

UMRA U NEWSLETTER

A Communication of the University of Minnesota Retirees Association

MAY 2017

Wrap up the year with UMRA's Annual Gala luncheon and laugh with our special speaker

UMRA members are in for a special treat this Annual Meeting, May 23, particularly if you have ever had to write to recommend someone for an academic position or had a letter written on your behalf!

Our guest speaker will be Julie Schumacher, professor of English and creative writing at the University. She will be talking about her recent work—the widely acclaimed *Dear Committee Members*, which won numerous awards including the Thurber Prize for



American Humor, *New York Times* Book Review Editors' Choice, National Public Radio's "Best Books of 2014," *Boston Globe's* one of "Best Books of 2014," and the

Chicago Tribune's "Laugh Out Loud Book of the Year." Continuing to be a best seller, it is required reading at some universities.

Dear Committee Members is an academic satire composed entirely of letters of recommendation written by a cranky, eccentric professor of English—Professor Jason T. Fitger—at Payne University, somewhere in the Midwest. Though he cares deeply about literature and the arts and humanities, Fitger is sorely lacking in diplomatic skills. In the letters he writes on behalf of his students and junior faculty, he gives into the temptation to discuss his own woes, failures both in academics and love, and to complain

about the university and its emphasis on all things STEM. One could also be reminded of Woodrow Wilson's quip when he left the presidency of Princeton to move to the White House saying that he was so happy to be leaving politics behind.

Julie has recently followed up with a splendidly wicked academic coloring book, "Doodling for Academics," published this spring by University of Chicago Press. "To an outsider, working as a university professor might seem like a dream: summers off, a few hours of class each week, an exchange of ideas with brilliant colleagues, books and late afternoon latte... Who wouldn't envy that life?" one reviewer said. But "Those in the trenches of academe are well acquainted with the professoriate's dark underside: the hierarchies and pseudo-political power plays, the peculiar colleagues, the over-parented students, the stacks of essays that need to be graded ASAP."

Julie has long ties to the University of Minnesota. A professor of English and creative writing since 1997, she also served as the director of the Creative Writing Program, a highly competitive top-ten MFA graduate program. Julie's University ties also run in the family. Her husband, Lawrence Jacobs, holds the Walter F. and Joan Mondale Chair for Political Studies in the Humphrey School.

After what promises to be a lively talk, UMRA members will have an opportunity to meet and chat with Julie, buy a book, and have her sign it.

—Steve Benson, Program Committee

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MAY
FESTIVE LUNCHEON
AND ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 23, 2017
Social in bar & lounge: 10:30 a.m.
Luncheon in ABC: noon
Program will follow the Election
and brief Business Meeting.

Program Speaker
U Professor Julie Schumacher
"Dear Committee Members"

Location
Conference Room ABC,
Campus Club, Fourth Floor,
Coffman Memorial Union

Menu
See entrée selections on page 3
because you must request your
choice when making reservations.

Reservations ARE Required
Deadline: Wednesday, May 17

Cost: \$30 per person
(Note: those who prepaid for a
year's luncheons are advised that
May was included, but you must
select an entrée.)

To reserve your place(s), send
your check, payable to UMRA,
to UMRA Reservations, c/o Judy
Leahy Grimes, 1937 Palace Ave.,
St. Paul, MN 55105-1728.
Or, contact her before the dead-
line at 651-698-4387; e-mail:
Jleahy4654@aol.com.

Please honor the reservation
deadline date; if cancellations are
necessary, please call by May 17.

Parking
All ramps with UMRA's discount
coupon, \$6 for the entire day.
If you desire parking reservations,
See article on page 2.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

UMRA and U reach understanding

A number of years ago John Adams, UMRA past president, began conversations with numerous University of Minnesota administrators regarding the pros and cons of developing some type of formal linkage with the University of Minnesota in order for both UMRA and the University to work more closely with one another on behalf of mutual agendas and goals.

