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ISUAA—serving annuitants and survivors since 1971

President's message

First, it is important that all of us remember the debt of gratitude we as an organization owe to Larry Alferink. Larry has been the president of ISUAA for four years and is unable to continue because our bylaws only permit two terms. Larry has been the heart and soul of ISUAA for both terms, navigating the organization through the issues surrounding pension reform, health insurance problems, potential reorganization of the structure of our state SUAA, and financial and membership issues of ISUAA. In addition, Larry is moving on within the organization, and was elected last year to a two-year term on the state SUAA Executive Committee, where he continues to represent us well.

From now on “Lawsuit Progress” will be found on the ISUAA website. As anyone acquainted with legal matters knows, lawsuits are moving targets and changes can occur on a moment's notice. A number of important developments have taken place, including the Supreme Court's decision in the health care case. Events move quickly. I also urge you to keep abreast of the latest information through reputable news outlets. While things are largely in the hands of the courts and the lawyers at this time, the rulings can and will affect you dramatically.

So what can we do to help? The second important article is entitled “SUAA Legal Fund.” Obviously lawsuits cost money. This case—or rather, these cases—will undoubtedly involve numerous court hearings and an appeal to the Illinois Supreme Court. The legal research and writing of briefs involved in a case like this will take many hours of expensive legal time. As the article points out, those costs are borne entirely by member contributions from people like you and me. Please consider first what you and your family stand to lose if the legislation is found constitutional and second, how much you are willing to sacrifice to support our efforts against this punitive law.

I just returned from the state-wide meeting of SUAA in Springfield. I was struck first by the many dedicated individuals working on our behalf, especially our Executive Director Linda Brookhart and her staff at the central office. We also heard from the lawyers who are representing us in the case against the state. Our case is in excellent hands. While no lawyer can guarantee results, they are optimistic about the case and have an excellent strategy established.

While it may sometimes not seem so, ISUAA is not just about lawsuits and lobbying. Our fall luncheon is coming up with President Larry Dietz as the honored guest, and reservation forms are in this newsletter. We also are involved in community, educational, and recreational events at no cost or lower cost to our members. And we can't forget that an important part of what we do is to maintain contact with our friends and colleagues from Illinois State University.

Finally, the ISUAA is YOUR organization. If you have suggestions, issues or just want to chat, please let me know at crmcgui@ilstu.edu. I look forward to serving you as president.

Chuck McGuire, ISUAA president

Directory update

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ISUAA discounts for 2014–2015 College of Fine Arts events

by Brandon Burling, manager, Center for the Performing Arts Ticket Office

Once again, the College of Fine Arts at Illinois State is pleased to announce a special ticket rate for ISUAA members to events at the Center for the Performing Arts. Members receive the Illinois State student ticket rates of \$12 for tickets to any School of Theatre and dance production and \$6 to any School of Music concert.

Fall 2014

In the Next Room, or The Vibrator Play—Opening October 2

By The Way, Meet Vera Stark—Opening November 6

Spring 2015

Cabaret—Opening February 12

The Seagull—Opening March 26

Spring Dance Concert—Opening April 23

Center for the Performing Arts Music events with *\$10 tickets

Music for the Holidays Concert

Jazz Festival with Special Guest Artist

Tickets may be obtained by calling the Ticket Office at (309) 438-2535 or visiting during our regular business hours of 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. ISUAA members *must* inform the box office of their membership in order to receive this discount. We recommend that members redeem their tickets no later than 15 minutes prior to performance start times. *Please note that all dates, times and prices are subject to change.* For a complete listing of dates and times, visit FineArts.IllinoisState.edu.

We look forward to seeing you this season and hope that you will take advantage of our special offers!

College of Fine Arts Dean James Major

Ticket Office Manager Brandon Burling

University Club open to all

Kay Wilson and Bob Preston

The University Club is open to all faculty, staff, and annuitants. We provide a comfortable and friendly environment where we gather on a weekly basis to socialize and make new friends. Short talks are presented during our Discussion Hours. We learn about the University and the local community and have an opportunity to get to know our very diverse and interesting colleagues from across campus. We also provide five to 10 student scholarships every year through independent donations from our members. Our Gourmet Dinners and Dine Out program offer additional venues through which members and friends from the local community can meet and learn about each other while enjoying an excellent meal.

