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ISUAAA—serving annuitants and survivors since 1971

President's message

Our thanks go to Campus Recreation for their support in sponsoring this newsletter. The new fitness center has had a fabulous first year, serving a phenomenal number of students while also providing fitness opportunities for ISU faculty, staff, and of course our membership. If you wish to maintain your health and fitness, or enhance it, please consider paying them a visit. If you have not seen the new facility, consider stopping in and asking for a tour.

Many state employees and retirees were faced with difficult health care choices when the state negotiated new health care contracts that did not include existing HMOs as part of the plan. Our thanks go to all the members of the legislature that pushed hard on this issue and to the governor's office for agreeing to an additional extension of the existing contracts through the end of June 2012. A number of our members that live in Central Illinois were covered by Health Alliance, and I know they are pleased that they will not have to change insurance carriers or choose a new primary care physician.

After the failure of the legislature to reach an agreement on several bills that would have an adverse impact on pensions and health benefits, you may have been expecting a quiet summer—a time to rest up for the inevitable return to these issues in the fall veto session. Unfortunately, it was not to be. Instead attention was focused on an unprecedented and highly partisan battle in Washington, D.C. on increasing the debt ceiling, followed by a downgrade by Standard and Poor's of our debt rating. Unfortunately, a return of legislation on pensions and benefits still awaits us this fall. Pay attention and be prepared to contact members of the legislature.

We are again delighted to be able to provide the Madrigal Singers as entertainment at the holiday luncheon. We hope you will be able to attend as this promises to again be a very enjoyable event. I look forward to seeing you there!

Larry Alferink, ISUAAA President

Not just for student fitness

After opening last January, the Student Fitness Center (SFC) at Illinois State University has proven to be a hub of activity for the campus community. Members of the SFC enjoy full access to a variety of activities and amenities. More than 22,000 square feet of cardio/weight training space is available on the first and second floors, with television screens featured throughout the area. Lap and recreational swimming programs are housed in the pool, which features four 25-yard lanes and a leisure area. The 47-foot high climbing wall is the focal point of the main lobby, with routes for beginners and experienced climbers. Basketball, volleyball, or badminton is available in the three multipurpose sport courts. Runners and walkers enjoy the open feel of the

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Student Fitness Center main entrance

third floor track, where eight laps make a mile. Four group fitness studios throughout the facility provide plenty of space for an extensive schedule of group fitness classes.

While fee-paying students are automatically considered members of the facility, all annuitants, faculty, staff, and graduates of Illinois State are eligible to purchase a membership. Spouses/domestic partners may also be added to any membership. The membership rate for annuitants is \$120 per semester, \$80 per summer, or \$320 per year. For more information, visit the membership section of the facility website at SFCM.IllinoisState.edu, call (309) 438-7529, or stop by the Bob and Julie Dobski Welcome Center in the main lobby of the SFC.

President Bowman featured at fall luncheon

Illinois State University President Al Bowman was the featured speaker at the ISUAA fall luncheon on September 7. More than 100 people attended the event. Bowman noted that state funding problems continue, but the University continues to make important advances in spite of these budget issues. Student applications remained very strong again, resulting in a highly qualified freshman class. The freshman class of approximately 3,400 is 200 students larger than expected. Bowman noted that our grant applications continue to increase. Last year, the University received \$33 million in grants, approximately 50 percent more than the previous record. We also had a very strong year in terms of fundraising despite the weak economy, and he thanked the members of ISUAA for the important role they have played in this outcome and in doing the work that has helped the University become the institution it is today. He noted the University completed work on a new state-of-the-art, 10,000-square-foot laboratory for the Mennonite School of Nursing that will significantly enhance instruction of nursing students. Work on the new Cardinal Court project, providing apartment-style living for our students, is progressing ahead of schedule and is expected to be ready for fall 2012.

