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UIRA Exciting Fall Calendar

September 15, 2017—Friday, 9 a.m., Breakfast and Tour of UI's newest and largest student residence: Elizabeth Catlett Hall. Breakfast is at 9 a.m. in the Catlett Market Place, private dining room, on the 3rd floor. The cost for breakfast is \$7.50, payable by credit or debit card, but no cash. **Dr. Von Stange**, assistant vice president for student life and senior director of university housing and dining, will speak at 9:30 a.m. about Catlett Hall. A guided tour highlighting public areas and the art in the building will follow. Catlett is located on the site of the old Iowa City Water Plant located on N. Madison Street. The main entry of the building is a covered walkway stretching from the T. Anne Cleary walkway to the 3rd floor of the building. An additional major entry point to the building is located off of Madison Street on the 1st floor and attendees can take the elevator to the 3rd floor. Please park in the North Parking Ramp.



GO HAWKS! Harry Williamson was a winner with this photo in the 2017 UIRA Travel Photo Contest-Iowa category.

September 27, 2017—Wednesday, 2 p.m., Iowa Raptors and Raptor Rescue, Joan Schnabel, Coralville Library, E. Jean Schwab Auditorium. When Joan and her husband Jeff moved here two years ago to be closer to grandkids, three raptors moved with them. She has since added three more. She considers these birds full partners in Raptology's Environmental Education programming. She will talk about specific birds, raptors in general and a little bit about what's involved in feeding, housing and caring for the birds. She will bring some of her birds to the presentation.

October 9, 2017—Monday, 2 p.m., UI India Winterim Study Abroad Program, presented by Raj Rajagopal, retired professor of geography, Coralville Library.

October 24, 2017—Tuesday, 2 p.m., The History and Current Status of Title IX, Christine H. B. Grant, women's athletic director at UI from 1973 until 2000, Coralville Library.

November 28, 2017—Tuesday, 2 p.m., The History and Future of Automated Driving, Dan McGehee, director of the National Advanced Driving Simulator, Coralville Library.

UIRA Leadership



UIRA leaders (left to right) are President-elect Sue Otto, 2017-18 President Michael Barron, 2016-17 President Nancy Hauserman and 2015-16 President Beverly Robalino pictured at the June Annual Picnic.

A Message from UIRA 2017-2018 President Michael Barron

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

The heat of summer has not yet left us, but I'm told that fall is in the air and that means it is time to welcome all UIRA members to another great year of interesting programs and fun fellowship! As the new president of UIRA, I am privileged and honored to work with the rest of the Board of Directors in providing all of us with an excellent array of experiences and opportunities in 2017-18.

The Gray Hawk newsletter is an excellent source of information about upcoming events and UIRA news. Our web site <http://uira.org.uiowa.edu> provides a wealth of association information including copies of the minutes from each Board of Directors meeting as well as past issues of The Gray Hawk. Of course you should be on the look-out for regular email messages from President-elect and Program Chair Sue Otto, describing the exciting program options on the horizon.

We are looking forward to an exciting year for UIRA and welcome your participation and your comments throughout the year! My email is michael-barron@uiowa.edu.

Mike

Another Important UIRA Fall Date:

October 12, 2017—Thursday, 12 noon-2 p.m, UIRA Flu Vaccination Clinic provided by Visiting Nurses (VNA) Complete details in the October issue of *The Gray Hawk*.

UIRA Special Interest Groups

The Gray Hawk Steppers will begin meeting again every Tuesday morning at 9:15 at the Coral Ridge Mall and walk around the mall until approximately 10 a.m. Members will walk in small groups and each group will set its own pace. Members interested in joining this group should contact **Beverly Robalino** at Beverly-Robalino@iowa.edu. Walks will begin on October 3, but feel free to get more information now from **Beverly** if you are interested.

The International Events Group meets monthly for an informal exchange of views regarding current events on the international scene (and their U.S. relevance) and it's difficult to imagine a more timely activity. The first meeting of this year will be Thursday, September 14, and on subsequent second Thursdays (September through May) from 1:30 to 3:15 at Hills Bank, 2621 Muscatine Avenue—turn left as you enter the bank and the meeting is in the first conference room. There is no structured agenda, but convener **Phil Klein** sends out an email before each meeting that includes links to recent stories of interest. **Phil Klein** will be happy to provide more information Phil-Klein@uiowa.edu.

