Message from the ISUAA president

I am hoping this newsletter finds you happy, healthy, and embracing warmer weather wherever you are. I think you will find this newsletter to be informative as I invite you to become involved in your annuitants’ association. Whether you are newly retired, have been retired for a while, or are still working at Illinois State, there is space for your involvement.

A good place to start your involvement is at the upcoming Annual ISUAA Dinner and Business Meeting which will be held Wednesday, June 15. It is a great opportunity for members to meet their board members, socialize with former and current colleagues, and to be entertained and educated. This year’s annual meeting will feature university archivist and ISUAA board member, April Anderson-Zorn. Anderson-Zorn’s presentation is titled Under the Lid: A Behind-the-Scenes Look at the Dr. JoAnn Rayfield Archives at Illinois State University. University Archives is a tremendous university resource, and this is your opportunity to learn how it works and how it benefits students and faculty. Also remember to complete and mail the form on the back of this newsletter to reserve your spot.

The annual meeting also includes the election of board members, and this year, the slate includes nominees for permanent president, new secretary, and a board position. If you are interested in serving or learning more about the board and the work we do, please contact me or any board member. You can also find out more about ISUAA at our website, Annuitants.IllinoisState.edu or our parent organization SUAA at suaa.org.

I look forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting. Have a great summer.

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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 – 1972
- Dr. Calvin Goudy, part of the Auditing Committee, reported to the Board on accounts requiring payment for services rendered. Some of those accounts and services included:
  - Payment of $21.17 to J.D. Wilder for "slated blackboard;"
  - Payment of $3.00 to J.H. Mellnesh for "clock repair;"
  - Payment of $7.00 to John Taylor for "hauling water;"
  - Payment of $2.50 to A. Phillips for "making a gate;" and
  - Payment of $8.66 to Robert Fell for "brooms."

Proceedings of the Board of Education of the State of Illinois, Meeting Minutes, June 26, 1872, pg. 3.

100 years ago – April/May/June 1922
- The Varsity men and Fell Hall women held a joint party in the main living room of Fell Hall. An estimated 125 students attended the party, where they were initially asked to group themselves by their hair color. After much confusion, the groups were given a slip of paper with a nursery rhyme. The groups then acted out the nursery rhymes to other party attendees. Once the games were complete, the living room and dining room opened so that couples were "tripping to the light fantastic" into the late evening hours. *The Vidette*, April 12, 1922 (Vol. 34, No. 28, pg. 3).
- At the request of the seniors, Angeline Vernon Milner prepared five informal lectures on the organization and operations of school libraries. These lectures included the following topics: "The organization, cataloging and use of school libraries," "Sources of further help of traveling libraries and of material for school debates and club papers," "Booklists, book buying, pictures and pamphlets," and "U.S. and Illinois publications needed by school libraries and how to get them." *The Vidette*, May 3, 1922 (Vol. 34, Nos. 31, pg. 1).
- The largest graduating class in school history prepared for commencement ceremonies on June 8. Over 200 graduates were expected to matriculate from the Normal school, while 43 were listed as graduates for University High School. *The Vidette*, June 1, 1922 (Vol. 34, No. 55, pg. 1).

75 years ago – April/May/July 1947
- Fell Hall residents and their guests were invited to the "Umbrella Room" as part of the April Showers party on April 19. Attendees could expect "singing waitresses" and a "musical floorshow followed by dancing to the music of the big-name bands on record." *The Vidette*, April 19, 1947 (Vol. 59, No. 24, pg. 1).
- On May 6, friends and fellow faculty celebrated the 20-year career of Agnes Rice, associate professor of education. Rice began her tenure at ISNU in 1927. For many, Rice served "as a fitting model on which to base of future actions" as educators in the classroom. *The Vidette*, May 7, 1947 (Vol. 59, No. 27, pg. 2).
- On July 22, Mrs. Evelsizer became president of the Householders organization. Members of the Householders include "households who rent rooms to ISNU students" and typically meet four times a year to discuss issues and problems related to room rentals. This meeting included a talk by Chris A. DeYoung, Dean of the University, who spoke to on his experiences in Germany. *The Vidette*, July 23, 1947 (Vol. 59, No. 32, pg. 1).

