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Fall General Membership and Emeritus Faculty Organization meetings scheduled for September 23

The fall General Membership Meeting will be held on Friday, September 23, at the Dunn-Richmond Center. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Linda Brookhart, SUAA Executive Director, will be the featured speaker and will present the current legislative climate in Springfield affecting our pension system.



Dr. John Nicklow
Provost & Vice Chancellor

Prior to the General Membership meeting, the Emeritus Faculty Organization will hold its regular Fall meeting at 8:30 a.m. at the same location. Guest speaker will be Dr. John Nicklow, Provost and Vice Chancellor of SIUC. Dr. Nicklow's talk will focus on recruitment and retention, branding and marketing, efforts to improve academic quality of programs, and efforts to move toward inclusive excellence. He is interested in getting the thoughts of our members, so please come, listen, and possibly ask a question or make a comment.

All current and future annuitants are invited to attend this double header speaker line up for a morning of informative news about SIUC and the state of affairs of annuitants and retirees.

A luncheon will be served following the General Membership Meeting. Complete the flyer included in this newsletter to make your reservation.



Linda Brookhart,
SUAA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

EAA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS EXCEL – SEE PAGE 3



From the *Saluki Times*. Misty Tapp (left), supervisor of the national marketing program for collegiate programs for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, presents awards to SIUC students Jessica Stout and Caitlin Moliske at the St. Jude Collegiate Leadership

Seminar recently. SIUC's Up 'til Dawn won the Program of the Year Award and Stout, the executive director of the University's program, also won the Executive Director of the Year Award. Moliske is assistant director for SIUC Up 'til Dawn. Jessica and Caitlin are recipients of EAA's 2011-12 scholarship awards.

Jaime Nash-Mayberry (right), 2009-10 recipient of an EAA scholarship award, continues to excel in the classroom as a social studies teacher at Shawnee High School.

She and her students are instrumental in bringing attention to the aging levee system along the Mississippi River that threatens the safety of residents in that region.



EAA administrative support reassigned to HR

In a letter dated June 14, 2011, addressed to EAA President Bob Radtke and President-elect John Pohlmann, from SIUC Chancellor Rita Cheng, the realignment of administrative support for our chapter was switched from the Office of Constituents Relations and Special Events to the Department of Human Resources (HR) effective July 1, 2011.

To assist with the transition of departmental responsibilities, the chapter's board of directors met with HR director, Jennifer Watson, and human resources representative, Holly Rick, along with Marianne Shields, chief clerk, from the Office of Constituents Relations and Special Events, to discuss transitional matters. It was a positive and productive meeting and the Board looks forward to its new working relationship with HR. The Board also wishes to express its sincere thanks to the many exceptional staff members from Constituent Relations and Special Events who have provided outstanding support services to us over the years. You have all served us well and we appreciate all you have done to keep our organization afloat.

If you have a need to contact HR for information or matters involving the Emeritus and Annuitant Association, the contact person is Holly Rick at 453-6689 or e-mail: hrick@siu.edu.

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<http://eaa.siu.edu/>



John Pohlmann
SIUC EAA President

Greetings,

President's Message

I hope you are looking forward to this year's EAA activities. I certainly am. We have a very informative meeting scheduled for September 23rd at the Dunn-Richmond Center. The Emeritus Faculty Organization will start the morning with a presentation by John Nicklow, SIUC Provost, who will report on what's happening in our academic programs. Linda Brookhart, Executive Director of SUAA, will be our presenter at the general meeting. Your Board invited Linda to update our members on what's going on in Springfield. We were all concerned over the Summer when Illinois precipitously terminated health-care contracts for some State retirees. The entire process was confusing and scary for those who would have to change their health care arrangements in a very short time. This episode offers SIU retirees an important lesson : stay informed and involved. EAA is the best way for you to do that.

Some of our members have been working very hard for EAA and I want to thank them. Doug Bedient took over responsibility for the Bookstore Greeters program from our long-time coordinator, Bruce Appleby. Doug learned fast and used e-mail to connect with our many volunteers. We should have a very successful Greeters program this year. Thyra Russell and Bill Wright have been contacting non-member retirees to inform them of what we do and invite their involvement in EAA. Nancy Hartman continues to work tirelessly on our newsletter and internet presence. Bruce Appleby is working diligently to represent our concerns on the State SUAA board. Thanks to all who contribute to this organization's mission.

