

# Illinois State Annuitants Association Newsletter

# ISUAAA



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*ISUAAA—serving annuitants and survivors since 1971*

## President's Message

If you pay your dues by check and have not yet renewed, please do so. Please consider automatic dues deduction. A conversion form is in this newsletter. Now is not the time to bail out. The SUAA Central Office in Springfield, specifically executive director Linda Brookhart, is working very diligently on our behalf and we want her to have membership numbers that impress legislators. If you misplaced your renewal form, use the membership form at [www.Annuitants.ilstu.edu](http://www.Annuitants.ilstu.edu), or request a form from Paul Schertz, [schertz@mchsi.com](mailto:schertz@mchsi.com) or (309) 963-4610. Schertz can also check your membership status for you. Even if you cannot attend luncheons or programs or serve on a board/committee, your membership is important.

Larry Alferink is our new ISUAAA vice president replacing Richard Dammers, who, while no longer serving as vice president, will continue to remain actively involved with ISUAAA. This includes helping edit the newsletters. Thank you to Richard for his service as vice president, especially for filling in for me at a number of board meetings and luncheons.

At the June 3 annual meeting I thanked a number of people for the roles they fill so well in making ISUAAA a success. They are listed inside under, "ISUAAA Organization 2009–2010."

Normally in the summer newsletter you are advised about parking tag renewal. You can relax. Your emeritus/retiree tag does not expire until 2010. The ISUAAA Web site contains information on use of the tag.

Thank you to the College of Fine Arts for sponsoring this issue of the newsletter and for offering event ticket discounts to ISUAAA members.

I hope to see you at ISUAAA's fall luncheon September 2 (reservation form inside). Illinois State University President Al Bowman will be our guest speaker. Bowman is a great supporter of ISUAAA.

*Christ Schwelle*

## Alumni Relations Events

### Alumni Relations invites you to upcoming events

The Alumni Relations office coordinates over 100 events a year to showcase the campus, connect alumni and friends, and spread the Redbird spirit across the country. Annuitants are welcome to attend alumni events and considered honored guests with our alumni.

*Some upcoming events include:*

#### ISU Night at the Peoria Chiefs

August 14, 2009

[www.Alumni.ilstu.edu/chiefs](http://www.Alumni.ilstu.edu/chiefs)

#### Illinois State vs. University of Illinois football game and tailgate

September 12, 2009

[www.Alumni.ilstu.edu/football](http://www.Alumni.ilstu.edu/football)

*For the most up-to-date event information or to register online, please visit [www.Alumni.ilstu.edu/events](http://www.Alumni.ilstu.edu/events).*

### Homecoming

October 12–18, 2009

“Rock the Red” as Illinois State University celebrates its 89th Homecoming. Join us during our celebration by attending a variety of activities which include a mix of campus traditions and new events. For complete details, up-to-date information on all activities, and online registration, visit [IllinoisState.edu](http://IllinoisState.edu) and click on the Homecoming logo.



*Schedule highlights:*

#### Friday, October 16

##### Hoopfest—7 p.m.

*Horton Fieldhouse*

Hoopfest is an exciting and fun filled event with 3 point contests, a slam dunk contest, intra-squad scrimmages, and several other surprises. Admission is free.

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#### Prism Concert • 8 p.m.

*Center for the Performing Arts*

This concert will highlight a large cross section of talented faculty and students in solo, chamber, and large ensemble works. For tickets, call (309) 438-8833.

### Saturday, October 17

#### Homecoming Parade • 9:30 a.m.

*Corner of College Avenue and University Street*

Whether you're a spectator admiring from the street or riding on a float, you won't want to miss this. Walking, mobile, and float entry forms can be found online. Be sure to visit the online map for parking, transportation, and parade viewing options.

#### Spread the Red Tailgate Tent • 11 a.m.

*Redbird Tent Zone*

The Spread the Red Tailgate Tent is the perfect place for alumni and friends to catch up! There will be music and refreshments, including free mini-gondola snacks and a cash bar.

#### Illinois State football vs. Indiana State • 2 p.m.

*Hancock Stadium*

Tickets will be available to purchase on August 17. To order tickets over the phone, call the Redbird Ticket Office at (309) 438-8000 or visit [GoRedbirds.com](http://GoRedbirds.com).

#### Uptown and Gown Gala • 6:30 p.m.

*Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Uptown Normal*

Celebrate Homecoming in style at the new Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. Join President Al Bowman and your fellow Redbirds for cocktails, dinner, and entertainment hosted by WGLT. Tickets for this black-tie optional event are limited. [www.Alumni.ilstu.edu/gala](http://www.Alumni.ilstu.edu/gala)

## University Club fall 2009 events

### Jude Boyer

*Gourmet dinners:* The theme of Tour of America: California will be the featured cuisine on Saturday, September 26 in the Founders Suite, Bone Student Center. The Pacific Northwest will be featured Saturday, October 24, also in the Founders Suite. Full information about each menu and reservation details should be available to all by August 21 at [www.lilt.ilstu.edu/uclub/gourmet\\_htm](http://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 21, 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 3:30–5:30 p.m. in the Bone Student Center Faculty/Staff Commons. Special discussion/information topics are noted on the University Club Calendar Web site.