Discussion Hours

We meet from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. most every Friday, with the exception of academic holidays, in the Bone Student Center Faculty/Staff Commons. Visit our website at <http://uclub.illinoisstate.edu> each semester for more information and a list of scheduled talks. These talks are also listed on the main ISU events calendar. Continuing support for U-Club is provided by the offices of the Provost and President.

Gourmet Dinners

Throughout the academic year, U-Club offers two gourmet dinners each semester. These dinners are an opportunity to enjoy fine food with a central theme or food from a particular country. The main dishes are served family style. Each dinner includes carafes of red and white wine on each table, coffee, tea, and dessert. Attendees are encouraged to bring guests. Dates and menus are listed at the beginning of each semester on our website, <http://uclub.illinoisstate.edu>. Reservation requests with payment are due two weeks before the dinner. Our dinners are held in the Bone Student Center Founders Suite, where we meet at 6:30 p.m. to visit with friends. Dinner starts at 7 p.m.

Dine Out

The U-Club started a new Dine Out program last year that complements our U-Club Gourmet Dinners. Jane Liedtke is the originator and organizer of these dinners, which take place on a monthly basis at local dining establishments. Each month from October through April, a dinner or luncheon is arranged for 20-30 U-Club attendees and friends to enjoy. The times, format, and locations vary widely. Reservations are limited and required. Contact Liedtke at (309) 663-8796 or at janeliedtke@yahoo.com for more information or to be added to her special email list.

Alumni Relations events

Homecoming 2014

Every year campus comes alive during Homecoming week, which is September 29-October 5 this fall. There are many must-do activities, with Saturday the most action-packed day of the week long celebration.

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Senior Professionals fall 2014 class lineup

Academy of Seniors

\$35 (four sessions)—Senior Professionals members

\$45 (four sessions)—nonmembers

For the November nursing series, attendees may also pay \$15 at the door for an individual session

The Woman by the Side of the Road and Other Peculiar Biblical Stories

Thursdays; September 4, 11, 18, 25
9:30-11:30 a.m.

Richard G. Watts
Retired Presbyterian minister

The Sixties: Sex, Drugs, and Rock & Roll

Tuesdays; October 7, 14, 21, 28
1:30-3:30 p.m.

W. Michael Weis
Professor and chair, Illinois Wesleyan University
Department of History

All in a Day's Work: The Challenges and Rewards of Nursing

Mondays/Wednesdays; November 10, 12, 17, 19
1:30-3:30 pm

Caregiving 411

November 10
Charlene Aaron, Ph.D., RN

Five Easy Ways to Get Stressed and Depressed

November 12
Dianne Clemens, MSN, RN
Menonite College of Nursing assistant dean for Undergraduate Programs

Confronting the Grief, Healing the Heart

November 17
Shelly Malin, Ph.D., RN
Advocate BroMenn endowed professor

The Nurse Practitioner Will See You Now

November 19
Denise Wilson, Ph.D., APN, CNP, CDE
Professor and FNP Sequence leader, Certified Nurse Practitioner, Certified diabetes educator

From Sea to Shining Sea: The Story and Status of American English

Wednesdays; January 7, 14, 21, 28
1:30-3:30 p.m.
K. Aaron Smith
Associate Professor, Department of English

Mornings with the Professors

\$35 (five sessions)—Senior Professionals members
\$45 (five sessions)—nonmembers
Attendees may also pay \$15 at the door to attend an individual session.

David Foster Wallace: An Introduction

Friday, October 10
9:30-11:30 a.m.
Charles B. Harris
Professor Emeritus of English, Illinois State University

Individual Right to Privacy: Concerns about Bulk Data Collection

Friday, October 17
9:30-11:30 a.m.
Robert C. Bradley
Professor Emeritus of Politics and Government, Illinois State University

Experiencing Science Hands-On

Friday, October 24
9:30-11:30 a.m.
Jay Ansher
General Education Lab coordinator, Department of Physics, Illinois State University

For the Love of the Accordion

Friday, October 31
9:30-11:30 a.m.
Bruce Bergethon
Manager of public radio station WGLT, Illinois State University

Are the United States and India Drifting Apart?

