

## A truly “cool” camp meeting

It wasn't just the sermons and the music that were refreshing this year at Michigan camp meeting. More than 350 alumni gathered for Sabbath lunch on June 19, and surprisingly they were looking for a place in the sunshine just to stay warm. Instead of the typically sweltering camp meeting heat, the food, the fellowship, the memories and the heartfelt appreciation for dinner kept everyone warm. More than 20 volunteers took on the "service towel" and efficiently fed the crowd with a smile. All alumni are invited to join us again next year.



*Alumni gather at Michigan camp meeting to enjoy good food and fellowship.*

## Alumni meeting at NAD Retirees Convocation

Greg Porter, director of development, hosted the annual alumni gathering at the North American Division Retirees



*Greg Porter*

Convention held August 1, on the Columbia Union College campus. Our “deputized” alumni correspondents, **HERB** (BA '52) and **Judy PRITCHARD**, ably assisted him. Greg was able to share the latest news from campus with these



*Judy & HERB (BA '53) PRITCHARD chat with DONALD VAN DUINEN (BA '53)*

treasured alums, and provided a late-morning snack before the retirees attended the convention's final session.

## Florida gathering

Alumni from Florida assembled at the Markham Woods church for the annual gathering during Florida camp meeting on June 5. Alumni had the opportunity to view slides of the campus and meet the newest member of the Andrews development staff, Greg Porter. Dollis Bowman received a copy of *As We Set Forth*, the campus history book, for being the alumnus who had most recently visited the Andrews campus—she had attended services at Pioneer

Memorial Church just the previous weekend. Prizes were also given to the most recent and the oldest graduates.

## Changes for Homecoming Weekend?

Because the university adopted the semester system three years ago, a number of adjustments in the calendar for non-academic departments resulted. Among these changes, Alumni Homecoming Weekend was moved from the fourth to the third weekend in April. This means Homecoming Weekend falls two weeks before graduation, and that's a lot of excitement to squeeze into two weeks!

Alumni Services, therefore, needs to consider another change in the timing of Alumni Homecoming Weekend, either earlier in April or perhaps to a weekend in early October.

More than 500 alumni responded to the online survey, requesting input on the change. Soon focus groups will be conducted with on-campus entities about the proposed changes, and a final decision is targeted for this fall.

Look for an important announcement concerning the decision in the next issue of *Focus*.