

# The Gray Hawk

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## *Fall UIRA calendar offers varied programs and venues*

**September 10-Thursday, 3:30 p.m. Program and Picnic at Kent Park (see page 2)**

**September 29-Tuesday, 1 p.m. Estate Planning, Tom Gelman, Coralville Library (see page 2)**

**~bring a canned food item for the Johnson County Crisis Center~**

**October 8-Thursday, 12 noon to 4 p.m. Flu Clinic at Hills Bank Coralville (see page 3)**

**October 29-Thursday, 2 p.m. UI Benefits Update at Parkview Church**

**November 17-Tuesday, 10 a.m. Tour of Kinze Innovation Center, Williamsburg (see page 4)**

## **Greetings from 2015-2016 President Beverly Robalino**

As the UIRA begins its 21<sup>st</sup> year of service to retirees, the University and community, it will be my pleasure to serve as your President. A warm welcome to new members and those long-time members who continue to enjoy the advantages of membership.

A big benefit of UIRA membership is to help make your retirement a positive and purposeful time of life. UIRA programs, services and activities give members the opportunity to continue to learn, to stay healthy, to socialize with old and new friends and to be creative. This year's programs include a visit to



Kent Park, a presentation on estate planning and a tour of a well-known manufacturing company. The special interest groups and photo contest give members different opportunities to stay current and be creative. Tours of new University facilities are also in the planning phase. This will be the second year service awards for post-retirement activities will be given to two UIRA members. One award will be for outstanding service to the community and the other for service to the University.

We live in rapidly changing times, and UIRA will strive to be an advocate for retirees' interests and to keep you informed of possible University decisions that may affect you. In addition, special or time sensitive volunteer opportunities and activities will be brought to your attention.

I recently returned from the annual Big Ten Retirees Association Conference at Michigan State University. In keeping with the State of Michigan "auto" industry, the theme of this year's conference was "Drivers". Speakers discussed economic, intellectual, health and financial drivers affecting Big Ten university retirees. It was good to share ideas and concerns with other Big Ten universities. I'll share conference information in upcoming newsletters.

**Beverly Robalino  
UIRA President**

## F.W. Kent Park Program and Picnic Kick Off the Year

Johnson County's premier park is an ideal spot for the premier UIRA event for the year at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 10. F.W. Kent Park is three miles west of Tiffin on Highway 6. A map of the park can be found at [http://www.johnson-county.com/dept\\_conservation.aspx?id=4055](http://www.johnson-county.com/dept_conservation.aspx?id=4055).



*John Moyers photo was a winner in this year's UIRA photo contest.*

Meet at the Conservation Education Center (CEC) and bring your own picnic to enjoy after the program. **Larry Gullett**, director of the Johnson County Conservation Commission, will give an introduction to Kent Park. If you have not visited Kent Park recently, you will find many improvements. Prairie and savannah have replaced the old invasive brush and shrubs that used to line the roadside and choke the woods. Trails and water quality have been improved, and a new, accessible bird blind near the education center can accommodate a classroom of youngsters and a large group of retirees. UIRA members **Jim and Karole Fuller** will help identify plants and birds for anyone enjoying the paved walkways to explore the adjacent wetlands and flowering prairie. Bring your own food and table service for a

picnic at the education center. Drinks—water, iced tea and lemonade will be provided by UIRA. Allow time to drive out through the loop road to the west to see other sights such as the Knight Prairie Pavilion and the swimming beach that are also part of the beauty of this Johnson County park.

### Tom Gelman: September 29

## Estate Planning Program Provides Second September Opportunity

**Tom Gelman**, a partner in Phelan, Tucker, Mullen, Walker, Tucker and Gelman, L.L.P, will review the principal objectives of thoughtful estate planning on Thursday, September 29, at 1 p.m. in Meeting Room A of the Coralville Public Library. He will review the principal objectives for thoughtful estate planning including disposition of assets, taxes and administrative process. In addition, he will review: ♦Key components of disability planning. ♦Various ways assets pass to beneficiaries and the role of documents and other tools in implementing dispositive wishes. ♦Possible merits and techniques for avoiding probate. ♦Common misperceptions. The interactive program will provide plenty of opportunity for discussion and provide a framework for thinking about your own planning circumstances. Cookies and coffee will be provided.

**Gelman** is an Iowa City native and graduate of Harvard University and the College of Law at the University of Iowa. In addition to his legal practice, **Gelman** has been active in community service including the Iowa City Public Library Board of Trustees, Iowa City Community Leadership Program, the Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce and the University of Iowa Alumni Association.

