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From the ISUAA president

By Gail A. Lamb

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter! Hope to see you at the June 19 dinner and annual meeting!

June Meeting Program Plan: I am delighted to announce that **Pat Vickerman, vice president for University Advancement at Illinois State University** will be the keynote speaker at the June dinner meeting. The Division of University Advancement seeks to enhance the image of Illinois State, cultivate relationships, and secure funds. The division is comprised of several teams working together, including: Fundraising, Alumni Engagement, University Marketing and Communications, and Advancement and Foundation Operations. Pat will update us on Redbirds Rising: The Campaign for Illinois State, the most ambitious fundraising campaign in the University's history, as well as answer some of your questions.

Also at the June dinner meeting, we will vote on **changes to our ISUAA bylaws**. You will want to carefully review the article on page 3 which discusses these changes. Please go to our website at **Annuitants.IllinoisState.edu** to read the full document of the bylaws with the changes. A link to the bylaws is located at the top left of the cover page. In addition, the June meeting will include election of officers and presentation of awards.

Membership Update: I am delighted to report that our efforts to increase membership are having an effect. You will recall that these efforts included an email blast to all employees in January, followed by a letter of invitation with attached membership forms in February. On Founders Day we staffed a membership table and were pleased that Linda Brookhart, executive director of SUAA, came from Springfield and assisted during the entire day. We offered an Amazon gift card award drawing for new members who joined prior to March 31. Thus far, we have **welcomed 81 new members** since September 2018—an amazing increase. We are delighted to welcome these current employees and some retirees who have become members, and we hope to see many of you at the June 19 dinner meeting. **WELCOME to ISUAA**. A big thank you is extended to our membership committee, which has worked diligently on these efforts: Co-chairs Liam Doherty and Victoria Harris, and members Larry and Laura Alferink, Marie Dawson, Dona Meador, Maureen Peel, and myself. Larry Alferink has also been working with Academic Senate, Civil Service Council, and AP Council to propose that a representative from each serve as a member on our ISUAA Executive Board. Watch for more information—and we plan to have an ISUAA presence in the Homecoming parade this fall.

Looking forward to seeing you at the June 19 dinner and annual meeting!

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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 – 1869

- Jesse W. Fell reported that the Bloomington and McLean County Coal Companies made bids for supplying the university with fuel for the coming year. Fell purchased the fuel and cords of wood for a total of \$614.54. Fell was also in charge of improving the campus sidewalks, including the route between the City of Bloomington and the university. The funds provided were to either repair the existing sidewalk or replace it entirely. Lastly, Fell reported on the trees planted the previous year, having introduced to the Quad “107 deciduous ornamental trees, ranging in size from three to five inches in diameter, and 1010 evergreens, ranging in height (sic) from five to fifteen feet.” *Proceedings of the Board of Education of the State of Illinois*, Meeting Minutes, December 15th, 1869, pages 4-6.

100 years ago - June, 1919

- *The Vidette* gave helpful tips to summer school students on how to navigate their first days on campus. These directions included checking handbags in Room 11 of the Administration Building (later known as Old Main), secure room and board with either Miss Barton (Dean of Women) or Mr. Linkins (Dean of Men), guides to the building and the campus were to be located on the north porch of the Administration Building, “Keep to the right” and no conversation when in the halls of the Administration Building, and “Move rapidly from class room to class room especially to and from General Exercises.” *The Vidette*, June 7, 1919 (Vol. 31, No 34, page 1).
- The university celebrated the return of its service members from the Great War: “From 3 o’clock in the afternoon until half after midnight we celebrated. Beginning with a reception in the gymnasium, there followed a supper at Fell Hall, then the play and last the dance. Only those who have been on the campus during the last two years can realize fully just what the sight of familiar faces meant and grasp the significance of seeing ‘our Own’ return.” *The Vidette*, June 16, 1919 (Vol. 31, No 35, page 2).
- A call for students to enroll in vocation education courses was announced in *The Vidette*, with instructors in Commerce, Manual Arts, and Agriculture. Men who performed these tasks in the Great War were given as examples of those who

found work back home with their skillset. Horton Tatmam was a ship carpenter, Grover Johnson was a mechanic, and Robert Sanford, “was sent to France as a wood-worker to repair air planes.” *The Vidette*, July 14, 1919 (Vol. 31, No 39, pages 1-2).

