

# EMERITUS & ANNUITANT NEWSLETTER

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## Judith Parker, SURS Interim Director, will speak at Spring General Meeting

Judith A. Parker, who is currently serving as the Interim Executive Director of the State Universities Retirement System, will be the featured speaker at the Spring General Membership meeting. Parker, having assumed the top position upon the resignation of former executive director, Dan Slack, received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 2002 from Eastern Illinois Universities' Board of Trustees program. Ms. Parker has been employed with the system for 20 years. She was the Deputy Director of Member Services at SURS for 16 years prior to being appointed to the position of Associate Executive Director in August of 2007. Ms. Parker also served the system as a Benefits Counselor and was employed with Illinois State University for 10 years prior to joining the system. Ms. Parker has been instrumental in fostering and developing the current level Customer Service the system provides its members, annuitants and survivors. The topic of her presentation will be, "Your benefits, your retirement system."

The Spring General Membership meeting of the SIUC Emeritus Association will be held on Friday, April 24, 2009, at the Dunn-Richmond Center. New officers and Board directors will be elected at this meeting, as well as the featured speaker, Ms. Judith Parker. In addition, the announcement and presentation of the 2009 EAA Scholarship recipients will also take place. A luncheon will follow the meeting. To make reservations for the luncheon, please complete the registration form included with this newsletter.



Judith A. Parker  
Interim Executive Director  
SURS

## Carbondale's Varsity Theatre being transformed into Arts Center



Varsity Center for the Arts. Community members are being asked to contribute to the restoration of the historic Varsity Theater building and to reaffirm their commitment to the arts in Carbondale and the region and to the preservation of this historic building.

In this issue, we are happy to spotlight one of Carbondale's most cherished landmarks, the former Varsity Theatre. As many of you have fond memories associated with Carbondale's former movie house, we are delighted to report its restoration. Many of our Emeritus members are actively involved with this project and we are happy to share one of our member's account of the work that is being done. Thanks goes to Carolyn Snyder, Dean Emeritus Morris Library, for providing this issue's feature article.

## THE VARSITY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

By Carolyn A. Snyder

The Varsity Center for the Arts (VCA) is poised to take center stage in the hearts and lives of our community as a place in downtown Carbondale where the creative and performing arts can flourish. Carbondale has long been an arts rich community—a cultural leader in the region and the state. Not since the addition of the City Hall and Civic Center has there been such excitement in downtown Carbondale. This is a critical time for the

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## President's Message

# Greetings,



Carolyn Donow  
SIUC EAA President

My message for this newsletter is a strong plea for each one of us to recruit new members for SUAA and EAA. Proposals in the state legislature that affect state retirees include taxing pensions, how to fund pensions, changing pensions, and combining the state's pension systems. In these troubling times, retirees need all the advocates we can get. On the state and local level, SUAA and EAA work hard to make our legislators and governor keep their promises to fund state pensions. We need strong voices in Springfield to make our case, and we have two very strong lobbyists working for us—Linda Brookhart and Dick Lockhart. To keep these talented people on the payroll costs money, and to raise money, SUAA needs to increase its membership. Besides increasing our funds, a larger membership means more clout with legislators.

One of the benefits of membership in SUAA is information about legislation that relates to state retirees. With email, SUAA can send this information to us quickly and without cost. SUAA has started sending Mini Briefings to alert members about what our guys and dolls in Springfield

are doing. **These Mini Briefings are sent to all members whose email addresses are on file.**

If you have an email address, please send it to our publications person, Nancy Hartman, at [nancyhartman@juno.com](mailto:nancyhartman@juno.com), asking her to add your name to the EAA mailing list and to the SUAA mailing list. Uncle Sam's Postal Service is great, but it can't serve as the quick and free notice of pending matters that email can.

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## Survivor Benefit Information

*(Excerpted from SURS website -- [www.surs.org](http://www.surs.org))*

When a loved one dies, it is a very difficult time for a spouse to have to make decisions, gather documents, and complete forms. This information is on the SURS website and has been prepared to help spouses, family, and friends when the death of a SURS member occurs. For those who don't use internet, this excerpt may spur some of us into action to make this transition a little easier for our survivors.

