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## SUAA Executive Director to speak at Spring General

The Spring General Meeting is set for Friday, April 25, at the Dunn-Richmond Center. The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m., followed by featured speaker, Linda Brookhart, executive director of SUAA talking on *SUAA in Transition*.

Ms. Brookhart, who took over the helm of SUAA executive director last year, believes how an association does business is a very important component to its success, especially when the membership is derived from such a quite diverse group of individuals. Brookhart says, "From working with the membership to appealing to legislators, the focus of the organization must remain on the 'big picture.' Taking the initiative to elevate the State Universities Annuitants Association to a more professional level in this political environment has to be a major objective in order for the organization to be effective. I will share my activities from within the confines of the office, from my legislative experiences and what I hope are the visions for the future."

The Spring meeting will also include the introduction of our 2008 Scholarship awards and the election of officers and new Board members for the coming year.

Mark your calendars now to attend the Spring General Meeting where you can congratulate our new scholars, meet Ms. Brookhart, who is taking our organization in many new and exciting directions, and enjoy a luncheon with your colleagues.

To register for this event, please complete the registration form included with this newsletter.

## Kenney and Butler discuss Illinois Con-Con at SUAA meeting

Two delegates to the 1970 Illinois Constitution Convention, SIUC Political Science Professor Emeritus Dr. David Kenney and Marion Mayor Bob Butler, spoke at the March SUAA meeting, held on the SIUC campus, on the pro's and con's of whether a Constitution Convention should be held to review and possibly change the State's current constitution. Under current law, every 20 years Illinois voters have the opportunity to determine if there should be a Constitution Convention (Con-Con) and voters will be faced with that decision next November at election time.

Both former delegates spoke about many voter's uneasiness to vote for a Con-Con for fear of a resulting product that might negatively impact them personally, such as state retirees' current annuities or benefits. Kenney and Butler both indicated that it is a risk taken anytime the Constitution is reviewed for change. However, Kenney pointed out that it is also an opportunity to make corrections to the way various things are handled by the government and that the General Assembly is not known to deal well with constitutional change and therefore relies on the voters to do so. Some flaws in the current law that Kenney felt voters might want to have reviewed included:

- redistricting of legislative lines, which he suggested are now based on the luck of the draw,
- the pairing of candidates for governor and lieutenant governor by agreement among candidates prior to the primary, so if elected they would be a compatible pair,
- selecting judges by vote rather than by appointment, and
- the linking of the non-graduated Illinois state tax to individuals and corporations at a 5 to 8 ratio.



Robert Butler

Butler stated, in his opinion, another favoring factor for a Con-Con would be to clarify the current education article and its funding sources. He also pointed out that though not perfect the 1970 constitution was as good as the members of the convention thought public opinion allowed it to be.

Both speakers emphasized that any constitutional changes proposed by a Con-Con would be presented to the voters to accept or reject.



David Kenney

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**Carolyn Donow**  
President

## Greetings,

On March 11 our chapter hosted the SUAA Board of Directors spring meeting in Carbondale. Nearly 70 voting and non-voting delegates from around the state met in the SIU Recreation Center, an ideal venue for our meeting. Since it was during spring break, we had the building pretty much to ourselves. The meetings were held in the Aerobics Room and lunch was served upstairs in the Alumni Lounge. Thanks to Bill McMinn, emeritus director of the Rec Center, for arranging space for the meeting.

We were well represented on the program

by EAA members. Robert Harper was the keynote speaker. Bob is an emeritus professor of geography, a former president of EAA and also a president of the SUAA Board of Directors. Two former delegates to the 1970 Illinois Constitutional Convention, David Kenney, emeritus professor of political science at SIUC, and Bob Butler, long-time mayor of

Marion, were panelists in a discussion about the desirability for another Constitutional Convention. The moderator of the panel was SUAA's lobbyist, Dick Lockhart, an advisor to the 1970 Con-Con.

Directors representing SIUC's chapter of SUAA were Carolyn Donow, current president; Robert Radtke, current vice-president; Bruce Appleby, past president; and Emil Spees, member of the SUAA Foundation. Other EAA members who attended the meeting were Doug Bedient, Brenda Cooley, Paulette Curkin, Nancy Hartman, Pansy Jones, Bill McMinn, Oval Myers, Don Stucky, and Edie Spees. The EAA executive committee helped with planning the event and making it the success that it was.

