



# New Horizons

EIU ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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**EIUAA OFFICERS**

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**Executive Committee Members**

**Scott Crawford, Jayne Ozier, Dan Carpenter, Mac Corley, Robert Jorstad, Vicki Hampton, Doug Sloat**



**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**MEETING DATES**

EIUAA CHAPTER MEETINGS: (8:30 am)		EIUAA EXEC. COMMITTEE MEETINGS: (9 am)	
April 5 Annual Luncheon	St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Charleston	March, 7, 2013	Neal welcome Center
July 11, 2013	Neal Welcome Center	June, 20, 2013	Neal welcome Center
October, 24, 2013	Neal Welcome Center	September, 12, 2013	Neal welcome Center
		December, 5, 2013	Neal welcome Center

**\* On Friday, April 5 2013 the EIU Annuitants Association will celebrate 42 years of its existence with a Luncheon and Entertainments in The St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, in Charleston in the presence of EIU annuitants, employees, friends and families. See the form on page 11 to make reservations.**



## PRESIDENT'S VIEW

The Eastern Illinois University Annuitants Association (EIUAA) began 2013 with some new board members. Jill Nilsen serves as EIUAA Vice-President and the Co-Chair of the State Universities Annuitants Association (SUAA) Legislative Committee. Vicki Hampton and Doug Sloat began their first Board terms. We all owe Jayne Ozier many thanks for her years of service as past President and Vice-President and currently fills a Board vacancy. Thanks to Mike Strader, Chris Sims and Carol Stevens for their past Board service. Let us thank Alan Baharlou for the newsletter and other communications. The EIUAA Board has many individuals giving their time and energy to EIUAA. I greatly appreciate all their dedication. It is my honor to work with them.

As I write this message, there is still no clear picture of how 'pension reform' will affect retirees. All your emails, letters and phone calls to our legislative leaders send strong messages addressing retirees' issues and concerns. These actions strengthen our causes. Please watch for emails to take action as legislation comes forth.

Now, we need your assistance! We are updating our database for current, accurate email addresses. We want to ensure you receive both SUAA and EIUAA emails. This is necessary so you obtain information as soon as possible. Please, respond in the next section to Vicki Hampton's request for emails. We ask each of you, all members, to send your email address with your name in the text so we can match your name to the email address. Please update residence addresses as needed. Those who do not use email, consider finding a family member or friend who might allow you to use his/her email address thus that person would then contact you with any SUAA and EIUAA information. We greatly appreciate your cooperation and thank you!

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual EIUAA Luncheon will be held April 5, 2013. Please find the reservation form in this newsletter or go to the EIUAA website to obtain it: <http://castle.eiu.edu/annuitants/>. The EIUAA 2013 scholarship recipient and the Annuitant Ambassador will be honored. After a nice lunch, we will enjoy wonderful music from Dr. Marilyn Coles and Mr. Paul Johnston, EIU Music Department. This is a great time to reconnect with many we do not regularly see! I personally hope you will be there!

Remember to refer to the SUAA website (<http://suaa.org/>) for current state information that affects retirees. The EIUAA website (<http://castle.eiu.edu/annuitants/>) is a great resource for local chapter information with many links to other helpful sites.

I wish each of you well and hope to meet you in April at the luncheon. Please take time to send in your luncheon reservation and follow Vicki Hampton's directions to send her your email address. Thank you ever so much for your membership and support!

Happy trails,  
Julie

Julie Sterling, EIUAA President

### PLEASE – UPDATE YOUR EMAIL AND/OR MAIL ADDRESSES WITH US

SEND AN E-MAIL TO: [vhampton@consolidated.net](mailto:vhampton@consolidated.net) with your name and address **OR**

PLEASE FILL OUT AND MAIL TO: **Vicki Hampton**  
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CHARLESTON, IL 61920

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STREET: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

If your spouse or significant other is also a member, please include their name and e-mail address also.



## MESSAGE FROM EIUAA MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Are you ready for some good news? For the past two and a half years, EIUAA's membership has consistently numbered above 700. The reason this record has been sustained is that all of you chose to join EIUAA/SUAA and have continued to maintain your memberships. For that, we extend to you a big thank you.

