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### From the ISUAA president

It’s hard to believe I just celebrated my two-year retirement anniversary. I catch myself saying things like “I just retired myself” or “I recently retired from Illinois State.” Even worse, the phrase “You’re still working?” has slipped out a couple times, something I swore I’d never say after hearing it said to me while I was still working.

There are certain guarantees in life. Time seems to fly by faster each year. Spring filled with new life will follow the dark winter. Clothes always seem to shrink while sitting in your closet. And that monthly check from SURS will show up on the first of the month. But will that SURS check and accompanying health benefits continue as long as we need them to maintain our quality of life? Thanks to the team at SUAA, we are doing our best to make sure you stand a pretty darn good chance.

Did you know SURS is not allowed to lobby for our pension stability? That is the sole responsibility of SUAA: to defend your benefits against cuts, changes, or even cancelation. While we take those benefits for granted, our Springfield staff are attending sessions, meeting with legislatures, and networking to keep our pension issues not just in the forefront, but stable. The best thing we can do to support their work is to donate and volunteer to help maintain and grow our membership. Campuses across the state are focused on that same goal. Working together, we can fight against the bills that try to limit, or even lower, our benefits.

In this issue you’ll read about our annual meeting of SUAA officers across the state. This was the final state meeting for Linda Burkhart, our retiring SUAA executive director. Burkhart’s leadership and experience will be missed.

While our mission may be to fight for your benefits, you can also trust SUAA to keep you current on campus events and social opportunities. Check out our newsletters online, and the links will take you to resources in the click of a mouse. It’s also a great way to keep up with actions you need to know about prior to the next newsletter.

I hope you can join us for our spring lunch featuring our guest speaker, Roy Magnuson. More information is inside, but I know I’m eager to learn about this “AI stuff” and how it will be affecting our world.

Enjoy all the wonders that spring has to offer us here in Central Illinois, or wherever you may be on your Redbird journey.

Always keeping in mind it’s a great day to be a Redbird!

Barb Dallinger

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# How time flies

By April Anderson-Zorn

University archivist, Dr. Jo Ann Rayfield Archives  
at Illinois State University

## 150 years ago: 1874

President Edwards presented his annual report at the June 1874 State Board of Education meeting held in the main campus building at Illinois State Normal University. After reporting high graduation numbers and demand for Normal University graduates, Edwards turned the board's attention to the very building they were meeting in. In the building later known as Old Main, Edwards reported:

"The floors are badly worn, the plastered walls are cracked and soiled, and the painting and graining needs restoring. Since the building was first occupied in 1860, only occasional and slight repairs have been made upon it—such as have been absolutely unavoidable. As a consequence, the rooms have a dingy and unattractive look; and many strangers visiting the building find it much easier to judge of the school by the quarters it occupies than by the actual quality of the work done therein. For the sake of our reputation, then, we need to whiten the walls and relay and thoroughly paint some of the floors."

Edwards then took his request a step further by providing measurements of the walls and floors needing repair and reporting the current Normal School budget, showing where repair funds could be drawn. Board member Carter later offered a resolution to approve some funding for the repairs. The resolution, referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, was adopted.

*Proceedings of the Board of Education of the State of Illinois*, Meeting Minutes, June 24 and 25, 1874, pg. 9-10, 13.

## 100 years ago: January-March 1924

- The year's Founders Day celebration included a plan to bring ISNU clubs around the state to campus for a reunion and convention. Officers of the alumni clubs would meet on Founders Day for a convention to include a "speaker of national reputation," while all club members could attend a banquet where former president John W. Cook's portrait would be unveiled. *The Vidette*, January 16, 1924 (Vol. 36, No. 16, pg. 1).
- *The Vidette* reported on the business meeting of the Faculty Women's Club, held February 6 in the office of instructor and Acting Dean of Women Emma Imboden. The publication felt the Club was "so unobtrusive that few know what it contributes to the social life of campus" and reported on club activities, like a fund for women students who needed to borrow small amounts through the term, furniture purchased for the women's restroom, sponsor of social conferences for women students, and arranging various social events through the year. *The Vidette*, February 6, 1924 (Vol. 36, No. 19, pg. 1).
- The General Electric Company took out an advertisement in *The Vidette* regaling the discovery of electromagnetism by Michael Faraday and the company's research into "new electrical apparatus," including generators. In their praise for Faraday, General Electric declared, "Every generator and motor is an

elaboration of the simple instruments with which he first discovered and explained induction." *The Vidette*, March 5, 1924 (Vol. 36, No. 23, pg. 5).

