The 33rd President’s Reception for Retirees

The 33rd President’s Reception for Retirees will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2013, at 2:00pm in Marshall McLuhan Hall, Room 204 University Centre, the University of Manitoba, Fort Garry Campus. You are invited to meet with Dr. David Barnard, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Manitoba, who will provide an update on the University, and to meet with other retirees and with our speaker, Dr. Eleni Giannouli, Medical Director of the Sleep Disorder Centre, Health Sciences Centre, who will speak on the topic of “Sleep Apnea: Diagnosis and Consequences of Untreated Sleep Apnea in Health, and Treatment Options”.

Dr. Eleni Giannouli finished Medical School and Residency in Respirology in Greece. She came to Canada in 1992, as a Research Fellow in Respirology, University of Manitoba, with a grant from the Manitoba Lung Association. For approximately three years she worked in that capacity, doing research in the areas of control of breathing in sleep and mechanical ventilation. Subsequently, she finished her Residency in Internal Medicine and completed Fellowships in Respirology and Critical Care. She completed her training in Sleep Medicine mostly in the United States, and became a certified Diplomat of the American Board of Sleep Medicine in 2003. She has been an Assistant Professor in the Section of Respirology, Department of Medicine, since 2003. She has played a significant role in the restructuring of Sleep Services in Manitoba, and has been the Medical Director of the Sleep Disorder Centre since 2008.

At the reception that follows, there will be time to greet your former colleagues, coworkers, and friends. Spouses and partners are welcome, and please invite those survivors of retirees whom you know. You are asked to RSVP by Friday, April 5, 2013, to Linda Lassman at email: Linda.lassman@ad.umanitoba.ca or by telephone at 204-474-9124.

Retiree Centre Committee Update

Planning for the development of the golf course lands is proceeding. In January, 2013, an open international competition was launched to develop a vision for the future of the entire Fort Garry Campus, including the golf course lands, and to conceptualize and site the first demonstration project, consisting of a mixed-use, multi-generational development. In late January, a colloquium was held for registrants in the international competition. Approximately 45 registrants attended the colloquium, including attendees from several cities across Canada and from cities as far away as Switzerland, Germany, and the United States. Following a series of reviews by the jury and its technical experts, the winner of the design competition will be announced in October, 2013.

The Retiree Centre Committee is continuing to work with the Campus Planning Office to include the interests of retirees in the multi-generational development. For continual updates on the international competition and developments of the golf course lands, check the UMRA website homepage at http://umanitoba.ca/outreach/retirees and click on “International Design Competition” in the right hand column.
Centre on Aging
Spring Symposium

The Centre on Aging will host its 30th Annual Dialogue on Aging on May 6, 2013, 8:45am-4:00pm, in the Brodie Centre, Frederic Gaspard Theatre, and Theatres B and C, 727 McDermot Avenue, Bannatyne Campus, University of Manitoba.

Join us as we discuss relevant issues on aging. Sessions will be held throughout the day and topics will focus on:

- direct and indirect supports for family caregivers
- older drivers
- couples living with dementia
- and many more

Lunch is available for $10. Registration forms and full program details are available on the Centre’s website: http://umanitoba.ca/centres/aging/events/384.html or by telephone at 204-474-9854.

Lifelong Learning Opportunities

Lifelong Learning, Extended Education, is looking for lecture/discussion topics and leaders/instructors for the 2013-2014 year. If you have ideas for topics about which you would like to learn more, or which you are interested in presenting to lifelong learners, please contact Janine Drennan at 204-474-6661 or Janine.drennan@ad.umanitoba.ca.

October, 2012 Presidents’ Reception

Speaker Dr. Peter Jones

Spring 2013 Presidents’ Reception

The next Presidents’ Reception for Retirees will take place Saturday, April 13, 2013, at 2:00 pm in Marshall McLuhan Hall, 204 University Centre, University of Manitoba, Fort Garry Campus.

The fall President’s Reception will be held at the Fort Garry Campus on October 5, 2013. The Annual General Meeting of UMRA will also be held at that time.
Supplementary Health Benefits: Some Basic Facts

The following article refers only to University of Manitoba employees who retired after July 1, 2004.

The University of Manitoba provides supplemental health insurance to retired staff members who, at the time of their retirement, held a continuing full-time or part-time appointment, had group insurance coverage for ten continuous years, and were 55 years of age or older. The insurance also covers a retiree’s spouse and any unmarried children who live with the retiree and who meet the posted criteria. Insurance coverage for a retiree’s spouse and dependent children terminates thirty (30) days after the retiree dies.