SIUC Spring General Membership meeting held on April 29

The Spring General Membership meeting was held on April 29, 2011 at the Dunn-Richmond Center with approximately 60 members attending. President Bob Radtke opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking those who attended. The agenda included the announcement of four scholarship winners by Scholarship Chair, Imogene Beckemeyer. See article on page 3 for additional details about the four recipients of our \$1000 awards for 2011-12.

The election of new officers and board members for the year beginning, July 1, 2011, was also conducted. Those elected to office were: John Pohlmann, President; Bruce Appleby, Vice President; Pansy Jones, Secretary; Don Stucky, Treasurer. Bill Wright was elected to the Broad, representing the faculty emeritus sector. Other board members who are continuing their terms are: Doug Bedient, Mike Hanes, Nancy Hartman, Thyra Russell, JP Dunn, and Bob Radtke, Immediate Past President. Retiring board members were Carol Burns and Carolyn Donow.

SIUC Chancellor Rita Cheng was the meeting's featured speaker. She addressed the group for approximately 30 minutes and gave an overview of her goals for the campus. The membership enjoyed a luncheon in the Atrium following the meeting.

Current Status of Healthcare Contracts

On August 23, Central Management Services (CMS) provided the following information regarding the current status of the healthcare contracts with the State of Illinois.

The Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability (COGFA) held a hearing on August 16, 2011, to consider a request by the State to continue to offer self-insured managed care plans. At the end of that hearing, COGFA voted to authorize the State to continue to offer the self-insured managed care plans through June 30, 2012.

Based on that decision, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services is in the process of negotiating with both the self-insured managed care plans (HealthLink OAP, PersonalCare OAP and Health Alliance Illinois) and the fully-insured managed care plans (Health Alliance HMO and PersonalCare HMO) on extensions of the current contracts.

The next step is a hearing before the Executive Ethics Commission (EEC). That hearing is scheduled for August 31, 2011 at 1 p.m. The EEC has the final authority to approve these contract extensions.

These hearings have no impact on the current contracts with CIGNA and Blue Cross/Blue Shield (HMO Illinois and BlueAdvantage HMO). Those contracts remain in place.

SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD. If the contract with any vendor is NOT extended, the CM Group Insurance Division will hold a Special Enrollment Period in September for the affected members of that plan(s) only. Those elections would be effective September 29th.

A second Special Enrollment Period will be held for all members later in the fall. Alternatively, if all current contracts are extended, a Special Enrollment Period will be held for all members later in the fall.

WHAT DO MEMBERS NEED TO DO? For now, the important thing to realize is that nothing has changed. Members remain enrolled in and covered by their current health carrier.

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SIUC EAA Chapter awards four scholarships

-Imogene Beckemeyer

The dedicated work of our EAA bookstore greeter volunteers has paid off once again. Imogene Beckemeyer, chair of the Scholarship Committee, announced this year's awards to the membership at its Spring General meeting. The four \$1000 awards are going to the following exceptional SIUC students for the 2011-12 academic year.

Caitlin A. Moliske, physiology major, plans to earn PhD and M.D. degrees with a molecular physiology concentration and hopes to do medical research and be a pediatrician, perhaps at St. Jude's Research Hospital. At SIUC, she has been assistant director and executive director of SIUC Leadership conference; assistant director and sponsorship chair for Up 'til Dawn for St. Jude; has done undergraduate research; is an alum of Research Rookies; was intercommunication chair for Student Researchers in Physiology and Anatomy; was service chair of Saluki Science Ambassadors; and, has worked in a pharmacy as a licensed pharmacy technologist.



Caitlin Moliske and Jessica Stout address EAA membership at Spring meeting.

In 2011, she received a Provost Scholarship Award and the Tommy Yau Memorial Scholarship for the Outstanding Junior.

Logan M. Randolph, radio-television major, has a goal of working where he is able to use computer graphics or three dimensional design. He was a member of SIUC Research Rookies and of the SIUC Leadership Council.

Jessica M. Stout, physiology major, chemistry and psychology minors, plans to attend medical school to prepare for a career in pediatric oncology, hopefully at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. At SIUC, she has been executive director of Up 'til Dawn—a fund raiser for St. Jude's; team captain for Student Life Advisers; A Saluki Science

Ambassador; community service chairperson of Scholars United Making Major Impacts a Tradition; a summer camp counselor for children fighting cancer; secretary of Student Researchers in Physiology and Anatomy; organizer for a trip to Memphis with other students to visit St. Jude's. She was to present findings from research at a 2011 Experimental Biology meeting in Washington, D.C. She received a 2011 Presidential Scholar Award.

