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TWO LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES SLATED FOR SPRING GENERAL MEETING

Have you been wondering what is going on in Springfield? Wondering what our elected officials are doing? Have you thought of contacting them but not gotten around to it? Well, here is your chance to meet with two state representatives and hear them address questions related to SURS pensions and benefits as well as present your own questions and thoughts to them.

Our Chapter of SUAA will meet April 29 at the Dunn-Richmond Center. For some who heard it is closing, that is NOT the case. The Small Business Development Center is located in that area and it is closing, but Dunn-Richmond is open for our meeting and lunch. Plan to be there by 10 a.m. for presentations and Q&As with Representatives Terri Bryant and John Bradley. You are welcome to attend the Emeritus Faculty Organization at 8:30 a.m. and hear Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor Susan Ford's address. These two meetings provide an opportunity to gather considerable up-to-date information about the status of Illinois, higher education and SIUC, specifically, in one morning.

We hope you will join us for lunch following the meetings. Details about all the events are in this newsletter that is going to all recent retirees as well as members. We welcome all to attend, hear the presentations, present their questions and concerns, and, hopefully, decide to join our ranks. A list of recent retirees is also included in this newsletter! We look forward to seeing you on April 29.



Representative Terri Bryant

Terri Bryant was sworn in to her first term as State Representative in January of 2015. Since taking office she has fought to bring jobs to our area, sponsored legislation to lower property taxes, balance the budget, and fund higher education. Rep. Bryant has proposed measures to reduce the recidivism rate and improve public safety. Rep. Bryant is a wife, a mother, and grandmother. She is a former small business owner and served the people of Illinois as a dietary manager in the Department of Corrections for 20 years before being elected to serve as 115th district State Representative in 2014.

State Representative John Bradley is serving his seventh term in the Illinois House of Representatives after being appointed to represent the 117th District in June 2003. In addition to serving as Assistant Majority Leader in House Democratic leadership, John also serves as chair of the Revenue & Finance Committee.

Born in Harrisburg, Illinois, John graduated from Southeastern Illinois College before earning his Bachelor's Degree in Government from the University of Texas. He received his law degree from the University of Illinois Law School in 1996 and returned to southern Illinois. He resides in Marion with his wife, Michelle, and their three sons.



Representative John Bradley

EMERITUS FACULTY ORGANIZATION TO MEET APRIL 29 ~ BILL WRIGHT

The Emeritus Faculty Organization will hold its regular Spring meeting on Friday, April 29, at 8:30 a.m. at the Dunn-Richmond Center. We are very pleased to announce that our speaker will be Dr. Susan Ford, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. In addition to serving as the university's chief academic officer, she is also a Professor of Anthropology.



Dr. Susan Ford with her Salukis

Dr. Ford is widely respected throughout our university and within her field. A faculty member at SIU Carbondale since 1979, she served as Chair of the Department of Anthropology from 2005 to 2011 and served as Interim Dean of the Graduate School from November 2012 until her appointment as Interim Provost in Fall 2014.

She will discuss issues relating to enrollment, budget cuts, effects on academic programs, and other topics. Please come, listen, and possibly ask a question or make a comment.

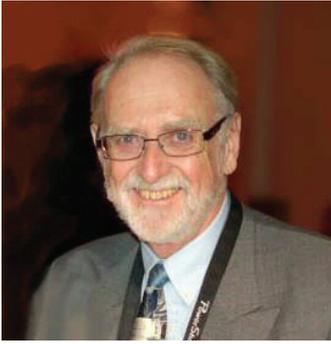
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Douglas Bedient, President
SIUC Annuitants Association

A message from the president

2014-2016 Whirlwind

Thank you for the opportunity as well as the cooperation and efforts many of our members make to help our SUAA chapter function. I have found it very rewarding to become better acquainted with the officers, board members, and chairs of our committees and work groups. I will long fondly remember the many persons who helped our Chapter accomplish tasks related to member recruitment and retention, social activities, legislative lobbying, and service to SUAA and its Foundation and SUAAAction.

