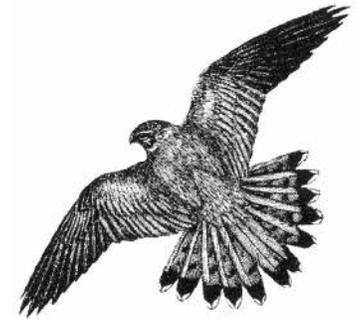


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## *UIRA Calendar*

**June 8, 2016—Wednesday, 5:30-7:30 p.m., UIRA Annual Picnic, Terry Trueblood Lodge**

**June 24, 2016—Friday, 1-2:30 p.m., Hancher Auditorium Tour (see page 3)**

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

**September 15, 2016—Thursday, 1-2:30 p.m., Margit Henderson, Retirement Program, E. Jean Schwab Auditorium, Coralville Library (see page 4)**

### *Celebrate UIRA and Welcome Summer*

**Annual Potluck Set for Wednesday, June 8, at Trueblood Recreation Area**



UIRA members and guests will gather for the annual potluck/picnic at 5:30 p.m. at the lodge in the Terry Trueblood Recreation Area off South Gilbert (or Sand Road) south of town. *(The address is 579 McCollister Blvd when using GPS navigation.)*

Bring a dish to share (snack, salad, veggie or dessert) that serves six people. **The main course, table service and beverages are provided by UIRA.** You are welcome to come early and stay late to visit with friends or enjoy the park. There is a hard surface trail around the lake to view the natural beauty and walk-off the potluck. Reservations not required and friends are welcome! The beautiful lodge is welcoming in any weather.

## Outstanding Volunteer Service Awards Presented to Eugene Spaziani and Nancy Williams at April Annual Meeting

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service were presented at the Annual Meeting on April 21 to two longstanding UIRA volunteer leaders. Board member **Pam Willard**, chair of the service awards committee, made the presentations.

**Eugene Spaziani**, Professor Emeritus of Biology and Exercise Science, who retired in 2000, was selected for his extraordinary contributions to the University. Among Gene's many contributions are: his written history of the Biological Sciences departments at the University of Iowa from 1865-2012; teaching in the Senior College; and five years of membership on the UIRA Board of Directors, where he revised the membership enrollment and tracking process, carried out membership surveys and chaired the nominations committee.



**Nancy L. Williams**, who retired from long service at the University of Iowa in 2005, was the recipient of the award for extraordinary service to numerous community organizations. Among Nancy's contributions are her Board responsibilities for Shelter House, the Community Foundation of Johnson County and Riverside Theater. In addition to those activities, Nancy has been active serving the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fundraiser; and she is on the development committee for TRAIL, an organization aimed at making aging-in-place concept a reality in the Iowa City area.



Recognition of **Eugene Spaziani** and **Nancy Williams** will be permanently established as their names are added to the plaques that are in the Iowa Memorial Union east entrance foyer. UIRA is making a \$100 donation in honor of each. Shelter House will receive \$200 as the charity of choice of *both* honorees.

### First President's Award

## Feather Lacy Honored with Inaugural Recognition for Her Years of Tireless Work as UIRA's Webmaster

With leadership from **President Beverly Robalino**, the board created a President's Award to recognize extraordinary contributions to the advancement of the UIRA. This award will only be presented as distinguished service is identified and, consequently, should not be considered an annual recognition. A certificate and \$100 award were presented. **President Robalino's** words of recognition of the first recipient were as follows:

*UIRA officers normally serve 3 years and subject to renewal, up to six years. That's a lot of commitment. Sometimes the years of service go beyond 6 years. Such is the case with UIRA's first member being honored with the UIRA President's Award for her 7 years of commitment as UIRA webmaster. For those seven years **Feather Lacy** has weathered seismic shifts in the world of technology, and the UIRA has been the beneficiary. Today the UIRA homepage is packed with information and ranks among the best homepages among the Big Ten retiree associations. Feather retired from the UI after 28 years with computer services, first with Weeg Computing Center and then with ITS.*

*Over the past seven years **Feather Lacy** has been the tireless and patient caretaker of the UIRA's website. And for that, the UIRA expresses its deep appreciation.*

**Feather's** work was featured in the December 2015 issue of *The Gray Hawk*.

**Hancher Auditorium Preview  
Tour for UIRA members  
conducted by Executive Director  
Chuck Swanson on Friday, June  
24, 1-2:30 p.m. Reservations are  
required and reservation and  
parking instructions will be in the  
June issue of *The Gray Hawk*.**



Travel Photo Contest Results

**John Donelson Scores Two First Place Photos in Annual Competition**

With first place in two categories—Iowa and International—**John Donelson** was the big winner in the UIRA’s third annual Travel Photo Contest, and a photo by **Linda Muston** won first in the other category--USA-outside-Iowa. The contest is supported by Hills Bank & Trust Co.

Results of the contest were announced at the April annual meeting and winners received cash awards. IOWA—First, **John Donelson** (“Our Farm Pickup”); second, **Larry Rettig** (“Winter in South Amana #2”); third, **John Moyers** (“Bald Eagle”).

USA-OUTSIDE-IOWA—First, **Linda Muston** (“Beach Friends” Miramar Beach, FL); second, **John Donelson** (“Brown Pelicans,” CA); third, **John Donelson** (“Bryce Canyon Photographer,” UT).