75 years ago - June, 1944

- During World War II, *The Vidette* included a feature written by the Navy V-12 called “Scuttlebutt.” In the feature, quirky and colorful news of the campus-based naval unit would be shared. Among the announcements, a nomination for “Idol of the Campus” for that week was announced as Frank Olivieri (the author questioned the spelling of the last name), and proclaimed, “From a reliable source comes the Scuttlebutt that he is strictly THE Sailor, where women are concerned.” *The Vidette*, May 3, 1944 (Vol. 56, No 26, page 4).
- The university announced that with the start of summer term, every Wednesday night would be “playnight on the south edge of campus” with activities such as “volleyball, badminton, tennis, croquet, ping-pong, shuffleboard, and archery” for two hours. *The Vidette*, July 12, 1944 (Vol. 56, No 32, page 1).
- President Fairchild announced eight new faculty members who would join the campus: Dr. Esther L. French (Health and Physical Education), Miss Bernice Cooper (Health and Physical Education), Arley F. Gillette (Health and Physical Education), Miss Ruth Lambertus (Instructor of Music), Dr. Lenor Geweke (Foreign Languages), Miss Ruth L. Cole (Supervising Teacher, Metcalf 2nd Grade and Instructor in Education), Dr. Claude M. Dillinger (Psychology), and Louis Hoover (Director, Art Education and Head of Art Department). *The Vidette*, July 26, 1944 (Vol. 56, No 34, pages 3-4).

50 years ago - July, 1969

- Two administrative interns from Kenya, David M. Mbiti and James K. Wainaina lectured on how to “solve teacher education problems such as decisions in curriculum and facilities.” The interns worked on ISU’s campus for a year and directly with Charles Edwards and Eric Johnson in the Department of Educational Administration. *The Vidette*, May 6, 1969 (Vol. 81, No 56, page 1).
- G.K. Roderick earned his degree in elementary education, thirty-nine years after he earned his two-year teaching certificate in 1930. After taking extension classes over the years, he lived in Manchester Hall for his final semester. *The Vidette*, May 8, 1969 (Vol. 81, No 57, page 2).
- After a 112-year ban, President Braden lifted restrictions on the establishment of social sororities and fraternities. Braden said the university would, “neither encourage nor discourage students from forming or joining such organization, nor will it accord fraternities or sororities any status which would involve or suggest approval, regulation or support.” *The Vidette*, July 1, 1969 (Vol. 82, No 1, page 1).

Save these dates

Annual General Meeting and Election—June 19, 2019

Fall Kickoff Breakfast—September 11, 2019

Holiday Luncheon—December 4, 2019

Spring Luncheon—March 18, 2020

25 years ago - June, 1994

- Parking Services prepares for the closure of the Julian lot as Facilities prepares for the construction of the new science complex. Primarily used by faculty and staff, Bill Waller of Parking Services recommended those who normally park in the lot to relocate to the School Street Ramp, in F36 near Centennial, or in F67 north of the Baptist Church. *Summer Vidette*, June 22, 1994 (Vol. 107, No 1, page 3).
- The Illinois Shakespeare Festival returned with three shows: *Romeo and Juliet*, *1 Henry IV*, and *Two Gentlemen of Verona*. After-show discussions and a lecture series would feature theatre faculty and actors who would “provide background support on the history plays” as well as “cover social aspects of the times.” *Summer Vidette*, June 22, 1994 (Vol. 107, No 1, page 9).
- The long-time party house known as The Inferno was torn down to make way for a new apartment complex. Popular through the 1980s, the house was known for hosting live bands and several beer kegs for party guests. Named by residents in 1988 whom all had separately experienced fires at their previous residences, The Inferno was host to local bands including Don Futon, Joyhammer Mopweed, Liquid Eyeball, and Crank and Phydeaux. *Summer Vidette*, July 6, 1994 (Vol. 107, No 3, page 3).