**UIRA asks everyone to bring at least one canned food item to the Estate program.**

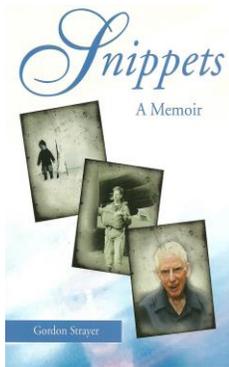
*All food will go to the Johnson County Crisis Center Food Bank that provides supplemental grocery assistance to county residents each week.*

## Get Fit for Fall

### **Flu Clinic and Fitness Screening Set for Thursday October 8**

Again this year the **Visiting Nurse Association (VNA)** is offering a dedicated flu clinic for UIRA members and fitness screening by **Sure Steps** will be available, too. From 12 noon to 4 p.m., October 8, on the lower level of the Hills Bank in Coralville, you can receive a flu shot, flu mist and pneumonia shots. There will also be a limited supply of preservative-free vaccine. You will find ample parking at the 1009 Second Street Coralville location. The free fitness screening under the auspices of Johnson County Livable Community will include agility and dynamic balance, leg strength and arm strength.

It's important to bring your insurance cards since the VNA will direct bill Medicare, Medicare Supplement, Medicaid, Blue Cross and other insurance companies. If payment is received at the time of the clinic, costs are: Flu shot—\$32; Flu mist—\$35; High-dose flu—\$45; Pneumonia PPSV23—\$100; Pneumonia PCV13—\$175. If you pay at the clinic, you will receive a receipt to submit to your insurance carrier. If you do not pay at the clinic, a \$3 charge will be added.



**GORDON STRAYER** has published a memoir (*Snippets: A Memoir*, Xlibris) recounting family history from his birth in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, to his time as director of UI's University Relations and beyond. The book stems from his membership of the UI retirees writing group. In an epilogue, he writes, "I find it thoroughly enjoyable to 're-live' past experiences, to share them with others by recalling them in some detail—and then writing about them."

## Attention, Shutterbugs

### **UIRA Sponsors Travel Photo Contest for Third Year**

Here's the answer to the question of what to do with all those photos: Enter UIRA's annual Travel Photo Contest. For the third year, UIRA, with support from Hills Bank and Trust Company, will sponsor the contest.

Photos must be submitted in digital format and will be judged on originality, creativity and photo quality. There is no entry fee. Current UIRA members are eligible to participate. Entrants may submit no more than three photos in one or more of the three categories, which are: photos taken (1) in the state of Iowa; (2) in the USA outside Iowa; and (3) outside the USA.

Photos taken over the past two years can be entered. When submitting photos, an entrant must include (1) his/her name, (2) email address, (3) number of photos submitted, (4) category in which each photo is to be judged and (5) brief captions for each photo (or group of photos).

Send photos to: [uira.photo.contest@gmail.com](mailto:uira.photo.contest@gmail.com)

Deadline for submitting photos is December 31. Complete contest details are posted at:

[http://uira.org.uiowa.edu/files/uira.org.uiowa.edu/files/wysiwyg\\_uploads/travel-photo-contest.pdf](http://uira.org.uiowa.edu/files/uira.org.uiowa.edu/files/wysiwyg_uploads/travel-photo-contest.pdf)

Winners of the contest will receive cash awards. Previous winning photos can be viewed:

For 2014-15—<https://uira.shutterfly.com/pictures/548#548>

For 2013-14—<https://uira.shutterfly.com/pictures/396>

## Kinze Innovation Center Tour Set for November 17

On Tuesday, November 17, at 10 a.m., **UIRA** will offer a tour of the **Kinze Innovation Center** located in Williamsburg, Iowa (exit 216 on I-80.) **Kinze** is a leader in developing modern agricultural equipment and this year is celebrating 50 years in business. The tour is limited to 40 people, and a waiting list will be kept if tour fills and openings occur.

Watch future issues of *The Gray Hawk* for details on sign up and specific requirements to be able to tour the plant. A release form each participant will be asked to sign on arriving at **Kinze** will be included. There are a limited number of carts available for people who have trouble walking, but people with pacemakers are not allowed to participate in the tour.

**FINALIST CANDIDATES for President of the University of Iowa will be interviewed on campus on Thursday, August 27; Friday, August 28; Monday, August 31; and Tuesday, September 1. These open forums will be from 4:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. in the Iowa Memorial Union. Live audio streaming will be available on the presidential search webpage on the University of Iowa's website.**

### Service Awards Program Initiated Last Year

## Outstanding Contributions by Members to University, Community Will Again Be Recognized by UIRA's Service Award Program

**UIRA** again will recognize members' outstanding service contributions to the UI and Iowa City.

The purpose of the program, which was initiated last year, is to (1) recognize **UIRA** members for their service; (2) draw attention to contributions of retirees; and (3) 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.

Watch for more details in future issues of *The Gray Hawk*.

Last year's recipients were **Nancy Lynch** for Outstanding Service to the Community and **Al Hood** for Outstanding Service to the University.