Panera Bread catered the morning break session, and 17<sup>th</sup> Street Bar and Grill catered lunch. On March 10<sup>th</sup>, early-arriving directors attended a wine and cheese reception at Stone Center. Some of the wine was donated by Alto Pass Vineyards. Thanks for that donation go to Guy Renzaglia, emeritus professor of rehabilitation, who pioneered the wine industry in southern Illinois.

As with all of our EAA meetings, a big thank you goes to Cindy Miller and her staff at Constituent Relations and Special Events for helping arrange the meeting. This one interfered with their spring break and involved a lot of extra work, but they smiled and soldiered on.



**Robert Harper**

*Carolyn Donow*



### Bill before legislature to reduce state's unfunded pension liabilities

House Bill 5088 (sponsored by Molaro) and Senate Bill 2430 (sponsored by Demuzio) would ensure that revenues generated by the receipt of unclaimed property will be utilized to pay down the State's unfunded pension liabilities. It would also enable the state treasurer to deposit excess unclaimed property trust fund monies into the state pension fund prior to the set fund transfer dates in October and April.

Currently, unclaimed property collected by the treasurer's office is used to offset the State's annual pension contribution coming from general revenue funds. This bill would help the State accelerate paying down unfunded pension liabilities by using unclaimed property revenues to supplement rather than supplant the State's annual contributions to the state retirement systems.

If the state was to put the \$146 million unclaimed property windfall in FY 2007 toward the unfunded pension liability and puts \$88.5 million each year thereafter towards the unfunded pension liability through 2045, \$3.3 billion in pension liabilities would be paid.

Currently, the treasurer's office retains all funds received under the unclaimed property act and twice a year (April 15 and October 15) deposits any money in excess of \$2.5 million in the state pension fund.

In the past, transfers from the unclaimed property trusts fund into the state pension fund have ranged from \$80.2 million in FY 2000 to \$333 million in FY 2007.

Watch these bills as they make their ways through the Illinois General Assembly. They offer at least a partial solution to the continual under funding of our pensions by the state government.

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## SUAA Board of Directors

### A Matter of Equality

At the recent SUAA meeting on the SIUC campus, the issue of domestic partner benefits was presented by Ashley Krstulovich, SUAA Researcher. Since the change in Illinois law in January 2005, gay, lesbian and transgender people are now protected from employment discrimination in the state of Illinois. Additionally, a bill recognizing civil unions in Illinois (HB1826) has recently come out of committee and will be introduced in the Illinois House. With these changes, the question of partner benefits cannot be far behind.

In her presentation, Krstulovich pointed out that several current laws create unequal compensation for homosexual couples vs. heterosexual couples. She stated that the underlying issue is equal pay for equal work. Laws such as the Defense of Marriage Act, Family Medical Leave Act, Flexible Spending Accounts and Employee Retirement Income Security Act all deny equal treatment for domestic partners. In addition to the loss of benefits, the financial expenses incurred by the couple can be considerable. Although currently able to access health care coverage for their partners through the state, the state employee or annuitant must pay taxes on the added financial value of the coverage often resulting in thousands of dollars in additional tax.

Several members of the SIUC Triangle Coalition (GLBT faculty and staff) attended the presentation and welcomed the opportunity to gather additional information. While some have already retired and were not able to indicate their partners for survivor benefits, the hope exists that this policy will one day be changed for future retirees.

Krstulovich's presentation provided a comprehensive overview of the current climate, but it is one that will most assuredly be changing over the next few years and one we will have to continue to cover.

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### Consider the SUAA Foundation when gifting

The SUAA Foundation, donations to which are tax deductible, is an educational, research, and humanitarian organization. The educational goal is to assist chapters in informing members of SUAA and SURS assistant programs. New to our goal is research into what are the issues and concerns of SUAA members that need SUAA attention. The Foundation provides individual member assistance through requests that have been referred by a chapter with its support and endorsement. Working through the local chapter, the Foundation assists chapters in their efforts toward the above goals. For additional information, contact Emil Spees (618) 549-5980 or email [Spees1@aol.com](mailto:Spees1@aol.com).

