



## Remember to Renew Your Membership

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### Don't Forget To Pay Your UIRA Dues For 2009-10

If you haven't yet renewed your membership(s) in the University of Iowa Retirees Association for 2009-10, now is the time to do it. Memberships run from **July 1 through June 30**. New members who joined 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.

A form for renewals and new memberships was included with the May issue of *The Gray Hawk*. Please fill it out and send it with your check for **\$10 per membership** to Marion Johnson, Membership Chair, 2107 Norcor Avenue, Apt. 6, Coralville, IA 52241.

Reminder notices will be sent in July or August to members who have not yet paid their dues. Those who have not paid by August 31 will be dropped from the membership list.

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

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

**Directions:** The Pavilion can be reached by taking the marked entrance on the south side of Holiday Road between Parkway Drive and a large apartment complex – careful, it looks like an alley entrance or bike path!! A short road will lead you to the Pavilion's parking lot. 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.

### Registration Information For Big Ten Retirees Meeting

UIRA members are invited to attend all or part of the meeting of the Big Ten Retirees Associations here August 14-16, 2009. Please refer to the May *Gray Hawk* for program details including session topics and speakers.

The registration fee for all three days is \$125.00, which covers all meals – the reception and dinner on Friday; breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday; and breakfast and a box lunch on Sunday.

If you cannot attend the entire meeting, but would like to attend one or more of the sessions with meals, please remit the amount specified on the reservation form. UIRA members may attend non-meal sessions without reservations. (*Volunteers needed, see next page.*)

## *Thank You for the Opportunity . . .*

At the end of this month, I will turn over the reins of the UIRA to Penny Hall. I know that Penny will strive to enhance the value of the UIRA to its members.

Last fall, I indicated the goals for my term as President were to try to provide more service to you and to carefully examine the cost and manner in which we provide these services. I believe that we made significant progress in achieving these goals.

In terms of communication with you, we improved *The Gray Hawk*. Hopefully, additional improvements can be incorporated in the future. Your input is always welcome in this regard. In addition, the UIRA website has been revived by Feather Lacy and I invite you to visit it.

All UIRA Board members and Officers were important in our efforts of the past academic year, but several individuals gladly shouldered more than their share of the responsibility. Dwight Jensen, *The Gray Hawk* editor, worked tirelessly on improving our newsletter as well as shepherding the e-mail distribution pilot project. We now have about 130 members receiving *The Gray Hawk* via e-mail and plan to increase that number in the future. LaVonna Gaunt, our membership officer, and the staff of the UI Foundation were also vital in our successful e-mail pilot project.

On the financial side, UIRA Treasurer Joe Joynt provided valuable input into the analysis of our revenue and expenses. When the UIRA started about thirteen years ago, annual dues were \$10. If one adjusts this starting value for inflation, the result is dues of \$15. However, with both careful cost control and the economies achieved by the e-mail distribution of *The Gray Hawk*, we were able to keep the dues at \$10.

I would like to thank UIRA members for allowing me to serve you for four years: two years as a director and one year each as President Elect and President. There were challenges and things like floods to deal with. However, there were also some wonderful memories that resulted from working with an outstanding group of retirees.

*Dick Stevenson*  
UIRA President

### **Volunteers Needed for Big Ten Meeting**

The Planning Committee for the meeting of Big Ten Retirees Associations will need help with staffing the registration table on Friday, August 14, in the Iowa House Lobby from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you can assist with this task, please contact Katherine Belgum. Her email address is [katherine-belgum@uiowa.edu](mailto:katherine-belgum@uiowa.edu). Thanks very much for your assistance.

### **Check Out New UIRA Web Site**

Thanks to the volunteer efforts of Feather Lacy, the UIRA web site has been thoroughly updated and every effort will be made to keep it current. Check it out at [www.uiowa.edu/~uira](http://www.uiowa.edu/~uira). You will find information on the purpose of the organization, membership, upcoming programs, UIRA contacts, current and past leadership, and bylaws. Also available on the web site are the complete *Gray Hawk* newsletters for the past six months.

### **Deadline for September Gray Hawk Copy**

The next issue of *The Gray Hawk* will be published in September. The deadline for submitting items for the September issue is **Friday, August 21**. 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).

**UIRA  
Welcomes  
New  
Members**

**Please welcome the following new UIRA members:**

Arnold E. Andersen	College of Medicine/Psychiatry
Helen Andersen	Spouse
Thomas K. Bauer	UI Research Park
Sandra Bauer	Spouse
Gail McClure	Spouse of the late John W. McClure
Linda Noble	Parking and Transportation
Thomas Young	Environmental Services

**Fall Senior  
College  
Courses**

A full schedule of Senior College courses is planned for the fall semester. Subjects will include the U.S. economy, sleep medicine, football, floods, human rights, and opera. Watch for details in the September *Gray Hawk*.