Survivor's advocacy workshop a success

The Survivor's Advocacy Team held a workshop just preceding the fall luncheon. Several members attended and learned how to work their way through the maze of SURS paperwork that needs to be completed by the surviving spouse when an annuitant dies. Team members are also available if you know a surviving spouse who needs assistance with this paperwork during those difficult times. Please suggest that they contact Mary Liverman. Consider attending a future workshop to help in your own preparation.

Madrigal Singers headline ISUAA Holiday Luncheon

The annual ISUAA Holiday Luncheon, scheduled for 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 7, in the Brown Ballroom, will again feature the Illinois State University Madrigal Singers, directed by Karyl Carlson. A reservation form for the holiday luncheon is included in this newsletter.

This year's Madrigal performances, A Madrigal Eve, are held at the Alumni Center on December 9 and 10. Tickets are \$15 and include preshow activities, a concert, and dessert. A Madrigal Eve will include an art exhibition of winter scenes with the centerpiece of the concert, "When Icicles Hang" by John Rutter.

A number of ISUAA members have played key roles in the success of Madrigals over the years, the most notable being the late John Ferrell, who served as director for many years. As a token of appreciation for the Madrigal Singers' performance at the holiday luncheon, ISUAA will make a donation to the Foundation account in honor of his contributions to the Madrigal Singers.

As the calendar year and tax year nears its end, ISUAA members are encouraged to consider making a gift to the Illinois State University Foundation, perhaps targeting an account, such as the John Ferrell Scholarship, that may have special meaning to them. Beth Snyder, assistant director for annual giving, can help you find the right account for your gift. Contact Beth Snyder at (309) 438-5725.

Legislative report

The legislature will come back into session for the fall veto session for three days at the end of October and three days early in November. Senate Bill 512 is expected to be brought back, but at this time it is not known what modifications will have been made to attempt

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to gain more support. You may recall that this bill would require current employees to make a choice among three bad alternatives regarding their future pension benefits: to pay more to keep their current plan, to choose a defined benefit plan with lower benefits, or to choose a self-managed plan to which the state only contributes 6 percent of salary. It is also possible that Senate Bill 175, which would impose health insurance premiums on retirees, may also come back for consideration. Again, no information on how that bill has been revised is available at this time. Stay tuned and be prepared to inform your representatives if these bills are unfair, create unreasonable burdens, or violate constitutional protections.

The health insurance debacle

As reported in the president's message in the last newsletter, the state created a mess when they negotiated agreements with health insurance companies that eliminated the state contracts with Health Alliance and Humana and failed to provide HMO coverage for much of downstate Illinois. There have been numerous developments since that last newsletter went to press. Of great importance to many of our members, the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability (COGFA) held a special meeting and voted against the state increasing reliance on self-insurance, an outcome of the contract negotiated with OAP providers. That left many counties in the state with no medical providers that accepted any of the approved state programs. Brian Otwell, a Sangamon County judge, ruled against the administration and indicated that COGFA was acting within its authority, requiring an extension of existing contracts through the end of September. Lawsuits filed by Health Alliance and a countersuit filed by the OAP providers are before Otwell, and he is expected to rule in October on these suits. In the meantime, the state, acting with authorization by COGFA, extended the existing contracts with Health Alliance and the other providers through June 2012. This is very good news for many of our members in Central Illinois.

Annuitants Association website

- Why join ISUAA
- History of ISUAA
- How to join
- Survivor assistance information
- Newsletters
- Parking on campus for retirees
- Meetings and events schedule
- Contacting your legislator
- Legislative platform

www.Annuitants.ilstu.edu

Jess Ray, Web page coordinator



How time flies

April Karlene Anderson, University archivist

Jo Ann Rayfield, University archivist emeritus

150 years ago | September 1861

- In fall 1861, the 33rd Illinois Infantry (also known as the "Schoolmaster's Regiment" due to their general, former ISNU president Hovey) moved out to Camp Butler leaving 80 students. Chicago lawyer Charles Bass served as interim president while Hovey fought in the Civil War.
- The Wroughtonian Society dedicated Philadelphian Hall (a room inside Old Main) in 1861.

