

USRA Speaker Series 2010

(Please mark your calendar for these events!)

USRA Speaker Series sessions are held at **Mano's Restaurant** on 8th Street, beginning with lunch at **12 Noon**, followed by a half-hour presentation and a question and response session. The Speaker Series for Spring 2010 consists of the following:

Thursday January 21, 2010

Peter England

Bassoonist with Saskatoon Symphony; distinguished band director, teacher, adjudicator and clinician; President of Sask. Culture.

Topic: *The Fine Arts Scene in Saskatoon.*

Thursday, March 18, 2010

Gerald Seniuk, Saskatchewan Chief Justice (Retired)

Topic: *An assessment of the Judicial System: Power of the Word or Power of the Purse?*

To attend, please contact **Jim Blackburn** (374-9751) - jblackburn@sasktel.net

Workshops and Activities

Saturday, February 20th

Jay Wilson et al. – Computer Workshop
Room 3134, Education Building, 3rd Floor

Session 1: Communication Tools, Blogs, Twitter, Wiki, etc.

9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Cost: \$10 per person

Session 2: Website Development and Management

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost: \$10 per person

Enroll: Phone Marj or Murray Scharf, 374-0874 (Jay Wilson is an Assistant Professor of Curriculum Studies, Communications and Technology, in the College of Education)
(Max 25 participants per session)

Saturday, March 20th

Barry Brown - Photography Workshop
9:00 am. to 12:00 noon, Cost: \$10 per person
Education Building, Room – to be posted

U of S Retiree Honours

Larry Fowke

Larry Fowke, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Biology, has been elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, joining 1800 other academics selected for fellowships by their peers in recognition of outstanding contributions to the arts and sciences.

Fowke joined the U of S in 1970. His research centers on understanding cell division in plants, how cells move material from outside their membranes to inside, and the cloning of conifers.

Henry Woolf

On the occasion of his 80th birthday, Henry Woolf, retired professor and Head of the University of Saskatchewan Drama Department, was honoured at a party held on January 8 at the Frank and Ellen Remai Arts Centre. Aaron Hursch, representing the Saskatoon and Area Theatre Awards group, presented Henry with its Award for Continuing Theatre Achievement. It will subsequently be known as the Henry Woolf Award.

Asked for a few words of wisdom for his fellow U of S retirees, Henry advises that we pay little heed to the passage of time and look always to the future.

C.M. Williams

C. M. "Red" Williams, Professor Emeritus in the Animal and Poultry Science Department, recently received one of the "Top 25 Canadian Awards" from the Canadian Association of Retired Persons. The citation described him as a mentor, volunteer and inspiration for the boomer generation.

Executive Committee meetings for 2010:
January 4; February 1; March 1; April 5; May 3 and June 7. **All at 2:00pm, Retirees' Lounge, U of S.**

Gleanings From the Minutes

(This is a new column to highlight important items from Executive Committee meetings)

November 2nd Executive minutes

- An invitation for retirees to attend the University President's Christmas reception was received.
- Jim Blackburn requested that Barry Brown take a photo of the new Executive Committee and also send copies of the pictures taken at the AGM and banquet.
- Kevin Wilson was confirmed as the new Vice-President of the USRA.
- It was agreed that the 2010 AGM would be held on September 20, 2010.
- An Ad hoc committee on the future role of the USRA was established, chaired by Michael Hayden.

December 7th Executive Minutes

- A tentative meeting was set for President MacKinnon to meet with the USRA Executive committee at 2:15 pm Feb. 1st.
- Eileen Harvey presented the committee report with plans to revitalize the Prime of Life Achievement Awards.
- Kurt Tischler presented the first report of the Ad hoc committee on the future role of the USRA.
- Dean Jones agreed to review the USRA web site and to recommend needed improvements.
- President Jim Blackburn reported that Barry Brown provided photos taken at the 2009 AGM & banquet.

January 4th Executive Minutes

- Chair Jim Blackburn reported that the February 1st meeting with President MacKinnon is set.
- Eileen Harvey presented an update of the work of the Prime of Life Achievement Awards Committee.
- Michael Hayden presented the second report of the Ad hoc committee on the future role of the USRA.

USRA EXECUTIVE 2009-2010

President: Jim Blackburn

Past President: Murray Scharf

Vice President: Kevin Wilson

Secretary: Yvonne Cuttle

Treasurer: Ken Smith

Members at Large:

Yvonne Brown

Les Coleman

Eileen Harvey

Michael Hayden

Faye Kernan

Dale Miquelon

Bob Sanche

Nancy Senior

George Sofko

Duff Spafford

Kurt Tischler

Bob Woods

Prime of Life Achievement Award

The University of Saskatchewan Retirees Association (USRA) requests your assistance in identifying and nominating prospective recipients of the Prime of Life Achievement Award (PLAA) that honours and gives recognition to former faculty and staff after retirement. If you know an individual who fits the Award description below, please submit a nomination.

History

The University and its respective Colleges often recognize and reward employees for outstanding accomplishments while working at the University of Saskatchewan. However, if after retirement a former University employee receives special awards or recognition, the University does not have a mechanism by which to offer recognition and congratulations. In 1997, the USRA inaugurated such a mechanism.

