

UIRA Program Committee
Nancy Hauserman, Program Chair
Report for 2015-16

The program committee met once in summer 2015 to determine the bulk of the programs for the 2015-16 year. The meeting was held at the home of Nancy Lynch. The committee was comprised of : Pat Addis, Nancy Lynch, Mike Feiss, Diana Harris, Benny Hawkins, Beverly Robalino, Ken Starck, Rick Walton and chaired by Nancy Hauserman.

The following programs were presented during the 2015-16 year.

Kent Park: talk and tour and byo dinner [attendance moderate with about 20+ people and nteresting talk and great tour] Thanks to Alice Atkinson and others for suggesting this.

*Benefits Meeting – Debra Hughes, Parkview Church (October 2015) [this meeting was videotaped and made available on website] It was well attended.

Kinze Plant Tour – (November 2015) Not a huge attendance- about 30 people- but lengthy and fascinating tour. Thanks to Mike Feiss for suggesting this tour.

Virtual Soldier Project: Professor Karim Abdel Malik (Engineering) - IMU Theatre Room Location and weather were a deterrent to attendance but it was a great presentation.

*President Bruce Harreld – Q&A and reception – Coralville Library. This was well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy the opportunity to meet and talk. This would be a great annual event.

*Iowa Political Stock Market – Professor Joyce Berg – Coralville Library [about 40+ people]. This was very well received. There were many questions and it was a fascinating presentation.

**Tour Iowa Athletic Enhancement Facility (April 2016) – UI Athletic Facility[attendance of 150]. Attendees were treated to a free and ample lunch and after a welcome by Gary Barta we were given a full tour of the facility. Thanks to Rick Walton for suggesting this tour.

*Joe McGovern, President, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation – Coralville Library – (April 2016) [about 60 people] This was an excellent presentation about the natural resources available in Iowa. He was entertaining and knowledgeable and there was quite a bit of discussion.

**Annual Meeting – Radisson Hotel (98 reserved, 92 attended). The meeting was well attended and seemed well-received. The photo contest and display was great and thanks go to Ken Starck for that. The Holiday Inn/Radisson did a nice job of set up and food and accommodated various needs for av.

**Tour of new Hancher – upcoming June 2016 [assume great attendance] Thanks to Beverly Robalino for following up with Chuck Swanson and arranging this tour.

* Well attended (40)

** Especially well attended (60 or more) (Hancher assumed)

In addition to the programs above, I worked with Beverly Robalino to try to clarify and protect the email privileges of retirees. These are conversations that need to continue to take place and oversight by UIRA is critical.