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### Civil Service Council Spring Flea Market

It is just around the corner. The Civil Service Council's annual Spring Flea Market (formerly yard and craft sale) will be held this year on Saturday, April 26 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the SIU Arena parking lot. The rain date is April 27.

Plan to arrive early and spend the day. The proceeds go to the Educational Assistance Fund which awards financial aid to dependents of Civil Service employees who attend SIUC.



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### EAA to award scholarships

The deadline for this year's EAA scholarships was March 1. The Scholarship Committee received 26 applications for the award and met on March 17 to choose the scholarship recipients. Scholarships are \$1,000 each and EAA will award four scholarships.

All of the money that we raise by being bookstore greeters the first week of every semester goes toward these scholarships—an easy and pleasant way to add to a scholarship fund. EAA also periodically adds money from our treasury so that we can afford to honor this commitment we have to our students.

Chairperson of the scholarship committee is Imogene Beckemeyer. Other members are Denny Hayes, Duncan Lampman, Emil Spees, and Roy Weshinsky.



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### SUAAAction: Did you get our letter?

Carbondale's SUAAAction committee sent a letter to members on February 11 asking for donations to SUAAAction. If you didn't get a letter, please contact Carolyn Donow because we may have a wrong address for you. (457-7695 or [cdonow@siu.edu](mailto:cdonow@siu.edu))

Our Carbondale committee of SUAAAction met on November 8, 2007, and again on January 10, 2008. At the November meeting, fundraising was discussed. Last year the state SUAAAction group set a dollar goal for each chapter based on membership. Our goal last year was \$6,000 and, without any real effort from our EAA chapter, we donated \$4,487. This year the state group decided not to set chapter goals, but each chapter could set its own goal. The Carbondale SUAAAction committee voted to set our goal at \$10,000. It would be wonderful if we make that goal.

After the state SUAAAction committee sent us a draft letter to adopt as our own, the local committee met in January to revise and personalize our fundraising letter. The state organization sent the letter out for us. Thank you to all the members of our local SUAAAction committee: David Christensen, Carolyn Donow, J.P. Dunn, Nancy Hartman, John Jackson, Pansy Jones, David Kenney, Steven Kraft, John Magney, and Ruth Pommier.

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# Chapter Happenings

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## Bookstore Greeters at it again

January 14 through January 18, 2008, 37 people volunteered two to eight hours of their time in order to get \$600 into our scholarship fund. The beginning of spring semester is less hectic and less demanding than is the beginning of fall semester. The reduced number of volunteers made everything work out well and, as usual, many reported how much they enjoy doing this activity at the beginning of each semester: enjoy the chance to meet the students, enjoy the working with other retirees and their spouses, and enjoy that their work is helping the scholarship fund. Still, we need more than 37 people there during the week in order that some don't have to put in so many hours. The goal is to get at least 50 people helping during the beginning of Fall semester, August 18, 2008

Special thanks go to Bill Vicars for his six hours of work. Bill is moving away from southern Illinois and his long time contributions to this activity, as well as many others, are going to be missed. Bill's willingness to put in extra hours, to exchange with others when they need help, and to be there in emergencies has been a big contribution to our programs. He will be missed!

Here's a list of the names of those who helped during the first week of Spring semester, 2008. Those names followed by asterisks are those who volunteered for four or six hours. Please consider adding your name to this list when asked to help for the beginning of Fall semester. August 18 through 22, 2008, are the dates. When you receive a letter and/or the newsletter asking you to volunteer, please add your name.

Bruce Appleby *	Jack Graham *	Regina Shelton
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Nancy Fligor	Roberta Reeves *	
Doris Freitag *	John Roseberry *	

## Emeritus Faculty to meet in April

The Emeritus Faculty Organization will meet on April 25th from 8:30 am to 9:30 am. Our guest speaker will be Rebecca Trammel, Clinical Director of the Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders at SIUC. The presentation will describe the spectrum of Autism, its diagnosis and treatment.