Since all of our members receive an annuity from SURS, only SURS will be used throughout the report. It is important to know, however, that if one has a reciprocal annuity with any of the other state retirement systems, i.e. STRS or SERS, the same information required by SURS must also be provided to the other retirement offices.

As soon as possible, report the death of the retiree to SURS. Notification may be made by calling SURS at 1-800-275-7877. A letter, fax, or email is also acceptable. SURS will require the following information at the time the report is made:

- Date of death.
- Survivor's name, address, phone number, birth date, and member ID.

An initial lump sum payment of \$1,000 is sent to the eligible survivor within a week of SURS receiving the above information. If a reciprocal annuity applies with STRS or SERS, each retirement office will pay a share of the \$1,000.

Some Additional Help:

Any documents regarding a claim should have the deceased member's Social Security Number on them.

A certified copy of the death certificate must be sent as soon as possible to SURS. All applicable forms must be completed, and all other documents such as birth certificates should be copies.

Depending upon several formulas that may apply to individuals, survivors receive approximately 50% of the deceased retiree's annuity.

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## SUAAction

In February the SUAAction Committee mailed a letter to all of our EAA members requesting donations for 2009. Please help SUAA maintain and increase its work with our state legislators by donating generously to this political action committee.

If you've already donated, thank you very much. If you haven't contributed yet and have thrown away your letter, you may contact Carolyn Donow, 457-7695 or [cdonow@siu.edu](mailto:cdonow@siu.edu) to get another letter and contribution form.

### Contacts for local state legislators

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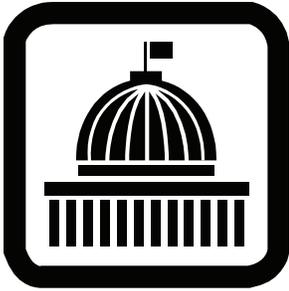
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The SUAA Executive Committee met in Bloomington on January 26 (just before the freezing rain and snow hit). A large number of items were discussed. Here are the ones that might be of most interest to you.

1,534 people have not renewed their membership in SUAA in the last ten years. This rate of non-renewal is of primary interest, particularly in the present economic climate. Since SUAA's budget exists only through membership dues, the non-renewal rate is of primary importance. How to increase new memberships of both current retirees and current employees is of great concern, as is the non-renewal of memberships.

Dick Lockhart, the lobbyist who works for SUAA, reported on a number of matters that will be coming up in the legislature. Dick reported on the process by which he is alerted to all bills that might come before the legislature and how he addresses these concerns.

- One primary concern is Senate Bill 750 being proposed by an upstate senator, a bill which would place a state tax on retirement income. Illinois is one of only three income tax states that fully exempt private pension income and one of only eight states that fully exempt public employee pensions. The dire state of the state's budget means that there is a real possibility that pensions may be taxed. If we--the retirees of the state universities and community colleges--oppose this bill, we are open to accusations of hypocrisy, since we don't pay state income tax. A possible approach on this question may be to go back to a proposal by then-Governor Jim Edgar, which would tax that pension income which is over \$75,000. 69% of SURS benefit recipients receive pensions of \$2,600 or less per month. In 2007, the average monthly retirement benefit was \$2,328. Given the great disparity in pension income, arguing in favor of the taxation of pension income over \$75,000 might be an answer to what may become a huge political fight and would not affect but a small percentage of those receiving SURS benefits.
- Another item of great interest and that received a long discussion was the proposal by Alexis Giannoulis, State Treasurer, that would consolidate the state pension systems investments. SURS has put out a statement of concern about commingling SURS' pension trust funds with the other retirement systems (available at [www.surs.org](http://www.surs.org)).

As of early March, this bill (Senate Bill 1734) has stalled in committee. Its chief sponsor, Senator Schoenberg, seems to intend to keep pressing on this bill. Giannoulis seems to be making this bill a basic argument as he seeks the Democratic Party candidacy for the U.S. Senate seat from Illinois next year.