50 years ago – May–July 1972
- In response to a student survey, the Association of Residence Halls (ARH) Diversified Living Committee submitted a proposal to the University to change guest hours to a 24-hour policy at most campus dorms. The proposed new guest hours of 24/7 admittance included Wright, Walker, and Manchester Halls and Randolph, Monroe, Smith, Jefferson, Marshall, and Clay houses in Watterson Towers. A weekend 24-hour guest policy was proposed for Haynie, Wilkins, Hamilton-Whitten, Hewett Halls and Van Buren, Pickering, and Madison houses of Watterson Towers. The latter would also see guest hours potentially changing to noon to closing during the week. Dunn, Atkin-Colby, and Adams house guest hours would go unchanged. *The Vidette*, April 13, 1972 (Vol. 84, No. 57, pg. 1).
- Filmmaker Larry Jordan, known for his experimental works, including *The Sacred Art of Tibet*, was the featured artist at the ISU Fine Arts Festival held on May 11 and 12. Jordan planned to shoot 15 minutes of film of the ISU campus and show two feature films (including *Tibet*) and two short films. *The Vidette*, May 9, 1972 (Vol. 84, No. 70, pg. 2).
- The Entertainment Board announced the 1972-73 series lineup that included headlining acts. Performances by Elton John, Chicago, and George Carlin led a list that included The Chi-Lites, the Jacques Loussier Trio, Ferrante and Teicher, classicist Virgil Fox, and the traveling show *Godspell*. The lineup cost $80,000 with the promise by the Board that tickets would not exceed $5. *The Vidette*, July 20, 1972 (Vol. 85, No. 3, pg. 2).

25 years ago – April/May/June 1997
- To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Friends of Milner Library, the group held an invited talk at the Bone Student Center on April 1. Karen Schmidt, Head of Library Acquisitions at the University of Illinois, spoke about the advancements in library technologies through the years. Schmidt spoke about creating card catalogs, pens designed specifically for writing on cards for the physical catalog, the move to typewriters, and automatic card catalog processors. In speaking on new technology, Schmidt mentioned an innovation by Sony who had created "a disc player that can hold thousands of titles." At that time, the device could only be found in Japan. *The Daily Vidette*, April 3, 1997 (Vol. 109, No. 137, pg. 3).
- On April 30, the Bistro celebrated "Ellen Coming Out Day" to support the Human Rights Campaign and human equality. The Bloomington bar held a viewing of the television show *Ellen* and played for patrons’ commercials that “advocated equal rights for gays and lesbians” that the show’s network,
• ABC, did not air. Throughout the event, organizers held an Ellen trivia contest. *The Daily Vidette*, May 1, 1997 (Vol. 109, No. 157, pg. 1).
• Victor (Vic) Boschini was named as the new vice president and dean of student affairs, replacing William Gurowitz, who retired. Boschini served as associate provost at Butler University upon his naming to the position and earned his doctorate at DePauw University. Slated to start his tenure August 1, Boschini planned to learn about the people and places of ISU: “I will particularly concentrate on meeting the students, and the student leaders, for whom I will be working at Illinois State.” *The Summer Vidette*, June 25, 1997 (Vol. 110, No. 102, pg. 3).

**University Archivist April Anderson-Zorn to speak at Annual Dinner and Business Meeting**

The Annual ISUAA Dinner and Business Meeting will be held Wednesday, June 15, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Old Main Room of the Bone Student Center. April Anderson-Zorn will present *Under the Lid: A Behind-the-Scenes Look at the Dr. JoAnn Rayfield Archives at Illinois State University*. Join her as she explores the stacks at the Dr. JoAnn Rayfield Archives, part of Milner Library at Illinois State University. Anderson-Zorn will discuss the inner workings of the Rayfield Archives, showcase unique collections, and give audience members a taste of what it’s like to be an archivist.

For dinner, choose either lemon chicken with roasted potatoes or vegetable lasagna. Both entrees include California vegetable medley, salad, rolls, and a bakery bar for dessert.

**About April Anderson-Zorn**

April K. Anderson-Zorn earned master’s degrees in library and information science (MLIS) from Florida State University and history (public history track) from the University of Central Florida. She is a certified archivist through the Academy of Certified Archivists and holds a Digital Archives Specialist Certificate through the Society of American Archivists. Anderson-Zorn has also worked as an archives consultant partnering with several academic institutions and companies to help set up their archives programs.

**Board elections**

The meeting will also include our annual business meeting, including election of officers for the coming year. A new president and secretary will be selected as well as two directors. The nominating committee has completed its work and will present the following slate of candidates:

For President, Barb Dallinger
For Secretary, JoEllen Bahnsen
For Director, Victoria Harris
For Director, Tal Parmenter

These are two-year terms that start July 1, of this year and end June 30 of 2024. If you would like to add to these nominations please contact a current board member by Wednesday, June 8.