## 75 years ago: January-March 1949

- First-year students who would later become the class of 1952 attended a "freshie" party. The ice breaker in McCormick Gym had almost 150 partygoers who enjoyed "Cokes and donuts" followed by dancing "to record music." *The Vidette*, January 11, 1949 (Vol. 61, No. 21, pg. 1).
- University High School "stepped" into the world of co-ed physical education by offering folk and social dancing. The co-ed classes, led by faculty and student instructors, also dipped their toes into "square dances and mixers" in the Cook Hall gym. Though the new program attracted "several observation groups," it was unclear how long the trial would continue. "The success of this venture in coeducation physical education cannot be determined yet, but the instructors report a favorable attitude toward it." *The Vidette*, February 1, 1949 (Vol. 61, No. 23, pg. 1).
- Alumni Ray Morelli signed a contract to play for the professional football team, the Detroit Lions. *Vidette* reporter Joe French described Morelli, "As pro ends go, Ray is a little small. He piles only 175 points on his six foot one-inch frame, but he is strong as an ox and can hang onto any pass he can touch." *The Vidette*, March 1, 1949 (Vol. 61, No. 27, pg. 6).

## 50 years ago: November-December 1974

- Student Stores manager Chuck Willer reported that book supplies were in "great shape" and the overall textbook supply for the term was adequate. A previously reported textbook shortage proved unfounded, and according to Willer, he "did not understand why a textbook shortage was predicted." Unless orders were placed late by faculty, all books were available for purchase by students. *The Vidette*, January 11, 1974 (Vol. 86, No. 80, pg. 1).
- Senior biology and chemistry major Greg Porter created the Minority Science Students Club at ISU. Chairman Porter explained the group "plans trips to various medical schools, mainly for informational purposes and to get acquainted with what is expected in this demanding disciplinary field." *The Vidette*, February 1, 1974 (Vol. 86, No. 92, pg. 10).
- Approximately 30 to 50 streakers raced through campus as another 700 to 2,000 estimated students watched. In what *The Vidette* dubbed "ISU's first big streak of all time," mild weather spurred the semi-unplanned activities just days before spring break. Though the large crowds brought "music, beer, and the sweet fragrance of cannabis" and temporarily stopped traffic on University Street, the events remained relatively calm, and University Police only remained on the scene for safety concerns. *The Vidette*, March 7, 1974 (Vol. 86, No. 111, pg. 1).

## 25 years ago: spring 1999

- An early January snowstorm delayed move-in for spring term students. Resident assistants, who moved in earlier than other students, reported two-day delays. Resident assistant Amanda

Grant noted that the weather made accessing some Watter-son Tower elevators difficult as wind-driven snow entered breezeways. Some rooms were without heat, forcing residents to sleep in resident hall lounges. Despite the weather, some residents managed to skirt around the snow and easily move in. One Atkin-Colby resident said, "I just moved in and it wasn't snowing or anything. We had less snow at home than we did here." *The Daily Vidette*, January 11, 1999 (Vol. 111, No. 86, pg. 3).

- George Walden, longtime ticket sales coordinator and usher for ISU Athletics, announced his retirement. Walden began his career at Illinois State in 1967 in the "traffic department" and moved into Athletics in his 32 years on campus. Walden coordinated all aspects of ticket sales, entry into Athletics facilities for events, and helping patrons find their seats. In all, Walden coordinated a team of 90 individuals and observed innumerable Athletics events across a wide spectrum of sports. *The Daily Vidette*, February 3, 1999 (Vol. 111, No. 102, pg. 3).
- Construction of a new stage was announced for the Illinois Shakespeare Festival. Groundbreaking for the new space was tentatively scheduled for August 1, with completion the following August. The badly needed project would replace the old stage at Ewing Manor, a temporary structure built in the late 1970s. The theatre would provide new lighting systems, reliable catwalks for crew members, and 50 more audience seats. *The Daily Vidette*, February 16, 1999 (Vol. 111, No. 111, pg. 3).