We are learning more about the challenges of growing our membership. When members do not renew we follow up to request their reinstatement. But some of these members have dropped their landline phones that are listed as the contact number and a cell number is not known. We use email to contact many but some members do not use emails so we are back to using USPS to make contact. But the mobile lives of many retirees can lead to dead ends, and we lose contact.

We made concerted efforts to enroll current employees in our membership. Two campus-wide mailings extolled the successes of SUAA in protecting pensions, health insurance and the 3% annual increase. The appeals resulted in some new members but not the numbers we desire. We use list serves of campus constituency groups to spread our message. We are present at retirement and service recognition ceremonies to congratulate, inform and enroll new members.

David McCullough's book about the building of the Panama Canal included an excerpt that seems to summarize the challenges growing our membership entail. John Stevens was put in charge of building the Canal. He followed Chief Engineer John Wallace who picked up where the French had left years before. Progress was slow and concerns grew about the lack of accomplishment.

Stevens wrote to the head of the second Isthmian Canal Commission and described the many challenges he confronted. A major one was the Culebra Cut that entailed removing a hundred million cubic yards of rock and soil. Stevens' words concerning the challenge seem to describe how we approach membership development: "Nothing but dogged determination and steady, persistent, intelligent work will ever accomplish the result."

At the same time we engage in this work we probably need to be thinking of creative ways to reinvent our membership campaigns. Considerable literature discusses creative disruption. Many successful businesses are constantly looking for ways to change so that they remain vibrant and anticipate developments that change the markets they presently serve. IBM's Ginni Rometty tells her managers "Always disrupt yourselves" while Dow Chemical's Andrew Liveris speaks of 4 reinventions in 10 years. These two are signaling they recognize the need for rapid and profound change.

Our Board set a goal of 800 members in 2015. While we continue our dogged determined work we welcome the insights of our members concerning how we might work in new creative ways to strengthen and grow our organization. Let us hear from you! And we again request that you help us recruit members. Our Board has contact with numerous potential members but over 700 of us working together have innumerable more contacts with such persons.

It has been my privilege to serve as President of the SIUC Annuitants Association the past two years. I look for continued progress and growth as Thyra Russell assumes the Presidency. We have an able Board of Directors to plan and help implement programs. I thank Past President Bruce Appleby for his counsel and continued leadership as State SUAA President and chair of pensions and benefits. Bill Wright is leaving the Board after leading the Emeritus Faculty Organization for years. I much appreciate his contributions to our organization and the questions he frequently raised during our deliberations. I applaud Nancy Hartman for her excellent service in producing *The Annuitant*. Secretary Marcia Anderson and Treasurer Don Stucky contribute immensely to our Chapter's smooth operation. I much appreciate the long and stellar service that Imogene Beckemeyer and Mary Mantovani have contributed to our scholarship and blood drive activities. Kudos to Keith McQuarrie and Ron Mahoney for their work in organizing and coordinating Golf Outings over the past several years. Finally, and certainly not least, Holly Rick has handled so many aspects of our operations with expertise, wise counsel and pleasant demeanor. Thanks to them and the entire Board for their support and service!

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Douglas Bedient". The signature is written in a cursive style.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 29, 2016 - EMERITUS FACULTY ORGANIZATION MEETING, 8:30 A.M. & SPRING GENERAL MEETING - 10 A.M. DUNN-RICHMOND CENTER
MAY 16, 2016 - INTERSESSION BEGINS
MAY 30, 2016 - MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
JUNE 13, 2016 - EIGHT WEEK SUMMER SESSION BEGINS
JULY 8, 2016 - ANNUITANT ASSOCIATION DINNER-THEATER-COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING & MCLEOD THEATER
AUGUST 22, 2016 - FALL SEMESTER BEGINS

SUAA Capital Points from Springfield

Since the Senate and House of Representatives and the Governor have not yet settled on a basic budget for the state, no legislation or bills on our pensions and our benefits have been introduced.

