Happy Holidays!

Remember The Nov. 3 Benefits Update
At the UIRA’s first November program, Richard G. Saunders, UI Director of Benefits, will explain any changes that are coming in retirees’ benefits, particularly health plans. The program is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 3, at the Parkview Church, 15 Foster Road, directly west of North Dubuque Street.

Parking will be available near the building. The program will be taped for future viewing on UITV. Viewing times will be sent out on the UIRA listserv as soon as they are available.

Still Time To Sign Up For Nov. 9 Arena Visit
Reservations are pouring in for the special program at Carver Hawkeye Arena on Monday, November 9. The program, with Men’s Basketball Coach Todd Lickliter and Athletics Director Gary Barta as hosts, will begin at 11:30 a.m. With a box lunch followed by a tour, we will learn more about the basketball program and changes that will be made in the Arena and practice gyms. The program should be completed by 1:00 p.m.

Parking should be available at one of the meters adjacent to the Arena or in the Dental Parking Lot across the street. Please come in the South or West doors to the Concourse. Reservations for lunch are required. Please call Jean Hood at 351-4753 or e-mail her at ajhood@q.com by November 3 if you wish to attend. Also, indicate if you need a vegetarian or gluten-free meal. If you registered early and now find you CANNOT attend, please call or e-mail Jean to cancel your reservation so that the lunch count will be as accurate as possible.

UIRA Welcomes New Members
Please welcome the following new UIRA members:

Charles S. Dayton  Internal Medicine, College of Medicine
Suzanne Dayton  Spouse
Janiece Thein  College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
Terry Thein  Spouse
David Luck  Iowa Drug Information Service, Pharmacy
Martha Craft-Rosenberg  College of Nursing

No UIRA Events in December
No UIRA programs have been scheduled for December. The Program Committee wishes all members a Happy Holiday season and an enjoyable celebration with family and friends.
Following is another in The Gray Hawk’s series of biographical sketches of UIRA officers and directors.

Lou Crist

Lou Crist retired from the Carver College of Medicine’s Continuing Medical Education Division in 2007 following 35 years of service. He and his wife, Jan, have two sons. Scott and his wife, Kim, live in West Lafayette, IN. Todd, his wife, Cheryl, and their two sons, Sam and Tom, reside in Louisville, CO, which is just outside Boulder. Lou is a member of the Iowa City Noon Rotary Club, the Sunrise Optimist Club, and a radio control model aircraft flying group, the Iowa City Aerohawks. Both Lou and Jan, as well as their sons and their sons’ wives are graduates of the University of Iowa.

Lou has served as voice of the Hawkeye Marching Band since 1981. He also is the public address announcer for the fall Band Extravaganza and the University’s annual Homecoming Parade. Lou was a member of the UI Marching Band in 1958-59, which included a trip to the 1959 Rose Bowl. He and Jan enjoy traveling to see their sons and grandsons, to visit friends and spend time in warmer climates of the country during the winter. Lou values friends and colleagues who have retired from the UI and strives as a member of the Board to help plan and initiate interesting and informative programs for the University’s retirees.

Jan. 21 Visit Planned to Coral Ridge Mall

Save Thursday, January 21, at 1:00 p.m. for a trip to the Coral Ridge Mall, where we will learn more about the behind-the-scenes operation of a shopping mall. Kim Mather, Operations Manager of the mall, is putting together the program for us. We’ll learn about the life of a business in a mall, involvement of the mall in the community, security issues, marketing the mall, and many other aspects. More details will be available in the January issue of The Gray Hawk.

UIRA Board Meetings

The UIRA Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month from September through June at 2:00 p.m. in Room 427 at the Levitt Center. Members are welcome to attend to observe or address the Board.
Report on Oct. 14 Boathouse Tour

It was an early start, but 84 of us made our way to the new University of Iowa Boat House on October 14 and enjoyed an interesting tour of the building with Mandi Kowal, Women’s Rowing Coach, as our host. We not only learned more about the sport of rowing, but appreciated knowing about the “green” aspects of the building. The length and cost of the rowing shells down in the lower boat house impressed us. A view of the river from the second-floor balcony will be a favorite place for University and private receptions.

UIRA Board Fills Two Vacancies

At its October 13th meeting, the UIRA Board of Directors unanimously approved the appointments of Feather Lacy as Director-at-Large to fill a vacancy on the Board for the term ending in 2012 and Ken Yerington as ex-officio Archivist for an indeterminate term to maintain the historical records of the Association and the Board of Directors.

Deadline for January Gray Hawk Copy

The next issue of The Gray Hawk newsletter will be the January issue, which will be published late in December for delivery around January 1st. The deadline for submitting items will be Wednesday, December 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.

UIRA Web Site Now Expanded

The UIRA’s updated and expanded web site now contains information on the purpose of the organization, membership, upcoming programs, UIRA contacts, Board meetings, current and past leadership, and bylaws. Also available on the web site are the complete Gray Hawk newsletters for the past six months. Check it out at www.uiowa.edu/~uira.