## **Emeritus & Annuitant NEWSLETTER**

#### A Publication of the SIUC Emeritus and Annuitant Association

#### Volume 2007, Number 2

#### **Friends of SIU**

Where can we find a group that is loyal, Friends that stick like glue? Where can we find such true devotion? Friends of SIUC!

We are friends from all different walks of life, Who come from far and near To rekindle the closeness that once we shared At the school we hold so dear.

Each memory we share is a precious jewel Stored in life's treasure chest, And the memories enhance with each backward glance Until we're abundantly blessed.

It is true what they say—we should make new friends, But always keep the old, For one, we know, is made out of silver And the other one…pure gold!

We're grateful to be together again And no matter what we do, We'll treasure the memories of days gone by as Friends of SIU!

© Copyright 2007 Idella Pearl Edwards Reprinted with permission.

## *O* n campus

As Southern gears up for another academic year, the campus has taken on a vibrant new look. In August, new campus signage will welcome students and their families to campus as they arrive to bring new life to dear ole Southern. Pictured is one of the new campus entrance signs that greets campus visitors. These entrance signs, along with new building and directional signs, have added a fresh appearance to Southern's charming atmosphere.



## Fernando M. Treviño to speak at Fall EAA General Membership Meeting

Chancellor Treviño is a past president of the World Federation of Public Health Associations

in Geneva, Switzerland. From 1993 to 1996, Treviño was executive director of the American Public Health Association in Washington, D.C., and executive editor of "The Nation's Health." His bachelor's

degree was in psychology from .

SIUC Chancellor Fernando M. Treviño

#### A message from Chancellor Treviño.

"As one of the newest members of the SIUC family, I appreciate the collective wisdom, knowledge, and experience that the Emeritus Association offers the faculty, staff and students of the university. My hope is that we pursue all venues possible to maintain a healthy, mutual engagement and communication between the Emeritus Association and the university. I am personally most appreciative of the commitment, loyalty, and passion for SIUC that you each exhibit daily. Thank you!"

the University of Houston, his master's of public health degree was from the University of Texas School of

Public health, and his doctorate from the University of Texas Medical Branch.

We are honored that Chancellor Treviño will be the speaker for our September 21 Fall meeting. Members of EAA are encouraged to attend the meeting and give a warm, Southern welcome to this native of Eagle Pass, Texas.

Visit EAA on the Web! www.siu.edu/~siuc-eaa/

#### INSIDE THE COVERS

#### <u>Articles</u>

SUAA Annual Meeting	5
SUAAction Fundraising	5
Talking Points 3	5

#### <u>Features</u>

President's Message2
Calendar of Events 2
Chapter Happenings4
Out & About5
Issue Featured Guest
Writer's Block7



August 2007

### **President's Message**



### **G** reetings,

Serving as President of the SIUC Emeritus and Annuitant Association the last two years has been an education for me. I didn't realize the political and legislative issues that would become a part of my life. As I write (early July), the machinations going on in Springfield do not bode well for the pension system, even though the so-called leaders of our political system say that the pension deficit is a major issue in settling the budget for the new year (which has begun without a budget). I am fearful that there is so little talk about changing the tax system in Illinois, as that seems more and more likely to be the only solution for the pension debacle we're suffering. Illinois continues to have the "worst-in-the-nation unfunded pension liability" (Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, December, 2006).

But enough of gloom and doom. Thank you for the privilege of serving as President of the SIUC EAA these past two years. I have learned much and gained much. I can only hope that my efforts have helped vou learn, too.

And, as immediate past president of the SIUC EAA, I take great pleasure in introducing you to the new president of our organization, Dr. Carolyn Donow. Carolyn, a friend for years, has a record of

serving in leadership positions around campus. I know her to be a fighter and a person who works hard. Bruce Appleby Immediate Past President After receiving her Ph.D., Carolyn served as a lecturer in psychology before becoming Associate Director

of the Office of Research and Development. She was chair of the Administrative/Professional Council. In addition, she has served as President of the Friends of Morris Library. With this long and dedicated career of service and leadership to SIUC before retirement, we can all rest assured that Carolyn will bring to our organization a true sense of what we need to be fighting for and a true sense of how we might best work to protect our pensions and benefits, as well as the pensions and benefits of those who will be retiring.