As background, it is important to know there are five separate pension systems for public employees in Illinois. SURS (the State Universities Retirement System) and TRS (the Teachers' Retirement System) are separate entities which control their own investments. GARS (the General Assembly Retirement System), JRS (the Judges Retirement System) and SERS (the State Employees Retirement System) are separate entities, but their investments are controlled by one board--the ISBI (the Illinois State Board of Investment). SURS and TRS are independent of ISBI.

As the SURS statement on commingling pension trust funds points out, pooling assets increases the danger of improper control. In the infamous Rezko case, Rezko and Levine discussed that they did not have any control over SURS, even though they considered the ISBI to be under their influence. Putting all investments into one system would seem to increase the possibility for tainted influence.

Another major concern expressed in the SURS statement on commingling the assets of the several pension trust funds is that the proposal from Giannoulis does not address the SURS' lower cost defined benefit plan pension trust funds nor the SURS Self-Managed Plan pension trust funds.

- According to a message from IRTA (The Illinois Retired Teachers Association), Senate Bills 303 and 304 have been held in the Senate Pensions and Investments Committee and the sponsor does not have the intention of calling the bills. These two bills deal with a switch from the current defined benefits system to a defined contributions system for future retirees.
- Another bill of interest is House Bill 1098 which would have the effect of dramatically raising the health care premiums of retired educators living out of state. It appears as if this bill would treat those retirees unfairly as they would be targeted for a raise in premiums in order to balance the books.



**Finally**, some interesting information about our membership and our organization was revealed. As mentioned above, the monthly pension that 69% of SURS' benefit recipients get is \$2,600 or less per month. The average monthly retirement benefit is \$2,328. The average age at which SURS members retire is 61.7 years with 20 years of credited service. SURS has 78,000 active members of which 20% are eligible to retire. 79% of SURS members are full-time employees. 57% work at universities and 35% work at community colleges. And, 78% of SURS retirees still live in Illinois.



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# Chapter Happenings

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*Spring General Membership Meeting*  
*Friday, April 24, 2009*  
*Dunn-Richmond Center - 10 a.m.*  
*Luncheon to follow meeting*

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## Bookstore Greeters



Now is the time of year when the Greeters are at rest and it's reward time for all their time and effort working at the Bookstore. The funds they have earned are now in the hands of the Scholarship Committee.

However, come August all our faithful 'Greeters' will be back at it, during the first week of the Fall Semester, slinging those backpacks and greeting the students as they return to Southern for another semester. Won't you join us as a Greeter come August?

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## Scholarship Committee completes annual scholarship selections

Members of the Scholarship Committee devote time in March to individually select the top six choices for the four \$1000 scholarships given by the SIUC Emeritus and Annuitant Association. In 2008, 26 applicants were considered; in 2009, there were more than 60 applications to evaluate. Each committee member ranks his (or her) top six choices. Students who apply know that selection is based primarily on academic achievement while leadership qualities are noted. At a meeting of the Committee, choices are listed and discussed. Four winners and two alternates are named. Applicants are notified by mail. Winners are invited to the Spring General Meeting in April, where they are presented to the membership and guests at the luncheon that follows the meeting.

The selection for the Jack Graham Scholarship, to be given to an incoming student, is not a duty of this committee, but is made by the Financial Aid Office.

Scholarship awards make use of income from an endowment fund, as well as money generated by the EAA Bookstore Greeters. A decrease in endowment income due to the downturned economy implies an anticipated cut in available funds for 2010.

Members of the Scholarship Committee and the unit from which each retired are: Inge Rader, chief academic advisor, College of Human Resources; Duncan Lampman, Construction Technology; Roy Weshinsky, English Department; Emil Spees, Educational Administration & Higher Education; Denny Hays, School of Architecture; and Committee Chair, Imogene Beckemeyer, Mathematics Department.

The Chapter and Committee appreciate those who spearheaded the collection of dollars to the endowment fund; to those who have donated to the endowment fund, to Professor Frank Klingberg who chaired this committee for many years, and to the Bookstore Greeters who faithfully add to the fund through their volunteer work at the Student Center Book Store.