When she became UMRA president in 2015–16, Jean Kinsey joined the effort and, taking John's work to the next level, she led a team who worked with the Office of the Provost and the General Counsel's office to draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the University of Minnesota and UMRA.

Now, as my term as president nears its conclusion, we have exciting news to report. All of those hours and hours of meetings and conversations, led first by John and then by Jean, have concluded in a signed document.

This past month both I, as president of UMRA, and Karen Hansen, executive vice president and provost, signed the Memorandum of Understanding. The intent of the agreement is to support and further the respective missions, goals, and programs for both organizations.

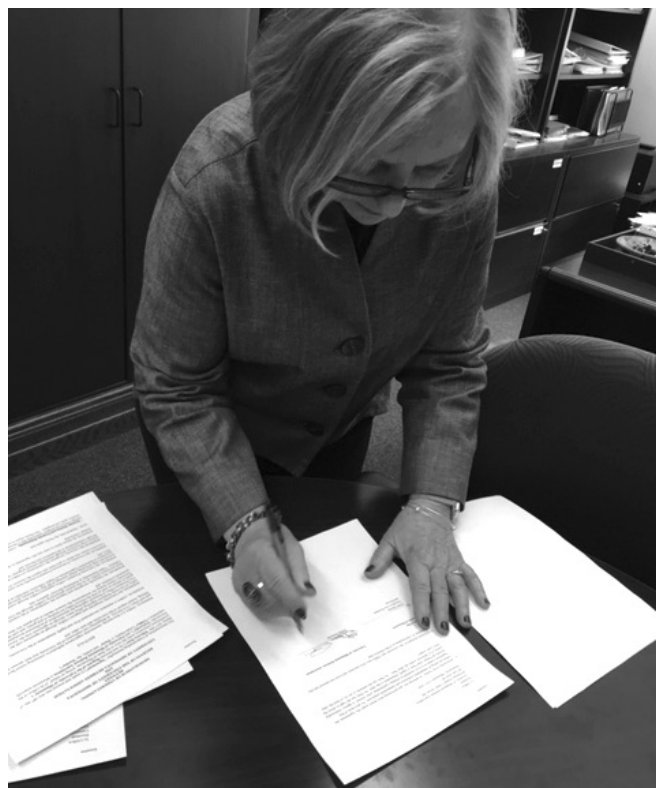
Most important for now, the MOU gives UMRA a home within the University in the Provost's Office. It is a place to begin the conversations on how we can develop the specific measures and programs that can assist both the University and UMRA.

Please go to the UMRA website, <https://umra.umn.edu> (click on 'About Us'), for a copy of the MOU for your review. Over the next year, the Board will update the UMRA membership on the development of the mission and program relationship.

— Donna Peterson, UMRA President, 2016–17

Make your May luncheon reservations early

Please note: The May lunch reservations deadline is earlier than usual because of the time needed by the Campus Club to react to the varied menu selection. Please make sure your reservations will be received by May 17, and don't forget to include your entrée choice with your prepayment.



UMRA President Donna Peterson signs the Memorandum of Understanding in the Provost's Office, opening a new chapter in the relationship as we work more closely together on programs and activities that support both organizations.

Pilot program makes parking reservations available for UMRA luncheon meetings

Because some UMRA members have encountered a full parking ramp when attempting to attend a luncheon, UMRA has negotiated the opportunity to reserve parking spaces in the East River Road Ramp.

To make a reservation, you will need to inform Judy Leahy Grimes at the same time you make your luncheon reservation. Tell her you will also need a parking space, so she can reserve one for you.

To access your reserved space, **you must enter the ramp from the East River Road entrance between 10 a.m. and 12 noon** (when a PTS attendant will be present). Identify yourself as an UMRA member who has requested a reservation. The usual parking fees and discount coupons apply.

Again, to make a parking reservation with your lunch reservation, contact Judy Leahy Grimes (jleahy4654@aol.com or 651-698-4387) on or before the luncheon deadline Thursday, May 17.