About." Devaney described the history of the Tier II legisla-tion in Illinois and summarized efforts to address potential safe harbor concerns and strategies to bolster funding for the State Pension Plans. Ann Lousin, professor of law at the University of Illinois Chicago and participant in the 1970 Illinois Constitutional Convention, provided a presentation titled, "Too Early to Talk Constitutional Convention?" Lousin provided an overview of Illinois Constitutional Convention procedures and trends and summarized Illinois' rules requiring the question of a convention to be placed on the Illinois ballot every 20 years. The next such window will be election day 2028. Of course, the Illinois Pension Protection Clause, which has been verified by the Illinois Supreme Court to guarantee the integrity of Illinois public-sector retiree pension and health insurance benefits, is part of the Illinois Constitu-tion.

## **SUAA fall meeting update**

### **SUAA Board of Directors Report**

#### **Fall Meeting of Delegates, October 25, 2023**

#### **Report submitted by Steve Cunningham, president**

The SUAA 2023 fall "House of Delegates" meeting at the Alumni Center was conducted on October 25. The board of directors and approximately 60 delegates participated in the meeting. Major presentations, reports, and actions taken are summarized below. This year's fall meeting included a "crossroads" theme, as several events and trends presently underway throughout SUAA will have significant implications for the future of our association. Most notably, the meeting concluded with a farewell and resolution honoring the service of our long-term executive director, Linda Brookhart. The board met in executive session in Springfield on October 24 to interview the finalist candidates for Brookhart's position. They had excellent candidates for the position and an announcement that the next executive director will be coming soon.

#### **Presentations:**

- Kristen Houch, director of legislative and stakeholder relations at SURS, provided a legislative update and discussed initiatives related to pension system funding, Tier II, and the status of the State Funding Plan.
- Pat Devaney, secretary-treasurer of the Illinois AFL-CIO, provided a presentation titled, "Tier II and How it Came

#### **Treasurer's report:**

SUAA treasurer Larry Kloc presented the 2024 SUAA Budget to the delegates for review and comment. Notably, the 2024 budget represents another crossroads for the SUAA organization where membership trends have the potential to significantly affect the bottom line during the 2024 budget cycle if some turnaround is not accomplished. The board will undertake final approval of the 2024 budget during its next meeting, taking account of comments and feedback received.

Later in the meeting a motion was made, and passed by a major-ity of delegates, to establish a Finance Committee recognizing the evolving nature of the SUAA budget correlated with membership trends and also the transition to a new executive director.

#### **Membership report:**

SUAA Membership Committee co-chair Andy Small provided an in-depth discussion about SUAA membership trends titled "Mem-bership Jolt 2024." Membership trends represent another crossroads for SUAA, and Small solicited discussion, ideas, feedback, and experiences among all delegates present. Delegates were encouraged to forward strategies and ideas to Small to reinforce continuing col-laboration on this most important priority for our association.

#### **Approval of 2024 legislative platform:**

Legislative platform co-chairs Bill Peterman and Gary Davis pre-sented the proposed 2024 Legislative Platform to the delegates for discussion and approval. The annual Legislative Platform provides an important synopsis of the mission, values, and priorities of SUAA, representing member interests in the Illinois and federal govern-mental contexts. Following discussion, the delegates unanimously approved the 2024 Legislative Platform as presented.

#### **President's report:**

Steve Cunningham discussed several events and trends representing important crossroads for the SUAA organization, including the sta-tus of the search for a new executive director upon Linda Brookhart's retirement as of January 1, 2024.

#### **Executive director's report:**

Linda Brookhart provided an extensive report of her work during the

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past year as executive director, including the Aetna Medicare Advantage TRAIL plan transition. Brookhart has directly assisted several hundred members with this process, utilizing her extensive network of resources in CMS and among Aetna representatives. Brookhart also summarized her many activities, personally ensuring that SUAA is consistently represented across the bi-partisan Illinois political landscape. Brookhart attended hundreds of legislative hearings, meetings, receptions, fundraisers, and related events throughout the year on behalf of SUAA members and SURS participant interests. Brookhart closed her remarks by reflecting on her 17-year career as SUAA's executive director and her appreciation for having such an opportunity to serve as our defender and advocate.

