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#### LOOKING AHEAD

**Our next meeting will be held on September 7 in the Neal Welcome Center.**

8:30 - Coffee, tea, & conversation  
9:00 - Business Meeting followed by a presentation from an AFSCME representative regarding the strategy for negotiating our health insurance. AFSCME negotiates health insurance for all state and university employees and annuitants. We will also vote on the motion to establish an EIU Annuitants Association Scholarship. John Terwilliger will also speak about EIUAA developing a Survivor Advocates program made up of volunteers and trained by SURS to provide assistance to annuitants and/or their spouses upon the death of an annuitant.

#### MEETING DATES COMING UP

**EIUAA MEETINGS: (8:30 am)**

Nov 02 - Neal Welcome Center  
**2007**  
Jan 15 - Luncheon at Cross County Mall  
April 05 - Neal Welcome Center  
June 07 - To Be Determined  
Sept 06 - Neal Welcome Center  
Nov 01 - Neal Welcome Center

**EIUAA EXEC. COMMITTEE MEETINGS: (9 am)**

Oct 05 - Neal Welcome Center  
Dec 07 - Neal Welcome Center  
**2007**  
Mar 01 - Neal Welcome Center  
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,

AARP Magazine August 06 issue published an article "9 reasons to Start a Fitness Plan," describing the latest scientific research findings which confirm the physical and mental significance of exercise, particularly as we age (I will provide you with a copy of the article at our November 2, meeting if you have not read it by that time). This is part of a recent emphasis as our life expectancy increases and, at the same time, bone and muscle deterioration, weight gain and accompanying pain and discomfort increases. "Our bodies should last us 120 years. We don't live that long, not because of the way we are made but because we don't take care of ourselves" says Kenneth Cooper, MD., Executive Director of Cooper Institute of Aerobic Research in Dallas.

All living things evolve internally to adjust to the ever changing environment. For example, birds evolve to fly, deer to run fast, owls to have very sensitive eyes to see at night, amphibians to breathe in air and water and turtles develop hard shells. In contrast, we have adjusted to our environment externally using our technologies to fly, motor vehicles to go fast, glasses and phones to hear and see far, and electronic chips to process data. Consequently, all of our body parts have become sluggish, weak, and worn out much earlier than their potential life expectancy. Medical technology to some extent, makes up for this but exercise is the only comprehensive activity that can compensate for the long duration and prevent many diseases and enhance not only our physical and mental abilities but also our quality of life.

Fortunately, those of us who live in Charleston, have access to a wide range of opportunities and facilities to develop an individualized fitness plan. Eastern Illinois University has one of the most comprehensive Rec Centers with modern exercise equipment in a clean, spacious, well managed and supervised facility to provide both aerobic cardiovascular and strength training for running, walking, swimming, weight lifting and to take a moment to converse with our friends and colleagues. It is open from 5:30 am to midnight (with shorter time in summer). Additionally, we can use campus sidewalks and a beautiful, tranquil, flat Lincoln Prairie Trail between Charleston and Mattoon for walking, running, biking, horseback riding and enjoying established prairie flowers.

Our November 2 meeting is devoted to fitness activities. Ken Baker, Director of the EIU Rec Center will be our guest speaker to explain all of the possibilities for exercise activities compatible with our age, physical conditions and goals. I do hope you will attend this event in Neal Welcome Center.

Alan Baharlou, President

#### CHAPTER NEWS

At the June 1, 2006 meeting, Jim Johnson and Jeff Lynch gave us an update on the Fine Arts Center which is in construction and due to be completed by Fall 2007. Moving into the building will be done in phases. Antoine Predock is the architect for the project; he received the 2006 Gold Medal from the American Institute of Architects. The FAC will be spectacular when completed.

The EIU Annuitants Association Scholarship was discussed and it was decided to seek further comments through an announcement in this newsletter before taking a vote at the September meeting. It was suggested that we seek private donations from EIUAA members as well as a contribution from our treasury. We have learned that annuitants can donate by payroll deduction from their SURS monthly benefit, but SURS requires 50 annuitants to sign up. More information will be forthcoming in our next newsletter.

We are extremely pleased to announce that the EIUAA chapter received two awards from SUAA: one for the chapter with seven consecutive years of membership increases and two, for the chapter exceeding last year's membership. Terry Weidner, President of SUAA, noted that large membership in our organization is one of the significant factors in having a voice with the legislatures regarding decision making. Thanks to all who renewed their memberships!

