Enjoy Tour Of New UI Boathouse On Oct. 14

Come and enjoy the new Iowa Crew Rowing Boathouse on Wednesday, October 14, at 9:00 a.m. This is the first new green building on the Iowa campus. Mandi Kowal, Head Coach of the Hawkeye women’s rowing team, will be our host. We will have the opportunity to learn more about this collegiate sport and have a tour of the building. See the view of the river from the second-floor deck, the pervious concrete apron leading us to the river, bays with the many rowing shells and the tank with flowing water used for training. The boathouse is located in Terrell Mill Park between the Iowa River and North Dubuque Street. There is an elevator, making the second floor accessible to all.

Remember Flu Shot Clinic on Oct. 22

Don’t forget the UIRA flu vaccination clinic on Thursday, October 22, from noon to 4:00 p.m., to be conducted once again by the Visiting Nurses Association at the University of Iowa Community Credit Union, 825 Mormon Trek Boulevard. The cost is $24 per shot, payable by cash or check. The VNA will bill Medicare directly for participants in Medicare Part B, so be sure to bring your Medicare and other insurance cards as appropriate.

Donna Warner from the VNA tells us that this will be the regular seasonal flu vaccination, NOT H1N1. According to current data, people over 65 have not been impacted by the H1N1 flu as much as younger adults. Further information about the H1N1 vaccination will come at a future date.

New Time For Nov. 3 Benefits Update

The benefits update by Richard G. Saunders, UI Director of Benefits, has been rescheduled to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 3, at the Parkview Church, 15 Foster Road, directly west of North Dubuque Street. Note the change in time! We will hear about retirees’ health plans. There will be plenty of parking near the building. This program will be taped for future viewing on UITV. The viewing times will be sent out on the UIRA listserv as soon as they are established.

Arena Visit Planned For Nov. 9

A special program at Carver Hawkeye Arena with Men’s Basketball Coach Todd Lickliter, Athletics Director Gary Barta and a box lunch is planned for Monday, November 9. (See page 2 for program details.)

UIRA Welcomes New Members

Please welcome the following new UIRA members:

Brenda Moore       Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, UIHC
Violet Wardeh-Shahsar Accounts Payable & Travel.
What is all that construction going on over at Carver Hawkeye Arena? Come at 11:30 a.m. on November 9 to enjoy a box lunch followed by a tour and learn more about the basketball program and changes that will be made in the Arena and practice gyms. Coach Lickliter and Athletics Director Barta will be our hosts. Please come in the South or West doors to the Concourse. Depending on construction, you can probably park at one of the meters adjacent to the Arena or in the Dental Parking Lot across the street. We plan to complete our program by 1:00 p.m. Reservations for lunch are required. Please call 351-4753 by November 3 (there is an answering machine) or e-mail ajhood@q.com to indicate that you can attend. Also, indicate if you need a vegetarian diet.

UIRA President Penny Hall will recommend appointments to fill two Board vacancies at the Board’s October 13th meeting. The appointments, which need Board approval, are Feather Lacy for Director-at-Large for the term ending in 2012 and Ken Yerington for Association Archivist.

Twenty-one of us enjoyed the UIRA program at the Kent Park Nature Center on September 14. Johnson County Park Naturalist Brad Freidhof presented an interesting talk on the Blooms of the Prairie Flowers. He also helped us learn more about other park sites in Johnson County, enticing us to visit them. A short walk to see the flowers in bloom followed. Alice and Ken Atkinson, Nature Center volunteers, shared four seasons of pictures and helped us enjoy the displays in the building.

Beginning with this issue, The Gray Hawk will move up its deadlines so that those of you who still receive the printed version will get it in your mailboxes earlier in the month. We hope the earlier publication will keep members better informed about upcoming programs. For the November issue, the deadline for submitting items will be Friday, October 16. 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.