Welcome from the President

With pleasure, I welcome you to the 2011-12 program year of the University of Iowa Retirees Association. Headed by President Elect Nancy Williams, the Program Committee is hard at work planning a fascinating and instructive year for us. I invite you to become active in UIRA by attending our programs.

The Gray Hawk newsletter is our primary communication venue. Our Board of Directors joyfully welcomes Ann Ford as its new editor. She replaces Dwight Jensen, who has faithfully and expertly edited The Gray Hawk during the past three years. Ann will update you about upcoming programs and other matters of interest from various UIRA committees. Helpful information is also available on our website — Feather Lacy is our masterful webmaster. Do take a moment to visit that site: www.uiowa.edu/~uira. Roughly monthly, you will receive messages from the listserv, most of these consisting of program reminders or any last-minute changes in meetings – perhaps a rain date.

Mindful that this is your organization, the Board of Directors is keen to respond to your concerns and requests. Please feel free to contact us (our website provides useful contact data). Our board meetings take place at 2 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. We gather in the Buffet Room (#427) of the Levitt Center. Feel free to attend if you like. Also I wish to inform you about our recently formed Hospitality Committee. Led by Jean Hood, our current Past President, this committee lends a hand at our monthly programs by helping new UIRA members to feel welcome.

Since previous boards have successfully kept our expenses in check, our annual dues remain at $10 per person. If you have not already done so, please send your current dues to Ruth Dawson, 2601 Hickory Trail #1, Iowa City, IA 52245, making your check payable to the ‘University of Iowa Retirees Association.’

Recently I mailed a letter to all those who retired during 2011, inviting them and their spouses or domestic partners to join our organization. To encourage them to try out UIRA, the first year of membership is free. Our newest members are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Please encourage them to attend our programs. Clearly, those who serve on the Board of Directors and on committees merit our thanks. Feel free to express your own appreciation as you meet them from time to time.

On Aug. 12-14 Nancy Williams and I represented you at the Big Ten Retirees Association Conference held at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Conference participants conversed about programming ideas as well as other matters. Nancy and I returned to Iowa City with new insights.

During this new academic year, I look forward to serving as your UIRA president.

Ken Kuntz
ken-kuntz@uiowa.edu
Fall 2011 Programs  Nancy Williams and her committee have scheduled an exciting lineup of programs for the 2011-12 year, the first two described below. Watch your e-mail and future *Gray Hawks* for further program information.

**Sept. 15: New Music & Hancher Buildings**  On Thursday, September 15th at 1:30 p.m. in Room A of the Coralville Public Library, we'll hear about planning for two of our beloved, flood-ravaged buildings, including their new locations and some information about the preliminary plans for the buildings. The University is committed to state-of-the-art facilities and has hired architects renowned for their exciting design work. David Gier, Director of the School of Music, will update us on the Voxman Music Building/Clapp Recital Hall replacement. Then Chuck Swanson, Executive Director of Hancher Auditorium, will talk about rebuilding Hancher Auditorium. Chuck will be accompanied by Don Theis from OPN Architects, the Iowa-based firm working with the renowned Pelli Clarke Pelli Architectural Firm. We'll also hear some of the program highlights for the 2011-12 season.

Come early for a cup of coffee and some socializing. There is convenient parking in the lower level of the Coralville Public Library parking lot with access directly into the lower-level meeting spaces.

**Oct. 4: Lunch & Tour of Arena Addition**  Join us Tuesday, October 4 at 11:30 for a program in the Boomerang (the new addition to Carver Hawkeye Arena). We'll meet with Tom Brands, Head Wrestling Coach, and Ryan Bowen, former NBA player and Iowa Men’s Basketball Video Coordinator, over pizza in one of the new club rooms, followed by a tour of the Howard Family Pavilion (the Boomerang). We plan to complete our program by 1:00 p.m. There is metered parking in the lot adjacent to Carver, as well as additional parking in the Dental lot across the street to the east. Plan to enter at the northwest corner of Carver, by the ticket office. **Reservations for lunch are required by Friday, September 30.** If you plan to attend, please call 338-2073 and leave a message, or e-mail nancy-williams@uiowa.edu.
The UI Senior College has announced a rich schedule of courses for the 2011 Fall Session. Classes are filling up rapidly, but there are still openings in seven 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, registration deadline and instructor:

- **The U.S. Health Care System and Health Care Reform: What Does it Really Mean for Me?** Fridays, September 9, 16, 30, and October 7 (no class on September 23) from 10:00 a.m.-Noon, Parkview Church. Registration Deadline: September 2. Instructor: Dr. Peter Damiano.


- **International Literature at the University of Iowa.** Thursdays, October 6, 13, 20, 27 from 3:00-5:00 p.m., Room 202 Senior Center. Registration Deadline: September 29. Each week, two writers will read and discuss their works, talk about the current state of literature in their home countries, and answer your questions.

- **Introduction to Philosophy.** Wednesdays, October 12, 19, 26, and November 2 from 2:30-4:30 p.m., Assembly Room, Senior Center. Registration Deadline: October 5. Instructor: Laird Addis.

- **Four Biblical Short Stories.** Mondays, October 17, 24, 31, and November 7 from 3:30-5:20 p.m., 125 Trowbridge Hall. Registration Deadline: October 10. Instructor: J. Kenneth Kuntz.

- **College Basketball: High Risk, High Reward** Tuesdays, October 18, 25, and November 1, 8 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Upper Club Room, Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Registration Deadline: October 11. Instructor: Richard Walker.

- **Managing Personal Wealth in Retirement.** Tuesdays, October 25, and November 1, 8, 15 from 1:30-3:20 p.m., W55 Chemistry Building. Registration Deadline: October 18. Instructor: John Spitzer.

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.

**Deadline for October** The deadline for submitting items for the October issue is Friday, September 23. Please send them to E. Ann Ford by regular mail at 10 Forest Glen, Iowa City, IA 52245, or via e-mail to e-ann-ford@uiowa.edu.
UIRA Welcomes 40 New Members

The University of Iowa Retirees Association has gained 40 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.

Dean Abel
Biological Sciences

Nancee Blum
Psychiatry, UIHC

Richard Blum
Spouse

Ruth Brooks
Food & Nutrition, UIHC

Patricia A. Coghlan
Hillcrest Market

Helen E. Dauber
Patient Accounts, UIHC

John Donelson
Biochemistry

Linda Donelson
Spouse

Robert E. Garrett
Family Practice, UIHC

Eileen C. Fisher
Spouse

Janice Gerlits
Orthopedics/Dermatology, UIHC

Dennis C. Harper
College of Education

Carolyn Heitshusen
Carver College of Medicine

Ruth Hesseltine
Pediatrics, UIHC

Brenda Hollingsworth
Psychiatry, UIHC

Gary Hollingsworth
Spouse

Shirley Knight
College of Education

Suzanne Krogh
Rehabilitation Therapy, UIHC

Ed Krogh
Spouse

J. David Martin
Business Library

Diane Martin
Spouse

Mark J. McDermott
Finance & Accounting, UIHC

Mary McDermott
Spouse

James McGreevey
Academic Advising

Cheryl Person
Employee Health Clinic, UIHC

Stephen Person
Spouse

Darlene J. Peterson
Healthcare Informational Systems, UIHC

Richard Peterson
Spouse

Theresa M. Quinn
Nursing Services, UIHC

Wayne Richenbacher
Cardiothoracic Surgery

Dicta Schoenfelder
University Housing & Dining
(new members, cont’d)

Mary A. Smith  Sociology
Steve Smith  Spouse
Joseph Stockman  Facilities Management
Arlys Joy Thompson  Public Health
Sheila Vedder  Equal Opportunity and Diversity
Larry D. Ward  College of Law
Paul Weller  Tippie College of Business
Sara Rynes-Weller  Spouse
Jean Westendorf  Pediatrics, UIHC