



# University of Michigan Retirees Association

Volume 8, No. 7

April-May 2005

## Social Hour Programs

**On April 24** our guest speaker will be Monica Myklebust MD, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine. She will speak on **Integrative Medicine—Blending the Best of Conventional and Alternative Medicines**. A discussion period will follow.

**On May 12** Fred Beutler will present **A Traveling Senior Encounters India**. India is a fascinating country that poses serious challenges to a travelling senior. Fred will give us glimpses of the sights of this huge and colorful land. He will tell us how, as a senior traveller, we can enjoy these sights comfortably and safely.

THE MAY 12 MEETING WILL BE THE LAST UNTIL SEPTEMBER.  
THE OFFICERS OF UMRA WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY AND FRUITFUL SUMMER.

## IN THIS ISSUE

- Reports of the February and March social hours
- Photographs of UMRA's new meeting facilities at the Best Western
- An announcement from the UMRA Hiking/Walking Group
- Meeting and contact information

## The UM President's Residence

Anne Duderstadt, wife of former UM President James Duderstadt, spoke to the UMRA January social hour. She has made a personal project of researching and recording the history of the residence used by UM presidents, beginning with President Tappan in 1852. Descriptions of the house as it was in the times of Presidents Tappan and Haven were followed by pictures showing the modifications made during the tenure of Presidents Angell (president for 39 years), Hutchins, Burton, Little, Ruthven (32 years), Hatcher, Fleming, Shapiro, Duderstadt, Bollinger and, now, President

Coleman. These presidents arrived in Ann Arbor with diverse backgrounds, and the modifications made to the house over the years reflect their individual influences. They and their families contributed to the appearance of the presidential residence and to the campus as a whole. As the house now exists it is a combination of family living space and a facility for campus social affairs and meetings. It has been structurally improved, is air conditioned, and should serve the University for decades to come. A DVD featuring the history of the residence will be available in the future.

**TERMS ENDING IN 2004**

Frederick J. Beutler  
1717 Shadford Rd.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
663-4870 (fjb@umich.edu)

Fred Remley  
1012 Pomona Rd.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
747-9220 <fredr@umich.edu>  
NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Douglas Woolley  
2770 Dayton Dr.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48108  
971-0124  
(douglaswoolley@yahoo.com)  
PRESIDENT

**TERMS ENDING IN 2005**

Donald R. Brown  
2511 Hawthorne Rd.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
665-3894  
(donbro@umich.edu)

Patricia Butler  
7870 Parker Rd.  
Saline, MI 48176-9336  
944-1918 (pbutler@ic.net)  
VICE PRESIDENT

Larry Katz  
9241 Pine Hill Ct.  
Saline, MI 48197  
429-0414  
(cakatz@umich.edu)

**TERMS ENDING IN 2006**

Robert Green  
2125 Nature Cove Ct.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
677-1517 (rgreen@umich.edu)

Ethel Rathbun  
1489 Chateau Vert E.  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197  
572-8575 (rathbun@umich.edu)  
SECRETARY

Donald L. Thiel  
3660 Miller Ave.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
663-0292 (dlthiel@comcast.net)  
TREASURER

**President Emeritus**

Wilfred Kaplan  
1308 Olivia Ave.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
662-0119 (wilkap@umich.edu)

**Consultant**

Leon P. Zukowski  
2674 Packard Rd.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
971-8138 (leezukowski@mindspring.com)

Social Hour Details

UMRA social hours are held most months during the academic year on second-Thursday afternoons from 3 to 5 PM. All UM retirees are cordially invited to attend. The gatherings usually include light refreshments--coffee, sliced fruit, cookies, and soft drinks. Social hour programs begin at 3:15 PM and continue until about 5:00 PM. Announcements about speakers and programs are made in this newsletter, in University Record *Events* notices, and at <www.umich.edu/~hraa/umra>, the UMRA web site.

Meeting Locations

Social hour gatherings are held at the Best Western Motel, 2900 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor. Parking is plentiful, and easy access to the meeting room is gained by using the Ballroom entrance at the rear of the building. Handicap access is good. Other venues are used from time to time. Please check the meeting notice on Page 1 to find the latest information.

**The University of Michigan Retirees Association Newsletter**

2072 Administrative Services Bldg, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-1432

The Administrative Services Building is located at the intersection of Hoover and Green Streets. Parking is available nearby.

**Web site:** <www.umich.edu/~hraa/umra>

**President:** Douglas Woolley, (734) 971-0124, <douglaswoolley@yahoo.com>

**Membership and dues:** Donald Thiel, (734) 663-0292, <dlthiel@comcast.net>

**Newsletter items:** Fred Remley, (734) 747-9220, <fredr@umich.edu>

**Administrative contact:** Lee Zukowski, (734) 971-8138, <leezukowski@mindspring.com>

**Address changes or missing issues:** Bridget Kerr, (734) 936-8626, <kerrba@umich.edu>



# Life and Learning to Combine in North Quad

The February 10 meeting featured a talk on past, present and future housing accommodations for University of Michigan students. Our speaker was Carole S. Henry, Director of University Housing and Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs. Her topic was Residential Life and Learning.

Student housing has been in the news of late because of announced plans to replace the Frieze Building with a new student dormitory and additional departmental space. Quoted below are parts of UM statements concerning the North Quad Project, as the complex will be called. This material is excerpted from The Residential Life Initiatives, planning documents that Dr. Henry circulated at our meeting.

## The Vision

*"I want our University to invest time, effort, and funding in expanding and improving the residential experience of our students. We can find a host of new ways to provide a better environment for learning and living in our residence halls. Our staff and our deans have expressed great enthusiasm for the possibilities we foresee in linking residential and academic experiences."*

*"I envision that this space will become a magnet location on campus—creating a density of activity, including dining options—that will be available day and night for students and faculty. Shared spaces might include meeting rooms, production facilities, studios, classrooms, seminar rooms or a small auditorium—spaces that can be used by faculty and students, together and individually, for creative and scholarly projects. These shared spaces will complement the private spaces for residential areas and for faculty offices."*

—President Mary Sue Coleman



Carol Henry

The North Quad project represents an exciting, fresh approach that will allow the University of Michigan to address two important needs. Located where the Frieze Building is today, North Quad will include a new suite-style residence hall for at least 500 students, and also new academic space with greatly improved facilities for our academic departments. Although we are just beginning the specific facilities design process, the vision for North Quad combines areas of flexible, shared space with areas distinctly dedicated to residence and academic needs.

This new concept will be the first opportunity to implement President Coleman's vision to more closely link students' academic and residential experiences. It will be a showcase for the ideas to create those links and enhance the quality of the student experience.

## Editor's note: Best Western Seems to Please February Attendees!

An informal survey of members, conducted immediately after the February social hour, elicited generally positive reactions to the facilities at the Best Western. The refreshments were OK, the room was quiet and its chairs and tables were reasonably comfortable. UMRA President Doug Woolley welcomes comments about the new space—see page 2 for contact information. Two photographs taken during the meeting appear on page 8.



The February social hour in the Best Western meeting room

*Photos by Fred Beutler*

### NOTICE FOR UMRA HIKERS

Sandy Sipkin, organizer of the UMRA Hiking/Walking Group, tells us that the January hike had to be cancelled due to bad weather. "And it was bad!" she reports. The next scheduled hike will be at Gallup Park at 10 AM on Wednesday, March 23rd. Call Sandy at 747-8785 to learn the dates of later hikes or try her NEW email address <ssipkin@comcast.net>.

The University of Michigan Retirees  
Newsletter  
2072 Administrative Services Bldg.  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-1432