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LINDA BROOKHART TO SPEAK AT SPRING GENERAL MEETING



Linda Brookhart
SUAA Executive Director

SUAA Executive Director Linda Brookhart will discuss what is happening in the State Legislature with regard to our pensions and benefits at the SIUC Annuity Association Spring Meeting on Thursday, April 27, at the Lesar Law Building Auditorium beginning at 4 p.m. A short business meeting will begin at 3:30 p.m. All SURS annuitants, including current employees, are invited to attend.

Linda L. Brookhart became the Executive Director of the State Universities Annuity Association on March 16, 2007. Her role expanded to being one of the three lobbyists serving the SUAA membership. She has served as the facilitator for the Higher Education Legislative Coalition. During her tenure with SUAA she has also served as chair of the advisory committee for the Illinois Retirement Security Initiative and on its budget committee and its Steering Committee. She is a non-voting member of the Legislative Education Caucus and is a member of the Board of the Illinois Channel. She is currently a Steering Committee member of the Illinois Coalition to Invest in Higher Education and represents SUAA at the Central Management Services Stakeholders meetings for State Health Insurance and the College Insurance Program. She also serves on the Illinois Chapter of AAUP.

Before coming to SUAA, Ms. Brookhart served as a staff member of the Taxpayers' Federation of Illinois for over 16 years, the last 7 years as its Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer of the Illinois Tax Foundation.

Throughout her tenure with the Federation, Ms. Brookhart was responsible for the management of financial and administrative affairs as well as contract and grant writing. She provided a leadership role by establishing and implementing budgets; oversaw the activities of the board of trustees and executive committee meetings; promoted sponsorships and special

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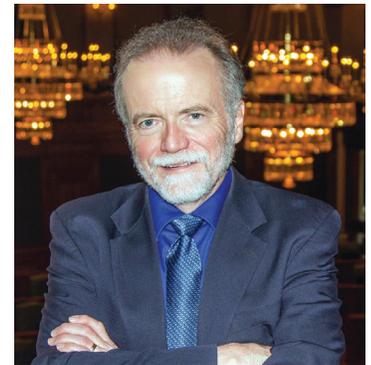
JAK TICHENOR TO SPEAK AT NEXT EMERITUS FACULTY ORGANIZATION MEETING

On behalf of the Emeritus Faculty Organization Board, I am pleased to announce that Jak Tichenor, Interim Director, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, SIU Carbondale, will speak at our April 27 meeting, at 2:30 p.m. in the Lesar Law Building Auditorium. Mr. Tichenor is a veteran broadcast journalist who spent most of his reporting career at WSIU Public Television in Carbondale, the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) member station licensed to the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees. He joined the television station in 1991 after serving as News and Public Affairs Director for WSIU Radio. He is the executive producer and host of the statewide Illinois Lawmakers series about the Illinois General Assembly for Illinois Public Television and has served since 1991 as Statehouse Correspondent for the series.

At WSIU-TV, Mr. Tichenor specialized in public affairs reporting and documentary television production for the station, as well as producing local political coverage and stories for the *WSIU InFocus* magazine series. During nearly ten years at WSIU Radio, he led the effort to create a professionally staffed radio news department that included students in the SIU Carbondale Department of Radio-Television and Digital Media. He earned reporting and documentary production awards from the Associated Press and United Press International while at WSIU Radio. In 2005, he received the University's Lindell W. Sturgis Award for Professional Achievement from the SIU Board of Trustees.

We invite everyone to attend his presentation, "Countdown to Adjournment," an opportunity to hear him speak about government in Illinois with a focus on the Illinois state legislature.

- Carolyn Wagner Snyder, Chair, EFO



JAK TICHENOR
INTERIM DIRECTOR
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A message from the president



THYRA RUSSELL
PRESIDENT
SIU CARBONDALE
ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION

Greetings to all. I am especially pleased to welcome our newest retirement class to the world of retirement. I hope you enjoy your retirement. Please join us by becoming a member of the State Universities Annuitants Association (SUAA) and our local SIUC chapter.

