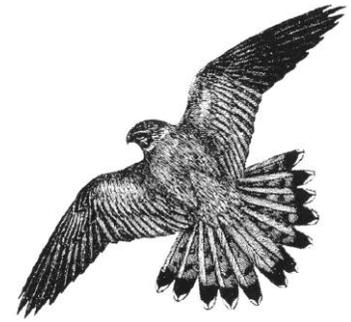


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Celebrating 20 Years of Service to University and Community



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



'The Internet of Things: Is information Privacy a Myth?'

UIRA Program: December 3 at 10 a.m. at Coralville Public Library

UI Chief Information Security Officer **Jane Drews** (photo) will discuss information privacy at a UIRA program December 3 ((Wednesday) 10 to noon in meeting Room A of the Coralville Public Library. She will present 10 steps to improve protection of personal information and suggest ways immediately to protect personal information. **Drews** has over 25 years experience in information security and has been the UI's Information Technology Security Officer since 1999. As Director of the Information Security & Policy Office, she is responsible for the University's enterprise-wide information security program. She serves on the Higher Education Information Security Council and the Committee on Institutional Cooperation Security Working Group.



In the spirit of the holiday season, UIRA is asking everyone to bring at least one can of food to the December 3 program. All food will be delivered to the Food Bank at the Crisis Center of Johnson County. The Food Bank provides supplemental grocery assistance weekly to Johnson County residents.

A Brief Report of the Benefits Meeting November 6

Medicare Supplements ("Medicare carve-out", "Medigap", "Medicare Advantage")

Currently offered to UI faculty and spouses is the UIChoice plan (through Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Iowa). The premium for eligible faculty is \$254/month, after subtracting the amount UI contributes. Spouses pay double that amount. The premium will increase to \$264 in 2015. For the coming enrollment period, the UI is offering two additional plans through Health Alliance Co. of Champaign-Urbana, IL:

1. A plan on a PPO (Preferred Provider Organization) format: This is very close to UIChoice in terms of coverage, costs (\$279/month, close to UIChoice for 2015), and doctors and hospitals choices (e.g., UIHC, Mercy of Cedar Rapids, but not yet Mercy of Iowa City). This also covers prescription drugs (generics are free). Thus, spouses could choose this plan at roughly half the price of UIChoice.

2. A plan on the HMO (Health Maintenance Organization) format: (a) Premium is only \$39/month, but with larger deductible and more for out-patient visits, (b) is restricted to UIHC doctors and hospitals and UI Health Alliance Providers, (c) has a built in "doughnut hole" for coverage costs and (d) free generic prescription drugs can only be obtained from Walmart or Sam's Club (other pharmacies would charge \$8).

Also, new this year: Participants may switch back and forth between UIChoice and a Health Alliance plan at each enrollment period. That is, one may want to try out a different plan for a year and may do so without penalty if one wants to return to the original plan.

Delta Dental: Currently at \$40/person/month. Premiums will rise to \$42 in 2015.

A video of the November 6 program (length: 1 hour, 15 minutes) is available online at

www.youtube.com/watch?v=XJmU3Hzufa4&feature=youtu.be

—by Gene Spaziani

Outstanding Contributions to Community, University To be Recognized by UIRA in New Awards Program

Nominations for two newly-established awards recognizing UIRA members for outstanding voluntary service are now being accepted. One award will be for contributions to the community. The other award will be for contributions to the University. The process for administering the two awards—including eligibility and criteria, nomination and selection--will be similar. The only difference is that one will recognize voluntary service to community; the other will recognize voluntary service to the University. Board member **Pam Willard** is chair of the ad hoc Awards Committee.

Purpose of the awards program is to recognize UIRA members for their service; draw attention to contributions that retirees make; and encourage retirees to continue to offer their talents and skills in ways that benefit the community and University.

Eligibility and Criteria

- * A nominee must have been retired for a period of at least two years.
- * The awards are based on outstanding service carried out since retirement. Activities prior to retirement will not be considered.
- * Volunteer service may include a wide range of activities that make a positive impact.
- * Members of the Selection Committee are ineligible for nomination.
- * Announcement of the award recipient will be made at the UIRA annual meeting.
- * Recipients are expected to be present at the annual meeting to accept the award.



Nomination

- * Any UIRA member may nominate a UIRA member, including him/herself.
- * The nominating letter should be limited to one page, describing how the nominee has successfully contributed through his or her involvement in one or more activities. In addition, a one-page biography of the nominee must be submitted and include the nominee’s name, address, telephone number and email address.
- * A member of the selection committee will contact the nominee to obtain additional information about her/his relevant volunteer activities.

* Nominations must be submitted to the UIRA Board member **Pam Willard** by January 31, 2015: **pamela-willard@uiowa.edu** or **Pam Willard**, 657 Larch Lane, Iowa City, IA 52245.

Selection

The selection committee will be comprised of five UIRA members, two each from faculty and staff, as well as the UIRA president.

Opportunities for Retirees: Part-time Temp and Volunteering

Part-time Temp—The Department of Occupational & Environmental Health, in the UI College of Public Health, is searching for a temporary assistant for the department’s electronic curriculum vitae project.

Position details: learning the Digital Measures web-based faculty activity reporting (eCV); updating and editing the eCVs for approximately 19 faculty; working individually with each faculty member to ensure completeness of his/her eCV; and working individually with faculty to teach them how to use the system.

Position hours/location: part time with flexible hours between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the new College of Public Health Building. Expected to require approximately 140 working hours total through January 30, 2015.

