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ISUAA—serving annuitants and survivors since 1971

President's Message

The 2007-2008 year (July 1–June 30) was a good and productive one for your organization. Please see the “year in review” inside. Thank you to the ISUAA board members, committee chairs, task team leaders, and everyone who contributed their time and efforts.

As this newsletter is prepared for layout, there is little new on the legislative front affecting state university retirees. Whether or not to call for a constitutional convention will be on the November ballot. The State Universities Annuitants Association is among those on record as opposing a “con con” because of the potential negative impact on SURS members and the fact that constitutional issues can be dealt with via the normal legislative process (although what is “normal” in the legislative process is questionable).

The negotiation of health benefits between the state and AFSCME have been described as contentious, as the state is under pressure to cut back on these expenses. AFSCME is advocating on behalf of their members (and the rest of us).

Typically, the summer (August) issue of the newsletter is sent to non-member retirees as a membership recruitment tool. Included in that issue was a membership form for new members. This year non-members are being sent a special issue of the newsletter that includes a membership form. We hope this will be more effective in recruiting new members. Also, deleting the membership form saves about a page in the summer newsletter and allows us to focus our articles on current members.

You will note that the calendar inside has “Homecoming Tailgate Tent” listed on October 18. Members who participated last year enjoyed it. Give some thought to coming out again this year.

I am looking forward to continuing to serve you as ISUAA president. Thank you for being a member.

Christ Schwelle



Visit www.Alumni.ilstu.edu/homecoming/
for the latest homecoming plans.

University Club fall 2008 events

by Jude Boyer

Gourmet Dinners. The theme of Tales of the South Pacific will be the featured cuisine on Friday, September 26 in the Founders Suite, Bone Student Center. The dinner on Saturday, October 25, has the theme of The Sopranos and will feature an Italian cuisine, to be held in the Founders Suite. Full information about each menu and reservation details should be available by August 22 on the University Club web site: www.lilt.ilstu.edu/uclub/gourmet.htm. University Club members will receive a mailing in mid August.

Discussion Hours. The first Discussion Hour of the fall semester will be held Friday, August 22, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., in the Faculty/Staff Commons Bone Student Center. Please join us for refreshments and lively conversation. Discussion Hours are held on most Friday afternoons of the academic semester from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Bone Student Center Faculty/Staff Commons. Special discussion/information topics are noted on the University Club Calendar Web site.

The 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 the following website address: www.lilt.ilstu.edu/uclub.

Parking tag reminder

The gold emeritus retiree parking tags rectangular in shape expire this summer. If this affects you, Parking Services asks that you bring your emeritus/retired photo ID when you go to renew the tag. If you have any questions call (309) 438-8391. Those shaped like the State of Illinois are valid for another year.

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University Advancement news

by Barbara Todd, director of internal campaigns

Homecoming

Mark your calendars now for Homecoming 2008, October 13-19. Homecoming provides a wonderful opportunity for annuitants to catch up with former colleagues and campus staff, as well as with returning alumni.

For complete information go to www.Alumni.ilstu.edu/homecoming

for but a few highlights include Hoopfest, featuring the men's and women's basketball teams Friday, 7 p.m. in Redbird Arena; 7 a.m., Town & Gown 5K Run; 9:30 a.m., Parade Step-off; 11 a.m., Spread the Red Tailgate

Tent; 2 p.m., football game; and 7 p.m., Alumni Center Unveiling (all Saturday events). To make reservations or for additional information, please contact Alumni Relations at (309) 438-2586.



Fall Retiree Event Date Rescheduled

All retirees and surviving spouses are invited to the annual University Advancement fall event on Wednesday, October 1 (date has been changed from the September 18). This late afternoon reception will be held at the new Illinois State University Alumni Center, 1101 N. Main Street in Normal. Don't miss this early opportunity to tour the newest campus facility, a place for you. Invitations will be mailed, but contact Barbara Todd at btodd@ilstu.edu or (309) 438-2592 for reservations or additional information.

