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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jan Cook

Following up the ideas discussed in the last newsletter, we have some programs planned for this winter and others projected for spring.

- A. Life Center for Independent Living (LifeCIL) will present a discussion of home features that can simplify life if one gets arthritis, macular degeneration, or some other condition that

interferes with routine activities. An accessible house means that you can recuperate from, say, a knee replacement operation at home instead of in a nursing facility. It allows your wheelchair riding aunt to come to Thanksgiving dinner. Of course, it offers a bit less daily exercise, but you can always add a basement tornado shelter or second floor guest room if you enjoy running up and down stairs. *Come explore some intriguing ideas in CVA 149 at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2005 as we Plan A_h_e_a_d: Designing your next home for ease of use and access.*

- B. Carol Burroughs, of Forward Financial Planning, will be discussing "Paper Control: Deciding what to keep, what to toss and what to shred" in CVA 147 on Tuesday, January 24, 2006. See her article on page 6. There will be a floor-standing paper shredder given away as a door prize.
- C. Our tour of the Lincoln Museum in Springfield is scheduled for after Easter. Sharon Quiram is arranging the bus tour for us. Do you prefer morning or afternoon?

Should we include a stop for lunch? That would increase the price. Tell Sharon what you recommend when you see her at the December Luncheon.

- D. And of course we will have our special Holiday Luncheon in the Ballroom of the Bone Student Center. We plan to have the sing-along at the beginning of the meal while everyone is waiting for the salads to be served. Santa will arrive at the end. The menu and reservation form are on pages 7&8. Come and sing it up!

NEW RETIREES

Please welcome!

Susan T. Kern	7/16/05
Margaret J. Erthal	8/2/05
Tom D. Kinsella	9/2/05
Gregory K. Langhoff	9/2/05
George W. Meisenbach	9/2/05
Phyllis J. Myers	9/2/05
Raymond T. Ryan	9/2/05
Laura Miller	10/2/05
Thomas Ryan	10/2/05
Charles Sharpe	10/2/05

WELCOME HEARTLAND CHAPTER

Christ Schwelle

Welcome to our colleagues at Heartland Community College who now have their own chapter in the State Universities Annuitants Association (SUAA). Heartland has only 9 retirees, but 36 members!

ISUAA CALENDAR

(Special Programs in **Bold Face Type**)

2005:

Wed., Nov 9 ISUAA Board Meeting with Committee Chairs, Spotlight Room, 2:00-3:30

Mon., Nov. 14 **Plan A_h_e_a_d: Designing your next home for ease of use and access. CVA 149, 1:00/1:50**

Wed., Dec. 7 Holiday Luncheon Meeting ISU Union Ballroom. 11:30-2:00 Bone Student Center

Tues., Dec. 13 **ISUAA Night at the Madrigal Dinners** (see article below)

2006:

Wed., Jan 11 ISUAA Board Meeting with Committee Chairs, Spotlight Room. 2:00-3:30

Mon., Jan 16 Deadline for materials, February Newsletter

Tues., Jan 24 **Spring Cleaning the Files: What to Keep, What to Toss, What to Shred CVA 147, 12:30/1:50**

Wed., Mar 8 ISUAA Board Meeting with Committee Chairs, Spotlight Room. 2:00-3:30

Wed., Apr. 5 ISUAA Spring Luncheon, 11:30/2:00 Location TBA

Mon., Apr. 17 Deadline for materials, May Newsletter

Wed., May 10 ISUAA Board Meeting with Committee Chairs, Spotlight Room. 2:00-3:30

Wed., Jun. 7 ISUAA Annual Dinner, 5:30:/7:30 Location TBA

Wed., Jul. 12 ISUAA Board Meeting
with Committee Chairs, Spotlight Room.
2:00-3:30

Mon., Jul. 17 Deadline for materials,
August Newsletter

Wed., Sep. 13 ISUAA Board Meeting
with Committee Chairs, Spotlight Room.
2:00-3:30

Mon., Oct. 16 Deadline for materials,
November Newsletter

Wed., Nov. 8 ISUAA Board Meeting
with Committee Chairs, Spotlight Room.
2:00-3:30

Spring date TBA: Tour of the new
Lincoln Museum in Springfield

December date TBA: ISUAA Holiday
Luncheon Meeting

HOLIDAY HELPING HAMPER

The Helping Hamper at our
December Holiday Luncheon will be for
the Clare House Soup Kitchen, which
serves lunches on Tuesdays and
Thursdays in the hall of St. Mary's
Catholic Church in Bloomington. Some
suggestions:

- Packaged broth, pasta, canned
meat or vegetables for the soup
- Frozen meat for soup - what's in
the back of your freezer? (We'll
bring a cooler to hold it.)
- Disposable gloves, soap or
bleach for clean-up
- Gloves, warm socks, or
overshoes for the guests

See you there!