Friday, November 7
9:30-11:30 a.m.
Ali Riaz
Professor and chair, Politics and Government, Illinois State University

All classes will be held at Illinois State University's Alumni Center, 1101 North Main Street, Normal.

Classroom Journey Bus Trip: The Hidden Treasures in Pontiac

\$50—Senior Professionals members
\$60—nonmembers
Wednesday, September 17 (if the bus fills, a second bus trip will take place on October 1)
8:30 a.m.–4:40 p.m.

To register, go to SeniorProfessionals.IllinoisState.edu or call (309) 438-2160.

Alums join community residents in the annual Town & Gown 5K Run and One Mile Family Fun Run, which is once again scheduled for 8 a.m. The parade is another tradition everyone enjoys. This year the fun starts at 10 a.m.

The football game is also a high point. This year's game against South Dakota State will be played at Hancock Stadium at 2 p.m. See GoRedbirds.com for more information on how to get your tickets now.

For more detailed information on all the exciting events taking place during Homecoming week, visit Homecoming.IllinoisState.edu.



Conversion to dues deduction

If you have not yet converted from single dues payment to automatic monthly dues deduction and would like to do so, please use this form. For questions, contact Larry Alferink at alferink@IllinoisState.edu or (309) 454-3814.

1) Automatic dues deduction (This is available only to current retirees receiving a SURS annuity. Currently \$3.17/mo; \$5.75 w/spouse): I hereby authorize the State Universities Retirement System (SURS) to deduct each month the amount certified by SUAA as the current rate of dues. The deduction is to start upon expiration of my single-payment membership and will continue until I inform SURS otherwise. I also authorize SURS to provide SUAA with any changes of address.

NAME (PRINT)

DATE

SIGNATURE

2) For payroll deduction (This is available to current ISU employees only. Currently \$3.80/mo; \$6.90 w/spouse, August-May). I hereby authorize Illinois State University to deduct each month (August-May) the amount certified by ISUAA as the current rate of dues. The deduction will be implemented as soon as possible upon expiration of my single-payment membership and will continue until I submit a signed revocation form to Illinois State University.

NAME (PRINT)

DATE

SIGNATURE

UID

Office Use Only _____ 086-724 (\$3.80) _____ 086-725 (\$6.90)

Please return completed form to ISUAA, Campus Box 8000, Normal, IL 61790-8000.

Annuitants Association election results/annual meeting summary

The ISU Annuitant's Association annual meeting and dinner was held on June 4 in the Old Main Room of Bone Student Center. Jan Cook, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of candidates and opened nominations from the floor. Chuck McGuire was elected president, Gail Lamb was elected as vice president and Janet Bremner was reelected as secretary. Roger Cann and Chris Schwelle were elected as directors. Continuing in their positions on the Board are Neil Gridley, treasurer, and Jan Cook and Marie Dawson, directors.

Gail Lamb, a member of the Awards Committee, presented the Distinguished Service Award to Larry Alferink.

SUAA Legal Fund

Lawsuits cost money. The dues that you pay to ISUAA and to SUAA cover costs such as the four newsletters you receive from ISUAA and the lobbyists who work on your behalf to protect your interests before the Legislature. The lawsuits are paid for entirely out of individual contributions to the SUAA Legal Fund. While contributions thus far have been more than sufficient to cover the attorneys' fees to date, SUAA does not have much money left in the legal fund and will need additional funds to cover future legal costs. If you wish to contribute, send a check to:

SUAA Legal Fund
217 E. Monroe Street, Suite 100
Springfield, IL 62701

Contributions to the SUAA Legal Fund are not tax-deductible.

Lawsuit updates

For future lawsuit updates please visit Annuitants.IllinoisState.edu.

Renew parking permit

If you have an annuitant parking hang tag — it's golden — it is only good until August 2014. Now is the time to renew it for the coming year. If you have recently retired, you can obtain this tag from Parking Services. It allows you to park at no cost in the Bone Student Center lot and in guest parking at the lot south of the College of Business building at no charge, as well as at other lots around campus.

