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SIUC chapter renames organization

At its Fall General Membership Meeting on September 23, the membership of the SIUC Emeritus and Annuity Association approved renaming the organization to the SIUC Annuity Association. John Pohlmann, association president, released the following statement about the name change, "This change brings our name in line with that of the other chapters affiliated with our statewide organization, the State University Annuity Association. The words 'Emeritus' and 'Annuity' are redundant and have caused some confusion among our members and the public. The Emeritus Faculty Organization continues to participate as an active subgroup of SIUC-AA."

The SIUC organization dates back to 1968, when then president, Delyte Morris decided that those who had served the University faithfully in the academic and nonacademic fields should receive recognition and benefits during their retirement years. He appointed Col. Alexander R. MacMillan, retired head of Air Force ROTC, to gather information concerning the retirement systems of other universities across the nation.

In 1969, Col. MacMillan's report reached Chancellor Robert MacVicar, who directed Dr. Roye R. Bryant, recently retired Director of Placement Service, to finalize the plan and put it into effect. In the late summer of 1971, Col. MacMillan was contacted by the University of Illinois relative to the formation of an Annuity Association of the State Universities Retirement System, with plans for a chapter on each state university campus. Roye Bryant organized a meeting in November of 1971 of all retirees residing near Carbondale. Eighty-five retirees attended this meeting, which authorized the formation of the Carbondale Chapter of the Annuity Association of the State Universities Retirement System of Illinois (ASSURSI), with special effort made to see that the officers elected represented all annuities—academic, nonacademic, men, women, minorities, regardless of address.

A constitution and bylaws were adopted in February of 1972. A manual of Retirement Services was mailed to each annuitant. The President's office gave each retiree a duly inscribed Certificate of Service, a distinctive gold-colored retirement card, a gold-colored permanent parking permit, and a supply of emeritus stationery.

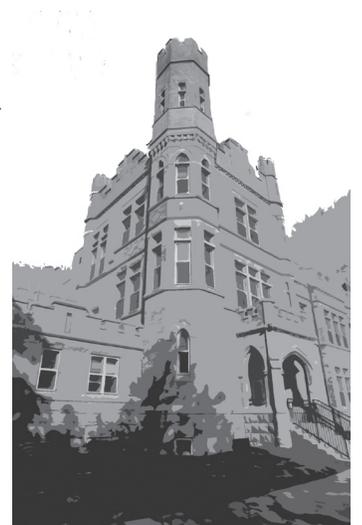
In 1973, an agreement was made with the American Red Cross, stipulating the annuity chapter would provide volunteers to staff three visits of the Bloodmobile to the campus annually. The only other university in the country that seems to have a similar program is Ohio State University.

In 1974-1975, the newsletter was given a name, *Southern Exposure*, and was published every month. Under the leadership of Murray Lee, the chapter organized and carried out a senior citizen discount plan, where more than 80 Carbondale firms agreed to honor discounts for all senior citizens. Annuity members were given free tickets to all home football games.

Under the leadership of the SIUC chapter, a bill before the House of Representatives of Illinois stipulating no annuities would be paid retirement benefits until the state Universities pension fund was completely funded, was defeated. (This brief history of our chapter is a synopsis of a 10 page history written by Charles C. Clayton, apparently in 1981. This history includes the names of all officers from 1971 through 1981.)

Today, the Association continues to carry out its mission to serve the active and retired employees of SIUC through education and service to the University and community. The Association keeps members informed about Illinois legislative and administrative changes in pensions and health insurance. Members of SIUC-AA serve as volunteers in many areas of the University and also fund scholarships to a number of SIUC students each year. An active social program of travel, guest speakers, golf outings and dinners is available to members.

Membership is open to all retired and active employees of SIUC. Spouses and partners are also welcome to participate. The Association has 718 current members. For more information on becoming a member see pages 6 and 8 of this newsletter.



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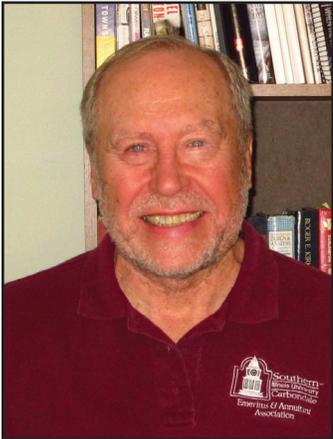
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A message from the president



Greetings!

