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LOOKING AHEAD

The next EIU Annuitants Association Chapter Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 7, in the Neal Welcome Center. EIU President, William Perry, EIU Vice President for University Advancement Bob Martin, and EIU Annuitants Association President Jayne Ozier will be presenters.

MEETING DATES COMING UP

EIUAA CHAPTER MEETINGS: (8:30 am)		EUIAA EXEC. COMMITTEE MEETINGS: (9 am)	
October 7, 2010	Neal Welcome Center	September 9, 2010	Neal welcome Center
Jan 21, 2011	40 th Annual Luncheon	December 2, 2010	Neal welcome Center
April 14, 2011	Neal Welcome Center	March 03, 2011	Neal welcome Center
July 14, 2011	Neal Welcome Center	June 2, 2011	Neal Welcome Center
October, 13 2011	Neal Welcome Center	September 8, 2011	Neal Welcome Center
July 14, 2011	Neal Welcome Center	December 1, 2011	Neal Welcome Center

PRESIDENT'S VIEW

Greetings to you. After nearly seven years of retirement, the adrenalin stills pumps through my body as the new academic year is launched. The excitement of seeing students moving in, families saying goodbyes, and parking lots fillings is like a breath of fresh air and distracts me from the woes of economics, unrest, and politics.

At our October 7 meeting, President Perry will share his vision for Eastern's upcoming year. In addition, Bob Martin, the Vice President for University Advancement, will update us on the charge to develop, facilitate, and strengthen relations with internal and external University constituents.

Under Dale Wolf's leadership, EIUAA surpassed his 700-membership goal. As our organization moves forward, we must continue increasing our membership. Your recruitment efforts are very much appreciated and extremely important. Membership numbers strengthen our voice as we advocate preserving our annuities and benefits.

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

FROM THE EDITOR, Alan Baharlou

AN ANNUITANT'S MESSAGE

I often receive communications from our annuitants throughout the country expressing their views and their situations regarding our retirement benefits obligations by the state. Recently, I received a letter from our annuitant Janelle Carey that she sent to the Illinois legislators. The letter is well written, precise and backed with data. Instead of my editorial statement for this issue I want to share Janelle's letter with you along with her statement encouraging all of us to communicate with Illinois legislators.

Dear (Illinois legislator):

I am writing in reference to Governor Quinn's recent proposal to institute a change in retiree insurance benefits. Having served the state of Illinois for nearly 30 years as an educator, 28 of those years at Eastern Illinois University, and having been promised as part of my benefits upon retiring that my health insurance premium would be covered for my lifetime, I am deeply chagrined that the governor would choose to impose such a heavy burden on those of us who are no longer in the workforce and depend upon our retirement income and benefits for security. Should Governor Quinn's proposal be accepted, my income would be reduced by 20%. (I am almost 60 years old and receive a monthly pension check of \$2500. Since I am in a PPO, the proposed premium increase for me would be \$500 per month. Since Medicare doesn't take effect until I am 65 years old, that means I would lose \$30,000 from my promised benefits.) That certainly is a disproportionate burden upon a few select people. I worked hard all of the years I spent teaching in the Illinois education system at EIU, and each month I paid my obligation to the pension fund; consequently, I trusted in the SURS advisors who assured me that the state would honor its the terms of my retirement. No state employee is given the option to say, "My family is having a rough time financially, so I think I will skip paying my pension obligation this year," yet the state of Illinois has repeatedly used this tactic which has resulted in a severely underfunded pension system. I can't express how deeply saddened and betrayed I feel by this attempt to help balance the budget on the backs of those who have done everything they were supposed to do during their working years and are now being unfairly targeted when they are the most vulnerable and unable to make changes in plans to compensate for lost income. This economy certainly isn't conducive for those of us in our 60's to find supplemental job income. I urge all Illinois legislators to find ways to deal with the budget crisis other than going back on promises made and accepted in good faith.

Sincerely,
Janelle Carey

I personally believe that every Illinois state retiree and every current state employee,

especially those with at least 20 years of service, should be inundating legislators with letters objecting to these proposed tactics for solving the problems of their mismanagement.

