UIRA Program

Jane Drews: ‘The Internet of Things: Is information Privacy a Myth?’
March 11 (Wed) 10-noon Coralville Public Library
UI Chief Information Security Officer Jane Drews will discuss information privacy at a UIRA program March 11 (Wednesday) 10 to noon in meeting Room A of the Coralville Public Library. There will be coffee and cookies. This program was postponed from December 3.

With more than 25 years’ experience in information security, Drews has been the UI’s Information Technology Security Officer since 1999. She will present 10 steps to improve protection of personal information and suggest ways immediately to protect personal information.

Strecher to Keynote UIRA Health Fair March 30 (Monday) at Coralville Library

Health Fair Exhibits—12:30-1:30 p.m.
Presentation by Dr. Strecher: ‘On Purpose’—1:30-2:30 p.m.
Co-sponsored by UIRA and UI College of Public Health

The Public Is Invited—Bring a Friend

What can you learn about life from a frog, a dung beetle and Julia? More than you might think.

Dr. Victor Strecher of the University of Michigan School will explain March 30 (Monday) when he keynotes the UIRA’s Health Fair at the Coralville Public Library. Featuring a number of exhibitors, the Fair exhibit will take place 12:30-1:30 p.m. Dr. Strecher will speak at 1:30.

There will be refreshments and door prizes.

Dr. Strecher’s appearance is sponsored by UIRA and the UI College of Public Health. His topic will be “On Purpose: New Directions in Health and Life.”

Dr. Strecher is professor and director for innovation in Michigan’s School of Public Health. He has received wide acclaim for his research and most recently for his book titled Purpose: Lessons in Life and Health from the Frog, the Dung Beetle, and Julia presented in graphic-novel format. In the forward to the book, Dr. Dean Ornish writes, “The light drives out the darkness and we can experience our world anew, filled with pleasure, joy, and meaning.”

Dr. Strecher was one of the main speakers at the 2013 Big Ten Retirees Association Conference at the University of Michigan where UIRA representatives Nancy Williams and Ken Starck found his presentations to be “engaging” and “inspiring.” Dr. Strecher offered many tips for coping with aging and change. “We need to open walls we build around ourselves,” he said. “Individual values change with aging, and values define our purpose.” He characterized purpose as “pursuing ends that give our existence meaning.”
**Special Interest Groups**

**Learn and Share Your Interest in Film, World Affairs, Latin America**

There’s still time to sign up for UIRA’s three newly-formed Special Interest Groups. Just email the coordinator to indicate your interest. Here are the three groups with names and email addresses of each group coordinator:

- **Cinemafanatics:** Rick Walton  
  richard-walton@uiowa.edu
- **International Events and World Politics:** Phil Klein  
  phil-klein@uiowa.edu
- **Friends of Latin America:** Gene Spaziani  
  sngspaziani@mchsi.com

Each group plans to meet monthly with the venue and schedule for each group to be determined later. Here’s what the coordinators have in mind for each group:

- **Cinemafanatics:** Enjoy movies? Like being entertained? Enjoy exploring drama, history, human events, social issues, ethics, character development, etc.? Want to share views with other film aficionados? The format will be like that of a book group—members will rotate in selecting a movie; everyone watches the movie on his/her own time; and the movie selector leads the discussion.

- **International Events and World Politics:** What recent foreign event(s) have caught your interest? Why is it significant for you? What background information helps make sense of it? How does it fit in to some larger picture? Let’s share our perspectives on the world in which we live.

- **Friends of Latin America:** Fascinated by Latin America? This group will discuss subjects of interest south of the border anywhere from Mexico to Tierra del Fuego. In addition to significant happenings, we will discuss popular retirement sites and share experiences visiting such centers of civilizations as the Aztecs, Maya, Inca and Canyaris. Recipes of authentic Latin American dishes will be shared, along with adventures to exotic destinations from the jungles to the Andes.

**Save the Date: Annual Meeting April 23; UIRA to Celebrate its 20th Anniversary**

Door prizes, awards, recognition of UIRA’s past presidents, election of officers, a slide show of entries in the UIRA Travel Photo Contest and more—all will be featured at the association’s annual business meeting and luncheon April 23 (Thursday) at the Holiday Inn & Conference Center. The event will be the capstone of the UIRA’s observance of its two decades of service to the UI and community of Iowa City. Watch the newsletter and your email for details.

**Judging Underway in Travel Photo Contest with 18 entrants, 94 entries; Winners to be Announced and Photos Shown at Annual Business Meeting**

Judging has begun in UIRA’s second Travel Photo Contest. Winning entries will be announced at the annual business meeting April 23 (Thursday) at the Holiday Inn & Conference Center, Coralville.