#### Dear Members,

By the time you get this newsletter, I hope that our legislators and governor have approved a budget for Illinois—as I'm writing this they are still feuding. If the new state budget provides an annual payment to pensions and if it funds higher education at a decent level, we can rejoice and thank our legislators for their help. If it doesn't, we can mourn and increase our political pressure on legislators.

Membership in EAA/SUAA continues to be a big issue. Although SUAA's membership is up to 15,140 this year, there are potentially 40,000 members. A larger membership means that SUAA can provide more services and more information to our chapters, and it gives us more political power in Springfield. For our EAA chapter, there are 3,574 annuitants who could be members, but our current membership is 827. We can do better. Bob Radtke, Vice-President of EAA, has agreed to be chair of our membership committee next year. All of us need to help him and his committee to increase our membership next year.

Political action is another major issue that EAA/SUAA will work on next year. Although the **SUAAction** group is just getting started, it continues to work on organizing, fund raising, and resolving legal issues. John Guyon has resigned as SIUC's delegate to **SUAAction**, and I will serve the next two years as our delegate to the group. In the near future EAA will sponsor another training group for members who want to be more involved in lobbying and legislative action. I'll write more about that in our next newsletter.

Please attend our annual meeting on September 21 and help welcome SIUC's new chancellor, FernandoTreviño, to our campus.

## Carolyn Donow





**Carolyn Donow** President

Calendar of Events

August 20, 2007 - SIUC Fall Semester Begins August 20 - 24, 2007 - EAA Bookstore Greeter Volunteers Serve at the Student Center Bookstore August 27 - 28, 2007 - EAA Blood Drive, Student Center September 21, 2007 - Emeritus Faculty Association Meeting - 8:30 a.m., Dunn-Richmond Ctr September 21, 2007 - EAA Fall General Meeting - 10 a.m., Dunn-Richmond Ctr October 6, 2007 - SIUC Homecoming Weekend. EAA table in Alumni Tent October 6, 2007 - Emeritus Trip to St. Louis Botanical Gardens and to Kirkwood, Mo. to see Crazy For You October 8, 2007 - EAA Golf Scramble. Kokopelli Golf Course. 8:30 a.m. reg; Tee time 9 a.m. October 13, 2007 - Barbershop Chorus Fall Show - Herrin Civic Ctr December 12, 2007 -- Holiday Luncheon - Noon, Student Center, Ballroom B.



## SUAA holds annual meeting in Springfield

SUAA's annual meeting was in Springfield June 13-14. Emil and Edie Spees, Bruce Appleby, and Carolyn Donow represented EAA at that meeting. Dan Slack, Executive Director of SURS was the opening speaker and mentioned a couple of items that may concern us. The House has passed a resolution asking for a new State Constitutional Convention. The reasons given were to change school district funding, improper campaign contributions, and property tax. Both the state House and Senate have approved a resolution to ask Congress to pass legislation that will do away with the Social Security penalties for Illinois state employees, a move that would help many of our annuitants.

Representative Rich Brauer-R and Representative Robert Pritchard-R also spoke at the meeting. Brauer is on the Pension Funds Management, and the Personnel and Pensions Committees. Pritchard is on the Appropriations-Higher Education, and Higher Education Committees. As Republicans in a Democratic-controlled House, they were happy to have recently become important in the budget process, and they assured us that they would be working for our interests.

SUAA is in the midst of changes that are necessary for a growing organization and a political system that hasn't put higher education or state retirees high on their priority list. In the past few months Don Naylor, our long-time executive director, retired and we hired a new executive director, Linda Brookhart. As soon as Linda was hired, SUAA moved their offices (same building; larger space) and installed a new computer system. With the larger space and updated computer system, SUAA will continue the excellent work that they have done in the past.

You are invited to visit the SUAA Central Office at 3085 Stevenson Drive, Suite 301, anytime you are in Springfield.

### SUAAction fundraising—Good News

The 2006-2007 state fundraising goal for *SUAAction* was \$109,000 and the total contributions by June 13 amounted to \$127,148. Since this subgroup of SUAA is in its infancy, meeting and surpassing the goal was certainly good news. The purpose of SUAAction is to maximize the political influence of the SUAA membership through participation in the political process. Contributions shall be maintained as a separate segregated fund, and all income and expenditures shall be recorded and reports made as required by state law.

