The Gray Hawk

NEWSLETTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA RETIREES ASSOCIATION





Welcome from the President

Welcome to the 2010-2011 program year of the University of Iowa Retirees Association. The Program Committee, headed by President-elect Ken Kuntz, is hard at work planning an interesting year for us. We invite you to become active by coming to our programs! (See page 2 for announcements of our first fall programs.)

Our avenue of communication is through *The Gray Hawk* newsletter edited by Dwight Jensen. He'll keep us updated about upcoming programs and other items of interest from the various committees. You can also receive information through our website. Feather Lacy is our web master. Go to **www.uiowa.edu/UIRA**, and also watch for messages from the listserve such as program reminders or any last-minute changes in meetings like rain dates.

This is your organization and the board of directors wants to respond to your needs. So please don't hesitate to contact us about concerns or requests that you have. Our board meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m. at the University of Iowa Foundation. You are invited to attend. Our new Hospitality Committee is the outgrowth of a member suggestion.

Previous boards have worked hard to keep our expenses in check so that our dues can remain at \$10 per person while still responding to the needs of our membership. Please be sure to send your current dues to Marion Johnson, 2107 Norcor Avenue, #6, Coralville, IA 52241.

A letter has been sent to all new retirees during 2010 inviting them and their spouses or partners to become members of our association. People receive their first year of membership free so they can try our organization. (You will find a list of UIRA's 78 newest members on pages 3, 4 and 5.) Please help encourage new potential members to come to our meetings.

We appreciate those who are willing to serve on the Board of Directors and on committees. When inclined, you might say a thank you to reward their dedication!

Ken Kuntz and I represented you at the Big Ten Retirees meeting at Indiana University in August where conference participants shared ideas about programming for retirees and the Arts. We enjoyed sharing ideas with other representatives.

I look forward to serving as your president for 2010-2011.

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UIRA Board Approves Changes In Bylaws

At its June 8th meeting, the UIRA Board of Directors approved several small changes in the organization's Bylaws. In summary, the changes [1] extend membership to UI faculty and staff who are in phased retirement, [2] specify that the Directors-at-large will assume Association duties as mutually agreed upon by the President and the individual Director, [3] state that new retirees and their spouses or domestic partners will receive free UIRA membership during the first year of retirement (when the membership form is completed and submitted), and [4] allow the Board to vote electronically on emergency matters and include the procedures to be used. The UIRA Bylaws, with these changes, can be found on the UIRA website: www.uiowa.edu/~uira.

Miracles in Motion Visit Planned for Sept. 16

Our first UIRA program for the 2010-11 academic year will be a visit to Miracles in Motion on **Thursday, September 16**, at **6:00 p.m.** This 76-acre center is located three miles west of I-380 at the Swisher exit. Miracles in Motion was established in 1988 to provide diverse equestrian activities with therapeutic, recreational, and educational benefits for persons with disabilities. It now serves 190 students annually with the help of more than 200 volunteers and 18 horses. Sharlynn Page is executive director.

After a 10-15 minute initial presentation, there will be a riding demonstration followed by a tour of the facilities. While you are asked to bring a sack supper, something to wet the whistle will be provided. If the program is rained out, it will be rescheduled for **Thursday, September 23, at 6:00 p.m.**

Directions: Drive north on I-380 to Exit 10 (Swisher exit) 10.5 miles north of I-80. Turn west toward Swisher. Drive through town past the Swisher post office. Continue driving for 1.4 miles. Immediately after crossing Plum Creek, make a left turn to enter the Miracles in Motion property (at that turn you will see their sign). Drive up the road to the parking lot on your right.

Watch for Other Fall Program Details

Watch for details of exciting programs being planned for later this fall. The UIRA Program Committee is arranging for a session with UI Women's Basketball Coach Lisa Bluder in October and a visit to the magnificent new Campus Recreation and Wellness Center in November.

UIRA Welcomes 78 New Members

The University of Iowa Retirees Association has gained 78 new members since the publication of the June *Gray Hawk* newsletter. They are listed below alphabetically by name with the UI office, department or college from which they retired. Those who are not UI retirees but have joined the UIRA as spouses or domestic partners also are listed.

Edward M. Allgood Materials Management, Publications

Fred Arnold Department of Nursing, UIHC

Pat Badtke Department of Marketing & Communications, UIHC

Kathryne Bassett Office of Admissions

Janice A. Baughman College of Public Health

Barbara J. Bennett University Benefits, Department of Human Resources

Jon A. Gries Spouse

Eldean Borg Public Relations, UIHC

Sheila J. Borg Spouse

June Cisler Department of Nursing, UIHC
Lee Anna Clark Department of Psychology

Marilyn Coulter Burge Marketplace

Suzanne Cowdery Graduate Department, Urban & Regional Planning

Diana Cox Department of Nursing, UIHC

Ralph Cox Spouse

Connie Dawson Health Information Management, UIHC

Robert Dawson Spouse

Pat DeJong Radiation Oncology, UIHC

Doug DeJong Spouse

Dedra Diehl Department of Family Medicine, College of Medicine Paul Diehl Dept. of English, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Lorraine Dorfman School of Social Work

Mary Lou Doyle Office of the Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Sandra J. Dunlap UI Hospitals & Clinics