Proposed bylaws change to be voted on at annual business meeting

The ISUAA Executive Board has proposed important changes to our bylaws. To be adopted these changes must receive a two-thirds vote of those voting at a regular meeting of the chapter. Please go to our website Annuitants.IllinoisState.edu to review the changes—the link is on the front page, under “Announcements.” In summary, the changes include the following:

- Simple word changes to be consistent with SUAA bylaws wording. (use of the word “bylaws” instead of “Constitution”; use of “SUAA” instead of “State Association.”)
- Broader definition of “members” to be consistent with the SUAA bylaws.
- Recommendation to increase number of ISUAA chapter directors from four to seven. The three additional members would be elected from current employees who are ISUAA/SUAA members—elected by the Academic Senate, AP Council, and Civic Service Council, one from each employment category.
- Continuing: The president and vice president shall serve no more than two consecutive terms in the same office.
- Eliminating: the restriction for number of terms of the secretary and treasurer.
- Clarification of dues payment.

Report on ISUAA membership drive

As mentioned in the president’s letter, our membership drive has thus far been wonderfully successful, and we will continue with additional efforts in the coming year!

Congratulations to the following who are new members and are the recipients of Amazon Gift Cards: **Kristen Bernas, Susan Blystone, and Bonnie Yedinak.**

We hope each of you and all of our current members will continue to be involved and to spread the word that **SUAA is the major lead organization in the state actively working to protect the pension system and health care benefits for all of us who contribute to SURS.** SUAA’s main goal is to protect the retirement security for all present, past, and future employees of Illinois public universities, community colleges, and their families. Please refer also to the SUAA Legislative Platform 2019 included near the end of this newsletter.

Annual Dinner and Business Meeting

The Annual ISUAA Dinner and Business Meeting will be held Wednesday, June 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the Alumni Center. The menu will be an indoor picnic served family style: deli slices of roast beef, turkey, ham, and salami with assorted breads, cheeses, coleslaw, baked beans, potato chips, dessert, coffee, and water. A vegetarian alternative is a Pimiteoui salad of greens, cherry tomatoes, sliced black olives, peas, red onion, shredded carrots, and choice of two dressings.

Our keynote speaker will be Pat Vickerman, vice president for University Advancement at Illinois State. Pat will give an update on the \$150 million Redbirds Rising: The Campaign for Illinois State as well as answer questions. Following Pat’s presentation we will have our annual business meeting, including election of officers for the coming year, voting on the proposed bylaws changes, and presentation of annual awards. The terms of Vice President Roger Cann, Treasurer Neil Gridley, and Directors Marie Dawson and Jan Cook are expiring. The nominating committee has completed its

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Check out the Annuitants Association website

Annuitants.IllinoisState.edu

- Announcements—Why join?—How to join
- Contacting your legislator
- Legislative news
- History of ISUAA—Organization—Newsletters
- Survivor assistance information
- Parking on campus
- Meetings and events schedule

Jess Ray, webpage coordinator



work and nominating committee Chair George Tuttle will present the committee's slate of candidates.

We hope you will join us for the last event of the year! Attire is informal. There will be a drawing for door prizes. Please use the reservation form on the back of the newsletter.

Summer alumni news, free book club, Homecoming 2019, and royalty nominations

By Rachel Kobus

Associate Director, Alumni Relations

Dive into a good book this summer with the Alumni Association!

Alumni and friends can engage in conversations about books related to lifelong learning through the free Illinois State online book club. More than 800 Redbirds across the world are discussing topics that include nonfiction, fiction, professional development, and continuing education. The next book will start around June 13. Be sure to sign up at pbc.guru/ilstu and get ready to relax, learn, and connect this summer.

After fun in the sun, campus comes alive in the fall during Homecoming week (October 21-27). There are many must-do activities, with Saturday the most action-packed day of the week-long celebration. Alumni can join in on the annual Town & Gown 5K Run and One Mile Family Fun Run, watch the Homecoming Parade, stop by the Redbird Welcome tailgate tent, or cheer on the Redbirds at Hancock Stadium. Information on these and more events is available at Homecoming.IllinoisState.edu.

Also honored during Homecoming is the recognition of royalty. **The Alumni Association is currently seeking nominations for the 2019 alumni king and queen.**

To be eligible for alumni king or queen, graduates must have celebrated their 50th class reunion, have a strong connection to the University, and be able to attend Homecoming events throughout the weekend. Nominations can be for an individual or for a couple.

If you know of proud Redbirds to put in for the running, complete a nomination form at Homecoming.IllinoisState.edu/Royalty. Deadline to submit is July 19.