Everyone is welcome to attend our spring meeting on Thursday, April 27, at the Law School Auditorium at 3:30 p.m. Our guest speaker, Linda Brookhart, will answer questions from all annuitants, both retired and those currently working.

SUAA has been advocating for the protection of retirement benefits since 1971. SUAA provides continuous tracking of pension and healthcare benefits, state funding, and related concerns. SUAA lobbies for both currently working employees and retirees.

Recently, SUAA effectively lobbied against Senate Bill 11, which would have affected current Tier 1 employees. This bill would have required active employees to have automatic annual increases in retirement annuities delayed or reduced OR to maintain the current benefit package with additional limitations on pensionable salaries. On February 8th, the bill was defeated. That does not mean, however, that the legislature won't be looking at other ways to change Tier 1 employees' promised benefits. Information on this bill and its defeat can be found on SUAA's website: suaa.org

During the past several months, Carbondale Chapter Board members have been encouraging current employees and retirees to join SUAA. On October 13 and 18, we met people as they arrived to get their flu shots and gave them information describing the benefits of becoming a member of SUAA. Board members assisting were: Marcia Anderson, Doug Bedient, Pat Eckert, Mike Hanes, Mike Murray, Lynn Smith, and Trish Welch. In addition, we talked with people at the December 2 Retirement and Service Recognition Ceremony.

It is important that SIUC employees and retirees be informed about what is happening in our State legislature. We hear daily about the \$130 billion in pension debts (unfunded liabilities of the 5 state pension funds) and how the Illinois legislature might deal with that debt. We need everyone's help to defend the benefits you were promised.

It has been my pleasure serving as your President this past year. I especially want to thank two women who have served this organization with distinction for many years. Both are resigning their positions this summer. Carolyn Donow has served as Carbondale's SUAA Action Chair for over ten years and Imogene Beckemeyer has served and chaired the Scholarship Committee for the past twelve years. We sincerely appreciate your dedication to the Annuitants Association.

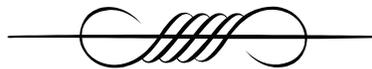
Thyra Russell

EMERITUS FACULTY ORGANIZATION

- Carolyn Wagner Snyder, Chair



Dr. Charlotte West delivered the 2016 Emeritus Faculty Lecture, "The Power of Title IX," on October 25, 2016. Dr. West is a pioneer in the field of women's collegiate athletics, serving as a coach, administrator, sports official, Title IX advocate, and mentor to women athletes over a 42-year career at SIU Carbondale. Her extensive local and national experience enhanced by national statistics gave those in attendance a clear and vivid description of the significant changes in collegiate athletic programs and the challenges as Title IX was implemented.



David Yepsen, Director, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, SIU Carbondale, was the speaker at the September 30 Emeritus Faculty Organization meeting with a presentation entitled, "Campaign 2016." Before assuming the Director Position in 2009, he had a 34-year career with the Des Moines Register as the paper's chief political writer, political editor, and political columnist. At the end of October, he retired from the Public Policy Institute and SIU Carbondale to return to his home in Iowa.



The Emeritus Faculty Organization Board is seeking emeritus faculty members interested in representing the EFO Board on the Graduate Council and the Faculty Senate. Representatives to these two organizations are also members of the EFO Board. Please contact Carolyn Wagner Snyder (csnyder@siu.edu) if you are interested or would like additional information.

SUAA FALL BOARD MEETING, NOVEMBER 21, 2016

~ Doug Bedient, Past President

Directors from university and community colleges assembled in Normal to review Association progress on a number of fronts. Key presentations were made by Congressman Rodney Davis (IL 13th District), George Heyman, CPA from Oakton Community College who addressed "The Economy—A Demographic View," and Politics and Government Professor Eric Rankin of Illinois State. Other key aspects included review of progress on the Policy and Procedures Manual, Finances, Membership, Legislative Platform and Foundation. Some selected highlights follow.

