Happy New Year!

UIRA Will Visit ACT On Jan. 21

Our first UIRA program in 2011 is scheduled for **Friday, January 21, at 2:00 p.m.** when we will meet at **ACT (formerly the American College Testing Program)**, which is located off of North Dodge Street just south of I-80. Cynthia B. Schmeiser, President and Chief Operating Officer, Educational Division, will offer us an overview of their wide-ranging programs after which her assistant, Bert Brook, will guide us on a tour of ACT facilities.

This independent, not-for-profit organization provides a broad array of assessment, research, information, and program management solutions in the area of education and workforce development. Its mission is to help people achieve education and workplace success.

There will be ample parking on site. A Listserv announcement with parking/arrival instructions will be sent closer to the time of the event.

Watch for These Future Events

Mark your calendars now for these four future UIRA events that are being planned by the Program Committee:

- **Wednesday, February 16**, at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in North Hall to attend a dance rehearsal directed by George de la Peña for a show scheduled shortly thereafter.

- **Thursday, March 3**, at 1:30 p.m. We will visit the new State Hygienic Laboratory in the UI’s Oakdale Research Park.

- **Monday, April 4**, at 3:00 p.m. We will meet at the Coralville Public Library for a presentation on post-flood issues at the UI by Rod Lehnertz, Director of Facilities Planning, Design and Construction.

- **Wednesday, April 20**, at 11:30 a.m. We will meet at the UI Athletic Club for the UIRA Annual Meeting. There will be a cash bar and informal visiting beginning at 11:30 a.m., with luncheon served at 12:00 noon. After the luncheon we will hold our business meeting and be treated to a musical program by Steinway artist, Dan Knight.

Please welcome the following new UIRA members:

Robert T. Cook Pathology, College of Medicine
Katherine O. Cook Spouse
Henri Cuddihy Internal Medicine
Lynn Cuddihy Work-Related Health Care Services
Vicki L. Kraus Department of Nursing, UIHC
Otto E. Kraus Spouse
Irene Hortensia Unternahrer Department of Nursing, UIHC
A Nominating Committee will be appointed in early January to begin seeking nominees for UIRA President-elect, Secretary and at-large members of the Board of Directors for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

“If you are asked to place your name in nomination by the committee, I encourage you to give it full consideration,” UIRA President Jean Hood said. “Think of this as an opportunity to share in the important work of our organization. You'll make new friends and feel vitally involved in what we do. All of the Board members like to do some traveling and are absent from one or two meetings. We realize that that is one of the advantages of being retired and accommodate each other. So please say ‘yes’ when asked.”

UI retirees contribute significantly to the support of the University, Lynette Marshall, President and CEO of the UI Foundation, announced at a recent meeting of the UI Retirees Association. For example, she said, retired UI employees contributed nearly $3.6 million during fiscal 2009. Of that amount, $710,000 came from UIRA members.

"The financial support given to the University by retirees is vital to the support of students, research projects and the overall programs of the university,” UIRA President Jean Hood said. “Retirees have an excellent perspective of how these gifts are used to benefit many of the needs within the University. We should all be proud of our participation.”

Friday, January 21, is the deadline for submitting items for the February 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.
The UI Senior College has announced a varied schedule of nine courses for the Spring 2011 session. Registration will begin shortly after the first of the year. Classes meet for two hours once a week for four weeks and are open to anyone interested. Cost is $30 for each course.

Following is a brief list of courses by title, dates, time, place, instructor, and registration deadline:


- **Love and Illusion in Shakespeare (and O’Neill).** Mondays, February 14, 21, 28 and March 7 from 10:00 a.m.-noon, Room 2520 University Capitol Centre. Instructor: Miriam Gilbert. Deadline: February 7.

- **Mapmaking and the History of Iowa in Maps.** Tuesdays, February 15, 22 and March 1, 8 from 2:30-4:20 p.m., S301 Lindquist Center. Instructor: H. Dee Hoover. Deadline: February 8.

- **The Soul of Cinema.** Tuesdays, March 22, 29 and April 5, 12 from 9:00-11:00 a.m., Illinois Room Iowa Memorial Union. Instructor: Rev. Emory Gillespie. Deadline: March 15.


- **Scott Joplin: King of Ragtime.** Fridays, March 25 and April 1, 8, 15 from 10:00 a.m.-noon, Parkview Church. Instructor: David Evans. Deadline: March 18.

- **Interesting Common Legal Issues.** Tuesdays, April 19, 26 and May 3, 10 from 3:30-5:30 p.m., Room W55 Chemistry Building. Instructor: Bruce Haupert. Deadline: April 12.

- **Don Juan and the Stone Guest Legends in Opera.** Fridays, April 22, 29 and May 6, 13 from 10:00 a.m.-noon, Parkview Church. Instructor: Arthur Canter. Deadline: April 15.

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](http://www.iowalum.com/srcollege) or by calling Jane Kirsch at 319/335-3294 or 800/469-2586. A brochure is available upon request.
President Obama has signed into law the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010, which contains an extension of the charitable IRA rollover for 2010 and 2011. This provision allows donors who are 70½ years of age or older to make charitable gifts from their IRAs without having to report the amount withdrawn as taxable income.

The rollover may be used to satisfy your required minimum distribution in 2010 and to make a tax-free gift to any qualified charitable organization. In addition, donors may elect to consider gifts made in January 2011 as having been made in 2010. For more information about this legislation, consult your financial adviser, IRA custodian, the UI Foundation web site http://www.uifoundation.org/planned-giving/rollover/, or Susan Hagan, executive director, planned giving, UI Foundation, at 335-3305 or by e-mail at susan-hagan@uiowa.edu.