Laura F. Wolf, English and animal science majors, has goals of training horses in her own facility and teaching high school English. She has been the primary trainer for several off-track thoroughbreds. She saved her money and bought a horse that was underweight and covered from humans; she was able to help restore him to health and gain his friendship. At SIUC, she is vice president of the Equestrian Team; a member of Alpha Zeta honor fraternity; Saluki volunteer Corps, Honors Program, Student Leadership Council, and Recreational Belly dance. We were told she helps to care for all horses at the SIUC barn, not just her own. She placed with the top four riders of her class. At a show in Kansas, the hunt captain was injured and Laura filled in as leader on a moment's notice. She has helped to organize the SIUC horse show.

The first and second alternates for the above scholarships, should one or two fail to attend SIUC in 2011-12, are Travis Healey and Lucas Cherry.

Scholarships are awarded for academic excellence with evidence of leadership skills. Members of the Emeritus and Annuitants Scholarship Committee were Imogene Beckemeyer, Chair; Denny Hays; David Koch; Duncan Lampman; Inge Rader; and Roy Weshinsky. Duncan Lampman has retired from this committee. The chair would be glad to hear from any EAA member interested in helping to select scholarship winners in 2012.

SCHOLARSHIP FOLLOW-UP

- Doug Bedient

Imogene Beckemeyer gathers information about winners of the SUAA Scholarships when it appears in various publications. Her latest update spotlights **Emily Toennies**, Breese Mater Dei High School graduate, who was selected for a 2009-10 SUAA scholarship. Emily won the Emerson Excellence Award that is a post-graduate scholarship given annually to one female and male Missouri Valley Conference athlete due to their exemplary academic and athletic performances. Toennies and Illinois State's Scott Krapf will each receive a \$10,000 postgraduate scholarship.

Toennies was a four-year letter winner in track and cross country. She graduated in the spring of 2011 with a 4.0 GPA in biological sciences and minor in chemistry. She was named to the MVC's scholar-athlete team three times in track and field and twice in cross country. She earned the MVC's Elite 18 award, which is given to the Valley athlete with the highest cumulative GPA competing at each of the conference's 18 championships. She won in both cross country and indoor track and field and was the only athlete to take the award in two sports.

A four-time All-MVC selection, Toennies ranks in the top 10 in school history in seven track and field events and is the school record holder in the indoor 5,000-meter run. Toennies plans to pursue a doctorate in physical therapy at Washington University in St. Louis. Congratulations, Emily!

Chapter Happenings

Blood Drive

As a change, this fall (2011) the EAA will support the Red Cross with volunteers for two drives.

The first drive was held from 10 a.m.– 2 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24th, and Thursday, August 25th, in the Student Center next to Blimpies. The second drive will be, during Homecoming week on Wednesday, October 12th from 11 a.m. –7 p.m. in the Student Center Ballrooms. EAA will be doing registration only at the second drive with two workers each shift.

The October drive will be a competition between the dorms, fraternities, sororities, organizations, etc. The group having the most donor points at the end of the drive will receive a trophy and, of course, bragging rights. Lets strive to make this drive very successful. Challenge your friends, social groups, and co-workers—you could be saving someone's life. Blood is always in great demand and it is easy to give. If you missed the August drive, do try for the October drive.

-Mary Mantovani

Emeritus Golf News

The annual Spring Golf Outing was held at the Jackson Country Club on Tuesday, May 10, 2011. A total of 22 participants played in the event. Event organizers, Keith McQuarrie and Ron Mahoney, apologize for not getting the long drive, long putt and closest to pin contests organized. That will not happen again. In lieu of the contests, the prize money was awarded and distributed to all teams. Sixth place went to the team of Joe Cash, Eugene Mantovani, Margaret High and Vivian Hertz. Fifth place was the team of Al Melone, Peggy Melone, and Jack McKillip. Fourth place went to the team of Kay Brechtelsbauer, Judy Rawls, Joyce Craven, and Jean Paratore. Third place was the duo of Harvey Welch and Bob Radtke. The second place team was Ann Johnson, Ron Mahoney, Herman Williams and Keith McQuarrie. First place honors went to Gil Kroening, Jean Kroening, Farrell Olson and Jim Legacy. After the round of golf, participants enjoyed a relaxing lunch in the clubhouse.