Davis was asked to speak because he and numerous co-sponsors introduced HR 973 the Social Security Fairness Act. This legislation would affect windfall and offset policies that penalize many educators and other public sector retirees who have pensions as well as social security coverage. Offset and windfall reform are part of SUAA's legislative platform. The title sounded promising but his remarks indicated that such reform will likely have to be part of a larger review of Social Security and its challenges and problems. Davis reported that the often mentioned Social Security shortfall moved from 2032 to 2034 due to review of disability claims. Davis also mentioned that 2/3 of Federal spending would continue even if the government shut down. He reported the deficit is so large that there is a need for review of spending and taxing. This would include a review of priorities with possible modifications.

Rankin addressed the election outcomes and looked to the 2018 midterm elections. In his view the 2016 election evidenced some disinterest with a resultant lower turnout. He predicts the 2018 election in IL will be the most expensive ever. The Governor will be running for re-election and the legislative races will be very important since they will set the stage for Congressional and state redistricting. Rankin saw Speaker Madigan as an anchor on the Democratic side. The Governor's spending of \$50 million had limited impact as it seemingly influenced 4 House and 2 Senate districts. Rankin believes the lockbox on transportation funds may take funds from K-12 and higher education. He sees pension reform returning to the legislature. A move to establish a Tier III group seems likely and perhaps a move to 401K type retirement plan. Rankin recommended A Way Forward whereby higher educators and institutions better inform the public of contributions of higher education. Emphasize that the support is an investment rather than expense. Students, employees and retirees of higher education should be actively lobbying public officials so that the needs of and for higher education are not ignored.

Executive Director Linda Brookhart's report indicated that SUAA would be adopting a new business computer program in 2017 that will assist with managing fiscal and membership operations. She believes that auditors and accountants will be happier with it. As a Chapter we hope the upgrade better supports preparation of membership reports and facilitates renewal and enrollment of members. Linda reported that there was a chance for a proposal to be introduced where current Tier I employees would be given a choice of raises added to salaries for pension calculations or retain the annual annuity increase upon retirement. All in all there are many challenges as the State of Illinois deals with its long standing pension and other fiscal problems. The unfunded pension liability is likely to reach \$130 billion by the end of FY 17. All in all there are myriad reasons for us annuitants to be actively promoting higher education and the provisions that are part of our retirement package, and reminding public officials that we vote and will be watching their attempts to deal with the fiscal situation.

Chapter vice-president, Patricia Eckert, and secretary, Marcia Anderson, also represented our Chapter at the SUAA Fall Board meeting.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 19 - SURS GENERAL RETIREMENT SESSION - LESAR LAW BUILDING AUDITORIUM - 10 A.M.

APRIL 27 - EMERITUS FACULTY ORGANIZATION MEETING - LESAR LAW BUILDING AUDITORIUM - 2:30 P.M.

APRIL 27 - SPRING GENERAL MEETING - LESAR LAW BUILDING AUDITORIUM - 3:30 P.M. GUEST PRESENTATION AT 4 P.M.

Diet and exercise. Diet and exercise. These words have become a mantra that gets attached to just about anything that we might put in our bodies: Take this pill, eat this food, do this nightly. All are accompanied with the caveat that you must pay attention to your diet and exercise in order to make this whatever work.

The diet part is a choice you make many times a day. The exercise part is too easily ignored. Far too many people suffer needlessly with a huge variety of aches and pains in the body, often because they simply don't get enough exercise.

And getting exercise is what we're addressing here.

The Recreation Center on campus at SIU is there for you and it has a number of options that make it ideal for you to get the exercise you need.

First, let's look at cost. There are two basic different charges for emeriti of SIU to use the Rec Center.