Desired qualifications: excellent attention to detail; ability to learn and educate others on a web-based application system; and familiarity with curriculum vitae.

Pay: \$19.69/hr.

To apply: send a condensed resume to **Christy Bardell** at **Christy-bardell@uiowa.edu**

Volunteer at State Hygienic Lab—The State Hygienic Laboratory at the UI is seeking volunteers to assist with events in its newly-opened Center for the Advancement of Laboratory Science. Volunteers would assist with a variety of tasks associated with meetings, conferences, seminars, educational programming and training events, according to **Drew Fayram**, coordinator of the Center which is located in the UI Research Park.

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In an email, **Fayram** wrote, “We believe retired individuals have a lot left to offer the UI community, and their years of experience in various areas of expertise, as well as with the University system, make them excellent candidates to help out with these events. . . I anticipate currently that we would require help perhaps once per week for anywhere from 2-8 hours at a time.” Anyone interested can contact **Fayram** at (319) 335-4864 (office) or (319) 480-3220 (cell). His email address: **drew-fayram@uiowa.edu**.

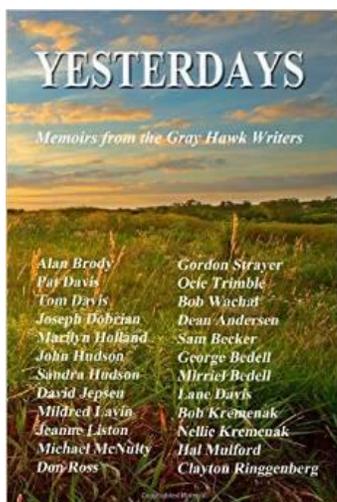
Other Volunteer Opportunities—The UIRA has recently listed on its website (www.uiowa.edu/~uira/) several UI websites for academic units and organizations on and off campus that advertise for volunteers. On the UIRA home page (reached through our address, above), click “Resources” in the list on the left, then click “Volunteerism opportunities for UI retirees” in the upper right. These sites and many others (mostly for students) may also be found by going to the UI home web page, entering “Volunteering” in the search box in upper right, and then hitting the Return key.

Preserving the Past

New Book: *Yesterdays: Memoirs from the Gray Hawk Writers*

A new book titled *Yesterdays: Memoirs from the Gray Hawk Writers* is now available in Iowa City bookstores and through other booksellers, including Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

The 330-page book is a collection of articles by a local group that has been meeting every other Thursday for 15 years. Names of the 24 authors in the anthology will be familiar to many.



The writing group began in 1999 when **Sam Becker**, who was UIRA president during 1998-99, suggested to colleagues that they preserve history by writing about their experiences. **Gordon Strayer** proposed memoir writing.

The 330-page book is edited by **Alan Brody**, a retired UNICEF executive, and published by CreateSpace Publishing.

The back cover of the book contains this description: “The Gray Hawk Memoir Writers have been sharing their stories with each other since 1999. They came of age during the Great Depression, World War II, and the volatile 1960s, and now look back. In *Yesterdays* they offer a selection of their work, providing a variety of perspectives and insights into 20th century life. Readers may find both entertainment and wisdom in these joyful, sometimes hilarious, poignant, and occasionally deeply moving memoirs from America's heartland.”

Second Annual Travel Photo Contest Invites Entries

Deadline: December 31

Judging: Originality, Creativity, Photo Quality

Details at: www.uiowa.edu/~uira/pdf/travel-phocontest.pdf.

Send photos to: **uira.photo.contest@gmail.com**

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WATCH FOR UI SENIOR COLLEGE course offerings at www.iowalum.com/srcollege/.

Welcome, New UIRA Members

Louise Larew
Jody R. Rogness
John G. Rose

Extension – Continuing Education
Outreach Services
Pharmacy – UIHC

UIRA Calendar: 2014-15

December 3 (Wednesday)—"The Internet of Things: Is information Privacy a Myth?" **Jane Drews**, UI chief information security officer, 10 a.m. to noon, Meeting Room A, Coralville Public Library. Ample parking available.

December 31 (Wednesday)—Deadline for submitting entries in the 2014 Travel Photo Contest. Complete contest details are posted at: www.uiowa.edu/~uira/pdf/travel-photo-contest.pdf.

January 9 (Friday), 2015—"Magic Mythical Tour: In Search of the Beatles," **Donna Parsons**, lecturer in the UI Honors and Music Department, 1-2 p.m., Meeting Room A, Coralville Public Library. Ample parking available.

February 17 (Tuesday), 2015—"Archaeological discoveries on the UI Campus," **John Doershuk**, state archaeologist and director of the Office of the State Archaeologist, 10 a.m.-noon, Meeting Room A, Coralville Library. Ample parking available.

March 30 (Monday), 2015—Health Program: "On Purpose: Lessons in Healthy Aging from the Frog and the Dung Beetle," **Dr. Victor Strecher**, professor and director for innovation, University of Michigan School of Public Health. Watch for details.

April 23 (Thursday), 2015—UIRA annual business meeting and luncheon, Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center, Coralville. Watch for details.



University of Iowa Retirees Association

NEW ARCHIVIST—**Jean Hood**, who served as UIRA president 2010-11, is replacing **Ken Yerington** as UIRA archivist. The Board appreciates **Yerington's** years of service.

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The UIRA Board of Directors meets at 1 p.m. in the Buffet Room (#427) of the Levitt Center on the second Tuesday of every month except July and August. Visitors are welcome.

All members of the UIRA Board of Directors and its officers are volunteers. The UIRA is grateful for their commitment and invites others to become active in promoting UIRA's mission. Contact any Board member for more information.