100 years ago | September 1911

- Lillie O. Barton began her tenure as the first dean of women in 1911. She graduated from ISNU in 1899 and taught mathematics for the University until her appointment to dean in 1911. She served until her retirement in 1940. The Barton Residence Hall was named in her honor.
- The first ISNU librarian, Ange Milner, wrote in the September 19 edition of the *Vidette* that the library staff consisted of, "a librarian, two assistant librarians, and several student assistants." Milner went on to say that, "Our library is designed to do all that a library can for the benefit of everyone connected in any way with the Illinois State Normal University. Its aim can be accomplished within the limits of its resources in so far as it has the cooperation of each one who is to benefit by it."

75 years ago | September 1936

- 1,851 students were enrolled.
- The "partial modernizing" of Old Main had some in the campus community concerned that the historic nature of the building was being stripped away. President Fairchild insisted that the overhaul addressed both safety and preservation concerns.

50 years ago | September 1961

- A September 27 *Vidette* headline reads "Airborne TV Comes to ISNU." The Midwest Program on Airborne Television Instruction will videotape classes ranging from kindergarten to college level and then telecast them "from a converted DC-6 airliner flying over Montpelier, Indiana, and bases at Purdue University." The videos are then broadcast to areas in a 150-200 mile radius and seen in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

25 years ago | September 1986

- By fall 1986, 200 "microcomputers" were in use in all freshman writing classes.
- The ISU Hall of Fame inducted baseball coach Duffy Bass and his entire 1969 team. To that point, they were the only ISU sports team to win a National Championship.

If you have any books, letters, or memorabilia from ISU that you would like to donate to the University Archives, please contact April Anderson at aander2@IllinoisState.edu or (309) 438-5525.

States reduce COLAS

Colorado and Minnesota passed laws last year reducing the size of Cost-of-Living (COLAs) increases as part of an effort across the nation to reduce pension debt caused by the economic downturn. These laws were challenged on the grounds that these changes violated constitutional protections in both states. Court decisions have now found in favor of the states, allowing the reduction in the COLAs to proceed.

These cases were watched carefully by other states, and while the constitutional protections for pensions in Illinois are stronger than in either of these states, don't be surprised if discussions in the Illinois legislature on "pension reform" next spring might include proposals on reducing COLAs in Illinois, particularly if efforts to change pensions for current employees are not enacted in the fall veto session. With regards to the budget, reducing COLAs has an immediate effect on the pension debt, whereas changing the future pension owed to current employees will take years to realize before a major impact on the pension debt occurs.

Does SUAA have your email address?

This past spring, the SUAA state office did a phenomenal job of keeping the membership informed about critical legislative issues. We received regular updates about adverse legislation in a timely manner and about the state health insurance debacle with Health Alliance. Such contact can only occur if the SUAA office has your email address in the membership database. If you want to stay informed, and want to help protect your pension and benefits, having information about when it is critical to contact your representatives is extremely important. If you did not receive these messages this past spring and have an email address, please consider providing a current email address to us or to the SUAA office.

Got Verizon.net?

If you were part of the change from Verizon to Frontier as a communications provider and had a Verizon email account, you need to inform us of your new Frontier email address if you have not already submitted an address change. Unless we have an accurate email address, SUAA will not be able to provide you with critical email alerts when adverse legislation is coming before the legislature.

Retiree information hotline

Have a question? Need an answer? Don't know whom to contact? Call (309) 438 4311, the phone line answered by University Advancement just for retirees and surviving spouses. Staff will either direct you to the needed resource or take your name and number and have someone follow up with you.



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ISUAA history update

Christ Schwelle, past president, has completed a history of the last decade of ISUAA. The history includes a narrative account of significant events during the past decade and an appendix with details about officers, committee chairs, and award recipients. Both documents are available at www.Annuitants.ilstu.edu/history.