Janelle Carey

Alan Baharlou, Newsletter Editor

A Message to EIUAA Nonmembers

We hope you enjoy this edition of “New Horizons”, the newsletter of the EIU Annuitants Association (EIUAA). If a membership form is included with your copy, it means that you are not an EIUAA member. We urge you to complete the form and mail it in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. Note that you can either pay your membership dues (\$30 annually) by check or by monthly deduction from your retirement annuity.

Why should you join the organization? Membership in EIUAA includes membership in our parent organization, the State Universities Annuitants association (SUAA), which is dedicated to preserving the pension and healthcare benefits of all SURS beneficiaries. By joining, you would become part of this collective effort, the effectiveness of which is directly related to the number of members. With the State facing a record budget deficit and our government leaders looking for ways to cut costs, it is absolutely crucial that we have a strong advocacy voice in Springfield. By becoming a member, you would add your voice to this vital effort. We urge you to take that step!

You can learn more about the activities and resources provided by EIUAA and SUAA at their websites, <http://castle.eiu.edu/~annuitants/> and <http://www.suaa.org>, respectively. If I can be of any help on membership matters, please feel free to contact me by email (eakeiter@eiu.edu) or phone (217-345-3462).

Thank you!

Ellen Keiter

Membership Chair

CHAPTER NEWS

Avery brief Summary of EIUAA **Board Meeting** Minutes June 3, 2010. President Dale Wolf called the EIUAA Board Meeting to order on June 3, 2010, at 9:00 AM. Ron Wohlstein Treasurer reported a balance in the treasury of \$4,967.80. Barb Funk will be taking over that position as of July 1, 2010. Membership Chair, Ellen Keiter, reported that the 700 mark has been met in reaching the membership goal. There was a tremendous response in April due to the article in the Newsletter. Jayne Ozier stated that the 40th Annual luncheon will take place on January 21, 2011, the Friday before Martin Luther King’s Birthday.

Brief Summary of EIU Annuitants Association July 8, 2010 **Chapter Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chapter President Jayne Ozier. Then Jayne awarded certificates attesting to the Chapter’s gratitude to the following outgoing Chapter officers for their generous service to the Association: Dale Wolf (for service as EIU Annuitants

Association President) ; Ron Wohlstein (for service as Treasurer); and Jane Johnson (for service as Secretary). Presentation by Linda Brookhart, Executive Director, State Universities Annuitants Association: She noted that SUAA has had a “good relationship with SURS” for some time and will continue to do so during the tenure of SURS’ new Executive Director William Mabe, She reminded her audience that the “pension overhaul” passed in April (Public Act 96-0889) will reduce the pensions of new hires. Pensions of current employees may be targeted in the future, she cautioned, noting that pressure in that direction is being exerted upon legislators by the Civic Club of Chicago. She added that Senator (and gubernatorial candidate) Bill Brady has introduced legislation to change our pension system from a defined benefit to a defined contribution model.

CAMPUS NEWS

The new high Tech Modern 19,200-square-foot Textbook Rental Services opened for this fall . It includes an automated inventory system; off-street parking; space for students to stand in line inside, instead of outside, as was necessary at the previous location; a 24-hour drop box; and a multitude of energy conservation measures.

The Renewable Energy Center building located on the east side of campus is progressing well.

EIU Campus Master Plan update committee members and the university's planning consultants are continuing to gather public input on the new science building and other proposals as they prepare to present these updates to the EIU Board of Trustees for final approval this fall. EIU officials have said the new science building will help meet the needs of the biology and chemistry departments for more, modern laboratory spaces. Under this proposal, the vacated life sciences building would become home to Economics, Political Science, Mathematics and Computer Science. The Physical Sciences building would remain home to Geology, Geography, Physics and Psychology. The updates also envision demolishing the current student services building north of the University Union. A new student services building would be created by placing an addition onto the nearby brick steam plant building, which will be renovated.