There is still NOTHING to report.

~ Bruce C. Appleby, SUAA State President

WRITE YOUR LEGISLATOR

When and if actual legislation develops in Springfield, we encourage you to write to your state senator or representative and let these individuals know where you stand on proposed legislation or on issues that have a direct effect on you. Please refer to the list on the right for the addresses of your legislators.

A personal letter, more so than an e-mail, seems to have the best chance of being noticed. Following is a suggested format to use in writing. It is always best to personalize your letter and not just copy or sign on to a petition. The Mini-Briefings from SUAA will give you a quick lead as to actual bills that are being discussed. As to the letter you send, a format that might work follows.

Your address
Date

Senator or Representative's (Name)
Address

Dear Senator or Representative (Name):

I am writing to you to (support, oppose, vote no or vote yes) on Senate Bill # or House Bill #. (Describe the issue if there is no bill) Include that you are a constituent in this legislator's district.

In this paragraph, provide a quick description of how you, your family, your students or your community are affected by this issue or bill. Make it personal! Tell your story!

End by repeating the request you began the letter with and thank the legislator for previous support (if possible) or thank them for service to your district. Always be courteous!

Sincerely,
(your name)

SUAA is about to embark on a major education project, to inform not only our legislators but also the public on where we stand on the major issues before the legislature. Recent polls centering around the upcoming election are making it clear that the public is misinformed on issues affecting pensions and higher education in general. We need to inform the public on the issues, where we stand on these issues and how the general public is directly affected by what happens in Springfield. The recent news about how higher education is being affected by having no state budget must be amplified by letting the public know that what happens to institutions of higher education has a direct effect on the communities that house the institutions. Letters of the kind suggested here do a better job of alerting not only the legislators but also the public on where we stand.

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SIUC ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Unfortunately, we were unable to meet our goal of having 800 members by the end of December 2015. That does not mean, however, that we are stopping efforts to increase our numbers. As we often hear, especially during an election cycle, numbers count. Politicians, legislators and others pay attention to what they hear from their constituents and voters. As of March 21, our membership stands at 789.

We need all SURS retirees, current employees, spouses, and survivors to join SUAA—our VOICE in Springfield. SUAA staff work for us every day at the Capitol. By tracking pension and healthcare issues and state funding, SUAA is our continuous support for legislation that protects healthcare and pensions.

Remember, SUAA represented all SURS participants and beneficiaries by suing the State of Illinois for Public Act 98-0599—the so-called Pension Reform law that was ruled unconstitutional by the Illinois Supreme Court. We must continue to fight special interest groups that want to push “reforms” that will strip employees and retirees of their rights.

SUAA membership helps you stay up-to-date with the latest and most accurate information. Visit suaa.org to read SUAA’s most recent Mini-Briefings, which provide legislative updates on topics of interest that affect everyone in the SURS system.

To those who have been encouraging others to join SUAA, thank you. Please continue to tell others the importance of becoming a member.

Thyra Russell, Membership Chair
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SUAACTION

PRIMARY ELECTION: In January a few SIUC annuitants met to discuss local candidates who should be supported by SUAAAction funds. Since only one of our local primary races was contested (Schimpf and Langenstein), the group consensus was that we would ask SUAAAction to wait until the general election to donate funds to local candidates who support SUAA’s mission.

There were many contested primaries in the northern and central part of the state. At our SUAAAction Board meeting in February, we awarded \$28,000 to fourteen candidates who support our causes. Local SUAAAction groups had recommended that we fund them, and our review of their past votes and/or their written statements verified that these candidates deserved SUAA support.

GENERAL ELECTION: After interviewing local candidates for the general election, a group of SIUC annuitants who have donated to SUAAAction will meet to decide which candidates deserve funding from SUAAAction. I will send that list to our state office, and when our SUAAAction Board meets to distribute money to supportive candidates, our voice will be heard.

