Greetings from the UMRA President

Just now, you may be adjusting to your new status as a retiree, or you may have retired some time ago, and are looking to reconnect.

Whichever it is, the University of Minnesota Retirees Association invites you to share your interest and enthusiasm with us.

As the only organization that promotes the interests of all retirees from units across the University campus, UMRA is open to all retiree faculty, P & A, civil service, and union employees.

UMRA offers opportunities to continue old acquaintances and make new friends, keep up to date on information important to retirees, and retain a connection with the University community that has been a central part of our lives.

We encourage you to look us over. Examine the benefits described in this brochure. Visit our Web site. Attend one of our gatherings and “kick the tires” so to speak.

Take advantage of the introductory membership option or register your potential interest with the form you will find in this brochure, and we promise to keep in touch.

We will be honored to have you as a member and a participant in this vital and energetic organization.

Cordially,
John S. Adams, President
2013 - 2014

The Road to Successful “Retiring”

Retiring is a process, an evolution, a journey. You may already have in mind all sorts of things you want to do, but exploring this new life can sometimes be a lonely pursuit. UMRA offers ways to keep in touch with colleagues, to gain knowledge from and share ideas with others who have already stepped into retirement.

Connect with colleagues via monthly luncheons and engage with stimulating speakers. Enjoy social gatherings and volunteer service to the community and the University.

Good information can make the process of retiring easier. Through its newsletter and Web site, UMRA offers vital information about changes in health insurance and important information on your rights as a retiree—whether continuing your professional work or safeguarding privileges, such as library and e-mail accounts. Keep current on retiree concerns and opportunities specific to the “retiring you.”

Join UMRA today!

For more information see the UMRA Web site: www.umn.edu/umra

Revitalize Life with the University of Minnesota Retirees Association
Your Membership Benefits

- Eight informative newsletters per year
- Eight luncheon programs per year, plus topical seminars like the Living Well in Later Life workshops, 2012-13
- University Retiree Identification card entitling you to these special discounts...and more!
  - Campus Parking, day-long for $6; all ramps
  - Campus Club membership discounted 20%
  - Landscape Arboretum membership, $5 discount
  - Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, first year: $20 discount
  - University Bookstores, 10% on select merchandise
  - Intercollegiate Sports, 20% on select tickets
  - CCE’s Learning Life courses, 10% discount
  - Center for Spirituality and Healing, 10% on select programs
  - Two-for-one tickets on most School of Music and U Theatre & Dance performances

UMRA’s Mission: To promote, protect, support, and advocate for the interests, rights, needs, and welfare of all persons who retire from the University of Minnesota.

An organization that works for you

Established and incorporated in 1978, UMRA continues to lead University retirees through new challenges and opportunities with each passing decade.

Early on, UMRA established a health committee to advocate for health benefits specific to the changing needs of retirees. UMRA is represented on the University Senate’s Health Care Benefits Advisory Committee and advocates for retirees’ concerns.

In 1986 UMRA members helped develop 1666 Coffman, a condominium for University retiree living.

In 2007, in partnership with the University’s Vice President for Research, UMRA pioneered the Professional Development Grants Program for U Retirees; 2013-14 marks the sixth cycle of grant awar

UMRA is working to establish a campus retirees center to support ongoing educational programs, services, and volunteer opportunities for all retirees who are interested in maintaining their University connections.

Please enroll (me/us) as full voting member(s) of the University of Minnesota Retirees Association.

A check for first-year dues, payable to UMRA, is enclosed (or introductory membership, $10 single/$15 couple.)

(Regular membership the following year will be $25 single/$35 couple.)

I have not yet decided to enroll, but please keep me on your e-mail list for prospective membership.

UMRA Goals

- To help retirees successfully deal with the retirement process, both during their retirement year and into their retirement years;
- To provide all retirees broad intellectual stimulation as well as social and recreational services;
- To oversee and assist in the ongoing provision of benefits affecting the health and wellness of retirees;
- To facilitate opportunities for voluntary service to the University and community;
- To contribute to the development and welfare of the University and its mission and goals.

Please mail to UMRA Membership, McNamara Alumni Center, Suite 220, 200 Oak Street S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455-2002

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