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From the ISUAA president

By Gail A. Lamb

Greetings and welcome to our winter issue, 2018.

Hopefully many have already taken advantage of Illinois' early voting option, but if not, **Election Day is Tuesday, November 6—your vote counts!** You may want to view the SUAA 2018 Legislative Platform on the front page of our website at Annuitants.IllinoisState.edu to check where SUAA stands on issues affecting retirement security and additional goals.

We extend appreciation to ISU President Larry Dietz who provided an outstanding update/report at the Fall Breakfast meeting. He said that ISU remains one of few current public university success stories, maintaining a strong enrollment, with classrooms, laboratories, and studios consistently full, and with campus housing at or near capacity. ISU has bucked the trend of declining enrollment and the resulting financial calamities of employee layoffs, program curtailments, and student housing closures. The graduation rate of 73 percent is among the top 10 percent in the nation. This fall's freshmen enrollment is the second largest for ISU in 25 years. Student loan default rate is at 3 percent, compared to a national average of 11.5 percent. Dietz also noted the excellence of the Redbirds Rising Campaign, which enabled ISU to post its second-highest fund-raising year on record during FY 2018, raising more than \$21.9 million from donor support. Many of us are among those donors. He cited several campus building projects, including the ongoing work at the Bone Student Center, the Culinary Support center at Watterson Dining Commons, and the project at Julian Hall that will create more space for the new cybersecurity major (the only one of its kind at an Illinois public university!). We are grateful for the outstanding leadership provided by the Dietzes and all University employees—civil service, administrative professional, and faculty. Thank you for making us proud to be Redbirds.

Your ISUAA board has been busy too—we are working to build our membership, identifying ways to inform employees and retirees of how we protect their interests. We have established a distinct Membership Committee, chaired by Victoria F. Harris and Liam Doherty, to focus that direction. In addition, Larry Alferink and I recently met with Janice Bonneville, the new interim VP for Human Resources. She and her staff will be working with us on some initial endeavors that will include placing ISUAA/SUAA brochures/information in new employee orientation and retiree exiting packets. Also, HR and ISUAA will work together to offer SUAA videos that will provide information about the Social Security off-set and survivor benefits. If you have ideas or want to help recruit new members—employees and retirees—please contact me.

We look forward to seeing you at our December 5 Holiday Luncheon, when Marcia Young will give a lively presentation about the holidays and Charles Dickens at the Alumni Center. See related information on page 3, and the reservation form on the back.

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How Time Flies

By April Karlene Anderson-Zorn, University Archivist,
Dr. Jo Ann Rayfield Archives at Illinois State University

150 years ago – 1868

- The two literary societies of ISNU, the Philadelphian and Wrightonian societies, submitted a joint petition for a new heating system in their meeting halls. Of their reasons, one included, “Our halls are crowded every Saturday evening, and the air becomes very bad and unfit to breathe.” They suggested the new heating unit be similar “to that now in Dr. Sewall’s room” and provided examples of how a new unit would save the university money over time. *Proceedings of the Board of Education of the State of Illinois*, Proceedings of Regular Meeting, December 16, 1868, page 8.

100 years ago – Nov./Dec. 1918

- The student body voted on makeup days to compensate for time lost during a recent influenza outbreak. There were three choices, the first two of which included Saturday class days and the last choice that did not. Ninety percent of the class voted for option three; two students voted for the first plan, eight students voted for the second plan, and the rest of the student body voted for the third plan. *The Vidette*, November 20, 1918 (Vol. 31, No 8, page 1).
- Former student George Miller was reportedly on the USS San Diego when it sunk in June 1918. It was unknown by family and friends if he had survived. News came in November 1918 that he and the ship’s crew were rescued by the USS Idaho. *The Vidette*, November 27, 1918 (Vol. 31, No 9, page 1).
- A call for books and scrapbooks was made to send to stateside hospitals. The need was great, as “thousands of soldiers, wounded or shell-shocked, are now being brought overseas to our army hospitals.” The need was estimated at 500 books and was “needed NOW, while the boys are ill; not later on after they have got well and gone home.” *The Vidette*, December 11, 1918 (Vol. 31, No 11, page 1).