Why not start a new interest group? There were many areas of interest identified in the UIRA member survey earlier this year. If you and your friends, former co-workers, fellow retirees have a shared interest, hobby, avocation to pursue, please consider getting together to form an interest group. UIRA resources will be used to promote and organize your group and enthusiastic leadership is the first step to a successful special interest group like the current ones. Please let any officer or board member know of your interest and full speed ahead.

Emeritus Faculty Lecture Series

Professor Gary Gussin (Biology)

Ways to Turn Genes On and Off: Interactions of Proteins with DNA and Each Other
Thursday, September 14, 4-5 p.m., 101 Biology Building

Professor Eric Forsythe

Directing Comedy in Unfunny Times
Tuesday, October 3, 4-5 p.m., 101 Biology Building

Future Fall Lecture:

Tuesday, November 7—**Professor Ed Kottick**

Senior Center Sports Forums Resume

Everyone is welcome to attend the 2017-18 sessions of the Sports Forum at the Iowa City/Johnson County Senior Center, 28 S. Linn St., Iowa City. The informal discussions of Hawkeye sports and other sports topics are held from 9 to 10 a.m. on Mondays until the end of the college basketball season, except when the Senior Center is closed for holidays (such as Labor Day). Guest speakers are often featured. The sessions, in the Assembly Room, are free and open to the public. For more information, call **George Sauerberg** at (319) 430-0996. Parking Logistics for the forums--the most convenient ramp for coming to the Senior Center is the Tower Place Parking Ramp. A skywalk at level 3-A of the ramp connects it to the second floor of the Center.

Introducing New Board Members “in their own words”



Benny Hawkins, Board Member

I retired in January 2005 from the College of Dentistry Periodontics Department after 27.5 years. Prior to that I had a 20-year career in the U.S. Air Force Dental Corps. I lived in New York, England, California and South Dakota. While in the Air Force, I earned an M.S. degree in Periodontology from The University of Iowa. I continued my Air Force career in Anchorage, Alaska and I ended my Air Force career at Scott Air Force base in central Illinois. Since retirement, I've served on the board of Pathways Adult Health Center, and volunteered for Meals on Wheels and presently for Table to Table.

Diane Martin, Secretary

I was a Program Associate for the College of Dentistry for 30 years. Prior to coming to the College of Dentistry, I was a Spanish teacher and property manager. I'm married to David, a retired Business Librarian for the College of Business. We have two sons. Both live in California with their wives and two children each, so we head to California whenever we get a chance. I'm an active volunteer and have been involved with the Crisis Center Food Pantry, the Center for Worker Justice and as a tutor at Southeast Junior High.



Doug True, Board Member

The first time I arrived at the UI was in the late 50's and early 60's for football games—it took from dawn until well after dark those Saturday nights to travel down highway 6 from Des Moines to the university, attend the football game and return. In 1967 I arrived here for a bit longer as an undergraduate in a class full of baby boomers. At about that same time I met Sandy Boyd for the first time—and it is a sharp memory all these years later. I met him in the fieldhouse where he was just walking and talking to the undergrads, not surprising for those of you who know him. In 1985 I went to work for the Iowa Board of Regents and in 1988 transitioned to the UI as its Treasurer. The rest of my professional life was spent at the UI---a very fortunate and learning experience. Currently, I have returned for a short time as interim CFO at UI Healthcare until they can hire a permanent replacement.



A Message about Your UIRA Membership

Thank you to those who have responded to the UIRA Membership renewal reminder. If you received a reminder, but have not yet sent in your renewal, a second reminder will be sent out shortly. Renewals can be made for three years at \$25 or for one year at \$10. If you have questions about your membership contact Lois Lembke at lois-lembke@uiowa.edu.

Crossing Historic Bridge to Nature



UIRA members learned about the history and the nature of the Cedar River Crossing area, south of Lisbon, on June 22, 2017. Forty-two participants attended a lunch, which featured pulled-pork sandwiches, at Baxa's Sutliff Store & Tavern. **Randy Howell**, (pictured left) a co-owner of Baxa's, discussed the former general store and the nearby Sutliff Bridge. A ferry service started by Allen Sutliff operated for years until a sandbar made a bridge necessary, **Howell** said. The truss bridge was finished in 1898, and the general store opened the next year. The bridge is on the National Register of Historic Places. The flood of 2008 washed away one of the three sections, but the repaired bridge reopened in 2012.

