

## LOOKING AHEAD

### **Our next meeting will be held on April 10 in the Neal Welcome Center.**

8:30 - Coffee, tea, & conversation  
9:00 – Business Meeting followed by a presentation from Linda Brookhart, Executive Director of SUAA.

### **MEETING DATES COMING UP**

#### EIUAA MEETINGS: (8:30 am)

Jun 12, 2008 – Neal Welcome Center  
Oct 12, 2008 – Neal Welcome Center  
Jan 19, 2009 – Annual Luncheon

#### EUIAA EXEC. COMMITTEE MEETINGS: (9 am)

May 8, 2008 – Neal Welcome Center  
Aug 7, 2008 – Neal Welcome Center  
Nov 6, 2008 – Neal Welcome Center



### **PRESIDENT'S VIEW A Time To Be Vigilant**

At our April 10 Chapter Meeting, Linda Brookhart, Executive Director of State Universities Annuity Association, will share with us the SUAA office's resources, procedures, strategies, focus, and vision in protecting our pension and health care. This will be a timely, informative presentation and I hope you will do

your best to attend.

As you are aware, the state is experiencing a budget crisis of large magnitude and no cohesive legislative consensus on how to resolve it. While we are fortunate to have an exceptionally efficient and dedicated SUAA staff in Springfield working on our behalf, this requires vigilance from all of us, no matter in what part of the country we reside, to collectively preserve what we believe is one of the best pension and health care programs in the country. In the case of our pension, a large number of people and their survivors depend on it in the most critical years of their lives and on us to protect it. "Knowledge is power." Our pension, survivors' benefits, and health care are the result of persistent and steadfast efforts by our members overcoming countless challenges, constraints and refusal to surrender. We have inherited the outcome of their success.

However, those of us who benefit from the efforts of those who have gone before us are obligated for our own sake and those who follow to do our best to protect and even enhance these benefits.

Funds allocated for our benefits are very enticing to legislators and other groups competing for these funds. The EIUAA and SUAA Executive Boards and officers are privileged to serve voluntarily. We believe we owe this to our past, present, and future colleagues. Our successes in every instance have been due to our cooperative efforts and your support.

The present situation, like many in the past, requires our united efforts, voice, tangible and intangible support. On behalf of our executive committee, I am requesting your help. If you are a member, continue your membership, encourage other annuitants and employees to become members, contribute financially whatever you can to SUAACTION, the Political Action Committee of our association. Talk to relevant individuals and groups about the significance of our benefits to continue the dedication of our employees that serve the university.

I also want to take this opportunity to inform those

of you who could not attend our Annual Luncheon that it was quite an occasion. We had the largest attendance, with a wide range of segments of the university community. The president, vice president, faculty, administrators, and staff annuitants, their spouses and friends attended. We celebrated the 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our organization. The guests arrived early and stayed long after the formal celebration. We presented our first Annuitants' Scholarship, awarded the Annuitant's Ambassador, and were entertained by the EIU Orchestra and Concert Choir. You can see the picture of the luncheon on our web page.

Alan Baharlou, President

## CHAPTER NEWS

We presented our first EIU Annuitants Association Scholarship at our luncheon in January. Thomas McElwee is a senior music major who is student teaching this spring. He has applied for graduate school in creative writing, because he wants to pursue a dream of writing fiction as well as making music. His mother, Lola McElwee, is currently a professor in the journalism department and has been since the early 90's. His father, Bob McElwee, also got his undergrad and master's degrees at Eastern, so he is a second generation Eastern student. He hopes to one day, after graduate school, study professional writing in Scotland (an excuse to get over there) and then come back and work at an editing firm for a major publisher of novels. Both parents attended the luncheon with Thomas and his mother made introductions. Congratulations Thomas!

This year, due to very narrow scholarship criteria of the EIU Annuitants Scholarship (only majors who are the children or grandchildren of annuitants or current EIU employees with at least 5 years of service are eligible) in an academic college, we received only one eligible applicant. After extensive deliberation, the executive committee unanimously voted to change the criteria so that each year junior and senior majors from all of the four academic colleges with 3.00 GPAs who are the children or grandchildren of annuitants and/or current EIU employees with 5 years of service will be eligible to apply.

## CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### Academy of Lifetime Learning

#### What is the Academy of Lifetime Learning?

The Academy of Lifetime Learning (ALL) is a learning community sponsored by the School of Continuing Education at Eastern Illinois University. The Academy provides low-cost, high-quality, non-credit, short courses to mature learners in the area. It provides an opportunity for retired and semi-retired persons to enjoy a lifetime of learning in a relaxed atmosphere, without the strain of having to do outside study, write papers, or take tests.