We hope you will join us for the last event of the year! Attire is informal and, as always, there will be a drawing for door prizes; and donations accepted for Helping Hamper. Please use the reservation form on the back of the newsletter to reserve your place.

**Free book club, Homecoming 2022 royalty nominations**

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 1,200 Redbirds across the world are discussing topics that include nonfiction, fiction, professional development, and continuing education. The next book will start around August 4. 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 10-16). There are many must-do activities, with Saturday being the most action-packed day of the week-long celebration. Alumni can join in on the annual Town and Gown 5K Run and 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk, 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.

The Alumni Association is currently seeking nominations for the 2022 alumni king and queen as well as the prince and princess. To be eligible for alumni king and 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 a couple or an individual. King and queen nominations are due July 15.

Children between the ages of five and nine at the time of Homecoming 2022 whose parent, guardian, grandparent, aunt, or uncle is an ISU graduate are eligible for nomination as the prince and princess. Prince and princess nominations are due August 19. Those who know of proud Redbirds to put in for the running can complete nomination forms at Homecoming.IllinoisState.edu/Royalty.
Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts events
By Stephanie Kohl Ringle
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Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts

Illinois State University Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts is pleased to announce a selection of its 2022 summer events. Please note that dates and times of events are subject to change. Follow Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts on social media https://linktr.ee/ISUFineArts and keep up to date with Fine Arts News by visiting our website and event schedule at FineArts.IllinoisState.edu/Events.

CIRA Student Art Gallery
On view May 10 through September 17, 2022
Exhibition to be announced
Student Art Gallery hours are consistent with the operating hours of the Central Illinois Regional Airport.

University Galleries
11 Uptown Circle, Normal
Galleries.IllinoisState.edu/Exhibitions

Denise Treizman: In Between Living
On view June 3 through July 31, 2022
Galleries.IllinoisState.edu/Exhibitions/2022/Denise-Treizman

Curated by the Teen Art Group
On view summer 2022

You can find University Galleries on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, and sign up to receive email updates through the newsletter. For more information visit University Galleries at Galleries.IllinoisState.edu, email Gallery@IllinoisState.edu, or call (309) 438-5487.

Concerts on the Quad
Concerts on the Quad returns this summer. Concerts are held at 7 p.m. on Mondays in July, are free and open to the public, and take place on the east side of Cook Hall (the castle) on the Illinois State University Quad.

Watch for details on the Wonsook Kim College of Fine Arts News site and social media. FineArts.IllinoisState.edu

Illinois Shakespeare Festival
Now celebrating its 45th Anniversary Season, the Illinois Shakespeare Festival (ISF) presents an exciting lineup for the 2022 season which includes The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) by Adam Long, Daniel Singer, and Jess Winfield along with the Shakespearean classics Much Ado About Nothing and King Lear.

The 2022 season is scheduled to run Friday, June 3 through Friday, August 5, 2022. A new Theatre for Young Audiences production will be performed on Thursday and Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. from Thursday, July 2 through Saturday, August 6.

ISF offers a mix of virtual and in-person summer camps and classes for youth and adults. This season, the adult classes include two workshops (available via Zoom)—one that explores the conventions of Shakespearean comedy in Much Ado About Nothing and a second that dives into the prickly family feuds at the heart of King Lear.

Spend the day with good food and great friends by playing golf at the John Stevens Memorial Golf Outing. Monday, June 13, 2022, 12:30 p.m. shotgun start at the Ironwood Golf Course. Watch for registration details: IllinoisShakes.com/Giving/Golf.

Join us for the return of the annual Alumni and Friends Night at the Illinois Shakespeare Festival on Friday, July 17. This special event includes a social hour, dinner, and a short program followed by a performance of King Lear. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit Alumni.IllinoisState.edu or call (309) 438-2586. Season ticket holders are welcome to attend and are able to purchase the dinner separately.

End the season with a celebration! The ISF Bard Bash is the yearly event to close out the performance season with a bang. This one-night-only one-of-a-kind cabaret performance takes place on Saturday, August 6, 2022, and features the talents of the 2022 company members.

For more information about the Illinois Shakespeare Festival, visit the ISF website at IllinoisShakes.com, follow the Festival on Facebook, and sign up for the ISF Friends e-newsletter. For more information about purchasing tickets visit: IllinoisShakes.com/Tickets or call the Fine Arts box office at (309) 438-2535.

Senior Professionals
By Laura Kowalczyk
Coordinator, Senior Professionals

Senior Professionals’ lifelong-learning summer adult-enrichment program will be offered in a hybrid format, with participants choosing to attend in person or via Zoom.

