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Social Hour Programs

December 16 (note special date): – Extremes Encountered in “Big Physics” at the LHC (Large Hadron Collider). Dr. J. Chapman, Professor Emeritus of Physics, will describe the very small fragments of matter that are being studied at the LHC, the extreme energies involved, the massive detectors used, the extensive collaborations, the immense data volume, the numerous computer banks, and the application of the results to the largest physics entity we know – the cosmos. In conclusion, he will assess the relevance and significance of this work to humankind.

January 13, 2011 – Libraries in the Age of Google, Dr. Paul Courant, University Librarian & Dean of Libraries, Fac. Assoc, Survey Research Center.

February 10, 2011 – TBA (To be announced. Please reserve the date.)

March 10, 2011 – Dr. Stephan Kaplan, PhD, Professor of Psychology, College of LSA and Prof. of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, College of Engineering.

April 14, 2011 – TBA (To be announced. Please reserve the date.)

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The annual election of UMRA board members was held at the October 12 annual business meeting. Larry Jones reported for the nominating committee. Fred Beutler, Marty Eichstadt, Fred Remley and Jan Winslow Smith were nominated for three-year terms, expiring in 2013. Hylan Moises was nominated to serve a two-year term, to fill a resignation from the board. The slate was elected unanimously. The complete list of board members can be found on Page 2.

The board will elect officers for 2011 at its December meeting.

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Social Hour Details

UMRA Social Hours are held most months during the academic year on second-Thursday afternoons from 3 to 5 PM. All U-M retirees and their guests 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 the UMRA web site <www.hr.umich.edu/umra/>

Meeting Location

Social Hour gatherings are held at the Clarion Hotel, 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 notices on Page 1 to find the latest information.

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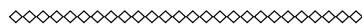


Housing for Seniors: A Report by UMRA Board Member Ellen Woodman.

Senior Housing: Options, Decisions and Experiences was the topic of a session at the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE) conference in October at Wesleyan University in Connecticut. Interested conference participants visited a completely accessible house for older persons. William Wasch of Middletown, Connecticut, with his daughter Christina Wasch, an architect, designed and built the house, which received awards from both the National Council on Aging and the National Association of Home Builders.

The specially designed and built house features interior considerations such as the main living area, located on ground level with a direct-access garage. An optional “care giver” apartment would ideally be located on a second floor or lower level. The Activities of Daily Living (ADL) checklist is considered a good standard to follow when designing accessible homes for persons with visual, hearing, mobility, bathing or other limitations. Flexibility of design should allow for any changes necessary for complete wheelchair accessibility.

Considerations related to security include ensuring the ability to communicate directly with fire, police and other emergency services. Systems allowing for the remote control of windows and lights may be important factors in equipping the house. Additional information related to the design and inclusion of modifications and features related to kitchens, bathrooms and maintenance is available in William Wasch's book *Home Planning for Your Later Years*. Copies of the book were given to those who toured the house. The book covers many relevant issues including resource evaluation, modification of existing structures, and factors to consider in choosing a retirement community .



UMRA's Tour of the UM Glassblowing Lab

On Thursday, May 27, 2010 about 30 retirees toured the glassblowing lab of Harald Eberhart at the H.H. Dow building on North Campus. There were four tours of about eight to ten people. Harald Eberhart hosted the group. The lab is not large but there is plenty of equipment that Harald uses to make his intricate blown glass research pieces. Because glass is inert it can be used for many experiments. With Harald's glassblowing ability, glass containers and equipment can be made right here on campus with constant input from the researchers who need them. Designs can be fine-tuned fairly quickly as the need arises.

Harald emigrated from Austria to the U.S. as a youth. He learned the trade from his father, starting at about age 14. Harald taught his son the craft, but the son is now working with computer systems, instead. It used to take about eight years to become a master glassblower but one can now get certified in Europe in six years.

Harald loves his work. Every day offers something new and challenging. The researchers and students come in with ideas of what they need for an experiment and it is up to him to work it through. An interesting article appeared in *Michigan Today* in 2009 when Harald and the second glassblower on campus, Roy Wentz, were interviewed. It can be accessed at <http://michigantoday.umich.edu/2009/06/story.php?id=7491&tr=y&aui>.

During our visit, there was a demonstration of several glassblowing techniques. The visit provided an opportunity to see a unique part of the University. It will be interesting to see how the researchers will handle their projects after the two glassblowers retire as there are no current plans to replace them.

Submitted by Pat Butler, Program Chair

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