— John Anderson, chair, Membership Committee
ander049@umn.edu

May meeting includes annual election

During the business portion of the May 23 meeting, members will elect next year's UMRA leadership. The Board of Directors presents the following for your approval:

For Officers:

President: Chip Peterson (will automatically move from his current position as President-elect to President)

President-elect: Gerald Rinehart

Secretary: Judy Garrard

Treasurer: Carl Adams (continuing his service)

For Board of Directors:

Vernon Cardwell

Cathy Gierke

Jeanne Markell (for second three-year term)

Claudia Parliament

Richard Poppele

Please turn to page 4 for profiles of the candidates.

After their election the above members will join in leading the organization with the following continuing officers:

President, 2017–18: Chip Peterson

Past President: Donna Peterson

and the Board members who are continuing to serve out their terms: Steve Benson, Martha Feda, Judy Leahy Grimes, Cherie Hamilton, John Howe, Kathleen O'Brien, and Gloria Williams.

Board members who are completing their terms in May are: Past President Jean Kinsey, Secretary Sheri Goldsmith May, and board members Shirley Barber, Roger Clemence, and Dave Naumann.

Please join in the festivities of the May Special Luncheon and Annual Meeting to celebrate a successful year and to thank these members for their service and leadership.

— Nominating Committee: Jean Kinsey, chair; Ron Anderson, Judy Leahy Grimes, Virgil Larson, Craig Swan

“Food for Thought” from the Cares Committee

“I hope I have a young outlook. Since I have an old everything else, this is my one chance of having a bit of youth as part of me.”

— writer Richard Armour

May Meeting and Festive Luncheon features your choice among four entrées

Please be sure to indicate your menu selection when you send in your reservations. (Prepaid members should contact volunteer reservationist Judy Leahy Grimes with their entrée choices and to confirm their reservations.)

Social Time

Come mingle with friends and colleagues in the Campus Club Bar & Lounge. Coffee is available at 10:30 a.m.; the Wine and Beer cash bar opens at 11 a.m.; at 11:45 we will move to ABC for Lunch.

Program will follow a brief business meeting and the election of officers and board members for 2017–18.

Menu

All meals are served with fresh-baked bread and seasonal vegetables.

Please select one entrée from the following:

- 1. Trout Fillet, Brown Butter and Almonds:** Oven-roasted trout drizzled with Hope Creamery brown butter, lemon, and toasted almonds
- 2. Ricotta-Stuffed Chicken:** Boneless skinless chicken breast stuffed with bacon and ricotta, pan seared and served with demi-glace
- 3. Rainbow Chard and Wild Rice Dolmades:** Minnesota wild rice mixed with roasted vegetables and herbs, rolled in chard leaves. Served with dried fruit compote. (Gluten-free, dairy-free, vegan option)
- 4. Beef Ribeye Steak:** Grilled to medium rare and sauced with red wine demi-glace. Served with skin-on garlic mashed potatoes

Finale for all: assorted organic cookies, fresh brewed coffee, and water will be served.

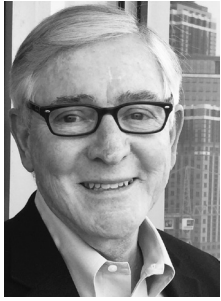
Deadline for Reservations: Wednesday, May 17

Please rush your reservations with your entrée selections and check for \$30 for each reservation to: UMRA May Reservations, c/o Judy Leahy Grimes, 1937 Palace Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105-1728.

See sidebar on page 1 for more contact information.

Meet the candidates for UMRA's officers and board members to be elected May 23, 2017

Candidate for President-elect



Gerald Rinehart retired in 2013 after 10 years as the University's vice provost and dean of students and 20 years as the Carlson School of Management (CSOM) assistant dean of students, where he spearheaded its successful conversion from an upper division to a freshman-admitting college. As vice provost he led the development and

adoption of the Student Development Outcomes for undergraduates, initiated a strength-based approach to student orientation and advising, and led a task force re-engaging alumni in the University's fraternity and sorority system. University-wide, he helped lead several major administrative groups whose work spurred policy and practice changes toward tripling graduation rates over a 10-year period. Rinehart facilitated the UMRA Board's planning retreat last fall and is currently its representative to the Senate Retirement Subcommittee.