Upcoming Golf Scramble

The Fall Golf Scramble will be at Stone Creek Golf Course, Makanda, Illinois on Monday, September 19, 2011, with a rain date of Monday, September 26, 2011. The cost is \$25 per person with lunch extra. A 'box lunch' for \$6 will be available. An additional \$5 will cover the prizes for the usual team score, plus Longest Putt, and Closest to the Pin contests. Please make plans to join us for a fun and relaxing day of golf; spread the word and encourage others to field a team. We always have a great time!

To register, please complete the flyer enclosed with this newsletter.

-Keith McQuarrie and Ron Mahoney

Emeritus Faculty Organization Meeting

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He is interested in getting the thoughts of our members, so please come, listen, and possibly ask a question or make a comment.

Emeritus Faculty Lecture scheduled

The annual Emeritus Faculty Lecture will be presented by Dr. Rick Williams, Associate Professor Emeritus of Classics and Director Emeritus of the University Honors Program. His topic is "*Have the Greeks Overstayed their Welcome?*"



Dr. Rick Williams

The lecture is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 1, 2011, at 7 p.m. in the Law School Auditorium.

Dr. Williams is a past recipient of the University's Outstanding Teacher Award and he has received the University title of Distinguished Teacher. So, mark this event on your calendar as something you would like to attend.

-Bill Wright

Emeritus & Annuitant Association Holiday Luncheon date set

The Annual Holiday Luncheon will be held at 12 noon at the Student Center in Ballroom B on Wednesday, December 7, 2011. Please mark your calendar now for this annual festive event. More details will be announced in the upcoming chapter newsletters and on our website at <http://eaa.siuc.edu>.

-Nancy Hartman

Appleby re-elected to SUAA Executive Committee

Bruce C. Appleby, vice-president/president-elect of the SIUC EAA, was re-elected to the executive committee of SUAA during the June meeting of the board of directors of SUAA in Springfield, June 21 and 22. This is his second two-year term on the SUAA executive committee.

The State Universities Annuitants Association Annual meeting was held in Springfield on June 21 and 22. Representing the SIUC EAA chapter were Bob Radtke and Bruce Appleby. The theme of the meeting was **FIGHTING BACK**

Even with the recent 2% income tax increase, there is still a large state budget deficit to overcome. There is no agreement to borrow more money, no agreement to tax more, and there is no agreement to make more budget cuts. Things seem to be at a stalemate. However, state pension reform and changes to health insurance benefits seem to be at the forefront of the discussion. SUAA continues the fight to protect our hard-earned benefits.

There was considerable discussion regarding Senate Bill 512, which would change pension benefits and costs for current employees. It should be noted that SUAA led a very effective campaign against this bill so that it never came to a vote in the House or the Senate. However, the bill is not dead and will likely come up again in either the fall veto session or next year. The bill would require participants who earned service prior to Jan. 1, 2011 (Tier 1 participants) to elect one of the following benefit formulas: Option I is the traditional Tier 1 package but at significantly higher employee contributions. The cost for the first 3 years would be 15.3% of pay (instead of the current 8%) and would be reevaluated every 3 years thereafter. Option II is the revised benefit package (Tier 2) in place for all those hired after January 1, 2011. Option III is the self-managed plan. A well-researched and well-reasoned presentation by Eric Madiar concluded that changing the contract of current employees as mandated by SB 512 is patently unconstitutional. Others obviously disagree. If such a bill is passed, it will undoubtedly end up in the courts.

Health care premiums are still under discussion, although there was very little information forthcoming about this issue. Recent decisions have extended the contracts of Health Alliance and Humana until the end of the year. Be assure that this issue will continue to resurface and that SUAA will continue to monitor legislative deliberations and equitable and fair treatment of SURS retirees, especially those who are not Medicare eligible.

There was a panel discussion about retiree pension and health care issues on which our own David Yepsen, of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, was a member. The general consensus of that panel was that, given the severe financial problems faced by the state, retirees are going to have to give some. It is not going to be good enough to say that we paid our share and that the state government has reneged on its commitments in the past; therefore, you owe us. The fact is that the state can't pay, and that we, the retirees are going to have to be part of the solution.

The SURS report by Bill Mabe, SURS Executive Director, discussed the fact that benefit recipients and benefit expenditures have increased faster than membership growth over the last few years. However, the system is still financially sound. He talked about the change in the money-purchase formula that is mandated to be reviewed at least every five years. The recent change, to go into effect on July 2, 2012, will result in an 8% reduction in the member's annuity as calculated by the money purchase formula, relative to the years of service formula. This change in money purchase formula calculations can be offset by delaying receipt of retirement benefits by 10 – 12 months.