Immediately following Brookhart's presentation, the following resolution was unanimously endorsed by all delegates present, followed by a standing ovation honoring Brookhart's outstanding service to SUAA:

### **Resolution Honoring the Service of Linda Brookhart SUAA Fall Delegates Meeting, Illinois State University October 25, 2023**

- Whereas – In the Capacity of Executive Director of the State Universities Annuitants Association, Linda Brookhart has provided exemplary service and dedication to the Association and members served throughout her nearly 17-year term of service as executive director beginning in March 2007.
- Whereas – Under Executive Director Brookhart's leadership, the SUAA is established as the premiere defender and advocate for retirement benefits earned by all participants of the State Universities Retirement System throughout the system of Illinois Higher Education.
- Whereas – Linda Brookhart developed and built the SUAA organization as it exists today, including the establishment of the Springfield Headquarters Office, SUAAAction, and the SUAA Foundation.
- Whereas – In fulfilling this mission on behalf of the faculty and staff of Illinois' public universities and community colleges, Linda Brookhart has represented and advanced the interests of the Illinois system of Higher Education.

Therefore, be it resolved on this 24 day of October 2023 that SUAA extends its foremost gratitude and appreciation for Linda Brookhart's loyal and distinguished service as executive director and wishes to celebrate her retirement as of January 1, 2024.

Resolution Unanimously Adopted by the SUAA House of Dele-

gates October 25, 2023.

In closing my report, I would again like to emphasize the outstanding service that Linda Brookhart has provided to our Association for the past 17 years. It is a good time to reflect on the success of the SUAA organization under Brookhart's leadership. Thanks to her initiatives, SUAA has established an active headquarters office in Springfield that serves our members extensively every day.

SUAA's legislative and governmental relations programs are exceptionally effective in representing our members' retirement security interests as the advocates and defenders for SURS participant benefits. SUAA also has excellent working relationships with SURS, CMS, and other state governmental agencies that also facilitate the representation of SUAA member interests. SUAA has been at the forefront in all respects, with outcomes directly reinforcing SURS participants' retirement security, including the landmark Illinois Supreme Court decision (*Kanerva v. Weems*, 2014) that confirmed and clarified the full scope of the Pension Protection Clause in the Illinois Constitution.

So, our organization stands ready to serve, advocate, defend, and represent our members (and effectively all SURS participants). As an organization focused on the retirement phase of our career life cycles, please join us in congratulating Brookhart for a job well done and for her upcoming retirement from SUAA. At the same time, we will take this opportunity to reinforce our strengths and engage in new ideas and capabilities with our next executive director.

Despite SUAA's many attributes, our association is challenged with membership trends. SUAA is not unique in this regard, as most organizations and associations are experiencing membership challenges generally. However, membership is directly related to the strength and capability of SUAA to represent and defend member retirement security and benefits. SUAA maintains an exceptional service and advocacy organization in Springfield to advance member interests. Nevertheless, our organization is almost entirely reliant on our college and university chapters to recruit and maintain SUAA membership.

Given the exclusive dedication of SUAA's mission to represent our members and SURS participants' retirement security and benefit interests, earned throughout the course of their careers, the \$39 annual SUAA membership is one of the best investments any SURS participant could make.

Respectively Submitted,  
Steve Cunningham, President

## **Senior Professionals Academy of Seniors Lifelong-Learning**

Senior Professionals is a membership-based organization of retired and semi-retired individuals from Central Illinois with backgrounds in various fields, including business, education, social service, trades, health care, volunteerism, and more. To be a member, no prior association with Illinois State is required. For more information, go to [SeniorProfessionals.IllinoisState.edu/educational-opportunities](https://SeniorProfessionals.IllinoisState.edu/educational-opportunities) or call (309) 438-2160.

### **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.



## Meet me at the ARC

Did you know retirees enrolled with the Total Retiree Advantage Illinois (TRAIL) Program with Aetna Medicare have the added extra benefit of SilverSneakers? You can use that benefit at Normal Township's Activity and Recreation Center (ARC).

The ARC provides a modern, friendly atmosphere for socialization and fitness as well as recreational and nutritional health support services for adults 55 and above who are in and outside of McLean County. With SilverSneakers, your \$30 ARC membership fee can be waived. When you fill out a new membership application or a renewal application, you'll verify you want to use SilverSneakers and provide your member number. You'll also need to sign a SilverSneakers-specific liability release.

