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LOOKING AHEAD

Our next meeting will be held on April 5 in the Neal Welcome Center.

8:30 - Coffee, tea, & conversation

9:00 – Business Meeting followed by a presentation from four international students, one from each continent (daughters, sons, grand-daughters, grandsons, niece and nephews) will share the impact of their families on their success. It will be informative and, at times, an emotional tribute to their families and all of us as well.

MEETING DATES COMING UP

EIUAA MEETINGS: (8:30 am)

April 05 – Neal Welcome Center

June 07 – To Be Determined

Sept 06 – CANCELLED

Nov 01 – Neal Welcome Center
EUIAA EXEC. COMMITTEE MEETINGS: (9 am)

May 03 – Neal Welcome Center

Aug 02 – Neal Welcome Center

Oct 04 – Neal Welcome Center

Dec 06 – Neal Welcome Center

PRESIDENT'S VIEW

Dear Colleagues,

Our most valuable legacy

All of us without exception have inherited personal attributes from those who were close to us in our developing years. Our character and outlook, such as confidence, vigilance, caring, sensitivity, optimism, compassion, tolerance, courage and persistence, are the most permanent and precious of all our inheritance. These are with us every moment of our lives and determine our family relationships and stability, our career successes, our happiness, even our health and life expectancy.

Many of us have experienced spending time with our children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, playing, traveling, encountering challenges, adverse events, handling anger, illness, difficult personal relationships, and even the death of those close to us. On many of these occasions, our children and grandchildren witness and often participate in how we handle these events. Our reactions and involvement slowly cultivate their personalities and attributes based on the examples that they witnessed which endure for their life times.

We all, from time-to-time, wonder and contemplate how we will be remembered and eulogized by our children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. What are the stories, memories,

gifts of wisdom that they recall about us? What will they hold on to as a lifetime legacy?

At our April 5th Chapter Meeting, four International students, one from each continent, will strive to answer these questions for us. They will share with us the impact and legacies of their mentors, whether they were parents, grandparents, or other family members, on their impressive successes.

I, myself, will never forget climbing the Rockies with my two daughters and later my granddaughter, Madeline, or going to the top of Alberta Falls with my grandson Sammy last year, when he was three years old. I look forward to climbing something with my new granddaughter, Sofia, who will be 2 by the time we get to the mountains this coming June. I know that I will never forget these moments and our conversations on the way up and down. I have every hope that my children and grandchildren will remember them, too. Someone once said, "The mind is a place where we live the rest of our lives. Make it a memorable place to live".

Alan Baharlou, President

CHAPTER NEWS

At our November 2 meeting, Michael Strader and Foster Rinefort were approved as members of the Executive Committee to replace Carol Strode and Marvel Carrell. Ken Baker, Director of EIU Recreation Center, gave us 10 Reasons to Start a Fitness Plan and lots of information regarding the Rec Center and the benefits it provides our annuitants. If you would like more information, please contact 581-2821.

The EIU Annuitants Association Scholarship is still accepting donations. We have received some early contributions, but we still need more. We want to present our first scholarship at the January 2008 luncheon. Contribution checks should be made payable to EIUAA Scholarship and sent to EIU Annuitants Association, Brainard House, 600 Lincoln Ave., Charleston IL 61920. Two plaques will be placed in the Neal Welcome Center. One will list the donors of \$100 or more and the other will list the recipient and year of award.

Roy Meyerholtz will serve as the coordinator of the EIUAA SURS Beneficiaries Survivor

Assistance Group. This group has been trained by SURS to assist any annuitant or their survivor(s) in processing a claim for benefits. You may contact Roy at 217-345-7975. Our thanks go to John Terwilliger for initiating, planning, and implementing the training for this service to our annuitants and their survivors.

