

# UMAR News Summer 2006

*Newsletter of The University of Memphis Association of Retirees*

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## UMAR awards scholarship for 2006-2007

By Bob Boone

UMAR has named Carrie McIvor the second recipient of the annual UMAR Scholarship. Her scholarship will be in effect for the school year 2006-2007. Ms. McIvor is a senior enrolled in the Lowenberg School of Nursing at The University of Memphis.

In addition to having an outstanding academic record, Ms. McIvor is president of the Student Nurses Association and a member of Phi Kappa Phi. While carrying a full academic load during the summer, she is a student worker at Methodist Hospital. She also puts in some hours at St. Jude Children's Hospital.



Carrie McIvor

Her mother, Jean McIvor, an Associate Professor of Nursing at The University of Memphis, is rightfully proud of her daughter and especially that she has chosen to go into the nursing profession. We hope Ms. McIvor will be able to join us at the annual Christmas meeting so that she and the membership will have the opportunity to get acquainted.

The UMAR Scholarship is awarded annually in the amount of \$1000 to an outstanding junior or senior currently enrolled at the university with a minimum grade point average of 3.5. Preference is given to qualified applicants who are dependents (sons/daughters/grandchildren) of current or retired faculty / staff members of the university.

In order to continue our scholarship program, we encourage donations to the UMAR Scholarship Fund. Donations may be made by sending a check to The University of Memphis Foundation, with notation noting that it is a gift to support the UMAR Scholarship Fund, Account #279. Donations should be mailed to The University of Memphis Foundation, P. O. Box 1000, Dept. 238, Memphis, TN 38101-9840.

If you have any questions regarding the UMAR Scholarship Program, please contact Bob Boone, Scholarship Coordinator, telephone (901) 757-5733.



## Learning, worshiping, eating and touring make a full day for UMAR

March 21, 2006, was a full day for several UMAR members who met for the Mix and Match Spring Trip planned by Bill Crump. The first stop was at the Child Advocacy Center at 1085 Poplar Avenue, in the building many knew in years past as the Flames Restaurant. There, the group learned to appreciate the much-needed work being done at the Center to help sexually and physically abused children in the Memphis community "to become children again." The group was shocked to learn the number of abused children and was challenged to help through volunteer service. Each UMAR visitor took a teddy bear to add to the collection maintained at the Center for their child clients. (To learn more about the Center, go to their website: [www.memphiscac.org](http://www.memphiscac.org).)

The next stop was at Calvary Episcopal Church, the historic downtown church known widely for its annual Lenten Services. Here the group scattered to find seats among the many who had already gathered to hear the guest speaker, Rabbi Micah Greenstein. After the service, individuals made their way down to the famous Waffle Shop for a much anticipated noonday meal. The elbow-to-elbow seating made for lively conversation with fellow UMAR members as well as with other friends and acquaintances sharing the same table.

The final stop was at the Fire Museum, which was a short walk from Calvary. During the tour of the museum, the group learned the history of the fire department in Memphis through vintage equipment and film. The tour included lessons on fire safety and prevention, the most dramatic of which was a simulated experience of being in a rapidly-spreading house fire. Afterwards, the group took a quiz on their knowledge and was rewarded with refreshments and souvenirs.

## 2006 Retirees

Athletics  
Archeology & Anthropology  
AUSP-CRISCI  
Carpenter Shop/PPP  
Communication & Fine Arts  
Custodial Services

Custodial Services/PPP  
Earthquake Research & Info.  
Economics  
Education  
Engineering  
English

Extended Programs  
Foreign Languages & Literature  
Health Services  
History  
Human Resources  
Information Systems  
Leadership  
Libraries  
Management  
Mathematical Sciences  
Psychology  
Physical Plant  
Physical Plant/Custodial Svcs.  
Physical Plant/Lock Shop  
Physical Plant & Planning  
Public Safety  
Residence Life  
Sociology  
University Center

Mr. James "Al" Brown  
Mrs. Dorothy Mae Mosby  
Mr. Gary L. Romine  
Ms. Gloria Clemons  
Ms. Marilyn Godwin  
Ms. Mary Bennett  
Mr. Otis Hunter  
Ms. Velsie J. Wright  
Ms. Gloria Clemons  
Dr. Paul Rydelek  
Dr. David Ciscel  
Mr. Edward B. Orio  
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Dr. William H. O'Donnell  
Ms. Ruthie Boyce  
Dr. Jose L. Freire  
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Dr. James I. Penrod  
Mrs. Kit Sam Byunn  
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Dr. Charles J. Long  
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Mr. Willie M. Davis  
Mr. Robert Meek  
Mr. John L. Crosby  
Mr. Lee Sims, Jr.  
Mrs. Ruby Jean Lott  
Ms. Rebecca F. Guy  
Mr. John Jay Andersen

## New University Directory Listing

Retired faculty and staff have a special section in the University of Memphis Directory each year. If for one reason or another your name does not appear in the 2005/2006 issue, and you wish it to be included in the new 2006/2007 directory, please contact Everlena Smith at 678-4376 (email is evsmith@memphis.edu). Everlena is UMAR's liaison to the University. Please supply her with the necessary information: complete name; address; city, state and zip code; and phone number.