Our chapter's fundraising goal for 2006-2007, suggested by SUAA based on our membership, was \$6,000. By June 13, members of EAA had contributed \$4,487. Although we didn't meet the suggested goal in 2006-2007, it was the first year and I'm sure that we'll do better as our chapter gets more information out to our members. Thank you to all of our members who donated to SUAAction and helped to make this initial fund drive successful.

## Talking Points for Legislators and Others

- SURS benefits are not overly generous
- 69% of SURS benefit recipients receive \$2,600 or less per month
- SURS recipients get no Social Security—the state does not contribute to SS on their behalf. (Most people, including legislators, do not know that SURS recipients do not get SS.)
- 76% of SURS retirees live in Illinois so their annuities get spent in Illinois

EAA/SUAA wants the legislature to

- restore the full funding of our pensions mandated by the 1995 legislation
- maintain and improve existing benefits for pre-1980 retirees and survivors.
- fund higher education at a level that maintains a competitive position for Illinois

••••••

### SUAA Foundation

The SUAA Foundation is an educational, research, and humanitarian foundation. It supports educational programs of SUAA chapters, research on the needs and interest of SUAA members to increase SUAA services to members, and chapters' members special needs through request from a chapter. Emil Spees is in his second year as a SUAA Foundation Director.

#### **Retirement Quote**

Retirement: It's nice to get out of the rat race, but you have to learn to get along with less cheese. — Gene Perret To keep up with news from SUAA, join the LIST-SERV for SURS Retirees. The listserve is maintained by John Terwilliger, a SURS retiree who resides in Charleston, IL. To subscribe log on to: http://lists.eiu.edu/mailman/listinfo/suaatalk

This website provides the necessary sign-on procedures to join the LIST-SERV.



The Emeritus & Annuitant Association extends its heartfelt thanks to Dr. Bruce Appleby for all he has done during the past two years in serving as our President and spokesperson. He has worked diligently by meeting with campus groups to increase our chapter's membership, and by working with SUAA,

SURS, and legislators to keep them informed of our issues and needs. We appreciate the countless hours he has devoted to our causes and thank him for guiding our organization through some very complex and difficult State issues. Thank you, Bruce, for your strong voice in representing us. We are sincerely grateful.

The Emeritus Association Newsletter is published three times a year by the office of Constituent Relations & Special Events, Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Editor-in-Chief, Nancy Hartman

Attn: Emeritus Association Newsletter Constituent Relations & Special Events Kesnar Hall 207, Mailcode 6525 Southern Illinois University Carbondale 1225 Douglas Drive Carbondale, Illinois 62901

# Chapter Happenings

## Emeriti holiday luncheon - Dec. 12



The Emeritus and Annuitant Holiday Luncheon is set for noon, Wednesday, December 12 in the Student Center Ballroom B.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

## **Emeritus Faculty Organization**

Rob Jensen, Professor Emeritus of Psychology, will deliver the 2007 Emeritus Faculty Lecture. The title of Rob's lecture is "Your Memory: Teflon or Velcro." The lecture will be delivered at the Law School Auditorium on Thursday, November 8 from 7 - 8:30 pm. A reception will follow the lecture. All members of the Emeritus and Annuitants Association are cordially invited.

The next meeting of the Emeritus Faculty Organization will be on September 21st, 8:30 am at the Dunn-Richmond Center. Speakers will be the following new deans: Dean of Education, Kenneth Teitelbaum; Dean of Liberal Arts, Alan Vaux; Dean of Science, Jay C. Means.

#### August blood drive

The next Emeritus and Annuitant Associations' Blood Drive will be held on Monday, August 27th, and Tuesday, August 28th 2007, in the lower level of the Student Center. Blood supplies continue to be short so we need to work hard to exceed our daily goals. Lets go retirees and staff members! Lets strive to have a great drive! Remember: one pint of blood can save three lives.

