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Mary Anne Hanner

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**G**reetings to EIUAA members! Your EIUAA Board of Directors continue to serve and work on your behalf. You will read about their activities in this edition of *New Horizons*. It has been my pleasure to work with them this year as your president. As I look toward the end of my term as EIUAA President, I began to prepare a "to do" list of activities that I need to complete. That prompted me to think about a "to do" list for all EIUAA members.

#### EIUAA "To Do" List

1. **Contribute** to the EIUAA Scholarship fund. As the calendar/tax year concludes, it is a good time to evaluate your finances for the 2016 tax year. To boost your deductions (or just because it is a good idea!), we recommend making a contribution to the EIUAA Scholarship Fund. During 2016, we made great progress toward reaching the \$25,000

endowment level. To donate, send a check, payable to the EIU Foundation, to 600 Lincoln Avenue, Charleston, IL 61920.

2. **Switch** to SURS dues deduction. The VERY best way for EIUAA to maintain and sustain our membership is for all of us to pay our dues through a monthly deduction of \$3.17 from our SURS annuity. When you receive a dues renewal notice from SUAA, make the switch to SURS deduction. AND...you will not receive another renewal notice or reminder from SUAA or EIUAA!
3. **Contact** legislators! The uncertainty of the Illinois budget and the gridlock in the legislature continue to be of great concern. We are hopeful that there will be positive actions taken after the November

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## Glassman Discusses Lean Times, EIU's Response

John Kilgore and Audrey Edwards

**A**t EIUAA's October 6 Chapter meeting, Dr. David Glassman, president of Eastern Illinois University, spoke about the difficulties of navigating Illinois' current fiscal crisis and outlined his plans for meeting the challenge. Though the budget stalemate shows no sign of ending, Glassman remains confident of Eastern's future. "People ask me how I can be so optimistic all the time, and I tell them, it's the only gear I have. . . ."

Owing to an impasse between the legislature and the governor, the state has been operating without a budget, and state support to the universities has all but stopped. For fiscal year 2016, said Glassman, Eastern to date has received just 30% of its expected appropriation.

For FY 2017, under stopgap funding measures, it has so far received just 50% of its annual budget.

The attitude of many in Springfield is, "2016 is gone, forget about it." However, Glassman says he still intends to seek restoration of full funding for both years. Each Wednesday morning, Glassman talks with presidents from colleges and universities around the state, exploring strategies for restoring state support for higher education.

Meanwhile, cutbacks have been the order of the day. Layoffs of faculty and staff have been particularly painful. "But we managed to survive on a 30% appropriation," and

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**Membership:** Mary Anne Hanner (Chair), John Best, John Flynn, Joan Zieren

**Nominations, Scholarship:** Margaret Messer (Chair), Nancy Dole

# CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
Th, Dec. 8, 2016, 9:00 a.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Neal Welcome Center
Th, Jan. 26, 2017, 9:00 a.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Neal Welcome Center
Th, Feb. 23, 2017, 9:00 a.m.	Chapter Meeting	Neal Welcome Center
Th, Mar. 2, 2017, 9:00 a.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Neal Welcome Center
F, April 28, 2017, 11:30 a.m.	<b>Annual Luncheon</b>	LifeSpan Center
Th, June 1, 2017, 9:00 a.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Neal Welcome Center
Th, July 13, 2017, 9:00 a.m.	Chapter Meeting	Neal Welcome Center
Th, Sept. 7, 2017, 9:00 a.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Neal Welcome Center
Th, Oct. 5, 2017, 9:00 a.m.	Chapter Meeting	Neal Welcome Center
Th, Dec. 7, 2017, 9:00 a.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Neal Welcome Center

*Note: Chapter meetings at the Neal Welcome Center begin with an 8:30 a.m. social time and come to order at 9:00.*



# News From Our Members

**Kathleen Bower** (Geology, 2013) has retired to her home town of Akron, Ohio. She and her husband live in an urban house backing on a metropolitan park. There are deer, birds, and trees. It is like "camping but comfortable."

Ken's and Kathy's 13th grandchild was born this summer. Kathy is now teaching part time in construction engineering at the University of Akron, and Ken teaches high school chemistry.