INTERNATIONAL—First, **John Donelson** (“Camel Herder,” India); second, **John Moyers** (“Surfing,” The Dominican Republic); third, **John Menninger** (“Sainte-Chapelle,” Paris, France).

Members whose photos were judged Honorable Mention were:

IOWA--**John Donelson, John Moyers, Kathleen Renquist.**

USA-OUTSIDE-IOWA-- **John Moyers, Kathleen Renquist, George & Alliene Schrimper.**

INTERNATIONAL--**Kendall Atkinson, John Moyers, Beverly Robalino.**

Judging of the photos—with names of photographers removed—was done by **Tim Schoon** and **Justin Torner**, photographers for the UI’s Office of Strategic Communication.

To see the winning photos online, go to the Photo Gallery at the UIRA website at <http://uira.org.uiowa.edu/> and click on Pictures & Videos. Or go directly to: <https://uira.shutterfly.com/pictures/570#570> .

**Recently retired? Willing to serve?**

**Under the leadership of past president Ken Starck (right) the UIRA Travel Photo Contest has grown in each of its three years. This year there were 109 submissions. Now, Starck is stepping aside and UIRA needs a volunteer to take responsibility for the fourth annual contest. He will happily mentor the new chair. Please contact any board member and discuss your willingness to assume this interesting role!**



See you on September 15

**Fall Program to Emphasize the Many Aspects of Retirement,  
Featuring Author Margit Henderson**

**President-Elect Michael Barron**, in his role as program chair, is already working to line up another year of exciting, stimulating programming for UIRA. One remarkable program is already set for Thursday, September 15 from 1-2:30 p.m. Sponsored by TIAA, author **Margit Henderson** will discuss the foundation for a happier, healthier retirement as well as ways retirees can embrace the new opportunities and freedom that retirement can bring.

**Henderson** is the award-winning author of “Optimistic Aging.” Her presentation will be in the E. Jean Schwab auditorium at the Coralville Library.

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*UIRA Election of 2016-2017 Officers*

*Congratulations to the officers elected at the April 21 meeting to provide leadership with incoming President Nancy Hauserman for the next UIRA year:*

*President-Elect: Michael Barron*

*Treasurer: Kris Canfield*

*Board Members: Lois Lembke, Charles Dayton &  
Richard Saunders*

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*It takes a village*

**UIRA Scholarship Receiving Donations and  
Direct Link Here Makes It an Easy Gift**

There are so many worthy ways to contribute today.

\*Friends and former colleagues who are retiring can appropriately be honored by a donation to the UIRA Scholarship Fund.

\*A memorial or honor gift will also help grow the funds to make it feasible to begin making awards from the non-endowed fund in the University of Iowa Foundation.

\*Or make this your honor gift for your next special occasion.

~~~~**USE THIS DIRECT LINK TO MAKE YOUR DONATION TODAY**~~~~

<https://www.givetoioawa.org/GiveToIowa/WebObjects/GiveToIowa.woa/wa/goTo?area=uira>



## Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation Head Tells UIRA Members About Projects to Protect, Restore Iowa's Land, Water, Wildlife

**Joe McGovern**, president of the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, told retirees he could not understand why the state legislature has not provided funding for the state's Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund which would provide increased investment in the state's parks, recreation and clean water.



**McGovern** spoke to about 50 UIRA members March 28 at the Coralville Public Library. The Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation is a bipartisan, nonprofit, public-supported conservation organization dedicated to protecting and restoring Iowa's land, water and wildlife.

Nearly six years ago Iowa voters approved a constitutional amendment (Amendment 1) creating the trust fund that included dedicating 3/8 of one cent of the next sales tax increase to the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust. It is estimated the measure would generate about \$150-\$180 million a year, establishing a permanent revenue source for natural resources and outdoor recreational programs in the state.

The state legislature has yet to authorize action on the amendment. The issue of the trust fund arose during the Q-A session.

**McGovern's** remarks mainly centered on the work of the Foundation established in 1979. It promotes conservation efforts throughout the state by supporting landowners and encouraging active collaboration between cities, counties, private associations and government agencies. With a staff of 24 plus interns and volunteers, the Foundation is carrying out projects in 93 of Iowa's 99 counties.

The Foundation helps protect more than 140,000 acres of Iowa prairies, woodlands, lakes and rivers and led the way for Iowa's trails. "We're about ecological integrity," said **McGovern**.

More information about the Natural Heritage Foundation and how to become involved can be found at <http://www.inhf.org/>

### Welcome New UIRA Members

Lynn Barnes  
Rick Snedden  
Constance Berman  
David Berman  
E. David Cater  
Jean Frauenholtz  
Royann Mraz  
Alan Nagel  
Kristin Nagel  
Mary New  
Richard G. Saunders  
Rod Strample  
Nancy Adams-Cogan

Center for Child Health  
Center for Child Health  
History  
Physics  
Chemistry  
Pediatrics/UIHC  
Pediatrics/UIHC  
English, Cinema & Comparative Lit  
Spouse  
President's Office  
Human Resources  
Hospital School  
Spouse



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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--May 10, June 14*

*UIRA Little Reminders*

*~~Make a donation to UIRA Scholarship using link on page 3*

*~~Plan to attend the June 5 UIRA potluck*

*~~Anticipate the Hancher Tour*

*~~Thank UIRA Leaders*

*Nancy Hauserman (left) President Elect*

*Beverly Robalino, President*



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