Board members for 2009 will be elected.

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## Golfing with the Emeriti

The Spring 2008 Emeritus and Annuitant Association 4 person Golf Scramble will be held at Jackson Country Club, Murphysboro, Illinois on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 (rain date of Tuesday May 20, 2008). Cost for green fees, cart, and lunch will be \$40.00. There will be a \$5.00 fee to cover prizes and mulligans. Please bring exact change for this.

Tee time is at 8:30 AM. Please arrive by 8:00 AM 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. To register for this event, please complete the registration form enclosed with this newsletter. For further information contact Farrel Olsen at 529-5134 or [farrelolsen7@gmail.com](mailto:farrelolsen7@gmail.com) or Oval Myers at 549-5997 or [omyers@siu.edu](mailto:omyers@siu.edu)

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

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## Next Blood Drive scheduled for August

Mary Mantovani & Pansy Jones

The EAA January 2008 Blood Drive was held on Monday, 28th and Tuesday, 29th at the SIUC Student Center. The Drive netted 49 pints. T-shirts were given to those who donated.

A big THANK YOU to all those individuals who volunteered to work: Imogene Beckemeyer, Carol Burns, Eileen Trout-Ervin, Doris Freitag, Doris Klopp, Duncan and Wilma Lampman, Mary Mantovani, Henrietta Miller, Jackie Mueller, Mary "Tommie" Perkins, and Emil Spees.

Mark your calendars: the next drive will be August 25th and 26th. Let's strive to have another great Drive. Remember, one pint of blood can save 3 lives.

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## Calendar of Events

April 25, 2008 - Emerituc Faculty Organization Meeting - 8:30 a.m., Dunn-Richmond Center  
April 25, 2008 - EAA Spring General Meeting & Luncheon to follow - 10 a.m., Dunn-Richmond Center  
April 26, 2008 - Civil Service Flea Market - SIU Arena Parking Lot  
May 2, 2008 - Harvey Welch Golf Scramble - Hickory Ridge Golf Course  
May 13, 2008 - EAA Golf Scramble - Jackson Country Club - Tee Time: 8:30 a.m.  
May 16, 2008 - 2008 Presidential Scholarship Golf Scramble - Hickory Ridge Golf Center - Lunch 11 a.m. - Shotgun start 12:30 p.m.  
June 17 & 18, 2008 - SUAA Annual Meeting in Springfield  
August 18 - 22, 2008 - Bookstore Greeters at Student Center Bookstore  
August 25 & 26, 2008 - EAA Blood Drive - Student Center  
September 13, 2008 - EAA Trip to Kirkwood, Mo. Stages Performance of *The Music Man*  
September 26, 2008 - EAA Fall General Meeting - 10 a.m. - Dunn Richmond Center & Luncheon.

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# EAA out and about

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## Late summer trip planned to see Meredith Wilson's *THE MUSIC MAN*

The Emeritus and Annuitant Association is sponsoring a trip to Kirkwood, Missouri to see *THE MUSIC MAN* on Saturday, September 13, 2008. The bus will leave the south end of the Arena's South Parking lot at 11 a.m. for the 4 p.m. Stages performance. This trip is limited to the first twenty people to register so get your reservations in now. Contact Dee Brown at 549-4555 for tickets or complete the enclosed registration form and submit to Dee Brown. Cost for the trip, which includes bus transportation, lunch at the Hometown Buffet in Kirkwood, and ticket to the performance is \$80. A media overview of this delightful, all time favorite follows.

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Breakout the brass as fast-talking traveling salesman Harold Hill rolls into town in *The Music Man*. This tribute to small town America features the story of a smooth talking conman who hoodwinks the people of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band he vows to organize, despite the fact he doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef. An All-American story perfect for the whole family, *The Music Man* includes such sing-a-long favorites as *76 Trombones*, *Till There Was You*, *Trouble*, and *Pickalittle*. Sure to delight audiences of all ages, this show-stopping production is not to be missed.

