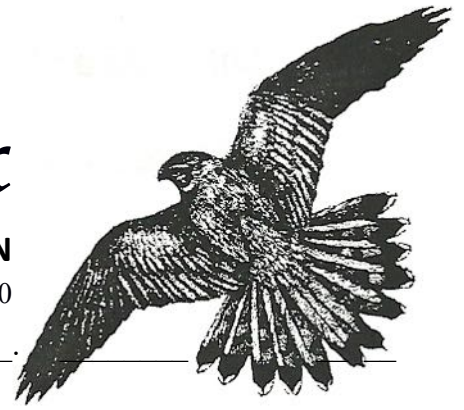


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June Programming

Kayaking at Kent Park Lake

Thursday, June 2, 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.,
Hwy. 6 NW, Oxford, IA 52322

Join Johnson County Conservation naturalists for a paddle around Kent Park Lake. This is the perfect program for those who have never been kayaking before. Don't worry about getting in



Registration

Use the form at the URL below to register.

<https://tinyurl.com/kv6p34dc>

and out of the kayak,

because the team is there to help. Enjoy the peace and quiet of the lake and see the park like never before...from the water! Come to the fishing dock, and be sure to wear shoes that can get wet. Bring water and a sack lunch to enjoy with your UIRA friends afterward.

Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 16, 11:00 a.m.-noon via Zoom

Plan to attend the UIRA's virtual Annual Meeting this year. During the meeting, we'll meet our new board members; recognize the UIRA service award recipients, photo contest winners, and scholarship recipients; and we'll reflect on the past year and preview the year ahead. You will be able to join the meeting at 10:45 a.m. to visit with your friends. And you might want to brush up on your UI trivia. Details, along with the Zoom link for the meeting, will be sent the week of June 13.



Goodbye and Thank You

This is my last column. It's been a busy, energizing, sometimes challenging, and always enjoyable year. UIRA has offered three in-person outdoor programs and 13 lectures on Zoom. Despite the ambiguities of the pandemic, loyal UIRA members have worked diligently to maintain our high standards. Thank you to board members **Ed Dove, Sam Cochran, Benny Hawkins, Pat Mason-Browne, David Fitzgerald, Deb Cobb, Chuck Dayton, Lois Lembke, Vicki Siefers, Billie Townsend**, *Gray Hawk* editor **Lesanne Fliehler**, webmaster **Phil Klein**, and EFC liaison **Frank Mitros**. I appreciate your thoughtful discussions at board meetings that often ran overtime. Thank you to program committee members **Sam Cochran, Nancy Williams, Billie Townsend, Alice Atkinson, Ed Dove, Lesanne Fliehler, Ellie Herman**, and **Nancy Langguth** for your diverse, interesting program ideas. And thank you, **Emil Rinderspacher** for being our Zoom master. Thanks to **Sam** and **Ed** for your wise counsel on all things UIRA. I am grateful to all of you for everything you have done.

As we transition to the new year, I am pleased to announce the new officers and board members. **Deb Cobb** will serve as president-elect. New board members are **Evalyn Van Allen-Shalash, Maureen McCormick, and Mike Hovland**. **Mike Barron** will complete the remaining year of Benny Hawkins' term. Please read the article about Mike on page 3. Thanks to these members for agreeing to serve and thank you for a strong voter response. **Sue Otto** reports that the number of votes is higher than in previous years.

At the end of this year, I look back at the progress we have made in formalizing UIRA's affiliation with the University of Iowa through the Center for Advancement. Ed Dove, Sam Cochran, and I met in mid-May with UI and UICA leaders to begin finalizing ways in which UICA will support us. As this issue goes to press, we are moving forward in working out specifics. Watch your email for information on how this formal affiliation will affect your participation. You will receive an email (or special issue of the *Gray Hawk*) this summer with specific details.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your president. I have enjoyed the creativity of the work, the new friendships I have made, and meaning UIRA has given all of our lives. Enjoy your summer. See you in September at one of our new programs!