Academic Senate learns about Annuitants Association

ISUAA President Larry Alferink was again a guest of Illinois State's Academic Senate at their August 31 meeting where he updated the Faculty Caucus on what has happened over the past year. He described the role that ISUAA plays as an advocate for the pensions of both current employees as well as those that have retired and described the problems facing SURS. He reminded them that current employees that participate in SURS are welcome to join ISUAA. He described the adverse legislation considered by the legislature this past spring and that will likely come up during the fall veto session.

Are your health insurance benefits protected?

The conventional wisdom is that while your pension is protected by the 1970 Constitution, the health insurance benefit enjoyed by annuitants is not. Until recently there has not been a legal opinion or court ruling explicitly addressing this issue. Now four retired Joliet police officers and firefighters filed suit against the City of Joliet when the city attempted to change their health care benefits by adding a \$250 deductible to health insurance claims and increased drug co-pays from \$3 to \$5.

Will County Associate Judge Bobbi Petrunaro ruled last October that health insurance benefits were also protected by the

Elected state senators/representatives from the Illinois State University area

44th, State Senator Bill Brady (R)

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Onarga, IL 60955
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88th, State Representative Dan Brady (R)

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106th, State Representative Keith P. Sommer (R)

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Morton, IL 61550
(309) 263-9242

*For other elected officials,
please check the ISUAA
website

Constitution and issued a second ruling in July that the specific change sought by Joliet violated the constitutional protection and that their health benefit was diminished.

Other cases testing the limits of constitutional protections are also working their way into the court system. A lower court decision is not likely to be the final answer to this question, but it is the first court decision addressing this issue. We shall have to wait and see what happens if this case is appealed or if other cases also work their way through the system.

Numbers count!

Help ISUAA/SUAA grow in numbers and influence. Urge your friends and colleagues (retired or still working) to join ISUAA/SUAA. Membership information/forms are available at/from:

ISUAA website: www.Annuitants.ilstu.edu

SUAA website: www.suaa.org

"Join Now" online application

Frank Waterstraat: (309) 827-6442

Annuitants' pool

Now that cooler weather is here, it is a good time to consider participating in annuitants' pool. On Mondays from 2–4 p.m., a small group gathers at the Bowling and Billiards Center to play pool.

This is a very informal group of varying skill levels. Once the group gathers, they decide the games (eight ball, nine ball, etc.) to be played that day. For more information, contact Paul Dohrmann at pfdohrm@IllinoisState.edu or (309) 452-2322. Join the group, learn a new game, or improve your skills. They welcome newcomers!

Leaving Normal

For those heading out of town for the winter, don't forget to update your forwarding address with the U.S. Postal Service so your newsletters can be forwarded. ISUAA is working to get the newsletters posted on our website as soon as possible so that you can read the newsletters and obtain the luncheon registration forms electronically. The next two newsletters are scheduled for mailing in the first week of February and the first week of May. If you know you want to attend the March 7 spring luncheon, will be away for the winter, and don't want to take a chance on forwarded mail, contact Dona Meador now to arrange reservations. If you cannot attend the luncheon, understand that dues do not subsidize the cost of the luncheon. The per-plate price collected from those that attend covers the cost of the meals.

Contacting your state legislator

The following advice is based on information provided by the State Universities Annuitants Association:

Fundamental "Dos"

- Specifically ask for support of your position.
- Address your legislator properly.
- Write legibly (handwritten letters are fine if they are readable).
- Be brief, to the point, and discuss only one issue in each letter.
- If possible, give an example of how the issue affects you personally. Use your own words and your own stationery.
- Include your address and sign your name legibly.
- Ask the legislator to explain his/her position in their reply.
- Write your legislator when they do something of which you approve, not just when you are against something.

Fundamental "Don'ts"

- Do not send a postcard.
- Do not sign and send a form letter.
- Do not begin on a righteous note ("as a citizen and a taxpayer" and/or "as a concerned citizen").
- Do not apologize for writing and taking their time. If your letter is short and expresses an opinion, they are happy to give it consideration.
- Do not be rude or threatening.
- Do not send a copy of your letter to other legislators; write each one individually.
- If you choose to email a legislator, do not use a university email account.