Balancing those positive membership statistics is the following reality: Fewer than half of the retirees in our data base are EIUAA/SUAA members. Clearly, there is room for expansion of our chapter membership and, thus, the strength of our collective voice in Springfield.

What can you do to help?

- Continue to keep your own membership current. If you pay annually by check, respond to notices when your payment is due. Or, when you receive the reminder, elect to pay your dues through a small (\$3.00) deduction from your monthly annuity which will make sure there's no interruption in your membership.
- Urge colleagues to join. Remember that spouses (including yours!) are eligible to become members as are current employees and their spouses. Membership forms are available on the EIUAA website ([www.eiu.edu/annuitants/membershipform.pdf](http://www.eiu.edu/annuitants/membershipform.pdf)) or by contacting me at the email address or phone number below.

Thank you again for your continuing membership and loyalty to EIUAA/SUAA!

Ellen Keiter  
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## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

### Illinois Pension Underfunding a 73 years legacy

In 1959, the Illinois Public Employees Pension Laws Commission warned Gov. William Stratton that large, unfunded pension liabilities would result, for the most part, from the inadequacy of government contributions in prior years. However, in the 54 years since that report was issued, the debt of the state's pension systems has grown exponentially, for the same reason the Pension Laws Commission warned of in 1959: inadequate contributions by the government.

This has happened because past Governors and General Assemblies used funds supposed to be allocated for pension obligations for other state expenses. In other words, it was easier to underfund pensions and the reason has not changed.

Gov. Pat Quinn has often stated, "that Illinois pension underfunding dates back 70 years. Quinn's budget office provided a copy of a letter prepared by the State Universities Retirement System that urged delegates to the 1970 Constitutional Convention to adopt a provision regarding vesting and funding of public employee pensions".

The letter reported that public employee pensions were already running a debt in 1946. The letter also noted that in 1967, legislators stipulated how much money should be allocated to SURS to prevent the system from falling further in debt.

"Despite this legislative mandate for stabilization of past service liabilities, the General Assembly refused to appropriate necessary funds to meet this requirement during the 1969 and 1970 legislative sessions," the letter said. Lawmakers also shorted all five-pension systems during that time. However, Gov. Pat Quinn, legislators, and the Civic Federation of Chicago have developed strategies to blame the state's financial crisis (i.e. unpaid bills) on pension obligations instead of the state's flat tax policies.

We (State Employees & Retirees) would have been grateful if they had expressed the fact that the pension obligations have been a blessing for the state. They made it possible for the state to use pension obligation funds for other state services. In addition, the public should be grateful to state employees whose mandatory monthly payments to pension funds have been taken out of their salaries by employers and have made it possible to pay retirees' annuities. Legislators and the Governor plan to pass laws that violate Article 13 Section 5 of the Illinois Constitution that clearly forbids diminishing benefits and were agreed on by employers at the time of employees' hire.

You are all aware that the SURS pension fund has three sources; employees, & employers each make equal contributions, and the investment interests of these funds. Including that, the state's pension obligation is about 100 billion. Since Illinois by far has the largest un-paid pension obligation, shouldn't Illinois officials contact other states to learn how they manage to meet their pension obligations? Is there anyone who believes that the state will ever pay back over 100 billion owed to the five pension systems and growing each day? What are the state and federal laws regarding agencies that do not meet their agreed financial obligations?

**Alan Baharlou'**

**EIUAA Newsletter Editor**



**CHAPTER NEWS**

### **Brief Minutes of EIU Annuity Association January 10/2013 Chapter Meeting**

**I**-On January 10, 2013 Association President Julie Sterling whose term of office began January 1, 2013 welcomed attendees to the meeting and expressed her thanks to Jayne Ozier for her able stewardship of the Association President during the period July 1, 2010, through Dec. 31, 2012. Enthusiastic applause followed. Julie added that Jayne has agreed to fill a new vacancy on the EIUAA Board.