—Carolyn Wanat

New Board Members



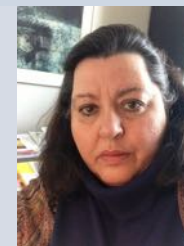
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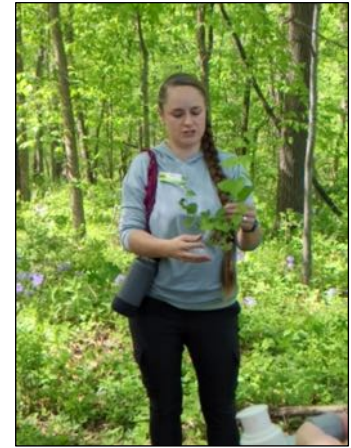
Evalyn Van
Allen-Shalash

UIRA Members Enjoy a Walk in the Woods at Cangleska Wakan

Over 20 UIRA members joined Johnson County Conservation Naturalist Marci Trana for a guided spring ephemeral hike in Cangleska Wakan. After the hike, participants enjoyed sack lunches at a picnic area outside the round barn that is the cornerstone of this property. Cangleska Wakan is Johnson County Conservation's newest acquisition and is located off Sugar Bottom Road in northeast Johnson County. Learn more about this amazing property:

<https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Johnson/Park/Cangleska-Wakan.aspx>.

The UIRA thanks Johnson County Conservation for all the programming opportunities it has presented this year!



Johnson County Conservation Educational Specialist Marci Trana explains the good and the bad of garlic mustard to UIRA members.

Barron to Fill Board Position

With the resignation of **Benny Hawkins** from the UIRA Board, the Nominations Committee recommended that past UIRA president **Michael Barron** complete Benny's term ending June 2023. (Mike had offered to complete Benny's term.)

Michael joined the University of Iowa as Director of Admissions in 1987 and retired in 2014 as Assistant Provost for Enrollment and Executive Director of Admissions. He was the UI's representative to ACT and the College Board for many years and active in the National Association for College Admission Counseling, receiving the Gayle C. Wilson Award for Lifetime Service to the Profession in 2008. Mike previously served on the UIRA Board for one year as a Board Director in 2015-16 and became President-Elect 2016-17. He left the Board following the completion of his Past-President year in 2019. He has remained active in UIRA activities, particularly the Past-Presidents group and Nominating Committee. He serves on the boards of various nonprofit organizations, including the Barry Goldwater Educational Support Fund, which supports the national Goldwater Scholars Program in the STEM fields.



Michael Barron

See You in September!

This is the last issue of The Gray Hawk until September. The Programming Committee will be planning events during the summer, so if you have ideas, please send them to Carolyn Wanat at carolyn-wanat@uiowa.edu.

New UIRA Members

Paul Matzen, Spouse
Sherry Ogren, Spouse
Hal Penick, Spouse
Lynne A. Vestal, College of Medicine/
Psychiatry
Jean Eisenhauer Wiese, College of
Medicine/Radiology
Jim Wiese, Spouse

Encourage Friends to Join UIRA

Do you have a friend who is a UI retiree or a recent retiree from another business? Encourage them to join UIRA! UI retirees join as regular members, and we have affiliate (nonvoting) memberships for those who retired from another enterprise. More details at: <https://uira.org.uiowa.edu/>.

UIRA Volunteer Service Awards Announced

The UIRA receives annual nominations for two awards: the Community Service Award and the University of Iowa Service Award. To be eligible, the nominee must be a member of the UIRA, retired for at least two years, have outstanding service carried out since retirement (activities prior to retirement do not count), and may include a wide range of activities that make a positive impact. The two recipients of the 2022 awards not only meet but exceed these requirements. The Community Service Award goes to **Emil Rinderspacher** and the University of Iowa Service Award to **Professor Emeritus Warren Boe**. The Awards Committee thinks you will agree that the selections for the two UIRA Service Awards have been active in retirement and are very deserving of these awards.