A full year regular emeritus membership is \$345. (By comparison, a member of the community without the emeritus connection pays \$492 for the year, including summer.)

If you are 65 or over, you can get the Senior Limited membership. This membership, which can be used for entrance only from 5:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., costs just \$95 a semester. (And you probably don't want to go later in the afternoon, as there can be up to 4,000 students there during those hours and access to the equipment is limited.)

All Group Fitness classes, which cover a huge number of activities, are free to members. There are 30 of these classes a week. There are several morning exercise classes designed specifically for older members. These Active Adult classes are free to members.

There are available, in addition to the many regular classes, classes for which there is a minimal charge, reduced in cost for members. The variety is impressive: boxing, fusion belly dance, salsa dancing, karate, social dance, tennis, Thai boxing and women's self-defense.

You can also purchase the services of an individual trainer who will work with you on your specific needs and help you develop an exercise program that is best for you.

Go to siu.edu/rec for details on these multiple offerings and membership fees.

Prior to writing this article, I sat down with a group of retirees (the board of directors of this association) and asked those who are members of the Rec "What should I tell people are the reasons why they should join the Rec Center?"

The responses were interesting. The welcoming environment, the contact with young people and the feeling of community in the Rec were mentioned. One person said that she felt the students who use the Rec Center enjoyed having older people there. As someone who has actively used the Rec Center since it opened, I can testify that the students indeed do enjoy interacting with the non-students who are regulars. "The place is clean and safe and totally prepared to deal with emergencies" was a telling comment. "The equipment is varied and state of the art. And there's enough equipment that you can always find something you would like to use."

If you have a gold parking sticker, you can park in the big lot just north of the building. If you don't, you can, when paying for your membership, purchase a parking pass that allows you to park at the Rec Center for only \$40.00 a year.

Give it a try. The cost is minimal. (A membership in a facility that has the variety and size of our Rec Center, in a larger community, could run you three or four times as much.) And the benefits can't be measured. Thanks to the Rec Center, SIU emeriti can conveniently and affordably control the exercise part of the mantra of "diet and exercise." (Now can someone please point me to as efficient an answer for the diet part?)

BROOKHART - *from page 1*

events; designed website content; and developed the tax conferences. Linda also focused on membership development and retention programs; acted as a liaison to similar associations in other states; and served as a public relations source and handled legislative relations.

Ms. Brookhart is a graduate of the University of Illinois – Springfield – School of Business and Management; a graduate of the Institute for Organizational Management – U S Chamber of Commerce, Notre Dame University; and, has participated in many continuing education courses offered by the American Society of Association Executives, the Illinois Society of Association Executives and Certified Public Accounting Firms.

She participates in several professional organizations. Ms. Brookhart received a Loyalty Award for Exceptional Alumni Service from the University of Illinois – Springfield. She served as chair of the Advisory Committee for the School of Management for five years and still serves on an advisory committee for the School of Business and Management. Most recently, she served as president of the Illinois Society of Association Executives.

Linda resides in Springfield. She has two grown children and four grandchildren. Her daughter and son-in-law are both teachers and participate in the Illinois Teachers Retirement System.

Chapter happenings

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS HONORED

The SIU Foundation sponsored an Academic Scholarship Brunch on October 29, 2016.



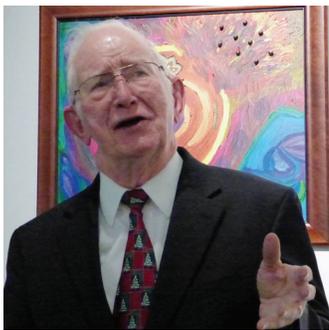
Among those honored were two of our chapter's 2016 recipients. Pictured at the Brunch are from left to right: Amanda Neuhouser, Chapter President Thyra Russell, and Ashley Hemmen.

