STAY CONNECTED

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2012-2013, I encourage you to stay connected! The more of us there are, the louder the voice we have as retirees! The UIRA depends on your support in several ways. One, your dues represent our entire budget. Two, your participation on a voluntary basis is always welcome! In turn, we will work to merit your support. We'll continue to monitor UI health insurance updates, bring you useful information and, most especially, advocate on your behalf. The membership form is a link on our website.

Even in retirement, the natural rhythm of the academic year stays with us. Fall, with cooler weather, colorful leaves, students on campus, and no place to park downtown, signals the beginning of another year. And President Elect Rick Walton and his committee are already hard at work planning interesting, informative, and fun programming for you this year. We'll communicate with you throughout the year by e-mail, the *Gray Hawk* newsletter, and through our website, http://www.uiowa.edu/~uira. The UIRA Board is a working board, and agendas and minutes of our meetings will be online this year, so you can follow what we're doing. We meet at 1:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in 427 Levitt Center. Feel free to attend if you like. Also, if you have ideas, suggestions or comments, e-mail me at nancy-williams@uiowa.edu.

Board member Ken Starck and I attended the Big Ten Retirees meeting in Columbus, Ohio, in August (you'll see a report in this newsletter). The theme was membership and programming, and we've brought back some ideas that you'll hear more about during the year. Everyone agreed that our organizations are here to help you stay connected to the university, your community, and to each other. By now you've detected my theme for the year!

And, finally, our thanks go to Ken Kuntz, now past president of the UIRA, for his hard work on our behalf last year. Well done, Ken!

Nancy Williams, UIRA President

I thank all of you for permitting me to serve as your president in 2011-12. It's been a pleasure becoming acquainted with many of you and I look forward to continuing to serve the UIRA as past president from now until next June. So many of our members graciously contribute to the successful work of the organization. Under the sensible and strong leadership of Nancy Williams, our organization is destined to prosper in the months ahead. I certainly look forward to working with her.

Ken Kuntz, Past President
Tour the County Courthouse
Thursday September 27th at 4:00 p.m.

Tour the County Jail
September 27th, October 2nd, or October 4th at 6:00 p.m.

When we cast our votes for U.S. President in November, we will also be asked to approve a bond issue for a new Justice Center in Johnson County. In order to inform our members, we have arranged for a tour of the current courthouse on Thursday, September 27th at 4:00 p.m., meeting in Courtroom 2A. After a tour of the historic Richardsonian Romanesque building, which dates back to 1901 and features a stained-glass dome, Janet Lyness, Johnson County Attorney, will tell us about the proposal for the new facility, which will include a new jail and additional courthouse space. No reservation is required.

In addition, there are opportunities for a tour of the current jail. These tours can accommodate only 10 persons at a time, so reservations are required for the three tours we have scheduled. Schedule times are at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 27th (after the Courthouse tour), 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 2nd, and Thursday, and 6:00 p.m. on October 4th. Because of limit on the number, we must make reservations for the jail tours. Please make a reservation with Nancy Lynch after September 15th by e-mailing her at nancylynch1941@gmail.com. If possible, rank your choices of those three dates and Nancy will do her best to accommodate as many as possible.

Save the Date
On Thursday, October 18th, the Visiting Nurses Association will host our annual private flu shot clinic from Noon-4:00 p.m. in the community room of the UI Community Credit Union on Mormon Trek. They will bill Medicare or insurance companies directly for us.

Tidbit: Did you know? You can reserve movies online for pick up at a Redbox kiosk.
Volunteer at the Shelter House Deli

Culinary Starts, a Shelter House culinary training and catering program, operates a deli in the University Services Building (USB) Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. They need a daily volunteer for each 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. shift to provide support during the lunch period. If you are interested, please e-mail Caitlin at volunteer@shelterhouseiowa.org or call her at 338-5416 ext. 241.

Deadline for October Gray Hawk Copy

The deadline for submitting items for the March 2012 issue is Monday, September 24th. 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.

Visit our UIRA Website

Johnson County offers many services for senior and retirees. To help our UI Retirees Association members find those services, we have added a new category to the UIRA Resources web page titled “Johnson County”. To check it out and view other resources visit www.uiowa.edu/~uira and select Resources in the left navigation panel.