President Sterling also thanked Alan Baharlou for his timely postings of information regarding pension issues. Annuity Association members were thanked for their multiple phone calls and e-mails to legislators regarding their pension concerns. President Sterling reminded the audience that the EIUAA 42nd Anniversary luncheon is scheduled for April 5 in St. Charles Borromeo's Moriarty Hall. Luncheon reservation forms will be published in the New Horizons newsletter and posted on EIUAA web page Home Link. Please print and complete the form and return it together with payment by March 22.

**II**-In her capacity as a member of SUAA's Legislative Committee, Vice-President **Jill Nilsen** suggested that we can no longer simply say "no change" to the pension system. The Committee needs to know in what areas we might be willing to compromise. Toward that end, she asked attendees to complete a brief survey addressing this question and to return it to her at the end of the meeting – or mail it to Julie Sterling shortly thereafter.

In response to several questions from the audience, Vice-President Nilsen made the following points: **(a)** "We Are One" has recognized the necessity of both revenue increases and expenditure decreases; **(b)** It is hoped that the legislature will extend until January 2014 any forced choices between the compounded COLA and state-provided health care; **(c)** there is no guarantee that health insurance will continue to be provided by the state in the long term.

### **III-Presentation by Bill Perry, EIU President:**

After thanking Jill Nilsen for her "great work," President Perry made the following points.

**A**-The Campaign for Eastern, which concluded last fall, ahead of schedule, exceeded its goal, raising \$63 million.

**B**-Thanks to Alan Baharlou for his efforts at helping to keep us all informed. EIU now has a Legislative Affairs website.

**C**-The University Presidents and Chancellors letter pointed out that Illinois's state university presidents and chancellors are willing to assume responsibility for pension costs in a phased manner, but only if individual employees do not lose benefits. It is not yet clear whether the universities will in fact be asked to assume responsibility for funding pensions. The state tax increase has not helped paying backed up bills.

**D**-Eastern's new football coach Dino Babers brought Eastern the conference championship in year one and he was named as the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) Football Coach of the Year.

**E**-Eastern's freshman applications for admission are up 19%, and Honors Program applications have tripled in the last several years – in part due to increased availability of “up-front” scholarships.

**F**-Transfer applications to Eastern have not increased either at Eastern or at other state universities – a trend which appears to be related to the facts that transfer students are taking fewer hours per term of community college coursework and are remaining enrolled at community colleges for longer than one year.

**G**-Eastern's admission process has been revamped, in part in response to suggestions (e.g., increasing the number of “up-front” scholarships) offered by Noel-Levitz Consulting.

**H**-“Great people are doing great things” at EIU. For example, (1) Eastern received the State Fire Marshall Award for fire safety in December of 2012 – as well as the Governor's Excellence Award for Service to Veterans in January of 2013, and a Leadership Award granted to Gail Richard by the OVC.

**I**-Pemberton renovations continue. The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor will serve as the locus of Eastern's Honors Programs.

**J**-Groundbreaking for the building which will house Eastern's Center for Clean Energy Research and Education is scheduled for spring.

**K**-Eastern received FY 2012's final appropriation in December; the first appropriation for FY 2013 (which began on July, 1 2012) was received several days ago.

**L**-Positive trends at Eastern include an increase in the number of applications for admission and a continuing high retention rate. We have the best retention rate among comprehensive public institutions in Illinois.

**M**-The following is a summary of President Perry's responses to questions posed by attendees following his formal presentation:

**1**-Spring enrollment is usually about 95% of the Fall enrollment (about 10,500 in Fall, 2012).

**2**-The Energy Center is now fully functional. The use of natural gas at the facility is proving to be economical.

**3**-One major use of private funds, all which are given for a specific use, is scholarships, which are helping to bring Illinois students back to Illinois. (40% of the University of Missouri's students come from Illinois.) Other gifts enhance the campus experience for all of our students – for example a recent Tarble family gift to bring in master-level art exhibitions.

**4**-Improvements of the Physical Sciences building are beginning – e.g. renovation of restrooms and elevator replacement.

**5**-Work on Pemberton Hall's accessibility continues, including installation of sidewalk ramps and an elevator.

**6**-International student numbers, which saw a decline after the recession, are now stable.

**7**-An *ad hoc* campus committee is presently performing a program-by-program analysis to “see what things we can do to be more efficient.”