Your SIUC Annuitants Association has been busy this fall planning events for the membership to close out the year that we hope will be of interest to each of you. On November 1st Professor Rick Williams delivered the 2011 Emeritus Faculty Lecture, entitled "Have the Greeks Overstayed Their Welcome?" Rick is an engaging speaker and his talk was entertaining as well as enlightening. The lecture was held at the Lesar Law School Auditorium and a reception followed. And coming up in December, we are replacing the annual Christmas Social Luncheon with a dinner theater outing to the Moe Theater in the Communications Building. A catered meal will be served and afterwards Irving Berlin's White Christmas will be performed. It should be a wonderful evening. Look for more detailed information about our dinner theater outing elsewhere in this newsletter and on our website and Facebook page.

In case you missed our last General Meeting, we have a new name. Our organization changed its name from the SIUC Emeritus and Annuitants Organization to the SIUC Annuitants Association. This brings our name in line with the other chapters of the State University Annuitants Association. In fact, our organization had this same name when it was first organized. The Emeritus Faculty Organization continues as an active subgroup with meetings, guest speakers and the annual Emeritus Faculty Lecture.

Have a happy and joyous holiday season.

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read "John Williams".

SUAA News What's happening in Springfield

By Bruce C. Appleby, member of the executive committee of SUAA and vice-president of the SIUC Annuitants Association

During the veto session in early November, the House Personnel and Pension Committee approved Senate Bill 512, House Amendment 002. The bill did not make it to the House floor, though there is the possibility it will be voted on in the House on November 29, 2011. (I'm writing on November 20.)

The bill sets up a three tier retirement system. If you started working at SIUC prior to January 1, 2011, you can keep your current benefits, but you will pay significantly more to do so. Your pension contribution will increase from 8% to 15.31%. The plan freezes an employee's traditional pension benefits earned before July 1, 2013. After July 1, 2013, employees who stay in the traditional plan will earn a benefit equal to the minimum guaranteed under Social Security, which maxes out at \$1187 per month. (I am unclear on this provision. Go to <http://www.ssa.gov/cgi-bin/smt.cgi> for a better discussion of this part of the bill.)

Being in this group (Tier 1) will probably become unaffordable. So, if you don't want to pay this higher contribution rate, you can go to Tier 2, which in general will require you to work longer, retire later and receive smaller cost-of-living adjustments post-retirement.

If you started working after January 1, 2011, you are in Tier 3 which is a 401 (k) style defined contribution plan. And the retirement age is raised to 67.

All this would take effect July 1, 2013. Before that date, current employees will have to make a onetime irrevocable election, choosing the traditional benefit plan (Tier 1), a revised benefit plan with minimal pension benefits (Tier 2) or a self-managed plan (Tier 3).

SUAA's contract lawyer is of the opinion that House Amendment 002 to Senate Bill 512 violates the Pension Protection Clause of the Illinois Constitution. It diminishes and impairs the benefits guaranteed to university employees and other state employees.

Another aspect of Senate Bill 512 could mean that public employees would no longer make their pension contribution on an after-tax basis.

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All this is complicated and quite difficult to totally understand. House Amendment 002 is a 313 page documents that may contain errors and omissions. To further complicate all these issues, the re-districting of the state legislative districts means that all legislators will be up for re-election in 2012. The March, 2012, primaries are creating a high degree of urgency in Springfield. The deadline for filing petitions is almost here and there will most likely be a large number of challenges to the petitions. Commitment to any aspect of these bills could be dangerous for anyone seeking re-election. And those of us in SURS are a small number compared to those in the Teachers Retirement System. Teachers as a group vote more than nearly any other profession. This fact is not lost to a legislator.

TRS (Teachers Retirement System) did an actuarial study of Senate Bill 512 that concluded the bill would not save the state money but would cost an additional \$62 billion over the next three decades.

The IEA, AFT and AFSCME are strongly opposed to these bills and are encouraging their members to contact legislators and let them know of their unhappiness with the bill.

AFP (Americans for Prosperity) and the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago are pushing strongly for passage of the bills. An unconfirmed rumor around Springfield is that the Koch Brothers (infamous for their efforts to de-unionize public employees in Wisconsin) have put \$15 million into getting these bill passed. The Civic Committee ran newspaper ads against those Republicans who are opposed to the bills.

