

**ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION
HISTORY-- YEARS 1991 - 2000**

In 2001 ISUAA President Richard Erzen appointed a committee of two to prepare an updated history of the ISUAA. This document is essentially an addendum to a document, ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION HISTORY - 1971 – 1990, written by Ethel Stein and Oressa McQueen in October 1990. Like the original this addendum includes; 1) highlights of activities and meetings; 2) officers; 3) people who served the state SUAA organization; and 4) special recognition.

Sources used in this addendum include: annual Directories; meeting minutes; Newsletters; documentary letters; and selected memories.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS

1991 - 92 NCHS Strings Directed by Deanne Bryant presented a program at the Holiday Luncheon. Attorney Frank Miles spoke on "Trusts, Powers of Attorney, Living Wills." A representative of the Illinois Attorney General's Office spoke on "Scams."

1992 - 93 Dennis Spice, Executive Director of SURS, spoke on the status of SURS investments and policies. Music was provided at the Holiday Luncheon by the Sweet Adeline Quartet. Drake Smith presented a seminar on Securities and Investments. Travel and Elderhostels were discussed by local chapter members at a seminar.

1993 - 94 Through the efforts of ISUAA Chapter President Eugene Irving, the ISU Retirees obtained a Reserved Parking Space near the Nelson Building. Programs included: "Community Plans" by Jon Johnston, Planner, Office of Farnsworth & Wylie; Holiday Luncheon music "ISU Encore;" and a McLean County Historical Museum tour and program by museum personnel. A Memorial Service for G. Bradford Barber was held at Stubblefield Funeral Home in Normal. Brad Barber had helped establish the State University Annuitants Association. From 1978 - 86 he was its first Executive Director. He also helped establish the ISUAA chapter.

1994 - 95 During early May several ISUAA Chapter members participated in the first ever Fund Illinois Retirement System Today rally held in Springfield as part of a political information session with legislators. Programs included: "First Inhabitants of Central Illinois by Mike Wiant; a music program, "Treat With A Beat," by Jim Boitos and friends; "All the News That's Fit To Print..." by Fred Kardon of *The Daily Pantagraph*.

1995 - 96 At the Fall Luncheon Dick Ludke of radio station WJBC Sports spoke on "Area Sports Memories." Jim Roderick arranged a Holiday Sing-along for the December Holiday Luncheon. At a seminar Jana Edge presented a program "Durable Power of Attorney in Health Care." During this year the ISU Foundation Office began sponsoring a series of Breakfasts for retirees. This was a step toward establishing closer ties between the retirees and the former employer. Yvonne Hougham was instrumental in developing an ISUAA Golf League along with lessons for all retirees. In 1995, 27 members indicated interest in lessons. League play was at the ISU course at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday mornings. The State Legislature passed a bill allowing Optional Retirement Plans for future retirees. SUAA expressed certain concerns about the legislation which ultimately resulted in some alterations in the implementation of the legislation. The campus community was involved in evaluating ISU President Thomas Wallace. ISUAA was invited to contribute to the evaluation. ISUAA declined the invitation.

1996 - 97 This year saw the return of all ISUAA functions to the campus with luncheons in the Old Main room and the Ballroom. The chapter appreciates the free use of rooms for events in the Bone Student Center. SUAA President Don Rogers spoke at the Fall Luncheon. He, along with Tom Wilson and Dave Wiant, provided a legislative update. SUAA became active in attending all meetings of the Illinois State Legislative Pension Commission. Several ISUAA members participated in attending the meetings. The December Luncheon featured the U-High Madrigal Singers and a sing-along. Chapter sponsored Coffee Programs were presented by: 1) SURS Executive Director James Hacking on legislative issues; and 2) William Linneman on Political Humor. The series of ISU Foundation Office Breakfasts was continued this year. Attendees learned more about programs and planning at the university New Illinois State University Board of Trustees Chairperson, Bill Sulaski, spoke on the "University's Transition to a Board of Trustees." The ISUAA President George Tuttle appointed the 25th Anniversary Celebration Task Force headed by Eugene Irving. This Task Force was to plan and carry out a year long celebration of the chapter's 25 years of existence. The 25th celebration began with featured articles in the newsletter by Roger Cushman and Edna Johnston on past leaders and culminated with recognition awards.