How to address letters

- When writing to a state senator, state representative, or the governor:

The Honorable John Doe (or Jane Doe), State Senator, State Representative, or Governor (address)
- For salutation:

Dear Governor Quinn, Dear Senator, or Dear Representative

Contact information for elected officials

Contact information for legislators can be found at www.legis.state.il.us. Click on "Legislator Lookup" to search by your address or nine-digit zip code. You can also search for an individual name by using a search engine such as Google. Write to the senator or representative for the district in which you live.

Helping Hamper

Jan Cook

The Helping Hamper at our December holiday luncheon will be for the benefit of the Clare House Soup Kitchen. They serve more than 100 lunches each Tuesday and Thursday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bloomington. They would be happy to receive packaged pasta or rice, canned broth, or canned vegetables for the soup; coffee; or tea for hot drinks in cold weather; and, especially, canned or packaged fruit. Fruit is expensive, and almost no one donates it. The last two years, we sent them a lot of snack-sized boxes of raisins.

At our September luncheon, we over-filled the Crisis Nursery hamper with full and partial packs of diapers, food and snacks, Crayolas, Tide-to-Go sticks, paper party goods, and a bunch of kids' toothbrushes! (A sale somewhere? Wheel!). In addition, the hamper contained a considerable amount of donations in the form of checks and cash.

In September, we collected a record number of Box Tops for Thomas Metcalf School. The collection of almost 400 Box Tops will provide about \$40 in cash for their projects. Good job!

At the December holiday luncheon, we will be happy to continue to collect your fresh Box Tops for Education. They are found on many General Mills cereals, Betty Crocker products, Progresso soups, Ziploc bags, Cottonelle, Viva towels, and Kleenex products.

Thanks to all of you!

2011–2012 Directory

The 2011–2012 Annuitants Directory should be just about ready for mailing by the time you are reading the November newsletter. Barring any last minute delays, you should receive your copy prior to Thanksgiving. Please let us know if you do not receive your copy. While every effort is made to ensure accurate directory information, errors do occur. Please review your information in the new directory and let us know about any inaccuracies. With more than 1,400 members, this is a major task so we thank you for helping to ensure that your information is current. Instructions for notifying ISUAA of changes can be found on the inside of the back cover.

Updating the directory is a time to add new members and unfortunately to remove those that have died during the past year. It is also a time when we do our best to follow up with those individuals, who have let their dues lapse, inviting them to submit their dues payment in time for inclusion of their name in the newest directory. We thank everyone that has their dues automatically deducted by SURS or by ISU Payroll, or who pay those dues promptly. If your name is not included, you may have forgotten. That is why automatic dues deduction is such a benefit as it is one less thing we need to remember.

Gladly We Give

FY11 summary

For the first time in Illinois State University history, faculty, staff, and retirees total giving exceeded \$1 million for Gladly We Give in fiscal year 2011. The number of donors also increased to 1,611, which includes 500 retiree donors.

"It is heartening to see the continued increase in giving by our campus community, which is a 7 percent increase in donors from fiscal year 2010 to 2011," said Erin Minné, vice president of University Advancement. "This is another demonstration of the confidence and loyalty that exists within Illinois State University.

The impact of these gifts is far reaching, benefiting students, faculty, and staff across our institution. I am particularly proud that giving by University Advancement employees was up 34 percent with a 99 percent participation rate."

The Illinois State University community donors support colleges, departments, programs, athletics, scholarships, and WGLT, among many other areas and campus initiatives. Thank you to those who contributed to their campus passion.

Advancement.IllinoisState.edu



Alumni Association updates

Homecoming photos online

Illinois State University celebrated its 91st Homecoming October 10–16. Alumni, students, community members, faculty, and staff participated in a variety of events, including a parade in Uptown Normal, football game, tailgating, and much more. Thousands of pictures were captured and are available in online photo albums as well as a recap video.

Visit IllinoisStateHomecoming.com to view the albums. Mark your calendars for next year's celebration on October 1–7, 2012.