Directory update

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Roy C. Treadway, 1951 Circle Lane SE, Lacey, WA 98503

Helping Hamper

Jan Cook

Our September Helping Hamper will be for the benefit of the crisis nursery at the Children's Foundation in Bloomington. It can use baby goods, including clean used toys, clothes, and especially diapers. Do you know a child who has outgrown the diapers before the pack was used up?

Healthy snacks for preschoolers are also needed. Sugar-free foods are preferred. Youngsters whose families are dealing with an illness, fire, or other emergency are often pretty keyed up, and sugar may aggravate the tension.

Paper plates and cups in any bright colors are also desired. Whether from a graduation or Fourth of July, the kids love them all.

The June Helping Hamper was for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Dennis Kirby and his wife, Burt, joined us for dinner and thanked us for our donations. They spoke about the function of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and its activities in Bloomington/Normal. We collected three cartloads of fruit, salad dressing, canned goods, and personal care items. There were more than 50 deodorants, 40 packs of razors, and 100 packages of bar soap! That means a lot for people's self-respect in hot weather!

Our collection of "Box Tops for Education" produced 137 box tops worth \$13.70 to the PTO at Metcalf school. Students and staff are now collecting both "Box Tops for Education" and "Labels for Education." They receive cash back from General Mills for each postage-stamp size box top from General Mills, Betty Crocker, and various paper products. The soup labels give credit toward purchase from a company catalog. Look for the tiny rectangles on the least conspicuous part of the package.

Thanks! We're still making a mark in our community!

Retiree information hotline

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

How Time Flies

Compiled by April Karlene Anderson

University archivist, Dr. Jo Ann Rayfield Archives at Illinois State University

150 years ago—1864

- The Board of Education bought an insurance policy protecting the 'University building,' or Old Main, for up to \$10,000.
- The Board of Education allowed the use of the 'large hall' in Old Main by "Messrs. Fargo and Palmer for session of N.W. Musical Academy, in consideration of the gratuitous instruction in music to students of the institution during the time of said session."

100 years ago—June, 1914

- Sixth president David Felmley delivered a graduation sermon entitled "Efficiency." The sermon "dwelt upon the value of efficiency in the broader life which the student was entering."
- The Country Life Conference, sponsored by the Country Life Club, was held at ISNU. The conference was held to look at the ways country schools could be improved.
- Mr. Blair, Illinois State Superintendent, delivered an address to the ISNU student body. Blair called the American public

school system a 'melting pot' and referred to Mary Antin's work "The Promised Land." As quoted in the *Vidette*, Blair "suggested that the real worth of the public school as a factor in this melting and transforming of the pupils lay within the teacher."

75 years ago—June 1939

- In 1939, the University celebrated its 40th summer session.
- Esther Richard, assistant professor of English, presented "The Causes of War" on June 13. She had recently returned from Europe and shared her experiences from the region.
- An exact replica of Old Main was created and displayed at the Illinois Building at the New York World's Fair. The replica was "built to the exact scale of one quarter of an inch to a foot. The base of the replica is about three square feet, and the building is over three feet in height."
- The Geography Trippers left on their 14th annual outing on June 15, 1939. The Trippers toured the Mammoth Cave in Kentucky, the Smoky Mountains National Park (designated a National Park in 1934), and the Endless Caverns in Virginia. The Trippers also visited locations on the East Coast including Civil War battlefield sites and Washington, D.C.

50 years ago—June/July 1964

President Bob Bone was chosen by the Secretary of Labor, W. W. Wirtz, to serve as an honorary recruitment chairman for the "Recruiting College Graduates to Serve as Counselor Aids in Youth Opportunity Programs".

- Richard E. Hulet, dean of students, was elected placement officer for the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA).
- Judy Collins performed at the Union on July 23, 1964.
- President Bone, his wife, their two sons, and a group of university faculty members, including Dean Belshe and Dr. Hardy, went on a month-long European trip. They started their travels on June 20 in Chicago as they took a flight to London and toured the city. They later toured other locales including Greece and Rome. The group returned to Bloomington on July 18, 1964.

25 years ago—June 1989

- H. Richard Hennessy Jr. was named the new residence hall Food Services director.
- The Illinois Shakespeare Festival featured for the first time in its lineup a non-Shakespeare play called *She Stoops to Conquer*. The festival was in its 11th year and performances were held at Ewing Manor.
- ISU moved to buy land once owned by Chester Thomas, a local lawyer who died in 1977. The property, south of Fairview Park on North Main Street, would be primarily used for parking.