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## Winter 2008 in Southern Illinois



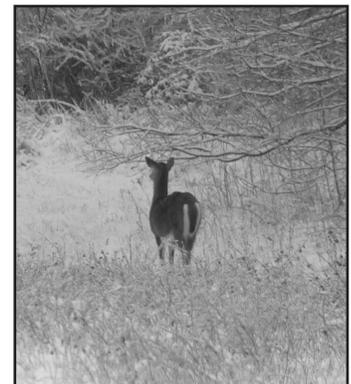
Mother Nature treated those of us living in Southern Illinois to a real winter wonderland recently as she used the campus and surrounding area as a canvas to create some of the most beautiful landscapes imaginable. However, Old Man Winter wasn't as sympathetic as he toyed with our comfort levels by playing havoc with power lines, roads, and sidewalks covering them time after time with ice, snow and sleet, making moving around impossible at times. Thanks to two of our retirees, Jim Martin and Bob Jones, who picked up their cameras and took to the outdoors, we are able to share with those in fairer climates, these priceless pictures taken around campus lake and southern Illinois.

As one woman commented after the third ice storm hit the area, the only ice she ever wanted to see again was in a glass!

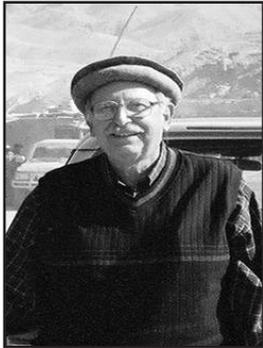


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by Oval Myers, Jr.



Oval Myers

**M**y first awareness of Afghanistan was as a schoolboy reading travel books describing the famous “Khyber Pass” linking what was then western India (now Pakistan) to eastern Afghanistan. I never really expected to visit that area, but my SIUC assignment as Team Leader to Peshawar, Pakistan in 1991 on a USAID institution building project gave me that opportunity not once, but many times. Visiting short-term consultants and family visitors always wanted to see the pass and the approximately 50 mile trip ended at the Afghanistan border. We couldn’t of course cross into Afghanistan, as the war with Russia was ongoing and later the internal fighting. However, on about the 8<sup>th</sup> trip (in 1994) I asked the border guards if we, my wife Joyce and me, couldn’t walk in a few feet just to say we had been in Afghanistan. They allowed that and I expected it to be my first and last walk on Afghan soil. Of course we never know what the

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*“You have to accept the culture and the situation you are in, look for the positives not the negatives, enjoy the people, and don’t take unnecessary risks.” –Oval Myers*

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future may bring and in 2003, I landed in Kabul to begin a so far continuing experience in agricultural and educational development of that war-torn country.

SIUC and UIUC (University of Illinois) have been involved together in agriculturally and educationally related international projects since the early 1980s and so it was from 1984 -1994 with the Northwest Frontier Province Agricultural University (NWFP AU) in Peshawar, Pakistan. This was a \$60 million institution building project with a major building component and a large training component with some 140 Pakistani professors who received Ph.D and MS degrees in the US at many different institutions, including SIUC. After September 11, 2001 and the subsequent removal of the Taliban government from Afghanistan later that year, it was obvious that reconstruction in many areas was needed. The UIUC was a part of a consortium that in 2003 had received a modest USAID project for 5 years to conduct training projects in the developing world but where the universities chose to work was up to them. Naturally previous experience dictated the countries chosen. Since the last major UIUC/SIUC project was in Pakistan, our colleagues at UIUC involved SIUC as well, and me in particular, in discussions of what we might do. With the reconstruction in Afghanistan an obvious need we decided to ask our colleagues at the NWFP AU if they would be willing to help and they said of course Afghanistan is our neighbor and we have many cultural and geographic similarities. Thus, our institutional activities, and my personal experiences, with Afghanistan began in 2003.

In the Fall of 2003, two one-month training courses, each with 20 participants, were held in Peshawar for Afghan research and extension oriented individuals representing government, universities, and NGOs (non-governmental assistance organizations). We had employed a Field Director for our operations in Peshawar, a former Pakistani colleague who had served as our USAID project officer the last five years of our large project at NWFP AU. So we had demonstrated training could be done, but now we needed resources to increase the scope of our work. Thus, those of us responsible for administering and backstopping project activities went to Kabul in October 2003, namely Dr. John Santas (UIUC), Dr. A. Qayyum Khan (Field Director), and me. Our goal was threefold, firstly to see and visit the people and a part of the country; secondly to sell the success of our two courses and to propose other training activities; and thirdly to try to obtain resources to conduct our proposed activities.

