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LOOKING AHEAD

On Friday, January 21, 2011, we will celebrate the Eastern Illinois University Annuitants Association’s 40th years in existence, with our Annual Luncheon and Entertainment at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Charleston. To make reservations please scroll to page 9 and click to print, from the print menu select current page and click OK. Complete the form and return by January 7, to the address designated on the form.

The EIUAA Executive Committee Members wish you all wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

MEETING DATES COMING UP

EIUAA CHAPTER MEETINGS: (8:30 am)		EIUAA EXEC. COMMITTEE MEETINGS: (9 am)	
January 21, 2011	40th Annual Luncheon	March 3, 2011	Neal Welcome Center
April 14 2011	Neal Welcome Center	June 2, 2011	Neal welcome Center
July 14, 2011	Neal Welcome Center	September 8, 2011	Neal Welcome Center
October 13, 2011	Neal Welcome Center	December 1, 2011	Neal Welcome Center

PRESIDENT'S VIEW

Greetings Everyone! Holiday times are here, and I hope you are well and warm.

Holidays seem to create a time of reflection. As a part of that reflection, I hope you have circled January 21, 2011, in anticipation of our 40th Annual EIU Annuitants Association Winter Luncheon. Come prepared to share memories of the Association with those sitting at your table. If you have any Association memorabilia you would like exhibit for annuitants viewing and enjoyment, please contact us to arrange for the display. We will again convene at 11:00 in the St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church Moriarty Hall and

enjoy the Niemerg's Steakhouse catered lunch. Thanks to annuitant Alan Horney, the Four Voices, will provide our entertainment. Please make your reservations by completing and returning the enclosed form.

With midterm elections behind us, we can now relax and focus our attention on continued contact with our legislators. Their work is challenging, so let our voices help them address the issues. If you need more EIUAA membership recruitment materials, just let us know. Remember the larger our group, the louder our voice.

Take care of yourselves, S. Jayne Ozier, EIUAA President

Chapter Messages

Annuitants' Association Scholarship

Headline: Scholarship News and A Request

***As our newsletter goes to press, the EIU Annuitants' Association is concluding its final selection process for the 2010 winner of our scholarship for children and grandchildren of EIU employees or annuitants who have been on staff for a minimum of five consecutive years. The scholarship has been presented annually for the past four years, with the number and competitiveness of the applicants increasing each year.**

The Association maintains a fund with the EIU Foundation for this purpose, and we seek to increase the amount of that fund by donations from our membership, as recent declines in income from Foundation accounts mean that the account is currently generating only enough income to cover about half the scholarship amount. The rest is made up from the Annuitants' Association treasury. So your donation would really help

If you can donate even a little, we encourage you to do so, either by sending a check to the EIU Foundation, made out to the Foundation with "EIU Annuitants' Association Scholarship" on the memo line, or by following the links on our website (go to the University site, click on "Alumni and Friends", then "More info," then "EIU Annuitants Association," then "EIU Annuitants Association Scholarship" to donate with an EFT.)

Dr. Carol D. Stevens, for the Scholarship Committee

Membership

***This is a time of year that inspires reflection and, along with it, feelings of gratitude. In that spirit, we extend a sincere thank you to all of you for your membership in EIUAA. It's because of you that our total now exceeds 700 members. We are most grateful for your continuing loyal support which benefits all of us.**

This is also a season of gift-giving. Have you considered giving a gift membership in EIUAA to a nonmember who is in your circle of EIU friends and acquaintances? Not only would it be a generous gesture but a one-year membership from you could be just the nudge that stimulates someone to becoming a long-term member.

The process for giving someone a membership is straightforward. First, print a membership form by going to the EIUAA website (<http://castle.eiu.edu/~annuitants/>) and clicking on the "Membership Form" link at the left. Then fill it in with the recipient's information and mail it with your check to the address on the form. If you don't have access to a computer, please give me a call at 217-345-3462 and I'll be glad to send you a form. As soon as your completed form is received, I'll send a note to the recipient announcing your gift.