Perhaps most frightening about these bills is the effect they could have on all campuses in terms of potential early retirements of those currently working. If these bills were to pass, it is feared that hundreds of current employees will retire as soon as possible. The presidents of all the state universities in Illinois have written a joint letter to the legislature addressing the fear of significant "brain drain." There is fear that no campus would be able to recover from the number of personnel who will retire if Senate Bill 512 passes. This applies to people in all categories of employment: civil service, administrative/professional and faculty. As stated above, the unions are actively and strongly opposing these bills.

For those of us already retired, there will not be any major changes in our pensions and benefits. However, there is a strong possibility that we will be made to pay a part of our health benefits. Senate Bill 175 (or successive legislation) would establish a schedule of health insurance premiums for state retirees. The State Universities Annuitants Association (SUAA) is opposing the current language of the bill and any revisions that do not ensure the equitable and fair treatment of pre-1980 retirees and SURS retirees who are not eligible for Medicare coverage.

An additional bill to follow is HJRC 005, which would authorize a constitutional amendment that, if successful, would amend the Illinois Constitution to require a 3/5 majority in each of the houses of the General Assembly to approve legislation that would increase future pension benefits of employees of state and local governments as well as those of school districts.

SUAA's lobbyist reports that as these bills progressed, contacts with Democrats in the legislature indicated "flat out" opposition. It appears that the Republican caucus did not want to push the legislation, although there was time to call the bill for passage during the veto session. He anticipates that there will be no attempt to push the bills during 2011, although the legislature does reconvene on November 29, 2011. He also was gratified to have the strong response for our membership and the leadership of SUAA.

It is imperative that all members of SUAA let their legislators know of their strong opposition to these bills.

Those of us already retired will see minimum effects on our pensions and benefits during this process. Those currently working will see major impacts on their pensions and benefits. Those of us already retired must encourage our friends who are still working to let their legislators know how they feel about these bills. SUAA is the major voice in Springfield opposing and leading the opposition to these bills. The more members of SUAA, the stronger our voice. We must get current employees to join SUAA and let them know they can join and have a dues deduction. Tell them to go to suaa@suaa.org and to join.

And we must all let our legislators know of our feelings about these bills. If you call 888-412-6570, you can be directly connected to your legislators in Springfield or refer to the chart on the right for office addresses and phone numbers.



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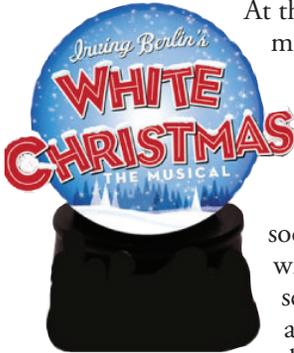
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Chapter happenings

HOLIDAY DINNER-THEATER PLANNED FOR DECEMBER 9



At the Fall General Meeting the membership was surveyed regarding social event preferences. From the survey it was shown that a change of venue for the Holiday Luncheon was favorable and the social committee has followed up with a new offering for this holiday season. In place of the luncheon at the Student Center, a catered dinner prior to attending the performance of Irving Berlin's

delightful *White Christmas* has been arranged.

The 6 p.m. buffet dinner, to be held in the Dean's Conference Room at the Communications Building, will be served prior to the 7:30 p.m. curtain call for the musical performance at adjoining McLeod Theater. A section of theater seats has been reserved for our group so that we may all be seated together.

We look forward to a nice turn out for this year's special holiday event.

BLOOD DRIVE

The volunteers for the EAA 2011 Blood Drive were busy fall semester because there were two Drives. The first Drive was held on August 24th and 25th with nine volunteers: Imogene Beckemeyer, Lin Chen, Bill Doerr, Duncan and Wilma Lampman, Mary Mantovani, Roland Person, Nancy Pfaff and Emil Spees. **MANY THANKS TO ALL!** The second Drive was on October 12th, SIUC Homecoming week, where 360 pints of blood were collected. Volunteering at that Drive were JoAnn Flanigan, Mary Mantovani, Jackie Mueller, Nancy Pfaff and Regina Shelton---**THANK YOU!**

The next AA Blood Drive is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25th and Thursday, January 26th, 2012, and will be held on the SIU Student Center's first floor next to Blimpies. Volunteers are needed to assist with the Drive on both days. Area members who wish to assist with the Drive, can do so by completing the volunteer registration form that was either e-mailed or mailed to you and by returning it as indicated.