We were able to obtain some additional resources for training and together with “core” USAID funding have now conducted some 25 one month short courses for almost 500 Afghans. These courses have been of the “train the trainer” type and most participants have had a BS degree from Afghanistan. Our program has also allowed some short-term Afghan-Pakistan researcher exchanges and the “capstone” activity has been providing MS training at the NWFP AU for 10 young professors (now graduated) and another Ministry of Agriculture extension staff are in MS programs.

In 2004, I became involved as a technical advisor in a NGO program to introduce soybean into Afghanistan with the goal of improving human nutrition. In this program I have given several presentations to Afghan farmers and extension staff on the production of soybean. This work has led to a more ambitious challenge of developing oilseeds in general in Afghanistan (they now import above 80% of their edible oil).

In 2005, SIUC/UIUC obtained a small grant to work with the Faculty of Agriculture of Balkh University, Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan. The objectives were to improve teaching skills and the curriculum. That project came to a close in mid 2007, but four different SIUC professors other than me visited and worked with the Faculty. There are many problems in the Faculty of Agriculture, faculty training, space, resources, etc., but lack of students is not one of them. From 2005 to 2007 student numbers grew from 200



Daral Amaan Research Station - Kabul

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to almost 900 with no increase in the number of instructors or any increase in teaching resources other than from our small project. Noteworthy is that there are a few female students in agriculture and in universities across the country they are about 30% of the overall student population.

So much for how SIUC and I have gotten involved in Afghanistan and a bit of what we have done, and now a few personal thoughts and impressions about the country and its reconstruction. I have now visited eight times, once each in 2003 and 2004, and twice each in 2005 – 2007.

We landed at Kabul airport in 2003 and were met by an Afghan driver (previously engaged by Dr. Qayyum from a previous visit) in a Toyota SUV. We were picked up directly in front of the small terminal and driven to our guesthouse going by what I called the “airplane graveyard” of stacked up destroyed airplanes. At that time there was one functioning Ariana (national airline) airplane, a twice weekly Pakistan flight from Islamabad, and a few UN flights from Dubai weekly. Now in 2007, the airport has been and continues to be enlarged, there are many airlines flying into Kabul, Ariana has several airplanes, and there are two new private Afghan airlines as well as some small commuter lines.

There were many bombed or shelled buildings in Kabul in 2003. Many of these have now been razed and some functionally restored. Building was occurring in 2003 and continues at what to me is a fairly rapid pace. Traffic was heavy in Kabul in 2003 with little traffic control. Each visit demonstrates some progress in dividing streets for improved traffic flow and more unarmed police directing traffic (with only an octagonal hand paddle). Kabul is over three million people and just like here “no one is where they want to be,” hence traffic jams that have to be experienced to be believed. Our driver is a master at city driving and very few accidents occur.



School girls in Kabul

The northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif has also shown great development progress since my first visit in 2004. There are now streetlights on major streets; six nice large “roundabouts” at key intersections were being built in September 2007 financed privately by key businesses in those areas. Since 2006, we have stayed in what is called a wedding hotel which can handle 5,000 people for a wedding reception.



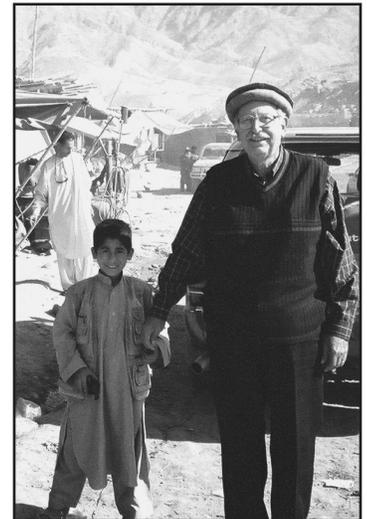
Mazar-e-Sharif – Fruit Vendors

This last team trip in September 2007 to conduct a two province oilseed survey under FAO (UN Food and Agriculture Organization) sponsorship took me to Herat, a city in western Afghanistan. Herat is the most developed city in Afghanistan at the present time, partly since it suffered less damage during the war period, has a long progressive cultural history, and optimistic entrepreneurial people. Wide streets, public parks, decent restaurants, and an ice cream parlor make this a city most of us would like

to visit in more peaceful times.