Happy holidays!

Ellen Keiter, Membership Chair

CHAPTER NEWS

At the October 7, 2010 chapter meeting the proposed changes to the EIU Annuitants Association Constitution were approved by voice vote. President Ozier announced that her predecessor Dale Wolf's goal of increasing the Chapter's dues-paid membership to 700 was achieved. Vice President Martin announced that Eastern will soon launch a new capital campaign whose priorities will be (A) to increase funding for student scholarships; (B) to raise funds for the new science building; (C) to enhance relationships with alumni; and (D) to build volunteer support. The current value of the endowment stands at \$51.2 million, with a yield of 4.6%. Dean Irwin began by calling attention to the schedule of performances listed in the Doudna 2010-2011 program booklet. She reported that a new Humanities Center has been established under the direction of Professor Jan Marquardt- Cherry .SUAA Executive Director Brookhart distributed a pie chart documenting the diversity of the SURS investment portfolio (valued at \$12.2 billion as of 6/30/10), and a bar graph documenting the volatility of SURS "Total Market Value" during the period FY 2007 through FY 2010. \$4.1 billion in pension bonds will be needed to pay for the state's FY 2011 contribution to the pension system.

President Perry, after thanking annuitants for their continuing contributions to the well being of the university and its students, offered an update on campus building projects. He noted that work on the Renewable Energy Center is progressing, the planned new science building remains a top priority in the campus Master Plan, and the new Textbook Rental Center is "up and running" - and providing considerably better service to students at a cost of \$30 additional dollars per semester. "Expect Greatness" will be the theme of the new capital Campaign

CAMPUS NEWS

- The Campus Master Plan update is progressing well. The Plan has been deliberated by the Campus & Community, extensively. The main elements of the Plan are construction of a new Science Building and a new Students' Services Building housing all related services.
- Construction of the Renewable Energy Center located east of campus is progressing well.

- **UNDERGRADUATES TUITION RATE TO BE SAME FOR IN-STATE/OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS.** Higher tuition rates will no longer be a deterrent for prospective out-of-state students wishing to attend Eastern. The EIU Board of Trustees approved a tuition rate change for all undergraduate students from the five states bordering Illinois: Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri and Wisconsin – from several times the in-state rate to the present in-state rate.

“Clearly, we must do everything we can to increase the number of Illinois residents who apply to Eastern, but with out-of-state institutions becoming very aggressive in recruiting our students, we need to consider doing more,” said Blair Lord, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

- In spite of the state’s unprecedented budget crisis, Eastern Illinois University has maintained its academic integrity and campus collegiality. Because of that, Eastern has received high praise from the Community’s political and business leaders and newspapers. The following is an excerpt from the Journal Gazette & Times- Courier, November 20, 2010 Editorial article under the heading **“Kudos to EIU for Handling of Budget Mess”** “ President Perry announced that although the university faces another tight year financially, there are no plans to lay off employees, require furlough or borrow money. EIU met all of its fiscal obligations over the past fiscal year, no small feat in light of delayed and reduced payments received from the State of Illinois”
- The two past recipients of the EIUAA Scholarship; Mara Hampton and Nicole Dallas, Continued to receiving accolades. Both presented papers last spring at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research in Missoula, Montana. Nicole Dallas also received this year’s Eastern Illinois University Parents Club Scholarship.
- The EIU School of Continuing Education has expanded its Mission to Serve Illinois Citizens with two innovative programs; **Academy of Lifetime Learning** and **Students Involved in Technology**.