**8**-An FTE cutback of 5% has been achieved mostly by attrition.

9-The net cost of their education is very important to students. We need to stem the flow of native students to other states, expand the number of scholarships.

#### **IV- Presentation by Steve Rich, Assistant Vice President for Advancement:**

- A. The Alumni Association is an independent, not-for-profit organization.
- B. Opportunities for alumni travel in 2013 may be found on the Alumni Association website. Since 2002, alumni travel has been coordinated through Alumni Holidays.
- C. Legacy scholarships, for the children and grandchildren of alumni, are available through the Alumni Association.
- D. Each year the Alumni Association presents four awards: (1) Distinguished Alum, (2) Distinguished Educator, (3) Distinguished Service; (4) Outstanding Young Alum. Annuitants are encouraged to nominate candidates for these awards.

#### **V -Presentation by Cindy White, Executive Director, Charleston Chamber of Commerce:**

Ms. White noted that the Chamber is “getting into the travel industry.” A nine-day trip to four modern cities in China is scheduled for October 2013. Descriptive hand-outs were distributed and attendees were encouraged to consider participating in the trip.

##### **I. REMINDERS:**

- A. Look for the April 5 banquet reservation form in the next issue of the annuitants’ newsletter.
- B. Remain vigilant and active regarding pension legislation.
- C. Encourage others to join the Annuitants Association.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.



**CAMPUS NEWS**

Within the last few months, Eastern has been awarded and recognized for its Academic Excellence, Services, Campus Safety and Fundraising success and & divisional football championship. See President William Perry’s Presentation at the EIU Annuitants Association January 10, 2013 Chapter meeting minutes on page 4. Additionally Eastern was honored with the Governor’s Award for Excellence in education due to exceptional veterans’ services and for constructing a friendly campus wide atmosphere for them.



**STATE & COMMUNITY NEWS**

The 98th General Assembly has begun. The number one focus is SB1, which was actually two bills in the past General Assembly that have now been joined together in Part A and Part B. If Part A fails the courts because of Article 13 Section 5 of Illinois Constitution, then it is believed that Part B can prevail. Here is a short synopsis of the bill.

**Part A** of the bill is the pension proposal offered by House Leader Tom Cross and Rep. Elaine Nekritz in early January, 2013. The proposal would unilaterally reduce the pension benefits of current employees and retirees. Specifically, the existing 3% compounded COLA would be replaced with a COLA of no more than \$600 or \$750, depending on whether the

person receives Social Security or not & , no one would receive a COLA until after January 1, 2017. Employees would need to contribute an additional 2% of salary to the pension system. Finally, pensions could only be based on salaries below Social Security's wage base (currently \$113,700).

**Part B** is the proposal negotiated by the Governor and four caucuses last spring and uses a contract approach to change pension benefits. Part B asks employees and retirees to make one of the two choices:

**Part B: Choice 1**- Agree to a lower 3% simple COLA, delayed five years, instead of the current 3% compounded COLA if they want to have access to the state's retiree healthcare program and future salary increases counted for pension purposes.

**Part B: Choice 2**-Reject the offer and keep the current 3% compounded COLA and lose access to the state's retiree healthcare program, and any future salary increases will not be counted for pension purposes.



## *CELEBRATING OUR MEMBERS*

**Dr. Jill Nilsen** is the 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient. Before retiring in 2009 as EIU's vice president for external relations, Dr. Jill Nilsen '74, '75 helped bring about a significant increase of philanthropic giving to the university. During her tenure, she was responsible for initiating the first comprehensive capital campaign in university history. As the institution's liaison to the Illinois General Assembly, she was also instrumental in the creation of legislation that allowed the university to construct the Renewable Energy Center. Before assuming the vice presidential role, she served as a faculty member and department chair in speech pathology and audiology; associate dean of the Graduate School; and special assistant to the president during her more than 33 years at the university.

Active in the Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association, she served as the organization's president and was later named a Fellow of the Association for her contributions. Currently the immediate past chair of the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center Board of Directors, she has previously held volunteer positions as president of the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce, chair of the Charleston Excellence in Education Foundation, and secretary-treasurer of the Illinois Association of Graduate Schools. She assists various not-for-profit organizations with their philanthropic endeavors.