As the campaigns heat up, candidates will have fund raisers. If you have donated to SUAAAction, you may request money from the SUAA’s state office to attend a fundraiser. Members who request money to attend a fundraiser should speak to the candidate and explain that you are there as a member of SUAA, and that we want their support on state pensions and higher education funding.

LOCAL ACTION NEEDED: All of us should be writing to our local candidates about how dismayed we are with the lack of funding to higher education, and how it affects all of southern Illinois and future generations. If a candidate voted for the pension bill that we opposed, ask them why and what they plan to do in the future. If a candidate voted against that bill, say thank you.

Local letters are effective. Notice how all of our local politicians support the gun lobby? Let us take a note from their strong lobbying techniques—write letters, make calls, visit their offices, and make a great noise for our cause.

The people of Illinois are going to have to decide what kind of public higher education we want. Will our state universities be turned into large community colleges? Is it too late to regain the stature we once held with outstanding state university systems such as California and Wisconsin?

Carolyn Donow
Vice-Chair, SUAAAction Board

SUAA FOUNDATION UPDATE

~Doug Bedient

In our last issue Bob Radtke, member of the SUAA Foundation Board, reported on recent activities of the Foundation. Two projects the Foundation has undertaken are the Survivor Assistance Program and the Emergency Assistance Program.

Some SURS data will show why the Emergency Assistance Program could be very important for some annuitants. We often hear media accounts concerning the lucrative pensions of some SURS or other retirement system members. While some retirees do have high figure pensions that does not describe every state retiree. SURS data as of June 16, 2015 indicated that the SURS average monthly pension annuity is \$3,182.64. Furthermore 53% of monthly annuities are \$2,600 or less. If you consider that these are averages there are considerable numbers of annuitants who receive less than these amounts. If one is a survivor, the pension amount will be even less. So it is easy to see how some retirees could encounter very difficult situations and benefit from assistance.

As Bob described in his article the program is designed to help chapters provide support for members facing a need for funds to cope with a crisis situation. Chapters may request assistance for individuals who have been SUAA members for five or more years. Details about this program will be forthcoming in the next several months. This program could be a blessing for our colleagues who encounter crisis situations. We need to be alert to such events and help those in need to gain some support when a problem arises.

Chapter happenings

BOOKSTORE GREETERS

~Doug Bedient

Annuitant Greeters Roll Out the Welcome Mat to Students at the Bookstore

The greeter program worked well January 19-22, 2016. Greeters did not run into many problems with conflicting dates or last-minute health issues. The Parking Division did its part and cones were in place before 8 a.m. each morning. Bookstore Manager Chad Nale was very helpful so greeters could access the vests and name tags and store items in a secure place.

Student traffic was pretty heavy the whole week. Even Friday afternoon from 2-4 that can be a graveyard shift sometimes featured a steady stream of students arriving to purchase items or return or exchange purchases. Some students were again surprised to discover that they did not have to check their bags and backpacks. Some greeters miss the exercise associated with checking such items while others find the new procedure less stressful and good for their backs and legs.

Thanks to the following for their volunteering: Marcia Anderson, Bruce Appleby, Beth Arthur, John Bobell, Jay Brooks, Barbara Crandall, Carol & Dick Daesch, Ann Dillard, Bill Doerr, Carolyn Donow, Pat Eckert, Jo Ann Flannigan, Nancy Fligor, Chuck Frank, J.C. Garavalia, Mike Hanes, Sandy Hostetler, Kim Jaros, Peggy Johnson, Ann Karmos, Georgia Kelley, Dennis Laake, Mary Mantovani, Bill McMinn, Keith McQuarrie, Fred Moehle, Mike Murray, Susan Pearlman, Nancy Pfaff, Bob Radtke, Roberta Reeves, Thyra Russell, Emil Spees, and Jan Waggoner.