-Imogene Beckemeyer

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## Golfing with the Emeriti

The Spring 2009 Emeritus and Annuitant Association 4 person Golf Scramble will be held at Jackson County Country Club, Murphysboro, Illinois on Tuesday, May 5, 2009. (rain date of Tuesday May 12, 2009). Cost is \$40.00 per person (green fees and cart and lunch included in the price). There will be a \$5.00 fee to cover prizes and mulligans. Please bring exact change for this.

Tee time is at 8:30 a.m. Please arrive by 8 a.m. 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. After golf enjoy lunch and fellowship at the Club House where awards will be presented.

Come join us for a fun day of golf at a course. To register, please complete and return the Golf Registration form included with this newsletter to the Constituent Relations and Special Events Office by May 1, 2009.

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).

-Oval Myers

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## January Blood Drive

The EAA Blood Drive held on Monday, January 26, 2009 was successful while falling one pint short of achieving its goal of 25 pints with only 24 pints collected. Those who volunteered to work on Monday were Imogene Beckemeyer, Marvin Kleinau, Mary Mantovani, Jackie Mueller, Regina Shelton, Beverly Walker and Roy Weshinsky. Thanks to all of you!

The Drive scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 2009 had to be cancelled due to the University being closed because of the weather. The following volunteers scheduled to work that day were Doris Freitag, Doris Klopp, Duncan and Wilma Lampman, George Mavigliano and Nancy Pfaff. Thank you all for volunteering even though the Blood Drive had to be canceled.

### **Next Blood Drive scheduled for May 4**

The Emeritus and Annuitant Association is sponsoring a make up Blood Drive on Monday, May 4, 2009. It will be held at the SIU Student Center, first floor, and will run from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. We hope to have a successful turn out for this important event.

-Mary Mantovani

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## We need your e-mail address

As prices for postage and paper continue to increase, it becomes imperative that we are able to communicate with our members via e-mail. We ask if you have e-mail that you subscribe to our List Serve so we can get important messages to you in a timely manner. Please send an e-mail to [nancyhartman@juno.com](mailto:nancyhartman@juno.com) to have your name added to the List Serv.



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# EAA out and about

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***Our Fall trip is signed, sealed and all but delivered!***

Join us on our  
Fall trip to  
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**S**ign up now for this annual outing that always pleases. We have 20 front seats just waiting for our arrival. Call Dee Brown at 549-4440 to reserve your ticket to see the Stages production of **Guys & Dolls**.

***What are we going to do:*** Take a day trip to Kirkwood, MO for lunch at the Country Cupboard Buffet and the Stages matinee performance of **Guys & Dolls**.

***When:*** Saturday, September 26, 2009 - 4 p.m. performance.

***Cost:*** \$90 per person



***Stages website carries the following overview of this fabulous musical stage play.***

Featuring one of the greatest musical scores in the history of the American theatre, *Guys & Dolls* is a bright and brassy story about love, marriage, and all that a roll of the dice can bring you.

Set against the color of New York City's high lights and low life, this beloved musical comedy pairs up the most unlikely of couples when a small-time gambler bets his big-time pal that he can't make the next woman he sees fall in love with him. Add in an uptight missionary and a chronically ill nightclub vixen, and the stage is set for an evening of unforgettable entertainment.

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## Carbondale Campus unveils new lettermark logo

In March, a new lettermark logo for the Carbondale campus was introduced. According to Michael Ruiz, director of University Communications, in an article that appeared in the *Saluki Times*, the lettermark is a way to use the letters 'SIUC' in a stylistic way for promotional items and apparel. Because it can easily be scaled down in size, it can also be used for small items such as pens or pencils.

The article also stated that the university community had the opportunity to vote on a number of proposed lettermarks on a university website and the one with the most votes won.

The new lettermark appears to the right.



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## Calendar of Events

April 24, 2009 - Emeritus Faculty Meeting - Dunn-Richmond Center - 8 a.m.

April 24, 2009 - SIUC EAA Spring General Meeting - Dunn-Richmond Center - 10 a.m.

May 4, 2009 - EAA Blood Drive - Student Center - 10 a.m. -2 p.m.

May 5, 2009 - EAA Golf Outing - Jackson County Country Club - 8 a.m. registration. Rain date: May 12, 2009.