[*The Academy of Lifetime Learning is extending the following offer to EIU Annuitants:](#)

- "Being an EIU Annuitant has a new perk! The School of Continuing Education has decided to provide each member of the Annuitants Association whom retired

prior to 2009 a free one year membership to the Academy of Lifetime Learning. Since 2009 the School of Continuing Education has provided new retirees of Eastern a one year membership to the Academy. We have found that many of them consider this a great retirement gift and have enjoyed their Academy experiences. So, we decided to extend this gift to former retirees. The concept of Lifelong Learning as a health benefit is being considered one of the great advances in understanding successful aging. The Academy Program Guide for Spring and Summer 2011 has over 72 days of events scheduled. We understand how busy EIU retirees' lives can be and try to schedule our activities to reflect that understanding. We currently have over 250 paying members of the Academy and another 30 members who are new retirees. The wonderful thing about the Academy is no one is keeping track of your attendance, you can attend as many or as few activities as you would like over the course of the semester. The Spring and Summer 2011 Program Guide will be mailed over Christmas Break. However, if you would like to view the course offerings prior to that, they are available on the Academy of Lifetime Learning page from the A-Z guide on the EIU Webpage. It is our hope that the Annuitants will join us in a workshop, luncheon, lecture, or social event in 2011! "

***The Students Involved in Technology offers the following opportunity:**

- Looking for a holiday gift for a special child? How about a registration for the Students Involved in Technology (SIT) Conference! Eastern Illinois University School of Continuing Education will host a Students Involved in Technology (SIT) conference for kids on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011, at EIU. The SIT conference is a one-day technology conference for students in grades 3 through 12. The conference is unique in that it is for students and by students. Conference presenters are students and the attendees are students. Conference attendees will be exploring technology through exciting presentations on topics ranging from Web design, wireless networking, digital movies, solar and green technologies, robotics technology and much more. There will be a keynote speaker, snacks, lunch, T-shirts, demonstrations and great prize drawings. The registration fee is \$25 per student or adult sponsor. Students who are presenting at the conference must have an adult sponsor for their presentation. To register, go to www.sitconference.org <<http://www.sitconference.org/>>. For questions regarding the conference, call Beth Craig at 581-5114 or e-mail bcraig@eiu.edu <<mailto:bcraig@eiu.edu>>. The conference promises to be a fun-filled day!

STATE & COMMUNITY NEWS

- Not much has been accomplished in this fall Illinois Legislature's Lame Duck Session. The Senate did not approve the House Bill Authorizing Governor to borrow \$4 billion to meet the State's obligations to the 5 Pension Systems. However, both the House and Senate passed a bill affecting Illinois police, firemen and municipal employees hired after January 1, 2011. The measure is similar to

what passed both houses affecting state employees hired after January 1, 2011, increasing retirement age, reducing COLA, and limiting the annual salary allowed for calculating monthly pension. However, this bill has an interesting provision. It requires the municipalities to meet their annual pension obligations. Wouldn't it have been great if the House and Senate passed the same provision for State obligations to the State's Five Pension Systems to set a good example?

- Both Illinois House and Senate passed a bill legalizing Civil Unions in the State and the Governor said he would sign it.



NEWS FROM YOU



EIU Annuitant Colleagues express heartfelt congratulations

Jean Dilworth sent the following note concerning her recent activities: "Busy with Master Gardeners of North Carolina, birding, and fishing intercostals' waters."

Tom Hildebrand Sr. Celebrated his 85th Birthday on November 12th. Tom and Betty were married April 9, 1949. She is deceased. Hildebrand has one son, Tom Hildebrand Jr. of Charleston. One daughter is deceased. He has five grandchildren.

Jake Zane, Celebrated his 80th Birthday on October 18. Jake's parents were Guy & Edna Zane. He married Wilma Barkley on July 10, 1952. His children are Julie & Debbie. He has five grandchildren. Jake retired from EIU after working for 33 years in a variety of administrative positions.

Carolyn & R.C. Walters, of Ashmore celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 27. Carolyn is the daughter of Cyril and Ruth Coartney, Walter is the son of Don & Doris Walters. The Walters have 3 children, Carla, Donna & Michelle. They have eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Carolyn retired from EIU.

