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*Time to Renew UIRA Membership. See form on page 5
Summer—it's almost here--Enjoy!*

Concluding Event of the Year

UIRA's Annual Potluck will be June 3 (Wednesday)

At Trueblood Recreation Area at South Edge of Iowa City



Last year's picnic--view from inside pavilion. and boat rental. Persons may want to come early or stay late. Reservation are not required, and members may want to bring along friends.

UIRA's annual Potluck Picnic will be June 3 (Wednesday) at 6 p.m. at the Park Lodge of the Terry Trueblood Recreation Area located off South Gilbert (aka "Sand Road") at 579 McCollister Blvd.

UIRA will provide the main course, table service and beverages. Attendees are asked to bring a salad or dessert to serve six persons.

The Terry Trueblood Park Lodge is an indoor facility with a gas fireplace and a patio overlooking the lake. It was once a sand and gravel quarry and spans over 200 acres.

Amenities at the recreation complex include hard surface trails for meandering, bird watching, fishing, concessions

An Accounting of UIRA's 20th Year From the Outgoing President

As a former journalist, I am not a joiner. Professionally, it has something to do with staying objective, at best an illusory concept. But I'm pleased to have joined UIRA and feel especially privileged to have served as its 20th president.

The focus of the year has been striving to honor the past while looking to the future. We've tried to observe UIRA's two decades of accomplishments and recognize some—not nearly all—of the individuals who have made the UIRA's record of achievement possible. Two projects stand as bookends for the year: One, the presentation of the UIRA's 20-year history; two, the inauguration of two service awards exemplifying contributions UIRA members make to the Community (**Nancy Lynch**) and University (**Al Hood**).

Activities of the past year included terrific programs (thanks, **Beverly Robalino**); a published history of the UIRA (thanks, **Jean Hood** and **Jennifer Dybicz**, intern); the newly inaugurated Service Awards (thanks, **Pam Willard**); the formation of Special Interest Groups (thanks, **Rick Walton**, **Phil Klein** and **Gene Spaziani**); the second year of the Travel Photo Contest (thanks, **Keith Jones** and Hills Bank and Trust Co.); a survey of member's contributions to the university and community (thanks, **Gene Spaziani**); and the successful migration of the UIRA website to a new system—you'll find the website now at <http://uira.org.uiowa.edu/> (thanks, UI's ITS and, most especially, UIRA's **Feather Lacy**).

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to **Nancy Williams**, UIRA's "go-to" person, and many others—including those not mentioned by name—for efforts to maintain and expand the vitality of UI retirees and the UIRA.

--Kenneth Starck, UIRA President 2014-15

With Lembke Appointment, UIRA Board Takes Shape for 2015-16

Lois Lembke, who worked in UI's Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation for 20-plus years and retired in 2013, has been appointed to UIRA's Board for one year to fill the unexpired term of **Gene Spaziani**, who is leaving the Board. Elected to the Board April 23 were **Nancy Hauserman**, professor emerita, Department of Management and Organizations, Tippie College of Business, as president-elect; **Michael Barron**, formerly UI assistant provost for enrollment management and executive director of admissions; and **Dean Borg**, formerly director of Public Information, UI Hospitals, correspondent for WSUI and host of IPTV's Iowa Press. Leaving the Board are **Katharine Bjorndal** and **Nancy Lynch**, whose terms are expiring. President-elect **Beverly Robalino** will succeed **Kenneth Starck** as president for 2015-16.

UIRA Has a New Website and a New Address

The new address: <http://uira.org.uiowa.edu/>

The change was part of a University-wide transition to a web content system called SiteNow. SiteNow is built on Drupal, which is a free, open-source platform that allows building a website without special software or licensing fees. UI's ITS staff managed the changeover for UIRA. **Feather Lacy**, UIRA's webmaster, oversaw the changes and wrote to the ITS staff: "Thank you so much for migrating the UI Retirees Association website to the SiteNow server. I like the new look better than our old site."