The scholarship committee, chaired by Imogene Beckemeyer, is reviewing applications for our four scholarships to be awarded for 2017. Recipients will be announced at our April 27 meeting. Thanks to committee members Brenda Gilbert, Denny Hays, and Mike Murray for their work.

HOLIDAY SOCIAL

~ Mike Hanes

The SIU Annuity Association sponsored a Holiday Dinner Theater event on December 17, 2016, at the Varsity Theater in downtown Carbondale.



Mike Hanes welcomes annuitants to the Holiday Dinner Theater.

The event was well attended with 36 members enjoying a dinner from Heartland Catering and a production of Dylan Thomas' *Child's Christmas in Wales* presented by the Stage Company. The show featured Kevin Purcell as narrator with a nine-piece wind ensemble and vocal ensemble, conducted by Mike Hanes, performing an original score of seasonal music by Illinois composer Tim Schirmer.

It was a lovely and festive evening with beautiful table decorations provided by Nancy Hartman. The event was "spotlighted" in the most recent *Life and Style in Southern Illinois* magazine.



SUACTION UPDATE

~ Carolyn Donow

Thank you to everyone who donated to the SUAAction fund last year. Although only 25% of our members contributed, our total donations to the fund were \$12,908. The final total for the state was \$244,555, just a bit short of our \$250,000 goal.

As everyone knows, the future of Illinois public higher education is hanging by a thread, twisted and knotted by our politicians in Springfield. This means that SUAA and SUAAction are extremely important now. When the SUAAction solicitation for 2017 funds is sent, please be generous with your donations.

This will be my last report as the SIUC chair of SUAAction. I became chair when Chancellor John Guyon, who was retired at the time, chose to step down. He was on the statewide SUAAction Board, and I was asked to serve on it, too. In January I retired from the state board, and as of this June, I will retire from the local board. It has been a pleasure to work with such a great, responsive group.

MEMBERSHIP

~ Pat Eckert

RECRUITING AT THE SIU FLU CLINIC

Representatives from our local Annuity Association were on hand to greet current employees and retirees as they arrived at the Recreation Center last October to receive their flu immunizations.



Board Directors Marcia Anderson and Trish Welch provide SUAA information at the SIUC Flu immunization clinic.

Members provided SUAA informative handouts and application forms to those interested in joining the Annuity Association. This

was just one of several recruiting activities our chapter has conducted to increase membership.

F.Y.I.

SUAA is now accepting online credit card payment for new memberships and for membership renewals. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Pat Eckert at cell phone: 618-534-6360.

RECENT RETIREES HONORED

On December 2, 2016, the following 123 new retirees were recognized for their years of service by SIUC Interim Chancellor Brad Colwell. We encourage our SUAA chapter members to reach out and congratulate these individuals and encourage them to join SUAA.

ILLINOIS

Anna

Brenda K. Keller, Center for International Education, 18 years.
Steven Eugene Kohler, Physical Plant Service, 25 years.
Kathleen Toeben Lloyd, ASA Aviation Management & Flight, 14 years.
Melody D. Meadows, Center for English as a Second Language, 28 years.
Laurie E. Minniti, Recreational Sports and Services, 32 years.
Imogene Ann Wright, Campus Mail Service, 23 years.

Benton

Donna Louise Dial, Family and Community Medicine/Carbondale-School of Medicine, Springfield, 26 years.

Campbell Hill

Cheryl L. Riley, Office of Teacher Education, 5 years.