75 years ago – Nov./Dec. 1943

- The roof of Fell Hall caught fire, and while the building survived, the roof was completely destroyed. Fell Hall had been housing members of the campus V-12 unit, and the fire was suspected to have started in the attic. No one was hurt, and *The Vidette* declared the fire to be Normal’s “greatest catastrophe in its history.” V-12 residents were moved to McCormick Gym until repairs could be made. *The Vidette*, November 10, 1943 (Vol. 56, No 8, page 1).
- In what was coined a “historic win,” the Redbirds beat the Illinois Wesleyan Titans 12-6 in a close game. Many watching the game expected the score to remain 0-0 until the Redbirds scored in the first half of the game. The score was tied in the last few seconds of the game when Bob Talkin retrieved the ball and ran it 88 yards for the winning touchdown. *The Vidette*, November 24, 1943 (Vol. 56, No 10, page 1, 3).
- McCormick Gym required at least three weeks notice to reserve a space. Due to campus events and the Navy V-12 who needed the space for housing and training, student groups had difficulty in securing space in the gym. The only time not be-

ing reserved was “noon hour, when everyone is too concerned with food to go there” and between midnight and 5:45 a.m. when “sleep is ruler in most brains.” *The Vidette*, December 17, 1943 (Vol. 56, No 10, page 3).

50 years ago – Nov. 1968

- Singers Andy Williams (of “Moon River” fame) and Roger Miller performed at Horton Fieldhouse on November 3. Williams and Miller entertained the crowd with their openness and comical banter. Miller, who later became known for his honky-tonk tone, showed the audience his musical versatility. Williams, who had a popular television variety show, used images from the program and sang songs that included his best-known tune, “Moon River.” *The Vidette*, November 7, 1968 (Vol. 81, No 22, page 1).
- A committee was convened to study the feasibility of having sororities and fraternities on campus. After in-depth discussions, a subcommittee was formed to address specific questions and concerns including whether future ISU administration would view itself in “the real world or ideal world,” would interest for these social organizations be stronger among underclassmen or upperclassmen, and what would the overall residence hall plan look like at ISU in the future. The parent committee was tasked with conducting surveys on campus and at partner schools with all committees committed to submitting reports the following year. *The Vidette*, December 12, 1968 (Vol. 81, No 30, page 1).
- The 13th annual Madrigal Dinner-Concert was held the week of December 16 and described as authentic, elaborate, and superb. Directed by Bruce Kaiser, the performance was highlighted by “a tableau of an evening of holiday feasting and entertainment in merry old England” and included the song “My True Love Hath My Heart.” *The Vidette*, December 19, 1968 (Vol. 81, No 32, page 1).

25 years ago – Nov./Dec. 1993

- Four undergraduate ISU students were awarded honors in academic excellence by the Board of Regents. The winners were Eric Breitung, chemistry; Amanda Eubanks, voice performance; Melanie Henderson, mathematics; and Laura Long, political science. Winners were recognized at a luncheon, at an October board meeting, and received a \$600 stipend. *The Daily Vidette*, November 3, 1993 (Vol. 106, No 59, page 5).
- A new point-of-sale technology was introduced at the University Bookstore. The new system “uses a scanner gun and a computer database to price items at the cash register quickly and efficiently.” Bill Anders, University Bookstore manager, said credit card transaction time would decrease from 30 to 55 seconds down to 5 seconds. *The Daily Vidette*, November 5, 1993 (Vol. 106, No 61, page 2).
- Redbird football upset top-ranked Division I-AA team Youngstown 13-10. With only three minutes left in the game, the Redbirds trailed 10-6 when they regained possession of the ball at their 26-yard line. After a no-huddle snap, the Redbirds confused Youngstown and were able to run the ball to the end zone and victory. *The Daily Vidette*, November 15, 1993 (Vol. 106, No 67, page 20).