Big Ten Retirees Association meeting

UIRA President Nancy Williams and Board Member Ken Starck represented the University of Iowa Retirees Association at the 10th annual meeting of the Big Ten Retirees Associations Aug. 3-5, 2012, on the campus of Ohio State University.

Ohio State University President E. Gordon Gee talked to the group with the idea that universities ought to “un-retire” retired faculty and staff members to tap into a valuable but wasted resource, so retirees can continue to contribute to the university and community. The theme for the meeting was Growth and Development of University Retirees Associations. Several topics were explored in depth: enhancing membership and programming, establishing and maintaining communication, and financial support. In our next few issues we will publish comments on the discussions.

From Ken Starck’s report

Please welcome our new UIRA Members

New retirees receive a first-year UIRA membership for free. Many have recently received a letter from Nancy Williams, our UIRA President, with a chartreuse color form. Please use that form or fill out the online membership form and send it in, stating “new member.” Membership forms are available online on our web site, www.uiowa.edu/~uira. Select Membership Form on the left navigation panel.

Linda Abel
Charles (Chuck) Abel
Amy Becker
Student Health Services
Spouse
Pharmacy
The UI Senior College announced a rich schedule of 10 courses for the 2010 Fall Session. Some classes are full, but there are still openings. Classes meet for two hours once a week for four weeks and are open to anyone interested. Registration is $30 for each course.

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.

- **Blogging Toward the Presidency: How Social Media Revolutionized Campaigns and Elections** Tuesdays, September 4, 11, 18, October 25, 10:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m., 301 Lindquist Center. Registration Deadline: August 28, but check. We will examine how we arrived at a place where anyone can pose as a journalist, and candidates are more wary of cell phones than news cameras. **Instructor: David D. Perlmutter.**

- **Who Owns the Water? American Water Law** Mondays, September 17, 24, October 1, 8 3:30 - 5:20 p.m. W151 Pappajohn Business Building Registration Deadline: September 10. This course will examine the nation’s historic systems of water allocation (known as "prior appropriation" and "riparian rights"), how they shaped earlier development and growth, and how they must evolve in response to changing values and demands for water. **INSTRUCTOR: Jon Carlson**
• **Biblical Poetry: More Accessible and Engaging Than You Thought**  
  Wednesdays, September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 10:30 - 11:20 a.m.  
  S307 Pappajohn Business Building  
  Registration Deadline: September 12  
  Several favorite psalms, representative one-line poems from Proverbs and Ecclesiastes, a few inset hymns enlivening biblical narrative, and graphic Song of Songs will summon our attention and realization that biblical poetry is accessible, engaging, and even a source of delight.  
  **INSTRUCTOR: J. Kenneth Kuntz**

• **International Literature at the University of Iowa**  
  Thursdays, October 4, 11, 18, 25, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., 202 Senior Center  
  Registration deadline September 27  
  Since its inception in 1967, the International Writing Program (IWP) at the UI has hosted more than 1,300 writers from more than 115 countries. This course offers the opportunity to meet eight writers in residency at the UI this fall. 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.  
  **INSTRUCTOR: H. Dee Hoover**

• **The History of Iowa in Maps and the Science of Pre-20th Century Mapmaking**  
  Fridays, October 19, 26, November 2, 9  
  Registration Deadline: October 12  
  The course will focus on the changing perception of the Midwest and Iowa through historic maps, beginning with the spectacular maps of the 16th century and concluding with railroad and automobile maps of the 19th and 20th centuries. The early science of mapmaking, including earth measurement, the determination of latitude and longitude, and map projections.  
  **INSTRUCTOR: H. Dee Hoover**

• **College Basketball: High Risk, High Reward**  
  Tuesdays, October 23, 30, November 6, 13, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Upper Club Room, Carver-Hawkeye Arena  
  Registration Deadline: October 16  
  Attendees do not have to be basketball experts, but should have a general understanding of offensive and defensive fundamental plays.  
  **INSTRUCTOR: Richard Walker**