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Celebrating 20 Years of Service to University and Community

UIRA Program: Archaeological discoveries on the UI Campus

February 17 from 10 a.m.-noon, Meeting Room A, Coralville Library

University 2008 flood recovery construction projects have led to multiple archaeological discoveries at the new School of Music construction site and in Hubbard Park. Speaking about these discoveries February 17 (Tuesday) 10 a.m. to noon at the Coralville Public Library will be **John Doershuk**, state archaeologist of the Office of the State Archaeologist (OSA) and adjunct assistant professor in the UI Department of Anthropology. There is ample parking, and coffee and cookies will be available. **Doershuk** has been principal investigator or project archaeologist on more than 1,200 archaeological projects in the Midwest. Discoveries have shed light on Iowa City's early settlement. Artifacts from the dig sites will be shown at the presentation. More information about the work of the OSA can be found at: <http://archaeology.uiowa.edu/>



UIRA Program Moved to March 11 from 10 to Noon

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

UI Chief Information Security Officer **Jane Drews** will discuss information privacy at a UIRA program March 11 (Wednesday) 10 to noon in meeting Room A of the Coralville Public Library. The program originally was scheduled December 3 but had to be postponed due to Ms. Drews' illness.

With more than 25 years' experience in information security, Ms. Drews has been the UI's Information Technology Security Officer since 1999. She will present 10 steps to improve protection of personal information and suggest ways immediately to protect personal information.

UIRA is asking everyone to bring at least one can of food to the March 11 program. All food will be go to the Johnson County Crisis Center Food Bank which provides supplemental grocery assistance weekly to county residents.

January 31 Deadline for Two UIRA Activities

AWARDS—UIRA is initiating two service awards—one for Community, the other for University—to recognize members who make extraordinary contributions to the Community and the University. To make a nomination, submit a one-page nominating letter to UIRA Board member **Pam Willard** by January 31, 2015. Send to her email at pamela-willard@uiowa.edu or by regular mail to **Pam Willard, 657 Larch Lane, Iowa City, IA 52245**. More details at www.uiowa.edu/~uira/newsletter/grayhawk2015-01.pdf

PHOTOS—Details for entering UIRA's Travel Photo Contest are available at: <http://www.uiowa.edu/~uira/pdf/travel-photo-contest.pdf> Send photos to uira.photo.contest@gmail.com Up to three photos can be submitted in one or all of the three categories: photos taken in (1) Iowa, (2) in the USA but outside Iowa and (3) International. Hills Bank & Trust Company supports the contest.

👍 **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS BEING FORMED—SEE PAGE 2** 👍

Special Interest Groups

Interested in Movies? World Events? Latin America? Here's Your Chance to Share Your Interest with Others

UIRA is forming three Special Interest Groups. Each group will meet monthly and discuss topics of shared interest. The groups are being formed with the prospect of adding more in the future. Additional details, including how to sign up, will be announced later. Here are the three topics being planned:

Cinemafanatics: Do you enjoy movies? Are you entertained as well as appreciative of the other messages that may be included: history, human events, social issues, ethics, character development, etc? Would you enjoy interacting and sharing with other aficionados? The format is similar to that of a book group. Individual members rotate in selection of the movie for that month. Each person then watches the movie on his/her own time. At the meeting, the movie selector leads the discussion.

International Events and World Politics: There's a lot going on in the world. What recent foreign event(s) have caught your interest? Why is it significant for you? What background information helps make sense of it? How does it fit in to some larger picture? Let's share our perspectives on the world we live in.

Friends of Latin America: Are you fascinated by Latin America? This group will be drawn together to discuss subjects of interest south of the border anywhere from Mexico to Tierra del Fuego. In addition to significant happenings, we will discuss popular retirement sites and share experiences visiting such centers of civilizations as the Aztecs, Maya, Inca and Canarys. Recipes of authentic Latin American dishes will be shared, along with adventures to exotic destinations from the jungles to the Andes.

UIRA Playing a Role in 'Village to Village' Program Catering to Seniors Wanting to Stay in Their Homes

Several years ago the UIRA agreed to help sponsor a Village to Village group for Iowa City/Johnson County. Each village in this international organization (www.vtvnetwork.net) is a membership-driven, grass-roots virtual community run by volunteers and paid staff. The program is intended to support "aging in place" for seniors who want to stay in their homes as long as possible.

