday, September 28, at UMMRA's wine and cheese party at the La Fave House from 4:30-6:00 p.m.*

*Also, a hearty welcome to our newest retirees: Eric Klinger, Peter Orr, Sam Schuman, and Gordon Harstad. Best wishes to each of you as you make your transition into retirement life.*

*Yesterday Bert and I biked around the new Big Cats (Cougars and Tigers) Stadium. For those of you now residing out-of-town or state, UMM and Morris Area High School now have a beautiful new artificial-turf football field and stadium. The joint campus-community project is another testament to the cooperative spirit that is energizing our town. Also, the completion of the renovation of the Social Science building (now Imholte Hall) has opened up wonderful classroom, office, and conference space for this new fall semester. It definitely merits a tour (Homecoming offers one opportunity) and don't miss checking out the old Cow Palace. It's exciting to have these new spaces for learning and college activities.*

*If you haven't attended one of the monthly 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Casual Luncheons, please join us and experience the camaraderie of renewing old friendships and making new ones while trying out area restaurants. And don't miss the opportunity to hear biologist Dr. Peter Wyckoff's talk on Climate Changes in Minnesota at our regular fall luncheon on Wednesday, October 18, at 11:45 a.m. Following our luncheon and short business meeting we have arranged for a tour of Imholte Hall and the new Big Cats Stadium. Best wishes for a very pleasant fall!*

Janet

#### MEET CHANCELLOR JOHNSON AN UMMRA RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 28

**WHEN:** Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-6:00 p.m.  
**WHERE:** The LaFave House, College Ave. and Third St.  
**WHAT:** Wine and Cheese Reception for  
Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson

*ALL UMMRA MEMBERS ARE INVITED!!!*

#### 2006-2007 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Janet Ahern (1 year remaining)

Past President: None this year

President-elect: Mary Ann Scharf

Secretary-Treasurer: Arden Granger

Members-at-large: Bill Stewart, Jim Tanner

Bernice Erdahl & Cathy Kemble: Volunteer Committee

Phyllis Gausman: Learning Unlimited representative

Trip coordinator: Open

Laird Barber: UMRA representative, *ex-officio*, appointed

**Karla Klinger: Newsletter editor, *ex-officio*, appointed**

*Notice of cancelled meetings and their new dates will be announced over KMRS or sent on e-mail. The UMMRA Office is in the Faculty Center East Annex.*

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

##### 1<sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY CASUAL LUNCHEONS

September 7: Terrace Mill, Noon

October 5: Bug-a-Boo Bay, Alexandria

November 2: Bello Cucina, Morris

December 7: Arrowwood Café, Alexandria

*If you would like to attend or to car-pool, e-mail Janet*

*Ahern at [ahernjt@morris.umn.edu](mailto:ahernjt@morris.umn.edu) or leave a message on her phone, 589-2474*

#### UMM HOMECOMING SEPTEMBER 21-24

September 22: Distinguished Alumni Award Banquet 6:00

September 23: Dedication of John Q. Imholte Hall. 9:00-11:00 a.m., short program at 10:30 a.m.

#### UMMRA FALL LUNCHEON MEETING October 18

Prairie Inn, 11:45 a.m. Dr. Peter Wyckoff, Biology, will discuss *Climate Changes in Minnesota*. Because of his teaching commitments, Dr. Wyckoff will speak early in the program. Tours of Imholte Hall & Big Cats Stadium will follow the business meeting.

Winter meeting: February 14, 2007

Spring reunion and annual meeting: April 26, 2007

**NATIONAL ISSUES FORUM** thru Learning Unlimited  
Morris Senior Center at 1:00 p.m.

September 13: Impact of Technology

October 3: Bus Tour of Morris Growth and Development

November 8: Immigration

December 5: Holiday Celebrations in Small Towns

#### UMMRA MEMBERSHIP

This newsletter is sent to paid members of UMMRA.

Membership runs from July through June. If you know of retirees who have forgotten to renew, tell them to send their dues (\$10 per person or \$15 per couple) to Arden Granger, 42389 180 St., Morris, MN 56267

#### RFC MEMBERSHIP

Chancellor Johnson has approved reduced membership fees to the RFC for UMM staff and retirees. If you haven't

signed up, contact Mary Zosel at 589-6022, for an appointment.

#### UMMRA MEMBERS' SPECIAL HONORS

**Jim Gremmels:** Jim, UMM's first basketball coach, will be inducted into the UMM Cougar Athletic Hall of Fame this month. His story will be featured in the winter edition of the UMMRA Newsletter. The Distinguished Alumni Award Banquet honoring Jim and others will be held Friday, September 22, in Oyate Hall. A 5:30 p.m. reception precedes the 6:00 p.m. dinner.

