Discuss Health Care Benefits for Retirees
3:30 P.M., Thursday, November 15, 2012 at Parkview Church, 15 Foster Road, Iowa City

The annual discussion of retiree health care benefits will feature presentations followed by question and answer sessions with the speakers. To aid those unable to attend, this event will be recorded and made available on the University’s TV Channel.

Richard Saunders will present current health benefits for retirees, which are essentially unchanged from last year. Mr. Saunders is Assistant Vice President of Human Resources and Director of the University of Iowa Benefits Office. He leads a team of over two dozen specialists who design and administer the benefits programs for all current faculty, staff and students and retired staff and faculty.

Christine Miller and Stacey Cyphert will discuss UIHC planning for the changes required by recent federal health care legislation, including contingency arrangements UIHC has made or is making, as well as perspectives from state and national levels.

Christine Miller is Assistant Vice President of Integrated Strategic Planning and Business Development for University of Iowa Health Care. She leads strategic and business development at UIHC, including facility planning and exploration/implementation of new health care delivery models. Ms. Miller has eight years of hospital and clinic administration at UIHC and seventeen years in managed care leadership. She received her undergraduate degree and Certificate in Physical Therapy from the University of Iowa and her M.B.A. from the University of Denver.

Stacey T. Cyphert is Assistant Vice President for Health Policy in the Office of the Vice President for Medical Affairs. His primary areas of responsibility pertain to federal and state health policy. He also currently sits on the State of Iowa’s Medical Assistance Advisory Council and the Iowa Hospital Association Council on Representation and Advocacy and other organizations. He is active nationally with the Association of American Medical Colleges. He earned an M.H.A. in hospital administration from The Ohio State University, and a Ph.D. in health management and policy from the University of Iowa.

The January UIRA program will feature Professor Robert Mutel (Physics and Astronomy) on the searches for life in the Universe. Watch for date and details in the January Gray Hawk.
Deadlines for January

The deadline for submitting items for the January 2013 issue of *the Gray Hawk* is **Tuesday, December 22**. 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

Watch for new Senior College classes

There will be a new list of Senior College classes beginning in January 2013. Registration may be available before the next issue of *the Gray Hawk* comes out in January. Keep track of the new offerings at the web page: www.iowalum.com/srcollege

Vote November 6th or earlier

See [www.johnson-county.com/auditor/voter/1211elec.htm](http://www.johnson-county.com/auditor/voter/1211elec.htm) On this website you can find information about voter registration, absentee ballots, early voting places, sample ballots for the 2012 election, redistricting changes, current precincts, links to websites for information and candidates, historic Johnson County voting results, and much more.

In-person early voting will be at the County Auditor’s Office 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. daily and at the Iowa City Public Library 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. There will be additional temporary early voting sites later. If you requested a ballot by mail, those ballot mailings started at the end of September. Redistricting created some new voting places, which you can also check at the website.

The following offices and issues appear on the ballot, some depending on your locality

- President and Vice President of the United States
- U S Representative, 2nd Congressional District
- State Representative (5 Johnson County districts)

Also: County Supervisor (three seats), County Auditor, County Sheriff, Ag Extension Council (4 seats), Soil and Water, Soil Conservation Commission (3 seats), Conservation Commission (3 seats),
Township Trustees (two per rural township), Madison Twp: 3rd Trustee, two-year term to fill vacancy, Washington Twp: 3rd trustee and clerk, two-year terms to fill vacancy, Judicial retention (yes or no for judges to remain in office), Hills City Council: one seat, a one-year term to fill vacancy, Tiffin City Council: two seats, one-year terms to fill vacancies, County ballot issue: Justice Center, Hills ballot issue: water utility.

Check for Perks and Discounts

On the UIRA home page we have linked to many sources of information, one of them for perks and discounts. Please see the page at www.uiowa.edu/~ui/ira/perks.htm The categories are Libraries, Recreational Services, Information Technology Services, Discount Program, National Car Rental Program, News, and Star Registry. For example, from the Information Technology Services link to PerkSpot, there is (at this writing) an offer to upgrade to Windows 8 for $39.99 or to purchase Windows 2010 Office Home and Student for $119.99. These are examples of software from Microsoft.

Register for Preventive Intervention Center Research

The University of Iowa College of Public Health, Preventive Intervention Center (PIC) researchers are currently inviting participants aged 18 and older to enroll in the Preventive Intervention Center Volunteer Research Registry. The purpose of the Registry is to collect basic information on specific areas of research interest which we may use to contact potential participants for future clinical studies.

For more information and to enroll, please go directly to the online Preventive Intervention Center website: www.picstudies.com

If you wish to enroll offline, please contact a PIC research staff member at toll free: 1-800-887-6917 or local: 384-5048 or e-mail: cph-picstudies@uiowa.edu

Please Welcome the Following New UIRA Members

Note: If you are a new member but have not seen your name listed, please e-mail Ruth Dawson at rbdawson@inav.net

Larry Bartlett Educ. Policy & Leadership
Cynthia Bohnenkamp Employee Health
Mary Gordon Business Office
Birgit Huff Hygienic Lab
Robert Jackson Social Work
Pamela Joab Residence Services
Arnold McIntyre Residence Services
Frank Mitros Pathology
Jill Morriss Pediatric Cardiology
Richard Randell Mathematics
Linda Randell Spouse
Theola Rarick Iowa Health Registry
John Rarick Spouse
Michelle Robnett College of Medicine
Michael Ryan Facilities Services
Barbara Ryan Clinical Cancer Center
Joan Snyder Ophthalmology
Mark Stinski Microbiology
Susan Strauss Alzheimer Center
Stephen Strauss Spouse
T. J. Tewson Radiology
Tuong Ton-That Mathematics
Thaibinh Ton-That Spouse