Illinois Shakespeare Festival celebrates literature with 'a fresh look at classic stories'

By Molly Briggs-Yonke, Finance and Communications Manager, Illinois Shakespeare Festival

The Illinois Shakespeare Festival's (ISF) 42nd season will showcase theatrical comedy, sparkling romance, and political drama. Inspired by the theme of "a fresh look at classic stories," this summer will feature adaptations of three well-known favorites: William Shakespeare's *As You Like It* and *Caesar*, and Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*. Join us June 27–August 10, 2019.

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.



The season opens with a Shakespearean favorite, *As You Like It*. The production will be set in the early 20th century and include original music composed by veteran ISF actor Jordan Coughtry. In this joyful comedy, Rosalind and Orlando fall in love at first sight, but are forced to flee the dangers of the court. Disguised as a young man, Rosalind teaches clumsy Orlando the way to a woman's heart—hers, to be exact. The young lovers escape to the forest of Arden and delight in luscious nature, love, life, companionship, and song ... until Fortune makes everything right again.

Deanna Jent, who directed last year's *Merry Wives of Windsor*, will return to bring the timeless classic *Pride and Prejudice* to the stage. Life was pleasantly drab for Elizabeth Bennet until the haughty (though admittedly handsome) Mr. Darcy barged in on her life. Now she's caught in a dilemma: Can Elizabeth be true to her feelings while also standing up to Darcy's arrogance? This lively adaptation of Jane Austen's beloved novel persuades us that even the worst first impressions can be overcome.

As You Like It and *Pride and Prejudice* will be performed outdoors at the beautiful Ewing Theatre.

Caesar is a dark drama adapted and directed by veteran ISF actor Quetta Carpenter. Julius Caesar's days are numbered in this media-saturated, modern take on Shakespeare's classic tragedy. With Caesar's assassins in one camp and the inheritors of his authority on the other, political warfare consumes Rome—fought through social media and the 24-hour news cycle. Who will survive in the end, and will they still be themselves? See the story in the air-conditioned comfort of the Center for the Performing Arts Theatre on the Illinois State University campus.

Single tickets start at only \$20. For more information on ISF programming or to purchase tickets, visit IllinoisShakes.com, or call the CPA Box Office at (309) 438-2535, Monday through Friday from 11 a.m.–5 p.m.

Concerts On The Quad

Again this summer we can look forward to the School of Music's offering of the always enjoyable **Concerts on the Quad**. The concerts will be held on the five Mondays in July: July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. Each concert will begin at 7 p.m. The "stage" is the front of Cook Hall, facing the Quad. **Hope to see you there!**

The ISU University Club

By Bob Preston and Kay Wilson

University Club Discussion Hours: The University Club is the only Illinois State University social organization open to all faculty, staff, administrative professionals, annuitants and ISUAA members. We meet weekly, every Friday from 3:30 p.m. 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. Our meeting venue is changed from time to time by the BSC Scheduling Office to accommodate the ongoing revitalization project construction in the BSC. See our website for last-minute updates in this regard (UCclub.IllinoisState.edu/Calendar).

You are invited to join us for any or all of our programs presented in a congenial and informal environment. You need not be a University Club member to attend and we always enjoy chatting with our staff and faculty colleagues from all disciplines. Our first meeting of the fall semester will be held August 23. Please see our webpage for updated information about dates and topics of the talks as well as for other information about the University Club (UCclub.IllinoisState.edu).

Gourmet Dinners: During the academic year, the University Club offers one or two gourmet dinners each semester. These dinners open to everyone in the ISU community and 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. The menus are under development, and the menu details and reservation information will be posted on our webpage (UCclub.IllinoisState.edu/Dinners).

Scholarships Awards: At the conclusion of the fall semester 2019 we will continue our 27-year tradition of awarding up to 10 \$500 scholarships to ISU undergraduate and graduate students who were academically top achievers and who were 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.

Teebirds golf open to all annuitants

By Dave Williams

ISU Teebirds are retired faculty/staff members (or spouses/significant others) who meet Thursday mornings for nine holes of golf (or 18). The group's home course is Illinois State University's Weibring Golf Club, but we sprinkle in other area courses for variety. Weekly play alternates between individual scoring and various scramble formats.

Teebirds 2019 summer golf starts May 9 at 7:30 a.m. with an opening organization meeting and refreshments followed by golf at 8:30 a.m. We then continue play every Thursday through September.