Deborah Eimen Department of Nursing, UIHC

Jonnifer Ellsworth Department of Internal Medicine

Susan Emde Law Library

Michael C. Ferrel Health Care Information Systems, UIHC

Phyllis A. Ferrel Social & Patient Services, UIHC Richard J. France Information Technology Services

Susan K. France Spouse

Patricia A. Gahan Patient Registration, UIHC

Thomas F. Gahan Spouse

(new members, cont'd)

Terry R. Galvin Facilities Maintenance, University Housing

Verna Mae Galvin Spouse

Kay Hoyle College of Dentistry Administration
Leslie M. Jenkins Department of Biological Sciences

Richard Kelley Hygienic Laboratory

Linda S. Krug Department of Neurology, UIHC

Daniel S. Krug Spouse

Carolyn S. Lewis College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Donna Mattes Office of Admissions

Jerry A. Maynard Integration Physiology, Exercise Science
Rebecca Miller Speech Pathology, Rehabilitation Services

Caryol Y. Morrow Department of Nursing, UIHC
Delores Mullinnix Department of Nursing, UIHC

Jim Pitcher Radiology, UIHC

Shirley Pitcher Spouse

Nancy Ream Center for Biocatalysis/Bioprocessing

Bonnie Ritchie Department of Nursing, UIHC

John H. Ruth General Stores
Rose Marie Ruth College of Medicine
Patty Sadowski College of Pharmacy

Bill Sadowski Spouse

Larry H. Schroeder Physics and Astronomy

Judith K. Schroeder Spouse

Mary Siems College of Dentistry

Michael Sondergard Department of Marketing & Communications, UIHC

Diane Sondergard Spouse

Anne Sopher Purchasing John Sopher Spouse

Rebecca Stamy Health Care Information Systems, UIHC

Mark Long Partner

Janet Stewart Department of Nursing, UIHC

Mary Jane Stumpf Accounts Payable and Purchasing

Edward S. Thompson College of Nursing

Mary E. Villhauer Department of Food & Nutrition, UIHC

Richard E. Walton Endodontics, College of Dentistry

Laura Walton Spouse

James W. Watkinson Hygienic Laboratory

Margie A. Watkinson Speech Pathology & Audiology

(new members, cont'd)

Joyce Watts College of Public Health

Ted Wernimont Orthopedics, UI Back Care

Yvonne Wernimont Spouse

Arlene M. Wheeler Medical Genetics

Connie K. Wilken Department of Nursing, UIHC

Larry D. Wilken Spouse

Linda A. Williams Central Sterilizing, UIHC

UI Senior College Courses Still Open

The UI Senior College has announced a rich schedule of courses for the 2010 Fall Session, and classes are filling up rapidly. Some are already filled, but there are still openings in five courses. Classes meet for two hours once a week for four weeks and are open to anyone interested. Registration is \$30 for each course.

Following is a brief list of the courses still available by title, dates, time, place, and instructor:

- Eastern Iowa's Ailing Natural Landscape: Understanding Invasive species and Native Landscape Practices. Fridays, September 10, 17, 24 and October 1 from 2:30-4:20 p.m., Room 22 Schaeffer Hall. Instructor: Michael Fallon.
- How Social Media Have Changed Politics . . . and Everything.
 Wednesdays, September 15, 22, 29 and October 6 from 10:00 a.m.-noon, Room S301 Lindquist Center. Instructor: David D. Perlmutter.
- International Literature at the University of Iowa. Thursdays, September 23, 30 and October 7, 14 from 2:30-4:20 p.m., Senior Center Assembly Room. This course will be led by eight writers in residency at the UI this fall.
- Patterns of Migration in World History. Mondays, October 11, 18, 25 and November 1 from 2:30-4:20 p.m., Room 125 Trowbridge Hall. Instructor: Loren Horton.
- College Basketball "High Risk/High Reward". Tuesdays, October 19, 26 and November 2, 9 from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Room W228 Chemistry Building. Instructor: Richard Walker.

More information about courses, instructors, time and place of classes, availability and registration can be obtained from the Alumni Association at http://www.iowalum.com/srcollege/ or by calling Jane Kirsch at 319/335-3294 or 800/469-2586. A brochure is available upon request.

Deadline for October Gray Hawk Copy

Friday, September 17, is the deadline for submitting items for the October issue of *The Gray Hawk* newsletter. Please send them to Dwight Jensen by regular mail at 13 Lakeview Drive NE, Iowa City, IA 52240, or via e-mail at **dpjensen@mchsi.com.**

FRIC Minutes Available Online

Although little known to many UI employees and retirees, the Funded Retirement and Insurance Charter Committee (FRIC) plays an influential role. Its charge is to suggest and review faculty and staff retirement programs, insurance programs, medical and health programs, and "fringe benefits" for University employees. Members are appointed by the Faculty Senate and Staff Council (seven each) and confirmed by the UI President. It is co-chaired by a faculty member and a staff member.

FRIC meetings, held on the first working Friday of each month from September through May, are open to the public. The agenda and minutes of previous meetings are online at www.uiowa.edu/fric/meetings.html. Or, visit the UIRA home page at www.uiowa.edu/~uira, click Resources, and under Liaisons and Other Useful Links click University of Iowa Funded Retirement and Insurance Charter Committee (FRIC).