## **Civil Service update**

Jay Brooks, Physical Plant, was elected President of the Civil Service Council for his fourth year in a row. Other officers elected were Mark Wetstein, Broadcasting Service, Vice President; Mary Nippe, Human Resources, Treasurer; and Elizabeth Cheek, Physical Plant, Secretary. Jay Brooks also serves as the Civil Service Representative to the Employee Advisory Committee to the Merit Board and the SURS Members Advisory Board.

The Civil Service Council welcomes a representative from the Emeritus and Annuitant Association to give a monthly report on the Association. Pansy Jones is currently serving as the EAA liaison.

The Council often invites guests from on and off campus to their meetings to share the happenings of their areas which relate to Civil Service employees. They plan to invite Carolyn Donow this year to introduce her to the members as the new President of EAA. Many members of the Council have helped spread the word about the benefits of joining the Association.

The Civil Service Council members continue to serve on constituency committees and sponsor fundraising events to benefit students of Civil Service employees. They work their jobs, attend Council meetings, go to committee meetings, and continue to serve their constituents to help keep SIUC an ideal working environment for fellow employees.

## Bookstore Greeters ready to go again

Once again, the bookstore greeters will be doing their volunteering in order to get \$600 for the scholarships we give each spring. The University Bookstore gives us--the Emeritus and Annuitant Association--\$600 each semester we do the work during the first week of the semester.

Since school starts on August 20, a letter was sent in July to all those who have volunteered in the past and to all members around Carbondale to solicit their work during that first week of school. If you didn't get the letter and could help for two hours August 20 through August 24, give Bruce Appleby a call at 549-6436 (or email to BruApp@aol.com).

This is one of the more active things the EAA gets involved with during the year. Lifting the book bags can be a lot of work. Those who have been volunteering don't seem to mind this much, as it's a busy time and an excellent chance to be involved in yet another new school year at SIUC. Everyone who volunteers seems to enjoy it and many do more than one two hour shift during the week.

We would like to especially encourage new retirees to consider helping with this work. It's a great way to get to know other retirees and a chance to have an involvement with the beginning of the school year that doesn't mean having to go the office or to work.

#### Association awards four scholarships

Imogene Beckemeyer, EAA Scholarship Chair, introduced the four 2007 EAA scholars to the membership at the Spring General meeting. This year's awardees were selected from a pool of 32 outstanding applicants and each received a \$1000 scholarship. Beckemeyer pointed out that each does more than earn honor level grades as their resumes and achievements were overwhelming not for what they do on campus, but in the community as well. This year's awards went to:

*Éria Berglund*, who is majoring in electrical engineering and music. She plans to attend graduate school and after graduation she hopes to work for NASA.

*Merry K. Lanker* is an art education major who plans to teach art and later get a degree in nursing and go into the Peace Corps.

*Susan Noeth* is a marketing major whose plans include a Master's degree in Marketing.

*Jennifer Methling* is majoring in Journalism with an advertising emphasis and is considering a career in copywriting.

Beckemeyer said these students belong to a rare group who make teachers look forward to class, who challenges teachers, and who make *'teaching feel like the best job in the world.'* 

The Association congratulates each of its four 2007 scholarship awardees.

#### EAA vests and shirts available

Marcon vests inscribed with EMERITUS & ANNUITANT VOLUNTEER featuring the Pulliam Clock Tower insignia and Southern Illinois University Carbondale (in white lettering) can be ordered by contacting Emil Spees (618-549-5980 or Spees1@aol.com). Vests in small, medium, large, and extra large sizes cost \$14. Maroon knit golf shirts, with EMERITUS & ANNUITANT ASSOCIATION inscribed in white with the Pulliam Clock Tower are also available. Shirts are \$22 for sizes up to XL Extra large sizes are also available with pricing increases of \$1 for each size over XL.

# EAA out and about

#### We spent the night in Springfield

The Association's first overnight trip was a rousing success. Sixteen Salukis boarded the bus on Friday, May 4 for the trip to Springfield, IL. Upon our arrival in the capitol city, we had an enjoyable lunch downtown at Suputo's. Our first tour stop was at the historic Ihle Home, which is Springfield's oldest home. We also toured the old Capitol Building in the afternoon before checking into our rooms at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Hotel. It was a short bus trip over to The Chesapeake Seafood House for a relaxing dining experience of exquisitely prepared food. Afterwards the group attended the evening performance of *The Last of Mrs. Lincoln*, at the new Abe Lincoln Musuem.