Due to the state’s budget deficit, Eastern, like all other public universities in the Illinois, is facing the most critical financial crisis since its establishment in 1895. However, so far the administration, faculty, and staff have been doing a superb job managing the crisis without adverse effects on the academic programs or implementing any furlough policies. The tuition rates have increased 6% for the 2010-2011 school’s year. Eastern received about \$6 millions on July and \$12 million in August from the state reducing the university’s fiscal year 2010 budget deficit significantly. However, state still owes university about \$600.000 from fiscal year 2010 which ended on June 30.

STATE & COMMUNITY NEWS

As of this date, the State of Illinois legislators have not decided how to handle the state’s nearly

13 billion budget deficit or 80 billion contractual obligations to its 5 pension plans. There have been many editorials and comments, but no constructive solutions. Unrelenting opposition to State of Illinois pensions by the Chicago Tribune & the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago has intensified. Most Illinois political observers believe that there will be no solutions until after the November 2, General Election.

Pension up date in brief:

- 1- The pension systems generally get their money from three sources – the state, employees covered by the systems and investment income
- 2- The General Assembly didn't reach agreement on pension funding last spring and isn't scheduled to return to session until after the Nov. 2 elections.
- 3- Consequently, Illinois' five state-funded pension systems are faced with selling assets (stocks) to pay for retiree pension benefits, in part because state government isn't paying its share of pension costs. The sales will drive the systems even deeper into debt because they won't have either the assets or income from the state to invest.
- 4- Illinois SURS, with \$12.2 billion in defined benefit assets, has not received any of the \$850 million in state contributions the system requested this fiscal year, which began July 1, said William Mabe, Executive Director of the SURS.
- 5- TRS is potentially looking at a big asset sale this year -- as much as \$3 billion out of a fund balance of about \$33 billion. TRS has sold assets in each of the previous six years, but the largest amount was \$1.68 billion in the 2009 budget year.
- 6- . The Illinois Board of Investment, which handles investments for the State Employees Retirement System, General Assembly Retirement System and Judges Retirement System, may have to sell \$960 million in assets, said executive director William Atwood.
- 7- **Investment returns by system**

Fiscal year TRS, **SURS** , SERS/GARS/JRS

2010- 13.4 percent- **15 percent**- 9.31 percent

2009 -22.3 percent -**19.7 percent** -19.89 percent

2008 -4.5 percent -**4.5 percent** -5.94 percent

2007- 19.6 percent- **18.3 percent**- 17.47 percent

2006- 12.2 percent- **11.7 percent**- 11.33 percent

8-Federal regulators (S.E.C.) accused the State of New Jersey of securities fraud on Wednesday for claiming it had been properly funding public workers' pensions when it was not. The S.E.C. said its action was meant to dissuade other governments and their advisers from hiding bad fiscal news in a fog of pension numbers. Actuaries, for instance, have been raising questions about the framework Illinois has laid out for bolstering its pension funds. The commission said that from 2001 to 2007, New Jersey claimed to have money set aside in a "benefit enhancement fund" as part of a "five-year plan" to pay for new benefits for teachers and general state employees. In fact, the fund was an accounting illusion and no such money was available.



NEWS FROM YOU



EIU Annuitant Colleagues express heartfelt congratulations

Dale Wolf, Kathy Hummel, Keith Kohonzo, Three of our annuitants have been honored with the very prestigious Jefferson Award for their achievements and contributions through community services and their abilities to inspire volunteerism. The Jefferson Awards are a prestigious national recognition system honoring community and public service in America. The recipients are Dale Wolf (EIUAA Former President), Kathy Hummel and Keith Kohonzo. All three have a long list of varied service activities. Keith Kohonzo, of Charleston, was selected from among local 2010 award recipients to attend the Jefferson Awards National Ceremonies on June 21-22 in Washington.