Candidate for re-election as Treasurer



Carl Adams retired in 2013 from the faculty of Information and Decision Sciences in the Carlson School of Management (CSOM). His expertise includes strategy and structure of information systems/information technology. His leadership experience includes department chairman for 18 years; special assistant

for Planning for Bob Stein and subsequently President Nils Hasselmo; and director of the Management Information Systems Research in CSOM for six years. He also served on the University Senate in many capacities over 40 years. "I see UMRA as a win-win activity for its members and for the University that I want to be active in supporting," he says. Carl has served on the UMRA Board since May 2014 and as Treasurer 2015-17.

Candidate for election as Secretary



Judy Garrard was a psychologist and faculty member in the health sciences at the University for 44 years, prior to retiring in 2015. Judy began as curriculum evaluator in the Medical School, then transferred to the School of Public Health (SPH) in 1978 as an associate professor. After postgraduate work in

epidemiology, she led research teams in psychotropic medication use by the elderly, resulting in over 100 peer-reviewed

publications. Her other research topics included pharmaco-epidemiology of anti-epileptic drugs, disparities in mental health services, Hepatitis C treatment, and federal narcotic medication policies. She taught graduate courses in research methods and program evaluation and received the SPH Award for Excellence in Teaching. Judy was the senior associate dean for Research and Academic Affairs in SPH for eight years. Throughout her career, she was active in faculty governance at the school and University levels, including chair of FCC.

Five Candidates for Board of Directors



Vernon Cardwell retired (2012) from the Department of Agronomy and Plant Genetics, College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resource Sciences (CFANS). He specialized in education, crop physiology, crop management, seed technology, and hand-powered post-harvest tools.

A Morse-Alumni Distinguished Teaching Professor, he taught for 45 years, teaching 28 different courses and developing 14 new courses while advising 25 to 30 undergraduates per year and serving on 55 graduate committees. He was actively involved in ag-literacy efforts with Minnesota Ag-In-The-Classroom and nationally with Food, Land and People (FLP), and used topics of food, land, water and climate to enhance science for K-8 teachers in summer workshops. He was president of the Crop Science Society of America (CSSA) and American Society of Agronomy (ASA). He began volunteer work with Compatible Technology International in August 2011 where he developed a prototype peanut lifter that is animal powered, a peanut stripper, peanut sheller, and pearl millet/sorghum thresher for use in Africa, devices that are now being manufactured in Africa.



Cathy Lee Gierke grew up in Minnesota, riding and training horses, fishing, and reading voraciously. At Univac, she validated new mainframe and hardware designs using assembler, PLUS, C, COBOL, PTS, and other languages. In the Peace Corps, Cathy

extended her computer knowledge to PCs and organized an international web-based network that repaired and donated computers to schools in Jamaica. At the Carlson School of Management, she managed and enhanced CARS, the U's first web-based automated recruiting system for the Business Career Center. Cathy was a recipient of an UMRA Pro-

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Candidates for Board of Directors

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Professional Development Grant in 2014 for her R-language program to analyze time-series for periodicities. She studies biological rhythms with the U's Halberg Chronobiology Center. Cathy helped develop the current UMRA website and serves on UMRA's Communication Task Force.



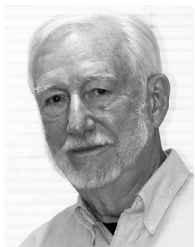
Jeanne Markell retired in July 2009 from a 40-year career at the University of Minnesota. Her positions included University Extension professor, legislative director for the Institute of Agriculture, chief of staff to U of M President, assistant vice president for external affairs, and associate provost for

Professional Studies. In 1997, Jeanne returned to U of M Extension as associate dean for external relations, the role she held up to her retirement in 2009. Her final two years were spent in Washington D.C. as the Land Grant fellow at the National Association of Counties. Jeanne has served one term on the UMRA board beginning in 2014.