In Search of Native American History: The Koster Site Archaeological Expedition
9:30-11:30 a.m.
June 7, 14, 21, 28 (Tuesdays)

In 1969, archaeologists discovered the remains of a series of Native American settlements on the farm of Theodore and Mary Koster near Eldred, Illinois. Artifacts found near the present-day ground surface were 1,000 years old. Those found at a depth of nearly 30 feet in a 6-foot-by-6-foot hand-excavated shaft were more than 8,000 years old. Dr. Michael Wiant, retired director of the Illinois State Museum and the Dickson Mounds, will explore how archaeologists and other scientists, using a variety of theories, methods, and techniques, pieced together Native American and environment history in the Illinois River Valley.

To register, go to SeniorProfessionals.IllinoisState.edu/Educational-Opportunities.

Questions? Email lakowa2@IllinoisState.edu or call (309) 438-2818.
Join TeeBirds Retiree Golf League for 2022
By Chuck McGuire
The ISU TeeBirds golf league plans another great year for 2022!

TeeBirds are retired faculty or staff members, spouses or significant others, and guests. We meet Thursday mornings at 8 a.m. for nine holes of golf and social events. Friends of the TeeBirds are also welcome as members.

The group’s home course is Illinois State University’s Weibring Golf Club, but we mix in other area courses for variety including Ironwood, Prairie Vista, and others. Weekly play alternates between individual scoring and various scramble formats. We plan events to appeal to golfers at all ability levels. The annual membership fee is $15. Members are welcome to play any Thursday as their summer schedule and health permits. Some members continue on for 18 holes on our play days.

Our first meeting for 2022 will be Thursday, May 12 at Weibring Golf Club. We will begin at 7:30 a.m. with a light breakfast, introductions, and a little organization. At about 8 a.m. we will begin our first outing on the front nine at Weibring.

We welcome golfers at all ability levels. No one has become eligible for the Champions Tour (yet—there is always hope), but our goal is fellowship, fresh air, and a good time. We schedule a nice mix of social events among our golf play times. Feel free to come join us anytime during the season up through September. Just check our play schedule listed on our website isuteebirds.net for the time and course, and show up or send an email to dwilliam@IllinoisState.edu. We will work you in.

Check out our website at isuteebirds.net or contact membership coordinator Chuck McGuire at crmcgui@IllinoisState.edu for more information. Come join and give us a try!

Helping Hamper
By Jan Cook
Helping Hamper is ISUAA’s food pantry donation program and collects items at our quarterly meetings. Items collected are donated to School Street Food Pantry for students. The pantry is visited by a couple of hundred students, some with families, every Friday afternoon.

At our March meeting, we collected many items needed by the pantry including pasta, rice, toothpaste, and candy. Included in the collection was $240 in cash and checks which the pantry was delighted to receive. The pantry can use all kinds of nonperishable food items, but they especially appreciate rice and—in anticipation of the produce from community gardens—salad dressing. In addition, personal care items for hot weather such as soap, deodorant, and sunscreen are timely.

You may help the School Street Food Pantry by sending a check made out to ISUAA with ‘School Street Food Pantry’ on the memo line. Mail it to ISUAA, Campus Box 8000, Normal, IL 61790. We will arrange for the donation to be given to them. Thank you to all of our members who have donated, and don’t forget to bring your donation to our summer meeting, June 15.

The ISU University Club
By Bob Preston and Kay Wilson
University Club discussion hours: The University Club is the only Illinois State social organization open to all faculty, staff, administrative professionals, retirees and ISUAA members. You are cordially invited to join us online or in-person (when that becomes possible) for any or all of our programs. You need not be a University Club member to attend. We meet during the fall and spring semesters during the academic year. The University Club promotes collegiality among our diverse faculty, staff, administrative professionals, and annuitants. We always endeavor to sustain and promote ongoing open and free communication in this community and to support the finest ideals of education and academic life.

Past online speaker presentations via Zoom: During the spring semester we met five times via Zoom. We had some excellent presentations from the areas of cybersecurity, art, and anthropology. Please see our website (UClub.IllinoisState.edu/Calendar) for details regarding these presentations or for information about future programs. If you would like to be added to the University Club listserv and receive automatic notification of future programs, please contact Bob Preston (rlpresto@IllinoisState.edu).