May 7-9, 2009 - Commencement Weekend at SIUC

June 23-24, 2009 - SUAA Annual Meeting - President Lincoln Hotel & Conference Center, 701 E Adams Street, Springfield, IL.

September 24, 2009 - SIUC/EAA Day trip to Kirkwood Mo. for the Stages **Guys & Dolls** performance..

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## Emeritus apparel available

Emil Spees is the one to contact for Emeritus golf shirts and vests. Costs for the Emeritus apparel are as follows:

- 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.

Contact Emil at 3925 Chautauqua Road, Carbondale, IL 62901, Phone 618-549-5980 or Email: [spees1@aol.com](mailto:spees1@aol.com) for more information.

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## Special Feature

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### THE VARSITY CENTER FOR THE ARTS: A CRITICAL TIME FOR DEVELOPMENT

Carolyn A. Snyder, Chair, VCA Public Relations Committee

In November 2007 Mayor Brad Cole announced that the Kerasotes family had donated the Varsity Theater to the community, and in February 2008 Mayor Cole transferred ownership to the Stage Company. In May 2008 the Stage Company and Carbondale Community Arts (CCA) announced a partnership to develop the Varsity Center for the Arts. After much hard work by a dedicated group of volunteers and monetary gifts from supporters, the first phase of the renovation was completed. The Varsity for the Arts opened on October 24, 2008, with the Stage Company production of "Star Spangled Girl" and an exhibit of local art sponsored by CCA. The Stage Company and CCA have continued their collaboration to provide a foundation for their longer term goal of restoring the exterior and interior of the historic Varsity Center for the Arts.

The vision for the complete restoration of the Varsity Center for the Arts includes a permanent home for the city's two oldest cultural institutions (Stage Company and Carbondale Community Arts), and performance and exhibit venues for other cultural, civic, and educational presenters from across the region. The Varsity Center for the Arts will enable actors, singers, writers, painters, filmmakers, sculptors, dancers, and musicians to share their creativity with the community. It will generate excitement, attract businesses, and foster rich diversity within our community and region.

The foundation for the restoration of the VCA is the 15-member Board of Directors composed of dedicated community leaders and representatives of the Stage Company and Carbondale Community Arts and chaired by Jack Langowski. Its organizational and operational structure has been developed to allow for a mode leading to community ownership. The Design Committee chaired by David Coracy is working with the award winning architectural firm of White and Borgognoni. The Varsity Campaign Steering Committee led by Marsha Ryan is broadly based



John Randall Parrish, of Carbondale, provided this picture, taken over the Christmas holidays in 1950, of the Varsity Theatre's marquee, featuring the movie, *The Milk Man*. The Parrish family owned a local dairy farm and after morning deliveries, they brought their dairy trucks to town and parked them along the street in front of the theatre on opening day to help promote the show.

and is working with the community with the goal of raising sufficient funds to complete the project. The building restoration and renovation costs will total approximately 2.5 million dollars. To operate and staff the building, an estimated additional 2 million dollars will be needed to create an operating fund endowment. Donors have already pledged approximately one-fourth of the total funds needed.

Continued community support will be essential to successfully complete the restoration of the historic Varsity Center for the Arts. When the facility is completed, it will stand as a symbol of the community's respect for the past, commitment to the common good, and confidence in the future. If you would like additional information or a tour of the VCA, please contact Jack Langowski (201-5245), Marsha Ryan (529-5611), or David Coracy (549-7347).

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### Share your Varsity memories

For those of you who have fond memories of the Varsity Theatre, a project headed by Carbondale's Dede Ittner, gives you the opportunity to share your personal memories of the old theatre and have them become a part of the history of this sentimental Carbondale landmark. Ittner, an active member of the Carbondale Preservation Commission who is collecting personal memories of the Varsity, explained that through the many interesting memories she has received thus far, she has developed several different category groupings for the project. Categories include: Marquee Memories and Munchies; Ticket Please (ticket booth stories); Employees and Attendees (covering ushers, popcorn girls, candy counter sales, soda jerks, as well as seating preferences of high schoolers, dates, parents, etc.); 7-Up Saturdays, Yo-Yo contests, dance recitals, and special occasion movie features.