Again, many thanks to all those who participated by volunteering to work and also to those who donated.

-MARY MANTOVANI

BOOKSTORE GREETERS

FIRST CALL FOR BOOKSTORE GREETERS

ATTENTION, Annuitants. The spring semester may seem far away, but Thanksgiving is over and the fall semester ends in mid-December. So I am recruiting greeters to welcome students and check their backpacks, brief cases and such. We'll be working January 17-20, 2012. As usual we will work 2-hour shifts between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Contact Doug Bedient at 687-2792 or 521-6590 or bedient@galaxycable.net to volunteer, gain more information, or answer questions.

We have a cadre of veterans who typically work. But we can use more volunteers. We welcome your participation. We volunteers have found this activity to be a good way to make contact with the SIUC students, answer their questions, and allay some of their concerns. Remember that our work is an important source of scholarship funds for the SIUC Annuitants Association. Thanks for your support of this program.

-KEITH MCQUARRIE

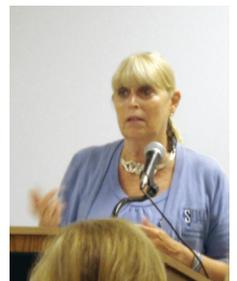
GOLF

The annual Fall Golf Outing was to be held at Stone Creek Golf Club, but due to the late publication of the newsletter (caused by the delay due to the change in University logo), we cancelled it. We do expect to host the Spring EAA Golf Outing at Stone Creek.

Watch for the Flyer and event information to be posted on the EAA website at: <http://eaa.siuc.edu/>

SUAA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ADDRESSES SIUC CHAPTER AT FALL GENERAL MEETING

The Carbondale Chapter warmly welcomed SUAA Executive Director Linda Brookhart to its Fall General Meeting on September 23. A full house receptively received her analysis of the issues facing SURS annuitants as the state grabbles with the current financial crisis. She spoke on how SUAA is trying to safe guard pensions and pension benefits and outlined strategies her organization is taking in dealing with proposed legislation that threatens changes to the state pension systems.



Among comments during a question and answer session, she suggested that annuitants be shopping for dental insurance plans in case changes are made to our current plan and that gaining SUAA membership is critical to the effectiveness of safeguarding our retirement benefits.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 17 - 20, 2012 - BOOKSTORE GREETER VOLUNTEERS AT THE STUDENT CENTER BOOKSTORE

JANUARY 25 & 26, 2012 - BLOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS AT THE STUDENT CENTER

APRIL 20, 2012 - EMERITUS FACULTY ORGANIZATION MEETING - DUNN-RICHMOND CENTER, SIUC - 8:30 A.M.

APRIL 20, 2012 - SPRING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - DUNN-RICHMOND CENTER, SIUC - 10 A.M.

Welcome to the world of the retired

The SIUC Annuitants Association Board and members welcome you to the ranks of retirement—something you are sure to enjoy. You recently received a membership application from the State Universities Annuitants Association (SUAA) with details about how to join the state and SIUC—AA organizations.

We hope you have reviewed the information and will join SUAA. We look forward to having fellow SIUC retirees as members and know you will enjoy socializing with us at future meetings. If you have not yet joined, we encourage you to do so.

SUAA is a 501 (c) (4) organization created to advocate for retirees, current employees, spouses, and survivors who are, or will be, receiving benefits from the State Universities Retirement System (SURS).

SUAA was founded to preserve and protect the pension system, the healthcare plans, and all other benefits provided for the well-being of the 208,000 SURS participants and beneficiaries. SUAA is our voice with the Illinois Legislature in Springfield. Our legislators have told us repeatedly that their effectiveness in advocating for an organization is greatly strengthened by the number of members in the group.

The following provides a glimpse of where we stand as of September 8, 2011:

- SIUC had 716 members (575 retirees, 70 actively employed and 71 other);
- Illinois State University had 1393 members (1056 retirees, 165 actively employed and 172 other);
- Eastern Illinois University had 711 members (568 retirees, 84 actively employed and 59 other);
- University of Illinois—Urbana Champaign had 2077 members (1856 retirees, 122 actively employed and 99 other).
- Importantly, as these SUAA numbers show, SIUC's low numbers are disproportionate to the numbers at other schools, including EIU, which is about half our size. We need you to help SUAA protect our pensions and benefits.