Also at Baxa's, **Larry Gullett**, Johnson County conservation director, explained the conservation board's ongoing project to restore the more than 400 acres of Cedar River Crossing to native sand prairie and wetland savanna. After lunch, 40 of the participants

crossed the bridge for a guided tour. For more information about the bridge and Baxa's, visit this website:

<http://www.sutliffbridge.com>

article submitted by **George Sauerberg**

photos submitted by **Vilia Tarvydas**

Johnson County Conservation Director **Larry Gullett**, (right) described the current plants and terrain in the Cedar River Crossing area. He explained the exciting plans that the county has for the 407 acre tract in the Cedar River flood plane six miles northeast of Solon.



Historic Sutliff Bridge spans the Cedar River south of Lisbon

For more information on Cedar River Crossing, visit this website:

http://www.johnson-county.com/dept_conservation.aspx?id=4007



UIRA University Benefits Informational Session Set for Thursday November 2, 2017

As it has done in past years, the UIRA will host a session presented by the University Benefits Office to discuss the status of current benefits for retirees and answer relevant questions. Again this year the Parkview Church at 15 Foster Road will be the location. Plan now to attend this session at 2 p.m. on Thursday, November 2, 2017.

Members are encouraged to take advantage of the special meetings being offered by the Benefits Office (see story below) and know that the UIRA session in November will not be the same as the special sessions. Information about the annual enrollment period, including 2018 premium rates, will be mailed in late October.

Informational Sessions Designed to Improve Understanding of Health Benefit Options

Retirees with University of Iowa benefits have received information by mail listing a number of special sessions planned for this fall to help make health coverage decisions for 2018. Two general education sessions presented by Health Alliance were scheduled and one remains.

Medicare Supplement vs. Medicare Advantage will be presented Thursday, September 7, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the BioVentures Center, Multipurpose Room, 2500 Crosspark Road in Coralville.

Beginning in late September, several additional information sessions will be offered. Hosted by the University Benefits Office, they will feature guest speakers from Wellmark BCBS, Health Alliance and the Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP). All sessions will follow the same agenda beginning with a 9:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. large group presentation focusing on Medicare, UIChoice, Health Alliance Medicare Advantage plans and other health coverage options available to retirees. Following the large group, attendees will have the opportunity for individual, 1:1 counseling appointments with a Wellmark BCBS and/or Health Alliance from 12:30 to 4 p.m.

Here are the dates and locations:

Wednesday, September 27, 2017
Iowa Memorial Union, Illinois Room #348

Wednesday, October 11, 2017
Coralville Public Library, Schwab Auditorium

Tuesday, October 17, 2017
Iowa City Public Library, Room A

Wednesday, November 8, 2017
BioVentures Center, Multipurpose Room, Coralville

Seating is limited. To register for one of these sessions send an email to benefits@uiowa.edu or call the University Benefits Office at (319) 335-2676. Light refreshments will be served.

Welcome New UIRA Members

Shannon Bartlett
Robert Bacon
Marcia Bellendier
(Mary) Jo Cook
Kathleen Dea
Nancy Dole
Ann Houlahan
Joy Hudson
Phyllis Jacobsen
Keith Kramer
Trish Kramer
Amy Luttinger
Lucy Luxenburg
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HCIS-UIHC
Biochemistry
Information Technology
UI Libraries
Spouse
Center for Disabilities & Development
Nursing
Finance and Operations
Geography
(CWS) Child Life Program
College of Dentistry/Orthodontics
Epidemiology, College of Public Health
Oakdale Renewable Energy Plant
College of Dentistry
Athletics



*This is the green-flowered milkweed that UIRA member **Lucy Choisser** found at Cedar River Crossing on June 22. **Dave Wehde**, natural resource manager for the Johnson County Conservation Board, held the plant as he talked to **Choisser** and other participants about it on the tour.*





UIRA members enjoyed a bountiful potluck at the Annual Picnic on June 7, 2017 at Terry Trueblood Park.



UIRA President Michael Barron (right) met with U.S. Astronaut Jerry Ross at the BIG Ten Retirees Association Meeting at Purdue in late August. Sue Otto, UIRA president-elect, also attended the annual meeting



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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: September 12, October 10, November 14, and December 12, 2017, and January 9, February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8 and June 12, 2018.