Emil Rinderspacher, UIRA Community Service Award

Emil retired in June 2015 as the University's Director of Admissions. Since his retirement he has engaged in service to a variety of organizations, including the City Circle Theatre Company of Coralville, UIRA, Senior College, and the Johnson County Master Gardening program.

Even before his retirement, Emil was active in the City Circle Theatre Company, but he has continued his work with the company to the present, serving as Chair of the Board from 2013 to 2018 and Past Chair from 2018 to the present. He was active both off stage—taking an active role in essential board and theater functions, including fundraising, marketing, season selection, and productions—as well as on stage, taking up acting after his retirement.

As President, Past-President, and Program Committee Chair, Emil has led UIRA through the exigencies of the pandemic, moving virtually all UIRA activities to the online platform Zoom. He became a Zoom master, conducting all Board meetings and new Board member orientation during his presidency, and hosting all Program



Emil Rinderspacher

Committee meetings and all UIRA programs online via Zoom, starting in 2020. He continues to serve as the main go-to expert for Zoom training and troubleshooting.

Emil's expertise with Zoom was also critical to the successful transition of Senior College courses to the Zoom platform. He provided training to committee members and developed how-to guides for committee members hosting courses. As current Chair of the Senior College Committee, he collaborates with personnel from the Center for University Advancement in all administrative aspects of this very successful enterprise.

Emil has a passion for gardening, as this quote indicates: "I love plants (an addiction) and love to share my passion with others." He is a certified Master Gardener and his yard and gardens have been featured on many local, state, and regional tours, including two Midwest regional tours. He serves on the Steering Committee that oversees the work of the Johnson County Master Gardener program, which includes 150 volunteers. Since 2019 he has chaired the annual Master Gardener Plant Sale and Flea Market, a huge fundraising event that draws on the involvement of many Master Gardeners. The proceeds support the Master Gardeners' many projects and activities, including scholarships for horticulture students at Kirkwood

Warren Boe, UIRA University Service Award

Warren retired in 2012 after being a professor of business analytics in the Tippie College of Business for 42 years. He continued to teach for two years after his retirement. Since his retirement, he has engaged in service to a variety of organizations, including the Emeritus Faculty Council, UIRA, Senior College, Kiwanis, and the Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach program.

Warren served on the Emeritus Faculty Council (EFC) for eight years as the College of Business representative. He was elected Vice President in 2015-16, President in the 2016-17, and Past President in 2017-18. The EFC hosts monthly lectures presented by retired UI faculty members. Selected council members attend several UI charter committees (including the Faculty Council/Senate, the Funded Retirement Insurance Committee, Hancher, Libraries, Parking & Transportation, Recreational Service, and Research Council), thus keeping their members abreast of important university policies and activities.

Warren has served as Chair of the Nominating Committee—one of the more demanding of UIRA committees. The work of recruiting nominees has become increasingly difficult in recent years, but Warren rose to the challenge, agreeing to Chair the committee for two more years. His work in organizing the committee and leading the process during his three-year stint constituted a valuable contribution to the organization.



Warren Boe

Warren has been a member of the Senior College Committee since 2018. He currently serves as the Secretary. Senior College is one of the most successful educational programs available to seniors. Courses are taught by emeritus and current UI faculty members.

The Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach program was established to provide a Lutheran chaplain in University Hospitals. The program was defunded by the denomination, so a local group took over raising funds to continue the program. For nine years (from 2005 through 2014), Warren was the treasurer and manager of local fundraising campaigns for the program, raising approximately \$70,000 per year.



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(year term on board expires)

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Lois Lembke	Director (2022)
Michael Barron	(Director 2023)
Billie Townsend	Director (2023)
Vicki Siefers	Director (2024)
Deb Cobb	Director (2024)
Frank Mitros	EFC representative (ex-officio)

Monthly meetings of the UIRA Board of Directors are held online via Zoom at 1:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month.