Members are welcome to play any Thursday as each person's summer schedule permits. Check out our website for more information: isuteebirds.net, or contact Chuck McGuire, our membership coordinator, at crmcgui@IllinoisState.edu.

We welcome any golf ability level. Come join us!

New program from the SUAA Foundation

By Jan Cook

The SUAA Foundation, established in 1989, is authorized to support education and dissemination of information on issues affecting the welfare of SUAA members, provide emergency assistance grants to chapters that support members facing financial crises, and assist chapters in providing survivor assistance programs. This summer the SUAA Foundation is establishing a **scholarship program for members, their spouse/partner or child or grandchild**. The foundation will offer up to four scholarships of up to \$500 each annually. Scholarships will be awarded for use in accredited degree-seeking programs, eligible technical/trade programs, eligible certificate programs, or for professional development. Travel expenses are not included. The application must be submitted by an SUAA member in good standing on behalf of the applicant. Application information is available on the SUAA website: SUAA.org. Review of applications begins on June 1, 2019. **(The SUAA Foundation is a 501 C (3) organization, recognized by the IRS as a public charity. Donations may be made through the website or by writing to: SUAA Foundation, 217 E. Monroe St., Ste 100, Springfield, IL 62701.)**

Helping Hamper

By Jan Cook

Our June Helping Hamper will benefit the Crisis Nursery at the Children's Foundation in Bloomington, which shelters children up to age 9 during a family crisis such as a fire or the hospitalization of a sibling, when family adults are not available to look after them. The nursery can use healthy snacks and fruit, cute paper plates or napkins, clean used children's clothes and toys, and full or partial packs of disposable diapers or wipes.

The spring Helping Hamper collection for the Salvation Army's Safe Harbor shelter brought in oatmeal, soup, coffee, tea, sanitary products, and personal care items, as well as \$95 in cash. We continue to collect "Box Tops for Education" to support the Thomas Metcalf School PTO, but Campbell's no longer supports the soup label program. We received 19 box tops recently.

Thanks to all! "You are good kids!"

Retiring?

Retiring? Time to submit new membership form.

For those employees who are retiring in the near future and who pay their ISUAA/SUAA dues through payroll deduction, it is important to remember that you will need to complete a new membership form arranging for your dues to be deducted by SURS

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rather than Illinois State University's payroll. If you submit your new membership form before you retire, your first dues payment will likely be deducted from your second pension check. The membership form is available at Annuitants.IllinoisState.edu. (click on the "membership" heading). Thank you for your continued support!

Additional benefits of ISUAA/SUAA membership 2019

SUAA encourages each of its members to explore the "ancillary benefits" tab on the SUAA website, SUAA.org. There is a listing of savings for AAA (the whole state is now covered), as well as for coverages for long-term care, short-term care, cancer/heart, stroke, travel, and vision/dental/hearing, final expense, and even pet insurance. As a member, many of these benefits are also offered to your family, including Medicare supplemental insurance.

Vacation choices such as CruisesOnly and TNT Funjet are also available under the tab coverage. All members should have received their Office Depot Office Max card, which provides great savings on several items through their stores. If you have lost your card, contact SUAA for a new one! We have heard many good results from our members when using this discount benefit.

SUAA legislative platform for 2019

This legislative platform serves as a general guideline for SUAA's positions on legislation that affects pension, health insurance, and other retirement benefits for SURS participants.

The main legislative goal for 2019 is to protect the retirement security of all past, present, and future employees of Illinois' public universities, community colleges, and their survivors.

SUAA will review and evaluate all proposed initiatives and legislation relating to pensions, other retirement benefits, and the maintenance of a robust higher education system to determine their compatibility with the association's goals. As appropriate, SUAA will publicly support or oppose such initiatives and legislation either in part or in their entirety.

If legislation is enacted that SUAA considers to be in violation of the pension protection clause of the Illinois Constitution, SUAA is prepared to challenge that legislation in the courts in concert with coalition partners or if necessary independently.

