



University of Iowa Retirees Association

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2013-2014

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*NOTE: A brief account of each of this year's programs appears below as excerpted from the Photo Gallery of UIRA's website. A more complete report with photos of each program can be found at: <https://uira.shutterfly.com/pictures>. Remaining programs for the year are listed at the bottom.*

***A history refresher at Hoover Museum & Library***—More than 50 UIRA members spent much of the afternoon of April 4 learning about the operation and maintenance of the Herbert Hoover Presidential Museum and Library in West Branch . . . The facility is one of 13 Presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration.

***The color of healthy living: Blue***—The UIRA focused on improving health with what it hopes will become an annual program on the Blue Zones Project—a national effort to enhance emotional, physical and social health by transforming the local environments in which people live, work and play . . . the program (was) attended by 42 retirees March 26 at the Coralville Public Library.

***FilmScene scores hit with UIRA***—On a day when temperatures were in the single digits, about 75 retirees went to the movies. The attraction was a visit February 27 to Iowa City's new and only downtown theater, FilmScene.

***'Libraries not going away': John Culshaw***—The cafe may not have been open—it was between semesters—but there was still much “food for thought” during a UIRA program at the UI Main Library January 14, 2014. Head Librarian John Culshaw . . . told about changes in the Library resulting from the library's recent \$14 million renovation. . . . a standing-room crowd of 60 gathered.

***Music echoing the Holocaust***—Nearly 50 persons attended a presentation for UIRA of “Music from Exile” by the highly-acclaimed Daedalus Quartet November 14 in the Recital Hall of the University Capitol Centre (UCC) in downtown Iowa City.

***David Osterberg on Iowa's water challenges***—More than 30 persons heard environmental activist David Osterberg of the Iowa Policy Project (IPP) discuss challenges facing the state of Iowa in achieving higher levels of water quality October 23 at the Coralville Public Library.

***“Retirees (are) a very important resource,” says UI President Mason***—UI President Mason spoke to nearly 100 persons attending the President's Reception for the UIRA October 10 at the Levitt Center for University Advancement.

***Where Art and Science Intersect***—Three-dimensional printing, along with beautiful art jewelry, highlighted visits by UIRA members September 19 and 24, 2013, to M. C. Ginsberg: Objects of Art in downtown Iowa City. A total of about 50 retirees were . . . introduced to 3-D printing by Mark Ginsberg, owner.

### REMAINING PROGRAMS FOR 2013-2014

- **May 14 (Wednesday) 1-2:30 p.m.**—The New Hancher, program by Hancher Executive Director Charles Swanson with three officials from Mortenson Construction, Morse Board Room (overlooks construction site), Levitt Center for University Advancement on Park Road.
- **June 4 (Wednesday) 6 p.m.**—UIRA's annual picnic at the Park Lodge at Terry Trueblood Recreation Area, Iowa City's newest park-recreation complex, located south of town at 579 McCollister Blvd.