

voluntary services to the University and the university community. Future events are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Again, if you have advice to proffer or issues you wish addressed, please do not hesitate to contact me at 374-0874 of any other member of the Executive.

Murray P. Scharf

IN MEMORY

Aninda Chakravarti

Deceased December 1, 2007
Geography Department
1965 - 1994

Donald Rennie

Deceased: December 23, 2007
College of Agriculture, Soil
Science
1952 - 1989

W. Harold Silvester

Deceased January 31, 2008
Accounting, College of
Commerce
1974 -1994

Girdhari Lal Saini

Deceased February 7, 2008
Dept. of Mathematics
1967 -

USRA PROGRAMS 2008

*(Please mark your calendars
for these events!)*

Thurs., Feb. 28- 12 Noon
Dr. Michael Pomedli
St. Thomas Moore College
*(Mano's Restaurant 200-
1820 8th St. E.)*

Thurs., March 27 – 12 Noon
Dr. George Sofko
**"The Real Elephant and
Mouse Story - the Sun and
the Earth".**
*(Mano's Restaurant 200-
1820 8th St. E.)*

Saturday, April 26
Richard Schwier –
Computers & Technology
**Day – *We will spend the
morning with hands-on
demonstrations of how to
make the best use our
computers***

**May – tour of Canadian
Light Source and lunch at
Boffins (date to be finalized
in March)**

**June 2 – USRA Annual
Barbecue, Faculty Club**

Christmas Reception

**We sincerely thank President
Peter MacKinnon for his
generosity in again opening
his home for the Christmas
Reception. It was enjoyed
greatly by all who attended the
event.**

Registering for regular University courses

As you no doubt know, people over 65 years of age can take University of Saskatchewan courses either for credit or as auditors without paying tuition; only student fees have to be paid. Now undergraduate students are required to buy a bus pass, and people who already have a senior's bus pass bought directly from Saskatoon Transit do not qualify for exemption. This would mean having to buy two passes for the same time. The solution is to register as an "audit only" student. For this category, student fees are reduced and the bus pass is not required.

SSCL courses

Another option is to take the non-credit courses offered at the University by Saskatchewan Seniors' Continued Learning. Information is available at P. O. Box 8695, Saskatoon, SK, S7K 6S5, or call (306) 343-6773, or visit the website at <http://www.extension.usask.ca/ExtensionDivision/noncredit/Adults/>

Registration is now open for spring classes, which begin in March.

Functions of Interest to Retirees:

March 1, 7:30 PM Greystone Singers Winter Concert, Convocation Hall

March 8th, 7:30 PM Mozart Requiem with Greystone Singers, University Chorus and Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra Saturday

Greystone Theatre:

March 26 Preview

March 27 – April 5, 2008

She Stoops to Conquer

Written by Oliver Goldsmith
Directed by Dwayne Brenna
in the John Mitchell Building
(306) 966-5188 or (306) 966-5177

University Retirees Lounge on Campus!

When the College Building (Admin Building) was re-opened, **Room 132** on the ground floor was set aside for the use of University retirees as a lounge and meeting place. The room has comfortable chairs and facilities for making coffee and tea. It is open for use during University business hours.

When you are on campus, drop in for a visit. We encourage retirees to make use of the lounge. If the door is locked, go to the University Secretaries office (212) to obtain a key.

Membership in the USRA

At present, there are 286 paid-up members of the Association and another 40 whose dues are no more than a year in arrears. Almost 80% of the paid up members have elected to become Life Members, an option which, for many of us with progressively diminishing memory, eliminates the need to worry about renewing. For those who pay dues on an annual basis, the key to knowing when their membership expires is on the mailing label for the newsletter (or beside their name if they receive it by email) on which the year of expiry is shown. Annual dues are for the period July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

Currently the annual membership fee is \$15 and that for a life membership is dependent on age according to the following schedule:

Age (on July 1)	Fee
<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
University of Sask. Retirees Association
RJD Williams,
221 Cumberland Ave.
Saskatoon, SK S7N 1M3

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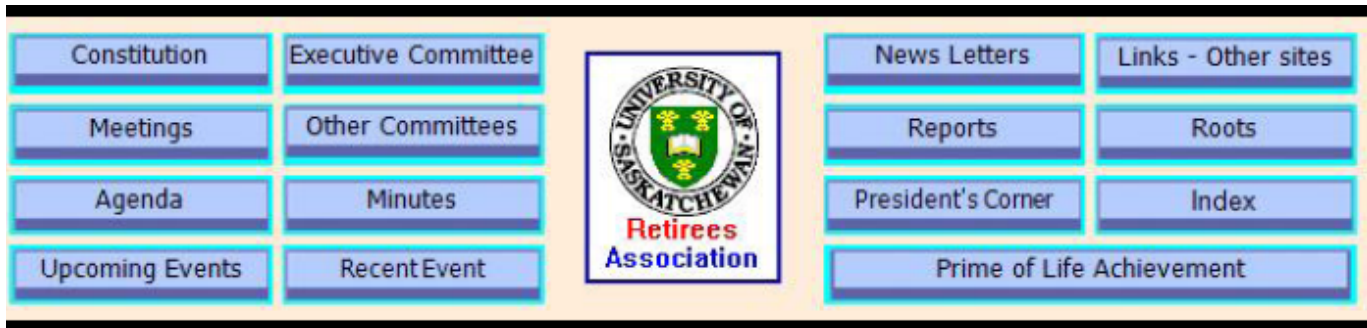
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Barry McLennan
Dale Miquelon
Mohindar Sachdev
Bob Sanche
Nancy Senior
George Sofko
Duff Spafford

It's winter in Canada
And the gentle breezes blow
Seventy miles an hour
At twenty-five below.

Oh, how I love Canada
When the snow's up to your butt
You take a breath of winter
And you nose gets frozen shut.

Yes, the weather here is wonderful
So I guess I'll hang around
I could never leave Canada -
'Cause I'm frozen to the ground!!

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Engineers:

Bubba and Ray were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up. A woman walked by and asked what they were doing.

"We're supposed to find the height of the flagpole," said Bubba, "but we don't have a ladder."

The woman took a wrench from her purse, loosened a few bolts, and laid the pole down. Then she took a tape measure from her pocket, took a measurement, announced, "Eighteen feet, six inches," and walked away.

Ray shook his head and laughed. "Ain't that just like a *woman!* We ask for the height and she gives us the length!"

Bubba and Ray are currently doing government work, supervising in Ottawa.

After 42 Years of Marriage:

After being married for 42 years, I took a careful look at my wife on day and said, "Honey 42 years ago we had a cheap apartment, a cheap car, slept on a sofa bed and watched a 10 inch black and white TV , but I got to sleep every night with a hot 19 year old gal.

Now I have \$ 500,000 home, a \$45,000 car, a nice big bed and a plasma screen TV, but I'm sleeping with a 61 year old woman. It seems you're not holding up your side of things."

My wife is a very reasonable woman, she told me to go out and find a hot 19-year-old gal, and she would make sure that I would once again be living in a cheap apartment, driving a cheap car, sleeping on a sofa bed and watching a 10-inch black and white TV,

AREN'T OLDER WOMEN GREAT? THEY REALLY KNOW HOW TO SOLVE YOUR MID-LIFE CRISIS!

We Need Your Input!

As noted by President Murray, we seek your input regarding USRA programs or suggestions for the Newsletter.

Please take a moment to contact either the USRA web site or Jim Blackburn at 374-9751 (jblackburn@sasktel.net)

Jim Blackburn, Editor