The membership committee reported a current membership of 15,172. Our membership comprises only a small percentage of SURS retirees, all of whom we strive to represent. Although we added 1646 new members this year, there were 327 deceased and 930 non-renewals of membership, resulting in a net increase of only 389 members. There are approximately 2000 new SURS retirees every year. The push for membership this year will continue to be on currently employed SURS members, who will be impacted the most by any changes in the pension system, and on the large number of none-renewal memberships.



Bob Radtke

Calendar of Events

September 19, 2011 – EAA Fall Golf Scramble – Stone Creek Golf Course, Makanda – 8 a.m. registration

September 23, 2011– Emeritus Faculty Fall Meeting – Dunn Richmond Center, SIUC.– 8:30 a.m.

September 23, 2011 – Emeritus and Annuitant Association Fall General Membership Meeting & Luncheon – 10 a.m.

October 12, 2011 – Red Cross Blood Drive – Student Center Ballrooms – 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

November 1, 2011 – Annual Emeritus Faculty Lecture – Law School Auditorium – 7 p.m.

December 7, 2011 – Emeritus & Annuitant Association's Holiday Luncheon – Ballroom B, Student Center – 12 noon

List Serv Notice

Members who are on our Emeritus and Annuitant Association's listserv, please note if your e-mail address changes, you must notify Nancy Hartman (nancyhartman@juno.com) of your new address to continue to receive listserv posts. The system automatically monitors the e-mail addresses and they are dropped if they become invalid.

In the last issue of our newsletter, we featured the installation of Dr. Rita Cheng as the twenty-second Chancellor of SIUC. In this issue, we are featuring one of her first major campus initiatives that is focused on revamping the campus image, that was rolled out recently. The initiative revolves around what is being touted as ‘rebranding’ the Carbondale campus in an effort to change perceptions by focusing on its strengths in hopes of increasing enrollment, among other things.

One of the most visible changes that comes with the new initiative is the development of a new logo for the campus, which Chancellor Cheng unveiled just prior to the beginning of the Fall semester, that provided a fresh new atmosphere to welcome incoming students and their parents to campus. The new logo replaces the Pulliam Hall Clock Tower and features a simplified

SIU with maroon and white lettering and the word Carbondale underneath it.

The outside Chicago-based firm of Lipman Hearne was hired to develop new branding and marketing techniques that will place emphasis on the university’s strong academic and research programs in order to get the message out to recruit and retain high achieving students.

In an article that appeared on the August 14, 2011, *Saluki Times* website (<http://news.siu.edu/>), it was reported that other initiatives under way include:

- Strengthening SIU’s partnerships with the area’s community colleges to increase the number of students who transfer to SIU to complete a four-year degree;
- Transforming math and English courses for greater student learning and success;
- Examining all degree programs to ensure that full-time students who do not change majors can complete their coursework in four years at or near the 120 credit requirement; and
- Enhancing student success through University College, which will centralize and coordinate all services to support new freshmen and transfer students and improve their campus experience.

More information about the branding initiative can be found at siu.edu/brand.



Southern
Illinois University
Carbondale

OTHER SIUC LOGOS THAT HAVE JOINED THE RANKS OF ‘RETIRED.’

The current change in logos is not something new to the Carbondale campus. No doubt, many of our members can recall the numerous times the logo has changed over the years. Some logos seemed to have lasted longer than others, while others seemed to have been very short lived and have vanished almost overnight.

In a trip down memory lane, the SINU Logo to the left was used to designate the campus in years prior to 1948 when the campus was known as Southern Illinois Normal University, based on a picture of a float with a banner that read, “We A’int Normal No More.” that was in the 1948 homecoming parade. Another past logo, referred to as the

Pyramid Logo, shown on the upper right, reflects an Egyptian theme using triangle shapes to symbolize the Pyramids and incorporates the Saluki dog, which became the university’s mascot after the campus became known as Southern Illinois University in 1947. A library search did not return any results on the years this logo was used, but current library staff can remember it being etched on frosted glass in the library prior to its recent renovations. A guess is the logo was used in the 1950 and early 1960s.

A more familiar image to many, and perhaps the one most identify with, is called the Dot Logo, and features the maroon dot, or circle, with the white SIU lettering in the center. This logo enjoyed a 30-year run from 1968 - 1998. The Sunrise Dot logo followed with a fairly short lived run from 1998 - 2005, when it was replaced in 2006 by the more recent Pulliam Clock Tower logo shown above.

