

This should allow the academic friendship groupings of the work years to continue into retirement. In addition, we look forward to strengthening our partnership with other retiree groups of the University and the Affiliated Colleges.

Personally, I thank the members of the 2007-2008 Executive and Standing Committees for their contributions and support. An advantage enjoyed by the Association has been the continuity of leadership provided by these individuals and the resultant ability to programmatically develop the organization and its activities. However, we are fortunate to have new members step forward to replace those retiring from the Executive and Standing Committees.

We urge members to attend the Annual General Meeting on September 8th at the Faculty Club. We need to select our Executive and Table Officers. Further, we need your assessment of the Association's performance and suggestions for change and new initiatives. Our organization is only as good as the extent and quality of the participation of our members. Above all, we invite you to participate in the business of the Association and in the activities sponsored by the University of Saskatchewan Retirees Association.

May the 2008-2009 be a great year for the Association and its members. The Olympic motto comes to mind.

Murray Scharf

Report of the Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee is pleased to nominate the following Executive Members for 2008 – 2009:

President: Murray Scharf

Past President: Bob Woods

Vice-President: Jim Blackburn

Treasurer: Ken Smith

Secretary: Yvonne Cuttle

Members:

Eileen Harvey

Dale Miquelon

Bob Sanche

Nancy Senior

George Sofko

Duff Spafford

Kurt Tischler

(It should also be noted that all past presidents are invited to attend the Executive discussions and several are actively involved as noted in the 2007 – 2008 Executive listing).

Members are invited to suggest the names of other individuals who would like to serve on the Executive for the 2008 – 2009 year.

A nomination form accepted by the nominee and signed by a minimum of three (3) members shall be submitted to the Secretary to be received not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the General Meeting. Please forward by mail or e-mail to:

***E-mail – ss.usra@usask.ca
Mail – USRA, RJD Williams,
221 Cumberland Ave.
Saskatoon, SK S7N 1M3***

Reprinted from July Issue On Campus:

“Although it already virtually fills one large cabinet, the unique collection of books in the College Building, all either written or edited by university employees and students, past and present, is still growing.

One recent addition was *Waskesiu and its Neighbours: A Casual Illustrated History* by Grit McCreath, a graduate of the U of S (Education '91) and a member of University Senate. She presented her book to President Peter MacKinnon at spring convocation. It is her first published work to be included in the library, “but not her first contribution,” he said.

McCreath, an advocate for the library, has arranged for a number of books to find their way onto the shelves.

MacKinnon said the library was originally developed by Duff Spafford, professor emeritus of Political Studies, as a way to enrich the retiree's lounge located on the main floor of the College Building. The lounge was set up “as a place for university retirees to gather on campus in a central, attractive, informal space,” MacKinnon said. The book collection has grown steadily but hopes “more publicity will be given to it, and more use made of it.”

For information about making a donation to the library, contact Spafford at

duff.spafford@usask.ca.”

The Chancellor's Tours

Join Chancellor Vera Pezer and prominent University faculty on three exciting educational and recreational tours:

Tequila Sunrise Tour – 11 days in February 2009 – Puerta Del Sol Southwest Featuring Dr. Ernie Walker, Dept. of Anthropology in exploring pre-historic and contemporary southwest Arizona along with desert golf.

Golf & Sports History Tour – 14 days, July 2010 Scotland Featuring Chancellor Pezer, play a number of Scottish courses, including St. Andrews and attend the British Open

Canada's Great War Tour – 12 days, April 2011, Europe Featuring Dr. Bill Waiser with visits to WW 1 historic sites including Vimy Ridge, Menin Gate and the British Imperial War Museum.

