

have this information on the USRA website (www.usra.usask.ca)

Thanks to Michael Swan, the hanging of two paintings will soon enhance our Retirees Lounge in the College Building. The acting University Secretary, Sandra Calder, is helping us out in arranging for their installation. We also want to hang some framed photographs of special individuals and groups of retirees in the lounge. Eileen Harvey and Faye Kernan will be taking care of that.

President MacKinnon invited me to represent the USRA membership at the annual Retirement Banquet in Marquis Hall on May 13. A total of 81 people from the Faculty, Staff and Administration were honoured. The Chancellor, Vera Pezer, gave each retiree a gift. The President spoke on behalf of the University in paying a special tribute to all retirees. Bob Calder (Department of English) gave a most appropriate response on behalf of the retirees. Bob assured me afterwards that he would be joining the USRA.

I am most grateful for the support of your hard working Executive. They have served you well. More information about their activities will be given at the Annual Meeting in September.

IN MEMORY

Ernest R. Ambrose

Date of Death: June 1, 2011
Department: College of Dentistry
Joined the U. of S: August 1, 1977
Retired: June 30, 1993

Siegfried J. Koegler

Date of Death: July 1, 2011
Department: Pediatrics, RUH
Joined the U. of S: October 1, 1981
Retired: June 30, 1986

Oliver E. Laxdal

Date of Death: May 17, 2011
Department: Community Health and Epidemiology, College of Medicine
Joined the U. of S: September 15, 1968
Retired: June 30, 1991

James H. L. Mills

Date of Death: May 8, 2011
Department: Veterinary Pathology, WCVM
Joined the U. of S: July 1, 1967
Retired: June 30, 1993

Eugene Tate

Date of Death: July 25, 2011
Department: Sociology, STM
Joined the U. of S: July 1, 1970
Retired: June 30, 1992

James Newbern Wilson

Date of Death: June 3, 2011
Department: Mechanical Engineering
Joined the U. of S: July 1, 1964
Retired: June 30, 1997

Opportunities For Retirees To Volunteer

1. Your knowledge and experience are valuable assets. Put them to work by volunteering for the University of Saskatchewan or the U of S Alumni Association. To express your interest in volunteering, visit http://www.usask.ca/alumni/alumni_association/volunteer or contact Angela at angela.kempf@usask.ca.
2. The Huskie Athletics Centennial Planning committee is looking for a volunteer to help with some administrative tasks related to the events being planned to celebrate the Centennial. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Vera Pezer, Huskie Centennial Chairperson, at 966-4632 or vera.pezer@usask.ca to discuss options.

USRA PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

The amendments to the USRA By-Laws proposed below are housekeeping changes needed to reflect our current activities and interests. The amendments have been approved by the June 6, 2011 Executive Meeting. They will be circulated to our members prior to the USRA Annual Meeting, Sept. 19 (August Newsletter) and placed on the agenda for the meeting.

The Constitution and By-Laws can be found on our web site at http://homepage.usask.ca/~ss_usra/resources/Home/About-USRA/Bylaws.pdf

By-law 11.3 E: USRA PRIME OF LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS COMMITTEE

Delete: *"This Committee shall make recommendations to the Executive to honour members of the Association who, after retirement, have made outstanding scholarly, artistic or service contributions. Such contributions should have been recognized by international, national, provincial or local bodies."*

Replace with the following:

E.1 This Committee shall make recommendations to the Executive in accordance with the "Procedures for the Prime of Life Achievement Awards."

By-law 11.3 F: Add: "USRA Committee for Honorary Degree Nominations"

Description "This committee shall assist the Office of the University Secretary in encouraging nominations of candidates for honorary degrees."

Three retirees, each with a hearing loss, were playing golf one fine March day. One remarked to the other, "Windy, isn't it?" "No," the second man replied, "It's Thursday." And the third man chimed in, "So am I. Let's have a beer."

REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE USRA

As a result of its deliberations, the Nominations Committee submits the following as its report to the Executive and Annual Meeting of the University of Saskatchewan Retirees' Association.

The nominees for the table officers and members of the Executive Committee for 2011-2012 are as follows:

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| President: | Dale Miquelon |
| Vice-President: | Dean Jones |
| Secretary: | TBA |
| Treasurer: | TBA |
| Members: | Kevin Wilson (Past-President) Bryan Harvey Michael Hayden Dean Jones Robert Sanche Asit Sarkar Duff Spafford Michael Swan Kurt Tischler |

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| Past Presidents – active members on the Executive: | Les Coleman Faye Kernan Murray Scharf Jim Blackburn |
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Submitted August 2011 by the Nominations Committee:

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| Chair: | Jim Blackburn |
| Members: | Murray Scharf Kurt Tischler |

You have to stay in shape. My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was 60. She's 97 today and we don't know where she is.

USRA SPEAKER SERIES FALL 2011

**Monday, Sept. 19 – AGM and
Banquet, Faculty Club
4:30 PM – ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING**

5:45 PM – RECEPTION

6:30 PM – USRA BANQUET

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17 – USRA EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

(Mano's Restaurant 1820 8th St. E.)

Lunch – 12:00 noon

Presentation – 12:50 PM

**Dr. Peggy Schmeiser,
University of Saskatchewan:
"Engaging with External
Partners"**

"GREEN THUMBS" Needed

Mr. Rick Sawatzky, University of Saskatchewan Research Technician, Department of Plant Science is in charge of the Fruit Orchards at the Horticulture Field Laboratory located at 2909 14th Street East. "The main goal of the Fruit Program", Rick says, "is the breeding and propagation of valuable fruit trees and berries whose genetics are suitable to the harsh Saskatchewan climate".

The Field Lab holds an annual plant sale in May to help raise funds for the Fruit Breeding program by selling a wide variety of fruit trees and berries – from hazelnuts to haskap berries.

Rick has interesting and rewarding volunteer opportunities for retirees who love gardening and are interested in broadening their skills in fruit propagation and care. Interested "green thumbs" can contact Rick at jrs263@mail.usask.ca for more

information about the volunteer opportunities that are available. Additional information on the fruit program is available on line at www.fruit.usask.ca

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Increase In Membership Dues

The increase in USRA membership dues recommended by the Executive Committee will not take effect until the 2012-2013 membership year. Now is still a great time to purchase life memberships at the current low rates. In 2012, the annual membership dues will increase from \$15 to \$20 and life memberships in each category will increase by \$20.

What's Your Name, Again?

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to playing cards a few times a week.

One day when playing cards, one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad at me. I know we've been friends a long time, but I just can't think of your name. I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is."

Her friend glared at her. For at least three minutes she just stared and glared. Finally she said, "How soon do you need to know?"

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