Thyra Russell, Membership Chair
457-7554 or trussell@siu.edu

University ceremony, reception honored 152 retirees

Southern Illinois University Carbondale honored 152 retirees at a retirement ceremony and reception held on Wednesday, August 24, 2011, hosted by Chancellor Rita Cheng and her husband, Tom Cheng. The 5:30 p.m. event began with a ceremony in the Student Center Ballrooms and a reception that followed in the John W. Corker Lounge that recognized those who retired between August 1, 2010, and August 31, 2011. Jak Tichenor, a producer with SIU Broadcasting Service, served as master of ceremonies at the event. Those honored, listed by hometown, are as follows.

ILLINOIS

ALTO PASS

Marilyn L. Rivers, Center for English as a Second Language, 17 years.

ANNA

Lisa M. Hartline, Plant, Soil, and Agricultural Sciences, 31 years.

BENTON

Gary L. Messersmith, Office of Teacher Education, 16 years.

Charles B. Wyatt, Physical Plant Service, 27 years.

BUNCOMBE

Connie M. Childers, Psychology, 19 years.

Susan C. Edgren, Division of Continuing Education, 35 years.

CAMBRIA

Loretta F. Baggott, International Development, 15 years.

CARBONDALE

Naseem Ahmed, International Programs and Services, 21 years.

Pamela J. Anderson, Records Management, 31 years.

Harold L. Bagley, Physical Plant Service, 22 years.

Philip B. Bankester, University Communications, 29 years.

Kelvin L. Booker, International Students and Scholars, 24 years.

David R. Bouhl, Information Technology, 13 years.

Bradley J. Brooks, Physical Plant Service, 32 years.

Mary Jane Brooks, Women's Studies, 14 years.

Robert L. Brown, Printing and Duplicating Service, 33 years.

Sheila C. Brown, Physical Plant Service, 28 years.
Robert R. Bush, Coal Extraction and Utilization Research Center, 10 years.
David P. Clark, Microbiology, 29 years.
Rickey D. Clark, Printing and Duplicating Service, 25 years.
Robert S. Corruccini, Anthropology, 32 years.
Martha C. Crothers, Educational Psychology and Special Education, 11 years.
Diane K. Daugherty, Intercollegiate Athletics, 25 years.
Kathleen A. Dodd, Student Health Center, 13 years.
Stephen J. Dollinger, Psychology, 34 years.
Jolanta A. Dziegielewska, College of Education and Human Services Advisement Office, 21 years.
Andrew G. Earnest, Mathematics, 30 years.
Phillip R. Eberle, Agribusiness Economics, 28 years.
Barbara G. Elam, Student Health Center, 31 years.
Karen D. Gibson, Zoology, 35 years.
Linda M. Gibson, Mathematics, 29 years.
Richard S. Halbrook, Cooperative Wildlife Research Lab/Zoology, 17 years.
Charles E. Hammond, Foreign Languages and Literatures, 24 years.
David Jennings, Department of Public Safety, 25 years.
Steven C. Jensen, College of Applied Sciences and Arts -- School of Allied Health, 30 years.
Mark J. Kittleson, Health Education and Recreation, 21 years.
Bobby E. Lee, Enrollment Management, 32 years.
Fern H. Logan, Cinema and Photography, 15 years.
Randall J. Lubbert, Coal Extraction and Utilization Research Center, 22 years.
John E. Marzolf, Geology, 29 years.
Patricia A. McNeil, Graduate School, 37 years.
John S. Mead, Coal Research Center, 22 years.
Carolyn J. Montgomery, College of Business, 26 years.
Jarvis C. Morgan, Physical Plant, 33 years.
Michael T. Most, College of Applied Sciences and Arts -- Aviation Technologies, 24 years.
Barbara A. Mueller, Alumni Services, 26 years.
James J. Musumeci, Finance, 18 years.
Edward G. Neuman, Mathematics, 26 years.
Nancy L. Nowak, Student Health Center, 19 years.
Daniel A. Primont, Economics, 31 years.
Alvin R. Putnam, Workforce Education and Development, 14 years.
Don S. Rice, Anthropology, 20 years.
Prudence M. Rice, Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Dean /Anthropology, 20 years.
Virginia B. Rinella, Pre-Major Advisement Center, 42 years.
Suzanne J. Schmitz, School of Law, 18 years.
Mei-Hu Lin Shiue, Rainbow's End, 11 years.
Sharon A. Shrock, Curriculum and Instruction, 31 years.
Harriet F. Simon, Center for Dewey Studies, 34 years.
Sharon J. Simons, Geology, 19 years.
Rebecca G. Skibinski, Workforce Education & Dev., 25 years.
Sharlet R. Smith, Constituent Relations & Special Events, 31 years.
William C. Stevens, Research Development & Adm., 22 years.
Rita B. Sullivan, University Housing, 30 years.
Joe W. Swindell, Broadcasting Service, 25 years.
Tedi L. Thomas, Anthropology, 33 years.
Shirley A. Walker, University Housing, 19 years.
David A. Walls, Physical Plant Service, 30 years.
Carla S. Williams, University Housing, 21 years.
Donna Williams, Financial Aid Office, 29 years.
Yvonne Williams, Center for Academic Success, 28 years.