Our January luncheon was a wonderful success. 150 annuitants and their guests enjoyed lunch and the most spectacular music of Maureen Murchie and Richard Rossi. Also, Patrice Stratton, Executive Officer of the EIU Foundation, presented the 2006 EIU Annuitant Ambassador of the Year Award to Eulalee Anderson.



CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

The search for the next president of EIU has been narrowed to three candidates who will be interviewing on campus this month. The final decision will be made late this month or early in April. The candidates are: William Perry, vice provost, at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas; Blair Lord, current provost and vice president for academic affairs at EIU; and Sue Kiefer Hammersmith, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

We have lost contact with two of our annuitants. If you know how we may reach B. Harold Francis or Marilyn S. Oglesby, please contact us. Thanks!

James Johnson, Dean of the College of Arts & Humanities was honored in November with a 2006 Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award from the Illinois Humanities Council. The award

goes to individuals that mayors nominate for outstanding work in humanities in their communities. Johnson helped in the development, fund raising, participating and attending of many activities and organizations in the community, i.e. Embarrass Valley Film Festival, Lincoln-Sargent Foundation Board, Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site, etc. Congratulations!

Several annuitants who are teaching for the School of Continuing Education, or are contemplating to do so in the future, have asked if they will be compensated at the recent UPI negotiated \$1000 per credit hour rate or the existing \$800 rate. According to Alan Baharlou's conversations with Pam Collins, Director of EIU Office of Academic and Professional Development, and William Weber, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Academic Affairs area is in the process of reviewing and revising its policies on supplemental teaching contracts. The current draft of the revised policy, which is under review and hence still subject to change, calls for annuitants teaching for the School of Continuing Education to be compensated at \$1000 per credit hour beginning Fall 2007.

The Department of Geology/Geography maintains a successful geology outreach program called Geology in the Schools. Education and Geology undergraduate students present geology demonstrations to local K-12 students. EIU students have gained experience and confidence giving demonstrations to about 1000 K-12 students every year since 1999. These demonstrations have been in over 240 local classrooms and 3 elementary school Science Nights and have been received with enthusiasm by K-12 teachers.

The cost of this outreach program to area K-12 schools is \$1,700 per year. Unfortunately, the initial funding source supporting this program since 1999 is depleted. We need new funding to continue this popular and educational program. Our goal is to raise from private sources a total of \$40,000 to endow the Geology in the Schools Outreach Program. This endowment would *generate in perpetuity* the *annual* resources necessary to continue. We need everyone to

consider donating any amount to build up this endowment. If you would like to discuss this further, please feel free to contact Dr. Kathy Bower (217)581-6245; email kmbower@eiu.edu or Dr. Alan Baharlou (217)348-0002; email abaharlou@eiu.edu. To make a contribution, please make checks payable to the Eastern Illinois University Foundation, indicate Geology in the Schools on the memo line, and mail to EIU Foundation, 600 Lincoln Avenue, Charleston, IL 61920.

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

NEWS FROM YOU

IT HAS BEEN CONVEYED TO US MANY TIMES, THAT ONE OF THE BEST FEATURES OF THE NEWSLETTER IS THE "NEWS FROM YOU" SECTION. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVEN'T BEEN RECEIVING MUCH INFORMATION. WE KNOW THAT YOU ARE ACTIVE IN TRAVELING, VOLUNTEERING, ETC. AND/OR HAVE FAMILY NEWS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE. PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT AND SEND THEM TO US. OUR ADDRESS IS IN THE BOX ABOVE.

Patty Butler and her husband Joe celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on December 30. They have two children and four grandchildren and live in Mattoon IL. Congratulations!

Joy Cook published a poem "Will You Love Me?" in a book called Timeless Voices published by the International Library of Poetry. She also received the Editor's Choice Award for Outstanding Achievement in Poetry presented by Poetry.com and the International Library of Poetry.

Earl Doughty celebrated his 80th birthday on January 14. A four-day celebration in St. Louis with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren attended. When he returns from his winter home in Arizona, a celebration with family and friends will take place in Charleston.