Saturday morning we gathered for an abundant buffet breakfast at the hotel dining room. The rest of the morning was spent at the Abraham Lincoln Musuem enjoying the many exhibits, displays, video presentations, gift shop and restaurant. The sixteen tired travelers boarded the bus for the ride back to Carbondale shortly after noon on Saturday, May 5.

The Association hopes to sponsor more overnight trips in the future. Be sure to watch for announcements in future newsletters or on our website.

#### Fall trip to see Crazy For You in Kirkwood, Mo.

On Oct. 6, 2007, the Emeritus Association is sponsoring a trip to St. Louis to the Botanical Gardens and the Annual Best of Missouri Vendor's Market (at the Gardens) and to Kirkwood, Mo., to see the new Gershwin musical *CRAZY FOR YOU*.

This will be our second year to visit the Gardens and the Missouri Vendor Market, which were both a great hit last year.

The 4 p.m. Stages performance will feature top-dancing cowboys and beautiful Follies girls joining forces to create show biz magic in this jubilant song and dance extravaganza. Acclaimed as the greatest dance show of the past two decades and featuring a glorious collection of Gershwin tunes, CRAZY FOR YOU is a treat for the entire family. Its got rhythm, its got music and its at Stages! You can't ask for more.

To register for this trip, return the registration form mailed to you, or call 618-453-5306. Availability is limited to the first twenty people to register.

#### **Emeritus Golf News**

The Fall 2007 EAA four person Golf Scramble will be held at Kokopelli Golf Course, Marion, Illinois on Monday, October 8 (rain date October 15, 2007). Cost for green fees, cart, and lunch is \$38. There will be a \$5 fee to cover prizes and mulligans. Please bring exact change for this.

Tee time is at 9 a.m. Please arrive by 8:30 to register and pay fees. Teams will be comprised of 4 players. You may enter as an individual and be placed on a team or enter as a member of a team. Special events will be held on selected holes.

Come join us for a fun day of golf at a course, which few of us play regularly. For further information contact Farrel Olsen at 529-5134 or <u>farols@msn.com</u> or Oval Myers at 549-5997 or <u>omyeres@siu.edu</u>.

After golf enjoy lunch and fellowship at the Club House where awards will be presented.



Springfield travelers: Front (I-r) Dee Brown, Nancy Hartman, Carol Garavalia, Winifred Mitchell, Rebecca Wilson, Darlene Manna, Peggy Melone. Back: Donald Brown, J. C. Garavalia, Gene Mantovani, Mary Mantovani, Monica Wilson, Barbara Bedient, Doug Bedient, Al Melone. Photographer, Fred Moehle.

## Little Egypt Barbershop Chorus holds Fall show

The Little Egypt Barbershop Chorus will present its annual Fall show on Saturday, Oct. 13 at the Herrin Civic Center. Because 2007 is the 50th anniversary of the original "The Music Man" production, the show is entitled *A Tribute to "The Music Man" (50 Years)*. It will include a take-off skit during the first half of the show, in which the chorus and four local quartets will sing several songs from the original production. The second half of the show will feature "Wound for Sound," an excellent guest quartet. as well as the chorus and the four local quartets performing additional popular music.

There will be two shows--a matinee at 2:00 p.m. and an evening show at 7:00 p.m. After the evening show (and included in the ticket donation for the evening performance) will be an Afterglow, featuring a cold buffet (sandwiches, assorted non-alcoholic drinks, and desserts) and at which the chorus, local quartets, and guest quartet will sing additional songs.

Tickets for the matinee performance are: Regular admission (\$10), Seniors/Students (\$8), Children under 12 (\$5). For the evening performance (plus Afterglow), tickets are: Regular admission (\$15), Seniors/Students (\$12), Children under 12 (\$8). Tickets will be available at the door before the show; and they will also be available after September 1 from chorus members, at the Herrin Civic Center, and the Bank of Carbondale. EAA members may also contact Dee Brown, at 549-4440, for tickets.

The Little Egypt Barbershop Chorus funds a music scholarship at SIUC. Your attendance at thier annual show is greatly appreciated.