1997 - 98 Holiday music at the December Luncheon was provided by Don Peterson and "The Three Tenors." ISUAA chapter Coffee Programs featured: Paul Holzinger on McLean County History; and award winning photographer Marie Williams with a program "Marco Polo's Silk Road to China." The ISU Foundation continued its series of breakfasts for retirees. This year saw the beginning of a process of shifting the functions of computerizing membership data bases as well as printing, labeling, distributing the periodic Newsletter and the annual Directory. Formerly, Edna and John Johnston had kept the data bases. Geraldine Greenlee and a committee of many had handled distribution of the Newsletter. Donna Meador, Lucy Patterson, and a committee had handled all of the Directory functions. Upon completion of the transition, all these functions would be handled at Illinois State University by Becky Benner and the ISU Post Office. Tom Fowles, Carl Mann, Becky Benner, Edna Johnston, John Johnston, Donna Meador, and Geraldine Greenlee were helpful in facilitating the transition.

1998 -99 Representative William Brady spoke at the Fall Luncheon on legislative matters. Given his recent entry into politics he was learning as much about ISUAA, SUAA, and SURS as we were about legislative matters. Holiday Luncheon was provided by Jason and the Nighthawks. Chapter sponsored morning coffees included: (1) Terri Ryburn-LaMonte "Reliving Route 66;" and (2) "Annuitants Benefits" by Mary Shadowens. The ISU Foundation breakfasts for retirees continued providing more updating on campus program and projects. ISUAA President Lloyd Watkins arranged for ISUAA chapter members to serve as members of several ISU campus committees dealing with campus programming, future, homecoming, and other matters. At least 12 retirees are serving. ISUAA participated in "SURS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SURVEY" which was an evaluation conducted by the SURS Board of Trustees.

1999 - 00 ISUAA membership reached 700 this year. New ISU President Dr. Victor Boshini spoke at the Fall Luncheon. He addressed links between the university and retirees as one part of the larger plan for the university's future. It was his opportunity to speak about some of his visions for the university going into the 21st century. Holiday music was enjoyed at the December Luncheon. The ISU Foundation continued its Morning Breakfasts series for retirees. The chapter sponsored a "Seminar on Computers." About 1999 there was a Task Force created to assist Surviving Spouses with SURS paperwork. This Task Force was composed of Eugene Irving, David Wiant, and Edna Johnston. This was a service. They were trained by SURS. Their work has helped many surviving spouses; and, their success became a model for other chapters in the state.

2000 - 01 Greg Koos, Director of the McLean County Museum spoke on McLean County history. At the Holiday Luncheon music was provided by the State Farm Chorus. A presentation was made by representatives of SUAA on Long Term Health Care Programs. ISU Foundation programs included: President Boschini and Provost Al Goldfarb along with other administrators updating ISU plans for the future; and, University Galleries Director Barry Blinderman.

UPDATE OF OFFICERS 1991 - 2000

1991- 92

Edna Johnston	President
Sam & Martha Price	Vice President
John Heissler	Secretary
Doris Richards	Treasurer
Barbara Barclay	Director
Bryant Jackson	Director
Louanne Thompson	Director
Ronald W. Wright	Director

1992 - 93

Eugene Irving	President
Mary & Bill Zeller	Vice President
John Heissler	Secretary
John Rich	Treasurer
Marge Lewis	Director
Joe Talkington	Director
Louanne Thompson	Director
Ronald W. Wright	Director