Happy Birthday!

Joyce Drury-Easter married Danny Lang at a family ceremony on February 10.

Congratulations!

Helen Hanner and her husband Howard celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on January 15. They have three children, six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Best wishes!

Kenneth Hilligoss and his wife Kathie celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on February 12. They have two children and three grandchildren. Congratulations!

Ted and Judy Ivarie have been doing some traveling. They did a five week Elderhostel last February and March to New Zealand and Australia, a two week trip to China following their 50th wedding anniversary celebration in September, and a trip to St. George UT where they participated in the Huntsman Senior Games. Judy is still smiling from winning the gold in her division of the golf competition. Following the games, they stayed in St. George for another week at the Red Mountain Adventure Spa which was a gift from their children as an anniversary present. They said it was extraordinary. California fits their retirement expectations and life continues to be very good.

Al Joyner was recently honored with a 2007 Jefferson Award for his work with mentoring prison inmates, his work as a founding member of Coles County Habitat for Humanity, and his work with his church in supporting people in need. Congratulations!

Joanne Magalis has moved to New Mexico and is enjoying it very much. Good air, beautiful mountains archaeological sites and cultural diversity – it's wonderful!

Walter and Mary McDade celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on February 14. They have three children, six grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren. Congratulations!

Rob McKerrow and his wife Suzanne celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 26. They have two sons, eleven grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Congratulations!

Ed Moll gave the keynote address at meetings in St. Louis in August and was awarded the first annual John Behler Turtle Conservation

Award honoring his excellence and leadership in international turtle conservation. Years ago, he was the first chairman of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Turtle Specialist Group. He also had his hip replaced in late November and is making a rapid recovery. He and Judy are going to the Galapagos Islands and Machu Picchu for 19 days in March where they will be hiking a lot. Congratulations and have lots of fun!

Myra Jean Moody celebrated her 80th birthday on November 2. She has six children, eleven grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren. She retired in 1997. Best wishes!

Raymond Morris and his wife Madonna celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on December 14. They have two children, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Congratulations!

Bud Sanders and his wife Joann won the lottery – the Bears Super Bowl ticket lottery and attended the game in Miami. Bud is an avid Bears and Cub fan and had always dreamed of seeing the Bears play in the Super Bowl and is still dreaming of the Cubs in the World Series.

Kevin Settle, son of annuitant **Nellie Settle**, was named the 2007 Illinois Superintendent of the Year. He is the superintendent of the Mount Vernon City School District 80. Congratulations!

Catherine Smith recently returned from an Elderhostel to the Mediterranean island of Malta. From experiencing the earliest free standing stone edifices in the world through the defeat of the Ottomans in the great siege of 1565 to the essential role of Malta in World War II, she found the trip fascinating. In November, she met with five of her former EIU Music students for a pre-opera dinner and performance at Lyric Opera of **Salome** in Chicago.

Donald "Rex" Snider and his wife Dixie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 14. They have four children, eleven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Congratulations!

Dale Wolf was awarded the Charleston Exchange Club's Distinguished Charter Club President Award in November. Congratulations!

REMEMBERING FRIENDS

Freda G. Carpenter, age 85, of Charleston, passed away on January 31. She is survived by one son, one daughter, one stepson, one granddaughter, four step-grandchildren, and six step-great-grandchildren. She worked in Food Services for almost twenty years. Memorials may be made to the North Side Baptist Church in Charleston.

Wilson W. Day, age 70, of Charleston, passed away on December 29. He is survived by his wife Mary Lou, two daughters, and seven grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Charleston Christian Academy.

