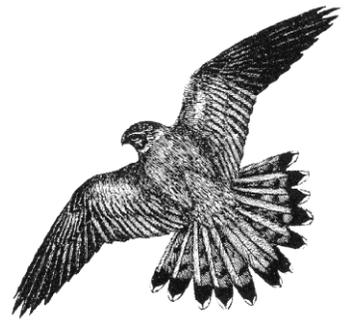


# The Gray Hawk

NEWSLETTER OF  
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**It's time to renew your membership! See form on colored page of this issue.**

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**Marathoning  
Around the  
World  
Wednesday,  
May 15,  
1:00-2:30  
p.m.**

**7 Marathons on 7 Continents, presented by Rick Walton, President-Elect of UIRA at the Coralville Public Library Meeting Room A** It's a double whammy! Meet our incoming UIRA President and hear an adventure story. Over a period of 8 years, Rick Walton, his wife Laura and two friends traveled the world to run a marathon on each continent. The locations included Easter Island (South America), Athens (Europe), Siberia (Asia), Kenya (Africa), New Zealand (Oceania) and even Antarctica. Each travel adventure also served up challenging runs through some intriguing and dramatic terrain. You will also learn about the discipline of training to run marathons.

There is free **parking** in the library parking lot with direct access to the lower level. Parking on the main level is permitted, but please avoid the closest two parking aisles, which are reserved for library patrons.

**UIRA  
Annual  
Potluck  
Picnic  
Tuesday,  
June 4,  
6:00 p.m.**

This year's **UIRA Annual Potluck Picnic** is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 4, in Shelter 6 of City Park (the large shelter near the Riverside Festival Theatre). The main course, table service, and beverages will be provided. Please bring either a salad or dessert to serve 6 people. RSVP not necessary.

Following the picnic, at 7:00 p.m., we shall once again have an opportunity to mosey across the green and attend a portion of the rehearsal of William Shakespeare's play, *Hamlet*, or Richard Sheridan's play, *The School for Scandal* (most likely the rehearsal will focus on *Hamlet*). Numerous words of appreciation from UIRA members have influenced the UIRA board's decision to choose City Park again as our meeting site. Plan to come!

**Deadline for  
June Gray  
Hawk Copy**

The deadline for submitting items for the June 2013 issue of *the Gray Hawk* is Friday, May 24th. Please send them to E. Ann Ford by regular mail at 10 Forest Glen, Iowa City, IA 52245, or via e-mail to [e-ann-ford@uiowa.edu](mailto:e-ann-ford@uiowa.edu)

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**Retirees  
pursue  
special  
interests  
From books  
to picking  
up litter**

The UIRA Board at its April board meeting discussed the possibility of organizing special interest groups. Such small group meetings would take place in addition to UIRA monthly programs and would appeal to special interests of UIRA members.

Minnesota retirees have a book club. Michigan State has knitting, US military history and opera study. Ohio State has groups for bridge, travel and litter. The latter—an environmental group called Litter Pickers—adopted a section of Route 33 southeast of Columbus and, yes, they literally pick up litter along the roadside.

Anyone interested in helping to organize a special interest group among UI retirees is encouraged to contact Ken Starck (kenneth-starck@uiowa.edu) or Nancy Williams (nancy-williams@uiowa.edu) or a member of the UIRA Board (members are listed in *The Gray Hawk*).

Ken Starck, Director

**Possible  
Merger of  
the UIRA  
and the AEF**

Representatives of the University of Iowa Retirees Association (UIRA) and the Association of Emeritus Faculty (AEF) met this spring to discuss a possible merger of their organizations. Most other universities have a single retirees' organization, and the leadership of both our organizations at the University of Iowa support moving toward a single organization here. At its forthcoming annual meeting in May, members of the AEF will be asked if they wish to proceed with substantive discussions on merger. If and when those discussions are successful, the memberships of the two organizations will be asked to approve the merger. With joint approval, merger could come as early as next academic year.

**UI  
Alzheimer's  
& Other  
Memory  
Loss  
Disorders  
Research  
Studies**

The Preventive Intervention Center at the University of Iowa is collecting contact information for individuals interested in learning about future research studies for Alzheimer's Disease and other memory loss disorders.

Adults aged 65-82 who are interested in being contacted about participating in future research studies for Alzheimer's Disease and other memory loss disorders should call 319-384-5030 or 1-800-887-6917 or e-mail: [cph-memoryloss@uiowa.edu](mailto:cph-memoryloss@uiowa.edu).

**Read  
Highlights  
From the  
April 23  
Annual  
Meeting**

**See photos at [uira.shutterfly.com/pictures/](http://uira.shutterfly.com/pictures/)**

**Nominating Committee Report:** Sharon Scheib, Chair, Charlie Anderson, Ruth Dawson, Nancy Lynch, and Bill Oglesby. The committee proposed the Slate of Officers below, which was unanimously elected. Their terms will begin in July 2013.

President-elect: Ken Starck (to become president 2014-15), Treasurer: Kris Canfield (3-year term), and Directors-at-Large: Gene Spaziani (for a second term of 3 years), Richard Johns (for a 3-year term), and Katharine Bjorndal (to fill Ken Starck's unexpired term).

**President Nancy Williams' Report** included these highlights:

We've worked to promote UIRA to attract new members. We send every new retiree a letter and one issue of the Gray Hawk. Ken Starck designed a UIRA brochure promoting UIRA.

We have energized our website, adding materials of relevance and importance to all members, along with agendas and minutes of our Board meetings.

In August 2012 Ken Starck and I attended the Big Ten Retirees meeting in Columbus, Ohio, and then Ken represented UIRA and EFC at AROHE in North Carolina.

As we chronicle the many ways that retirees contribute to the University and the community, Ray Muston and I met with Lynette Marshall, President and CEO of the University of Iowa Foundation. We all concurred that the data show that emeritus faculty and staff continue to be a vital group in the life of the university.

We're working on a conference which probably will be renamed, but loosely Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise for the coming year

**Please welcome our new members**

"As of this date, our organization is made up of 611 dues-paying members, representing 542 households." (from the April annual report of Gene Spaziani) If you are a new member but haven't seen your name listed, please let us know by contacting Ruth Dawson at [rbdawson@inav.net](mailto:rbdawson@inav.net)

Janet Ervin	Psychological and Quantitative Foundations
David Hackbarth	Environmental Health and Safety
Lynette M. Hartsock	Nursing, UIHC
Charles Helms	College of Medicine
Lelia Helms	Educational Policy and Leadership Status
Rose Milano	Nursing, UIHC

**Try the Khan Academy online**

This tip comes from Senior College instructor Bruce Hauptert (who is currently teaching “Change Your Life – Put Some Ethical Meat on Your Bones”):

Check out the Khan Academy, [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org). Bruce said that he learned more from one 12-minute Khan video on calculus than an entire semester course in college!

According to Wikipedia, what started as a remote tutorial for a cousin has now grown into a website that supplies a free online collection of more than 4,000 micro lectures via video tutorials stored on You Tube, teaching mathematics, history, healthcare, medicine, finance, physics, chemistry, biology, astronomy, economics, cosmology, organic chemistry, American civics, art history, macroeconomics, microeconomics, computer science, and no doubt more. The Khan Academy is now funded by significant backing from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Google.

We know how important it is to keep our brains engaged in active learning. Try the Khan Academy!

Nancy Williams