## EAA to sponsor tailgate table

The SIUC EAA will sponsor a table in the Alumni Association tent during the Homecoming tailgate on October 6. Come by the tent and table! Show your support for our work and let others know about it.

## Issue Feature -

The Emeritus and Annuitant Association is pleased to present this interview with Emerita Dr. Ella Lacey who has taken on an exciting second career as a world peace volunteer. Since her retirement from SIUC, Ella has taken her professional skills and her desire to help others to several third world countries. This issue features Part II of her intriquing and fascinating experiences.



Dr. Ella Lacey, pictured in Southern Ethiopia, while on assignment with STOP in 2002. *EAA*: How and when did you become involved in the Worldwide Polio Eradication Program and who oversees or sponsors it? Where all have you traveled with that program? What exactly do you do? Do you travel alone or with a team in doing this work?

la Lacey...

**Ella:** In the year 2000, based on my Peace Corps experience, I was recruited to be a STOP (Stop the Transmission Of Polio) Team member for the Worldwide Polio Eradication Initiative, a program endorsed and supported by governments and private contributors worldwide, but led by four

"If retirement means 'ceasing to do', I hope never to retire. I interpret retirement to mean changing your reward source for the things that you do. I have loved my work, but I love retirement more." --Ella Lacey

major partners, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), United Nations Children's Educational Fund (UNICEF), World Health Organization (WHO) and Rotary International. This program is about eight years old and sends approximately 120 CDC-trained volunteers into the field annually with each worldwide team being about 40 persons. This team coalesces for three-weeks in Atlanta and is then sub-divided into country-based STOP Teams. I have served on 7 teams, 3 months at a time – 3 times to northern India and once each to African countries, Ghana, Egypt, Ethiopia and Sierra Leone.

STOP Teams for my assignments have ranged from 1 to 12 persons each, usually assigned as consulting staff members to WHO, but occasionally to UNICEF; in some cases, as in Ghana, the team members are sub-deputed to the regional or national government agency. Attendance and

participation is required at staff meetings and briefings at agency of assignment, as is United Nations security briefings and clearance prior to field assignments – some places are forbidden due to security risks. The bulk of the daily field work is conducted by the individual team member with a host country driver and occasionally a translator in a specifically-assigned UN vehicle. Country STOP Teams meet periodically, when feasible, to compare progress and to prepare a final country report on the status of polio in that country. STOP Team members work jointly only when country resources are so limited as to not be able to provide sufficient fuel, drivers or vehicles. In these cases, our vehicle is usually the only vehicle available for government officials to be able to make field visits, though their job descriptions would indicate otherwise.

In-country assignments are mainly for the purpose of conducting disease surveillance using acute flaccid paralysis as a potential marker for poliomyelitis and to teach health workers how to conduct polio surveillance. In addition, STOP Team members monitor and evaluate polio outbreaks and mass immunization campaigns as well as routine immunization programs. This work usually entails either or both hospital/health center visits and village and home visits on a daily basis often involving 10-hour days (but not often past sundown) and 6-day weeks.

Road conditions are often the most trying part of the assignment; the STOP Team member is advised to always travel with enough currency to be able to replace a damaged tire or to have the vehicle repaired. Housing ranged across the board – from 80 days in a 5-star hotel in Cairo or 80 days as a guest in an Indian home with "14 servants" to single nights on the road where there is no electricity, mosquitoes are evident but there is no place to attach a mosquito net and there is only an outdoor toilet.

Despite the many difficult situations, I remained healthy; never having had a single day of absence due to illness. And, equally as important, I feel that I was able to at least make intangible contributions, as evidenced by the number of times that host country nationals offered me a plot of land if I would agree to stay in their country.

## *EAA:* As a mother of a close-knit family, what did they think about your retirement plans to take on such high level aspirations at the International level?

**Ella:** I come from and have worked to achieve in my own family one that is strong on family support. Even wacky ideas get an ear. As my family suspected that lack of involvement was the greatest threat to my well-being, international involvement seemed to them to be a winner; they considered such a venture to be an opportunity that they would possibly be able to share – they wanted to try to visit me at work (in Malawi). Of my four children, three did visit – one for a month and two together for 2 ½ weeks. A photograph of my "pet" spider which devoured mosquitoes (the source of malaria) may have been a deterrent for my other son.