In this year’s contest, 18 members submitted a total of 95 photos in the three categories: Iowa, USA outside Iowa and International. Last year 21 members submitted a total of 54 photos.

Here is a comparison of the number of entries submitted in each category:

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Judging the photos is a professional photographer who was given the title of each photo but not the name of the photographer. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place entries in each of the categories, and all photos will be displayed at the April luncheon.

UIRA sponsors the contest with support from Hills Bank and Trust Company.
UIRA WEBSITE UNDERGOING CHANGE—UIRA has been informed that UI’s central web hosting server, which has been in use since the 1990s, is being retired. It will be replaced by the web content system SiteNow, which is built off the Drupal content management system. SiteNow will offer greater flexibility, including a more dynamic site. Migration of the present website has begun but likely won’t be in place for a month or so. The Gray Hawk will keep members informed once the conversion has been complete.

A CHANCE TO GIVE BACK

Want to meet some nice people? Do something worthwhile? Benefit colleagues? Stay active? Keep fit mentally? Look no further: The UIRA has openings for Gray Hawk editor and webmaster. If interested, let any UIRA Board member know or contact President Ken Starck (kenneth-starck@uiowa.edu).

UI Hospitals Seeking Part-time Greeters

UI Hospitals and Clinics Guest Services Department has Temporary Part-time Greeter positions available. Positions are limited to 780 hours per year. Other mandatory work restrictions apply.

Hours of Work: Available shifts: 6 AM – 1 PM, Monday - Friday and 11AM – 5 PM, Monday - Friday. Other shifts may be requested. Duties: Greeters work in cooperation with permanent and student valet staff at the Main and Pomerantz Entrances. Greeters welcome all patients and families; explain the valet program and distribute valet claim tickets; assist with transfers in/out of vehicles; access wheel chairs for guests; provide directions; direct and monitor traffic. Position is outdoors, including inclement weather. Qualifications: Candidates must have excellent communication skills and superior customer service skills. A valid Iowa driver’s license is required. Starting wage: $12.04 per hour. Employment offer is contingent upon the results of an external background check.

To apply for a position, contact: Steven Anderson, Assistant Manager, Guest Services UI Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, IA 52242 (319-384-8909) steven-anderson-1@uiowa.edu

Uncovering artifacts, yes, but Digging Represents Only Part of Archaeology

Much of archaeology consists of recording information—not digging, State Archaeologist John Doershuk told retirees at a UIRA program exploring recent discoveries at campus construction sites. About 75 persons attended the presentation February 17 at Coralville Public Library.

The 2008 flood recovery construction projects led to a number of archaeological discoveries at the new School of Music construction site and in Hubbard Park.

“This kind of archaeology is a relatively rare occurrence,” said Doershuk, director of the Office of the State Archaeologist (OSA) and adjunct assistant professor in the UI Department of Anthropology. “We have been doing this only recently. For example, there was no archaeological work on the Rec Building (the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center, completed in 2010).”

What has made possible these discoveries of the past, he told the group, has been federal funding, specifically the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

Among items uncovered at Hubbard were coins, pipes, ceramics, buttons, a cistern, a root cellar and outhouse. The School of Music site yielded a music holder that attaches to a musical instrument. Doershuk said perhaps the most surprising discovery was evidence of African-American settlements on Iowa Avenue.

(For a photo report and a selection of slides from the presentation, go to this link at the UIRA website: https://uira.shutterfly.com/pictures/513

Everyone Tunes in to WII-FM—What’s In It For Me? That’s a question nearly everyone asks when it comes to joining an organization. UIRA has answers: Stimulating monthly programs, The Gray Hawk newsletter, links to University and community and more—check out “Perks & Discounts for Retirees” at the UIRA website: http://www.uiowa.edu/~uira/
Welcome, New UIRA Members

Gary Anderson  Business Services
Mary Burr  Radiology
Sandra J. Johnson  Pharmacy Practice and Science
Virginia Melroy  Law Library

UIRA MEMBERSHIP can be renewed anytime. The membership form can be found at:
www.uiowa.edu/~uira/pdf/UIRAMemberShipForm.pdf

UIRA Calendar: 2014-15

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August 14-16 (Fri-Sunday)—Annual Big Ten Retirees Association Conference, Michigan State University, Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, East Lansing.

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The UIRA Board of Directors meets at 1 p.m. in the Buffet Room (#427) of the Levitt Center on the second Tuesday of every month except July and August. Visitors are welcome.

All members of the UIRA Board of Directors and its officers are volunteers. The UIRA is grateful for their commitment and invites others to become active in promoting UIRA’s mission. Contact any Board member for more information.