University Club Scholarship Awards Ceremony held online via Zoom April 29: We are continuing our long-standing tradition (32 years) of awarding up to 12 $500 scholarships to Illinois State undergraduate and graduate students who were academically top achievers and who were also involved in giving back to the Univer

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Charley and Preethy Edamala establish esports scholarship

By Laura Freyman

Charley Edamala, associate vice president and chief information officer of Illinois State’s Office of Technology Solutions, did not set out to champion Redbird Esports. He was simply looking for space in 2018 for students participating in esports as a registered student organization (RSO) to practice and play.

Blahnik ’19, Edamala was inspired to help ISU establish a varsity esports team that competes nationally.

With a direction secured, Edamala knew the University needed to move quickly to become the first state institution with a varsity esports team. He was pleased when David Kirk, M.S. ’16, was hired in January 2020 as ISU’s esports program director and a Redbird Esports varsity team was created. Now Redbird Esports is gearing up to move into a newly renovated space within the Bowling and Billiards Center in fall 2022.

He and his wife, Preethy, created the Sarah Ninan and Annamma John Mathew Scholarship to support underserved students who participate in Redbird Esports. The fund pays tribute to Edamala’s mother, Annamma, and Preethy’s mother, Sarah. Both were trailblazers for whom education was transformational.

Born in Kerala, India to parents with limited resources, Annamma was the first of her family to attend college. After graduating, she and Edamala’s father pursued teaching roles in Tanzania, where Edamala was born.

Sarah was born in Kerala to a farmer in a time when educating girls was uncommon, yet her love of learning prevailed. She left home and went to Bombay to study nursing. There she met Preethy’s father, who eventually earned a Ph.D. in physics.

Like their families, Charley and Preethy value education. Preethy earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in architecture from the University of Nebraska. Charley earned a bachelor’s degree in electronics and telecommunications from the University of Zambia, a master’s in computer science from Temple University, and is completing a doctorate in higher education administration at Illinois State.

The Edamalas hope their scholarship will help students become trailblazers in the gaming world and other STEM fields.

Support your passion at ISU and impact a student’s Redbird experience. Make a gift online at IllinoisState.edu/Giving or call (309) 438-2294.

SUAA Foundation scholarships and grants

The SUAA Foundation now offers up to six scholarships of up to $1,000 per scholarship annually. The scholarships are awarded for use in accredited degree-seeking programs, eligible technical/trade programs, and eligible certificate programs. The applicant must be an SUAA member in good standing or the spouse/partner, child, or grandchild of an SUAA member in good standing. In addition, the SUAA Foundation offers up to two grants of up to $1,000 per grant annually for professional development activities (travel expenses are excluded). The applicant must be an SUAA member in good standing who is currently employed at an Illinois institution of higher education. Applications for scholarships or grants will be reviewed beginning June 15, 2022. Please go to the SUAA website suaa.org and click on SUAA Foundation for more detailed information.

Additional benefits of ISUAA/SUAA Membership

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, as well as final expense. Other benefits include ASPCA pet insurance, Avis Budget car rental, SingleCare (prescription discounts), Hotel Engine, and LifeLock. As a member, many of these benefits are also offered to your family, including Medicare Subs insurance. Vacation choices such as CruisesOnly and TNT Funjet are also available under the coverage tab. All members should have received their Office Depot OfficeMax 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.
Retiring?
Retiring? Time to submit a 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 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!

Members at Large: Larry Alferink, Laura Alferink, Jan Cook, Liam Doherty, Gail Lamb, Becky Mentzer
SUAA State Association Delegates: John Walker, Barb Dallinger, Gail Lamb, Charles McGuire

In memoriam
Lyle Augstin .................................................. 1/13/2022
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Daniel Crews .................................................. 3/22/2022
Virginia Davidson .......................................... 2/11/2022
Marilyn Dehority ............................................ 2/16/2022
Yvonne Huber ................................................ 2/22/2022
Marylen Langhart .......................................... 2/22/2022
William Linneman ........................................ 1/7/2022
Joanne Long ................................................... 12/3/2021
Marilyn Moore ............................................... 2/28/2022
William Morgan ............................................ 1/20/2022
Jacquelin Salome ........................................... 2/28/2022
ISUAA SUMMER ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER RESERVATION FORM
5:30–7:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 15, 2022
Old Main Room, Bone Student Center

Name(s) of those attending ____________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________

Please reserve _____ meal(s) at $17.50 each. A check for $___________ payable to ISUAA is enclosed.

Entrees:
__Lemon Chicken ___________________________________________________________ (name(s)
__Vegetable Lasagna ___________________________________________________________ (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 8. No phone or late reservations, please!

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