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LOOKING AHEAD

Our next meeting will be held on June 12 in the Neal Welcome Center. President and Mrs. Lincoln will be joining us.

8:30 - Coffee, tea, & conversation
9:00 – Business Meeting followed by a presentation from B.F. & Dorothy McClerren who portray Abe and Mary Lincoln.

MEETING DATES COMING UP

EIUAA MEETINGS: (8:30 am)

Oct 2, 2008 – Neal Welcome Center

(correction)

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 Fantastic Journey Back Through Time

Over 20 million African were captured and shipped to this county as slaves between 1540 and 1850, mostly concentrated in the south and slavery remained legal over 250 years. Slaves were significant sources of income, particularly for plantation owners which they zealously guarded that benefit. Slaves were property of their owners and had no legal rights. Scriptures confirmed slavery and religious organizations remained silent in opposing it. Many of our revered founding fathers such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, and Jefferson Davis were slave owners.

Since the ascent of human race as Homo sapiens, slavery has been part of every civilization. Can such a deeply rooted inhumane, undemocratic and immoral tradition with significant economic, social, and politically implications be changed?

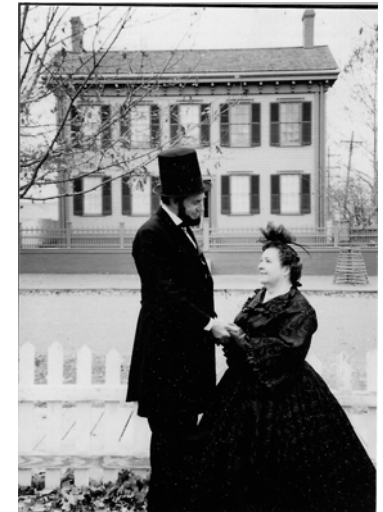
What would it take to change slavery? Who would lead the charge? How can it be achieved? Then a wise and eloquent man from a very progressive state

with the help of a compassionate and dedicated wife took on the task, the mission started the arduous and challenging journey to change the long standing slavery. He succeeded with the famous declaration named after him, the President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation which became effective on January 1, 1863.

Wouldn't you wish that you could take a journey back through time and visit, listen to and converse with that man and woman, Abe Lincoln, the 16th President of the United (literary) States of America and Mary Todd Lincoln?

Fortunately, your wish will be granted at our June 12, Chapter Meeting in the Neal Welcome Center when our well known annuitant and emeritus history professor B.F. (Mac) and Dorothy McClerren will portray Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln in looks and character. Abe

Lincoln (Mac) will reminisce about his years in Springfield, meeting Mary Lincoln, the Lincoln/Douglas debates, the Civil War Years-all presented with a balance of Lincoln stories, poetry, and speeches. About midway, Mr. Lincoln will introduce Mary who will share her stories of girlhood, marriage, the children, and war years. Mac and Dorothy have made this presentation throughout the country to many civic and educational organizations and have been on TV and in newspapers and have received awards and praises for their realistic portrayals of the Lincolns. On June 12, you will be entertained as you witness one of the most pivotal moments in the history of this Republic.



Alan Baharlou, President

CHAPTER NEWS

A short business meeting was held at our April 10 chapter meeting. Two items recommended by the Executive Committee were deliberated and approved unanimously. One, the Constitution was amended to accurately reflect the number of EIUAA Executive Committee Officers to include: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, membership chair and newsletter editor. Two, EIUAA Executive Committee officers for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010 are as follows: President: Dale Wolf; Vice President: Jayne Ozier; Secretary: Jane Johnson; Treasurer: Ron Wohlstein; Membership Chair: Ellen Keiter; Newsletter Editor: Alan Baharlou. Executive Committee members and their terms are: Hal Nordin, Chris Sims and Michael Strader (2009); Dale Wolf and Ron Wohlstein (2010); Alan Baharlou, Dan Carpenter, Barb Funk, Jane Johnson, Bill Kirk, Frank McCormick, and Jayne Ozier (2011).

Alan also reported that the SUAA Directors met on March 11 at EIU and deliberated the following: the possible adverse consequences of a State Constitution in 2008 on State Universities Annuitants Pension and Health Care and strategies to increase SUAA's membership – the most powerful tool to protect our benefits. Higher Education Lobby Day in Springfield was held on April 9 and visited legislators' offices to stress the urgency to support higher education.

Alan made a request that our chapter members volunteer to assist the 2008 "EIU Reads" Program by reading the book Mountains Beyond Mountains (which will be supplied by the university), facilitating the discussion group of 25-30 incoming freshmen on August 22, and sharing their higher education and life experiences when pertinent. If you are interested, please contact Alan at abaharlou@eiu.edu.

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 annuitants@eiu.edu

NEWS FROM YOU

We are looking for Juanita M. Landrus and Mary Williams. If anyone knows their mailing addresses, please let us know. Thanks!

JO and BOB BARGER writes that they "have moved into a newly constructed retirement home named Andre Place in Holy Cross Village, Notre Dame, Indiana. This is adjacent to the University of

Notre Dame where Bob teaches computer ethics and computer programming courses. Jo retired from teaching at Indiana University South Bend a few years ago and enjoys volunteering on Notre Dame's campus which is just across the street from our new home. Cambridge University Press is publishing Bob's textbook in August entitled "Computer Ethics: A case-based approach" and he plans to use it the next time he teaches computer ethics. We enjoyed a great visit with Vanlou Trank a while ago and fortunately have found places in our new home for all of Lynn Trank's beautiful art pieces we have collected over the years."