This was my tenth time to organize the greeter program. I have decided that 5 years and 10 sessions are long enough. I am not leaving the program but look forward to someone else taking charge and leading us onward. We should recognize Bill Doerr! Bill is joining a select group who greeted into their 90s! Thanks much for your long and dedicated service, Bill, and thanks to everyone who agreed to greet this semester. If you have interest in leading this effort let Thyra Russell or me know. We have materials available to facilitate the tasks. I have enjoyed meeting many different persons and staying in contact with old friends and colleagues over these years.



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GOLF

~KEITH MCQUARRIE

The number of golfers has dwindled resulting in too few people to hold the event. If you would like to see this activity continued and are willing to play and encourage others to do so, please contact Keith McQuarrie at Keithmcq@siu.edu.

BLOOD DRIVE

~Mary Mantovani

The spring semester blood drive was reduced to one day in January. But we were fortunate to exceed our goal that day. A former Red Cross blood drive coordinator has returned to her job and we believe her presence will help with scheduling and promoting blood drives in the future. We always welcome volunteers to assist with blood drives. Let Mary Mantovani know of your interest and help with the next drive in August. Remember, each pint donation can help up to three people.

SCHOLARSHIP

Our Chapter Scholarship Committee met recently and reviewed applications for the SIUC Annuitant Scholarships. The Committee consisted of Chair Imogene Beckemeyer, Brenda Gilbert, Denny Hays, and Mike Murray. The number of applications grew this year as several members worked to increase the visibility of the program. Dues of members and the bookstore greeter program provide funds for the scholarships. Thanks to the Committee members for their work and recipients will be announced at our April 29 meeting.

SOCIAL

~Mike Hanes

The Annuitant Association is sponsoring a summer dinner-theater for opening night of the musical, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, at McLeod Theater on Friday, July 8.

A buffet dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. in the WSIU-TV studio in the Communications Building. Curtain is at 7:30.

The price for the dinner-theater is \$38 per person and the deadline for registration is June 29. The first 36 registrants will be guaranteed theater tickets. Dinner only reservations are \$18/person. A registration form is included with this newsletter.

We encourage new retirees to join us for an enjoyable evening of outstanding entertainment.

SUAA MEMBERS – Please help make our VOICE in Springfield stronger. Every new member raises the VOLUME!

**YOUR CHAPTER NEEDS YOUR HELP
IN REACHING ITS GOAL OF 800 MEMBERS.**

RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER.

We Are All In This Together

Go to SUAA.ORG to keep informed on current state-wide efforts and legislative actions being conducted to protect your pension and benefits.

Spotlight - SIUC RETIREES

The SIUC Chapter of SUAA is pleased to send retirees honored at the December 2015 service award ceremony, a copy of *The Annuitant*, our chapter newsletter. SUAA's main purpose is protection of pensions and benefits. In these challenging times we need your support as a member and chapter participant. We work to inform political leaders and the public about what we annuitants have contributed to the retirement system and that contracts are two-way highways. SUAA has had considerable success in protecting pensions and benefits from changes that were unilaterally imposed and ultimately found to violate Constitutional provisions. We welcome you to join with us. We hope you will attend our April 29 spring general meeting (we hold two general meetings per year, spring and fall) and learn more about SUAA and what we do to support SURS annuitants!

ILLINOIS

ANNA

Kathy L. Capel, Institutional Research and Studies, 30 years
David R. Mathew, University Housing 28 years.

