The UIRA Nominating Committee has efficiently and successfully won the consent of three UIRA members to join the board effective this July. The Nominating Committee consists of five members: Ruth Dawson, Chuck Dayton, Feather Lacy, Bill Oglesby, and Sara Wolfson (chair). Nancy Lynch (Pathology) and Kenneth Starck (Journalism) have been nominated as directors at large and Richard (Rick) Walton (Dentistry-Endodontics) as President-elect. They will join our present board, with Nancy Williams continuing as the new President and Ken Kuntz as Past President. Outgoing board members are Past President Jean Hood, and Directors Lou Crist and Feather Lacy. We thank Feather for being willing to continue her work on our UIRA webpage.

We truly appreciate the willingness of the candidates to serve, and we enthusiastically thank the Nominating Committee for their efforts. We will vote on the nominations at our UIRA Annual Meeting scheduled on April 25 at the University Club.

Ken Kuntz
UIRA President

Our President Elect, Nancy Williams, and her Program Committee have the following events scheduled for us, with our usual excellent presenters.

Tour the new College of Public Health March 5

Monday, March 5, 10:30 a.m., College of Public Health. Dean Sue Curry will address our group and has arranged for us to tour the new building. Car pool, if possible! The only way to access the College of Public Health by car is through Lot 42 (behind Art Building West, it is accessed off River Street). Emeritus faculty with parking permits can park in Lot 42, and there is also some public metered parking. From there, take the stairway up the hill to the College of Public Health. There are a few one-hour meters by the entrance to the CPH building. Other parking options include parking in the Newton Road ramp, and taking the footbridge across to the CPH.

Attend Cyber Anatomymdemonstration April 11

Wednesday, April 11, 1:30 pm, 2117 MERF Cyber Anatomy/Cyber Science 3D Dr. Darren Hoffmann, a graduate of the University of Iowa College of Medicine and faculty member at UI will be presenting the anatomy underlying many of the most common adult medical issues. He’ll be using a cutting-edge 3D anatomy presentation tool called Cyber-Anatomy, which was developed at Iowa as part of a collaboration between the Colleges of Medicine and Engineering. The visuals are stunning, and provide a unique opportunity to see inside the body and learn how the body’s structure relates to function in health and disease.
New officers and directors for 2012-13 will be elected by the membership at the **UIRA Annual Meeting**, which is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 25**, at the University Club on Melrose Avenue. There will be a cash bar and time for informal socializing beginning at **11:30 a.m.**, with luncheon served at **noon**. The luncheon menu and a reservation form are included with this newsletter. (see page 5). The cost of the luncheon is **$18.50**. **(we have not increased this price in 3 years)**. Reservations must be returned by **Tuesday, April 17**. The annual business meeting will follow the luncheon. Musical entertainment will be provided by University students with excerpts from the University spring opera, **Roméo et Juliette**.

**Save these Dates:**

**Visit Scattergood Saturday, May 5, 11:00 a.m.** Join us for a unique and exciting opportunity to tour Scattergood Friends School and Farm, followed by lunch ($12, reservations required). Call Nancy Lynch, 338-3818, or email at nancyllynch1941@gmail.com

**UIRA annual picnic:** **Wednesday, June 6, 6:00 p.m. City Park, Shelter 6.** Once again, Riverside Theatre has invited us to stay and attend their rehearsal of Shakespeare’s **As You Like It** following our picnic.

**Deadline for April Gray Hawk Copy**

The deadline for submitting items for the April 2012 issue is **Monday, March 26th**. 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.

**Please welcome our new members**

Ronnye Wieland UIHC
Spouse Dennis Wieland
Barb Young UIHC
The UI Senior College has a fine schedule of courses for the Spring 2012 Session. Classes fill rapidly, but the following classes were still open at the time this newsletter was printed. 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.

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.

- **Session 4: March Madness. Instructor Richard Walker.** Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Upper Club Room, Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Class Limit: 70. We will look at many aspects of the March Madness experience, such as the selection process (conference and at-large teams), the regions and styles of play, the excitement generated, and more for both men's and women's tournaments. This registration deadline has been extended.

- **Session 5: The European Union, the Euro, and the World Economy. Instructor Bill Albrecht.** Wednesdays, March 14, 21, 28, and April 4, 2:30 - 4:20 p.m., 70 Van Allen Hall. Registration Deadline: March 7. Class Limit: 80. What is happening in the European economy and how does it affect our own? What can be done to restore economic stability?

- **Session 6: Ping: The Brilliant Moments in Film. Instructor Rev. Emory Gillespie.** Tuesdays, March 20, 27, and April 3, 10, 10:00 a.m. - Noon, Bijou Cinema, Iowa Memorial Union. Deadline: March 13. Class Limit: 100. What are the characteristics that combine to give a scene this quality of "Ping", when a film discovers its true pitch? The answers may surprise you.