**Dr. Scott AGM Crawford FRSA** (Kinesiology and Sports Studies, 2010) has two essays that will be appearing in the international, refereed *Journal of Sport History*. The pieces are "The Harold 'Red' Grange Collection: Wheaton College, Illinois" (Winter 2016) and "The Loughborough University Hall of Fame, England" (Spring 2017). Crawford visited Loughborough, his alma mater, in April, 2016 to carry out the research. In the 2017 Guardian University League Table, Loughborough was ranked the fourth best British university, after Cambridge, Oxford, and the London School of Economics.

**Dr. Ruth Dow** (Family & Consumer Sciences, 1998) and **Charles Dow** (MBA 1986) renewed their wedding vows in their Naperville, IL church to celebrate their 60th anniversary in August. Their family hosted a celebration at the church afterwards.



**John and Judy Flynn** (Financial Aid, 1999; Health Services, 2003) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May 2016. John was Director of Financial Aid 1984-1999. Judy was a nurse in EIU Health Services for 23 years till retirement. They have two children. Kelly (EIU BS '90, MS '91) is Charge Electrician at the Clinton Nuclear Power Plant. Sean (EIU BS '92, MS '94) is a Family Practice Physician in Effingham, IL. They have nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. They enjoy wintering in Mexico and traveling. They live on Lake Mattoon in Neoga, IL.



**Bruce Guernsey** (English, 2003). I don't have a lot to share but I did attend my 50th college reunion this June at Colgate University, where I was asked to give a poetry reading for our class. I will also be the guest reader at the String Poet Society annual awards celebration in Huntington, Long Island, this September. By the way, I have a website,

[www.bruceguernsey.com](http://www.bruceguernsey.com), where some of my writings can be found. Meanwhile, at our place in Bethel, Maine, Victoria continues to make her extraordinary jewelry, and I go fly fishing. Peace and grace to all!

**Joe Heumann** (Communication Studies, 2010). I am still working on research, and my new co-written book (with Dr. Robin Murray, English) is coming out from the University of Nebraska Press this October. Its title is *Monstrous Nature: Environment and Horror on the Big Screen*.

**Dr. Roann Kopel** (School of Business, 2010). Bob Dean and I just ended a three-week tour of southern Utah. This part of the country is absolutely amazing, including five national parks, scenic byways and backways, national forests and national monuments. It is the most awesome scenery I have ever seen. Going in I thought, five national parks within two hours of each other must be all the same. Wrong! The landscape in this area changes every couple of miles. If you don't like it here, drive two miles down the road. Red rocks, white rocks, yellow rocks, pink and coral rocks too. Smooth rocks, craggy rocks, pointed rocks, and dome rocks. There are vertical cuts in the rocks, horizontal cuts, diagonal cuts, cuts on an angle, swooping cuts, and even checkerboard cuts. I have learned about arches, fins, natural bridges, and hoodoos. I recommend a minimum of three weeks to do the appropriate amount of sightseeing in southern Utah. If you don't have an RV, rent one. It is a great way to travel and you can even take your dogs!

**Joe and Marita Metzke** (Continuing Education). In the fall of 2015, we took an educational dream trip to Italy for two weeks. We learned so much about the history, culture, fashion, food and gardens from expert Italian guides. We started in Rome, went south to Naples and Capri, then headed north to Tuscany, Venice and Milan. We saw Pompeii, the David, the Coliseum, the Sistine Chapel and the Amalfi coast, to name a few highlights. If you are interested in more details and photos of our trip, please join us October 19, 2016 at the Charleston Carnegie Public Library from noon-1:30 pm, sponsored by The Academy of Lifelong Learning, which offers several learning events of this nature throughout the year. Please call 581-5114 to reserve your seat.

**Dale and Debby Wolf** (Admissions, 2004; Kinesiology, 2008). As I write this to you we are on our way for a two-week trip to Spain and Portugal. Even more important, we became grandparents for the twelfth time with a grandson born in July.



## Remembering Family and Friends

[FOLLOWING ARE BRIEF NOTICES ONLY. TO READ A FULL OBITUARY OR LEAVE CONDOLENCES, VISIT [WWW.JG-TC.COM](http://WWW.JG-TC.COM) AND CLICK ON "OBITUARIES." ]

**Walter Smith Lowell** (Dean, HPER), 91, of Charleston, passed away on March 4, 2016 at Hilltop Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

**Delores Diane Blair** (University Publications, International Programs), age 82, of Charleston, passed away at home on March 9, 2016.