Part II of 'The Internet of Things: Is Information Privacy a Myth?' Jane Drews Offers Advice on 'Protecting Your Personal Information'

NOTE: *UI Chief Information Security Officer Jane Drews spoke about Internet issues at a UIRA program March 11 at the Coralville Public Library. This second part of her summary deals with Internet crime. Part I focusing on data collection appeared in the May issue of the newsletter.*

Part II—by Jane Drews

Internet crime is growing at an alarming rate. The Internet Crime Compliant Center ("IC3") reported a 49% increase in reported identity theft and fraud cases in 2013 compared to 2012. The average identity theft victim loses nearly \$3,000. It's critical to beware of Internet, phone and email scams. Here are some common scams designed to steal your personal information—and ultimately your money:

Free offers of iPads, gift cards, and the like on the Internet. Scams require a credit card or phone number to charge "processing fees," and you receive only bills.

Play on your emotions. Phony distress messages are often sent to trick people into sending money to help a family member supposedly injured, lost or mugged. Charity scams seek contributions for good causes that never reach veterans, disaster-relief or disadvantaged children that the donor intended to support.

Too good to be true is often correct. Crazy, cheap deals often point to fake websites that collect information. Low-interest loans and prequalified credit cards are often scams to get account information.

Using free computers and open wireless while traveling can also be dangerous. An unsecured wireless is subject to eavesdropping by programs that will detect and collect user ids and passwords. Similarly, complimentary open computers can be infected with malware that captures everything you type.

Take Time to Verify. Don't be rushed into action. Take time to verify messages you receive to ensure they're legitimate. If a message asks you to do something (buy, verify, confirm, check, try) and appears to be from a reputable company, search for the company's contact information OUTSIDE of the message. Then verify that you are not being scammed.

Be Careful When Traveling. When traveling, be sure to ask your hotel for its Wi-Fi network name and password, instead of connecting to any network that your computer or phone detects. Avoid accessing important accounts using an unsecured ("open") wireless network or a shared computer or kiosk. If you must access an important account, change the password on a safe, trusted network or computer as quickly as possible.

'A History of the UIRA: 1995-2015'

Booklet Documenting Association's 20-year History Unveiled April 23 during Annual Business Meeting

A history of the UIRA since its founding in 1995 was distributed at the association's 20th anniversary observance during the annual business meeting April 23. All past presidents also were honored at the meeting—13 were present—at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center, Coralville.

Author of the booklet is **Jean Hood**, UIRA president 2010-11 and current UIRA archivist. UIRA Intern **Jennifer Dybicz** contributed to the history. UIRA President **Ken Starck** oversaw design and production. The booklet will be available at the UIRA website. Meanwhile, a few paper copies of the 16-page booklet are available by contacting **Starck (kenneth-starck@uiowa.edu)** or at (319) 354-2802.

Robalino to Represent UIRA at Big Ten Conference

Incoming UIRA President **Beverly Robalino** will attend the annual Big Ten Retirees Association Conference August 14-16 at Michigan State University. Purpose of the Big Ten group is to enhance member associations through the conference and through the exchange of information. The Big Ten website is at: <http://hr.umich.edu/umra/big10/index.html?page=/umra/big10/big10.html>

UIRA Board Sets Meetings for 2015-16

The UIRA Board meets the second Tuesday of each month September through June at 1 p.m. in the Jacobs Buffet Room (#427) of the Levitt Center. Here's the schedule of meeting for the coming year:

2015—September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8.

2016—January 12, February 9, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14.

Dr. Friedrich: Wind Power Gaining Momentum in Iowa As Nation Continues Search for Low-Cost Energy Supply

A wind turbine needs at least an 8 mph wind to generate electricity, while at 30 mph the turbine reaches its maximum capacity and at a wind speed greater than 50 mph has to be shut off to avoid damage.

These were some of the facts noted by Dr. **Bruce Friedrich**, UI professor emeritus (chemistry), at a UIRA program May 14 attended by about 35 retirees at the Coralville Public Library. **Friedrich** spoke on "A Future US Energy Outlook?"