Carbondale

Julie Ann Bohnsack, Counseling, Quantitative Methods and Special Education, 14 years.
Sabra F. Borger, Student Health Services, 27 years.
Carla E. Coppi, Center for International Education, 33 years.
Scott R. Cralley, Physical Plant Service, 27 years.
James E. Dutton, Information Technology, 33 years.
John Andrew Evans, Institutional Research and Studies, 3 years.
Charles Flagg, Jr., Library Affairs, 16 years.
Thomas H. Furby, School of Law, 19 years.
Jon Marshall Geiger, Evaluation and Developmental Center, 32 years.
Daphne L. Grigsby, Rainbow's End, 26 years.
Michael Haywood, College of Business, 28 years.
Larry A. Hickman, Center for Dewey Studies, 22 years.
Karla J. Johnson, Bursar, 22 years.
Larry E. Johnson, Physical Plant Service, 21 years.
Allan L. Karnes, Accountancy, 35 years.
Phyllis J. Laster Khaaliq, Affirmative Action Office, 30 years.
P. Michael Kimmel, ASA Aviation Management and Flight, 31 years.
Kevin Lister, SIU Foundation Carbondale, 18 years.
Eric Paul Mandat, School of Music, 34 years.
Kristine B. McGuire, Library Affairs, 11 years.
Phillip A. Meyer, Intercollegiate Athletics, 6 years.
Kim Hamilton Miller, Health Education and Recreation, 22 years.
Donna K. Mueller, Microbiology, 27 years.
Michael Mueller, Student Center, 27 years.
Bradley Paul, Mining and Mineral Resources Engineering, 26 years.
Darrell Dwayne Porter, University Housing, 16 years.
Stephen Price, Physical Plant Service, 9 years.
Donald L. Przygoda, Physical Plant Service, 6 years.
Thomas A. Saville, Center for International Education, 31 years.
Daniel W. Schumacher, University Housing, 30 years.
Vidya Singh-Gupta, Electrical and Computer Engineering, 25 years.
Bobby Leo Smith, Physical Plant Service, 28 years.

Linda McCabe Smith, Associate Chancellor-Diversity, 22 years.
Brook H. H. Thibeault, Languages, Cultures, and International Trade, 25 years.
Lyle James White, College of Education and Human Services, 26 years.
H. George Whitehead, Health Education and Recreation, 11 years.
Mary H. Wright, Mathematics, 35 years.

Carterville

Brenda Faye Calvert, Office of Teacher Education, 8 years.
Jerry G. Childress, Physical Plant Service, 12 years.
Alice A. Manis, Physical Plant Service, 25 years.
Theodore Robert Pilger, Finance, 23 years.
David Bradley Schwartz, SIU Foundation Carbondale, 27 years.
Anthony J. S. Spearing, Mining and Mineral Resources Engineering, 8 years.
Diana L. St. Cin, Internal Auditor, SIU University-wide services, 26 years.
Nancy E. Vorhees, Graduate School, 28 years.
Kendall M. Wachter, Student Health Services, 26 years.
Phyllis A. West, Radio, Television, and Digital Media, 25 years.

Cobden

Richard Alan Black, Geology, 17 years.
Tony Calabrese, Kinesiology, 15 years.
Charlotte Sue Schultz, Physical Plant Service, 7 years.
Edwin W. Vogler, Kinesiology, 12 years.
Susan Jean Yates, Library Affairs, 11 years.

De Soto

Jean Carolyn Ohms, Center for Dewey Studies, 16 years.

Du Quoin

Robert Dale Melton, Physical Plant Service, 6 years.
Bruce Ridgeway, Physical Plant Service, 22 years.

Edwardsville

Philip Steven Gatton, Plant and Service Operations, 17 years.
Alexander R. James, College of Education and Human Services, 18 years.

Elkville

Anita L. Eckhardt, Office of Sponsored Projects Administration, 7 years.
Darryl Ray Mestel, Office of Sponsored Projects Administration, 26 years.

Havana

Linda S. Walker, Workforce Education and Development, 9 years.

Herrin

Regina Lou Brown, Student Health Services, 20 years.
Harold L. Delaney, ASA Aviation Management and Flight, 24 years.
Terry Eugene Jones, University Housing, 12 years.
Gordon Robert Pruett, Alumni Services, 22 years.

Johnston City

William C. Everly, Physical Plant Service, 26 years.

