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REMINDER:
**You Can Still
Sign Up For
UIRA Annual
Meeting**

If you haven't already sent in your reservation for the UIRA Annual Membership Meeting and Brunch on **Thursday, April 16**, there's still time – the deadline has been extended until April 10 – but hurry! You may use the reservation form included in this issue of *The Gray Hawk*.

The Brunch Buffet will begin at **10:00 a.m.** at the **Quality Inn/Highlander** at 2525 North Dodge Street, just north of I-80. The cost is \$11.50 per person. Come earlier and enjoy the music of the Soul Friends jazz trio.

UI Provost Wallace D. Loh will address us following the brunch. At the business meeting after the program, new officers and directors for 2009-10 will be elected. The Nominating Committee's recommended slate is: **President Elect, Mary New; Secretary, Jane Jakobsen; Directors-at-Large, Lou Crist and Jean Hood.** Nominations also will be accepted from the floor.

**Date Change
For Visit To
Belin Center**

There has been a change in the date and time of the April program. Our visit to the Belin-Blank Center* needed to be rescheduled to **Wednesday, April 22**, from **11:00 a.m. until noon**. The meeting will take place in **Room 600** of the **Blank Honors Center** building on the UI east campus.

The nearest parking is the North Campus Ramp at the very north end of Madison Street. Park in the ramp, and take the elevator (or stairs) to Level 5. Cross the outdoor "bridge" to the beginning of the T. Anne Cleary Walkway, and immediately cross the walkway to the new Blank Honors Center building. Take the elevator to the 6th floor, where the Belin-Blank Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development* is located.

As a bonus after our visit, the secretary suggests that you might want to walk to the nearby Burge Hall cafeteria, where you can get a "wonderful all-you-can-eat" lunch for \$7.00. It might be an interesting way to assess what dormitory food is like now, compared to our memories of it.

* The Belin-Blank Center is one of the top gifted education and talent development centers in the nation. It has established itself as a worldwide leader in research, training, and gifted resources. Gifted students are the focus—this organization concentrates on identification, specialized opportunities (such as talent searches and summer programs) and much more. With a recent focus on international education, useful policy information and more is available for those interested all over the globe. There are also a number of resources available for parents and teachers.

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**UIRA E-mail
Newsletter
Pilot Study
Continues**

More than 115 UIRA members will receive *The Gray Hawk* by e-mail again this month in our pilot study to determine the feasibility of distributing the newsletter electronically to reduce printing and mailing costs. Members not participating in the pilot study will receive this issue by regular mail as before. The results so far appear successful. Few problems were reported with the e-mailing of the February and March issues, and nearly all of those – mostly technical and software glitches – were resolved. UIRA President Dick Stevenson plans to present a progress report at the Annual Meeting on April 16. The pilot study will probably continue through May or June.

**Deadline
For May
Gray Hawk
Copy**

Friday, April 24, is the deadline for submitting items for the May issue of *The Gray Hawk* newsletter. Please send them to Dwight Jensen by regular mail at 13 Lakeview Drive NE, Iowa City, IA 52240, or via e-mail at dpjensen@mchsi.com

Reservation Form for Brunch and Annual Meeting

Thursday, April 16, 2009

Quality Inn / Highlander, 2525 North Dodge Street

Soul Friends Jazz Trio---9:30

Brunch---10:00

Speaker: University of Iowa Provost, Wallace D. Loh

Please send your reservation(s) WITH PAYMENT OF \$11.50 PER PERSON by Friday, April 10, to:

Penny Hall
722 Alpine Drive
Iowa City, IA 52245

(Make checks payable to: University of Iowa Retirees Association)

Number of Reservations: _____

Name(s): _____