1993 - 94

Eugene Irving	President
Mary & William Zeller	Vice President
Rosemary & Everett Bauer	Secretary
John Rich	Treasurer
Lois Lindholm	Director
Joe Talkington	Director
Barb Perry	Director
Frank Matsler	Director

1994 - 95

Coenraad Mohr	President
David Wiant	Vice President
Rosemary & Everett Bauer	Secretary
William Warren	Treasurer
Lois Lindholm	Director
Joe Talkington	Director
Barbara Perry	Director
Frank Matsler	Director

1995 - 96

Coenraad Mohr	President
David Wiant	Vice President
Barbara Blunk	Secretary
William Warren	Treasurer
Lois Lindholm	Director
Joe Talkington	Director
Barbara Perry	Director
Richard Erzen	Director

1996 - 97

George Tuttle	President
Lois Lindholm	Vice President
Barbara Blunk	Secretary
Henry Falb	Treasurer
Barbara Perry	Director
Richard Erzen	Director
Mark Plummer	Director
William Warren	Director

1997 - 98

George Tuttle	President
Lois Lindholm	Vice President
Barbara Blunk	Secretary
Hank Falb	Treasurer
Mark Plummer	Director
William Warren	Director
Barbara Perry	Director
Richard Erzen	Director

1998 - 99

Lloyd Watkins	President
Lois Lindholm	Vice President
Eileen Kanzler	Secretary
Henry Falb	Treasurer
Richard Erzen	Director
Barbara Perry	Director
Parker Lawlis	Director
Mark Plummer	Director

1999 - 00

Lloyd Watkins	President
Richard Erzen	Vice President
Eileen Kanzler	Secretary
Henry Falb	Treasurer
Janet Cook	Director
Jean Grever	Director
Parker Lawlis	Director
Barbara Perry	Director

2000 - 01

Richard Erzen	President
Gary Ramseyer	Vice President
Eileen Kanzler	Secretary
Henry Falb	Treasurer
Jan Cook	Director
Jean Grever	Director
Parker Lawlis	Director
Barbara Perry	Director

**ISUAA CHAPTER MEMBERS ELECTED
AS VOTING DELEGATES TO SUAA**

Edna Johnston	1991-93	Thomas Wilson	1994-96
Ron Wright	1991-93	Eugene Irving	1996-2000
Laura Gowdy	1993-94	George Tuttle	1996-2000
Frank Matsler	1993-94	Lloyd Watkins	1998-2002
Hank Falb	1995-98	Richard Erzen	2000-2002
Coenraad Mohr	1994-96	David Strand	2000-2002

PEOPLE WHO SERVED THE STATE SUAA ORGANIZATION

Edna Johnston
 President Elect
 President
 Past President

William Warren
 Finance Committee
 Treasurer

Ron Wright
 Foundation Director

Art Adams
 Community College Affairs Committee

Laura Gowdy
 Ad Hoc Constitution Revision Committee

Hank Falb
 Membership Committee

George Tuttle
 Foundation Director

Edward Anderson
 Foundation Director

Tom Wilson
Legislative Chair and Co-chair

Frank Matsler
Legislative Co-chair

David Wiant
Legislative Committee

Francis Brown
Illinois Retirees Advisory Council (IRLAC)

Yvonne Hougham
Health Insurance Committee

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

In 1993 a Special Memorial was given for G. Bradford Barber for his role in forming SUAA, ISUAA, and continued service over the years.

In the 1996-87 year the ISUAA held a 25th Anniversary Celebration. During that year several activities were part of the celebration. A series of four articles appeared in the newsletter describing aspects of the 25 years. Special Speakers were part of the fall program including SUAA President Don Rogers. The June dinner featured a meal at 1972 prices which were calculated by Mark Plummer.

Life Membership at the 25th Anniversary Celebration was presented to Francis Brown, Edna Johnston, and David Wiant in recognition of special and sustained service to the chapter.

The chapter's first Annual Special Award was presented to Francis Brown in 2000.