Iowa currently ranks second nationally in the generation of electricity by wind power. MidAmerican Energy, which began installing wind turbines in 2004 and is a recognized leader in the use and development of renewable energy, is expected to have 1,715 wind turbines operating in 2016 with a total output of about 1000 MW (30% of capacity).



Friedrich cited energy consumption data in the US and occasionally made comparisons with other nations. Oil and gas account for 63% of the energy in the US, coal for 19%, nuclear for 8% and renewables (solar, wind, hydroelectric, etc.) for about 10%. Nearly 40% of energy consumption in the US is used for electricity production, and countries that do not use fossil fuels rely on hydroelectric and/or nuclear power generation. Even though worldwide use of solar and wind electricity generation are expected to increase by over 100% in the next 25 years, coal and natural gas will remain the main sources unless nuclear electricity generation becomes the dominant baseline power source.

Welcome, New UIRA Members

Robert Jones	Hospital Information Systems
Thomas Kruckeberg	Registrar
Christine Lehman –Engledow	University Housing & Dining
James H. Miller	Facilities Management
Judy Polumbaum	Journalism and Mass Communication

UIRA Calendar: 2014-15

June 3 (Wednesday)—6 p.m. Annual UIRA picnic at the Park Lodge of the Terry Trueblood Recreation Area, south of town off South Gilbert at 579 McCollister Blvd. See page 1 for details.

August 14-16 (Fri-Sunday)—Annual Big Ten Retirees Association Conference, Michigan State University, Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, East Lansing.

UIRA MEMBERSHIP can be renewed anytime. The membership year is from July 1 to June 30; however, for forms processed in April, May or June, membership will cover the next academic year. A membership form is attached and also can be found online at: <http://uira.org.uiowa.edu/>



University of Iowa Retirees Association

Board of Directors 2014-15 *(year term on Board expires)*

Kenneth Starck	President (2016)
(319) 354-2802	kenneth-starck@uiowa.edu
Beverly Robalino	President-Elect (2017)
(319) 341-8135	beverly-robalino@uiowa.edu
Alice Atkinson	Secretary (2017)
Kris Canfield	Treasurer (2016)
Rick Walton	Past President (2015)
Jean Hood	Archivist
Katharine Bjorndal	Director (2015)
Richard Borchard	Director (2017)
Richard Johns	Director (2016)
Nancy Lynch	Director (2015)
Gene Spaziani	Director (2016)
Pam Willard	Director (2017)

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.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA RETIREES ASSOCIATION
Membership Form
July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016
(Please PRINT everything)

PLEASE NOTE (If this form is processed in April, May or June, membership will cover next academic year)

NAME (print please) _____

ADDRESS (print please) _____(city)_____ (zip)_____

E-Mail Address (print please) _____

(For e-mail delivery of UIRA Messages and The Gray Hawk Newsletter)

For renewals: Is this a new e-mail address? Yes (input) No (input)

Telephone_____ Membership Type: New (input) Renewal (input)

If a new membership, please complete the information below:

- Retiree status (check all that apply):
Faculty (input) Staff (input) Spouse/Domestic Partner (input) Associate Member (input)
Month and year
retired_____
UI Department or Division from which you retired

*****For Second Person's Membership*****

NAME (print please) _____

E-Mail Address (print please) _____

(For e-mail delivery of UIRA Messages and The Gray Hawk Newsletter)

For renewals: Is this a new e-mail address? Yes (input) No (input)

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MEMBERSHIP DUES (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016)

(input) \$10 per person for 1 year or (input) \$25 per person for 3 years

This form is for both new memberships and renewals. Dues for each registrant are \$10 for 1 year or \$25 for 3 years. New members who join after May 1 are paid through June 30 of the following year. First-year membership is free for new retirees and their spouses/domestic partners.

Send completed form and checks, payable to the University of Iowa Retirees Association to Beverly Robalino, 2608 Irving Ave., Iowa City, Iowa 52246. Questions: phone 319-341-8135; e-mail: beverly-robalino@uiowa.edu; or visit UIRA's web site at http://uira.org.uiowa.edu/