CARBONDALE

Jayne E. Abrate, Languages, Cultures and International Trade, 18 years.
Elizabeth Banycky, SIU Foundation Carbondale, 24 years.
Mark J. Bausch, Chemistry and Biochemistry, 27 years.
James E. Bordieri, Rehabilitation Institute, 29 years.
Jerry B. Boren, University Housing, 7 years.
Roy L. Bryant, Physical Plant Service, 9 years.
Joy L. Carter, Center for English as a Second Language, 29 years.
Donald E. Castle, Student Center, 26 years.
Saundra Y. Cawthon, Center for International Education, 29 years.
Karen M. Clayton, College of Liberal Arts, 33 years.
Jane N. Cogie, English, 23 years.
Adam C. Floro, Information Technology, 29 years.
Lee M. Fronabarger, Transfer Student Services, 22 years.
Anna L. Geske, Library Affairs, 15 years.
Ronald D. Graves, SIU Foundation Carbondale, 15 years.
Tommy M. Holder, Physical Plant Service, 20 years.
Charles R. Litecky, Management, 13 years.
Donna M. Margolis, College of Business, 17 years.
William A. McKinley, Management, 24 years.
Beth L. Mohlenbrock, SIU Foundation Carbondale, 28 years
Michelle P. Neill, Center for International Education, 29 years.
Roberta J. Ogletree, Health Education and Recreation, 23 years.
Elizabeth O'Neil, School of Law, 29 years.
Brent D. Patton, Labor and Employee Relations, 31 years
Michael G. Rath, School of Law, 16 years.
Marsha G. Ryan, School of Law, 16 years.
Gerald R. Spittler, ASA Aviation Management and Flight, 18 years.
Douglas B. Swain, Physical Plant Service, 33 years.
Jane L. Swanson, Psychology, 28 years.
Lester E. Tichenor, Broadcasting Service, 33 years.
Earnestine Tugle, Physical Plant Service, 10 years.
Michael Wainer, Computer Science, 27 years.
Eileen C. Waldron, Radio, Television and Digital Media, 9 years.

CARTERVILLE

Linda K. Auxier, Intercollegiate Athletics, 18 years
David B. Brandt, Key Control, 21 years

Rita B. Daniel, University Housing, 8 years
Robert L. Helleny, Information Technology, 29 years
Elizabeth A. Tregoning, Mathematics, 27 years.
Pamela J. Walls, College of Liberal Arts, 30 years.
Kathleen Welshimer, Health Education and Recreation, 24 years.
Abbie L. Winget, University Housing, 21 years.

CHAMPAIGN

Sally A. Gradle, School of Art and Design, 10 years.

COBDEN

Cheryl Carter, Exploratory Student Advisement, 29 years.
Dwain Cocke, University Housing, 26 years.
Laura A. Pind, Vice President for Financial and Administrative Affairs, 33 years.

DE SOTO

Kenneth L. Diesburg, Plant, Soil, and Agricultural Systems, 26 years.
Terry L. Vinyard, SIU Foundation Carbondale, 11 years.

DU QUOIN

Donna M. Chaney, Physical Plant Service, 17 years.
David K. House, Physical Plant Service, 20 years.

DONGOLA

David R. Toler, Physical Plant Service, 17 years.

FAIRFIELD

Candice M. Reed, University Housing, 11 years.

HERRIN

Robert E. Allison, School of Music, 31 years.
Janet A. Smith, Physical Plant Service, 16 years.
Margaret A. Trapani, Family and Community Medicine, 25 years.

HURST

Danny J. Watts, College of Education and Human Services, 16 years.

JONESBORO

John C. McHughes, ASA Aviation Management and Flight, 26 years.

MAKANDA

Renee D. Ferrell-Dillard, Broadcasting Service, 24 years.
James D. Lipe, Department of Public Safety, 22 years.
Gail G. Mieling, Clinical Center, 13 years.
David J. White, ASA School of Architecture, 30 years.

MARION

Steven P. Belletire, School of Art and Design, 17 years.
Paula A. Hanks, Bursar, 29 years.
Judith A. Kaufman, University Housing, 15 years.
Kathleen A. Leonard, Workforce Education and Development, 7 years.
Thomas G. Miller, Physical Plant Service, 24 years.
Lawrence E. Selcke, Head Start Agency, 8 years.

MULKEYTOWN

Marcella F. Patyski, Physical Plant Service, 10 years.