The first awards were given in 1997 to a backlog of 60 worthy recipients. Since that time, a further 24 Awards have been presented. Please see insert for the list of past Award recipients.

Award Description

The PLAA honours and expresses appreciation to former faculty and staff who have been recognized for outstanding scholarly, artistic or service contributions achieved **after their retirement**. Such contributions would have been recognized internationally, nationally or locally (e.g., Order of Canada, Saskatchewan Order of Merit, honorary lifetime recognitions from national or provincial professional societies or associations, honorary degrees, national artistic commissions, Saskatoon Citizen of the Year, etc.)

The award is presented each year in the fall, at the banquet following the USRA AGM.

Nomination Forms

The PLAA Committee invites nominations from the University community; however, anyone may nominate a worthy candidate. A nomination form is included as an insert in this Newsletter. Should you require additional nomination forms, please send us an email at ss.usra@usask.ca, call the USRA Office at 966-6618, or download a form from the USRA website (www.usra.usask.ca) when it becomes available there.

Please note that two signatures are required for the nomination. A complete post-retirement CV may be requested.

Of Interest To Retirees

Artists For Station 20 West

On Sunday February 7, at 8 pm, Artists for Station 20 West will come together to support this important project promising positive change in Saskatoon's core communities. The show is sponsored by, and takes place at, Grosvenor Park United Church -- corner of Cumberland Avenue and 14th St. E.

The show will be hosted by Brenda Baker and will include artists such as: Andrea Menard, Eileen Laverty, Gillian Snider, Yann Martel, Henry Woolf, the Amati Quartet, and many other well-known musicians and artists.

Tickets are available at McNally Robinson Booksellers, Darren's Music, Grosvenor Park United Church, and the Station 20 West office. Please call 653-3245 for more information.

E-Mail Addresses Requested

In addition to the distribution of the USRA Newsletter to some members via e-mail, we also send e-mail reminders just before our USRA events to those living in or near Saskatoon. We request that you send us your e-mail address so we can keep you up to date with our activities.

Please send an e-mail to ss.usra@usask.ca requesting to be added to our e-mail distribution list and, if you wish, to receive the Newsletter by e-mail. In order to respect privacy and keep addresses confidential, we take care to send these e-mails as "blind carbon copies."

Prime of Life Achievement Award Recipients

1997

Allen, J. R.
Ambrose, E.R.
Anderson, C.S.
Bailey, D.A.
Baker, H.R.
Bakhshi, N.N.
Beck, R.N.
Bell, J.M.
Bigland, C.
Bornstein, E.
Brack, R.E.
Brewster, E.
Carter, R.C.
Cates, W.F.
Chakravarti, A.K.
Cotter, W.A.
Coupland, R.T.
Crawford, R. D.
Cribb, P.H.
Day, S.E.
Dommasch, H.S.
Egnatoff, J. G.
El-Serafi, A.M.
Fedoroff, S.
Gray, D.M.
Greenough, P.R.
Hamilton, G.
Hass, G.,
Henry, J.L.
Holmes, I.H.
Horlick, L.
Houston, S.C.
Howard, T.M.
Hrudka, F.
Jackson, P.
Knott, D.R.
Kupsch, W.O.
Kyle, M.
Lane, P.R.
Lawson, P.A.
Laxdal, O.E.
MacLean, H.
Murphy, G.J.
Neis, V.
Rennie, D.
Richards, J.H.
Riekman, G.A.
Roe, W.F.
Sachdev, M.
Saunders, J.R.

Schmeiser, D.
Schnell, B.R.
Simpson, E. C.
Smith, C.
Sosulski, F.
St. Arnaud, R.
Stinson, E.W.
Wallace, W.
Whale, W.B.
Williams, C.M.

1998

Dabbs, D.H.
Fedoruk, S.O.
Fulton, F.
Gerrard, J.W.
Harrison, M.
Howell, W.E.
Kennedy, E.J.
Newman, M.

1999

Emson, H.E.
Katz, L.
Slinkard, A.E.
Strayer, R.C.

2000

Green, M.A.
Nixon, H.R.
Wolfe, B.
Wyant, G.

2001

Crowle, M.
Dorotich, D.

2003

Mills, I.
Shook, C.A.

2004

Vella, F.

2005

Kaplan, D.
Nikiforuk, P.

2006

Radostits, O.

University of Saskatchewan Retirees Association
Prime of Life Achievement Award Nomination Form

Nomination Information

Name of nominee: _____

College or unit of the U of S:

Description and dates of nominee's outstanding award(s) or recognition:
Any other comments that might help in preparation of citation:

Printed name, address and phone number of first nominator:

Signature of first nominator: _____

Date: _____

Printed name, address and phone number of second nominator:

Signature of second nominator: _____

Date: _____

Please forward to Eileen Harvey, Chair, Prime of Life Achievement Awards Committee,
University of Saskatchewan Retirees Association, RJD Williams Building, 221 Cumberland
Ave., Saskatoon, SK S7N 1M3, or email to e.harvey@usask.ca