The Illinois State University Alumni Center – A Place for You

This fall, the campus will celebrate the opening of its first alumni center with special events and opportunities for tours. Staff located in the center include University Advancement (Alumni Relations, Vice President's office, Development, Donor and Information Services, Internal Campaigns, and University Marketing and Communication), Illinois State University Foundation, and Conference Services.

A special Unveiling/Red Carpet Event will be held during Homecoming on Saturday, October 18 from 7-10 p.m. This will be a ticketed event with tickets available from Alumni Relations at (309) 438-2586.

With the opening of the building in July, the Illinois State Annuitants Association will transition to this facility for its home operating base. Mail for the ISUAA should be addressed to Campus Box 8000.

Check out more information at www.Alumni.ilstu.edu/alumnicenter/index.shtml.

ISUAA organization 2008-2009

ISUAA board

President	Christ Schwelle	(10)
Vice President	Richard Dammers	(09)
Secretary	Carolyn Bartlett	(10)
Treasurer	Sue Killian	(09)
Director	Jude Boyer	(09)
Director	Martha Burk	(10)
Director	David Doss	(09)
Director	Janet Kuhns	(10)

Committee chairs

Awards	Carolyn Bartlett	
Golf	Pete Whitmer	
Insurance	Yvonne Hougham & Bob Metcalf	
Legislative/SUACTION	Christ Schwelle & Dave Wiant	
Membership	Paul Schertz & Christ Schwelle	
Nominating	Vacant	
Pool	Christ Schwelle	
Programs	Richard Dammers	
Social	Shirlee Bottomley & Dona Meador	
Survivors Advocacy	Mary Liverman	
State Association		
Directors	Jan Cook	(10)
	Richard Dammers	(09)
	Christ Schwelle	(10)
	Paul Schertz	(09)
	Chuck Taylor	(09)

ISUAA taskforce teams/resources

Archives	Jude Boyer & Jo Ann Rayfield
Auditor	Chuck Taylor
Chapter Directory	Dona Meador
Foundation Liaison	Barbara Todd
Mailing List	Kathy Pollock & Sue Killian
Newsletter	Christ Schwelle, Richard Dammers & Illinois State Marketing & Communications
Social Security Issues	Robert Hunt
Web Page	David Doss

ISUAA discounts for Performing Arts events

By Brandon C. Burling, general manager, box offices

The Illinois State College of Fine Arts is again pleased to announce a special ticket rate for ISUAA members: the Illinois State student rates of \$8.00 for tickets to any Main Stage Theatre production, and \$4.00 to any Gold Series Music event in the Center for the Performing Arts (CPA) Theatre and Concert Hall, except as noted*.

2008-09 Theatre productions in the CPA

The Philadelphia Story – *The stage version of George Kukor's classic motion picture*: September 25–28

Bram Stoker's Dracula: October 24–November 1

Aphra Behn's The Rover – *One of theater's most famous Restoration comedies by a female playwright*: February 20–28

Andrew Lloyd Webber's Evita – *The annual spring collaboration with the School of Music*: April 3– 11
(*Tickets for Evita will be \$10.00)

Illinois State Dance Theatre Fall and Spring Dance Concerts: November 19–21 and April 30–May 2

***For a complete listing of dates and times, please visit our website at: www.IllinoisState.edu/finearts.*

2008-09 Music events in the CPA

Symphony Orchestra: October 2 at 8 p.m.
(*Tickets will be \$7.00)

Bands Prism Concert: October 17 at 8 p.m.

"Symphony of Psalms": October 26 at 3 p.m.

Music for the Holidays: December 7 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
(*Tickets will be \$7.00)

Wind Symphony – *"President's Concert"*: February 22 at 3 p.m.

Orchestra and Concert Choir: February 26 at 7 p.m.

Jazz Festival with Special Guest Artist: April 3–4 at 8 p.m.
(*Tickets will be \$7.00)

Symphony Orchestra: April 23 at 8 p.m.
(*Tickets will be \$7.00)

Choral Collage: April 26 at 7 p.m.

All dates, times, prices are subject to change. Tickets may be obtained by calling the CPA Box Office at (309) 438-2535 or visiting during our regular business hours between 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Beginning August 2, all tickets will be available online and at all Ticketmaster outlets. ISUAA members must inform the box office of their membership in order to receive this discount. Please pick up your tickets no later than 15 minutes prior to performance.