*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 [www.lilt.ilstu.edu/uclub](http://www.lilt.ilstu.edu/uclub).

## ISUAA organization 2008-2009

### ISUAA board

President	Christ Schwelle	(10)
Vice president	Larry Alferink	(11)
Secretary	Carolyn Bartlett	(10)
Treasurer	Sue Killian	(11)
Director	Jude Boyer	(11)
Director	Martha Burk	(10)
Director	David Doss	(11)
Director	Janet Kuhns	(10)

### Committee chairs

Awards	Carolyn Bartlett
Golf	Pete Whitmer
Insurance	Yvonne Hougham
Legislative/SUAACTION	Christ Schwelle, Parker Lawlis, and Dave Wiant
Membership	Paul Schertz and Christ Schwelle
Nominating	Chuck Taylor
Pool	Paul Dohrmann
Programs	Larry Alferink and Richard Dammers
Social	Shirlee Bottomley and Dona Meador
Survivors Advocacy	Mary Liverman and Edna Johnston
State Association Directors	Larry Alferink Jan Cook Paul Schertz Christ Schwelle Chuck Taylor

### ISUAA taskforce teams/resources

Archives	Jude Boyer and Jo Ann Rayfield
Auditor	Chuck Taylor
Chapter directory	Jude Boyer and Dona Meador
Foundation liaison	Barbara Todd
Mailing list	Kathy Pollock and Paul Schertz
Newsletter	Christ Schwelle, Richard Dammers, and University Marketing and Communications
Social security issues	Robert Hunt
Web page	David Doss

## ISUAA discounts for performing arts events

*Brandon Burling—general manager, box offices*

The College of Fine Arts is again pleased to announce a special ticket rate for ISUAA members to events at the Center for the Performing Arts Theatre and Concert Hall: the Illinois State Student rates of \$10 for tickets to any School of Theatre production and \$4 to any School of Music event (\*except as noted).

### 2009-2010 Theatre productions

*Equus*—A psychological drama about a young man's fascination with horses

**September 24–October 3**

*Into the Woods*—One of Stephen Sondheim's most celebrated musical comedies

**October 29–November 7**

Illinois State Dance Theatre Fall Concert

**December 3–5**

*A Streetcar Named Desire*—A theatrical classic by Tennessee Williams

**February 24–March 6**

*Candide*—A love story set to operetta, in collaboration with the School of Music

**April 1–11**

Illinois State Dance Theatre Spring Concert

**April 29–May 3**

### 2009–2010 Music events with \$7 tickets\*

20th Annual Music for the Holidays Concert

**December 5 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.**

**December 6 at 3 p.m.**

Jazz Festival with Special Guest Artist

**April 19–20**

Tickets may be obtained by calling the box office at (309) 438-2535 or visiting during our regular business hours Monday–Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 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.

**\*\*All dates, times, prices are subject to change.**

For a complete listing of dates and times, visit [IllinoisState.edu/finearts](http://IllinoisState.edu/finearts)

We look forward to seeing you this season!

## ISUAA calendar

**September 2, 2009 • 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**  
ISUAA Fall Luncheon with President Al Bowman  
*Old Main Room\**

**September 9, 2009 • 2–3:30 p.m.**  
ISUAA Board with Committee Chairs  
*Spotlight Room*

**September 28, 2009 • 7:30–9:00 a.m.**  
Advancement Retiree Breakfast with Illinois State  
University Head Football Coach Brock Spack  
*Brown Ballroom\**

**October 12–18, 2009**  
Homecoming Week

**October 27, 2009 • 12–1 p.m.**  
Social Security/Medicare for SURS Participants  
*Old Main Room*

**November 11, 2009 • 2–3:30pm**  
ISUAA Board with Committee Chairs  
*Spotlight Room*

**December 2, 2009 • 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**  
ISUAA Holiday Luncheon with Illinois State  
University Madrigal Singers  
*Brown Ballroom\**

**May 12, 2010 • 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**  
Advancement Retiree Luncheon—program to  
be announced

To Be Announced:  
Survivor Advocacy Planning Workshop\*  
Lunch and Learn Programs\*

\* *Reservation required*



## Retiree Information Hotline

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

### Senior professionals fall line up

#### Academy of Seniors

Spoon River Anthology (with bus trip)  
Astronomy with Carl Wenning  
The Geopolitics of the Former Soviet Union  
Native Tribes of Illinois with Michael Wiant

