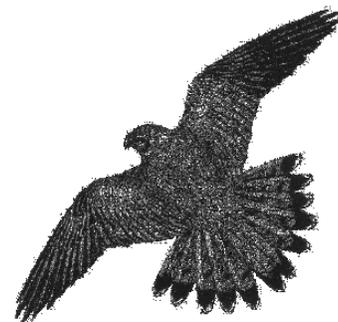


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Don't Forget to Renew Your UIRA Membership

Remember To Pay Your UIRA Dues for 2010-11

If you haven't renewed your membership(s) in the University of Iowa Retirees Association for the 2010-11 year, don't put it off. Memberships run from **July 1 through June 30**, so now is the time to renew. New members who join or existing members who renew after May 1 are paid through June 30 of the following 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 out the form – including your current postal and e-mail addresses – and send it with your check for **\$10 per membership** to Marion Johnson, Membership Chair, 2107 Norcor Avenue, #6, Coralville, IA 52241. Do not send it to the UI Foundation.

Join us at Northridge Pavilion for UIRA Picnic on June 9

Be sure to join us for the 2010 **UIRA Potluck Picnic on Wednesday, June 9, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.** at the **Northridge Pavilion, 2250 Holiday Road**, in Coralville's Northridge Park. Come for good food and good fellowship with your friends, old and new. Bring your favorite potluck dish – enough to serve four. Chicken, table service, and your choice of coffee, iced tea, or iced water will be provided.

Directions: The Pavilion can be reached by taking the marked entrance on the south side of Holiday Road. 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. It looks like an alley entrance or bike path, so take care not to miss it!!) Additional parking is available at the Community of Christ Church, which is located at the south end of Southridge Drive, a short distance from the Pavilion.

Volunteers Needed for Hospitality Committee

Incoming 2010-11 President Jean Hood is recruiting members for a new Hospitality Committee for the UIRA.

"Greeting people, helping them get a name tag and welcoming them to UIRA meetings will be tasks assumed by the committee," she said. "We're looking for people to join us in these responsibilities. With a big crew, none of us would have to do more than one or two meetings during the year.

"There will be a large number of retirees this next year – 250 predicted – and we want them to feel welcome. Please e-mail me at ajhood@q.com to add your name to the list of volunteers. You'll be contacted in late summer to indicate your choice of meeting at which to serve as greeter. Come join our group to help everyone feel welcome!"

It has been a privilege . . .

Our June 9th picnic will conclude a very busy – and very successful – year for the UIRA. A quick review!

Our year began in August when we hosted the 2009 Conference of Big Ten Retirees Associations, a major event chaired by Sara Wolfson. Each month, under the leadership of Jean Hood, we've enjoyed programs on a very wide variety of interesting topics. We have also learned a great deal about the Senior College, which the UIRA co-sponsors with the Emeritus Faculty Council (EFC); I'm sure many of you have enjoyed various Senior College courses through the years. There are now evolving discussions about ways in which the UIRA and EFC might be mutually helpful.

Perhaps you've noticed that during the year the UIRA website has been revised and expanded due to Feather Lacy's creativity. In addition, the organization's information distributed to new retirees through the Benefits Office has been redone. *The Gray Hawk*, edited by Dwight Jensen, provided us timely information about our programs and other information pertinent to UI retirees. As well, the number of UIRA members receiving *The Gray Hawk* electronically has continued to increase, saving us printing and postage costs.

In an effort to stay current, our by-laws presently are being updated. Throughout the year, in a somewhat unique situation, I've had the pleasure of phone consultations with retired faculty members from a college in Minnesota who are using our organization as a model for their newly created retirees association.

And it is a point of pride to the Board that our dues continue to be \$10.00 a year – the same amount set when the UIRA was organized in 1996!

Our organization could not function without many individuals who are working behind the scenes. Our secretary, Jane Jakobsen, and treasurer, Joe Joynt, keep our records accurate and current. Marion Johnson manages our 500-ish membership records, while serving as our membership chairperson. Nancy Williams has served as the UIRA representative to the Funded Retirement and Insurance Committee (FRIC) and has kept the Board very well informed on issues of insurance and benefits. Nancy also served as the chair of the Nominating Committee. Our past-president, Dick Stevenson, has completed a number of tasks for us. Ken Yerington is keeping our archives up to date. And, the EFC representatives to the UIRA, Rose Friedrich and Pat Kelley, have greatly facilitated the interactions between our two groups.

As you can see, UIRA Board members and appointees have contributed to UIRA's success this year by taking leadership roles with various projects and programming. My heartfelt thanks to one and all! Willing leaders are so necessary in order for the organization to be an effective one for our membership.

It has been a privilege to serve as the UIRA president. It has provided me the opportunity to meet, and to work with, many people. Thank you for the opportunity. The gavel will soon be handed over to our new President, Jean Hood, and the new Board of Directors. Let us all work to support their efforts to sustain a strong Retirees Association at the University of Iowa!

Penny Hall

UIRA President
2009-10

UIRA Board	Penny Hall 338-8169 <i>penelope-hall@uiowa.edu</i>	President
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	LaVonna Gaunt	Director
	Marion Johnson	Director
	Nancy Williams	Director
	Feather Lacy	Director
	Ken Yerington	Archivist (<i>ex-officio</i>)

**UIRA
Welcomes
New
Members**

Please welcome the following new UIRA members:

Daniel J. Benton	Pediatrics
Arlene Gibbon	College of Medicine Administration
David Gibbon	Spouse
Karen K. Laszczak	Department of Cardiology, UIHC
Stefan "Steve" Laszczak	Institute of Hydraulic Research, Engineering
Cheryl Reinhardt	Department of Social Services, UIHC
Dave Reynolds	Administrative Support Services, Dentistry
Harriett Reynolds	Spouse
Marilyn Rose	Department of Anthropology
Jan Stephan	Behavioral Health, UIHC

**Deadline for
September
Gray Hawk
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The next issue of *The Gray Hawk* will be published in September. The deadline for submitting items for the September issue is **Friday, August 20**. 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**.