We want to send a big thank you to Bob Whittenbarger for his service and dedication to this organization during the past six years. He has served us well and we really appreciate all you have done!

#### NEWS OF INTEREST

**Attention all Panther Card holders:** This fall, as a result of the Banner implementation (new computer system), the entire campus community will receive new Panther Cards. To get a new one, you must take your old Panther Card and a government-issued ID (driver's license, state ID, military ID or passport) to Room 3040 in the Student Services Building.

#### CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Eastern Illinois University annuitants serve as volunteer ambassadors for the purpose of assisting visitors and guests to the Neal Welcome Center. The Foundation sees the Annuitant Ambassador program as a perfect partnership. Former faculty and staff of the University are able to provide a knowledgeable connection for

visitors and guests who have questions about the University and need directions to campus buildings and visitor parking lots. They assist students who come to the Center to complete their scholarship release forms. Sometimes they are asked to help with mailings and other office projects. Because of limited resources, the Annuitant Ambassadors provide a much needed service to the Foundation and University. Nancy Page is the coordinator for the Annuitant Ambassador program. She regularly contacts members of the Annuitants Association seeking volunteers to fill the two-hour shifts at the Center. If you are interested and would like to help, please let her know. She can be reached at the Neal Welcome Center, 860 W. Lincoln Ave., Charleston, IL 61920, or at 581-3314. On behalf of the Foundation Board of Directors, thank you!

Several EIU employees retired this past fiscal year. We welcome the following retirees: William Allen, Richard Barta, Kathryn Bayles, Susan Bazargan, Hugh Brazil, Mark Christhilf, Michael Church, Wesley Connelley, Janet Cornell, L. Joyce Edwards, Molly Evans, Barbara Flick, Carrie L. Foote, Nancy Grant, Freddie Grissom, Judy S. Harteroad, Joyce Harwood, Janice L. Hawkins, Marilyn Hills, Dorothee L. Kilgore, Keith Kohanzo, Kipp Kruse, Judy L. Lang, Ron Miller, Caroline D. Morrisey, Howard Price, Nancy A. Rardin, Rodney Redfern, Charles Rohn, Julie Sloat, Clara M. Smith, Linda Spangler, Beverly C. Sperry, Michael Strader, Gary A. Titus, Peter Voelz, Carolyn J. Walters, Tommy Waskom, Richard G. Williams, Jerry R. Wilson, and Merlene Wittenberg. Congratulations!

Ruth Hoberman received the 2005-2006 Distinguished Faculty Award. She is a member of the English Dept. faculty and has written two books, co-authored a textbook and a published collection of essays. Congratulations!

#### NEWS FROM YOU

**EULALEE ANDERSON** volunteers as an ambassador at the Neal Welcome Center.

**DANIEL BOLIN** and his wife Karen spent the winter at their condo in Tucson. They love hiking in the mountains and playing golf. He was a marshal with the leader group at the Tucson Open Golf Tournament held the last week in February. They also traveled to Las Vegas, St. George, Utah, and Los Angeles and San Diego. While they were in San Diego, they watched the Illini play in the first round of the NCAA basketball tournament. Their son Roger and family lives in Waco, Texas, and son Randy and family live in the Kansas City area. They each have two sons. They enjoyed being with Roger and family last Thanksgiving in South Padre Island, Texas, while enjoying the beach and watching the Illini win their Thanksgiving Holiday Tournament. They recently returned from two weeks in Florida which was spent at Disney World with Randy and his family.

**C. DANIEL CARPENTER** tells us his nephew, SP4 Scott W. Carpenter, is now serving in Germany after a tour in Iraq in 2005, outside of Baghdad. Scott's wife Deidre and son Kaden are in Germany with him. Dan says he is very proud of Scott's service to his country and the direction he is leading himself and his family.

**DALE DOWNS** and his wife Lois celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 3. They have two children and six grandchildren. Congratulations!

**JOHN EBINGER** and his wife Marlene celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 11. They have four children and ten grandchildren. Congratulations!

**CHARLES FUGATE** and his wife Nadene celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 21. They have one daughter, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Congratulations!

**JOHN GUCKERT** and his wife Joyce keep active with their family in the Orlando area and the St. Louis area. They enjoy their friends and church functions as well as many other activities. He is on the Board of Directors of the Racquet Club Villas where they very much enjoy living. They love the land of sunshine and flowers and are happy they moved to Florida eight years ago.