Fairy Lanman of Charleston observed her 95th birthday on July 21. She married Oryl Lanman in September 1942 in St. Charles, Mo. She is the mother of four children, Juanita (Bob) Sherwood of Charleston, Don (Anne) Lanman of Champaign, Dorothy (Gerald) Wise of Pekin and Linda (Ken) Probst of Mattoon. She has nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Lanman is a former employee of Eastern Illinois University.

Evelyn Helton of Charleston celebrated her 90th birthday on July 27. She married Arthur Helton on Oct. 31, 1936, in Shelby County. She is the mother of Richard (Cheryl) Helton, Brenda Walters, Bill (Kay) Helton and Jack (Donna) Helton, all of Charleston; Victor (Doris) Helton, Naperville; Diana (Tom) Lindley, California; and Charles Helton, deceased. A son-in-law, Rick Walters, also is deceased. She has 16 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. One grandchild and one great-great-grandchild are deceased. Mrs. Helton is retired from Eastern Illinois University.

Dr. Don & Janet Smitley celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 18. They are the parents of Cindy Overton, and John (Melanie) Smitley. They have 5 grandchildren. Don is a retired professor of Educational Administration from Eastern. Janet is retired as home administration and adjunct teacher at Lake Land College.

The Ruth and Vaughn Jaenike Access to the Arts Program marks the 10th year of the Eastern Illinois University grant program. The program provides funding to support arts programming in east-central Illinois, especially targeting underserved audiences through presentations in area communities or bringing audiences to arts programming at EIU or other venues.

Remembering Friends



Gilbert C. Fite, a prominent agricultural historian who served as Eastern Illinois University's fourth sitting president from 1971 to 1976, died July 13 at the age of 92. EIU President William L. Perry said Dr. Fite's many contributions helped move Eastern forward. "As an institution we draw strength from our history and traditions, but we must not be bound by them," Fite said in 1974. "The needs of students change as society changes." In keeping with his philosophy that a university must not become stagnant, Fite helped orchestrate many positive and enduring changes at Eastern. As part of his dedication to continuing education and community service, Fite oversaw the implementation of the Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts Degree program, a nontraditional program that gives credit for adults' nonacademic experience. the move from academic quarters to semesters; the closing of the Laboratory School.

Physically, the campus also grew. Additions were built for many existing facilities, including the Lantz Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building; the Doudna Fine Arts Center ; the Physical Science Building; the Physical Plant Services Building; and the University Union. He is survived by his wife, June; two sons; and several grandchildren.

Alphonso Joseph DiPietro, 90 life-long educator who committed himself to the field of mathematics, passed away May 31, 2010, at Meadowbrook Health Center at Clark-Lindsey Village in Urbana, IL. He was known by many as "Fonce", "Al" and "A.J.". his parents are Joseph and Anna (Lupinetti) DiPietro. He married Luisa Andrea Ferrante in 1950. She preceded him in death on July 15, 1992. The couple lovingly raised four children, each of whom inherited their parents' passion for learning: Joseph, a professor and Vice President for Agriculture, University of Tennessee; Luisa Ann, a professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago; Christina, a food scientist at Nestle; and Robert, a computer scientist at Oracle. Dr. DiPietro teaching career spanning 55 years began in 1947. He joined the faculty at Eastern Illinois University in 1959, where he remained until 2009. Dr. DiPietro served as chair and professor of EIU Department of Mathematics for 20 years from 1967-1987. Following his "retirement" in 1987, he continued to teach part-time during the fall semester, frequently reaching his office and classrooms in EIU's Old Main by bicycling from his nearby home. He also retained close ties to Eastern through his association with the EIU Annuitants Association (1988-1992 as Vice President, then President). Surviving Dr. DiPietro are a brother Henry DiPietro, daughter Christina and son-in-law Paul Stapp, daughter Luisa Ann DiPietro and son-in-law Ira Satinover and son Joseph and daughter-in-law Deborah DiPietro, twelve grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Dr. Louis M. Grado, 86, died July 16, 2010, at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids, IA. He taught public school in the state of Washington, at the University of Northern Iowa, and at Eastern Illinois University. At EIU, he taught for 39 years as a professor and served as the chairman of the Department of Elementary, Junior High, and Special Education for 25 years. He and his family spent two years in Nicaragua for the State Department, establishing schools, upgrading teacher education, and developing and producing an educational television program