Supplemental health insurance pays medical expenses that are not provided for under the provincial health plan of the province in which the retiree lives. It is important to note that the insurance does not cover medical expenses incurred outside of Canada.

For specific information about University of Manitoba supplementary health benefits for retirees, go to http://umanitoba.ca/admin/human_resources/staff_benefits/retiree_info/index.html or by contacting the Staff Benefits Office directly at 204-474-7428 or e-mail: SB-GROUP-INSURANCE@ms.umanitoba.ca.

The medical benefits covered by the plan include the cost of a semi-private hospital ward and ambulance service. The insurance covers 100% of those costs for former full-time employees and 70% of these costs for former part-time employees.

The supplemental health insurance also covers the cost of prescription drugs after deductibles are applied.

The insurance also covers various healthcare expenses which are listed at the website noted above. Each year, former full-time staff members are reimbursed 80% of the first $500 of these expenses and 100% of the expenses thereafter. Former part-time employees are reimbursed 55% of the first $500 of the covered expenses and 70% of the expenses in excess of $500.

There is a $25,000 lifetime maximum for covered expenses for former full-time staff members and a $17,500 lifetime maximum for former part-time staff members. Hospital and ambulance costs are not included in the maximums. For retirees with dependents who are covered by the insurance, the maximums are family, not individual, limits. As of this date, no retiree has reached the lifetime maximum limit of expenses.

For any questions concerning a retiree’s eligibility for University of Manitoba Supplementary Benefits coverage, please contact the Staff Benefits Office directly at 204-474-7428 or e-mail: SB-GROUP-INSURANCE@ms.umanitoba.ca or go to http://umanitoba.ca/admin/human_resources/staff_benefits/retiree_info/index.html.

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Website: http://umanitoba.ca/outreach/retirees

Moving? New address?
This is a reminder to all retirees to advise the Staff Benefits Office of any change in address or family status. If you currently receive monthly payments, such as a Post Retirement Adjustment payment from the University, or have Retiree Supplementary Health, Dental, or Optional Life Insurance benefits, please report changes to the Staff Benefits Office directly at 204-474-7428 or E-mail: SB-Webmaster@ms.umanitoba.ca.

Email contact to Retirees
UMRA is using e-mail to send reminders and notices of events of interest to retirees. To receive these, retirees should forward their e-mail address to retirees@ad.umanitoba.ca

Email address changes may be sent to retirees@ad.umanitoba.ca
Join UMRA – The University of Manitoba Retirees Association

A copy of the membership application form is available on the UMRA website: [http://umanitoba.ca/outreach/retirees/membership/59.htm](http://umanitoba.ca/outreach/retirees/membership/59.htm). The membership year is October to September and fees are $15/year and $100 for a Lifetime Membership.

Using and Contributing to the UMRA Website

For an overview of the UMRA Website and easy access to all the pages, go to [www.umanitoba.ca/outreach/retirees/](http://www.umanitoba.ca/outreach/retirees/).

This takes you to the UMRA homepage. Either click on the link located in the centre column of the page or click on UMRA SITE MAP, which is located at the bottom of the Navigation bar in the left-hand column.

Contributing to the UMRA Website

You are invited to contribute items of interest to retirees, photos, and stories to the UMRA Website. Please send any items to the Webmaster at e-mail: [retirees@ad.umanitoba.ca](mailto:retirees@ad.umanitoba.ca).

Support of the United Way of Winnipeg Grows Again

University of Manitoba Retirees have donated over $133,000 to the 2012 United Way campaign, which is a substantial increase over 2011. The number of retiree donors in 2012 rose by 7% over the 2011 level, which is the highest level over the last 5 campaigns.

Brian Macpherson, Chair of the Retirees’ Campaign, offers his thanks to all those who have included the United Way in their 2012 charitable giving. He also thanks Lois Brockman, Rudy Schilling, and Richard Johnson for their assistance with a morning of follow-up phone calls to donors.

With respect to privacy concerns, should you not wish your name and address information provided to the United Way, please notify Linda Lassman by email at [linda.lassman@ad.umanitoba.ca](mailto:linda.lassman@ad.umanitoba.ca) or by phone at 204-474-9184 to have your information removed from the list.

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