WALT ELMORE was inducted into the Illinois Track and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame in recognition of his time and effort as an outstanding official in the sports of track and field and cross country. The Award is the most prestigious honor in the sports officiating profession in the State of Illinois. Mr. Elmore is retired from officiating, but worked most of the big meets over the last fifty years. Mr. Elmore is a Navy Air Force veteran of WWII seeing active duty on board the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Essex. He started teaching and coaching at EIU in the Fall of 1948. Walt retired from EIU after forty years of service in the Physical Ed and Education departments. He supervised 1,353 student teachers, an unofficial and national record. During retirement, he has more time to spend with his sons, Ron and Steve, and their families. In recent years, he has on occasion been known to travel to Olney. Walt lives in Charleston and still does a little fishing and hunting. Congratulations!

MARIILYN LISOWSKI was asked to conduct a series of lectures on the Caribbean and Marine Biology for an Adult Education Program in the Caribbean, Panama and Costa Rica in February/March. She was also selected as Chairperson of the International Science Committee for the National Science Teachers Association for the years 2008-2011 and was made an associate editor for the international journal, The Environmentalist. Wonderful news!

ROY MEYERHOLTZ and his wife Pat celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 6. They have three children and seven grandchildren. Roy retired from the math department and Pat is a retired elementary school teacher. Congratulations!

REMEMBERING FRIENDS

Mary Atteberry, age 100, of Olney died on April 4. She is survived by one daughter, EIU annuitant Marilyn Oglesby, one grandson, one granddaughter, and one great-grandson. Memorials may be made to the Elm Street Christian Church or to the Richland Memorial Hospital Extended Care.

Sharon L. Berry, age 64, of Charleston, died on March 5. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, EIU annuitant John Berry, three children, seven grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. Both were volunteers for C.C.A. and Charleston Soup Stop.

Don Biggs, age 92, of Westfield, died on March 5. He is survived by his wife, EIU annuitant Margaret Biggs of Ashmore, one son, five grandsons, and fourteen great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Westfield United Methodist Church Organ Fund.

EVELYN HAUGHT, passed away on September 1, 2007, in Mesa, Arizona. She is survived by her husband Herschel.

Victor L. Johns, age 90, of Keller, Texas, died on April 6. He is survived by his wife Nancy, three sons, including EIU annuitant David Jorns, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He was an Army veteran of WWII.

ROBERT H. KARRAKER, age 76, of Charleston, died on April 23 after a lengthy struggle with lymphoma. He is survived by his wife Shirley, two daughters and two grandchildren. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served in the Korean Conflict. He retired as a professor of chemistry in 1994. Memorials may be made to the EIU Foundation – Robert H. Karraker Scholarship Fund or the First Presbyterian Church.

Thomas W. “Tom” Lowell, age 59, of Raleigh, North Carolina, died on March 8 after a courageous battle with kidney cancer. He is survived by his parents, EIU annuitant Walter and Margaret Lowell, his wife Charlene and three daughters. Tom graduated from EIU in 1977 then received his MBA from Northwestern. He served in the U.S. Navy for six years. He was a regional sales distribution manager for several companies and received many awards for his accomplishments. Memorials in his honor may be made to the Kidney Cancer Association.

DANIEL MARVIN, JR., age 69, of Mattoon, died on April 21. Dan was the youngest president to have served EIU. He was instrumental in establishing the Tarble Arts Center, the WEIU public television station, and the Gateway Athletic Conference. After his retirement, he became the president of the First National Bank of Mattoon and served numerous professional and community organizations. He is survived by Maxine, his wife of 49 years, three children, and six grandchildren. Memorial gifts may be sent to the EIU Foundation for WEIU-FM/TV.

THELMA MCDANIEL passed away on December 16, 2005.

DONALD L. MOLER, age 90, of Topeka, Kansas, died on March 30 at the Brewster Place Retirement Community. He was a professor at EIU for over 30 years, served as the Chairman of the Educational Psychology and Guidance Department for over 20 years, and was Dean of Education for a time in the 1980s. He was an Army veteran of WWII. He is

survived by one son and one grandson. Memorials may be made to the Donald L. Moler Memorial Fund, c/o EIU Foundation.

Suzanne Rogers Morice, age 77, of Columbia, Tennessee, died on March 28. She is survived by her husband, EIU annuitant Herbert O. Morice, five children and two grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Marshall County Memorial Library, Lewisburg, Tennessee, or to the American Hearth Association.

Jean Penn, age 89, of Arlington Heights, formerly of Charleston, died on March 7. She was the widow of Stuart Penn who died in 2006. She is survived by two children and three grandchildren.

BESSIE F. WHITE, age 99, of Sun City Center, Florida, passed away on July 8, 2007. She is survived by three children, ten grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Jnettie B. Williams, age 95, of Charleston, died on March 5. She is survived by four children, including EIU annuitant Barbara Coats, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

To find out more information about the EIU Foundation, check out their web page at:
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