#### Who can join?

ALL is open to anyone in the area who is of retirement age and who has a curiosity and a desire to learn. No previous college experience is necessary.

#### What courses are offered?

Course offerings vary each semester, and take place during the day. Classes still available in the spring semester include:

- Amish: A Visit to their Doorstep, April 12, 8-5
- The Ethics of Food, April 4, 1-3 PM
- Spring Tree Walk, Apr. 11, 1-3 PM
- What to Keep and Why (Family Records) Apr. 23, 12-1:30 PM
- Small Scale/Intensive Gardening (Lasagna Gardening), Apr. 18, 1-3 PM
- Auctions: Experience the Action! Apr. 25, May 2, 4-6 PM
- Edible and Medicinal Wild Plants, Apr. 25, May 2, 1-3 PM
- Container Gardening for Your Home, May 6, 12-2 PM
- Taste of Italy, May 20 2-4 PM

Courses are taught by active and retired faculty and community members with special knowledge or background who have expertise in their subjects and are committed to excellence.

#### Where can I get more information?

For more information and current course listings, the ALL website can be found at:

[http://www.eiu.edu/~adulded/current/lifetime\\_learn.php](http://www.eiu.edu/~adulded/current/lifetime_learn.php)

You can also contact the School of Continuing Education at Eastern Illinois University at 581-5114, or e-mail [ALL@eiu.edu](mailto:ALL@eiu.edu)

### EIU Civil Service Council Scholarship

The EIU Civil Service Council is excited to announce the formation of a scholarship established through Eastern Illinois University Foundation and we are asking for your support. This scholarship will provide scholarships for current, former, or retired Non-

Negotiated Civil Service employees; or a child or grandchild of a current, former, or retired Non-Negotiated Civil Service employee. The scholarship will be awarded annually to encourage those who are eligible to further their education. If you are interested in making a tax deductible donation; you may do so by cash, check (made payable to EIU Foundation), or payroll deduction. Payroll deduction forms are available at <http://www.eiu.edu/~develop/images/effform.pdf>. Please send contributions to EIU Foundation, Civil Service Council Scholarship, 600 Lincoln Avenue, Charleston, IL 61920. You can also make credit card contributions online by visiting <http://www.eiu.edu/~develop/gift.php>. Click on the link under the section "To give a gift online." Then click on "other gifts" and on this form indicate it is for the "Civil Service Council Scholarship." Please join us in getting this established and available! Contact Michelle Morgan at [mimorgan@eiu.edu](mailto:mimorgan@eiu.edu) with questions.

**We need to hear from you! Please send your news bits to EIU Annuitants Association, Brainard House, 600 Lincoln Ave., Charleston IL 61920 or email them to**

### NEWS FROM YOU

We are looking for Mary Greenlaw. If anyone knows her mailing address, please let us know. Thanks!

RICHARD and BARBARA FUNK celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on January 12. They have three children and four grandchildren. They celebrated in July by attending a family reunion in Minnesota where Richard's sister and her husband also celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

HARLEY GENE GILL and his wife Charlotte celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 21. They have two children, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Gene retired in 1996 as a building service worker. Congratulations!

JOHN GUZLOWSKI had a book of poems accepted for publication. One of the poems was read on Garrison Keillor's "The Writer's Almanac." John's poems center on his parents and their experiences as Polish slave laborers in concentration camps in Nazi Germany and their lives in the U.S. Congratulations,

John!

Barbara Hardin, widow of Burton Hardin, writes: "From the time that we moved to Monument, Colorado, in 1993 until Burton could no longer play French horn, we both played in the Pueblo Symphony. I played Principle viola. Eventually, Burton had to go into a nursing home. It had been so long since I had touched my viola that it took a year to regain enough proficiency to return to the orchestra. Age had taken its toll on my muscles and reflexes. About the same time that I returned to playing, a friend who was the elementary school music teacher at tiny ranch land Peyton, Colorado, asked me to help her with her string classes one afternoon a week. After Burton died last year, I suddenly felt like a latter day Rip Van Winkle. I Pods? Blackberries? LCD? How did I get to be 70+ years old? I was a decade behind! I may never catch up but I'm giving it my best shot. Not long ago, I walked into a Circuit City store with a big pad of paper and said "Educate me." They very kindly passed me from department to department with guides and I took notes. This fall I am spending two days (7:30 – 5:45) teaching strings in Peyton. My friend is now teaching all of the instrumental music. I work with individuals or small groups who are falling behind or who are ahead of the classes and need special help. I have also been drafted by the Colorado Springs Youth Symphonies to start a Mozart String Project class for younger kids in Peyton. My son, David, is in Valparaiso, Indiana, but is planning to move soon. I have four grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and four step-great-grandchildren."