JAMES F. GIFFIN, age 87, of Charleston, passed away on November 2. He is survived by his wife June, one son, and one daughter. He was a proud Navy veteran of WWII. He was an EIU alumnus who returned to EIU after completing his graduate degree to teach business education. After completing his doctorate, he was appointed Business Department Chairman. In 1964, he founded the School of Business and served as its Dean until 1974 when he returned to teaching until his retirement in 1983. He has received many awards and served on many boards throughout the years. He and his wife June endowed two scholarships for business students one of which is the annual Dean's Award presented to the outstanding senior in business. Memorials in his honor may be made to the EIU Foundation – Jim and June Giffin Scholarship or the Wesley United Methodist Church Music Fund.

Ivan Harvey, age 84, of Hindsboro, father of annuitant Gayle Sue Harvey, passed away on November 22.

MARY MALINDA "LINDA" HIGHLAND, age 70, of Charleston, passed away on January 10. She is survived by her husband Gerald "Jerry", two sons, one daughter, and six grandchildren. She was a secretary in the office of the Dean of the College of Education until her retirement in 1994. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Betty Jane Hildebrand, age 78, of Charleston, passed away on January 24. She is survived by her husband, annuitant Thomas C. Hildebrand, one son, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Memorials may be made to the

Friendship Baptist Church or to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

Robert Lee Hills, age 68, of Martinsville, passed away on January 3. He is survived by his mother, a nephew, and aunts and uncle. He obtained his graduate degree in music from EIU and after teaching at WIU and two high schools, he returned to EIU to teach music. He retired in 2000. Memorials may be made to the Martinsville United Methodist Church.

James E. Johnson, age 80, of Zion, passed away on October 26. He is survived by his wife Lelia, two sons, one daughter, ten grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He was assistant dean of Student Personnel for 21 years until his retirement in 1991. He was selected for the EIU Minority Hall of Fame, EIU Athletic Hall of Fame, EIU Black Alumni Hall of Fame, and was a member of the 1949-1952 EIU Men's Basketball team. He was an Air Force veteran. Memorials may be made to the EIU Athletic Department.

Kathryn C. Kesler, age 55, of McLeansboro, passed away on November 2. She was the daughter of annuitant Nina Kesler Burnett who survives.

VERNE B. KNISKERN, age 85, of Charleston, passed away on February 12. He is survived by his wife Edna, three sons, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. He was an Army veteran of WWII. He was active in many organizations, and he and Edna were skilled spinners and weavers. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the First Presbyterian Church of Charleston.

Everett Manley, age 77, of Charleston, passed away on October 8. He is the father of annuitant Larry Manley who survives.

Caroline D. Morrissey, age 68, of Charleston, passed away on March 3. She is survived by her husband John, who is also an annuitant, two daughters, four sons, and seven grandchildren. She was a cashier for many years before her retirement. Memorials may be made to the Charleston Fourth of July Committee or the Newman Center for Outdoor Prayer Garden.

John "Jack" Edward Patrick Mullally, age 85, of Mattoon, passed away on March 2. He is survived by two sons and three grandchildren. He retired as professor of Germanic Languages. Memorials may be made to the Catholics United

for Life, 3050 Gap Knob Road, New Hope, Kentucky 40052.

Nancy J. Shaw Neal, age 75, of Mattoon, passed away on December 10. She is survived by her husband Burnham, one daughter, and two grandsons. She has served as vice president and board member of the Neal Foundation, and was a loyal friend and supporter of EIU.

ANNA LOUISE NICKLES, age 86, of Reno, Nevada, passed away on September 6. She was the widow of deceased annuitant Ralph Nickles.

MARY FRANCES PAULEY, age 85, of Charleston, passed away on December 2. She was the widow of deceased annuitant John Pauley.

Ivan Van Tassel, Jr., age 51, of Marshall, passed away on February 19. He was the son of annuitant Ivan Van Tassel who survives.

James A. Walker, Sr., age 81, of Lerna, passed away on October 17. He was the husband of annuitant Mary Alice Walker who survives.

Juanita M. Wilson, age 89, of Terre Haute IN, passed away on January 15. She was the sister of annuitant Margorie Checkley who survives.

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