“THANK-YOUS” RECEIVED

From the Children's Foundation,
sponsor of Bloomington's Crisis
Nursery, we received the following
message about the donations to the June
Luncheon's Helping Hamper (we filled
the back of Theresa's car):

*“On behalf of hundreds of children
and their families whom we assist each
year, please accept our appreciation for
your in-kind gift of baby items for the
Crisis Nursery. A gift of this nature
preserves precious resources and allows
us to be more effective. Unfortunately,
there are many in our community for
whom obtaining the most basic
necessities of life seems to be a
continuing struggle. Often, it is these
needs that must be met if our boys and
girls can truly thrive. Thank you for
your understanding and for helping us
meeting some of these needs of the
children and families we work with.*

From Marcia Strum and Maureen
Peel of ISU's SECA Campaign:

*“Thank you for your help in
preparing the SECA packets. The
outpouring of assistance we received
made the process a much smaller one.
In only 4 ½ days we had the 3500-piece
mailing ready to send to the mailroom.
We feel confident this will be a
successful campaign and many lives will
be touched.”*

SURS NEWS

Jan Cook

Mid-October pension news from
Springfield centers on the search for a
new director for SURS. The Pantagraph
reported on the Governor's nominee in
an editorial many of us read. SUAA
Director Don Naylor tells us that the
Search Committee appointed by the

SURS Board already had identified at least three candidates with solid qualifications in retirement systems before the Governor's suggestion was published. There has been no deadline set for the search. If you subscribe to SUAA's list serve or monitor the news on their web site, you will be getting updates on the progress of the search. Annuitants really do care about the qualifications of the person chosen to manage our pension funds.

STATE UNIVERSITIES ANNUITANT ASSOCIATION

The SUAA Office is located at 3085 Stevenson Drive, Suite 301, Springfield, IL 62704. The toll free number for the office is 888-547-8473. The email address for SUAA is suaa@springnet1.com. There is an SUAA Advocacy Center on the SUAA web site at www.suaa.org/SUAA. Members are encouraged to sign up to receive action alerts.

Don Naylor is the Executive Director for SUAA. He and seven SUAA members make up the Executive Committee. Jan Cook is a member of this Committee and will serve until at least June 2007. She would be the best person at ISU to know what is going on with SUAA.

SUAA Talk

To subscribe (or unsubscribe) for the SUAA list serv go to <http://lists.eiu.edu/mailman/listinfo/suaatalk>

For useful information about SURS including demographic data go to: http://www.geocities.com/johnt_suaa/

SURS

The SURS website is www.surs.org

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Addresses and telephone numbers for your legislators can be found at <http://www.legis.state.il.us/>. Click on Legislator Lookup to search by your address or 9-digit zip code. That same website allows you to type in the number of any bill to view it or check to see where it stands in the legislative process.

You can also search for an individual name using a Search Engine such as Google. Most officials have a website.

The Address, Phone number and Fax number are listed in that order for the following elected officials.

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US Senator Barack Obama (Democrat)

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312-886-3514
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US Senator Richard J. Durbin (Democrat)

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4382
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**Elected US Representatives from the
ISU Area**

**11th, US Representative Gerald C.
"Jerry" Weller (Republican)**

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**PAPER, PAPER EVERYWHERE
AND I CAN'T FIND A THING!**

Carol Burroughs

One household can amass thousands of financial documents in a few short years. So much paper that if you kept it

all, you'd soon have to build on an addition to store it. Sound familiar?

Having financial records organized is not just helpful in the preparation of income taxes. It really is a necessity in other ways! We must be ready in the event of a disaster. The reality of this was made clear last summer when we watched the citizens of New Orleans and surrounding communities face the enormous task of reconstructing after hurricane Katrina. In an emergency such as a fire, it's too late to plan what you might need to put your life back in order.

A paper shredder can be your best friend! But certain documents should never be destroyed. You need to know which ones. For documents you no longer need, however, shredding can be the best way to prevent identity theft.

If you are ready to clean up stacks of personal paperwork, plan to attend the presentation on Tuesday, January 24, 2006: ***What do I do with all this paper?*** You'll get the information you need including, among other things, a handy guide: "What **do** I keep and **how long** do I keep it?"

*When: Tuesday, January 24, 2006
at 12:30 – 1:50 PM*

Where: CVA 147

About the presenter: Carol Burroughs from Forward Financial Planning is a Certified Financial Planner™ professional.

**UNIVERSITY CLUB
SPRING 2006 EVENTS**

Jude Boyer

Discussion Hours. Discussion Hours are held each Friday that classes are in session. The first Discussion Hour of the Spring Semester will be held Friday,

January 20 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Bone Student Center Faculty/Staff Commons. Please join us for refreshments and lively conversation.

Note: The presentation of **University Club Scholarships** will occur on Friday, December 2. We will recognize and meet those students selected to receive the awards. This is always a joyous occasion; please join us!