2019 legislative action plan

- SUAA supports legislation that provides for guaranteed full funding of the SURS pension system.
- SUAA opposes any legislative attempt to amend, modify, or eliminate Article XII, Section 5 of the Illinois State Constitution which states: "Membership in any pension or retirement system of the state, any unit of local government or

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)
- 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 CVV Expiration date

_____ Signature

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

_____ Name(s) University ID (if known)

_____ Address

_____ City State ZIP

_____ Preferred email address

(_____) Preferred phone number

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school district, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, shall be an enforceable contractual relationship, the benefits of which shall not be diminished or impaired”.

- SUAA opposes legislation that does not provide for a compounded automatic annual increment that provides protection against inflation.
- SUAA opposes legislation designed to eliminate the defined benefit option in state retirement plans for future employees.
- SUAA supports legislation to revise Tier II pensions for a more equitable set of benefits related to final salary period, automatic annual increment, and early retirement reduction. SUAA will also closely monitor efforts to implement Tier III pensions.
- SUAA opposes the 3 percent cap on earnings during the final four years of employment. SUAA supports increasing the cap from 3 percent to 6 percent as an interim improvement.

Revenue enhancement measures

It is SUAA’s position that in order for the state to meet its current budget obligations, make full annual payments to the various pension systems, and pay down the existing pension debt, the legislature will have to implement measures to increase state revenues and/or produce savings.

SUAA continues to support its proposal for using pension obligation bonds to fully or partially pay down the pension debt, but SUAA recognizes there are several other potentially viable options to address the pension debt. SUAA is open to support any of these options or package of options that, if implemented, will result in moving the state toward full funding of its pension systems.

A key condition for SUAA support of any pension-related initiative or package of initiatives to increase state revenues or result in a savings to the state is that a portion of all resulting increases and/or savings must be dedicated to reducing the state’s pension debt.

SUAA supports other revenue-enhancement measures not directly related to pension debt that would address the state’s continuing fiscal crisis. These measures include but are not limited to: the taxation of selected services, a speculation sales tax, and the elimination of some tax breaks such as the foreign dividend exemption, offshore oil drilling credit, and retail sales tax discount.

Health insurance

SUAA supports legislation to ensure that all Illinois public university and community college employees, retiree and survivors will be treated equitably under the State Employees Health Plan and College Insurance Programs.

SUAA supports full funding for the College Insurance Plan, and SUAA opposes any reduction in coverage provided by that plan.

Federal legislation

SUAA supports the repeal of the Social Security Windfall Elimination and Pension Offset.

In memoriam

Lynn Brown	11/28/2018
Dara Carr	2/4/2019
Ron Fillenworth.....	3/2/2019
John Gueguen	12/14/2018
Stanley Gutzman	12/10/2018
Kenneth Holder	12/7/2018
Cynthia Jacobs	1/12/2019
Karen Kuhn.....	3/3/2019
Elmer Lemke	2/13/2019
Sun Lin	2/10/2019
Marvin Luther	2/24/2019
David Rademacher.....	12/27/2018
Carol Ruyle	11/16/2018
Alma Stoddard.....	1/1/2019
Russell Trowbridge.....	11/22/2018

Preserving the quality of higher education

Recent trends and threats to the state’s colleges and universities are of concern to SUAA membership.

- SUAA opposes legislation to reduce or eliminate the 50 percent tuition waivers for the children of current employees at state universities.
- SUAA opposes legislation to “reform” higher education by establishing “Centers of Excellence,” setting uniform university admission requirements, eliminating programs/majors, severely limiting programmatic expansion, and changing the Illinois Board of Higher Education to be a governing body.
- SUAA opposes the consolidation of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission with all their rights, powers, duties, and functions to be transferred to the IBHE.
- SUAA opposes prohibition of nonessential expenses for FY 2019, 2020, and 2021, which includes all promotion and advertising and travel expenses.
- SUAA opposes legislation that would create a three-year teaching degree.



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Annual Meeting and Dinner reservation form

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Alumni Center, 1101 N. Main St., Normal

Featuring **Pat Vickerman, vice president for University Advancement at ISU,**
 in addition to voting for bylaws, annual elections, and awards.

Name(s) of those attending _____

Please reserve _____ meal(s) at \$13.50 each. A check for \$_____ payable to ISUAA is enclosed.

Family Style Picnic:

___ Assorted Meats, Cheeses, Breads, Condiments _____ NAME(S)

___ Vegan Pimiteoui Salad _____ 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 June 7.**

No phone or late reservations, please!

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