for preschoolers. He and his family spent two years in Nicaragua for the State Department, establishing schools, upgrading teacher education, and developing and producing an educational television program for preschoolers. Dr. Grado is survived by five children, Dr. Gordon (Mary) Grado, Dr. Charles (Dr. Ruth Macke) Grado, Dr. Rebecca (Dr. James) Surber, Jana (Paul) Richards , and Abigail Grado and 10 grandchildren . and a sister Consuelo (Elias) Armendariz.

Keith Spear, 57 of Charleston, died Wednesday, April 28th, 2010 at his home after a struggle with cancer. He began teaching in the English department in 1995. He was awarded the EIU Faculty Laureate Award for the upcoming academic year, 2010-2011. He just published a volume of his poetry, 56 Circles Around the Sun. He coached several years in the Babe Ruth League, coaching the All-Star team one year. He is survived by his wife and best friend, Karen Hart; his parents, Norm and Marjorie his sons Isaac and Huckleberry and his stepsons, Josh and; Gabe; and his stepdaughter Jamie.

Mark Ivan Shaklee, age 61 of Charleston, passed away on Friday (August 13, 2010) at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. He married Bonnie Buckley on June 28, 1975 and for the past thirty-five years they have shared life through a loving bond of marriage, friendship and commitment. Mark leaves three children, Shannon Buckley-Shaklee, Ryan Buckley-Shaklee and Amber Buckley-Shaklee; a granddaughter, Bella Shaklee, his mother, Alice Richey ,a sister, Suzy Horvath and three brothers; Kent Shaklee , Bill Shaklee and Pat Shaklee; six nieces; and his mother-in-law, Doris Manke . He was preceded in death by his father Ivan. Mark received his Bachelors Degree from Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma and his Masters Degree from the University of Missouri in Columbia. Since 1978 he has served as Associate Director of Housing at Eastern Illinois University.

Evelyn Ilean Starwalt, age 84 of Greenup, IL passed away at 2:25 a.m. Friday, June 11, 2010 at Cumberland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Greenup,. She married Harold Starwalt on May 8, 1948 and he preceded her in death in 1988. They have five children;. Sheryl Lynn (Charles) Hood , Dennis Franklin (Linda) Starwalt ; Donna Jean (Oscar) McDonald, Brenda Joan (Randy) Schmitt, Anita Kaye (Robert) Swart, 10 Grandchildren; 9 Great Grandchildren;. Evelyn spent 20 years working at the Eastern Illinois University in food service, retiring in 1988.

Birdina Gregg, 91, of Charleston passed away Friday, April 2, 2010, at Lakewood Village. She is the daughter of Ernest R. and Louise (Lubnow) Beucler. She married Forrest W. Gregg August 10, 1941; he preceded her in death January 1, 2003. She worked thirty two years at E.I.U. Booth Library. She was Past Member of the Coles County Historical Society. She also held memberships in the League of Women Voters, the EIU Alumni Association, American Association of Retired Persons, and the Association of Retired Federal Employees. She was a recognized Coles County Democrat and was both Eastern Illinois University and the City of Charleston "Woman of the Year".

Florence Anna Goble, age 85 of rural Charleston, died on July 29, 2010. She is daughter of the late Arthur and Clara (Esch) Wilson. She married Albert Calvin Goble on October 16, 1948. He died on June 13, 2004. She is survived by her children, Sandra Hammond and husband Mike, Rick Goble and wife Connie, four grandchildren, Amber, Christopher Goble, Andrew Goble ,

Audra Goble, a brother, Robert Wilson and several nieces and nephews. Florence was a marvelous cook and put her skills to good use cooking for an Eastern Illinois University Sorority and also for the Town and Country Restaurant.

