

# SASKATCHEWAN RETIREES ASSOCIATION NEWS

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#### **USRA Annual General Meeting and Banquet**

You are invited:

Monday, September 8 – USRA Annual General Meeting, Faculty Club

4:30 – Annual General Meeting (agenda – see page 4)

5:30 PM – Refreshments

6:00 PM – Banquet

# 35.00 per person

Please RSVP by Thursday, Sept. 4 to determine the number attending: e-mail: ss.usra@usask.ca or telephone: 966-6618

PAC (R) Lot is available to public after 5:00 P.M. with a flat \$2.00 charge.



The beginning of the new academic year has always solicited great expectations and rekindled satisfaction with the many accomplishments of the previous years. For the 2008-2009 year, the same enthusiasm and reflective satisfaction have continued. During 2007-2008, the Association had a very active

program with special events scheduled for each month of the year and with activities integrated with the centennial celebrations of the University of Saskatchewan. Progress was made in our shift from a benefits-based organization to a social/educational/support organization dedicated to promoting the quality of life of our members and to enhancing the academic life of the University of Saskatchewan.

During 2008-2009 we look forward to adding to the list with participation in the Chancellor's International

Tours, the offering of local and regional tours, the elaboration of thematic monthly activities, the creation of special interest groups, and the formation of College and Unit Chapters. Also, we hope the Association can support other activities initiated by individuals and groups of members.

On behalf of the Executive, I wish to welcome the new and to greet the "old" members. With the changes in the membership criteria, we have the pleasure of greeting Sessionals for the first time into our sancto sanctorum.

#### Message from President Murray Scharf:

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 attendance the Annual General Meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> 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 – <u>ss.usra@usask.ca</u> 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 <u>uofs.chancellor@usask.ca</u> 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** 

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> 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 <u>ss.usra@usask.ca</u>