Annuitants invited to alumni events

Annuitants and friends are always welcome at events hosted by the Alumni Association. For the most up-to-date event information or to register online, visit Alumni.IllinoisState.edu/events. Detailed information for all university events is available on the University Calendar at Calendar.IllinoisState.edu.

Annuitant participation in Founders Day Convocation

Annuitants have been invited to participate in the 2012 Founders Day Convocation on Thursday, February 16, 2012. The event will take place in the Brown Ballroom in the Bone Student Center at 2 p.m.

Appropriate academic regalia, according to the highest earned degree, is required. Those who need to rent regalia should contact Barnes and Noble University Bookstore in Bone Student Center at (309) 452-0535 by January 16, 2012. Those who do not hold an academic degree

can order a robe to participate in the ceremony. If you have questions about the convocation, please contact Julie Barnhill, director of presidential and university events, at jtbarnh@IllinoisState.edu or (309) 438-8790. A complete schedule of Founders Day activities will be available.

Good day for a walk?

Heartland Community College is offering senior citizens the opportunity to walk on their new track in the Fitness and Recreation Center from 8–10 a.m. Monday through Friday. If you are interested, contact outreach@heartland.edu or call the Outreach office at (309) 268-8187.

Honorary degree nominations are now being sought

Illinois State University is now requesting nominations for candidates for the honorary degree to be awarded at Founders Day 2013. Honorary degrees may be awarded by Illinois State University in recognition of persons who have achieved a record of major distinction at the national or international level in education, public service, literature, business, or other professions. The degrees that may be awarded are the Doctor of Law (LL.D.), Doctor of Science (ScD.), Doctor of Literature (Litt.D.), Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.), and Doctor of Arts (D.A.).

Letters of nomination for candidates for the honorary degree should be addressed to the associate vice president for graduate

Some taxing questions

Q: How can I reduce my state and federal income taxes and provide support to ISU?

A: If you itemize tax-deductible expenses on your 1040 tax return, charitable gifts made before January 1, 2012, may reduce your 2011 tax "bite." Checks can be mailed to the ISU Foundation office or you can use your credit card at IllinoisStateAlumni.org/ccon. Gifts of paid-up life insurance can provide a tax deduction without dipping into your current cash resources. Gifts of appreciated securities (such as corporate stocks) can save you even more on your taxes because the donor does not have to claim taxable capital gains on gifted securities. Please be mindful that life insurance, appreciated securities, and other noncash gifts can take time to process, so start the process well in advance of the end of the year to ensure that such gifts can be counted in 2011.

Q: Can I make a tax-deductible gift to ISU and receive tax-favored payments in return?

A: Yes. Establishing a charitable gift annuity through the ISU Foundation may provide you with a tax-deductible gift, and you will receive payments that may be only partially taxable. Additional tax savings may be realized by funding the annuity with appreciated securities, thus avoiding some capital gains taxes.

Q: I have unused funds in an individual retirement account (IRA); can I give part of that IRA to ISU without having to pay income tax on the earnings?

A: Yes, you can. Under what has become commonly known as an "IRA Charitable Rollover," you can gift all or part of an IRA to ISU without incurring taxable income on the earnings. Several conditions must be met, including (but not limited to): you must be at least 70 1/2 years of age, and the gift must be sent directly from your IRA administrator to the ISU Foundation.

For more information about these questions or other options for giving to ISU, please contact the ISU Office of University Advancement at (309) 438-4450 or visit their website at Advancement.IllinoisState.edu/giving.

YES, MY GIFT MATTERS.

