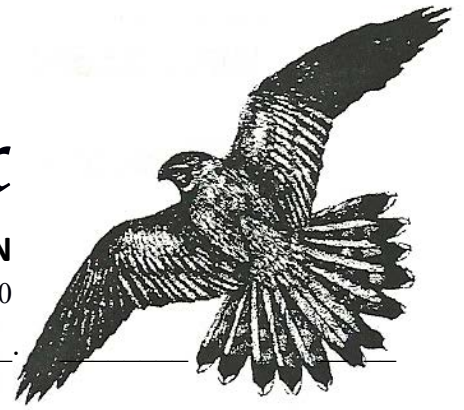


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UNIVERSITY OF IOWA RETIREES ASSOCIATION

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Ice Cream & Cookie Social (plus Annual Meeting)

The annual meeting of the UI Retirees Association will be **Thursday, June 15, 2023, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** in 2520-D University Capitol Center (located within the UCC Conference Room Suite toward the south end of the building's second floor). The event will also be available via Zoom (the link is sent to members in an email). Refreshments and social time will begin at 2 PM, followed by the annual business meeting beginning at about 2:30 PM.

City parking (for a fee) is available in the parking ramp attached to the south of the building. Entrances accessed on Clinton and Capitol streets. The first hour is free.

Please register to attend by June 1. Include first and last names of those attending and send to Evalyn Van Allen-Shalash (van-allen-shalash@uiowa.edu).

Senior College Courses for Fall

Senior College courses will once again be available this fall. Taught by emeritus and current University of Iowa faculty members and others, the courses cover a wide variety of topics in the humanities, sciences, and the arts. Twelve different courses will run from September to December. The course listing will be available on July 31 on the Senior College webpage (<https://www.foriowa.org/senior-college>). Registration will begin Monday, August 7 at 9:00 a.m.

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 Ed Dove at edwin-dove@uiowa.edu. In addition, if you would like to serve on the committee, we would love to hear from you. Enjoy your summer!

UIRA President's Column

Some Final Thoughts

It is good to see that everything is growing so well this season, but for some reason nothing grows faster than the weeds in my front yard. I think that next year we should have a master gardener give a seminar on safe weed control techniques. This year, though, we have an important meeting on our UIRA schedule (see page 1 for details).

We will present next year's president-elect, and the new Board of Directors members. We will also present the winners of various awards, and we will make a presentation of this year's accomplishments. It is particularly important to be familiar with the changes that have already been made to how we conduct our business, and those changes that will be implemented soon. We will end the meeting by describing the plans for next year's activities, and by soliciting ideas for future activities and suggestions for improving the association. I encourage you to mark your calendars for this important UIRA meeting.

This is my last president's message for *The Gray Hawk* newsletter. It has been both fun and a bit challenging at times.

I have had the good fortune of working with some wonderful people: members of the **Board of Directors**, members of the various UIRA committees, and with our Administrative Services Coordinator, **Kellie Digmann**. We are fortunate that **President Barbara Wilson** and **Vice Presidents Laura McLeran** and **Cheryl Reardon** have demonstrated strong support the work of the association. To all, I offer much gratitude.

Next year **Deb Cobb** will be our president. I look forward to her leadership of UIRA.

Ed Dove, UIRA President, 2022-2023



Deb Cobb

New Board Members Elected

Congratulations to these UIRA retirees, who were elected to the UIRA Board last month.



Evalyn Van Allen-Shalash



Mike Barron



Chris Peterson Brus



Lois Cox



Diana Lundell



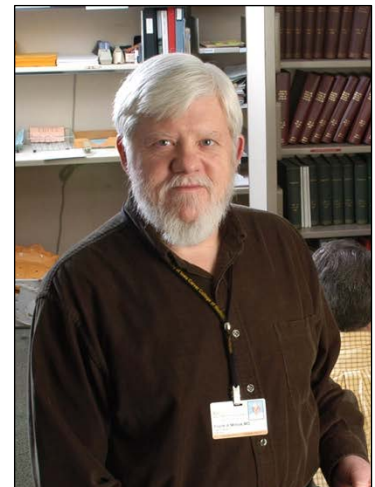
Cathy Wilcox

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 2023 awards not only meet but exceed these requirements. The University of Iowa Service Award goes to **Frank Mitros** and the UIRA Community Service Award to **Larry Wilson**. We think you will agree that the selections for the two UIRA Service Awards have been active in retirement and are very deserving of these awards.

Frank Mitros, University of Iowa Service Award Recipient

Since his retirement in 2012, Frank Mitros continues active teaching and mentoring in the Departments of Pathology, Internal Medicine, and Pediatrics. Every Friday morning Frank teaches in the GI and Liver Biopsy Conference, providing didactics (lectures of varying lengths) to the faculty, Fellows, and residents in attendance. On average, there are 30 attendees at each conference. Since the institution of a Pathology Fellowship in GI and Liver Pathology, Frank has served as a formal mentor to the Pathology Fellow, meeting regularly to provide teaching presentations. He remains active in national and international professional organizations for pathologists by presenting papers at annual conferences.