Homecoming Royalty impacted greatly by ISU

By Rachel Kobus, Associate Director, Alumni Relations

“The fondest memory we have in life is going to Illinois State. The friends, the experiences, the education, and our Redbird romance are because of ISU.” This is how 2018 alumni king and queen John ’56, M.S. ’58, Ph.D. ’75, and Margaret (Menne) ’58 Swalec summed up the impact Illinois State made on their lives.

John’s letterman’s club would stop by the Gamma Phi Circus practice on the way to meetings in McCormick Hall. That is where he first met Margaret who performed with the troupe as a trick roller skater. They started dating her junior year when he began graduate school and married in 1957. Both were active during their time at Illinois State. Margaret was a member of her class advisory board, Gamma Phi, the special education club, and worked at Milner Library. John lettered three years in wrestling and one year in track. As a graduate assistant, he served as the first wrestling coach for University High School. Both loved the small-school atmosphere of ISNU and the close relationships they made with professors.

After Margaret received her bachelor’s in special education and John completed his bachelor’s and master’s both in physical education, the couple began their careers in education. She taught kindergarten at Calumet Park and launched its first special education program. She credits Illinois State being at the forefront of special education for being able to do this. Her career spanned teaching in several districts before retiring from Libertyville as department supervisor. He coached wrestling at several high schools in northern Illinois before winning a national championship at Joliet Junior College (JJC) in 1964. At JJC he took interest in higher education administration and returned to ISU to complete his doctorate. He served in administration roles at four community colleges and with the Illinois Community College Board then served 20 years as president of Waubesa Community College before retiring in 2001. He was also appointed to a Department of Registration Education blue ribbon committee and as chair of the Illinois Century Network.

They stay active with Illinois State as proud Redbird football fans, RB4L, and as members of the President’s Circle. John was inducted into the Percy Hall of Fame in 1983, the College of Education’s Hall of Fame in 1997, and received the Alumni Association’s Achievement Award in 1987.

When not at their home in Cuba, Illinois, they travel, spend time with their children and grandchildren (one attends Illinois State currently), play golf, and stay active. Active is something this couple of 60 years has always been, and they thank Illinois State for making it happen.

ISUAA Holiday Luncheon: Marcia Young talks Charles Dickens

The ISUAA Annual Holiday Luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. on Wednesday, December 5, 2018, in **Room 118 of the Alumni Center**, 1101 N. Main St. The program will be presented by Marcia Young, who was co-director of the University Museums at Illinois State University and later served for 24 years as site superin-

endent of the David Davis Mansion State Historic Site in Bloomington, retiring in 2014 after a 30-year career in state government. Her retirement was only temporary, as she currently teaches museum studies at Illinois Wesleyan University, where she is an adjunct assistant professor of History.

The title of the program is **“It’s not about the Ghosts! Charles Dickens and the Invention of Christmas!”** Young describes her presentation by offering that the English novelist Charles Dickens was the rock star of his day. Legions of fans awaited the publication of his books and stood in long lines to get tickets for his public appearances. Now 175 years after it was published, his most beloved novel is still very much a part of American popular culture. Find out who really “invented” the secular celebration of Christmas and discover the true meaning of *A Christmas Carol*.

Young received a bachelor’s degree in history from Wellesley College and a doctorate in history from Harvard University. She has published articles on material culture, architectural history, the use of museums in classroom teaching, and the origins of Christmas in Illinois. One of her areas of specialization is Victorian social and cultural history.

The holiday meal this year will consist of a house salad with a variety of dressings, a choice of thinly sliced rib eye in a merlot wine sauce, or a vegetarian grilled balsamic seasonal vegetable stack. There will be vegetables, rolls and butter, dessert or a fruit cup, and coffee or iced tea. Cost for the meal is \$20. Reservations are due by November 26 and may be found at the back of this newsletter. Please mail the form by November 22 so that it arrives by the deadline date. Consider inviting a friend to the luncheon. We welcome anyone, especially those still working at, or who have retired from ISU.