Individual village programs are based on the needs of their own group, as decided by their membership. Benefits offered include coordinated access to affordable services including transportation, health and wellness programs, home repairs, social and educational activities and trips. An example of a successful village is "SAIL" in Madison, WI (website: <http://www.sailtoday.org/>).

The local group is now organizing and hopes to begin accepting memberships and providing services in about a year. If you are interested and would like to stay informed about its activities and progress, send your name and email address to: nancylynch1941@gmail.com

HOW TO REPLACE YOUR ID CARD—Lose your UI ID card? It can be replaced. A UIRA member recently complained he could not take advantage of UIRA discounts because he no longer had his card. An inquiry to Iowa One Card Office (319-335-2716) elicited this response: "If you need a new card, please come to our office . . . Please bring a photo ID with you such as a driver's license or passport to verify your identity. We are located in Room 3 of Jessup. Our office hours are 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Or, you can come to C110 GH University of Iowa Hospitals 7:30am to 5pm." There may be a replacement fee. More information can be found at: <http://idcard.fo.uiowa.edu/>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN UIRA—The UIRA Board is continuing to invite members to volunteer for two positions that will be vacant—The Gray Hawk editor and webmaster. Individuals carrying out these duties have served several years and have indicated their desire to step aside. In addition, at its annual meeting April 23 UIRA members will be asked to consider a slate of candidates for the positions of president-elect and several other officers. As president-elect, Beverly Robalino will assume the presidency. Nomination details will be announced in the March newsletter. Meanwhile, it isn't too early to consider nominating yourself or someone else for these positions.

UI's Donna Parsons Finds Her Passion In Studying How the Beatles Came to Be

"My band, my boys, my music!" remarked **Donna Parsons**, lecturer in the UI College of Music, at a UIRA program January 9 at the Coralville Public Library.

She was talking about her passion for studying the Beatles and how they and their music were influenced by their upbringing and their hometown of Liverpool. More than 40 retirees braved temperatures hovering around zero to attend the program

Parsons has spent the last 11 summers in Liverpool, home of the Beatles, uncovering Beatle connections. She said she continually discovers people who remember the foursome growing up and cultivating their musical talents. A social and cultural historian, Parsons has been tracing the sites that influenced the Beatles' songs as well as where the Beatles honed their craft and built a fan base. Her slide presentation was a Beatle exploration of Liverpool titled "Magic Mythical Tour: In Search of the Beatles."

"Every time I'm in Liverpool," said **Parsons**, "I get more stories from people who were acquainted with one of the Beatles or had heard their music in person in local clubs."

Over the years **Parsons** has collected Beatle memorabilia, including published material, which was browsed by retirees. A map showed the proximity of a few important Beatle landmarks, including 251 Menlove Avenue (named Mendips and the childhood home of John Lennon), the Penny Lane Roundabout, Strawberry Field (a short walk from Lennon's home) and St. Peter's Church where John Lennon first met Paul McCartney.

For a more complete report of Parsons' presentation, go to the UIRA website:
<https://uira.shutterfly.com/pictures/499>

Annual Big Ten Retirees Conference at Michigan State

Michigan State University Professor of Economics **Charles Ballard** will be keynote speaker at the annual Big Ten University Retirees Association Conference August 14-16, 2015, at Michigan State University's Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center. The UIRA traditionally has sent one or two officers to the conference.

Welcome, New UIRA Members

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UIRA MEMBERSHIP can be renewed anytime. The membership form can be found at:
www.uiowa.edu/~uira/pdf/UIRAMemberShipForm.pdf

UIRA Calendar: 2014-15

- January 31 (Saturday)**—Two deadlines: (1) to submit nominees for new awards program—one for Contributions to Community and another for Contributions to University. Submit nominees to **Pam Willard** (pamela-willard@uiowa.edu). (2) to enter the Travel Photo Contest—send entries to uira.photo.contest@gmail.com
- February 17 (Tuesday)**—“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 11 (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. (Rescheduled from last December.)
- March 30 (Monday)**—Health Fair co-sponsored with the UI College of Public Health: 12:30-2:30 p.m., Coralville Public Library with presentation from 1:30-2:30 p.m. “On Purpose: New Directions in Health and Life” by **Dr. Victor Strecher**, professor and director for innovation, University of Michigan School of Public Health.
- April 23 (Thursday)**—UIRA annual business meeting and luncheon, Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center, Coralville. Watch for details.



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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.