Don’t Forget to Renew Your UIRA Membership

From the UIRA bylaws: "The purpose of the University of Iowa Retirees Association is to facilitate support of the University of Iowa by retired faculty and staff members and to promote the interests and welfare of those retirees. We strive to help retired members of the University and their spouses, widows, widowers, or domestic partners (and associate members) to keep in touch with each other and with the social and intellectual life of the University."

As your soon-to-be past program chair, I’ve been pleased by how warmly and eagerly we are received, and how highly we are regarded as we stay connected to the University through our programming. We rely on our healthy and vibrant membership. See membership form on page 5. Please fill out the entire form, including your current postal and e-mail addresses, and send it with your check for $10 per membership to Ruth Dawson, Assistant to the Treasurer, 2601 Hickory Trail #1, Iowa City, Iowa 52246.

Nancy Williams

A Last-Minute Reminder -- just remember 6!

Our last 2012 spring event, the Annual UIRA Potluck Picnic, will be on Wednesday, June 6, in Shelter 6 in City Park. Shelter 6 is the closest shelter to the Riverside Festival Stage in the lower park. Plan to arrive by 6:00 p.m., and bring either a salad or a dessert to serve six persons. The UIRA will provide a choice of either fried or herb-roasted chicken, table service, and your choice of coffee, iced tea or lemonade.

After the picnic, we will have an opportunity to attend a rehearsal of Shakespeare’s “As You Like It” at the Riverside Festival Stage. During the rehearsal you will be free to leave at any time. We are grateful to Riverside’s co-directors, Ron Clark and Jody Hovland, for facilitating this program for us.

The next issue of The Gray Hawk will be published in September. The deadline for submitting items for the September 2012 issue is Friday August 24. 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.
The Senior College will have another wonderful fall semester lineup! The first classes will start in early September and they fill up fast. Check their website in August for the fall class schedule and registration: www.iowalum.com/srcollege

The University Benefits office has announced that Genworth Financial Long Term Care Insurance is replacing John Hancock Insurance as the University's Long Term Care provider. The initial Genworth enrollment date will be announced when the final contract is signed (anticipated by June 30). To enroll with Genworth, those 65 or older will have to answer medical questions.

This change resulted from John Hancock’s notification that it would no longer accept new applications from our faculty and staff effective January 1, 2012. If you are currently enrolled in John Hancock you may stay with John Hancock, though that insurer’s rates will be going up an average of 28%, effective November 1, 2012. If you choose to leave John Hancock, you will still retain accrued long term care benefits. You may contact John Hancock for information on your current coverage.

UIRA Welcomes New Members

Please welcome the following new UIRA members:

Roberta Bulman  
UIHC

Linda Creed  
UIHC

Nancy Dooley  
General Counsel’s Office

Kathleen Leaven  
University Housing and Dining.

Brent A. Porter  
UIHC

Barbara Womer  
UIHC
**Did You Know About Group Exercise Classes?**

A membership in the University of Iowa Recreational Services is available to us as retirees, and group exercise classes at the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center are also included in your membership. A membership provides access to all recreation facilities on campus, including the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center (CRWC), Field House, Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex (HTRC), Fitness East and the Recreation Building. Once inside, most activities, including swimming, fitness, rock climbing, racquetball, basketball, volleyball, and Group Exercise classes are included with the membership. Beyond access to all recreation facilities on campus, members also receive discounts on program registration (including Lesson Programs, Rowing, Tennis Programs, Aquatics and Adventure Trips), and reduced tennis court fees.

Also, a qualified UI Faculty/Staff member or UI Retiree may sponsor one adult at the same rate as the sponsoring member. The adult must reside in the same household as the sponsoring member. A yearly Membership is $310; 4 months membership is $155; monthly membership is $47 and daily drop-in fee is $7. See the website for more information.

http://recserv.uiowa.edu/Apps/Membership/Memberships.aspx

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**Report on Scattergood Visit**

47 people toured Scattergood Friends School in West Branch on a lovely May day and enjoyed a wonderful meal provided by Reid's Beans of West Branch. Many commented that they have driven past Scattergood on Interstate 80 for years but didn't know anything about it. Christine Ashley, head of the school, discussed the educational goals of the school and there was a presentation about the integration of the farm program with the curriculum. For more, visit http://www.scattergood.org/.

For those who are interested in learning more about Scattergood’s history as a hostel for refugees, read *Out of Hitler's Reach*. Also, follow the link below to read an interview with a former refugee: http://www.traces.org/scattergood.html.

Dwight Jensen, UIRA member and past Editor of *The Gray Hawk*, grew up a stone’s throw from Scattergood. Here are excerpts from his insights: "In the summer of 1938, a group of young Iowa Friends meeting at Clear Lake expressed a growing concern about the plight of Jews and others being forced to leave Nazi Germany and proposed to the American Friends Service Committee that a camp for refugees be established at Scattergood...... But Scattergood had sat unused for years, and a great deal of clean-up and repair work was needed.... early refugee arrivals beginning in April, 1939 had to pitch in to help complete the necessary clean-up and renovation work."
Over the next four years, the hostel was a temporary home for 186 refugees who had escaped Nazi persecution in Germany, Austria and other European countries, either because they were Jews or because they opposed what Hitler and his followers were doing. Most fared very well as they learned a new language, adapted to a new culture, and carved out a new identity in the United States. Scattergood gave them a start... After several months, they would move on to their new lives in this country.” By 1943, the American Friends Service Committee found that it had relocated most of the refugees who had been able to escape from the Nazis... Scattergood was closed and again sat unused for a short time until it reopened as a school in 1944.
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA RETIREES ASSOCIATION
Membership Form
July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

NAME________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS_____________________________________________________________

E-Mail Address_________________________________________________________

(For e-mail delivery of UIRA Messages and The Gray Hawk Newsletter)

Check here if you prefer to receive The Gray Hawk Newsletter by postal mail. □

For renewals: Is this a new e-mail address? Yes □ No □

Telephone______________________   Membership Type: New □ Renewal □

If a new membership, please complete the information below:

• Retiree status (check all that apply):
  Faculty □ Staff □ Spouse/Domestic Partner □ Associate Member □
  Month and year retired_____________________________________________
  Indicate the position you held________________________________________
  UI Department or Division from which you retired________________________

*****For Second Person’s Membership*****

NAME________________________________________________________________

E-Mail Address_________________________________________________________

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This form is for both new memberships and renewals. **Dues for each registrant are $10.** New members who join after May 1 are paid through June 30 of the following year. First-year membership is **free** for new retirees and their spouses/domestic partners. Send completed form and checks, payable to the University of Iowa Retirees Association to Assistant to the Treasurer Ruth Dawson, 2601 Hickory Trail # 1, Iowa City, Iowa 52245. Questions: phone 319-351-4823, e-mail rbdawson@inav.net, or visit our web site at www.uiowa.edu/~uira.