

The Gray Hawk

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UIRA Calendar

June 8, 2016—Wednesday, 5:30-7:30 p.m., UIRA Annual Picnic, Terry Trueblood Lodge
Everyone is welcome—no reservations necessary.
See page 2.

June 24, 2016—Friday, 1-2:30 p.m., Hancher Auditorium Tour *Please note details on page 2 and make reservations for this very special UIRA event.*

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.*



UIRA Year in Review from Outgoing President Beverly Robalino

It has been my pleasure to serve as UIRA's 21st president. Volunteers power the association, and I want to thank and recognize the many UIRA volunteers for their support. Thanks to the members of the **Board of Directors** who have provided their steady guidance. Thanks to all members who volunteered to serve on the program and budget committees (chair **Nancy Hauserman**) and nomination committee (chair **Gene Spaziani**). Congratulations to service award recipient **Nancy Williams** for her outstanding service to the community and **Eugene Spaziani** for his outstanding service to the university. **Feather Lacy** was the first recipient of the President's Award for her dedicated service to UIRA. Thanks to the members who continue to support the three established special interest groups and to the walkers who met every Tuesday morning and made the Gray Hawk Steppers a viable interest group in its inaugural year. The UIRA Travel Photo Contest celebrated its third year thanks to **Ken Starck's** leadership. Thanks to the members who donated canned goods for the Crisis Center food pantry. Many thanks to **Linda Muston** for producing our newsletter and to **Phil Klein** for his work as webmaster. Kudos to those members who generously donated to the newly-created UIRA student scholarship fund. I hope members will continue to share their ideas, talents and enthusiasm and encourage friends to join UIRA. What an exciting year it has been!

Beverly Robalino, UIRA president 2015-2016

“Just because it’s June-June-June.....”

**Annual Potluck Set for 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8,
at the Park Lodge of the Terry Trueblood Recreation Area**

UIRA provides the main dish, table service and beverages. Members need only bring a dish to share—salad, veggie, or dessert—to serve at least six people. No reservations are necessary and the outdoor spaces around the park (as viewed in the 2015 potluck photo bottom right) beckon you to take a walk and explore before or after enjoying social time with fellow UIRA members and their guests.

The lodge, shown in the picture below at left from last year’s event, is an indoor facility so rain or heat is not a factor. Just take South Gilbert or Sand Road south of town. The address for GPS navigation is 529 McCollister Blvd.



Invitation to Tour Spectacular New Hancher
UIRA Preview Set for Friday, June 24, at 1 p.m.
Reservations Required by June 17

UIRA members have a special privilege to tour the new Hancher Auditorium before its public opening. Thanks to Chuck Swanson, Hancher Executive Director, for this unique opportunity!

RESERVATIONS: We need to give Chuck a head count so please RSVP to Nancy-Hauserman@uiowa.edu by June 17.

PARKING: You will **not** need a parking permit to park in the Hancher lot. The Parking and Transportation folks have agreed to lift enforcement of the parking lot at 12 noon that day. However, they do ask that attendees observe the ADA parking, fire lanes, etc. and park in regular parking spaces. Many thanks to the Parking and Transportation Department for permission to park and to Beverly Robalino for seeking this accommodation to ease access.



It takes a village: An opportunity to get in the picture

WANTED: Someone to Manage UIRA’s Annual Photo Contest

The UIRA Board is conducting a search for a member interested in managing the annual Photo Contest. The contest was initiated three years ago by **Ken Starck**. It has been supported with a grant from the Hills Bank and Trust Co.

“The contest has proven quite popular among members,” said **Starck**. “It’s an excellent opportunity to indulge your interest in photography, get acquainted with other members and contribute to UIRA.”

Persons interested should contact **Starck** (kenneth-starck@uiowa.edu) or any board member.

NOTE: *To see the winning photos in the 2016 Photo Contest, 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>.*

Why UIRA Scholarship?

Did you know these facts about current UI graduates?

The Iowa College Student Aid Commission says 56% of UI’s 2014 graduates (1,852 of 3,312) graduated with debt. The average debt was \$28,716.