**HELEN HANNER** and her husband Howard will celebrate their 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on January 15, 2007. They have three children, six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, one step great-grandchild. One great-granddaughter is deceased. Their daughter-in-law, Dr. Maryanne Hanner, works at EIU.

**BILL HARELSON** and his wife Barbara celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 10. They have five children, seven grandchildren, one step-grandchild, and one great-grandchild. They are expecting another great-grandchild and a step-great-grandchild. Congratulations!

**LINDA HIGHLAND** has Alzheimer's and has been in the Odd Fellow-Rebecca Nursing Home since January 2002. She is otherwise healthy. She is the third generation with this illness since her mother and maternal grandfather also suffered from Alzheimer's.

**BOB and PAT HILL** are very proud of their grandchildren after six of them competed and all placed in the State of Illinois Kiddie Tractor Pull competition. Tyler Hill won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 4 year old boy competition; Katherine Hill won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 5 year old girl competition; Zachary Hill won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 5 year old boy competition; Mattison Hill won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 7 year old girl competition; Caleb Hill won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 7 year old boy competition; and Alyssa Brewer won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 9 year old girl competition. They are all eligible to compete in the National Kiddie Tractor Pull competition to be held at the Corn Palace in Mitchell, South Dakota, in September.

**DOROTHY LAWS** has moved to Arizona to live with her daughter Esther. She celebrated her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on May 28. She has eight grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren. Best wishes! Her new address is 15088 N. 85<sup>th</sup> Dr., Peoria AZ 85381.

**DONNA SUE MOODAY** traveled to Pella, Iowa for the Tulip Festival with the First Mid-Illinois Bank tour. She enjoys staying active and does some volunteer work.

**JOHN and CAROLINE MORRISEY** were recently honored with the Paul Harris Fellow recognition from the Rotary Foundation. He was also honored for his service as Rotary Club treasurer since 1982. Congratulations!

**HAP and EVY PINTHER** celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in July. They have three children: Paul, Evan and Valla, and seven grandchildren. Their address is 812 Masterpiece Rd., Lake Wales, FL 33898. Congratulations!

**HARRY READ** and his wife are proud of their daughter Melanie Adams. She was presented with a Distinguished Teaching Award at Columbus State Community College in Ohio. She teaches in the early childhood department. She received her bachelor and master degrees from EIU. She received the Teacher of the Year award in 1997 by the Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children which resulted in formal recognition from the Ohio House of Representatives.

**WANDA RUYLE** and her husband Dean celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in May. Congratulations!  
**KENNETH SUTTON** enjoys traveling. He is club sponsor of a key club at CHS for the Kiwanis Club of Rincon, Arizona, where he is president-elect. His wife Patricia is the club secretary. Both also volunteer at Saquaro Christian Church.

**DAN THORNBURGH** and his wife Adrienne celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 11. They have three children and four grandchildren. Congratulations!

**ROBERT WILSON** and his wife Joyce celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 29. They have two children and two grandchildren. Congratulations!

**DALE WOLF** says his son Timothy received his PhD from Washington University in St. Louis in May. His field is Occupational Therapy. Debby continues to teach in the P.E. Dept. at EIU while Dale is president of both the Exchange Club and the Panther Club. Their five children now have a total of eleven degrees thus far.

**THEDA WOODFALL** celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 24. She has one daughter, two grandsons, and three great-grandchildren. Best wishes!

#### REMEMBERING FRIENDS

**DEWEY H. AMOS**, age 81, of Charleston, passed away on May 6. He was a professor of geology at EIU from 1965 until his retirement in 1990. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Dora, three children, and three grandchildren. He was an Army veteran of WWII and Korea. Memorials may be made to the EIU Foundation Dewey H. Amos Geology and Earth Science Award.

**BETTY JANE ARMSTRONG**, age 56, of Charleston, passed away on June 24 after a six year battle with cancer. She was an EIU graduate and worked almost 30 years at EIU, the last several years in the Office of Financial Aids. She is survived by her husband Roger, three children, one granddaughter, and two sisters: Pat Hill and Joy Cook, both EIU annuitants. Memorials may be made to the Sarah Bush Lincoln Cancer Center.

**RICHARD W. CARROLL**, age 62, of Charleston, passed away on August 6. He is survived by one son and one daughter, and four grandchildren. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran. Memorials may be made to the Hutton Township Volunteer Fire Department or Coles County 4-H Extension.