Jill and her husband, Hank, have also established an endowment through the EIU Foundation to provide financial support to students majoring in communication sciences and disorders.

**Dr. Alan Baharlou** was recognized as Outstanding Member of the Eastern Illinois University Foundation for 2012. The award is bestowed upon individuals who demonstrate the ideals of membership in the foundation through their volunteer service to the foundation and to the university's academic and athletic programs, providing the leadership, expertise and knowledge essential for the work of its advisory and governing boards, administrative councils and communities, and its executive-in-residence programs.

Although he retired from Eastern in 2005, Baharlou continues to remain active and involved with the university. He and his wife Carlene established the Baharlou Service Award in the College of Sciences to recognize faculty members with records of distinguished service. Baharlou served as chair of the Department of Geology/Geography during 22 of 25 years he taught at EIU. He was recognized with several awards during his teaching career, including University's Faculty Laureate in 1999, and the prestigious Ringenberg Award in 1999, The School of Continuing Education Paul Overton award. He is also the recipient of the Roger Whitlow Award, Illinois Board of Higher Education Faculty of the Year- 2003, Dean's Award for Service- 2005, Daily Eastern News Person of the Year 2005, and School of Continuing Education Outstanding Lifelong Learning Professor- 2011.

**Bill McCabe** celebrated his 90th birthday on February 2nd. . Bill was a member of the EIU Athletic Department from 1962 until his retirement in 1988. He is also a member of the EIU Athletic Hall of Fame and has a pillar dedicated to him at Coaches Field, recognizing his tenure as the baseball coach from 1963 to 1974. He and his wife Ellie have been married for 67 years. They have 7 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

**Wanda Ruyle** Celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday in May 2012. She retired after 45 years of teaching, 18 years of it at EIU in the Early Childhood, Elementary & Middle Level Education. She was also involved in Student Teaching Department and taught off-campus courses. She is daughter of Bertha & Leonard Vogel. She married rev. Dean Ruyle on May 11, 1941. He died September 3/-2010.

**Russ Waltrip** of Westfield celebrated his 85th Birthday on September 27. He married Barbara Rogers in 1949. He has 3 Children and 5 grandchildren. Waltrip retired from EIU with 32 years of service.

**Mrs. & Mr. Robert Jones** of Charleston celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 17, 2012. They are parents of 6 children & 9 grandchildren. Both retired from EIU.

**Mary Jo & Jack DeRouse** Celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on January 11, 2013. They have one son Stacy, two grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Mrs. DeRouse retired from EIU and Mr. DeRouse from CIPS.

**Mrs. & Mr. Jack Harrel** celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Nov.9. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren & 6 great grandchildren. Mr. Harrell retired from EIU Food Service and Mr. Harrell retired from framing.



## REMEMBERING FRIENDS

**Katherine Earlene Lawhorn**, age 73 of Charleston, passed away on Thursday, October 11, 2012 at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana. Kack, as she was lovingly known, was a daughter of Kenneth and Nelda (Briggs) Hudson. She married Robert "Bob" Lawhorn on April 4, 1965 She is survived by Bob, her husband of forty-seven plus years & two daughters. Kack's retirement began after working seventeen years for the Eastern Illinois University Foundation.

**Everett Alms**, 87, of Mattoon, died on Tuesday, November 6, 2012, at Mattoon Health Care & Rehabilitation. Everett was the son of Henry and Anna (Gerberding) Alms. He married Hilda L. Jenkins on March 28, 1948. Survivors include his wife, Hilda; daughter, Dixie; sons, David ; Brad; & 12 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. Everett was a Physical Plant Director at Eastern Illinois University for 23 years.