Utilizing an insurance-based incentive program to pay for your membership at ARC is beneficial for both you and ARC. You receive the benefits of an ARC membership, such as opportunities for socialization, access to a wide variety of exercise classes and services, and participation in ever-evolving educational programs, including card and game groups, art, and more, for free. Meanwhile the ARC is reimbursed per visit or up to \$20/month by SilverSneakers, as long as you scan your key fob at entry. The money received by these partners goes beyond a standard membership to ultimately help the ARC team provide members with the program offerings you have come to love by improving the Normal Township budget for senior services. You can learn more about the ARC by visiting: [ActivityAndRecreationCenter.org/About-Us](https://ActivityAndRecreationCenter.org/About-Us).

## Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts

Connect with what's happening at the Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts for entertainment and connections that are limitless. Check out [FineArts.IllinoisState.edu](https://FineArts.IllinoisState.edu) for the most up-to-date schedule of exciting events.

## Alumni Engagement

### Nominations sought for 2025 Alumni Awards

The year 2025 seems far away, but the deadline to nominate an outstanding Redbird for the 2025 Alumni Awards will be here this July. The Illinois State University Alumni Association recognizes individuals annually who personify the University's tradition as an environment for excellence.

Through outstanding achievements and contributions, these individuals bring honor to Illinois State and the Alumni Association. Established in 1971 with just one award, the program has grown to six award categories. The awards—Distinguished Alumni Award, Outstanding Young Alumni Award, Alumni Achievement Award, E. Burton Mercier Service Award, Andrew Purnell Jr. Trailblazer Award, and the Senator John Maitland Jr. Commitment to Education Award—are presented annually in the spring.

The new and improved nomination process is simple, with an option for the nominator or nominee to complete the form and to suggest names for letters of recommendation. Nominations can be made

at [Alumni.IllinoisState.edu/Awards](https://Alumni.IllinoisState.edu/Awards). The deadline to submit for the 2025 awards is July 31, 2024. Recipients are honored at a recognition ceremony where they have the opportunity to speak and formally accept the award. Questions can be directed to Jamie Sennett '99, senior director of Alumni Engagement, at [jrsenne@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:jrsenne@IllinoisState.edu).

## Helping Hamper

By Jan Cook

The Helping Hamper for our spring meeting will benefit the School Street Food Pantry and our students. Our theme will be "spring cleaning." In addition to the usual non-perishable food items, we are seeking personal care items like soap, shampoo, and toothpaste. Thank you in advance for your continued support of this program.

## TeeBirds update

The TeeBirds are retired Illinois State University faculty or staff members (or their spouses/significant others) who meet on Thursday mornings for nine holes of golf. The group's home course is our own D. A. Weibring links at Illinois State University, along with a good sprinkling of area courses to give us variety. Weekly play alternates between individual scoring and various scrambles, shambles, and other group formats. Like to play 18? Several players opt to go the second nine. Annual membership dues are \$15 for weekly prizes and

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## In memoriam

Lorene Backsmeier .....	11/4/23
Richard Barnhill .....	2/28/23
Darrell Elkin .....	1/16/24
Myrna Gamer .....	9/29/23
Doris Hart .....	11/8/23
Steven Kagle .....	1/2/24
Eileen Kanzler .....	10/27/23
Betty Kinser .....	1/2/24
Jewell Ludwig .....	10/16/23
Normand Madore .....	12/5/23
Gloria McGowan .....	12/30/23
Jimmy Nagel .....	1/24/24
William Sendlak .....	12/4/23
Barbara Starcevic .....	1/24/24
Kenneth Strand .....	12/15/23
Shailer Thomas .....	10/12/23
Loma Winnell .....	12/27/23
Janet Wulf .....	10/15/23
Cheryl Young .....	10/6/23
Wenhua Zhao .....	12/23/23

support of social activities—the group has monthly lunches or coffee.

