



## It's Time to Renew Your Membership

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**Now Is the  
Time to pay  
UIRA Dues  
For 2009-10**

It is time to renew your membership(s) in the University of Iowa Retirees Association for the 2009-10 membership year. UIRA memberships run from **July 1 through June 30**. New members who join after May 1 are paid through June 30 of next year. First-year membership is free for new retirees and their spouses or domestic partners.

Included with this issue of *The Gray Hawk* is a form for renewals and new memberships. Please fill it out and send it with your check for **\$10 per membership** to Marion Johnson, Membership Chair, at the address on the form. Do not send it to the UI Foundation

**May 27th  
Program  
Will be at  
Plum Grove**

Our May program will be a morning at **Plum Grove**, which was the home of Iowa's first Governor, Robert Lucas, and his wife, Friendly. The Plum Grove visit is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 27, from 10:00 a.m. until noon**. (Rain date: Friday, May 29.). This historic site is located at **1030 Carroll Street**, directly off of Kirkwood Avenue in Iowa City. (See page 2 for program details and parking instructions.)

**Big Ten  
Retirees to  
Meet Here  
In August**

The University of Iowa Retirees Association and the Emeritus Faculty Council will co-host the 2009 Meeting of Big Ten Retirees Associations on the UI campus August 14-16. With exception of the campus tour on Saturday afternoon, UIRA and Council members are encouraged to attend all or part of the conference. Local members attending events will not be charged the registration fee, but will need to pay for any meals they attend. The June issue of *The Gray Hawk* will include meal costs and information about registering.

The conference theme is "The Big Ten and Its Academic Counterpart: The Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC)." Registration will begin late Friday afternoon in the Iowa House Lobby. (See page 2 for additional information on the program and speakers.)

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**More on Plum Grove Program**

(continued from page 1) The May 27<sup>th</sup> program at Plum Grove will have three components. Professor Thomas Charlton, UI Department of Anthropology, annually conducts an archaeological "dig" at the site, done in a workshop format which includes University students. He will speak to us on the topic of *Workshops in Historical Archaeology: 1844-1943 – 100 Years of Occupation at Plum Grove*. Guides from the Johnson County Historical Society, coordinated by Curator Leigh Ann Randak, will conduct tours of the home itself. In addition, a Master Gardener will be available to discuss what is and what will be planted in the three Plum Grove Heritage Gardens.

There is a small parking lot at the site, and parking is also available on Carroll Street. Remember that parking is not allowed on Kirkwood Avenue. Please try to car-pool because parking is so limited. Attendees also are encouraged to bring lawn chairs (and perhaps sun screen, bug spray, and visors). In the case of inclement weather, an e-mailed mass message will be sent indicating the need to move the program to the May 29<sup>th</sup> rain date.

**Big Ten Retirees Meeting**

(continued from page 1) Friday evening's events at the Big Ten Retirees Associations' 2009 Meeting will include a reception in the Wyrick Rotunda and dinner in the Green Assembly Hall of the Levitt Center. UI Provost Wallace Loh is scheduled to welcome the group and speak briefly before dinner. The Tempered Brass will provide musical entertainment after the meal.

The Saturday morning session in the Morse Board Room of the Levitt Center will focus on the theme of the conference. President Sally Mason will open the meeting, followed by presentations by Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delaney and CIC Executive Director Barbara Allen. After the break, Emeritus Professor Sam Becker will lead a discussion by the entire body on "The Relationship of the Retirees Associations to the Big Ten and the CIC." After lunch, Rod Lehnertz, UI Director of Design and Construction, will give a slide presentation on the effects of the flood on the UI campus. A tour of the campus for the out-of-town guests will follow his presentation. Dinner Saturday night will be in the South Room of the Iowa Memorial Union with music by the Soul Friends Jazz Trio.

The program on Sunday morning will have two parts. The first is on Senior College type activities. Emeritus Professor Laird Addis will give a brief presentation about teaching in the program. Representatives from each retiree association will then have an opportunity to share information on the types of classes and activities provided their members. Following the morning break, participants will describe their association's activities during the past year and the challenges facing their group. The meeting will end at noon with a box lunch.

**Deadline For June Gray Hawk Copy**

**Friday, May 29**, is the deadline for submitting items for the June 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](mailto:dpjensen@mchsi.com)

## **Annual Meeting Wrap-up**

About 85 UIRA members gathered for the 2009 Annual Meeting at the Quality Inn/Highlander on April 16 to enjoy a Buffet Brunch, hear an address by Provost Wallace Loh, and elect new officers and directors

Provost Loh reflected on his first months at the UI, expressing admiration for Iowans in general and the University in particular; but he noted that budget cuts and flood damage on the campus have presented serious challenges. He also urged retired professors to volunteer to teach a Freshman Seminar next fall. (*See Provost's statement below.*)

New officers and directors, recommended by the Nominating Committee and elected by acclamation, are: **President Elect, Mary New; Secretary, Jane Jakobsen; and Directors at Large, Lou Crist and Jean Hood.**

In his report to members, President Dick Stevenson said the experiment with distributing *The Gray Hawk* newsletter by e-mail to about one-fourth of the membership has been largely successful. Based on three months' experience with e-mailing the newsletter, it appears that the annual savings will permit the UIRA to keep dues at \$10 for another year. The goal will be to send the newsletter electronically to all members who are willing and able to receive it that way.

## **Teachers Wanted for Freshman Seminars**

At the UIRA Annual Meeting on April 16, UI Provost Wallace D. Loh issued a call for retired professors to volunteer to teach in a Freshman Seminar next fall. Subsequently, he expanded his request in the following statement for *The Gray Hawk*:

"We invite you to reconnect with your inner teacher by participating in the UI's first-year seminar program. First-year seminars focus on engaging new students in the academic life of the University by introducing them to an academic topic in a small-group setting. Such small seminars also give students the chance to interact with a member of the faculty in a setting that encourages active participation. The seminars meet for 50 minutes per week for 15 weeks, and are capped at 18 first-year students. Topics range from Iowa civil rights law to the psychology of forgiveness. This is a chance to revisit a topic that you once taught, or to teach something that has always intrigued you." For more information, please contact Angie Cochran at 319-335-0148 or [angie-cochran@uiowa.edu](mailto:angie-cochran@uiowa.edu).

## **UIRA Picnic Will be on June 16 at Northridge Pavilion**

The 2009 **UIRA Potluck Picnic** is to be held on **Tuesday, June 16**, from **5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** at the **Northridge Pavilion, 2250 Holiday Road**, in Coralville's Northridge Park. The Association will provide chicken, table service, and your choice of lemonade, iced tea, or ice water. Bring your favorite potluck dish – enough to serve four – and come for good food and good fellowship with your friends, old and new.

The Pavilion can be reached by taking the marked entrance on the south side of Holiday Road – careful, it looks like an alley entrance or bike path!! A short road will lead you to the Pavilion's parking lot. (The entrance is located on Holiday Road between Parkway Drive on the east, and a large apartment complex on the west.) Other parking is available at the Community of Christ Church, located at the south end of Southridge Drive, a short walking distance from the Pavilion.

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