Frank Mitros

Frank has been a member of the Senior College Committee for eight years. He has been involved in the planning and coordination of courses, plus he has served as an instructor in two courses. Currently, he is serving as the liaison from Senior College to the Emeritus Faculty Council (EFC).

Frank completed two terms on the EFC in Spring 2022. While on EFC, Frank served as liaison to a number of University Charter Committees including the Faculty Senate and Faculty Council. He served as President in 2021-2022, leading the EFC to complete its work representing emeritus faculty and serving the Provost for Faculty in an advisory capacity. Frank served as liaison to UIRA during his year as President. He has been a UIRA member since his retirement and a regular attendee at meetings. He chose to serve as liaison to learn more about UIRA and to extend the offer for more extensive collaboration.

As he became aware of the unique offerings of Senior College, EFC, and UIRA, he worked to strengthen the collaboration between the three organizations.

Larry Wilson, Community Service Award Recipient

Larry Wilson retired from the University of Iowa in March 2010 where he served as Associate Director of Campus & Facilities Planning and Campus Planner for Facilities Management, responsible for campus planning, space management and building operations. He is a former President of the Iowa and St. Louis chapters of the American Society of Landscape Architects, and a former Trustee of the Iowa Chapter. He serves as an emeritus member of the Iowa State University Landscape Architecture Professional Advisory Council. In retirement, Larry has used his professional knowledge and his extensive background in facilities and landscape architecture to continue to support community interactions with the natural environment.



Larry Wilson

Larry was instrumental in developing the Mormon Trek Blvd. Median Prairie, by removing invasive species from Melrose Street north to the railroad bridge. Although it was beautiful to see when in bloom, the number of volunteers dwindled and invasive species removal became too daunting for just two people, so Iowa City began mowing the median rather than maintain the prairie.

Larry volunteered to work on weed control in the gravel and paved walks, driveway and parking areas of the Unitarian Universalist Society grounds. Because the church does not use chemical weed control in order to be environmentally friendly, it was a daunting task to weed by hand, he researched and introduced torching weeds with a propane torch to make the work more manageable.

Larry has actively volunteered with a number of conservation organizations. He served on the Johnson County Conservation Board (July 2012 to December 2020), and he was appointed by the County Board of Supervisors in 2012 to fill a vacated position and then reappointed in 2015 for five years. He has continued to volunteer in native prairie seed harvesting, project reviews and a Conservation Board and Board of Supervisors Strategic Plan update.

Larry also served on the Iowa County Conservation System Board (a state association of County Conservation Boards in Iowa) from 2014 to 2020. He was elected to District 6 (15 northeastern Iowa counties) in 2014 and reelected 2017, for three-year terms and was elected as Board Vice President 2018 and President in 2019. Larry has also served on the Iowa River Water Trail Steering Committee, representing the Johnson County Conservation Board.

He served on the UIRA Nominating Committee in 2016, 2019, and 2020. He also served on the Senior College Committee from 2013 to spring 2016.



Surrounded by the beauty of Hancher Auditorium are Docent Sally Leme, Sandra and John Hudson, Lesanne Fliehler, Deb Cobb, Nancy Sereduck, Marianne Weiss, Ron Salome, Sue Otto, Carolyn Wanat, Nancy Langguth, Nancy Williams, Deb Hughes, and Docent Ellie Herman.

UIRA Year Ends with Nature Hike at Phebe Timber and Docent-Led Hancher Tour

Last but not least among the UIRA programming this year were two in-person events in May. Nine UIRA members joined Johnson County Conservation Naturalist Marci Trana for a guided hike at Phebe Timber on May 13. Only 27 acres, the land is easily walkable and a short drive outside Iowa City off Highway 1. Members enjoyed finding spring ephemerals (plants marked by short life cycles) and using phone apps to identify birds.

In addition, 13 people attended a tour of Hancher Auditorium on May 3, a look at hidden areas most performance attendees would never see. The highlight was a chance to stand on stage to envision what it would be like to perform there.



Phebe Timber hikers included (front row) Johnson County Naturalist Marci Trana, Norma Panther, Lesanne Fliehler. (back row) Sam Cochran, Sue and Chuck Dayton, Ann McLaughlin, Celia McHenry, and Alice Atkinson. (Ken Atkinson missed the photo opp while hiking ahead of the group!)



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(year term on board expires)

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TBD	EFC representative (ex-officio)

The UI Retirees Association maintains a continuous connection to the University of Iowa and supports the interests and welfare of retired University of Iowa faculty and staff members.

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

New UIRA Members

Ann McCarthy, Nursing
Jeff Murray, Pediatrics
Jennifer Clougherty, Nursing

Did you know the UIRA organization is now 646 members strong? We'd love to see more of you at next year's events!