Dr. Lacey (third from left), is pictured in 2000 with STOP team members at the Polio Campaign Booth in Raxaul, India.

## ...a woman who takes her world to heart. - Part II

EAA: Recently you have become active again on campus by taking on the Interim Director of University Professional Advancement. How has it felt to be back on campus? Now that you are back in Carbondale, are you still involved in additional International assignments? How long do you plan to continue work at the International level?

**Ella:** A university campus is probably the single most vitalizing setting that I can imagine; being on the campus of my youth is surreal and working with women on this campus is unmatchable. Yet, by mutual agreement, this is a very temporary assignment.

I maintain involvement in three service organizations that help me to keep a sense of being throughout the world community -a local chapter of my public service sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., for promoting scholarship and service in the African American community; my local Rotary club and district Rotary group of Rotary, International for community connectedness and international service; the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for addressing issues of discrimination and inequality in our society. I maintain membership and involvement in two professional associations, American Public Health Association and Association for the Advancement of Health Education so that I don't lose my professional pulse.

#### EAA: What is the secret to keeping your energy level up and your enthusiasm in world development so strong? Do you think you will ever 'retire'? What is your description of retirement?



Ella with her children. Front row: Carmen and Ella. Back row: Deidre, Sherwin, and Mike.

Ella: Everything connects and what one person sees as a minus, another sees as a plus. That describes my eating habits and what Peace Corps initially saw as a problem. I am very careful about what I eat, but I have found a level of real pleasure in the foods of every country that I have visited as well as here at home, thus the plus is "what" but the minus is "how much". I am in excellent health, I have had many positive experiences in life and I am still able to do some things to enable others to achieve more positive experiences than they otherwise may have had the chance for.

If retirement means "ceasing to do", I hope never to retire. I interpret retirement to mean changing your reward source for the things that you do. I have loved my work, but I love retirement more. To that extent, I feel a tinge of guilt related to having accepted a six-month staff role at SIUC, my first and only paid employment in twelve years, however, it is a trade-off for the satisfaction of serving where I might be able to be instrumental in a brighter landscape for women in this place in the world.

Writer's Block

avid Conrad retired as a history professor a little more than ten years ago. Since

that time he reports that he has continued to write, play golf, and travel and have enjoyed retirement. He says he, fortunately, got

Con't in next column

#### Friends group continues to share Southern connection

group of former civil service women meet twice a year to re-Kindle and keep alive the friendships they formed while working on campus. This group is known as The Friends of SIU and was formed in the early 1990's by emeriti Geraldine Kelley and Mamie Coffey. Until recent years, Gerry and Mamie hosted the semi-annaul group luncheons at Mary's Restaurant in Herrin but have now turned those responsibilities over to others who continue to keep the group active. Currently, Barbara Petersen, Judy Hopkins, and Vicki Bagley are serving as hostesses for the group.

Gerry Kelley said that The Friends group consists mainly of retired women who formerly belonged to the Lunch Bunch or Meet and Eat groups whose members are current civil service employees that hold monthly luncheons on campus. "This is just a nice way for all of us who used to work together on campus to continue our friendships," Gerry said.

Editor's Note: The poem that appears on the front page of this newsletter was written specially for the Friends Group.

connected with several cruise lines, so every year he and his wife, Beverly, have been able to go on cruises where he does lectures on the history of destinations and places of interest. They have been everywhere from Alaska to Panama, five or six times to the Caribbean, and half a dozen cruises along the East Coast and the Maritime Provinces of Canada.

As part of a family history he was writing, he ran across a dramatic and tragic story concerning his two great

great grandparents who died of yellow fever in Tampa, Florida in 1854. He and Beverly made a trip to Tampa to research, and that gave him the idea for a novel with the Seminole Wars as a setting and characters similar to his family. He had previously written a novel about a later chapter in the family history as ranchers in Texas. In addition, he has written two other novels, both of which would fall into the category of westerns with some romance and no explicit sex.

The novel about Tampa -- with Tampa as its title -- was published early this year.

More information on David Conrad's book can be found at www.conradsbooktampa.com.