GIFT DESIGNATION

- ISU EXCELLENCE FUND. Supports the University's area of greatest need (3065065)
- RED AND WHITE SCHOLARSHIP FUND (2323000)
- COLLEGE/DEPARTMENT/OTHER: _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS

___ **OPTION 1:** Check. A check for my gift of \$ _____ payable to Illinois State University Foundation is enclosed.

___ **OPTION 2:** Credit Card: VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER

- A single gift in the amount of \$ _____
- A recurring gift in the amount of \$ _____, ending on ____/____/____ (month/day/year), to be paid: monthly quarterly semi-annually annually

Name on card Account number

Expiration date Signature

___ **OPTION 3:** Make a gift online at IllinoisState.edu/giving

DONOR INFORMATION

Name(s) University ID (if known)

Address

City State Zip

Preferred email address

() mobile home

Preferred phone number

FURTHER GIVING INFORMATION

___ My spouse works for a matching gift company:

I would like more information on including Illinois State University in my estate plans.

___ I have already included the University in my estate plans.

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Please mail this form to the Illinois State University Foundation, Campus Box 8000, Normal, IL 61790-8000.

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studies at Illinois State University. Nominations should be supported with vitae and/or related materials and sent to Judy Keenan, Graduate School, 309 Hovey Hall, Campus Box 4040, Normal, IL, 61790-4040. These nominations need to be received no later than March 1, 2012.

In memoriam

Paul Anderson.....	6/29/2011
Timothy Bell.....	7/06/2011
Gordon Brady.....	8/28/2011
Patricia Carter.....	6/10/2011
Erwin Duzan.....	8/15/2011
Thomas Fitch.....	8/03/2011
Julie Goodwin.....	1/2/2011
Edmund Heinz.....	8/15/2011
Helen Holzer.....	8/31/2011
Beverly Jenkins.....	7/09/2011
Tricia Johnson.....	6/03/2011
Ronald Laymon.....	8/10/2011
Betty Malinowski.....	8/30/2011
Dennis Mays.....	8/03/2011
Harold Stiles.....	7/29/2011
Darwin Stubblefield.....	7/08/2011
Dorothy Wells.....	7/27/2011
Thelma Wickenhauser.....	8/18/2011

Teaching and Learning Symposium

All emeriti educators are invited to join their colleagues at the annual Teaching and Learning Symposium, scheduled on Wednesday, January 11, 2012, at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Uptown Normal.

This annual event, sponsored by the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology, brings together ISU's community of educators for a day of friendship and scholarship. This year's theme is "Creating Climates for Teaching and Learning."

"Every year we are happy to welcome emeriti," said Patrick O'Sullivan, CTLT director. "I think that it is an inspiring and uplifting experience for them to experience once again being part of the community of educators who share a passion for teaching. So I hope that we see many more take advantage of this event."

A highlight is the noon luncheon (complimentary for all registered attendees), when a keynote speaker is scheduled and university teaching award recipients are announced. Before and after lunch you can attend any of the 30 concurrent sessions where ISU educators share their accomplishments and research on a wide range of teaching-related topics.

Please join us for all or part of the day, but don't miss the luncheon. Registration for lunch is required, and can be done by calling CTLT at (309) 438-2542, emailing Chasity at cglogan@IllinoisState.edu, or online at www.Teachtech.ilstu.edu (follow the Symposium links).

ISUAA calendar

November 9, 2011

2–3:30 p.m.

ISUAA Board with
Committee Chairs
Alumni Center Room 119

December 7, 2011

11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

ISUAA Holiday Luncheon
with Illinois State University
Madrigal Singers
*Bone Student Center
Brown Ballroom**

January 11, 2012

2–3:30 p.m.

ISUAA Board with
Committee Chairs
Alumni Center Room 119

To be announced:

Spring Social Security workshop
Spring Benefits Fair
ISUAA annual dinner*

*Reservation required

March 7, 2012

11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

ISUAA Spring Luncheon
*Bone Student Center
Old Main Room**

March 14, 2012

2–3:30 p.m.

ISUAA Board with
Committee Chairs
Alumni Center Room 119



attempt to revisit SB 512, addressing reduced pension benefits for current employees and SB 175, the attempt to introduce health care premiums on retirees. It will be a very full veto session and the legislature may decide to postpone action on some items until the January sessions. A panel of legislators has been invited to address issues that the legislature will likely take up during the fall veto sessions. Watch for highlights in the winter newsletter.