DAVE HENARD and his wife Gail recently returned from a mission/volunteer worker trip to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Gail taught "English as a second language" to Kyrgyz students and Dave worked on the construction of a village community center in the village of Molyvoudnia. Both helped distribute food and coal to some of the poor in the villages. Building relationships with some who suffered the ill effects of Communism and the economic disaster that occurred in satellite provinces after the collapse of the Soviet Union was an important purpose for the trip. This was their second trip to Kyrgyzstan. The first two month trip between December 2002 and early February 2003 involved teaching and service in the same village.

BOB and PAT HILL celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on January 5. Bob retired as a building supervisor in 2003, and Pat retired as an administrative assistant in the Lumpkin College of Business & Applied Sciences in 2002. They have five children, ten grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. A family celebration was held at a local

restaurant. Congratulations!

**DANIEL LENHART** and his wife Mauvie celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on February 8. He retired as a building service sub-foreman in housing. They have three children, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Best wishes!

**MARY MCDADE** celebrated her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on Christmas Eve. She is married to Walt McDade, an EIU annuitant, and is the mother of three children, including Steve McDade, another EIU annuitant. She has six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. She and Walt are both retired building service workers. Congratulations!

**CARLOS STANFIELD** and his wife Martha celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on December 12. He retired from the power plant. They have four children, six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Congratulations!

**FRANK "KIT" STOKES** and his wife Mary write that they have moved back to Maui after their son Phillip died. They live a block from the ocean in a Holiday Corporation apartment complex; all meals and housekeeping supplied by the management – a carefree life style. He still scribbles poems and Mary is still keeping the public libraries busy. His email address is: kitster@hawaiiantel.net Aloha!

## REMEMBERING FRIENDS

**ZENO BAILEY**, age 86, of Boaz, Alabama, formerly of Charleston, died on November 5 after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife Mary Ruth, three children, and two grandchildren. He was laid to rest on a low hill in the Veteran's plot for Army at Crestwood Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Sardis Baptist Church building fund. Mary Ruth said they have enjoyed reading New Horizons over the past 16 years and she will continue to do so in the days ahead.

**GENEVIEVE M. BISHOP**, age 92, of Charleston, died on October 21. She is survived by three children, five grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren. Genny was one of the women who became known as "Rosie the Riveter" during WWII. She retired from building services at EIU in 1992. Memorials in her honor may be made to a church or charity of the donor's preference.

**WALDO L. BORN**, age 80, of Charleston, died on December 20. He is survived by his wife Peggy, four children, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. He was an emeritus professor at EIU and a retired U.S. Naval Air Commander. He was also involved in teaching young people to fly and belonged

to EAA Oshkosh and the Train a Pilot Program. His interment is at Arlington National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to EAA Chapter #274, T.A.P. scholarship fund, Hanger #102A, Airport, Decatur IL 62521; the Tailhook Educational Foundation, P. O. Box 26626, San Diego CA 92196-0626; First Presbyterian Church, 311 7<sup>th</sup> St., Charleston IL 61920; Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, 875 N. Randolph St., Arlington VA 22203; M.O.A.A. (Military Officers Association of America), scholarship program, in care of Barbara Grabert, treasurer, 301 W. Curtis Ave., Apt. 5-104, Savoy IL 61874

**WILBERT "BILL" BRAND**, age 87, of Mattoon, died on February 15. He is survived by his wife Sara, five children, twelve grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. He was an Air Force veteran of WWII and retired from EIU in 1983.

**DALE D. BURRIS, SR.**, age 72, of Charleston, died on November 30. He is survived by his wife Shirley, two sons, three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. He was a retired Army veteran of 30 years and retired as a building service sub-foreman.

**HELEN DEVINNEY**, age 97, of Shelbyville, formerly of Charleston, died on January 22. She retired from the faculty in Home Economics in 1975.

**Shirley A. (Sims) Cox**, age 72, of Humboldt, died on November 19. She is survived by her husband Bennie, two children, four grandchildren, and several siblings, including Kenny Sims, an EIU annuitant.

**HELEN L. ELLINGTON**, age 86, of Terre Haute, Indiana, formerly of Clark and Edgar counties, died on November 9. She worked on the lines of a bomb factory in Indiana during WWII. She is survived by two children, five grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. She retired from the food services at EIU. Memorials may be made to the UMW, United Methodist Temple, 5301 S. U.S. Highway 41, Terre Haute IN 47802.