Howard Michael Cook, 58, of Charleston, passed away Saturday, July 31, 2010 at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. He married Pamela Lynn Branson in 1997; she survives. Also surviving are his children: Lorie Grefski Jose Olalde, Pamela Olalde , Michael Cook, Kelli Cook and Karen Cook. Eight Grandchildren: and Addyson Cook. His aunt and uncle: Beverly and Tom Buell, who helped raise him, also survive.. He retired from EIU as a Building Service Worker.

James C. Curtis, 59, of Casey died at 12:34 p.m. Friday (July 2, 2010) at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. He is the son of Carl Curtis and Stella Jeanette Keeling Curtis. He married Vicki Diane Birchfield in 1973; she survives. Other survivors include one son, David Carl Curtis; two daughters, Michelle Stivers, and Betty Jean Sewell four sisters, and six grandchildren. Mr. Curtis was employed as a building service worker at Eastern Illinois University. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War and Operation Desert Storm.

Jay Robert Prefontaine 57 of Charleston, Illinois died. He received his undergraduate degree in English in 1986 and earned his M.F.A. in Creative Writing from the University of Arkansas in 1993. In 1996, Jay joined the English Department at Eastern Illinois University. In addition to his teaching duties, he spent an immense amount of time working on his own writing projects - poetry, fiction, and nonfiction. His writing has appeared in many journals and magazines such as Alabama Literary Review, The Chattahoochee Review, The Laurel Review, and Georgetown Review. Jay is survived by his parents Robert F. and Linda J. (Settergren) Prefontaine and two brothers - Christopher G. and wife Kim (Reina) Prefontaine and Steven F. and wife Melissa (Krasko),

M. Nadine Schneider, 88, formerly of Charleston, IL died on March 20, 2010 at Regional Hospital of Ottawa. She married Donald William Schneider, January 14, 1943. He died on December 8, 1980. She worked as an administrative secretary at Eastern IL University prior to her retirement. Nadine and Don were host parents to several international students attending EIU. Mrs. Schneider is survived by 2 Sons - Gregg (Jo Ann Johnson), and Dennis Schneider; one granddaughter (Kristin); one grandson (Andrew); two sisters, Carol Martinson and Dorothy Howell

Rita C. Bennett, 94, of Casey, Illinois passed away at 10:32 a.m. on Wednesday, December 23, 2009 at Casey Health Care Center. She is the daughter of Charles Kuhn and Martha Genetta (Strong) Kuhn. On August 27, 1937 she married Harry C. Bennett. He passed away on December 1, 1978. Survivors include her son, Phillip and grandson, Robert Bennett. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son, brother, sisters, Etta , Mary , Ester , Heathy, Ruby , and Marilee. Mrs. Bennett was retired from Eastern Illinois University in Douglas Hal

William Kenneth "Bill" Rush, age 79 passed away on Friday (May 28, 2010) at his Heartland Health Care Home in Champaign. Bill was the son of the late Kenneth William

and Lucille (Kirkley) Rush. He was united in marriage to Opal Stickles on January 31, . He is survived by Opal, his loving wife and best friend of fifty-seven years; two daughters, Cheryl and Brenda four grandchildren, Michelle , Megan, Makenzie and Andrew ; a sister, Betty and a nephew, Chris . Bill was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and was employed with Eastern Illinois University for thirty years. He retired as a Supervisor in the Building Services Department

Gerald L. Gossett, age 81 of Charleston, passed away on Saturday (August 28, 2010) at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. He is survived by Bev Sterling, his wife for more than twenty-five years; his children, Debby, Jeff Gossett, Diane Voth ; Denise Gallatin , and Grant Sterling. He accepted a position in the Eastern Illinois University Athletic Department and moved his family to Charleston in 1969. For the next twenty-five years Dutch coached various E.I.U. athletic teams including swimming, tennis and bowling before his retirement in 1994.

Anna Mae (Ann) Ingram, 88 of Charleston, passed away on Saturday, August 28, 2010. She married Lowell Ingram on June 22, 1946. He passed away on April 24, 1963. She is survived by a daughter, Sue Ann DeMilly. She retired after many years at Eastern Illinois University as a manager of the Student Union. She was a member of the Eastern Illinois University Annuitants Association.