Spring Gourmet Dinners. Friday, January 27, will be a Hungarian dinner, held in the Bone Student Center Circus Room. Caribbean Adventure will be the theme for the Saturday, February 25, dinner. Full information about each menu and reservation details will be available December 10 on the University Club website:
lilt.ilstu.edu/uclub/gourmet_dinners.htm

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/.

**THANKS TO
NEWSLETTER/DIRECTORY
SPONSORS!
Christ Schwelle**

We thank the ISU Athletic Department for sponsoring this issue of

ISUAA News and wish Sheahon Zenger, new Athletic Director, and his staff well. A successful intercollegiate athletic program enhances life on campus and in the community at large.

We also thank Thom Ewen, Director, and the ISU Credit Union for sponsoring the August issue of ISUAA News. The article on internet pirates who try to steal personal information was very enlightening.

ISU Advancement, under the leadership of new Vice President Dianne Ashby, is again the sponsor of the ISUAA Directory. Our thanks to Dr. Ashby and her staff for their sponsorship and assistance in publishing the Directory.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON Dona Meador

Our annual Holiday Luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2005 at the **Bone Student Center Ballroom**. The cost will be \$13.00 per person. There will be singing and entertainment. Doors will open at 11:00. Menu: roasted turkey or grilled polenta; parsley buttered potatoes; fruit cup; chef's dessert; coffee or iced tea.

A MESSAGE FROM ILLINOIS STATE'S NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
Sheahon Zenger, Illinois State University Director of Athletics

Dear Illinois State Annuitants,

Upon taking the job as director of athletics at Illinois State University, a question I am often asked is, "Why Illinois State?" My response has been, "Why NOT Illinois State?" An answer I'm sure with which all of you can agree. After all, if you talk to anybody in the real estate business, the value of property all comes down to location, location, location. It didn't take me long to realize that Illinois State University has the location. We are only two hours from Chicago, two and a half from St. Louis and three hours from Indianapolis.

The next selling point is the size of the Bloomington-Normal community. With 122,000 people in the Twin Cities, Bloomington-Normal is much more than a college town. This is a vibrant community, and the campus of Illinois State University is right in pace. With an enrollment of over 20,000 students, I like to think that while the state of Illinois was sleeping, a major university grew up in its own backyard.

Not only is Illinois State increasing in size, but also in academic reputation. This year's freshman class has an average ACT score of 24 as Illinois State has solidified itself as one of the top two choices in terms of public schools in the state.

In addition to the academic strength and growth, I was also drawn by the Redbird tradition. This is a proud athletic department with a lot of championships, national impact and history.

The final piece of the puzzle is the leadership of President Dr. Al Bowman. I like to equate the whole movement surrounding this campus to a bus trip. President Bowman's driving the bus, I'm on board and soon everyone will be on the bus as well. Why NOT Illinois State?

RESERVATION FORM

Holiday Luncheon

Wednesday, December 7, 2005, 11:30 a.m. Bone Student Center Ballroom

Name(s) of those attending _____

Please reserve _____ meals at \$13.00 each

Entrees: _____ Roasted turkey _____ (name)

_____ Grilled polenta _____ (name)

A check of \$ _____ is enclosed

Please send your reservation by Wednesday, November 30, 2005 to either

Shirley Bottomley, 507 E. Taylor, Bloomington, IL 61701-5334 OR

Irene Niccum, 301 S. Towanda, #C, Normal, IL 61761

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I sent my reservation in on _____. My choices were Turkey for _____

Vegetarian plate for _____

MADRIGAL DINNERS CELEBRATE 50th ANNIVERSARY
Christ Schwelle

This year the Madrigal Dinners celebrate their 50th anniversary. Relive this wonderful experience by attending **ISUAA Night at Madrigals** Tuesday, December 13, at 6:30pm in the Circus Room of Bone Student Center. The College of Fine Arts and ISUAA have teamed up to offer a special ISUAA group rate of \$28 per person (a \$5 discount). Seating is limited so get your reservations in now. They must be received no later than November 15. * Should you have any questions, please call the College of Fine Arts, 438-8321.

ORDER FORM – ISUAA NIGHT AT MADRIGALS

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

Madrigal Dinner Tuesday, December 13, 2005 _____ tickets @ \$28 = _____

_____ Check (payable to Illinois State University) or

___ VISA ___ MasterCard ___ Discover Card# _____

Exp. ___/___ Signature _____

Mail to: College of Fine Arts, Campus Box 5600, ISU, Normal, IL 61790-5600

If you have special requirements, please add a note to your order (wheelchair seating and vegetarian meals are available.)

All sales are final. Due to cost of meals, no refunds can be issued.

*While ISUAA is targeting newsletter mailing for early November, printing/ mailing delays are possible. Should this newsletter arrive too close to the 11/15 deadline to get your order in on time, please call the College of Fine Arts (438-8321) to place reservations.

Below is a real ticket. Simply cut it out if you want it.