**Eulalee Long Anderson**, 93, died 11/11/12. Eulalee was the daughter of Frank and Eula Lee Kennedy Long, and spent her first 16 years in Porto Alegre, Brazil. She married Rudy Anderson in 1941, spending her next 60 years in Mattoon. She is survived by her daughter Nita and son John Anderson. Eulalee received a BA with honors from the University of Oklahoma and 3 graduate degrees from EIU. She taught in Mattoon, before returning to college and working in the EIU library. For several years, she was EIU's Foreign Student Advisor. She received numerous community service awards in Mattoon and Charleston and an honorary doctorate for service to EIU.

**James Louis Davis**, 83, of Charleston died Friday (Nov. 9, 2012) at the Prairie View Care Center in Lewistown. Mr. Davis was, the son of Orla C. and Bertha Carter Davis. Survivors include one son, Kevin; one daughter, Shirley; five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren. He retired from the U.S. Navy as an E-6. He had worked at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

**Holly Ann Storm**, age 50 of Charleston, passed away on Sunday, November 25, 2012. Holly was a daughter of Morton and Sue (Ratterree) Hoyt. She married Kevin Storm on June 21, 1986,. In addition to Kevin, she is survived by her son, Evan; her parents, Morton and Sue, she has been employed by the Charleston School District as a Reading Specialist for Mark Twain and Ashmore Schools. She was also an instructor in the Education Department at Eastern Illinois.

**Ernest Wright Garner**, age 84 of Charleston, passed away on, November 30, 2012, Ernie was was a son of the late Fred C. and Martha (Wright) Garner. He married Lola Braden on November 1, 1951, she survives. In addition to lola, Ernie is survived by three children, Carol, Ernie and Mark A.; & eighteen grandchildren, Ernie



was a United States Navy Veteran and honorably served his country during World War II. He was a life-long electrician and worked at Eastern Illinois University before retiring in the mid 1990's.

**Kenneth W. "Bill" Kemper**, 64, of Greenup, IL, passed away. On November 29, 2012, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, IL. Kenneth was the son of Noble & Anna Rosalie (Kuhn) Kemper. She survive, also Son Keith, and a daughter Shana. Kenneth worked for Eastern Illinois University Building Services for 20 years. He served his country in the US Army during the Vietnam War.

**Paul E. McCullough**, 87, of Greenup, IL, passed away. On January 5, 2013. Paul was born son of Virgil "Did" & Maudaline (Matheny) McCullough. He married Angela Marrs and then married Cindy Jane Judson. Cindy Jane his wife of 37 years survives him. Sons Gary & David, 4 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Paul proudly served his country in the Navy during World War II. retired from Eastern Illinois University Building services in 1991.

**Michael Joseph Drake**, age 50 of Charleston, passed away on January 1, 2013 Mike was son of Jim and Judy (Wright) Drake. He was united in Holy Matrimony to Lynette Baer on November 24,1990. In addition to Lynette, his wife of twenty-two years, he is survived by his children, Hannah Drake and Michael J. Drake, both of Charleston; his mother, Judy. Mike attained a Bachelor's degree in Geology and minored in math and physics from Eastern Illinois University. He was a Consultant and Field Geologist and was employed in the Housing and Dining Department at Eastern Illinois University. Mike was also extremely involved with the scouting program and he assumed a leadership role as a Merit Badge counselor. Mike was inducted into the Boy Scouts of America National Hall of Leadership in 2010 in celebration of the 100th year of scouting and was also awarded the District Award of Merit that same year.

**Nelda L. Hudson**, age 91 of Charleston, passed away on January 6, 2013. Nelda was a daughter of the late Charles and Naomi (Todd) Briggs. She married Kenneth E. Hudson on November 19, 1938 and they enjoyed sixty-six years of marriage prior to his death on March 24, 2005. Two sons survive her. She worked in the Building Services Department of Eastern Illinois University, where she was employed for ten years prior to her retirement.

**John Edward Hensley**, age 78, of Mattoon, IL, passed away on January 7, 2013, in Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. John was the son of George and Elsie (Larson) Hensley. He married Pam Epperson on August 1, 1986. She survives. Mr. Hensley was a United States Army Veteran. He enjoyed working as a Police Officer at Eastern Illinois University.