If you have special memories of the theatre, pictures of marquees, copies of programs, handbills, or posters, or if you might have worked there or taken part with the theatre operations, your stories are welcomed as Ittner rebuilds the story of this wonderful Carbondale landmark cherished by hundreds. Your memories of the Varsity can be e-mailed to [varsityhistory@neondsl.com](mailto:varsityhistory@neondsl.com).

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# Health insurance deductible and co-pay changes

## Changes to the State of Illinois Benefit Plans effective 1/1/2009

Below is information summarizing the changes that took effect January 1, 2009 with the State of Illinois benefit plans. Benefit Choice Options booklets were mailed directly to member's home addresses, and they contain more detailed information about all the plan changes. Please refer to your booklet for specific information, or you can visit [www.benefitschoice.il.gov](http://www.benefitschoice.il.gov) to view the information on-line or download a copy of the booklet.

- **Quality Care Health Plan (QCHP)**

- New prescription deductible of \$50 per individual per plan year. Please note: the benefit plan year is July 1 – June 30 of each year. **Your deductible will begin again on July 1, 2009!** (Deductibles for plan year 08-09 began January 1, 2009 because of the delayed implementation of the benefit changes.)
- Prescription co-payments for preferred brand and non-preferred brand increase to \$24/\$48 respectively (generic remains \$11)
- General out-of-pocket maximum (individual) increases to \$1,200
- General out-of-pocket maximum (family) increases to \$3,000
- Coinsurance for out-of-network physicians is reduced from 80% to 70% (in-network coinsurance remains 90%)
- Employee and dependent health contributions have increased
- Hospital Bill Audit Program – limit on savings has been eliminated

- **Managed Care Health Plan (HMO/OAP)**

- New prescription deductible of \$50 per individual per plan year. Please note: the benefit plan year is July 1 – June 30 of each year. **Your deductible will begin again on July 1, 2009!** (Deductibles for plan year 08-09 began January 1, 2009 because of the delayed implementation of the benefit changes.)
- Prescription co-payments for preferred brand and non-preferred brand increase to \$22/\$44 respectively (generic remains \$10)
- Employee and dependent health contributions have increased
- Specialist office visit co-payments have increased to \$20

- **Quality Care Dental Plan (QCDP)**

- Dental deductible increased to \$125 per plan participant per plan year.
- Dental contributions have increased.

- Public Act 95-0958 – Under the terms of this Public Act, members will be allowed to add certain adult children age 19 or older to their group insurance coverage. A special enrollment period will be held May 1 – July 31, 2009 to add coverage for the following categories:
  - Sponsored Adult Child: Unmarried child age 19 and up to, but not including age 26
  - Veteran Adult Child: Unmarried child age 19 and up to, but not including age 30, who is an Illinois resident, has served as a member of the active or reserve components of any of the branches of the United States Armed Forces and has received a release or discharge other than a dishonorable discharge
  - Student Leave of Absence (LOA): Unmarried child age 19 and up to, but not including age 23, enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited school who takes a medical leave of absence or reduces his or her course load to part-time status because of a catastrophic illness or injury.

These categories are in addition to those dependents already eligible for coverage. Coverage under the Act will be effective on or after July 1, 2009 depending on the date of enrollment. Written notification of this Public Act has been mailed directly to each member at their home addresses, and provides additional information and the documentation required to enroll an adult child.

The next Benefits Choice period is just around the corner. The regular Benefit Choice period, commonly referred to as open enrollment, is usually held every year during the month of May. Changes made during this time go into effect July 1<sup>st</sup>. Member should expect their 2009-2010 Benefits Choice booklets to be mailed to their home addresses sometime around the first of May. This booklet will outline all changes and/or new programs for the plan year July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.

The Human Resources Benefits Office hosts a series of information sessions each Benefits Choice period to summarize any changes or new benefits, usually the first week of May. All members are welcome to attend. Dates for this year's sessions have not been set, but will be announced mid April. Please feel free to contact our office at 453-6668 to get session dates, times and locations. Information will also be posted to our website at [www.siu.edu/~humres](http://www.siu.edu/~humres).