- **Session 7: Gardening is for Everyone. Instructor Judy Stevens.** Mondays, March 26, and April 2, 9, 16, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., Johnson County Extension Building (301 Old Highway 218 South Fairgrounds). Deadline: March 19. Class Limit: 100. Spring fever? This course will cover environmentally correct gardening, container gardening, equipment and plant selection, trimming, pruning and staking, and pest control.

- **Session 8: The Merchant of Venice. Instructor Prof. Miriam Gilbert.** Thursdays, March 29, and April 5, 12, 19, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., 2520 University Capitol Centre. Deadline: March 22. Class Limit: 65. “The Merchant of Venice” is filled with questions: Is Shylock a villain or a victim, or both? Is Portia rich, racist, and condescending, or trapped by her dead father's will? Is Antonio generous or a deliberate martyr? No simple answers suffice, but we'll take time to work through these questions.

- **Session 10: Music and Nationalism: The Rise of Cultural and Ethnic Identity in Classical Symphonic Music. Instructor Maestro Timothy Hankewich.** Thursdays, April 12, 19, 26, and May 3, 10:00 a.m. – Noon, Parkview Church. Deadline: April 10. Class Limit: 100. Much of Western classical music has its style and traditions rooted in musical elements associated with specific countries and ethnicities. Its latent use of propaganda to promote colonialism or political ideology will be explored though lecture, discussion, and recordings.
Did you know?

- You can continue to keep current on what's happening at the University by self-subscribing to the FYI-News and the UI News Digest.

- The STAR Registry is a database of Iowans over age 50 who are interested in volunteering for University of Iowa research studies (compensation is generally provided). Older adults are typically under-represented in scientific research, making study results less helpful to the older population. Read more and sign up at http://www.centeronaging.uiowa.edu/star.shtml.

- UIRA and the Emeritus Faculty Council have created a Joint Committee on Retiree Health and Wellness. We've been meeting with Richard Saunders to learn how we might contain rising costs of our health insurance. We're also meeting with Prof. Brian Kaskie, who is the principal researcher on a two-year study funded by TIAA-CREF that assessed trends and best practices in comprehensive retirement planning at institutions of higher education in the United States. "The Iowa Study on Promoting Healthy and Successful Aging within Academic Institutions" has focused on how a wide range of public and private colleges and universities across the country engage with and support aging employees as they prepare for retirement.

- Our own Nancy Lynch and Al Hood volunteer at the "Senior Tech Zone" at the Iowa City Public Library on Thursday mornings, 10:30 to 12:30. They provide seniors (and others) with free one-on-one help using computers - everything from setting up an e-mail account to using Facebook, downloading and e-mailing photographs, downloading eBooks and audiobooks, filling out online job applications, and just about anything else one might need to do.

- The wife of a current UI faculty member asked recently if she could join UIRA even though her husband hasn't gotten around to retiring. You already know that any former faculty or staff member who has retired from The University of Iowa and his/her spouse or domestic partner may become a member of UIRA, as can any spouse, widow, widower, or domestic partner of a faculty or staff member who died while still employed by the University. But did you know that Associate Membership (non-voting, non-office holding) is open to those who have present or previous ties to the University? Individuals may become members upon submission of the Membership Form and payment of dues of $10. The membership form is available at http://www.uiowa.edu/~uira/pdf/UIRAMemberShipForm.pdf.

- The UIRA web page -- www.uiowa.edu/~uira -- is a valuable resource for our members. Be sure to visit it frequently. The News and Events page contains listings of current events and important announcements. The Resources page has links to other useful web sites and perks available to UI Retirees. Also included are copies of back newsletters, officers, bylaws, current program information, answers to many of your questions, and more.

- Discounts are available to Retirees: The University maintains a web page called “The University of Iowa Employee Discount Program,” which lists vendors that offer discounts to University faculty and staff. Many of these discounts are also available to UI retirees. For more detailed information, select the Perks & Discounts for Retirees page and scroll down to “ITS Services for University of Iowa Retirees”.

Contributed by Feather Lacy and Nancy Williams
Reservation Form

UIRA ANNUAL MEETING and LUNCHEON

University Club
Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Cash bar at 11:30 a.m.
Luncheon at 12:00 noon

Entertainment: excerpts from UI Spring Opera: *Roméo et Juliette*

Please cut on dotted line and return your reservation with payment of $18.50 per person by Tuesday, April 17. to:

Judy Biderman
1604 13th Street
Coralville, IA 52241

Make checks payable to the University of Iowa Retirees Association, and indicate your choice of entree and how you want your nametag to read:

Cut here ________________________________________________________________

Name(s) ____________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________

Choice of entree:
Grilled Breast of Chicken with Mushroom Marsala Sauce________
Grilled Flat Iron Steak with Burgundy Sauce_______________________
Wild Mushroom Pasta Roulade (vegetarian)________________________

Please indicate if you need a gluten-free meal (any of the meals can accommodate this choice) ______

• Be sure to make your luncheon reservation by **April 17**
  • no cancellations after reservation deadline