**James Anton Herauf**, 81, of Naples, Fla., passed away on March 10, 2016.

**Bill Isom** (Library Services), 89, of Charleston, passed away on March 14, 2016.

**Hillel V. Gauchman** (Mathematics), 78, of Champaign, passed away on March 18, 2016.

**Jane Lovell** (Building Services), 72, of Casey, IL, passed away on March 21, 2016.

**Talaat K. Mitri** (Biology), 87, passed away on March 30, 2016 in Melbourne, FL.

**Ray Finis Woodyard** (Building Services), 91, of Ashmore, IL, passed away on March 31, 2016, at his home.

**Sue Lipka** (Health Services), 83, of Mattoon, passed away on April 25, 2016, at her home.

**Mary Lovell Thompson** (Building Services, International Programs), 74, of Ashmore, passed away on April 27, 2016 at her home.

**Edith Rittenhouse Hedges** (Home Economics), 79, of rural Charleston, passed away on June 7, 2016 at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.

**Catherine "Casey" Russell** (Library), 91, passed away on June 30.

**Kathleen E. Grant** (Continuing Education), 46, of Mattoon, passed away on July 21, 2016 at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.

**William Stephen Davis** (Student Legal Advisor) of Charleston passed away on July 27th, 2016.

**Edwin Suess, Jr.** (Buildings and Grounds), 85, passed away on August 3, 2016, in North Carolina.

**Catherine Campbell Goman Russell** (Library), 91, passed away on June 29, 2016.

**Tom Nelson** (Biological Sciences) of St. Paul, Minnesota, passed away at home on August 30th, 2016.

**Larry K. Galloway** (Food Services), 69, of Greenup and Charleston, passed away peacefully on September 1, 2016.

**Kenneth Edward Hilligoss** (Electrician, Building Services), 69, of Mattoon, passed away on September 10, 2016.

*Our thanks to Dr. Alan Baharlou for collecting the obituaries.*

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elections. Please call, write, and/or visit with legislators when you receive an alert from the EIUAA Legislative Committee.

4. **Increase** EIUAA membership. If you have a friend or neighbor who is an annuitant or a current EIU employee but not an EIUAA member, bring them to a meeting and/or urge them to join. We will continue hold the "free lunch" drawing when you bring a new member to a meeting.
5. **Increase** EIUAA participation. We urge all members to attend our Chapter meetings and our annual luncheon. We also need members to join our committees. So consider volunteering for one of our committees: Events, Legislative, Communications, Membership, Nominations & Scholarships.

Let's continue to make EIUAA strong by "checking off" each of these items on the "to do" list!

Thanks for your continued support of EIUAA!

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## KEEPING CONNECTED

**EIU Homepage**

<http://www.eiu.edu>

**EIUAA Homepage**

<http://castle.eiu.edu/annuitants>

**SUAA Homepage**

<http://suaa.org>

**Central Management Services**

**Homepage:** [www.illinois.gov/cms/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.illinois.gov/cms/Pages/default.aspx)

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## Getting to Know You: Cal Campbell

Audrey Edwards

**Y**ou may already know Cal Campbell as the author of “Little-Known Characters in America” and several travel articles, all published in the *Journal Gazette-Times Courier*. What may come as a surprise is that Cal has written four books so far and is working on a fifth.

Much of the material for Cal’s books comes from family and local lore. Cal’s father served as a prohibition agent under Elliot Ness in Chicago but after Repeal found a quieter job with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms in Rapid City, South Dakota. Growing up near the Black Hills, Cal heard many stories of the Old West and even saw the place where three horse thieves had been hanged.

Cal attended the University of South Dakota and graduated from Black Hills State College with a major in business administration. After moving to New Mexico to work for JC Penney’s, he changed direction and entered the world of education, earning a master’s degree in guidance and counseling from the University of New Mexico. At Manzano High School in Albuquerque, Cal taught business subjects and later served as a guidance counselor. While employed there, he met his wife, Betty, who taught business education.

From there they moved to Charleston and began work at Eastern Illinois University, where Betty taught in both the College of Education and College of Business. Cal became EIU’s assistant registrar and later directed its Advisement Center. Upon retiring in 1993, he served for another seven years as a certification officer for students who wanted to add teaching credentials to a bachelor’s degree. Students and colleagues alike relied on Cal’s encyclopedic knowledge and attention to detail to ease the path to certification.