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### Did you know Remnants from Old Main to be used for new library patio

Plans for a new patio to be built at the east end of Morris Library call for the use of many of the architectural remnants salvaged from the Old Main building which burned in 1969. The six-pointed star, shown to the right, is one of those pieces that could be used in an entry archway. Other pieces of limestone and granite are also being considered to build an exterior border for the patio.

Commemorative bricks, which can be purchased to help fund the project, will be used for a walkway that curves through the center of the patio. More information about this campus project can be found at [www.siu.edu/~lib](http://www.siu.edu/~lib) or contact Kristine McGuire at [kmcguire@lib.siu.edu](mailto:kmcguire@lib.siu.edu).





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How our membership compares to our peers:

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***We can do better!***

***Help your chapter by recruiting a new member today.***

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.

To join you 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 "Join Now"
- Call Carolyn Donow at 457-7695
- Send message to [cdonow@siu.edu](mailto:cdonow@siu.edu).



## EAA Board of Directors Jiffy Directory

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# SIUC Emeritus and Annuitant Association

**Fall trip to Kirkwood, Missouri**

**to see the Stage's production of**



**Saturday, September 24, 2009**  
**Reservation deadline is August 16, 2009.**

Seating is limited to the first 20 reservations.

**\$90 per person.**

Includes lunch at the Country Cupboard Buffet in Kirkwood prior to performance, Stage's ticket and bus transportation.

Bus will leave the SOUTH Arena Parking Lot at 11:30 a.m.

Keep top portion for your records.

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Fall trip to Kirkwood Missouri to see Guy & Dolls

Saturday, September 24, 2009

Bus Leaves South Arena Parking Lot 11:30 a.m.

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

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

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

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check, payable to SIUC Emeritus & Annuitant Association, for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_ reservation(s).

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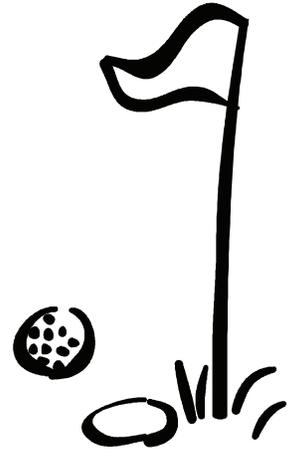
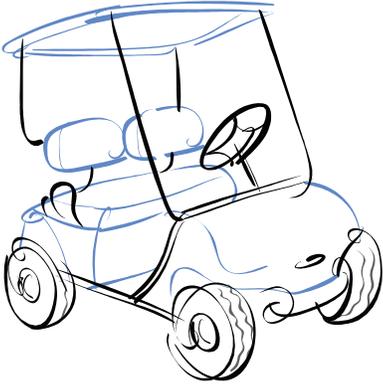
# SIUC EMERITUS & ANNUITANT ASSOCIATION

## Four-person Golf Scramble

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

Jackson County Country Club  
8 a.m. registration

(Rain date: Tuesday, May 12, 2009)



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### GOLF REGISTRATION

Golf Outing (4-person scramble)  
Tuesday May 5, 2009  
Registration time: 8:00 AM  
Jackson County Country Club

Rain Date: Tuesday May 12, 2009  
Registration time: 8:00 AM  
Jackson County Country Club

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

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

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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, payable at the outing.

**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)



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SIUC Emeritus and Annuitant Association

# Spring General Membership Meeting & Luncheon

Friday, April 24, 2009  
Dunn-Richmond Center  
10:00 a.m.

Speaker will be

**Judith A. Parker**

Interim Executive Director  
State Universities Retirement System of Illinois

*Luncheon seating will be limited to the first 100 reservations.*

\$12 per person for luncheon.

**Reservation deadline is April 16, 2009.**

*Please keep top portion for your records.*



## Spring General Membership Meeting & Luncheon

Friday, April 24, 2009  
Dunn-Richmond Center  
10:00 a.m.

- Will attend the meeting only                      Number attending \_\_\_\_\_
- Will attend the meeting and luncheon              Number attending \_\_\_\_\_  
Luncheon \$12/person

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

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

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

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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