See you this season!

ISUAA calendar

August 21, 2008 • 5:15–6:15 p.m.

An Introduction to T'ai Chi sponsored by Illinois State Wellness Program
*Metcalf 139**

September 3, 2008 • 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

ISUAA Fall Luncheon w/School of Music Faculty String Trio and Richard Runner, Illinois State director of facilities planning discussing construction on campus
*Old Main Room**

September 10, 2008 • 2–3:30 p.m.

ISUAA Board w/Committee Chairs
Spotlight Room

October 1, 2008 • 4:40–5 p.m. registration

Fall Advancement Retiree Reception
*Illinois State University Alumni Center**

October 18, 2008 • prior to kick-off

Homecoming Tailgate Tent
Hancock Stadium Tailgate Area

October 23, 2008 • Noon–1 p.m.

"What SURS Members Need to Know About Social Security/Medicare," Bill Carter, director of Bloomington Social Security office
Circus Room

November 12, 2008 • 2–3:30 p.m.

ISUAA Board w/Committee Chairs
Spotlight Room

December 3, 2008 • 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

ISUAA Holiday Luncheon w/Illinois State Madrigal Singers
*Brown Ballroom**

**Indicates reservation required*

Fall dates to be determined

SUAA fall meeting and ISUAA Night at Madrigals



ISUAA election results/ Annual Meeting summary

The Illinois State University Annuitants Association annual meeting and dinner was held in the Old Main Room at Bone Student Center on June 4, 2008. Christ Schwelle was reelected president and Carolyn Bartlett, secretary. Janet Kuhns was re-elected as a director and Martha Burk was elected as a director replacing Tom Shilgalis whose term expired. Continuing in their positions on the ISUAA board are Richard Dammers, vice president; Sue Killian, treasurer; and directors Jude Boyer and David Doss.

Parker Lawlis was the recipient of the distinguished service award. Lawlis served as chapter president 2002-2004 and was a state director of SUAA 2002-2006 and has a history of providing assistance and support to individual annuitants. Committee and task team leaders were acknowledged for their service and Schwelle provided a summary of the work of the board during 2007-2008.

Helping Hamper

By Jan Cook

Our June Helping Hamper donations to the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry were gratefully received. They especially were delighted with the many cans of fruit, which is always in short supply. This summer their list of recipients has grown to 800-900 families a month, well over 2000 people needing food and basic supplies.

The Crisis Nursery at the Children's Foundation in Bloomington will be our September luncheon Helping Hamper beneficiary. They are available around the clock and the calendar to care for children from birth through age six who need a place to be looked after during a family emergency. They can use a range of supplies: diapers & pull-ups, wipes, baby food and formula, shelf-stable single serving food or snacks for youngsters (low-sugar preferred), and colorful paper cups, plates and bowls of any type—perhaps party leftovers?

We also continue to collect "Box Tops for Education" for Thomas Metcalf School. These are on standard grocery/household products such those from General Mills, Betty Crocker, Kleenex, and Cottonelle. The rectangular "Box Tops" are post-age stamp size.

Senior Professionals fall line up

Senior Professionals has announced their fall/winter 2008 line up. They include the following classes, which run from the end of August until the middle of January.

Academy of Seniors

Luck or Hard Work: The Amazing Life of Alexander Hamilton

Dr. Susan Westbury, Professor Emeritus

Agriculture in the 21st Century: Can technology feed the world AND save the environment?

Dr. Rob Rhykerd, Interim Chair,

Does South Asia Matter?

Ali Riaz, Associate Professor and Chair Politics and Government

Rock & Roll: The Sounds of Postwar American History

Richard Hughes, Assistant Professor, History Department, ISU

Atheists in the News: An Appreciation and Critique

Rev. Richard Watts,

Morning with the Professors will be held at the new Alumni Center on five Fridays in October. You may walk-in to any of the lectures and pay a \$15.00 charge at the door.