For Information on these tours please contact
uofs.chancellor@usask.ca or
telephone 966-4632

Membership in the USRA

This is a reminder that the annual membership fee expired on July 1. Currently the annual membership fee is \$15. If you wish to obtain a life membership, it is dependent on age according to the following schedule:

<60	\$ 180
60 - 64	\$ 160
65 - 69	\$ 140
70 - 74	\$ 110
75 - 79	\$ 80
80 +	\$ 50

Payment of fees should be sent to:
*Ken Smith, Treasurer, RJD Williams,
Univ. of Sask. Retirees Association
221 Cumberland Ave
Saskatoon, SK S7N 1M3*

IN MEMORY

Catherine F. Day
Deceased May 16, 2008
College of Education
1967 – 1987

Les Richards
Deceased: May 16, 2008
College of Education
1970 - 1988

Tom Taylor
Deceased: May 18, 2008
College of Education
1965 – 1980

Edward Halstead
Deceased: May 30, 2008
College of Agriculture
1966 – 1988

Arthur Guy Richards
Deceased: June 20, 2008
Medical Sociology
1972 – 1986

Roy Ludwig
Deceased – July 2, 2008
College of Engineering
1950 - 1990

Stella Dyck
Deceased: July 25, 2008
College of Nursing
1968 - 1993

USRA EXECUTIVE 2007-2008

President: Murray Scharf

Past President: Bob Woods

Vice President: Jim Blackburn

Secretary: Yvonne Cuttle

Treasurer: Ken Smith

Members at Large:

Norah Carey

Les Coleman

Peter Cribb

Faye Kernan

Barry McLennan

Dale Miquelon

Mohindar Sachdev

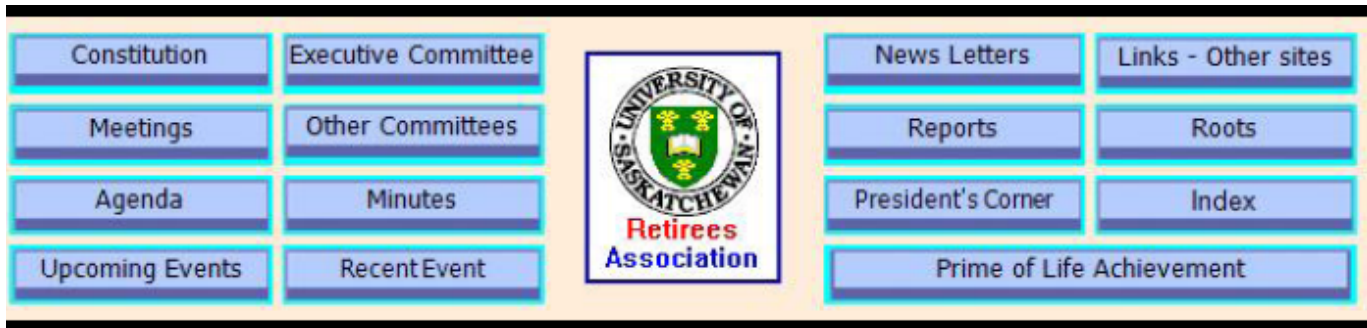
Bob Sanche

Nancy Senior

George Sofko

Duff Spafford

USRA WEB SITE: www.usra.usask.ca



USRA Contact Information : Telephone – 306-966-6618 E-mail – ss.usra@usask.ca
Ground Mail – USRA, RJD Williams, 221 Cumberland Ave.
Saskatoon, SK S7N 1M3

**UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN RETIREES ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday, September 8, 2008, 4:30pm. Faculty Club**

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda
2. Minutes of the AGM of September 10, 2007
3. President's Report – Murray Scharf
4. Executive Committee Reports
 - 4.1 Treasurer - Ken Smith
 - 4.2 Office Services - Les Coleman
 - 4.3 Membership - Les Coleman
 - 4.4 Communications Committee – Jim Blackburn
 - 4.5 Social, Recreation and Education- Norah Carey
 - 4.6 Achievement Awards - Peter Cribb
 - 4.7 Pictorial History - Faye Kernan
 - 4.8 CURAC - Duff Spafford
5. Nomination Committee Report – Bob Woods
6. Election of Executive Officers for 2008-2009
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

USRA Programs for 2008 – 2009:

A brief notice will be distributed to USRA members in late September outlining the programs scheduled for the year. If you currently do not receive the Newsletter via e-mail and wish to do so, please forward your e-mail address to ss.usra@usask.ca