CARRIER MILLS

David M. Bramlet, Physical Plant Service, 7 years.
Terry L. Vanmeter, Physical Plant Service, 15 years.

CARTERVILLE

Joyce Ambler, Health Education and Recreation, 30 years.
Michael C. Bernardoni, Printing and Duplicating Service, 30 years.
Bobby G. Church, Physical Plant Service, 8 years.
Michael D. Dotson, College of Applied Sciences and Arts -- School of Information Systems and Applied Technologies, 22 years.
Ronnie D. Duty, Physical Plant Service, 23 years.
Charles R. Forbes, Workforce Education and Development, 8 years.
John Morgando, Physical Plant Service, 25 years.
Lavonne J. Norris, University Housing, 4 years.
Mary S. Pedigo, Forestry, 16 years.
Darla B. Shelby, Student Center, 26 years.
Eddie E. Starkey, Health Education and Recreation, 26 years.
Edward B. Thompson, Intercollegiate Athletics, 31 years.

CHRISTOPHER

Deborah L. Deaton, Student Health Center, 21 years.

COBDEN

Joseph T. Masden, Physics, 28 years.
Jack R. Nawrot, Cooperative Wildlife Research Lab, 37 years.
Liming Poppen, College of Science, 21 years.

COULTERVILLE

Charles F. Leonard, Department of Public Safety, 15 years.

DE SOTO

Nancy L. Mallett, Office Manager, Economics, 29 years.
Carole E. Shirley, Local Area Network Administrator, College of Education and Human Services, 31 years.
Earl B. Simpson, Field Representative, Transfer Student Services, 23 years.
Barbara J. Summers, Library Operations Associate, Library Affairs, 18 years.
Victoria E. Valle, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Enrollment Management, 3 years.

DONGOLA

Judy K. Brown, Office Manager, Sociology, 17 years.

DUNDAS

Jackie L. Hammer, Broadcasting Engineer, Broadcasting Service, 22 years.

DU QUOIN

Donald R. Kunkel, Electrician, Physical Plant Service, 9 years.
Sandra K. Marek, Payroll Specialist II, Payroll, 9 years.
Martha E. Poiter, Public Functions Supervisor, Office of the President, 19 years.
Edgar A. Pursell, Refrigeration Mechanic, Physical Plant Service, 9 years.

ELKVILLE

Anna Marie Alms, Office Administrator, College of Engineering, 21 years.
Linda S. Martin, Assistant to the Vice Chancellor, Vice Chancellor Research and Graduate Dean, 23 years.
Allen D. Yates, Maintenance Equipment Operator, Physical Plant Service, 23 years.

ENERGY

Mary E. Sikorski, Assistant Director, Head Start Agency, 22 years.

HERRIN

Patsy J. Arnold, Communication Services Specialist I, Information Technology, 16 years.

HILLSBORO

Michael D. Keith, Deputy Director, Construction Management Services, 5 years.

JONESBORO

Rhonda S. Brumitt, Administrative Assistant I, Workforce Education and Development, 21 years.

MAKANDA

Vernon J. Cornell, Senior Library Specialist, Library Affairs, 32 years.

Paula K. Davis, Professor, Rehabilitation Institute, 29 years.

William R. Devenport, Associate Professor, College of Applied Sciences and Arts – School of Information Systems and Applied Technologies, 29 years.

Katherine A. Jacobson, Laboratory Manager, Zoology, 38 years.