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 AMERICAN EXPRESS

A single gift in the amount of \$ _____

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

Name on card Account number

Expiration date Signature

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

DONOR INFORMATION

Name(s)

Address

City State ZIP

Preferred email address

(_____) mobile home

Preferred phone number

FURTHER GIVING INFORMATION

___ I (and/or my spouse/partner) work 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.

Office use only: AG00000000 2014ISUAA0 43

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

Directory

In order to be included in the 2014-2015 ISUAA directory, you must be a current, paid-up member. Do not delay sending in your renewal form/check if you pay your dues annually. SUAA mails these renewal forms just prior to expiration of annual membership.

If you join ISUAA your name, address, etc., will appear in the chapter directory, but you may opt out of the listing. Just let us know. Information about contacting ISUAA regarding the directory is located on the inside of the back cover of the directory or write to:

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Can you rely on state-provided health insurance?

Can annuitants continue to rely on the state for their health insurance? Following the recent Supreme Court decisions, everything is in a state of flux. Depending on future court decisions, you need to stay updated. We have posted some information on our website under "Announcements." We will keep this updated as things progress.

ISUAA 2014 calendar

September 3, 2014
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

ISUAA fall luncheon
*Old Main Room, Bone Student Center**

September 10, 2014
2-3:30 p.m.

ISUAA board with committee chairs
Room 119 Alumni Center

September 29-October 5, 2014
Homecoming Week

November 12, 2014
2-3:30 p.m.

ISUAA board with committee chairs
Room 119 Alumni Center

December 3, 2014
11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.

ISUAA holiday luncheon,
Brown Ballroom*

To be announced

Social Security/Medicare for SURS Participants
Survivors benefits workshop*

* Reservation required

ISUAA organization 2013–2014

ISUAA Board

Chuck McGuire (16)
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Gail Lamb (15)
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Janet Bremner (16)
Secretary

Neil Gridley (15)
Treasurer

Jan Cook (15)
Director

Roger Cann (16)
Director

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Director

Christ Schwelle (16)
Director

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Larry Alferink
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Debi Lamb
Membership

Jan Cook
Nominating

Paul Dohrmann
Pool

Gail Lamb
Programs

Dona Meador
Irene Niccum
Social

Jim Carlson
SUAAction

Mary Liverman
Edna Johnston
Survivors advocacy

Larry Alferink
State Association

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Gail Lamb
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Larry Alferink
Richard Dammers
University
Marketing and
Communications
Newsletter

Robert Hunt
Social Security issues

Jess Ray
Web page

In memoriam

Jean Castelo	3/29/2014
F. Corinne Davis.....	4/2/2014
Patricia Eckhardt.....	5/8/2014
Carl Emberton.....	5/15/2014
J. Gary Erisman.....	5/29/2014
Marc Feaster.....	6/15/2014
Michael Lanham	3/16/2014
Marna Lee	3/2/2014
Franzie Loepp.....	5/18/2014
Darryl Manring	5/27/2014
Jacob Sophie	4/10/2014
Katherine Taylor	3/8/2014

ISUAA Fall Luncheon reservation form

Wednesday, September 3, 2014 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Old Main Room, Bone Student Center
Featuring President Larry Dietz

NAME(S) OF THOSE ATTENDING _____

EMAIL _____

Please reserve _____ meal(s) at \$17.50 each. A check for \$ _____ payable to ISUAA is enclosed.

Entrees

____ Lemon chicken _____ (names)

____ Portabella Risotto Stack _____ (names)

Coffee, iced tea, rolls, and chef's choice dessert are included with the meal.

For dessert

____ Fruit cup as dessert only for those with dietary restrictions

PLEASE INDICATE DIETARY RESTRICTIONS (NAMES) _____

Remember that the Bloomington mail facility is closed and mail will take longer to deliver. Please mail the reservation form no later than **August 20** to ISUAA Campus Box 8000, Illinois State University, Normal, IL 61790-8000.

Reservations must be received no later than August 22. No phone reservations please!



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ISUAA directory update form