Claudia Parliament retired in 2015 after 30 years as a faculty member in the Department of Applied Economics in the College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resource Sciences (CFANS). During the 20 years of her time at the University she served as director of the Minnesota Council on Economic Edu-

cation (MCEE), a non-profit within the University promoting economic education through student contests, curriculum development, and professional development offerings for K-12 educators. In retirement she continues her interest in synchronized swimming through coaching, judging, and competing.



Richard Poppele retired in 2006 from the Department of Neuroscience. He served in a number of leadership positions at the University including Physiology Department chair for two years, director of the Laboratory of Neurophysiology, and founding director of Graduate Studies in Neuroscience. He served in the

Faculty Senate and chaired the Senate Judicial Committee and the Sexual Harassment Board. He was active in Medical School, College of Liberal Arts, and College of Biological Sciences governance. Dick's wife Meredith served on the UMRA Board in 2007–09. Dick has served on UMRA's Grants committee and will chair the committee in 2017–18.

Volunteer needed to help with surveys of membership interests and ideas

Do you have any experience with either Survey Monkey or Qualtrics software for doing surveys? The Workshop Committee needs your help to assist with an upcoming survey.

In 2012–13, UMRA conducted several surveys of members to discover member preferences for workshop options and to find ideas for interesting member activities. From those surveys, we recruited several workshop speakers and received some really good ideas for planning UMRA activities.

The Workshop Committee will be looking for this type of information again this coming year. If you can help, please contact Ron Anderson. You will be instrumental in making UMRA's excellent programming even better. Thank you.

—Ronald E. Anderson, rea@umn.edu, or 612-963-6660.

UMRA Photo Club meets May 12

Photo Club members continue to learn about using the Lightroom program to enhance their photography.

The Photo Club welcomes photographers of all abilities. Most of us are struggling amateurs who like to take pictures and want to get better. We benefit from the kind and supportive help we get from each other.

The next meeting will be held at the Washburn Library, 5344 Lyndale Ave. South in Minneapolis from 1 to 3 p.m. on Friday, May 12. Dick Kain will continue his demonstrations on using Lightroom. He welcomes all questions and will work on pictures that members bring.

A number of Photo Club members gather before the meeting for lunch at Primo, an Italian restaurant which is a very short walking distance from the library. Please contact Judith Garrard, jgarrard@umn.edu, for information about the May meeting and lunch reservation or to be added to the Photo Club mailing list.

—Sheri Goldsmith May, UMRA Photo Club co-chair

You are invited to an OPEN HOUSE at 1666 Coffman
Sunday, May 21, from 2 to 5 p.m.
Come by for guided tours and refreshments.
View open homes.

Two units are currently for sale. For more information about the units for sale or the open house event, contact Eve Brown, evebrown@comcast.net.

From the Cares Committee Bookshelf—

The Industry of Souls by Martin Booth, published by Picador Macmillan, 1998. Available through Amazon (both print and Kindle) and in a Nook book at Barnes and Noble. There also is one copy at the University library.

The book has a beautiful structure with the story taking place in one day. Alexander Baylis is celebrating his 80th birthday by taking a leisurely walk through the Russian village he's lived in for the past 30 years. All seems quiet and ordinary at first. Then we learn that Alex is a British citizen who was arrested by the Soviets for spying and placed in a Siberian labor camp for 20 years.

As he wends his way through the town, he talks to different people and is revealed as a wise, kind man, beloved by the villagers in his adopted home. Gradually, through flashbacks, we learn about his life in the gulag and the indomitable spirit that carried him through those dark years.

For instance, we learn of the moral dilemma that confronts him when his friend asks Alexander to kill him to end his suffering. On a lighter note, we are treated to a memorable scene where he and his fellow prisoners dig up the perfectly preserved ancient body of a mammoth and then eat it after cooking it over an open fire.