By the time Cal retired —again— in 2000, he had worked at EIU for 34 years, mostly in advisement, and was ready to try something new. What to do? It was then that he dusted off a long-ago minor in journalism and began to write. Besides contributing regularly to the *JG-TC*, Cal has produced four books. Two are children’s books. A third, *Exploits of a Real-Life ATF Agent*, is a biography of his father, complete with photos of dad breaking up stills. A fourth, *From Despair to Fortune: The Hall Dynasty*, is a historical novel based on true tales of South Dakota in its Wild West days, including the story of the horse thieves who were hanged. You can check out these books at Booth Library’s collection of works by local authors.

Cal is living proof that what we learn in college — in his case, journalism — may be useful in ways we don’t foresee, and that life after retirement can bring surprising rewards. We look forward to seeing more of Cal’s work!

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economized so well that, if the normal appropriation is ever restored, Eastern will show a small surplus for the year.

When he came to Eastern sixteen months ago, Glassman remarked, he had many initiatives that he hoped to set in motion at once. Many “didn’t get done” because the battle to survive was so pressing. Over that period, said Glassman, “The thing I am most proud of is that we insulated our students from decreases in educational quality. No cuts were made from educational services.”

At this point, however, the university is ready to embark on new projects. Glassman’s overall plan is to grow enrollment by improving marketing and by offering programs that students want.

Given the shrinking pool of prospective college students in Illinois, recruitment will be a key priority. Eastern is in an excellent position to compete with other institutions. It offers key values that students and their parents seek: jobs, affordability, and safety. EIU’s current job placement rate for graduates is 90%; its current tuition rate ranks third among Illinois state universities; and Charleston is the second safest college town in the U.S.

We may need to broadcast that news more effectively. Glassman noted that an institution of Eastern’s size should devote at least 1% of its total budget to advertising and marketing, but it has never done so. “We are moving in that direction now.”

In terms of programs, Glassman said, “Eastern really needs to look at itself.” The president’s recently launched Vitalization Project will be a comprehensive review of academic programs and departments, with all academic units asked to participate. “We need to identify our signature programs and make targeted investments in specific areas.”

EIU annuitants will need to watch carefully to see what changes the Vitalization Project offers. As Glassman predicted, “Eastern is going to be here well into the future, but we might not look the way we have in the past.”

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Nominations & Scholarships

By March 1, 2016 we had received applications for the EIUAA scholarship from five very strong applicants. Two of our Board members donated \$500.00 each to our scholarship fund. Together with the earnings from the existing account, these gifts enabled us to award two \$1,000 scholarships for the 2016-17 school year. We thank these donors from our Board and the many other EIUAA members who contributed to the fund during the last six months. Our current endowment balance is \$22,366, only \$2,634 short of our goal of \$25,000.

The two young ladies receiving the award for the 2016-17 academic year are Chelsey Wilson and Leslie Gladu. Both are doing well academically and enjoying the benefits afforded them through our awards.

Chelsey is a senior Graphic Design major and the granddaughter of annuitants Richard and Barbara Funk of Charleston. In her application, Chelsey wrote, "The only situation holding me back from reaching my full potential is my financial burden." She explained that she will have educational debt upon graduation. Our Annuitants Scholarship has helped to alleviate a portion of that debt.

Leslie is a junior Communication Disorders and Sciences major from Westfield. She plans to pursue her master's degree and provide speech-language services as a private practitioner. Her mother is on the faculty in the Kinesiology and Sports Studies Department and her grandmother, Alberta Tinsman, worked in Food Service at EIU for many years.

Both students have sent thanks to our association for the scholarship awards. Their pictures, as well as information about the 2017 EIUAA scholarship, can be found on our website at <http://castle.eiu.edu/annuitants>

—Margaret Messer and Nancy Dole

### Membership

The EIUAA Membership Committee continues to work to recruit new members. We plan to be at the EIU Flu Shot Clinic — Wednesday, October 12, from 9:00-4:00 in the EIU Union Bridge Lounge — to recruit current employees as well as annuitants to join our membership ranks. This fall, the Committee sent a letter and membership form to all EIU employees inviting them to join EIUAA.

Every month SUAA sends EIUAA a membership report that shows the renewals, membership lapses, and payment changes of our members. Recently, we have seen an increase in the number of members switching to monthly Automatic Dues Deduction from their SURS annuity. This makes the Membership Committee VERY HAPPY! Approximately 57% of our 700+ members use the SURS payroll deduction to pay their dues. Let's increase that to 100%! Make the change to SURS or payroll deduction!

