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LOOKING AHEAD

Our next meeting will be held on November 1 in the Neal Welcome Center.

8:30 - Coffee, tea, & conversation

9:00 – Presentations from Maria Britton, AFSCME retiree benefits representative and Judith Parker, Assistant to the Executive Director, SURS.

Please come to listen to what these ladies have to say about our benefits and pension.

MEETING DATES COMING UP

EIUAA MEETINGS: (11:30 am)

Jan 21, 2008 – **Annual Luncheon**

EUIAA EXEC. COMMITTEE MEETINGS: (9 am)

Dec 06 – Neal Welcome Center

PRESIDENT'S VIEW

Pension and Health Care Insurance Update

At the November 1, 07 EIUAA Chapter meeting, two of the most important issues concerning Illinois Universities Annuitants, pensions and health care insurance will be discussed by our two guest speakers who are involved in managing and negotiating them. Maria Britton, AFSCME Council 31 representative and Judy Parker, Associate Director of SURS and an EIU Alumni, will share with us the present and possible status of our health care insurance and pension. In 2008 AFSCME will begin renegotiating the Health Care Insurance plan for Illinois employees. I believe it is critical for all of us to be informed and up-to-date about these vital issues and to be proactive in order to preserve and enhance our benefits which profoundly affect us and our survivors as well. I hope everyone will plan to attend the November 1st meeting in the Neal Welcome Center starting at 8:30 AM.

Our Annual Luncheon on January 21 will be in the St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Charleston. Again we will be entertained by Richard Rossi, Director of EIU Symphony Orchestra, and Maureen Murchie, Concert Master of EIU Symphony Orchestra.

Alan Baharlou, President

CHAPTER NEWS

At our chapter meeting on October 4, President Bill Perry addressed our very large group of annuitants on his "Best of Class" and "First Choice" goals for EIU. He outlined what he thinks our strengths are: high quality academic experience, affordable, assessable, personal relationships are valued, service. He has established a website for everyone to post comments or you can click on "Contact the President with your thoughts" on the website email address. The website

is: <http://www.eiu.edu/~presiden/initiatives.php>

He also updated us on the Doudna Fine Arts Center. EIU will gain the building in February 2008, staff will move in over the summer and classes will begin in Fall 2008. Critical needs for the campus include a new steam plant, Science building, and moving the Textbook Rental Service to a central location on campus.

When asked what annuitants can do for EIU, he responded that they can provide support (financial, scholarship, and volunteer), tell legislators about EIU, and give advice and ideas. His presentation was well received and appreciated.

The EIU Annuitants Association received another donation to the EIUAA Scholarship. Thank you Robert and Laura Hussey! We are still looking for more donations to the EIUAA scholarship that could benefit your child, grandchild, or great-grandchild. It has also been arranged for annuitants to donate through monthly payments as a direct transfer from your bank account into a Foundation account, such as the EIUAA Scholarship. Please contact Alan Baharlou or go to the EIUAA Web page for more information.

Alan Baharlou, Dale Wolf, Ron Wohlstein, and Pat Hill attended the SUAA Annual Meeting on October 10 in Urbana.

CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Ken Baker has been named the full-time interim athletic director. A national search is expected to begin soon. Ken has been director of Campus Recreation since 2000. He is also a Big Ten and NFL referee, currently serving as a replay official for the NFL. He is an EIU grad.

EIU has again been named one of the top Midwestern public universities in its class by U.S. News & World Report. This year, we were ranked 14th.

Enrollment is down slightly from last year – 12,179, but is still the second-largest enrollment in our history. President Perry says 12,000 is the right size for our resources.

Dr. Marylin Lisowski has been named recipient of the 2007 Illinois Department of Natural Resources Volunteer of the Year. She has been a volunteer facilitator of their Project Learning Tree since 1993.

NEWS FROM YOU

GRACE and BOB JONES celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on October 17. They have six children and nine grandchildren. Both retired from Building Services. Congratulations!

MAURICE MANBECK and his wife have moved in with their daughter Susan and her husband Glenn in Winfield IL. Maurice turned 90 on August 3.

DONALD L. MOLER has moved into an assisted living unit at Brewster Place Retirement Community in Topeka, Kansas, after the death of his wife Margaret in July. He would love to hear from friends. His address is 1205 SW 29th St., Apt 31, Topeka KS 66611.

BOB SALTMARSH is at home in Springfield and recovering from a total hip replacement he had in September. A few years ago, he initiated ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) for EIU annuitants and alumni in the Springfield area. He invites anyone who will be in the area to join them for lunch. ROMEO meets every Monday at 11:30 a.m. at The Corner Pub on the corners of Iles and Koke Mill Road.

ETHEL and RAY WOODYARD celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on September 29. They have two sons, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Both are retired from Building Services. Cards can be mailed to P O Box 102, Ashmore IL 61912. Congratulations!

REMEMBERING FRIENDS

Margaret A. Moler, age 90, of Topeka, Kansas, passed away on July 25 after suffering a massive stroke. She is survived by her husband, annuitant Donald Moler, one son and one grandson. Memorials may be made to Jamestown City Library, 814 Elm, Jamestown KS 66948.

Lula Kate Robinson, age 90, of Robinson, passed away on September 30. She is survived by her daughter, annuitant Dolores Michael, two sons, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Kansas Christian Church.

To find out more information about the EIU Foundation, check out their web page at:
www.eiu.edu/~found/

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