I’m regularly asked “Do you feel safe when you’re there?” My answer is yes, but part of the answer comes not only from having lived in that region for some three years but also from having lived in other countries for a number of years. You have to accept the culture and the situation you are in, look for the positives not the negatives, enjoy the people, and don’t take unnecessary risks.

My experiences lead me to the conclusion that reconstruction is indeed occurring in Afghanistan. That reconstruction is not only in buildings, roads, and other physical manifestations but also in education, particularly of young girls and women, and in the entrepreneurial “can do” spirit I observe in the people I meet from farmers, educators, and to government personnel.



Oval with young child

## Sport your Saluki Pride in an Emeritus Shirt

Emil Spees has a new batch of Emeritus golf shirts and vests for all your university activities. Prices for the Emeritus apparel are:

- Pro Celebrity Sport Shirt (Ladies) in maroon is \$22 in S, M, L, XL, 2XL.
- Pro Celebrity Sport Shirt (Mens) in maroon is \$22 in S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL.
- August Vest in maroon is \$14 in S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL.

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## 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, faculty, 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.

### Know someone who would like to join?

They may either

- Call the SUAA Central Office at toll-free 888-547-8473
- Go to [www.suaa.org](http://www.suaa.org) and click on the blue tag that says "Join"
- Call Carolyn Donow at 457-7695
- Send message to [cdonow@siu.edu](mailto:cdonow@siu.edu).

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# Emeritus and Annuitant Association Spring General Meeting & Luncheon

Friday, April 25, 2008  
10 a.m.

Dunn-Richmond Center

*Featured speaker*

Linda Brookhart,  
SUAA Executive Director

Luncheon following meeting  
\$10 per person  
Reservation deadline is April 17.

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Spring Meeting Luncheon  
Friday, April 25, 2008 - Dunn-Richmond Center

*Please list each person's name.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations (\$10 each).  
*Please make checks payable to SIUC Emeritus & Annuitant Association.*

***Kindly return bottom portion and payment by April 17, 2008 to  
SIUC Emeritus & Annuitant Association  
Kesnar 207, Mail Code 6525  
Southern Illinois University Carbondale  
1225 Douglas Drive  
Carbondale, IL 62901***

Day Trip to Kirkwood, Missouri  
for Stages production of Meredith Wilson's  
**The Music Man**  
Saturday, September 13, 2008

This trip includes an early afternoon lunch at the Hometown Buffet in Kirkwood prior to the 4 p.m. performance, the performance ticket, and bus transportation. The bus will leave from the south end of the SIU Arena's South Parking Lot at 11 a.m.

\$80/person - Reservation/Deposit deadline - August 1, 2006

This trip is limited to 20 people.

Yes, I/We would like to participate in the trip to see The Music Man.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my payment for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s).

Kindly return your completed reservation form and payment to Dee Brown, 600 E. Cindy Street, Carbondale, IL. 62901. Make checks payable to **SIUC Emeritus & Annuitant Association**.

For more information about this trip, please call Dee Brown at 549-4440.



## GOLF REGISTRATION

Golf Outing (4-person scramble)  
Tuesday May 13, 2008  
Registration time: 8:00 AM  
Jackson Country Club

Rain Date: Tuesday May 20, 2008  
Registration time: 8:00 AM  
Jackson Country Club

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to play with the following persons:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Individual entries are welcome. Everyone will be placed on a team. Cost is \$40.00 per person (green fees and cart with lunch included) plus a \$5.00 registration fee to cover prizes. Checks can be made payable to: **SIUC Emeritus & Annuitant Association**.  
For further information contact Farrel Olsen at 529-5134 or farrelolsen7@gmail.com or Oval Myers at 549-5997 or omyers@siu.edu

Kindly return your completed registration form and payment to: Constituent Relations & Special Events  
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