So whichever logo you most identify with, the campus is about to embrace a new one to symbolize all the best of SIUC.



SINU Logo



Pyramid Logo



Police batch with Pyramid Logo



Dot Logo



SUNRISE LOGO
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
Carbondale

Membership

HELP INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP!
EACH ONE, REACH ONE

Your local chapter of SUAA, the SIUC Emeritus and Annuitant Association (EAA), is encouraging you to assist in increasing the number of SIUC retirees and current employees who are members of SUAA. We believe both retired and current employees have a vested interest in safeguarding their retirement benefits. At the end of July 2011, SUAA had a total membership of 15,220. SUAA surpassed its overall goal of 700 new members for the year. The focus for 2011/2012 is on retention.

Presently, our EAA chapter has 718 members. Our goal for the coming year is to gain 35 new members and increase retention by 35%. We need assistance from **ALL MEMBERS**. Encourage your colleague, friend, or mentor to join SUAA. Dues are \$31 per year, of which \$6 is used for local chapter activities – including membership meetings, social events, a newsletter, a lecture series, a scholarship fund, and much more.

HOW DOES JOINING SUAA MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Your membership furthers the advocacy and lobbying efforts of SUAA. Our legislators have told us that their effectiveness in advocating for an organization or group is greatly affected by the number of members in the group. **Please help us increase the membership in our SIUC chapter!** Also, take advantage of the opportunity to socialize with fellow retirees at our September, December, and April meetings.

SUAA IS AT THE FOREFRONT: IT IS...

- Pushing legislation to fund the public pension systems.
- Opposing damaging changes to the public pension and healthcare benefit systems at the Committee Hearing level in both the Illinois House and Senate.
 1. Presenting testimonies with accompanying documentation to the Governor's office and other policymakers regarding hardships placed on the membership due to the State's inability to make timely payments to healthcare providers.
 2. Proposing responsible approaches for debt reduction to the Governor and leadership in the General Assembly.
 3. Introducing legislation to improve benefits for all participants and beneficiaries of SURS.
 4. Opposing legislation to impose a premium for healthcare coverage on retirees.

HOW DOES SUAA PROTECT YOUR RETIREMENT BENEFITS?

- By partnering with coalitions that focus on pensions, healthcare, and higher education.
- By working with two lobbyists at the Capitol on SUAA legislative issues.
- By monitoring, and participating on, state-mandated committees.
- By communicating loudly and clearly with legislators, policymakers, and SURS personnel.

WAYS TO JOIN:

- Go online to www.suaa.org and click "Join Now."
- Go to the SIUC Emeritus and Annuitant Association (EAA) website: (<http://eaa.siuc.edu/> and click on "Membership Information." Payment options include automatic dues deduction, annual payment by check, or automatic payroll deduction (current employees only). Automatic dues deduction is encouraged for retirees because it eliminates the need to be contacted annually by SUAA.)
- Call Thyra Russell (618-457-7554) or SUAA Office (217-523-4040 or toll-free 888-547-8473)

- Thyra Russell - Membership Chair

Chapter communications via Listserv

Because prices for paper and postage continue to increase, our chapter is relying more and more on the ability to communicate with its members via e-mail and the Internet.

The Board of Directors encourages members who use the Internet to sign up for our Listserv so that we may reach you when we are unable to contact you through the mail. Messages are posted to the Listserv regarding SUAA notices pertaining to your pension benefits and legislation that can impact your annuity, campus activities of general interest to our organization and its members, and occasional other items of interest. The Listserv is set up to foster communications among the members and provides a two way channel of interaction.

To have your name placed on the Emeritus and Annuitant Listserv contact Nancy Hartman at nancyhartman@juno.com.

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Membership Matters

If you are associated with SIUC

You should join the State Universities Annuitants Association. SUAA serves all participants and beneficiaries of the State Universities Retirement System (SURS). SUAA is the only advocacy organization focusing solely on preserving pension and healthcare benefits for current employees and retirees of public universities and community colleges. It is important that everyone—retired and current employees, spouses, and survivors—become a member of SUAA. The annual fee is \$31.

Ways to join:

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- Call the SUAA Office toll-free: 888-547-8473.

To those who are already members of SUAA, we thank you. To those who have not yet joined, please consider joining today. *We need to protect our pension and benefits.*

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