## In Memoriam

Altha Conley Brown, July 2006  
Kurt F. Flexner, July 2006  
Betsy Harris, April 2006  
Cornelius A. (Neil) Krapels, June 2006  
Donald B. Matthews, April 2006  
Nelle Elizabeth Moore, April 2006  
Robert H. Murry, Sr., May 2006  
Meredith Poole, July 2006  
James P. Skipper, April 2006

## The 2006 Traces Award

This is a call for nominations for the 2006 Traces Award. The Traces Award is given each year to a U of M retiree in recognition of his or her life of outstanding service and scholarship and the continuing effort to provide service and scholarship.

It was first awarded in 2003 and a call for nominations is printed in the UMAR Newsletter each year. All U of M retirees are eligible for the award whether UMAR members or not, and a committee made up of previous recipients chooses one among the nominations for the Award. The selection committee is made up of the three most recent recipients and these three are ineligible for making a nomination. The Chair of the selection committee will be the earliest recipient of the Award among the three.

If you wish to nominate someone for the Traces Award, send your nomination to Lester J. Pourciau, Jr., 4320 Sequoia Rd., Memphis, TN 38117, so that he will have it in hand by November 1.

## Sunshine Corner

If you become aware that a U of M retiree is ill or has passed away, please contact Joanne Lippy with the information. Her phone number is 388-6515 and email address is jklippy@bellsouth.net. Your help would be very much appreciated!

Please send news about your current activities and interests to share with UMAR members. Include your name, former U of M department, address, phone, e-mail address, and, if you wish, a photo to Janell Rudolph, *UMAR News* Editor, 8952 E. Glendale Ct., Cordova, TN 38018. Email to nrudolph@memphis.edu. Letters may be edited to fit space limitations.

The UMAR Spring Barbecue Picnic on May 21 was at "Plum-Nelly," the Eads studio of Agnes Stark.

## A Picnic Remembered

By Bill Crump

I and my grandson were sitting in the shade to assist in parking cars at the UMAR spring picnic. My grandson made the remark that he could tell which cars on the road were about to turn into the parking lot because they were old people's cars.

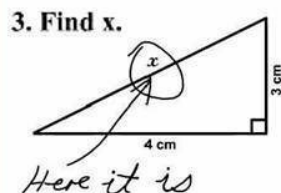
I was irked by this remark but made no comment. About that time a fire-engine red Corvette convertible turned into the lot. It was driven by an older gentleman in overalls. Needless to say, I did not need to make a remark to my grandson as Gene and Ann Smith emerged from the car. A few minutes later, as if on cue, Jerry and Donna Sparger arrived in a beautiful white convertible. My grandson gained a new perspective on people, age and the cars they drive.

Agnes Stark's country place in Plum-Nelly was beautiful and Bozo's Bar-B-Que was as good as ever. Laura Snyder sat on the porch of the log cabin and provided beautiful vocal music with her guitar. Laura's selections of gentle, plain Celtic folk songs were well-received. With nearly fifty people in attendance and the wine flowing freely, we had a great time. To add a little excitement to the picnic, a raffle was held and two prizes were awarded. The Caplingers won a beautiful chip and dip bowl made by Agnes and the Boones won a blue and gray table runner that I provided.



## Why education sometimes fails

This problem supposedly was put on a math test and shows an unenlightened student's response. It is said that the student was given credit and the teacher was asked to be more specific in the future.



## Words from the famous

"Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint."--Mark Twain

"Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year."--Victor Borge

## Lost in Translation

Those of you who still use your U of M email account may have been notified recently about the rejection of several emails similar to the following two which obviously came from foreigners using an English-language dictionary. They must have been hired to send the same message, but the words they chose were different. If you were curious enough to look at them anyway, the laugh was worth the nuisance—especially if you've ever tried to communicate in another language yourself. And we wonder why no one understands us!

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# UMAR: A Bargain For Members

By Butch Alford

The University of Memphis Association of Retirees (UMAR) was founded in 1974 as the Emeriti Club. Its major purpose was to allow retirees to maintain those relationships established during their careers in higher education.

With its membership at 200, the organization fosters the camaraderie of colleagues and friends at various outings, field trips and social activities. Among those are an annual Christmas holiday luncheon, twice annual "Coffee and Conversation" events on campus and monthly "First Tuesday Breakfasts" at Shoney's on Sycamore View and Summer Ave.

UMAR members also support a yearly \$1,000 memorial scholarship through the U of M Foundation. Priority for this scholarship is given to dependents of association members or current university faculty and staff.

Campus parking benefits are available to UMAR members having a current emeriti hangtag decal available at no charge from the Parking Office in the Zach Curlin Parking Garage. (To view campus parking policies, go to the Parking Services website at [bf.memphis.edu/parking](http://bf.memphis.edu/parking). "Emeriti" parking is for all retirees, the term referring to

the former name of the retiree association. For questions, call 901-678-2212.)

Annual dues are only \$25 and members are encouraged to assist the organization in acquiring recent retirees as well as any other former university employees to become involved with UMAR. Why not make a call to a former associate today?

Additional information about the organization is available from Everlena Smith at 678-4376 or by e-mailing Frank Dyer, UMAR president, at [fdyer@matcu.com](mailto:fdyer@matcu.com).

## Coffee and Conversation

The Fall 2006 Coffee and Conversation is set for September 12, 10:00-11:30am. at the home of President Shirley Raines. The speaker will be Professor Jerry Goldstein of the Math Department. Coffee, fruit and pastries will be provided—\$7.50 for individuals, \$10 for couples. UMAR members will be mailed further information in late August.



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