David Conrad

7



SIUC Emeritus and Annuitant Association Kesnar Hall 207, Mailcode 6525 Southern Illinois University Carbondale 1225 Douglas Drive Carbondale, Illinois 62901 Non-Profit Org. U.S. Postage PAID Carbondale, IL Permit No. 15

414803

## **Membership Matters**

Membership in the State Universities Annuitants Association (SUAA) is open to

- Retirees from Illinois public universities, community colleges and other SURS agencies
- Spouses and survivors of retirees
- Active academic professionals, administrators, faulty, and all support staff

Membership is held through our local chapter SIUC Emeritus and Annuitants Association. Annual SUAA dues are currently \$21 and local EAA dues are \$6.

To join you may either

- Call the SUAA Central Office at toll-free 888-547-8473
- Go to <u>www.suaa.org</u> and click on the blue tag that says "Join"
- Call Carolyn Donow at 457-7695
- Send message to cdonow@siu.edu.

HELP YOUR CHAPTER BY RECRUITING A NEW MEMBER TODAY!

Summer Greetings



## EAA Board of Directors Jiffy Directory

#### <u>Officers</u>

President, Carolyn Donow Vice President, Robert Radtke Secretary, Nancy Hartman Treasurer, Donald Stucky Im. Past Pres., Bruce C. Appleby

#### <u>Directors</u>

Paulette Curkin, A/P Staff Rep. Pansy Jones, Civil Service Rep. John Magney, Faculty Rep. John Pohlmann Dee Poston-Brown Emil Spees

## <u>Websites to Mark</u>

State Universities Annuitant Assoc.. (SUAA) State Universities Retirement System (SURS) SIUC Human Resources SIU Credit Union Illinois Education Association SIU Alumni Association Illinois State Government SIUC-EAA

cdonow@siu.edu bjradtke@verizon.net nancyhartman@juno.com dstucky@siu.edu bruapp@aol.com

pcurkin@siu.edu pdjones1960@yahoo.com jmagney@siu.edu johnp@siu.edu mcgough1@shawneelink.net spees1@aol.com

> www.suaa.org www.surs.org www.siu.edu/~humres/ www.siucu.org/ www.ieanea.org/ www.siualumni.com www.illinois.gov/ www.siu.edu/~siuc-eaa/

## EAA GOLF NEWS



The Spring 2007 Emeritus and Annuitant Association Golf Scramble was held at Stone Creek Golf Club in Makanda, Illinois on Monday, April 30, 2007. Thirty-five fun-loving souls showed up and shared the good weather and good fellowship.

Two teams tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place with a low score of 68, which was 4 under par. One of these 1<sup>st</sup> place teams was Gil and Jean Kroening, Farrel Olsen, and Jim Legacy; the other was Dick Kuehl, Margaret High, and Peggy and Al Melone. In 3<sup>rd</sup> place, only one stroke behind with a 69, was Keith McQuarrie, Ron Mahoney, and Ann Johnson. The 4<sup>th</sup> place team of Elaine Vitello, Larry Staples, and Jan and Jim Henry edged out the rest of the competition with a 74.

Individual prizes were Longest Drive (Men) by Farrel Olsen, Longest Drive (Women) by Jean Kroening, Closest to the Pin (Men) by Keith McQuarrie, Closest to the Pin (Women) by Ginny Solverson, and the Longest Putt by Larry Staples. The Most Golf Prize (verily in most games the high score wins) was awarded to the team of Joyce and Oval Myers and Vivienne and Don Hertz.

For all those who couldn't make it this time and missed the fun, we will be holding a Fall Golf Outing in 2007 (details page 5 of Newsletter). To join us, please fill out the registration form at the bottom and return it to SIUC Emeritus & Annuitant Association.

-Oval Myers and Farrel Olsen

	Fall 2007 4-Person Golf Scramble Monday, October 8, 2007 Kokopelli Golf Course Registration – 8:30 a.m., Tee Time – 9:00 a.m.
Name	Phone
Address	E-mail
I would like to play with the	e following persons:
1	2
3	4
Indi	vidual entries are welcome. Everyone will be placed on a team.
	Please return bottom portion by October 1, 2007 to SIUC Emeritus & Annuitant Association Kesnar 207, MC 6525 Southern Illinois University Carbondale 1225 Douglas Drive Carbondale, IL 62901