

# *The Gray Hawk*

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## *UIRA Calendar*

**March 15, 2016—Tuesday, 1 p.m., Tour of the Hansen Football Performance Facility**

**March 28, 2016—Monday, 10-11:30 a.m., Iowa's Land Trusts: To Preserve, Protect and Pay Forward, Meeting Room A, Coralville Library (See page 2)**

**April 21, 2016—Thursday, 11:30 a.m., UIRA Annual Meeting, Coralville Radisson Hotel (formerly the Holiday Inn) (See page 2)**

**June 8, 2016—Wednesday, 5:30-7:30, UIRA's Annual Picnic, Terry Trueblood Lodge**

**August 5-6, 2016—Annual Meeting of Big Ten Retirees Association, University of Nebraska, Lincoln**

### **UIRA Inside Look into Hansen Football Performance Facility; Advance Registration Required**

Hawkeye Football success this past season was unsurpassed! Now, members and spouses can look inside the new facility that helped facilitate the team's accomplishments. At 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15, a free box lunch will be provided with the tour from 1:30-2:30. **Advance registration required!** RSVP to [Nancy-Hauserman@uiowa.edu](mailto:Nancy-Hauserman@uiowa.edu) if you plan to attend and specify one or two people. Enter southeast corner by the big IOWA FOOTBALL sign. Parking is available using the meters by Rec Building or Hospital Ramp III. Nearby reserved lots can be used by attendees with parking placards.



## UIRA Spring Programs Promise to Chase Winter Doldrums



### **President of Iowa National Heritage Foundation to Present An Overview of Iowa's Land Trusts on Monday, March 28**

**Joe McGovern**, President of the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (INHF), will provide an overview of Iowa's land trusts and why these organizations are critically important to preserving the natural environment. **Iowa's Land Trusts: To Preserve, Protect, and Pay Forward** will be presented Monday, March 28, from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Coralville Library, Meeting Room A.

By many measures, Iowa has the most altered landscape in the U.S., yet Iowa's remarkable agricultural productivity has come at the cost of wildlife habitat, water quality and the disappearance of Iowa's wild places. Joe will briefly review INHF's work in conservation and stewardship, as well as recent involvement in projects such as the nationally acclaimed High Trestle Trail in central Iowa, which helps reconnect Iowans with the state's natural wonders.

**Joe McGovern** was named President of the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation in 2013. After earning his B.S. in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology from Iowa State University, Joe worked for the Story County Conservation Board before joining the foundation as Land Stewardship Director in 1999. In recognition of his work on habitat restoration for the Topeka Shiner, a federally endangered minnow, Joe received the Recovery Champion Award from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Endangered Species Program in 2006.

### **Annual UIRA Meeting and Luncheon Set for Thursday, April 21, Features Reports, Photo and Service Awards and Election**

There will be a new name on the marquee—*Radisson*, but the location for this year's annual meeting will again be in Coralville at the former Holiday Inn. Despite the location name change, the annual event promises to be a highlight of the UIRA year as it has in the past.

Next month's issue of *The Gray Hawk* will include a reservation form for the 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. event with choice of chicken, steak and vegetarian lasagna entrees. Visiting will begin with the cash bar open at 11:30 a.m. and photos from the annual photo contest will be shown. The winners of the Service Awards and Travel Photo contest will be announced (*see page 5*) and new officers elected. Significantly, this is a time to visit with friends and former colleagues in the spirit of UIRA fellowship. As is the tradition, door prizes will be given.

#### **The Gray Hawk's First Editor, Gordon Strayer, 1923-2016**

The first editor of *The Gray Hawk*, **Gordon Strayer**, died February 11 at the age of 92. He was among the small group of UI retirees who in 1995-96 made up a task force to formally organize the association and served on UIRA's first Board of Directors. In seeking a name for the newsletter, **Strayer** said at the time, perhaps in jest, that one name that would NOT be acceptable was Geezer Gazette. **Strayer** served many years in the UI's office of University Relations and later in the UI health center.

***Dues Reminder—You will receive an email telling you if you need to pay your dues.***

## *UIRA President Beverly Robalino Introduces the UIRA Scholarship Fund*

Higher education is a door that opens multiple and diverse opportunities for students. UIRA, with the assistance of the University of Iowa Foundation, has created a *non-endowed* UIRA Scholarship to help students further their education at the University of Iowa by assisting them with their financial needs.