Election season begins

Election season is well underway and that means that the ISUAA leadership is busy attending fundraisers for various candidates, making sure they are familiar with ISUAA and with SUAA. These fundraisers also provide an opportunity for us to discuss pending legislation that may impact our membership and provide an opportunity to help educate those that may represent us in the legislature. In addition to the candidate holding the fundraiser, these events are commonly attended by other elected officials and other candidates seeking office. It is often possible to have more extended conversations with these individuals than may be true with the candidate who is preoccupied with courting their supporters, helping scarce resources go further.

Thus far, we have participated in fundraisers for Shane Cultra and Jason Barickman, both of whom are seeking election to the newly redrawn 53rd Senate District. Cultra was appointed to that seat when Dan Rutherford was elected as state treasurer. Barickman was appointed to the House seat vacated by Cultra. Barickman is an ISU alumnus. We have also participated in a fundraiser for Dan Brady running for election in the 88th House district. In addition, several of us attended a fundraiser for Rutherford, also an ISU alumnus.

Our participation in these events is sponsored by SAAAction.

More meetings

Jan Cook and Larry Alferink attended the AP Council meeting on October 13. Cook also attended the Civil Service Council. She described the new SUAA brochure comparing tier I and tier II benefits for all five state pension systems. Tier II benefits are those provided for individuals hired beginning this year and are substantially reduced compared to the tier I benefits enjoyed by individuals hired in years past or who are retired. Cook and Alferink answered questions about the brochure and the threats facing pensions in the upcoming veto session.

Help prevent dues increase

Due to the rising cost of postage, the Illinois State University Annuity Association is exploring the possible use of email to deliver the Annuity Newsletter. It would still be available on the Annuity website (www.Annuity.ilstu.edu) or as a print version for those who prefer a printed copy by mail.

If you are willing to accept the change by receiving your copy of the Annuity Newsletter by email, please contact Larry Alferink at alferink@IllinoisState.edu.

University Club spring 2012 events

Jude Boyer

Gourmet Dinners: Turkish cuisine will be featured at the Saturday, January 28, dinner to be held in the Bone Student Center Founders Suite. The Saturday, February 25, dinner will feature Norwegian cuisine, also to be held in the Founders Suite. Full information about each menu and reservation details will be available approximately December 15 at uclub.IllinoisState.edu.

Discussion Hours: The first Discussion Hour of the spring semester will be held Friday, January 20, from 3:30–5:30 p.m. in the Bone Student Center Faculty/Staff Commons. Please join us for refreshments and lively conversation. Discussion Hours are held on most Friday afternoons of the academic semester. Special discussion/information topics are noted on the University Club Calendar website.

University Club is a great way to meet members of the University community. Membership is open to all current and retired faculty and staff of Illinois State University. Further details about the University Club may be found at uclub.IllinoisState.edu.

ISUAA hosts SUAA fall meeting

SUAA has scheduled the annual fall meeting on October 18. This meeting will be hosted by ISUAA and held at the ISU Alumni Center. It promises to be an interesting meeting, given the expected

Holiday Luncheon Reservation Form

Featuring the Madrigal Singers

11:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Brown Ballroom, Bone Student Center

Name(s) of those attending _____

Please reserve _____ meal(s) at \$13 each. A check for \$_____ payable to ISUAA is enclosed.

Entrees

_____ Heartland pot roast with mashed potatoes, carrots, celery, and onions in pan gravy _____ (name)

_____ Vegetable lasagna (plated) _____ (name)

_____ Please indicate dietary restrictions _____ (name)

Fruit cup as dessert ONLY for those on dietary restriction, if requested. _____yes

Reservations must be received no later than Wednesday, November 23. Please mail no later than Monday, November 21, to Shirlee Bottomley, 507 E. Taylor St., Bloomington, IL 61701-6101, or Irene Niccum, 301 S. Towanda Ave #C, Normal, IL 61761-2110.

Late reservations cannot be accepted.

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