The topics include:

- *Breathing New Life into Democracy: Exploring Civic Engagement Initiatives at ISU*
- *Value of the U.S. Dollar: What You Should Know*
- *Travelling Back Through Time: The Back Roads of McLean County*
- *Do All Sopranos Really Wear Horns?*
- *The 2008 Election: A Turning Point in American History?*

For more information contact Senior Professionals at (309) 438-2818 or arivel@ilstu.edu.

Retiree information hotline announced

Have a question? Need an answer? Don't know who to contact? Call (309) 438-4311, the new phone line established 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.

Your resource

Use the University Advancement Planned Giving web pages to assist you in making your charitable giving plans. Go to www.universityadvancement.ilstu.edu/help and click on Wills, Bequests, and Planned Giving for information and assistance.

In memoriam

Robert Allan	February 22, 2008
Barbara Barclay	March 10, 2008
Rodney Edwards	April 5, 2008
Gordon Fidler	March 4, 2008
Donette Jackson	March 15, 2008
William Legge	March 3, 2008
Frances McNaney	April 20, 2008
Oressa McQueen	May 19, 2008
Fred Mills	March 17, 2008
Lucille Munsell	March 29, 2008
John Newbold	May 29, 2008
Eldon Peasley	March 31, 2008
Will Robinson	April 28, 2008
Judy Towle	June 9, 2008
Jeanne Washburn	March 31, 2008
Earl Whitehead	May 22, 2008

ISUAA year in review: 2007-2008

ISUAA membership is 1,378 through 5/31 compared to 1,348 one year ago. Members on automatic dues deduction have increased by 50 and there are now 36 pre-retirees on payroll deduction. ISUAA was a participant in Human Resource's Benefits Fair for the first time, which increased ISUAA's visibility among current employees.

The chapter finished in the black financially and is projected to do so again in 08-09 thanks to a significant amount of income generated from sources other than dues.

Transition for University support from Human Resources to the Foundation was completed with the signing of a memo of understanding between ISUAA and the Foundation. ISUAA's mailbox has moved from HR to the new Alumni Center (mail code 8000). A retiree hotline has been established so retirees and survivors will have an established on campus resource for their concerns. That number is (309) 438-4311.

ISUAA donated \$100 in honor of each of our past presidents, a total of \$2300, to the Sesquicentennial scholarship fund to help Illinois State celebrate its first 150 years. The reserves are healthy enough to make this one time expense affordable. This gesture was very much appreciated.

The Survivor Advocacy Program continues to be a source of pride for the chapter. Four well-received sessions on survivor planning took place, and a detailed article on survivor information in the winter newsletter generated many positive comments. The info in that article is posted on ISUAA's website. Survivor

Advocacy Team members are now relying on obituaries as their primary source of information on retiree deaths.

Two very successful programs co-sponsored with Human Resources on SURS, Social Security and Medicare, attracted large crowds. A financial planning program was well received, as was the addition of musical entertainment to the three ISUAA luncheons. An annual dinner meeting also took place. Canned goods and other items for charities were collected at the luncheons and the dinner. During the year collecting "box tops for education" benefiting Thomas Metcalf School began. The popular T-Bird golf program continues to thrive, as does Monday afternoon pool.

ISUAA published four newsletters and maintained a website (www.Annuitants.ilstu.edu) to keep members informed about issues affecting them. The annual chapter directory continued to be published.

The ISUAA Board of Directors and Committee/Task Chairs met six times. A major project that continues is organizing the chapter archives.

ISUAA was represented at all three SUAA statewide meetings. Jan Cook chaired the SUAA nominating committee and is a co-chair of the SUAA membership committee. Christ Schwelle is secretary/treasurer of SUAAAction, the SUAA political action committee.

ISUAA continues to maintain a positive relationship with local legislators and a Social Security penalties interest group continues to be active. ISUAA members contributed over \$11,000 to SUAAAction in 07-08.

Conversion to Dues Deduction

If you have not yet converted from single dues payment to dues deduction, and would like to do so, please use this form. Should you have any questions please contact Paul Schertz at Schertz@mchsi.com or (309) 963-4610, or Christ Schwelle at cfschwel@ilstu.edu or (309) 663-0230.