MURPHYSBORO

David M. Ardrey, College of Education and Human Services, 24 years.
Paula C. Arnold, Office of Sponsored Projects Administration, 16 years.
Patricia L. Conrad, Student Health Services, 9 years.
Kevin G. Ebersohl, Physical Plant Service, 21 years.
Jan E. Hamilton, Information Technology, 27 years.
Janet E. Harris, Curriculum and Instruction, 21 years.
David L. Jaynes, ASA Aviation Management and Flight, 26 years.
Linda K. Porter-Smith, Library Affairs, 28 years.
Mark A. Scott, Physical Plant Service, 26 years.
Lisa D. Stearns, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, 29 years.
Lois E. Thompson, Procurement Services, 26 years.

NEW BURNSIDE

John F. Daly, Information Technology, 20 years.

WEST FRANKFORT

Gregory L. Sanders, Department of Public Safety, 24 years.

WHITE HALL

Georgia L. Norman, College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, 19 years.

ZEIGLER

Marie A. Moyers, Office of the President, 25 years.

COLORADO

LOUISVILLE

Kevin C. Wise, Curriculum and Instruction, 27 years.

KENTUCKY

LOUISVILLE

Charles W. Leonard, Political Science, 7 years.

MISSOURI

CAPE GIRARDEAU

Katherine K. Miller, Student Health Services, 16 years.

NORTH CAROLINA

NEW BERN

Warren B. Culbreth, Jr., ASA Off-Campus Academic Programs, 4 years.

SOUTH CAROLINA

SUMMERVILLE

Keith H. Griffin, Workforce Education and Development, 11 years.

TENNESSEE

LOUISVILLE

Jerry E. Bush, School of Journalism, 17 years.

UTAH

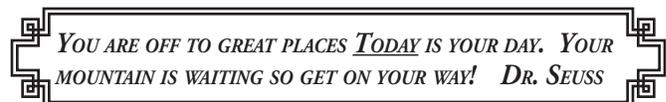
LOGAN

Sandra G. Charlson, School of Art and Design, 25 years.

WISCONSIN

LA CROSSE

Lane H. Clark, Mathematics, 23 years.



2017 and 2024 Eclipses Update

The Fall 2015 *Annuitant* story about the upcoming solar eclipses drew commentary and further information from two readers. We think the additional data will be of interest to readers.

Steve Rogers, a SIUC retiree residing in Venice, FL, reported that the Point of Greatest Duration (GD) for the April 8, 2024 eclipse is not near southern Illinois. This point of GD will be in central Mexico, State of Durango, just east of the town of Bermejillo. The duration there will be 4 minutes 28 seconds. The path will pass over Makanda with 4 minutes 8 seconds duration. Rogers also informed us that the eclipse path would be approximately 105 miles wide through Illinois in 2024, but only 70 miles wide in 2017. The difference in duration between Carbondale and Makanda will be about 2 seconds with Makanda being the longer.

SIUC physicist Bob Baer also provided additional information. The intersection of the 2017 and 2024 paths of totality is “currently pegged on Carbondale city property by Cedar Lake... There is roughly +/- 2 miles of uncertainty in the calculation for it due mainly to the variations in the rotation of the earth. So that point can easily shift as calculations improve.”

Baer reports the tagline, “Southern Illinois, Eclipse Crossroads of America,” was chosen because the paths of these eclipses are very broad and encompass several southern Illinois towns. The paths extend over a 60 x120 mile area or most of the region.

A front-page story in the January 17, 2016 *Southern Illinoisan* described planning of local tourism, business and emergency representatives. Numerous leaders project huge interest in the eclipses and the potential arrival of what might be millions of visitors.

More eclipse information can be found at www.eclipse.siu.edu and at the American Astronomical Society site www.aas.org. Thanks to Rogers and Baer for their contributions.



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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

If you are associated with SIU Carbondale...

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 \$39.

Ways to join:

- Go to www.suaa.org and click on “Join Now.”
- Go to the Annuitants Association website: annuitants.siu.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 because it eliminates the need to be contacted annually by SUAA.
- Call the SUAA Office at 217-523-4040

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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