Check out our website for the spring schedule beginning in May 2024: [isuteebirds.net](http://isuteebirds.net)

## SUAA discounts

Your State Universities Annuity Association constantly strives to enhance your membership experience and provide you with valuable resources. A game-changing feature meant to simplify your access to exclusive benefits, now with Digidoc, has been released. This new tool was designed with you in mind, offering a seamless way to get your SUAA discounts and benefits on your mobile device. Check [SURS.com](http://SURS.com) to sign up.

## Roy Magnuson to discuss artificial intelligence (AI) at spring luncheon

The use of artificial intelligence (AI) by businesses, government, and education has dramatically increased in the past few years. Public attention is increasingly focused on the potential problems caused by the use of AI as well as its potential benefits. Magnuson, an associate professor of Creative Technologies and provost fellow, will present a discussion of the current generative AI technologies, how we got to where we are, where we're going, and how we can prepare ourselves as teachers, researchers, and creative scholars.

## 2024 membership drive

### What can you do to help our 2024 membership drive?

#### Spread the word

Talk about ISUAA with your friends and colleagues. You care about their future as well as your own, so share the important work we do that benefits all current and retired employees of Illinois State University.

#### Keep active

Make sure your membership isn't lapsing into the not-current status. Our automatic monthly payment system is easy to set up and makes sure you never fall behind.

#### Stay visible

Attend ISUAA events along with other organization events on campus. There are so many to choose from, and being retired doesn't mean you're no longer welcome. Far from it! Help us show that our retirees remain active, contributing Redbirds.

#### Donate

Doesn't organizational success always come down to money? Consider becoming a contributing member. The pension benefits you save may be your own.

## ISUAA directory update

Please use this form to correct information in the 2023-24 directory. Please respond ASAP. If the information in the directory was correct/complete, you do not have to complete this form.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Have you caught the pickleball bug?

Everyone seems to be talking about pickleball! Courts can be found in most any neighborhood or city. So, what is it?

Pickleball is a racket or paddle sport in which two players (singles) or four players (doubles) hit a perforated, hollow plastic ball with paddles over a net until one side is either unable to return the ball or commits a rule infraction. Pickleball can be played indoors and outdoors depending on the courts in your area.

According to [USAPickleball.org](http://USAPickleball.org), after playing golf one Saturday during the summer, Joel Pritchard, a congressman from Washington state and Bill Bell, a successful businessperson, returned to Pritchard's home on Bainbridge Island, Washington (near Seattle), to find their families sitting around bored with nothing to do. While they had an old badminton court, no one could find a complete set of equipment so the families could play. The two families improvised and came up with their own game using equipment they found around the property. Ping-pong paddles, a perforated plastic ball and an old net became the tools of what would become a popular sport. The group always kept in mind the original purpose of providing a game that the whole family could play together. It wasn't long until pickleball became popular with local neighbors and relatives.

If you're interested in more information, [USAPickleball.org](http://USAPickleball.org) is a solid site filled with rules, regulations, videos of handy tips for success and important ways to keep yourself free from injury while playing. Check out their official tournament schedules across the country and at international locations. Pickleball's premier event will take place at Arizona Athletic Grounds in Mesa, Arizona, November 10-17, 2024. The 2024 Biofreeze USA Pickleball National Championships will welcome players for a week of elite competition and a phenomenal player experience at one of the country's top pickleball venues and sport facilities.

Advocates of the sport's growth say that pickleball is an activity

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Preferred phone number

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that can provide exercise and social connections for players of all ages and skill levels. No matter where your retirement travels take you, Google where pickleball courts are in that area, and take your racket with you on the road. It’s a great way to meet people, stay connected, and keep active.

## Bloomington-Normal Courts include:

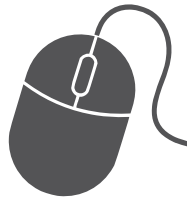
- Evergreen Racquet Club
- Four Seasons
- Health Club
- Game Time Gym
- Heyen Hoops
- Ironwood Park (Normal)
- Pepperidge School
- Rolling Brook Court
- The ARC (Normal)
- Underwood Park (Normal)

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[Annuitants.IllinoisState.edu](http://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



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## **ISUAA LUNCHEON WITH ROY MAGNUSON**

**Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Alumni Center**

Name(s) of those attending \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please mail the reservation form along with your check to ISUAA, Campus Box 8000, Illinois State University, Normal, IL 61790-8000. **Reservations should be received by March 18.**

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

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