### **What is a *non-endowed* scholarship fund?**

A *non-endowed* scholarship fund requires a \$12,500 minimum deposit. Funds received above this amount can be awarded as scholarships. The Board of Directors voted to award University of Iowa scholarships to deserving University of Iowa students with a preference given to students who are residents of the state of Iowa, are in good academic standing, academically considered to be of sophomore, junior, or senior status and who demonstrate financial need. The number and amount of annual awards will be determined by UIRA in consultation with the Office of Student Financial Aid.

### **Why support the scholarship fund?**

Establishing the UIRA scholarship helps UIRA and its members support both students and the University. UIRA asks members to seriously consider this opportunity to give. Donations are tax deductible. Donations are a great way to honor new retirees, the UIRA and a deserving University of Iowa student.

### **How is the UIRA Board of Directors supporting the scholarship?**

The UIRA budget committee has voted to use UIRA reserve money to match the first \$5,000, i.e. when donations reach \$5,000, UIRA will add \$5,000 to boost the scholarship fund to \$10,000. Members are encouraged to take advantage of this UIRA match.

### **What is the future goal for the scholarship fund?**

The future goal for the UIRA scholarship fund is to ultimately create an *endowed* scholarship fund. The establishment of the *non-endowed* fund allows UIRA to begin awarding scholarships after meeting the \$12,500 deposit requirement. An *endowed* scholarship fund requires a minimum deposit of \$50,000 before any scholarships can be awarded. The Board's intent is to award scholarships under the *non-endowed* scholarship framework as it grows to the ultimate goal of reaching \$50,000. Once the fund reaches \$50,000, the *non-endowed* scholarship status can be changed to a permanent *endowed* fund and the earnings from the \$50,000 investments used to award scholarships. An *endowed* scholarship is the optimum way to ensure permanent financial support.

### **How can I give to the scholarship fund?**

To give to the scholarship fund just complete the attached form and mail it and your donation to the University of Iowa Foundation, Levitt Center for University Advancement, P.O. box 4550, Iowa City, IA, 52244-4550. No donation is too small or too large.



## Record Number of Entries—109—Received in Travel Photo Contest; Winners to be Announced, Photos Shown at Annual Meeting April 21

A record 109 photos were submitted in the third annual Travel Photo Contest sponsored by the UIRA and supported by Hills Bank and Trust Company.

Winning entries will be announced at the annual business meeting April 21 (Thursday) at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Coralville (formerly the Holiday Inn & Conference Center).

In this year's contest, 25 members submitted photos in the three categories. International proved most popular making up 44% of the total number of entries.

Here is a comparison of the number of entries submitted in each category for each year of the contest:

Year	Number of entries in each category				Persons Entering
	Iowa	USA-outside-Iowa	International	Total	
2014	10	15	29	54	21
2015	33	38	24	95	18
2016	32	29	48	109	25

Two professional photographers are judging the entries this year. They have been given the title of each photo but not the name of the photographer.

Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place entries in each category, and all photos will be displayed at the April luncheon

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### The Virtual Soldier

Retirees attending "The Virtual Soldier" program January 28 at the IMU met two US Marines, Santos and Sophia, courtesy of Dr. **Karim Abdel-Malek** of the UI's College of Engineering.

Designed at the UI and built with information supplied by real people supplying information, the computer-generated pair are used by the military to test and design protective equipment in a virtual environment. The project is part of the College's research in human modeling and simulation, that is, creating digitized humans that are able to behave like human beings. Dr. **Abdel-Malek** is project director.

He said the research blends elements of gaming, engineering, Hollywood and health and medicine with the aim of predicting human behavior. "It's like a game—but it's real," he said. Accuracy is not 100 %, "but it's a good indication of what's going on." Based on validation tests, he estimated accuracy at about 80 %.

The research, which is highly interdisciplinary, suggests many other applications, for example, in medicine, sport and just about any activity in which the human body engages.

About 30 persons were in attendance.

For more about the College's Biomedical Engineering research program:

<http://www.engineering.uiowa.edu/bme/areas-research-bme>



New UIRA Members

Welcome to new members Jerry Dodds, Pathology,  
and Pam Folkmann Huss, Family Medicine.



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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. Visitors are welcome:*

*2016--March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14*



**Save the Date.....**

**UIRA Annual Luncheon Meeting, Thursday, April 21, 11:30 a.m!**