#### Morning with the Professors

The Life and Times of Will Shakespeare  
Terrorism  
A Listeners Guide to Jazz  
Iran  
Holiday Poetry

All classes are held at the Illinois State University Alumni Center on north Main Street. Additional information is available at [www.SeniorProfessionals.ilstu.edu](http://www.SeniorProfessionals.ilstu.edu)

## Fall retiree event

Head football coach Brock Spack will be the featured speaker at the annual University Advancement fall retiree event on Monday, September 28. The breakfast event will begin at 7:30 a.m. in the Brown Ballroom of the Bone Student Center. Coach Spack will be introduced by Redbird Director of Athletics Sheahon Zenger. University President Al Bowman will also give remarks.

All Illinois State retired employees and their guests, as well as current employees who are members of the Illinois State Annuity Association, are invited to attend this complimentary event. Advance reservations are required and can be made by contacting Barbara Todd at (309) 438-2592 or [btodd@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:btodd@IllinoisState.edu).

In July 2006, University Advancement opened a new page in its history in establishing a specific effort to connect and strategically engage the faculty, staff, and retirees who made Illinois State the success that it is today. Since that time, numerous events, services, communications, and personal contacts have been established under the guidance of Barbara Todd, executive director of Internal Campaigns.

The next phase of this work was launched in February of this year with Gladly We Give, the new annual fund appeal specific to faculty, staff, and retirees, with the goal of increasing the number of current and retired employees who annually support their Illinois State University passions.

Through early June, the total number of faculty, staff, and retiree donors in fiscal year 2009 had increased 21 percent over the number of donors in fiscal year 2008, reaching just under 27 percent participation. Individual gifts to any area of campus, which are made through the Illinois State Foundation, are counted as Gladly We Give donations. All donors receive a specially designed lapel pin.

For additional information, please contact Barbara Todd at (309) 438-2592 or [btodd@IllinoisState.edu](mailto:btodd@IllinoisState.edu). Information can also be found at [IllinoisState.edu/gladlywegive](http://IllinoisState.edu/gladlywegive).

## In memoriam

Earl Bethel . . . . .	May 14, 2009
Helen Bricker . . . . .	May 12, 2009
Arthur Corry . . . . .	March 20, 2009
Henry Kidder . . . . .	April 7, 2009
Gilbert Knapp . . . . .	May 21, 2009
Robert Mitchell . . . . .	April 25, 2009
Margaret Parret . . . . .	May 2, 2009
Alma Patton . . . . .	May 24, 2009
Helen Payne . . . . .	February 10, 2009
Ronald Schroeder . . . . .	April 19, 2009
Walter Smith . . . . .	March 27, 2009
Helen Stover . . . . .	June 5, 2009
Naomi Toon . . . . .	May 26, 2009

## Annuitants Association election results/annual meeting summary

The Illinois State University Annuitants Association annual meeting and dinner was held on June 3, 2009. Larry Alferink was elected vice president and Sue Killian was re-elected treasurer. Re-elected as directors were Jude Boyer and David Doss. Continuing in their positions on the ISUAA board are Christ Schwelle, president; Carolyn Bartlett, secretary and directors Martha Burk and Janet Kuhns.

Mary Liverman was the recipient of the distinguished service award in recognition of her work with the survivor advocacy program. Edna Johnston accepted the award on Liverman's behalf. Johnston, a previous award winner, was also acknowledged for her work with the survivor advocacy program. In addition to their work locally, Liverman and Johnston have inspired other chapters to initiate similar programs, the most recent being the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Guest speakers were Linda Brookhart, executive director of the State Universities Annuitants Association (SUAA) and Judith Parker, interim executive director of the State Universities Retirement System (SURS). Brookhart provided an update on events in Springfield. Parker, a former Illinois State staff member, thanked Brookhart for her efforts on behalf of the University's retirees and explained the election process for the SURS board.

## Legislative updates

The best way to stay abreast of what is happening in Springfield is to receive briefings e-mailed periodically by the State Universities Annuitants Association (SUAA) central office in Springfield. The SUAA executive director, Linda Brookhart, closely monitors issues that affect members, including those still employed, as well as retirees and survivors, and sends e-mails on a fairly regular basis. If you have not been receiving these e-mails and would like to do so, contact SUAA at [suaa.org](http://suaa.org) and ask that your e-mail address be added to the list.

Another source of information via e-mail is SUAATalk operated by John Terwilliger. While the information frequently duplicates that from SUAA, Terwilliger also sends relevant information reported in Springfield, Champaign-Urbana, and Chicago newspapers that may not appear in the *Pantagraph* or on local radio and TV news. These other papers are more in tune with issues likely to impact ISUAA/SUAA members. You can sign up for SUAATalk at [SUAATalk@lists.eiu.edu](mailto:SUAATalk@lists.eiu.edu).