Charlene & George Whitling of Oakland celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on September 11. She is the daughter of the late Charles & Minnie Nicholes. He is the son of the late Marshall & Letha Whitling. They have two children, Lisa & Michael and two grandchildren & one great grand son. The Whitlings retired from EIU.

Remembering Friends



Annabelle Logue, age 78 of rural Charleston, passed away on Friday, December 3, 2010. She was united in marriage to Howard J. Logue on June 8, 1968 .They shared forty years of marriage until his death on December 15, 2008. She is survived by 3 children, Guy, Lisa, and Laura; five grandchildren, Bailey Fouliard, Kameron King, Hayden King and Jeff Fell, Annabelle retired from Eastern Illinois University where she was employed as a secretary in the business administration offices.

Charles "Chuck" Wesley Sturts, retired Air Force Veteran, age 54, passed away on Tuesday, September 21, 2010. He is the son of Harry and Mary (Stewart) Sturts. He married Kimberlee Thompson on February 16, 2001. In addition to his wife, survivors also include his children, April, Charles , Janet , Keith Anthony, and Kody Joeseeph; one grandson, Kyle, & one more grandchild on the way. At the time of his death, he was a dedicated employee of Eastern Illinois University.

Donald E. Dolton, 82, of Charleston, passed away Saturday, October 30, 2010, son of Eugene and Lois Dolton. He is survived by one daughter: Abralyn (Daniel) Baird of Charleston; two grandchildren: Garth Baird of Charleston and Rebecca Baird of Carbondale. He was preceded in death by one grandson: Riley Baird. Donald retired as an English Professor from Eastern Illinois University. He was active in the creation of the union for Professionals at EIU.

John Thomas Lenhart, age 79 of Charleston, passed away on Wednesday (September 1, 2010) He married Mary Ann Kastl on September 20, 1958. He is survived by two daughters, Chris Childress and Ann Marie Lenhart, two grandsons, Nicholas Childress of Charleston and Kyle Childress of Ashmore. He retired from Eastern Illinois University as a Building Services Supervisor.

Joseph B. Szerenyi, 95, passed away on October 5, 2010 He was born in Budapest, Hungary on Nov. 13, 1914. He was educated at Pazmany Peter University of Budapest receiving a PhD in Law. In 1956, Joseph brought his family to the U.S. following the Hungarian Revolution. Joseph became Director of Library Services and Dean of Library Science at Eastern Illinois University, where he oversaw the construction of the new campus library. He retired in 1978. Joseph was preceded in death by his wife, Irene in 2003, and is survived by his sons, Laszlo Szerenyi, Mik (Marj) Lorand, and Peter Wolf, grandsons Laszlo and Paul Szerenyi and Alex Wolf.

Maria Smith, age 86 of rural Greenup, Illinois, died on Thursday, November 11, 2010. Maria was born on June 1, 1924 in Austria, one of four children born to the late Johan and Caroline (Freiler) Brandlhofer. She met and fell in love with a young soldier named Paul Smith while working for the Red Cross during World War II and came to the United States to become his bride on December 12, 1947 Maria is survived by her children, Mary Alice, Bill, Jean Balch, Will, Amy and Dan , Lisa, Alex; nine great-grandchildren; She was a sorority house cook at Eastern Illinois University.

V. Mary Hood, 80, of Mattoon, died on Thursday, September 9, 2010, daughter of Roy Francis and Louise Ethelyn (Teel) Snoddy. Survivors include her four daughters, Lanna, Marsha Hood , Cheri , Jackie; her grandchildren, Scott, Andrew, Rebecca, Melissa; and five great-grandchildren.. Mary retired from EIU. She was a member of the Retired Cooks of EIU,

Melinda Elizabeth Matthews, 54, passed away on September 6, 2010, the daughter of Kenneth and Elizabeth (Walden) Matthews. Miss Matthews was a former clerical worker for Eastern Illinois University. Melinda leaves one son, Jacob and one brother, James Matthews; one sister, Carolyn Martin and several nieces and cousins.