1) AUTOMATIC DUES DEDUCTION (*current retirees only;* currently \$2.08/mo; \$3.83 w/spouse)

This is available only to current retirees receiving a SURS annuity. 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 change of address.

_____ Name (print)	_____ Date
_____ Signature	_____ Last 4 digits of Social Security #

or

2) PAYROLL DEDUCTION (*pre-retirees only;* currently \$2.50/mo; \$4.60 w/spouse August-May). This is available to current Illinois State University employees only. 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 (\$2.50) _____ 086-725 (\$4.60)

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

Social Security issues for SURS participants

The Director of the Bloomington Social Security office, Bill Carter, will return to speak to members of the Illinois State community about Social Security issues for SURS participants. His presentation will be in the Circus Room on Thursday, October 23, from noon to 1 p.m. Mr. Carter's presentation is sponsored by the Illinois State University Annuitants Association with assistance from Human Resources and University Advancement. All members of the Illinois State community, including retirees as well as all faculty-staff, are welcome to attend. No reservation is needed.

Fall luncheon program

The ISUAA luncheon on September 3 will include entertainment and information. For our musical entertainment we welcome The School of Music Faculty String Trio. Performers are Sarah Gentry, violin; Kate Lewis, viola; and Adriana Ransom, cello. We thank them for sharing their talent with us. For our update on construction throughout the Illinois State campus, we welcome Dick Runner, director of facilities planning, and we thank him for sharing his knowledge and insight with us.

Wellness Program open to annuitants

Did you know the Illinois State University Wellness Program is available to annuitants, as well as current faculty/staff and adult family members? At the same cost? A fee of \$65.00 per semester provides access to the fitness program. Fitness activities include badminton, core fitness, fitness lab, lap swim, Pilates, T'ai Chi, table tennis, water aerobics and water walking, weight room, and yoga. Health screenings are offered for a small fee, and special events and workshops are offered free of charge. For more information visit www.hr.ilstu.edu/wellness, or contact Nikki Brauer, director, Faculty/Staff Wellness Program, at (309) 438-8845. If the programs and schedule work for you, you could realize a savings compared to other community wellness options.

ISUAA fall luncheon reservation form

Wednesday, September 3, 2008

11:30 a.m.

Old Main Room, Bone Student Center

Names of those attending: _____

Please reserve _____ meals at \$13 each. A check for \$_____ payable to ISUAA is enclosed.

Entrees

_____ Fried chicken _____ (name)

_____ Cheese manicotti _____ (name)

Please send your reservation form by August 23 to: Shirlee Bottomley, 507 E. Taylor St., Bloomington, IL 61701-5334 or Dona Meador, 311 S. Towanda Ave. #4, Normal, IL 61761-6101.

Please, no late or telephone reservations.

Introduction to Chen Style T'ai Chi

Chen Style T'ai Chi was originally developed by Grand Master Feng Zhi Qiang. T'ai chi is a subtle form of internal exercise characterized by stillness, slowness, and agility. T'ai Chi consists of a series of choreographed movements called "moving meditation."

Regular practice of T'ai chi promotes balance, cardiovascular health, and improves flexibility. It's the perfect activity for all age groups!

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Thursday, August 21 from 5:15-6:15 p.m. in Metcalf 139

Please arrive early to complete the Wellness Waiver and Par Q & You forms before participating in the activity. Please wear comfortable, soft-soled shoes, and clothing that allows for movement.

Contact Nikki Brauer at (309) 438-8845 or nbgegel@ilstu.edu to register to attend the introduction class.

The introduction class is free of charge. The fee is \$65.00, and includes all fitness activities offered through the Faculty/Staff Wellness Program. Visit our website for further details: <http://www.hr.ilstu.edu/wellness/register.shtml>

ISUAA Directory Update

Please use this form to correct information in the 2007-2008 Chapter Directory (orange cover). Please respond by August 20, 2008. If the information in the 07-08 Directory was correct/complete, you do not have to complete this form. Be sure to check that your email address is correct!

Name _____

Phone # _____

Spouse's name _____

Address _____

E-mail address _____

Check here if you would like this information forwarded to Illinois State University for campus Directory

Send to ISUAA, Campus Box 8000, Normal, IL 61790-8000