**Marion Lee Steinmetz**, age 85 of Charleston, passed away on, January 10, 2013. Lee, was the only son of the late Marion B. and Lola L. (Caywood) Steinmetz. He married Doris Lone Hamer in 1950. He is survived by his wife, two sons, Dr. William Steinmetz and Dr. Samuel Steinmetz, three granddaughters, two great-grandchildren. He received his Doctorate from Brown University and he accepted a position with Eastern Illinois University as a professor in the English Department.

**Charles H. "Bud" Creager**, age 94 of Mattoon and formerly of Charleston, passed away on January 23, 2013 at his home. Charles was a son of the late John and Florence (Braden) Creager. He married Eunice Swinford on January 5, 1946, she survives. From 1973 until his retirement in the late 1980's Bud was employed at Eastern Illinois University with Building Services.

**Samuel E. "Sam" Martin**, 78, of Mattoon, Illinois, passed away on January 24, 2013, in his residence. Sam was the son John and Katharine (Cheever) Martin. He married Carolyn Matthews, May 19, 1973. Sam was retired from the Eastern Illinois University of Charleston and the Mattoon Public Library of Mattoon. Sam served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

**Dr. James Arthur Wallace** was born on January 15, 1951, in Galveston, Texas. He passed away on January 28, 2013. He received his doctorate degree from Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. James was a past professor at Southern Illinois University and then the professor at Eastern Illinois University Department of Counseling & Student Development. James was predeceased by his parents Willie and Leola Wallace, Dr. Wallace is survived by his son Wyatt A. Wallace.

**Mary June (Bland) Blackford**, age 87 of Charleston, passed away on February 2, 2013 at her home in Mattoon. Mary June was, the younger of two daughters born to the late Dow and Opal (Brackin) Brand. Mary June graduated from Nurses' Training and she began a very long and rewarding career at Eastern Illinois University in Health Services working for Dr. Jerry Heath. She retired from EIU in 1984 as Head Nurse of Health Services.

**John H. Morrisey**, 80, of Charleston, passed away on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at his home. He married Caroline Savoree on August 16, 1958. She preceded him in death on March 3, 2007. John is survived by his six children, and seven grandchildren. He earned his Masters' in Education from Eastern Illinois University in 1962. In 1963, John went to work at EIU in the Accounting Office eventually becoming the Budget Director before retiring after 29 years in 1992. He was, EIU Annuitants Association treasurer from 1994-1996.



## **OUR SYMPATHIES**

### *Our sympathies on the passing of our Annuitants loved ones.*

Judy Wallace 70 passed away on February 12 in Denver Colorado. Judy was married to Gary Wallace for 47 years.

Gary was a faculty In Eastern Illinois University Geology/Geography Department for 30 years. Judy worked for Larson- Woodyard and Henson in Charleston. Then she was a substitute teacher in Estes Park Colorado public School. Her husband Gary, son Eric, daughter Kara, two grandchildren Andy and Kayleigh, great-granddaughter Sidney & her mother Helen Dunlap survive Judy.

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*Dear Annuitants,  
If you receive the Newsletter in hardcopy, we request that you help us save our limited funds and resources by receiving it via e-mail, if it is possible. If you are willing to do that, please send me an e-mail  
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**Please join us for the 42nd Annual EIU Annuitants Association Luncheon**  
**Friday, April 5, 2013**

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Moriarty Hall  
Madison Avenue and 9<sup>th</sup> Street Charleston, IL  
**By completing and returning this Form by March 22, 2013**

Doors open at 11:00 a.m. and serving begins at 11:30 a.m.  
Parking is available in adjoining lot.  
Please enter by the west door and register on arrival.

***Entertainment will be provided by Dr. Marilyn Coles and Mr. Paul Johnston***

Menu (catered by Niemerg's Steakhouse of Effingham):  
Grilled chicken breast and roast beef  
Twice-baked potatoes, green beans, corn, cole slaw, noodles, rolls and butter,  
fruit pies (with or without sugar)  
Iced tea, lemonade, or coffee

Cost: \$8.50 per person (incl. gratuity)  
**Please RSVP by March 22, 2013**

Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ luncheon tickets at \$8.50 per person)

Annuitant (name) \_\_\_\_\_

Annuitant (name) \_\_\_\_\_

Guest (name) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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