The newly created UIRA Scholarship Fund steps up to help UI undergraduates to meet the cost of UI higher education. To date, 16 individual contributions have been received.



Help the scholarship fund right now by clicking on the following link....

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

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

***September 15 Program Set***

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

One remarkable fall program is already set for Thursday, September 15, from 1-2:30 p.m. Sponsored by TIAA, the speaker will be author **Margit Henderson** who 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. This is just the first of many stimulating, entertaining programs being planned by President-Elect Michael Barron. Stay tuned.....

### *Your UIRA Membership*

E-Mail and/or snail mail reminders regarding the need to renew UIRA dues for 2016-17 will be sent to UIRA members during June. If you do not receive a reminder, your UIRA dues are paid for the coming year.

Thank you

*Dick Johns*, Membership Chair

### *Welcome New UIRA Members*

|                    |                             |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| John Forys         | UI Libraries                |
| Marsha Forys       | UI Libraries                |
| Danny Foster       | Health and Human Physiology |
| Patricia F. Foster | Graduate Admissions         |
| George Kinsinger   | UIHC                        |
| Bonnie Rubin       | State Hygienic Laboratory   |
| Charles Williams   | State Hygienic Laboratory   |

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### **Until *The Gray Hawk* returns in the fall, here are some summer suggestions:**

If you have a friend or former co-worker who has retired but not joined UIRA, print and pass on the new member form on page 6 of *The Gray Hawk*. Or access the membership form on the UIRA website and print and pass it on with your personal invitation:

[http://uira.org.uiowa.edu/files/uira.org.uiowa.edu/files/wysiwyg\\_uploads/UIRA%20membership%20form%202016-17.pdf](http://uira.org.uiowa.edu/files/uira.org.uiowa.edu/files/wysiwyg_uploads/UIRA%20membership%20form%202016-17.pdf)

If you are in Iowa City for all or part of the summer, enjoy the Summer of the Arts excitement:

<http://summerofthearts.com>

If you have time to volunteer, opportunities abound and you can start by checking out this link <http://uira.org.uiowa.edu/resources> and then scrolling down to "Volunteerism Opportunities for UI Retirees."



University of Iowa Retirees Association

**Board of Directors 2015-16** (*year term on Board expires*)

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| <b>Beverly Robalino</b> | President (2017)            |
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*The UIRA Board of Directors meets at 1 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month (except July and August) in the Buffet Room (427) of the Levitt Center.*

*Visitors are welcome for the next meeting: June 14, 2016.*



**TRAIL Update:** Thanks to all UIRA members who completed surveys in late 2015 and/or 2016 regarding TRAIL of Johnson County—a newly formed organization seeking to help older residents age in place by providing Tools and Resources for Active, Independent Living. TRAIL is still in the formative stages, and more information will come later this summer about its proposed membership benefits, fee structure and launch date. Questions before then are directed to: [info@trailofjohnsoncounty.org](mailto:info@trailofjohnsoncounty.org)



**Membership Form – July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017**  
**Please Print or Type Everything**

**Membership Dues** – If this form is processed in April, May or June, membership will cover the next academic year.

\_\_\_\$0\_\_\_ **New Membership** is FREE for First Year

\_\_\_\_\_ **RENEWAL:** \$ 10 Per Person for 1 Year

\_\_\_\_\_ **RENEWAL:** \$ 25 Per Person for 3 Years

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

(Used for e-mail delivery of UIRA messages and *The Gray Hawk* newsletter)

**Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Retiree Status: Faculty \_\_\_; Staff \_\_\_; Spouse/Domestic Partner \_\_\_; Associate Member \_\_\_

UI Department or Division from which you retired \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete the following for a second person's membership**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Retiree Status: Faculty \_\_\_; Staff \_\_\_; Spouse/Domestic Partner \_\_\_; Associate Member \_\_\_

UI Department or Division from which you retired (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed form and checks, payable to the **University of Iowa Retirees Association**, to:  
**UIRA**

**PO Box 1952**

**Iowa City, Iowa 52277-1952**

Questions: see website at <http://uira.org.uiowa.edu/>