Makanda

Michael L. Jarvis, University Housing, 26 years.
Jeannie Killian, Exploratory Student Advisement, 40 years.
Garland N. Killian, Physical Plant Service, 17 years.
Janell Simpson, Registrar's Office, 25 years.
Richard H. Thomas, Zoology, 12 years.
Walter Victor Wendler, ASA School of Architecture, 14 years.
Donna Marie Wilson, Kinesiology, 29 years.

Marion

Sheila Marie Dingrando, Rehabilitation Institute, 17 years.
Emily Sue Eldridge, Student Health Services, 19 years.
Michael Allen Langan, Evaluation and Developmental Center, 24 years.
Charla J. Lautar, ASA School of Allied Health, 20 years.
Becky S. Phillips, Student Health Services, 28 years.
Tammy Renay Pugh, Animal Science, Food, and Nutrition, 24 years.

Mascoutah

Ronald M. Baechle, University Farms, 21 years.

Murphysboro

Gloria J. Bollinger, Rainbow's End, 23 years.
Yoginder Paul Chugh, Mining and Mineral Resources Engineering, 39 years.
John Clemons, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, 39 years.
Joyce M. Cottonaro, Head Start Agency, 26 years.
Eugene E. Green, Alumni Services, 26 years.
Linda Katherine Herrold, Student Affairs, 28 years.
Cheryl A. Hines, University Housing, 29 years.
Dana M. Hunsperger, College of Engineering, 29 years.
Carolyn S. Ihle, Student Health Services, 31 years.
Melanie Kay Imhoff, Physical Plant Service, 16 years.
Melinda LaGarce, ASA School of Architecture, 26 years.
Tracey Lawyer Logeman, ASA Automotive Technology, 22 years.
Michael D. Raney, Physical Plant Service, 25 years.
Kirk L. Shores, University Housing, 27 years.
Janice Marie Swearingen, Success in Engineering through Excellence and Diversity, 15 years.
Rebecca C. Thies, AIS Office, 28 years.
Myra Jean Tucker, Curriculum and Instruction, 23 years.
Wesley W. Will, Information Technology, 20 years.

Pinckneyville

Jerald John Bruns, Physical Plant Service, 27 years.
Mary Ann Jausel, Technology Off-Campus Degree Programs, 27 years.
Jerry L. Rieckenberg, Physical Plant Service, 7 years.

Springfield

Julie R. Weichert, Educational Administration and Higher Education, 3 years.

Steeleville

Kenneth R. Knop, ASA Aviation Management and Flight, 21 years.

Tunnel Hill

Shawn Renee Johns, Accounting Services, 22 years.

Vergennes

Judy Lyn Jones, Labor and Employee Relations, 22 years.

West Frankfort

Royann Wilson, Family and Community Medicine/Carbondale-School of Medicine, Springfield, 20 years.

Winfield

Michael A. Jacoby, Educational Administration and Higher Education, 2 years.

CONNECTICUT

Griswold

Mary E. Hagerman, Workforce Education and Development, 15 years.

Mystic

Connie K. Plessman, Workforce Education and Development, 21 years.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington, D.C.

Nettie P. Briscoe, ASA Off-Campus Academic Programs, 15 years.

IOWA

Waukon

Cynthia R. Kvamme, Library Affairs, 15 years.

FLORIDA

Ormond Beach

Charles L. Sidell, Workforce Education and Development, 23 years.

Venice

Steven Michael Rogers, Students' Legal Assistance, 17 years.

LOUISIANA

Bossier City

Jennifer R. S. Holt, Technology Off-Campus Degree Programs, 24 years.

PENNSYLVANIA

Shickshinny

Donna M. Post, Curriculum and Instruction, 25 years.

TEXAS

Magnolia

Gary Lynn Tally, ASA Aviation Management and Flight, 21 years.



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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: 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 your help to protect our pension and benefits.

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