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## Celebration, Serious Moments Good Food and Music

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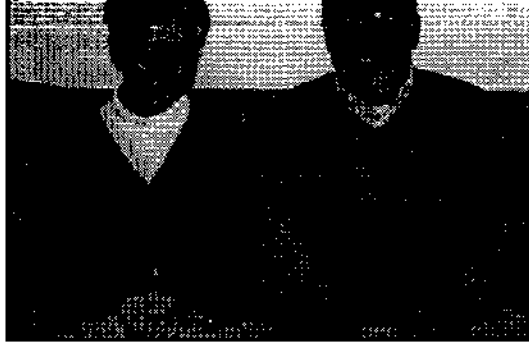
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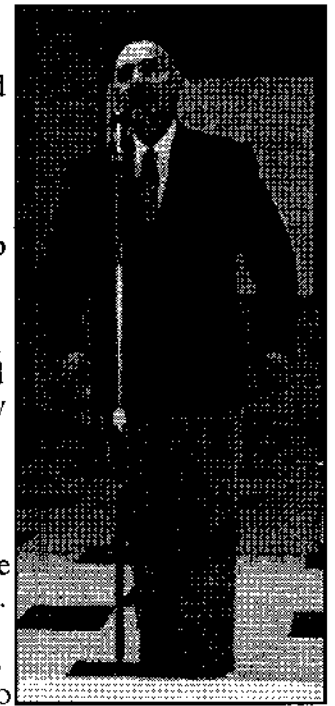
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**Registration for Winter Classes: To provide equal opportunity to enroll in high demand classes, no registrations for Winter Term will be recorded until Wednesday, December 5. Those registrations delivered in person after 8:00 am on December 5 will be processed first. Earlier mail-in registrations will be processed at the close of the day, beginning with the postmarks closest to December 5. Scholarships are available and are confidential. Contact Director Hankins to request a scholarship. Call (507) 664-3935.**

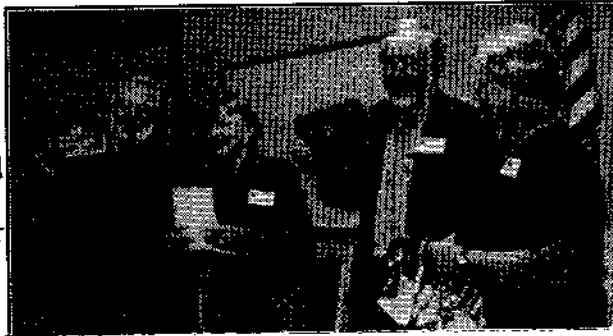
**Call for Hot Tips:** Do you know something interesting, amusing or newsworthy having to do with CVEC or its members? Call Kathy Mellstrom at 663-1451.

**Celebration**

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roles in establishing the Elder Collegium and fostering its health and growth. Ron and Keith recently relinquished their roles as Director and Associate Director.

The Troubadours, led by John Evenson and accompanied by Fran Evenson, enchanted the assembly with lovely harmonies and engaged some audience participation as well. More music, along with slides, took those with long memories back to the days of



**Collegium Founders Ron and Bettye Ronning, Keith and Bev Anderson**

WW II. Well-known faces and scenes, posters and political cartoons from the early 1940s and songs like "Shoo Fly Pie and Apple Pandowdy" and "Some En-

chanted Evening" were combined in a multi-media offering presented by member Henry Fritz of Red Wing.

The event concluded with a few words from June Cunningham of the Minnesota Humanities Commission, who commended the hard work done by Ron and other CVEC founders to get CVEC established. Our Collegium is a national model, she said, as well as inspiring at least sixteen other organizations across the state. Ron added that "the core of the Collegium is the faculty, who all have an incurable disease called teaching."

**Call for Volunteers**

The Collegium occasionally has need for volunteer labor. If you have time to spare and are interested in helping, please call Bettye Ronning at 650-2311.

**Scholarship Gifts**

Memorial Scholarship funds have been received in memory of:  
**Rita Hoffman** from Ron & Bettye Ronning, Jake & Marion Hvistendahl  
**Evelyn Molino** from Jake & Marion Hvistendahl  
**Robert Thurston** from Jim Reiley, Jake & Marion Hvistendahl  
**William Narum** from Robert & Carol Flaten

**Register December 5 for Winter Term**

Details of Winter 2002 course times, locations and descriptions are found in the enclosed registration bulletin. The term runs from January 7 to March 1, 2002. Registration begins on Wednesday, December 5 at 8:00 a.m. at the Northfield Senior Citizens Center, 1651 Jefferson Parkway, Northfield. Sign up in person if possible, to ensure enrollment in popular courses.

**Winter 2002 Courses:**

- The Short Story as a Form of Literature - II
- The Great Depression - II
- How Did It All Begin? The American Revolution Revisited
- What is it that Intrigues America with the Great Game of Baseball?
- The History of Jazz
- Biotic Citizens: Historic and Contemporary American Environmentalists

- Marion Hvistendahl
- James Reiley
- William Woehrlin
- Jim Dimick
- Ruben Haugen
- Jan Mitchell