Sharon Hargis Dyer, 59, died on Friday, Nov. 5, 2010, She married Ron Dyer Aug. 20, 2003. Survivors

include her husband, Ron, son Jeremy, daughter Roxanne, sister Lela Summers; several grandchildren and many great nieces and nephews. Sharon was employed a number of years at Eastern Illinois University where she worked at the University Union Office and as an announcer when WEIU-TV initially went online.

William J. Myers, 75, of Charleston passed away on Sunday, November 14, the son of Everett and Opal (Nees) Myers. He married Shirley Auffenorde, December 1, 1965; she survives. Also surviving is their daughter: Jennifer two sisters: Betty (Paul) Baines and Linda Wass, two grandchildren: Justin and Marley. Bill was a U.S. Navy veteran. He retired from EIU as a mail messenger.

We want to express our sympathy to the following Annuitant

Viola B. Ringenberg, age 92 of East Lansing, Michigan and formerly of Charleston, passed away on Friday, November 26, 2010 at her home. Vi, as she was affectionately known, was one of four children born to the late William and Pearl (Wilson) Brown. She served as an Army Nurse during World War II and it was during that time that she met and married a young officer, Lawrence A. Ringenberg. She was employed and also volunteered as a registered nurse in the Charleston area. Vi is survived by two sons, Richard R. Ringenberg and John J. Ringenberg, a daughter, Joanne, nine grandsons; ten great-grandchildren; and a sister, Elnor. Viola was preceded in death by her husband in 1995; a son, Lawrence A. Ringenberg, Jr. in 1990; and two sisters.

Mary Stokes 75 died on September 30th. She was born Belle Garcia, daughter of the late Manuel and Ida (Follis) Garcia. In 1954 she married Frank Stokes and together they raised five children, four who survive: Robin; Mary, Christopher and Barbara She is survived by her husband, four children and three grand-daughters: Mary realized her dream when she and her husband, an English professor at Eastern Illinois University, retired and moved to Hawaii for five years, returning from Maui in 1998 to Springfield when ill health dictated.

Clyde L. Songer, 88 of Newton, Illinois passed away Tuesday, November 30, 2010 ,the son of Orban and Agnes (Kibler) Songer. On September 27, 1947, Clyde married Dorothy M. Fleming. Achieving the rank of corporal in the United State Marines Corp, Clyde served in both [WWII](#) and the Korean Conflict. From 1954-58. He will be loved and remembered by his wife Dorothy Songer of Newton; son Roger C. (Sue) Songer of Charleston; 3 daughters; eight grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren.

EIUAA CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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*Please join us for the
40th Annual EIU Annuitants Association Winter Luncheon
Friday, January 21, 2011*

*St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Moriarty Hall
Madison Avenue and 9th Street Charleston, IL*

By completing and returning this Form by January 7, 2011

Doors open at 11:00 am and serving begins at 11:30 am.

Parking is available in adjoining lot.

Please enter by the west door and register on arrival.

Entertainment will be provided by Al Horney and his "Four Voices" musical group .

Menu (catered by Niemerg's Steakhouse of Effingham):

Choice of roast beef or grilled chicken

Twice-baked potatoes, green beans, corn, cole slaw, noodles, rolls, fruit pies

Sugar-free dessert, iced tea, lemonade, or coffee

Cost: \$8.50 per person (incl. gratuity)

Please RSVP by January 7, 2011

Reserve _____ luncheon tickets at \$8.50 per person with the following entrée choices (beef or chicken or sugar-free dessert)

Annuitant (name) _____ Entrée-dessert choice _____

Annuitant (name) _____ Entrée-dessert choice _____

Guest (name) _____ Entrée-dessert choice _____

Enclosed is a check (payable to "EIU Annuitants Association") for _____

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