For Updates: Go to <http://oneit.uiowa.edu/>

## **Changes to UI's Email System to Affect Retirees Although Implications for Now are Unclear**

An open forum to discuss changes in UI's email system left unclear the implications that the changes will have for University staff retirees.

The forum was one of two scheduled by UI Information Technology Services (ITS) to address questions about the migration of UI's email system to Microsoft. About 50 persons, at least half of whom were retirees, including UIRA Board members, attended the forum August 6 in Pappajohn Business Building. The changes have been prompted by the Board of Regents' TIER (Transparent Inclusive Efficiency Review) project.

In response to questions, ITS presenters **Lance Bolton, Romy Bolton** and **Chris Clark** said they did not know whether UI retirees' email would be moved to the new system and whether UI retirees would be able to continue to use their email alias, i.e., [firstname-lastname@uiowa.edu](mailto:firstname-lastname@uiowa.edu). They indicated the decision would be made elsewhere on campus, likely central administrators. Indications are that emeritus faculty will be considered as faculty and be included in the changeover.

More meetings to discuss the changes are expected to be scheduled in September or October. Time and place will be announced on the OneIT website: <http://oneit.uiowa.edu/>. The site also provides additional information about the "forthcoming upgrade to the university's email system."

## *Welcome New UIRA Members*

<b>Patricia Albro</b>	Laundry Service
<b>Sam Cochran</b>	University Counseling Service
<b>Lucy Choisser</b>	Spouse
<b>Elizabeth Dowd</b>	Pediatrics
<b>Linda Duffy</b>	Pathology
<b>Sue Forde</b>	Pathology
<b>Judith Galluzzo</b>	Rehabilitation Therapies (UIHC)
<b>Gary W. Galluzzo</b>	Office of Strategic Communication
<b>Marcia Hinrichs</b>	Anesthesia (UIHC)
<b>Randall Hinrichs</b>	Spouse
<b>Virginia Kim Horton</b>	Pediatrics
<b>Pam Klockslem</b>	Associate Member
<b>Kim Jung-Ching Lin</b>	Biology
<b>Sue Otto</b>	Div. of World Lang. Lit and Culture
<b>Rick Ogren</b>	Nursing
<b>Mary Reichardt</b>	Hospital Admin. Grad Medical Ed.
<b>Joyce Rossie</b>	Athletics
<b>James Rossie</b>	Spouse
<b>Judy Saluri</b>	Undergraduate Admissions (Provost)
<b>Elizabeth Schacht</b>	Adult Out-Patient Psychiatry (UIHC)
<b>Paul L. Schroeder</b>	Liberal Arts IT Department

## Special Interest Groups Linked to UIRA’s Homepage; Three Groups Formed Last Year—More Encouraged

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) now has its own link on the UIRA’s homepage:

<http://uira.org.uiowa.edu/special-interest-groups>

Three SIGs have been formed to date. Each group meets periodically to discuss topics of shared interest. UIRA is encouraging the formation of additional groups. If interested, contact any Board member. The three groups already formed invite others to join. The groups, along with contact information, are:

- ◆ International Events and World Politics: **Phil Klein** at [phil-klein@uiowa.edu](mailto:phil-klein@uiowa.edu)
- ◆ Friends of Latin America: **Gene Spaziani** at [sngspaziani@mchsi.com](mailto:sngspaziani@mchsi.com) or 319-351-7674.
- ◆ Cinemafanatics: **Richard (“Rick”) Walton** at [richard-walton@uiowa.edu](mailto:richard-walton@uiowa.edu)

### Have you renewed your membership?

UIRA MEMBERSHIP can be renewed anytime using the form included in *The Gray Hawk* or on line at: <http://uira.org.uiowa.edu/> The membership year is July 1 to June 30.



University of Iowa Retirees Association

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The UIRA Board of Directors meets at 1 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Buffet Room (#427) of the Levitt Center, September through June. Visitors are always welcome to attend:

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

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

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University of Iowa Retirees Association

**Membership Form—July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016**

**(Please PRINT everything)**

**NOTE:** If this form is processed in April, May or June, membership will cover the 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 (circle one)? Yes No

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Type (circle one): *New* *Renewal*

**If this is a new membership, please complete the information below:**

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

**\*\*\*\*\*Complete the following for a 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 (circle one)? Yes No

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Type (circle one): *New* *Renewal*

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**MEMBERSHIP DUES (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016)**

- \$10 per person for 1 year, *or*
- \$25 per person for 3 years

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- 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: **Pamela Willard, UIRA, 657 Larch Lane, Iowa City 52245.** Questions? Phone: 319-338-5584; e-mail: [pamela-willard@uiowa.edu](mailto:pamela-willard@uiowa.edu); or visit our web site at: <http://uira.org.uiowa.edu/>.