**Earl Clapp**, age 80, of Ashmore, brother of EIU annuitant Winnie Holle, passed away on June 16. He was a Navy veteran of WWII. He is also survived by a son and three grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Ashmore United Presbyterian Church or Shriners Children's Hospital.

**Virgil Coats**, age 75, of Ashmore, husband of EIU annuitant Barbara Coats, passed away on July 27. He is also survived by two daughters and two grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Ashmore First Baptist Church.

**THOMAS L. ELLIOTT**, age 78, of Charleston, passed away on June 18 after suffering a heart attack. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Betty, two children, and two granddaughters. He was an Air Force veteran. He retired in 1989 after 24 years of service in the Dept. of Business Education and Administrative Office Management. Memorials may be made to the EIU Foundation Thomas L. Elliott Scholarship Fund.

**VIRGINIA L. EVANS**, age 86, of Charleston, passed away on July 25. She is survived by three children, including EIU annuitant Molly Evans, and two grandchildren. She received her bachelor and master degrees from EIU and worked in the Records Dept. at EIU for 20 years until her retirement in 1994. Memorials may be made to a church or charity of the donor's choice.

**ALAN L. FINCH**, age 69, of Charleston, passed away on May 9. He is survived by his wife Marian, two daughters, and four grandchildren. He was an Army veteran. He retired from the Grounds Dept.

**LUCINA P. GABBARD**, age 84, of Houston, Texas, passed away on May 23 of lung cancer. She is survived by her husband Glendon and two children. She retired as a professor of English in 1986 then moved to Chicago where she and Glendon worked as actors in films, plays, TV, and print ads. She also played in "The Grapes of Wrath" which won a Tony Award while it was playing on Broadway in New York in 1990.

**Doris Lloyd**, age 63, of Salem, Illinois, passed away on May 7. She was the daughter of EIU annuitants Donald and Roseanne Sanders. She is also survived by her husband Claude, three children, and ten grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**DARRELL "DOC" PEARCY**, age 80, of Charleston, passed away on June 17. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Barbara, seven children, thirteen grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He was a Navy veteran. He retired as an Environmental Control Supervisor. Memorials may be made to St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church for prayers for the departed.

**STUART PENN**, age 85, of Charleston, passed away on July 5. He is survived by his wife Jean, two children, and three children. He was a professor of philosophy before retiring in 1987. He was an Army veteran of WWII.

**Charles K. Pierce**, age 89, of Charleston, passed away on May 5. He was the father of EIU annuitant Bob Pierce. Also surviving are a daughter, three children, and five great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to East Harrison Street Church of God.

**JACK RICHARDSON**, age 84, of Mattoon, passed away on May 28. He is survived by his wife Marguerite, two sons, and four grandchildren. He retired as chair of the Health Education Dept after 21 years. He was a WWII veteran. Memorials may be made to the Heartland Christian Village in Neoga, Illinois.

**WILLIAM W. SCOTT**, age 85, of Charleston, passed away on June 24. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Jeanette, four sons, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He retired in 1989 where he served as Associate Dean of the Graduate School and Chair of the Botany Dept. He was a Navy veteran of WWII and Korea. Memorials may be made to the American Macular Degeneration Foundation or Trinity Episcopal Church in Mattoon, Illinois.

**SUE B. STONER**, age 84, of Charleston, passed away on August 5. She is survived by two sons. She retired as professor of Psychology. Memorials may be made to The Rothchild Psychology Award, c/o EIU Foundation or Hospice of Dynamic Homecare.

**Kyle Wargo**, age 17, of Colfax, Illinois, passed away on July 2 from injuries received in a car accident. He was the grandson of EIU annuitants Robert and Laura Hussey. He is also survived by his parents, one brother, two sisters, and paternal grandparents. Memorials may be made to the Kyle R. Wargo Memorial Fund.

**WILLIAM ZEIGEL**, age 101, of Savoy, Illinois, passed away on May 8. His wife Frances passed away on April 17. He is survived by one son, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He served in numerous teaching and administrative positions until his retirement in 1971. He was also the first president of EIUAA and the second president of SUAA, and served on the Employees Advisory Committee to the State Universities Retirement System.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

To contact members of the Illinois General Assembly or U.S. Congress via email or regular mail, go to the new SUAA Legislative Action Center:  
[www.suaa.org](http://www.suaa.org), click on "write legislators"

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