**Wes Gray:** The Wes Gray Backyard Garden was dedicated on Horticulture Night, July 27, to honor Wes Gray, retired West Central Research and Outreach Center Horticulturalist and West Central School of Agriculture teacher, for his dedication to horticulture and teaching, as well as for his many contributions to the Morris Community.

**Jack Imholte:** The former Social Science Building has been renamed John Q. Imholte Hall in honor of Jack, UMM CEO for twenty-one years. An open house will be held at Imholte Hall on Saturday, September 23, from 9-11 a.m. The short program begins at 10:30 a.m.

**Eric Klinger:** Eric received the prestigious national Henry A. Murray Award last spring, one of the two highest honors in the field of Personality Psychology, *for distinguished contributions to the study of lives*. This competitive award, given annually by the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, is similar to a lifetime achievement award. Eric gave an acceptance address in August at the American Psychological Association Convention in New Orleans.

#### BITS AND PIECES

The "40 Years Ago" column from the July 15 *Morris Sun Tribune* notes that Behmler Hall was named in July 1966. In a brief ceremony, Dean **Rodney Briggs** expressed UMM's gratitude for Dr. Behmler's role in establishing UMM.

**Richard and Joan Burkey** were among guests at the August 3 UMMRA summer potluck hosted by the Aherns and Tanners at the Ahern lake home near Park Rapids.

**Vicky Demos** and **Fred Peterson** are co-chairs of the Education Committee in Wicomico County (MD) NAACP and are active in the Peace Alliance of the Lower Shore. Vicky is a Sr. Research Fellow at the Center for Conflict Resolution at Salisbury University and also teaches courses in conflict resolution. Fred makes abstract landscapes and explores theology of the mundane through collages of MN photos. Both continue to write and to present papers; Vicky co-edits the series *Advances in Gender Research*.

**Bernice Erdahl** enjoyed a three-day reunion of cousins in July in Helena, MT—a beautiful city, she reports. She also served on the Stevens County Fair Board with **Gladys Henricks**.

**George and Pat Fosgate** are enjoying "retirement" in Aloha, Oregon, working part-time for daughter Laurie's catering company. They are featured, either together or separately, in occasional commercial videos, print campaigns, or film roles.

The July *Sun Tribune* "40 Years Ago" Column notes that **Nat Hart** was among the Stevens County delegates to the

state DFL convention that endorsed Lt. Governor Sandy Keith for governor. Keith was defeated in the primary by Karl Rolvaag, the incumbent governor.

**Dean Hinmon**, Professor of Education between 1964-77, gave a well attended impersonation of George Burns at the Morris Senior Center on August 20.

References appeared in the summer *Sun Tribune* to the Henjum Creative Study Institute for grades 6-12, now in its thirty-third year, that **Arnold Henjum** helped found.

**Pat Kahng** plans to attend her son's Ph.D. graduation in Chicago in September before going on to Hawaii and Korea for much of the fall.

**Roger McCannon** was the top vote getter in the primary election for the position of Stevens County Commissioner.

**Mary Ann Scharf** came in third in a very tight race. Roger will be on the November ballot.

**Sam and Nancy Schuman** write that they're enjoying the change in pace and feel like kindergartners on weekly trips exploring New Mexico's fascinating culture. Nancy is learning about NM architecture and taking a Spanish class. Sam is enjoying teaching and is working on a second book Hopkins will publish. They send warm regards to UMMRA.

*Please send your news to the Editor. References from printed articles are filed in the UMMRA Archives.*

**MEMORY TOURS OF UMM** Retirees from 2006 are featured in this season's series.

**Eric Klinger** arrived at UMM in 1962 and vividly recalls those early years. *Rod Briggs was one of the world's best salespeople*. UMM wasn't even on Eric's radar when Rod, UMM's first chief administrator, sought him out at the University of Wisconsin and shared his vision of *a little campus out on the prairie with great faculty, great students, and great facilities*. Though they both knew it wasn't yet true, Eric was attracted to the idea of a new, innovative campus focused on quality instruction and research. Before he made the decision, however, he contacted Fred Peterson, a family friend, who was completing his first year in Art History, and Stephen Granger, assistant to the Dean. When *Fred and Steve confirmed Rod's vision*, Eric accepted the position. When he arrived in Morris in 1962, he realized there was much to be done. *There was much enthusiasm about making something of this campus, but there was also some residual uncertainty as to whether the campus would make it*. The faculty was talented, energetic, and excited, though young--many were still finishing their graduate degrees. The college also received tremendous support from the Morris community, especially families such as the LaFaves and the Morrisons. In 1966, only six years after opening its doors, UMM reached its first milestone—1000 students enrolled. It is rare for young academics to have the opportunity to participate in the founding of a college. In addition, UMM provided Eric with a rich and unique work environment to teach vibrant students, to develop his interests in the influence of motivation and emotion on cognition, and to publish with colleagues and students here and abroad.

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