**CHARLES F. FUGATE**, age 82, of Sullivan, formerly of Greenup and Windsor, died on February 29. He is survived by his wife Nadene, one daughter, four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. He was a Navy veteran of WWII. He retired from building services in 2001.

**BURTON HARDIN**, of Monument, Colorado, died on May 9, 2006, from a variant of Parkinson's called Lewy Body Syndrome.

**GEORGE H. JONES III**, age 84, of Charleston, died January 24. He taught history at EIU from 1966 until his retirement in 1989. He was an Army veteran of WWII.

**Verdin T. Justice**, age 90, of Casey, died on January 7. She is survived by six children, including EIU annuitant Granville Justice.

**William C. B. Krick**, age 103, of Montrose, died on February 29. He is survived by three daughters, including EIU annuitant Delores Knott.

**DAISY W. LAMB**, age 69, of Charleston, died on January 3. She is survived by her husband John, five children, fifteen grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

**Dorothy M. Manbeck**, age 86, of Winfield, Illinois, formerly of Charleston, died on February 16. She is survived by her husband, EIU annuitant Maurice Manbeck, three daughters, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Wesley United Methodist Church or the Alzheimer's Association.

**MARION G. MCLEAN**, age 87, of Charleston, died on January 9. She is survived by three children, three grandchildren, and three step-grandchildren. She retired after 20 years at EIU in the accounting department.

**PAUL D. OVERTON**, age 78, of Charleston, died December 20. He is survived by three sons and six grandchildren. He was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict.

**GARLAND T. and RUTH A. RIEGEL**, ages 93 and 89, respectively, died on November 12 and February 4, respectively. Both died while living at the Heartland Christian Village in Neoga, Illinois. They are survived by four children, eight grandchildren, and two step-grandchildren. Their engagement party was interrupted by a radio announcement that Pearl Harbor had been bombed; they were married on December 20, 1941. He joined the Army and retired from the Medical Service Corps as Lt. Colonel. He taught in the Zoology Department for 30 years and served as department head for 13 years. Memorials in his honor may be made to the First Presbyterian Church Restoration Fund. Ruth taught Parapsychology and English at EIU until her retirement in 1994. Memorials in her honor may be made to the Charleston Alley Theater or the Eastern Symphony Orchestra.

**ARNOLD "GENE" RODGERS**, age 83, of Charleston, died on January 3. He is survived by his wife Dorothy, two sons, seven granddaughters, a step-granddaughter, and four great-grandchildren. He was a Navy veteran of WWII. He retired from the equipment room at Lantz Gym after 20 years. Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church or a charity of the donor's preference.

**SUSAN R. RUTAN**, age 77, of Ashmore, died on February 11. She is survived by her husband Charles, three children, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She was a retired building service worker.

**Eunice A. Snider**, age 68, of Peru, Illinois, died on February 6. She is survived by her husband, EIU annuitant Arthur "Art" Snider, one son and one grandson. Memorials may be made to Camp New Hope. P.O. Box 764, Mattoon IL 61938.

**SIDNEY R. STEELE**, age 90, of Charleston, died on November 24. He is survived by his wife Harriett, two children, and two grandchildren. He taught in the Chemistry Department at EIU for 38 years and served as department chair for 10 years.

**Inez Sterling**, age 103, of Paris, formerly of Brocton, died on February 4. She is survived by three sons, including EIU annuitant Bob Sterling.

**James O. Tichenor**, age 66, of Tavares, Florida, formerly of Charleston died on January 24 when he was struck and killed by a car. He is survived by his wife Sharon, three children, six grandchildren, and four siblings, including EIU annuitant Don Tichenor.

**ROBERT C. TIMBLIN**, age 83, of Charleston, died on November 13. He taught in the Sociology Department at EIU until his retirement in 1989. He also played in the EIU and Champaign-Urbana Symphonies as a violinist. He is survived by his wife Carol, four daughters, sixteen grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Memorials in his honor may be made to the EIU Foundation.

**Bernice T. Waggoner**, age 93, of Sullivan, died on November 8. She is survived by four children, including EIU annuitant Leon Waggoner.

**THEDA C. WOODFALL**, age 91, of Charleston, died on October 21. She is survived by a daughter, two grandsons, and four great-grandchildren. She retired as a building service worker. Memorials may be made to the Friendship Baptist Church.

**To find out more information about the EIU Foundation, check out their web page at:**  
**[www.eiu.edu/~found/](http://www.eiu.edu/~found/)**

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