—Mary Anne Hanner

## BULLETIN BOARD

### SUAA FOUNDATION EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND

The SUAA Foundation Emergency Assistance Program is designed to help chapters provide support for members who are facing a sudden need for funds to cope with a crisis. Chapters may request assistance of up to \$1,500 on behalf of individuals who have been SUAA members for five years or more.

The application requires a letter from the Chapter describing the member's situation, the associated specific needs, what is being requested, and how the funds will be used.

Some grants can be subject to taxes. If the funding is approved, the SUAA Foundation treasurer may need the recipient's Social Security number and other data for their records.

Contact Mary Anne Hanner ([mahanner@eiu.edu](mailto:mahanner@eiu.edu)) for more information.

### Health Insurance Note

As state budget negotiations continue, Illinois Medicare Advantage and EIU-affiliated HMOs have agreed to continue paying claims to health providers on their original schedule. Members on these plans should not see any significant change or impact due to the ongoing budget impasse. This is not the case for those who have Quality Care (Cigna) and Delta Dental, among others. The state pays the direct cost for these programs and is currently not sending payment to providers. At this time, we have not received word of providers demanding upfront payments. If you learn of a provider requiring upfront payment, SUAA has asked that you notify the SUAA Office as quickly as possible. Contact Linda Brookhart, SUAA Executive Director, [linda@suaa.org](mailto:linda@suaa.org), 217-523-4040.



## What Is the Right Size for EIU?

Audrey Edwards

**K**elly Miller, EIU's Director of Admissions, tells about a call she received on August 29 from a student who had just started at the U of I. "He said he was desperately unhappy and asked if we had room for him here. Within an hour, we had admitted him. By noon that same day he had a room assignment with someone he knew, had his class schedule, and was attending classes." Such personal attention is just one Admissions Office effort to increase the size of EIU's student body.



Speaking at a recent EIUAA board meeting, Kelly said her office had conducted a survey asking students why they'd chosen EIU. One major reason was a connection to university staff, students, or alumni. In response,

Admissions has selected annuitants to greet families at its open houses; has contacted alumni who teach at several high schools, asking them to give materials to their students; and is giving personal attention to visitors and other prospective students.

This fall's enrollment figures were a drop from fall 2015, Kelly said, but higher than last June's estimates. "For those of us who were watching those numbers all summer," she commented, "the fall numbers were better than originally expected." As of September 2, EIU's fall enrollment was 7415. That's 5957 for undergraduates and 1458 for graduate students. This raises a question: What is the optimal size for EIU?

Over the past 25 years, enrollment has ranged from a high of 12,349 in 2006 to the current 7415. Some would argue that bigger is better, affording economy of scale and a wide array of majors. Others say EIU's relatively small size enables personal attention to students both in and out of the classroom, resulting in an outstanding educational experience. And personal attention is a signature attribute of Eastern.

Few would argue, however, that higher education should be just for the wealthy. And a major cause of EIU's latest drop in enrollment is concern for state funding for the Monetary Assistance Program (MAP). This fall, many EIUAA members are participating in a postcard lobbying campaign to call legislators' attention to the issue.

What else can EIUAA members do? They can spread the word about EIU and all it has to offer. Kelly says, "Once people know us, they like us and want to come here. So talk to people. Tell prospective students and their families about your own good experiences as students or faculty at EIU." And if you're already doing that, keep up the good word!

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## Election Results

At the October 6 Chapter meeting in Neal Welcome Center, the membership approved the slate of officers recommended by the EIUAA Board. Jeffrey Lynch will serve as President-Elect for the term beginning January 1, becoming President the following year and Past-President in 2019. Bob Whittenbarger will be Treasurer, while Jill Nilsen steps in as Secretary. Nancy Dole, John Ryan, and Gail Mason were confirmed as new board members. Mary Anne Hanner was confirmed to serve a second three-year term. Margaret Messer will serve as President during 2017.



EIUAA Board members gather at Neal Welcome Center after the October 6 election. TOP: Jeffrey Lynch, Bob Whittenbarger, John Ryan. MIDDLE: Vicki Hampton, Nancy Dole. BOTTOM: Jill Nilsen, Mary Anne Hanner, Margaret Messer. NOT SHOWN: John Flynn.

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