The ISU University Club

By Bob Preston and Kay Wilson

University Club Discussion Hours: The University Club is the only ISU social organization open to all faculty, staff, administrative professionals, retirees and ISUAA members. We meet every Friday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Founders Suite in the Bone Student Center (BSC) during the fall and spring semesters when the University is in session. The BSC is in the midst of a revitalization project and as a consequence the University Club has been scheduled in three different venues during this academic year. Please see our website calendar page (UClub.IllinoisState.edu/Calendar) for dates, presentation topics, and meeting locations.

Retiree information hotline

Have a question? Need an answer? Don’t know whom 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 the needed resource or take your name and number and have someone follow up with you.



You are cordially invited to any or all programs presented in a congenial and informal environment. You need not be a University Club member to attend, and we always enjoy chatting with colleagues from all areas of the Illinois University System. Our first meeting was held August 24. Please see our webpage for updated information about dates and topics of talks, as well as other information about the University Club (UClub.IllinoisState.edu).

Gourmet Dinners: Throughout the academic year, the University Club offers 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 and the dinner includes wine for each table with coffee, tea, and dessert, all for a reasonable price. Attendees are encouraged to bring guests. The dinners are prepared by the ISU Catering Service chefs. On some occasions we have chosen to dine out as a group at an excellent local restaurant. The menus and reservation information will be posted on our webpage (UClub.IllinoisState.edu/Dinners).

Scholarships Awards: At the conclusion of the fall semester 2018 we will continue our 26-year-old tradition of awarding up to 10 \$500 scholarships to ISU undergraduate and graduate students who were academically top achievers and also involved in giving back to the University and community through service. The funding for these scholarships is provided by independent donations from our members and colleagues. We encourage all who are interested in supporting our academically talented and socially engaged students to consider contributing to this program.

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Jess Ray, webpage coordinator



Save these dates

- Holiday Luncheon—Wednesday, December 5, 2018
- Spring Luncheon—Wednesday, March 20, 2019
- Annual Dinner Meeting/Elections—Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Larry Alferink continues leadership with SUAA

Congratulations to Larry Alferink in being elected SUAA treasurer.

Having just completed his term as SUAA president this past June, he was not eligible to be selected to that office and was elected to a two-year, renewable term as SUAA treasurer at the SUAA annual meeting in June.

Thank you for all you do for SUAA and ISUAA!

The 2019 University-wide teaching and learning symposium

By Jim Gee, Coordinator for communication and faculty development, Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology

Discover the intersections of contemplation, teaching, and cultural understanding at the 2019 University-Wide Teaching & Learning Symposium. The Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology invites you to save the date: Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at the Marriott Hotel & Conference Center in Uptown Normal.

Attendance, including luncheon (starting at 11:45 a.m.), is **free** to all members of the Illinois State University community. This year's luncheon keynote speaker is Michelle Chatman, Ph.D., an associate professor at the University of the District of Columbia. She will help us explore the 2019 theme, Contemplative Teaching: Connecting Meaning, Purpose, and Values.

Contemplative teaching is rooted in the same soil as contemplative practices, which grow from other physical, creative, and spiritual endeavors—practices made more challenging in an age of distracting devices, tweets, and incivility. This year's theme is based on the belief that we want students to do more than just remember. We want them to learn in ways that are deeply transformative. We want this not just for their sakes or for ours, but because we believe all of society benefits from an educated, compassionate citizenry.

Those who wish to join us for lunch may register online at CTLT.IllinoisState.edu, or contact Chasity Logan at (309) 438-2542 to reserve a seat and specify a meal preference.

Senator Bill Brady and Representative Dan Brady meet with ISUAA Board and guests

In August and September, at different sessions, Senate Republican Leader Bill Brady and Representative Dan Brady met with the ISUAA Board and several previous board members and guests, in the Kasten Conference Room at the Alumni Center. Senator Bill Brady has served in the Illinois Senate since 2001. He did mention his long-time association with Illinois State University, including serving as a teacher in relation to his work in real estate, and working closely with former Senator Maitland and President Strand to help secure state funding to facilitate the transition of Mennonite College of Nursing into Illinois State University. He indicated that his current role as Republican Senate Leader involves the entire state. Discussion centered on the recent and applauded budget approval, the upcoming elections, the hardest areas in the state in terms of financial recovery, and higher education. Brady offered his opinions that the

biggest challenges the state government faces are to find a mechanism to fund the infrastructure, and to stabilize the pension system.