At the end of his birthday walk, Alexander returns home to find a surprise visitor from England. He has received an inheritance, but he must return to England to claim it.

Skillfully written, it is a perfect story of a simple life well lived. A wonderful reading experience, it was short-listed for the prestigious Man Booker prize in 1998.

— Review by Pat Tollefson, UMRA Cares Committee

UMRA Care Guide assistance suspended

UMRA Care Guides are not available until further notice. With the recent death of Dr. Robert Kane, Care Guides no longer have their mentor and supervisor available.

The Care Guides have decided to stay together and will be discussing future activities, pending new supervision.

Please look for the UMRA member survey, which will be developed and sent to members in the near future. Your concerns and ideas are welcome and will greatly help our planning.

— Earl Nolting, chair, UMRA Cares Committee

Volunteer Center: your resource

Here we are, close to the end of another academic year for the University Retirees Volunteer Center (URVC). We will surely exceed 8,000 volunteer hours again with about 240 active members. Are you among them?

We are pleased that so many UMRA members respond to the announcements of volunteer projects as they encounter them in the monthly newsletter or as posted directly through the UMRA listserv. Some of the most recent opportunities have been:

- 1) As subjects for the significant scientific research projects run by current University faculty and graduate students, enabling their progress.
- 2) As judges for student competitions providing valuable skills and evaluation while communicating directly with the young scholars and appreciating their endeavors.
- 3) As volunteers teaching a course for OLLI to sustain a lifelong passion and share it with a community of inquiring minds.

Question: What is the commonality for these projects? Correct! Your intellect. But this is not all we are asked to do for the community. Volunteers provide for the hungry through Second Harvest Heartland's services and support the needs of the Red Cross and Special Olympics. Volunteers also tutor for literacy services, record textbooks for the blind, pack medical supplies for overseas shipment, assist at University Hospital, serve on Law School mock juries, and much more.

May I recommend that it would be most efficient and will serve your broad interests best if you submit a Volunteer Profile through the URVC website, URVC.UMN.EDU. That way we can contact you with announcements specifically tailored to your interests, and you can see if the project fits your schedule.

— Alan L. Kagan, Project Director,
University Retirees Volunteer Center

Senior Housing Directory available

The Twin Cities *Senior Housing Guide, 2017* is now available, free in libraries and most senior centers. It is also online at www.seniorhousingguide.us, or call 651-690-3141.

The information is provided on three main areas: Senior Housing, Home Care and Hospice, and Resources for Seniors. It is very useful and comprehensive information.

— Earl Nolting, chair, UMRA Cares Committee

Volunteer for UMRA committee tasks, serve others, and get to know new colleagues

Have you been searching for a volunteer activity that provides service to others and allows you to work on tasks with friends? Or do you prefer to work on tasks more independently? There's a place for you in our work for retirees.

Over the next months of summer, UMRA will be getting organized for next year, and there will be several opportunities for you to get involved.

Two groups planning now for new directions are described below. Please make your interests and availability known.

New UMRA Newsletter needs writers and editors

Join a team that will be advancing our communications to serve retirees with an e-newsletter. Currently, getting the news out depends on the work of essentially two people—a newsletter editor and a website webmaster. Because this lean arrangement can be precarious as well as time-consuming, we want to form a volunteer “editorial board” to spread the planning, managing, and content-gathering tasks among several volunteers and move into an electronic newsletter.

If you like to write, enjoy editing, or if you can assist with collecting incoming news, please join us. If you like the idea of an e-newsletter and want to help combine our website information with an e-news function, we need you!

This new endeavor is in the planning stages now. Let us know of your interest. Contact Ginny Hanson, newsletter editor, hanso045@umn.edu, or David Naumann, webmaster, dnaumann@umn.edu.

The UMRA Cares Committee

In the process of reorganizing and expanding in new directions, the Cares group needs volunteers to help us plan and develop a variety of initiatives to assist UMRA members.