It is obvious that the internet/e-mail play an increasingly important role in a world where news develops quickly.

## Survivor Planning Workshop

ISUAA's Survivor Advocacy Team is hoping to schedule a Survivor Planning Workshop for November. The team decided that because of the common questions they receive upon the death of annuitants, the emotional trauma at the time of death, and positive feedback from previous workshops, scheduling another workshop was in order. The focus will primarily be on SURS procedures, including assistance in filling out the papers required for survivors' benefits. This small group presentation and discussion will be led by Survivor Advocacy Team members. ISUAA members may reserve space at the workshop by completing the form below. Once the date, time, and location have been decided, you will be contacted by a member of the team.

### Survivor planning workshop reservation form

Name(s) of participants \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (       ) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: ISUAA, Campus Box 8000, Normal, IL  
61790-8000



## How time flies

*Compiled by Jo Ann Rayfield*

### June, July, and August 1959

- Women's residence hall hours for summer were 11 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday nights and midnight on Friday and Saturday.
- Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth and Attorney Fred Gray were featured speakers in a Civil Rights and the World Crisis program on July 7. This was the third in a series of programs sponsored by the Social Science Department.
- Harold Austin, Illinois State Normal University (ISNU) class of 1957, was hired as manager of the University Farm. He replaced Charles Mercier who had held that position for 30 years.
- The ISNU Bureau of Appointments (Placement) reported the salaries of beginning teachers (ISNU graduates). The average annual starting salary of secondary teachers was \$4,416 while that for elementary teachers was \$4,366.

### June, July, and August 1984

- June 11–August 12 Illinois State operated on a four-day work week as a conservation measure. In 1983, the University had saved \$50,000 by going to a four-day week.
- Warren Harden, an administrator and faculty member at Illinois State since 1954, was named vice president for Business and Finance.

- Cathy Boswell (Class of 1983) was named to the U.S. Olympic basketball team.
- Grants for fiscal year 1983–1984 exceeded \$2 million.
- The first group of faculty from Srinakharinwirot University in Thailand began their doctoral studies.

### June, July, and August 1994

- Illinois State became one of 63 state institutions to participate in the Direct Student Loan program.
- Illinois Shakespeare Festival productions included *Romeo and Juliet*, *I Henry IV*, and *Two Gentlemen of Verona*.
- *A Gathering of Sisters*, a pictorial documentary of the lives of a dozen African-American women in Bloomington-Normal, opened at the University Galleries. Photographs were taken by Rhondal McKinney and Roseann Grosse. Text was based on interviews conducted by Denise Davison, Katina Patton, and Sherrell Love.

### June, July, and August 1999

- A tuition hike of 2.93 percent for the 2000–2001 academic year was approved by the Board of Trustees as was a 3.49 percent increase in room and board rates.
- On July 1, Vic Boschini became Illinois State's 16th president.
- On July 1, the Mennonite College of Nursing became Illinois State's first professional School with Nancy Ridenour as dean.
- In other administrative changes, Jude Boyer became interim vice president for Student Affairs and Roosevelt Newson became dean of the College of Fine Arts.

## ISUAA fall luncheon reservation form

**Wednesday, September 2, 2009**

**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

\_\_\_\_\_ Roast sirloin of beef (name) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Spinach and ricotta cheese stuffed shells (name) \_\_\_\_\_

*Please send your reservation form by August 26 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.*

## Helping Hamper

*Jan Cook*

Our September Helping Hamper will be for the benefit of the Crisis Nursery at the Children's Foundation in Bloomington. They can use baby goods—clean used clothes, toys, food, formula, and especially diapers. Do you know a child who has outgrown the diapers before the package was used up? Crisis Nursery can also use healthy snacks for pre-schoolers, preferably sugar free, and paper party plates and cups in any bright colors. They can be leftovers from wedding anniversaries or Fourth of July—the kids love them all.

The June Helping Hamper for St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry collected more than a hamper full of canned fruit, pasta, and personal care goods. There were over sixty bars of both deodorant and soap. The volunteers were overwhelmed. "You folks come through every year, and our patrons appreciate it."

We continue to collect "Box Tops for Education" for Thomas Metcalf School's PTO project. They receive cash back from General Mills for each postage stamp size "Box Top" from General Mills, Betty Crocker, Kleenex, and other products. Look for the tiny rectangle on the least conspicuous part of the package.

Thanks! We're still making a mark in our community.

## ISUAA Directory Update

Please use this form to correct information in the 2008–2009 Chapter Directory (green cover). Please respond by August 17, 2009. If the information in the 2008–2009 directory was correct/complete, you do not have to complete this form.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

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