Representative Dan Brady has served in the Illinois House since 2001. He also mentioned his long-time association with Illinois State and discussed his demonstrated commitment to working with ISU and other universities in the state regarding a financial concern for students. He talked about the upcoming election and the upcoming veto session. He is optimistic about increased guaranteed 4-year Map Grant funding. Currently he is very involved with the recently formed Higher Education Bi-Partisan Group, along with Chapin Rose. Dan complimented ISU's strength, giving much credit to the leadership of President Larry Dietz and his team. He provided an explanation of the supposed 'funding-formula' (or lack of) for state higher education and explained the issue. He made several bi-partisan comments involving his work.

Much appreciation is extended to Parker Lawlis, co-chair of ISUAA's Legislative Committee, who arranged the meetings with the senator and representation and provided all the details. Lawlis is also organizing a meeting with Senator Jason Barickman for mid-October.

Fall/Winter 2018–2019 College of Fine Arts events

By *Stephanie Kohl Ringle*
Business Communications Associate, College of Fine Arts

Illinois State University's College of Fine Arts is pleased to announce a selection of its 2018 fall/winter events. For the complete event schedules please visit FineArts.IllinoisState.edu/Events. ISUAA special member rates apply. University Galleries events are free. FineArts.IllinoisState.edu/Theatre-Dance/Schedule/

School of Theatre and Dance

Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime

by Simon Stephens
October 26-27, October 30-November 2 at 7:30 p.m.
and October 28 and November 3 at 2 p.m.
Center for the Performing Arts, Theatre

Enemy of the People

by Henrik Ibsen
November 9-10, 13-17 at 7:30 p.m. and November 11 at 2 p.m.
Westhoff Theatre

Fall Dance Concert

November 29-30 at 7:30 p.m., December 1 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Center for the Performing Arts, Theatre

Machinal

February 15, 19-23 at 7:30 p.m. and February 16 and 17 at 2 p.m.
Westhoff Theatre

School of Music

Civic Chorale 50th Anniversary Gala

November 3 at 7 p.m.
Center for the Performing Arts, Concert Hall

Symphony Orchestra

November 4 at 7 p.m.
Center for the Performing Arts, Concert Hall

Concert Choir featuring Wind Symphony

November 11 at 3 p.m.
Center for the Performing Arts, Concert Hall

Wind Symphony

November 15 at 8 p.m.
Center for the Performing Arts, Concert Hall

African Drumming and Dance Recital

November 28 at 7:30 p.m.
Kemp Recital Hall

Music for the Holidays

December 1 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. and December 2 at 3 p.m.
Center for the Performing Arts, Concert Hall

RED NOTE New Music Festival

February 10-14
FineArts.IllinoisState.edu/Red-note

Wind Symphony

February 16 at 8 p.m.
Center for the Performing Arts, Concert Hall

Choral Showcase

February 17 at 3 p.m.
Center for the Performing Arts, Concert Hall

University Galleries: Exhibitions

11 Uptown Circle, Normal
Galleries.IllinoisState.edu/Exhibitions

On view October 26-December 16

Basim Magdy: *To Hypnotize Them With Forgetfulness*

On view January 10-February 3

Master of Fine Arts Biennial Art Show

On view February 15-March 31

Bethany Collins

This is a huge year for the bands. We have a new Marching Band director, Doug Morin, and will host Band-A-Rama and the Marine Band, along with other amazing concerts this year. Please encourage friends and constituents to attend at least one band event this year—the programming is exciting!