The Cares Committee was first appointed in 2013 by President Ron Anderson to reach out to UMRA members and their families when a death or serious illness occurs. Condolence cards are also sent to non-member faculty and staff when we have the name and address of a surviving spouse/partner. Recently the committee's focus has turned to finding resources for member concerns about health and aging through programs, workshops, and individual contacts.

If you are interested in assisting with this committee work, please contact Earl Nolting, 651-633-4333; enolting@umn.edu, who will answer any questions you may have.

For information about working with any of the other UMRA committees, contact incoming president, Chip Peterson, 651-699-4286 or c-pete@umn.edu.

The subject: Teaching

Why do people engage in the noble art of teaching? There are undoubtedly many motivations, but the theme that seems most prevalent, and at the same time most intriguing among educators, is the love of learning. “To teach is to learn twice,” stated Joseph Joubert (an 18th century French essayist), and “Who dares to teach must never cease to learn,” said John Cotton Dana (an American librarian and museum director).

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Minnesota is an organization of lifelong learners whose passion for knowledge and understanding is a driving force in their lives. And, as is the case with so many who are motivated by learning, the desire to teach, to impart that which one is passionate about, seems a natural by-product of the learning process. That is why a number of OLLI members, as well as being lifelong learners, also lead courses in subjects on which they are experts, or in which they have a strong avocational interest.

The University of Minnesota Retirement Association is an organization of individuals steeped in learning as a life force—people with a penchant for truth. You are the quintessential exemplars of the noble art of teaching—professional educators who, like Plutarch, recognize that “The mind is not a vessel to be filled, so much as a fire to be ignited.”

OLLI is a welcoming vehicle for lifelong learner-teachers to continue to ply their calling. When UMRA members join OLLI, the result is a symbiotic relationship, not only enhancing the organization through the influx of teaching expertise, but also providing professional educators a natural outlet for their ongoing quest of knowledge—and their penchant to disseminate that knowledge.

— Gary P. Hanson, Interim Executive Director
OLLI at the U of M
hanso268.umn.edu or call 612-625-3964

Welcome new members to UMRA

Please give a hearty welcome to new members who have recently joined UMRA. Greet them at luncheon meetings and help introduce them to other members.

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Have you changed your address, e-mail, or phone?

1. Print new information below.
2. Cut out this form **and address label**.
3. Mail both to the address above.

Name _____
Address _____
City, State _____
Zip _____ Phone _____
E-mail _____
Other Info _____

Website: <https://umra.umn.edu>
UMRA's phone: 612-626-4403

In Remembrance

We report the passing of UMRA members as we learn of losses to our UMRA community. Since the Newsletter was published in April, we have received news of the following. Our condolences to the friends and family of:

Roy L. Thompson, emeritus professor of Agronomy, died February 25, 2017. He had been a member of UMRA since 1991. Memorial service will be held Saturday, April 29, at Roseville Lutheran Church, 1205 Roselawn Ave.

UMRA Cares Committee is here for support

For assistance and support in the event of the death or serious illness of an UMRA member or family member, please e-mail us at umracares@umn.edu or call 612-626-4403, and leave a message for UMRA Cares.

If you learn of someone who is facing a difficult life challenge, please contact the UMRA Cares Committee.

UMRA membership year ends on August 31

By mid-summer, you will receive a communication by email or by mail about renewing your membership. If you joined as a new member after March 1 of this year, your membership is valid until August 2018.

The Board of Directors and members of UMRA thank the University of Minnesota Foundation for sponsoring UMRA's May Newsletter and for providing the following information.

Tax Efficient Giving from your IRA

The now permanently extended IRA charitable rollover law allows individuals 70½ or older to give up to \$100,000 directly from their traditional or Roth IRA to qualified charities and avoid paying federal income tax on the withdrawal. Distributions made directly to charity under this law can be used to satisfy the individual's required minimum distribution. Gifts to the University can be directed to any campus, college, or program.

Contact our University of Minnesota Foundation planned giving representative, Lynn Praska, at 612-624-4158 or lpraska@umn.edu, for information on making a gift to the University.



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