We want to express our sympathy to the following Annuitants

Robert Lee Ozier, 78, of Sullivan passed away 4:27 a.m. April 10, 2010 at Sullivan Health Care. Bob is son of Noel G. "Dooney" and Elsie (Roberts) Ozier. He married Mary L. "Cupie" Risley on August 16, 1958. She preceded him in death on September 7, 1999. Bob retired from the Sullivan School District after teaching for 30 years. He is survived by his step-mother, Roberta (Tharp) Ozier; brothers, Jim , **Bill (Jayne) Ozier of Charleston**, Ben, Dan, Steve, George, Greg, Vince, Roger; sisters, Cathy and Angie . He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents and one brother

Dear Colleagues,

Due to the financial volatility of Illinois, our pension, health care, and survivor benefits are extremely vulnerable to adverse policies and regulations. I believe it is critical that each of us is aware of the possible or anticipated changes to allow us react to them before they are finalized. We have tried to inform you of these via our Newsletters. However, the Newsletter is published only 4 times a year, though these events take place often on a daily basis.

Whether you are a member of EIUAA or not, we want you to have this information as fast as it happens, and I can send it on. If you do not receive my current updates, it is because I do not have your email address or I don't have the correct one.

Please send me (abaharlou@eiu.edu) an EMAIL using the email address that you want me to use to keep you informed on a current basis. We keep these addresses private and confidential. Thanks!

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PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE ENTIRE FORM.

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City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Email _____

Above information will appear in the EIU phone directory unless you indicate otherwise.

Please check whether you are: Former EIU Employee Current EIU Employee Surviving Spouse

If former/current employee, give EIU Department _____ Employed from _____ to _____

If presently married, give spouse's name _____

Please check if your spouse is: Former EIU Employee Current EIU Employee

If former/current employee, spouse's EIU Department _____ Employed from _____ to _____

DUES SECTION (Three Options)

Dues are \$2.50 per month effective 1/1/2010

1- I am an annuitant and wish to BEGIN paying dues (\$2.50 per month) by dues deduction.

If this line is checked, please double the deduction (\$5 per month) to pay my spouse's dues.

To begin having your SUAA and EIUA dues deducted from your monthly annuity check, please sign the statement below, provide your Social Security number (requested by SURS), and return to the address above.

I hereby authorize the State Universities Retirement System to deduct each month the amount certified by the EIU Chapter of the State Universities Annuitants Association at the current rate of dues. Dues of \$30 per year will be deducted at the rate of \$2.50 per month. I understand that dues deduction will continue until I inform SURS by a signed statement that I wish to stop automatic deduction.

2- I am a current EIU employee and wish to BEGIN paying dues (\$30 per year) by dues deduction.

If this line is checked, please double the deduction (\$60 per year) that would also pay my spouse's dues.

To begin having your SUAA and EIUA dues deducted from your payroll check, please sign the statement below, provide your Banner E# and Social Security number, and return to the address above.

I hereby authorize Eastern Illinois University to deduct the amount certified by the EIU Chapter of the State Universities Annuitants Association at the current rate of dues. Dues of \$30 per year will be deducted from one payroll check per year. I understand that dues deduction will continue until I inform EIU by a signed statement that I wish to stop automatic deduction.

Signature _____ Social Security Number** _____

(SIGN ONLY TO BEGIN DUES DEDUCTION)

Banner E Number _____ Date _____

**Providing your SSN speeds the process for dues deduction since it uniquely identifies you to SURS/ EIU. If you prefer, we can process your request with only the last four digits.

3- I AM PAYING DUES BY CHECK. CHECK # _____ Amount \$ _____

I want my spouse to be a member; I am enclosing \$60 payment.

To pay your yearly dues by check, return this form with a check for \$30, payable to **EIU Annuitants Association**, and return to the address listed above. Additional payments are required each year to continue your membership, and you will receive notification.