Richard A. Jumps, Kitchen Helper, University Housing, 5 years.

Daniel J. Parker, Laboratory Manager, Chemistry and Biochemistry, 15 years.

MARION

Nancy J. Cline, Researcher I, Mining and Mineral Resources Engineering, 11 years.

E. Arthur Frailey, Maintenance Laborer, Physical Plant Service, 12 years.

Rita J. Gilmore, Office Support Specialist, School of Music, 10 years.

Linda E. Hancock, Office Support Specialist, Mathematics, 13 years.

Richard A. Palmer, Building Service Sub-Foreman, Physical Plant Service, 22 years.

MURPHYSBORO

Everett A. Blackwell, Bindery Worker II, Printing and Duplicating Service, 21 years.

Marion V. Cathey, Office Manager, Plant Biology, 31 years.

John D. Cotter, Assistant Professor, College of Applied Sciences and Arts -- Aviation Technologies, 27 years.

Gary E. Crow, Carpenter, Physical Plant Service, 27 years.

Susan T. Douglas, Instructor, Curriculum and Instruction, 6 years.

Pamela L. Graham, Program Administrative Assistant, Coal Extraction and Utilization Research Center, 29 years.

Linda L. Harnetiaux, Administrative Aide, Electrical and Computer Engineering, 23 years.

Ron L. Heiple, Building Service Sub-Foreman, Physical Plant Service, 30 years.

Michael L. Hobbs, Print Technician, Printing and Duplicating Service, 24 years.

Helen M. Howell, Building Service Sub-Foreman, Physical Plant Service, 25 years.

Michael T. Madigan, Professor and Distinguished Scholar, Microbiology, 32 years.

Laura L. Murphy, Professor, Physiology, 23 years.

Jeri L. Novara, Administrative Aide, Accountancy, 31 years.

Deborah F. Piquard, Office Support Specialist, Office of Military Programs, 19 years.

Virginia S. Plumlee, Chief Rehabilitation Counselor, Evaluation and Developmental Center, 23 years.

Ralph J. Robertson, Professor, School of Law, 27 years.

David A. Rush, Professor, Theater, 15 years.

Violet P. Russell, Office Support Specialist, University Women's Professional Advancement, 22 years.

Alan C. Vaux, Dean/Professor, College of Liberal Arts/Psychology, 31 years.

Charlene Wallace, Chief Clerk, College of Applied Sciences and Arts -- Aviation Management and Flight, 21 years.

Cheryl A. Wright, Food Production Manager, University Housing, 22 years.

PITTSBURG

Elaine A. Broomfield, First Cook, University Housing, 18 years.

POMONA

Catherine A. Schmidt, Researcher III, Plant, Soil, and Agricultural Sciences, 27 years.

TAMAROA

Dianna D. Kuhnert, Administrative Aide, Materials Technology Center, 19 years.

WINFIELD

Jack A. Kremers, Professor, College of Applied Sciences and Arts -- School of Architecture, 5 years.

ZEIGLER

David L. Freeman, Carpenter, Physical Plant Service, 19 years.

CALIFORNIA**MORENO VALLEY**

Andrea K. Orrantia, Administrative Clerk, Workforce Education and Development, 24 years.

SAN DIEGO

Mark R. Lee, Professor, School of Law, 34 years.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Deirdre E. Jefferson, Program Adviser, College of Applied Sciences and Arts -- Off-Campus Academic Programs, 10 years.

FLORIDA**BOYNTON BEACH**

Leonard Gross, Professor, School of Law, 27 years.

OCALA

Judy A. James, Dishroom Supervisor, University Housing, 6 years.

GEORGIA**FORTSON**

Joan V. Jefferies, Assistant Instructor, College of Applied Sciences and Arts -- School of Allied Health, 17 years.

INDIANA**CARMEL**

Saroj J. Sharma, Senior Lecturer, Mathematics, 12 years.

TENNESSEE**DRUMMONDS**

Marsha F. May, Program Adviser, College of Engineering Outreach Programs, 18 years.

Ways to stay in touch with your Association

The Board of Directors encourages members who use the Internet to become a member of our on-line family, by signing up for our Listserv and joining our Facebook group page so that we can keep you informed of important messages from SUAA and your chapter. To sign up for the Listserv, contact Nancy Hartman at nancyhartman@juno.com.

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

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