Making a difference: CAS Dean Greg Simpson's legacy at Illinois State

By *Timothy Wyland*

After seven years of dedication to Illinois State University, College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Dean Greg Simpson will retire on June 30. Between last-minute home repairs and packing for their move to Kansas City, he and his wife, Mary Margaret Simpson, discussed their plan for continued involvement with Illinois State.

While he will no longer oversee the 16 departments and schools

belonging to CAS, the Simpsons will ensure Illinois State students still receive support as they pursue an education.

They recently endowed a \$25,000 scholarship to help incoming Redbirds afford the cost of a degree. The Greg and Mary Margaret Simpson Endowed Scholarship—which has become a source of pride for both—is renewable for four years, as its recipient maintains good standing with the University.

“We wanted to give something back to the University that’s done so much for us,” Greg said. “We thought a scholarship would be a good thing to do.”

With a decrease in high school graduation rates and the amount of government support for state universities dramatically declining, schools rely on enrollment now more than ever. The Greg and Mary Margaret Simpson Endowed Scholarship is a way for the Simpsons to give to the University and its future students.

“You want to make a difference,” Mary Margaret said. “By doing this, we’re going to continue to have a role in something. We have benefited so much from being here that we want to do something in return.”

Their experience at Illinois State has been something to remember. They recounted their ride through the Homecoming parade the first year they arrived on campus and recall with joy the cheers they received from onlookers.

“It’s been amazing here,” Greg said. “People have been just very, very welcoming. It’s the most welcoming place I’ve ever been.”

Moving forward, Greg plans to use his experiences as dean and department chair to write about leadership in higher education. He

hopes to prepare future leaders for challenges they’ll face in higher education, just as he and Mary Margaret help students succeed at Illinois State without the challenges of covering the cost.

“When I came here to interview for the job, I realized that this was really a special place,” Greg said. “I thought that I could really do some good.”

Looking at his track record, it’s easy to say he has done just that.

He has worked with CAS to develop the World Wide Campus Student Opportunity Fund, which helps students alleviate the expenses of studying abroad. He has tried diligently to implement the University’s Educating Illinois strategic plan, fostering interdisciplinary research and collaboration amongst CAS faculty. In tandem with CAS, Greg has also worked to create a professional development series ranging in topic from securing grants to time management, with the aim to prepare new faculty for the unique challenges of academic professions.

Everything Greg has done is in the spirit of maintaining the singular degree of collegiality he perceives at Illinois State.

“I’d say we’re pretty proud,” he said.

Redbirds Rising: The Campaign for Illinois State presents an exciting opportunity for those who want to help Illinois State University rise to new heights of excellence. Join the Simpsons in supporting your passion at Illinois State. Use the enclosed gift form or make a gift online at RedbirdsRising.IllinoisState.edu.

YES, I SUPPORT REDBIRDS RISING!

GIFT DESIGNATION

- ISU EXCELLENCE FUND—supports the University’s area of greatest need (3065065)
 RED AND WHITE SCHOLARSHIP FUND—general scholarship fund (2327001)
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Senior Professionals fall 2018 programs

By *Laura Kowalczyk*
Coordinator, Senior Professionals

Senior Professionals offers adult-enrichment lifelong-learning programs through Academy of Seniors classes, Mornings with the Professors lectures and Classroom Journey bus trips.

Classes cover a wide range of subjects including current events, history, literature, art, sciences, and more. Classes are taught by professors or retired professors from Illinois State University and Illinois Wesleyan University, as well as community professionals. Open to the public, these classes are targeted toward individuals of retirement age.

Below is the Winter Academy of Seniors Class—more information about spring programs will be available in the next newsletter.

Senior Professionals Winter Academy of Seniors class

An Archaeological Exploration of Illinois A.D. 100
January 8, 10, 15, 17 (Tuesdays/Thursdays)
1:30-3:30 p.m.

Two thousand years ago, a new way of Native American life appeared around present-day Havana, Illinois. Based on hunting and gathering and some cultivation of native plants, the Havana-Hopewell way of life consisted of villages along the Illinois River and the construction of large mounds of earth that served as cemeteries. Within three centuries, this way of life disappeared. Join us to explore this remarkable chapter in Illinois history.

Presented by Michael Wiant, retired director of Illinois State Museum and Dickson Mounds

In memoriam

Cynthia Beal.....	8/15/2018
LeEtta Brockway.....	6/9/2018
Jan Brown.....	6/2/2018
Carrol Cox.....	8/10/2018
Audrey Grupe.....	5/31/2018
Marvin Lester.....	6/24/2018
Walter Mead.....	8/8/2018
Ronald Mottram.....	6/3/2018
Norma Oberholtzer.....	8/4/2018
Miriam Olsen.....	8/2/2018
Richard Payne.....	5/25/2018
Jose Ramirez.....	7/16/2018
Mary Sealock.....	1/27/2013
James Swearingen.....	8/13/2018
Evelyn Thedens.....	7/31/2018
Naomi Towner.....	6/21/2018

Cost:

\$35 (for all four sessions)—Senior Professionals members

\$45 (for all four sessions)—non-members

\$15 (for a single session) —walk-ins, payable at the door

Classes are held at Illinois State University's Alumni Center, 1101 N. Main St., Normal.

Senior Professionals, founded 29 years ago, was the brainchild of Charles Bolen, former professor of music and dean of the College of Fine Arts.

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

Helping Hamper

By *Jan Cook*

The Helping Hamper at the December Holiday Luncheon will benefit Clare House Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen. The kitchen serves 60-85 hot lunches each Tuesday and Thursday at St. Mary's Church in Bloomington. The cooks would be delighted to receive packaged rice or pasta, canned broth or vegetables for the soup, coffee or tea for hot drinks in cold weather, and, especially, cans or snack packs of fruit.

Our September collection for the Crisis Nursery garnered packages of fruit, lemonade mix, snacks, toys, books, toddler clothes with the Meijer clearance tags still attached, and over \$100 in cash donations. Thank YOU! We received five soup labels and 81 box tops for education for Thomas Metcalf School.

SUAA Foundation report of helpful ideas

By *Jan Cook*

As chair of the SUAA Foundation, here is an update: The Foundation is a 501 C-3 charitable organization whose purpose is to support education and dissemination of information regarding issues affecting the welfare of members of SUAA. Historically, we have provided Emergency Assistance grants to chapters to support members dealing with sudden calamities.

At recent SURS annual meetings in June, we have sponsored informative luncheon programs. In 2017, a speaker from Social Security explained the determination of benefits for those who receive other public pensions. In 2018, specialists from CMS discussed the health benefit system. Both presentations were videotaped for chapter usage as desired.

We have also supported chapters that were starting Survivor Assistance programs for their members. Most SURS members' survivors are not part of SURS and may not know the importance of giving the SURS system prompt notification of a member's death. For one, the survivor's health insurance may depend on SURS. Also, a pension payment issued after the participant's death needs to be repaid, which can be a major nuisance. We are currently studying ways of creating a simple form (like a bookmark) that can be put with a member's will or life insurance policy, showing the survivor why and how to contact the appropriate SURS office. We are trying to work for you and appreciate your ideas and support!



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ISUAA HOLIDAY LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM
11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 5, 2018
Alumni Center, 1101 N Main St. Normal
Featuring Marcia Young’s presentation about Charles Dickens

Name(s) of those attending _____

Please reserve ____ meal(s) at \$20 each. A check for \$_____ payable to ISUAA is enclosed.

Entrees:

____ Thinly sliced rib eye in a merlot sauce _____ NAME(S)

____ Grilled balsamic vegetable stack _____ NAME(S)

____ Please indicate dietary restrictions _____ NAME(S)

____ Fruit cup in lieu of dessert for those on dietary restriction _____ NAME(S)

Please mail the reservation form along with your check to ISUAA, Campus Box 8000, Illinois State University, Normal, IL 61790-8000. **Reservations must be received NO LATER than November 24.**

No phone or late reservations, please! _____

If you would like confirmation of your reservation, please list your email address here:

