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# The Annuitant

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State Universities Annuitants Association

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*Pam Cler, Editor*

## ***SURS Executive Director Noven to Address Fall Meeting***

The SUAA-UIUC Fall meeting will be held **Sunday, October 22** at the I-Hotel and Conference Center in Champaign. The afternoon begins with **social time at 1:30 p.m.** and the **formal session starting at 2:00 p.m.**

Martin Noven, SURS Executive Director, will be the featured speaker at this meeting. Noven began his tenure as Executive Director in November 2016. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois with a bachelor's degree in speech communication. Noven obtained his juris doctorate from the University of Texas School of Law. Prior to joining SURS, he was the senior director for government markets at TIAA (Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America). In that position, he was responsible for leading TIAA's approach to core retirement plans for state and local governments nationwide, supporting best practices for public sector retirement plans, and providing guidance to public officials. Noven will report on first year as Director along with some updates on current SURS facts and figures. He has also agreed to take questions from those in the audience.

Invitations have also been extended to area state legislators to participate in a panel discussion on pension and benefits and related issues.

## ***President's Report***

*Richard Winkel*

It is an honor to have the opportunity to serve as the president of SUAA Chapter. I will do my best to continue the tradition of responsible and effective leadership demonstrated by those who have served so ably over the years in positions of leadership for our chapter. Because of them, and because of our members, the UIUC Chapter is among the most successful retiree associations in the Big 10 and it steadfastly serves in the best interests of our members.

All of us who have earned a pension (and those of us who are still earning it) must continue to be ever vigilant in protecting the annuity and benefits that the State of Illinois promised us throughout our careers.

- Together, as members of this chapter, we must continuously track pension and healthcare benefit issues, state funding, and other related concerns, and take active steps to educate and inform legislators, executive officers, and other policymakers about our knowledge and experience concerning pension and benefits issues.
- We must never shy away from lobbying the state legislature to prevent legislation that would harm members and support legislation that will make pension and healthcare benefits stronger.
- To assure the future success of our chapter, we must continually reinforce our knowledge and understanding on topics of interest that affects the lives of all of us as SURS participants.



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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
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2017-18**

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***Legislative Update***

*Richard Winkel, Robert Rich*

For most of the legislative session, Democrats and Republicans could not agree on proposals for the state budget. There was even a coalition of Republicans and Democrats that came up with a "grand bargain" with multiple parts with the idea that all components had to be passed for the "deal" to work. However, this did not work with the result that the Minority Leader resigned and left the legislature.

On July 7, 2017, House Democrats and ten Republicans voted to override Governor Bruce Rauner's veto of three bills related to the state budget. This bi-partisan legislative action broke the budget impasse that had kept Illinois state government in gridlock for two and one-half years and it prevented Illinois from becoming the only state with junk-bond status.

According to the Institute for Illinois' Fiscal Sustainability at the Civic Federation, the budget increased personal income tax rates to 4.95% from 3.75% and corporate income tax rates to 7.0% from 5.25%. The budget also cut state agency spending by 5% and reduced spending on public universities and community colleges by 10% from Fiscal Year 2015, which was the last full-year and complete budget.

However, the newly enacted budget made funding for public education (P-12) contingent on enactment of then-pending Senate Bill 1. On August 1, Governor Rauner amendatorily vetoed the bill because he claimed it gave too much funding for Chicago Public Schools (CPS). The House failed to override the amendatory veto, therefore, our public schools faced having no state funding for the school year.

Finally, after weeks of negotiations, the Governor and the legislature finally agreed to and, on bi-partisan roll calls, passed Senate Bill 1947 that overhauls the funding formula and will keep our schools open. On August 31, the Governor signed the education bill into law with much fanfare. Thus, according to the Chicago Tribune, "Rauner has signed legislation that gives CPS even more money than a plan he vetoed."

**The Campus Charitable Fund Drive**

**Retiree Booklet can be found between**

**pages 6 and 7 in the center of this newsletter.**

Please plan to attend our chapter's fall meeting on October 22, 2017 at the I-Hotel (see article on the front page). Our speaker will be Martin Noven, executive Director of SURS. In addition, our chapter's executive committee has invited area state legislators to participate in a panel discussion on pension and benefits and related issues.

On August 25-27, 2017, Bill Williamson, our chapter's secretary, and Barbara Hartman, our past president, represented us at the 2017 Big 10 Retirees Association conference at Purdue. The groups that met are organized and operated in diverse ways. The conference is an opportunity for the groups to exchange valuable information about their respective programs and services, including 1) their mission, organization, and governance, 2) financing their chapter and programs, 3) communicating and marketing the benefits of their associations to retirees and their universities, and 4) their health care options.

We look forward to Bill and Barb's report about the Purdue conference. We hope to learn more about best practices and new ideas for operating successful retiree associations and to use their experience of attending the Purdue conference to help our chapter prepare to host the Big 10 Retirees Association Conference in 2019. We have appointed a committee and we have begun planning. The conference will be in early August 2019 at the I-Hotel.

On a fun note, *Discover Panama!* SUAA is sponsoring trip to Panama: The Land between the Seas on September 28 - October 6, 2017 through Collette Travel. SUAA members can find the details about this trip at [www.suaa.org](http://www.suaa.org). Past president Barbara Hartman reported in our spring 2017 newsletter that she traveled to Iceland as part of a group of 16 sponsored by the SUAA through Collette and she gave a glowing account of her adventure. If you have ever wanted to experience Panama, consider signing up through SUAA!

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## **SUAA Foundation**

H. F. (Bill) Williamson

I represent the UIUC SUAA Chapter on the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the SUAA Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that is a separate arm of SUAA. Each chapter of SUAA appoints a member to the SUAA Foundation Board, and the Board elects the Foundation Executive Committee.

The SUAA Foundation has three major purposes:

- To provide for education and dissemination of information regarding issues affecting the welfare of members of SUAA. In this regard, the Foundation provided almost the entire funding for the statewide SUAA Education Campaign last year. The purpose of that campaign was to educate SUAA members and the general public on the significant contributions that higher education makes to their local communities.
- To provide support to those Chapters establishing Survivor Assistance Programs. For this purpose, the Foundation staff designed and disseminated a Survivor Assistance brochure to all Chapters.
- To provide emergency assistance to SUAA members in need of financial support. To meet this purpose, the Foundation Board has approved an **Emergency Assistance Program** to provide support for SUAA members who are facing a sudden need for funds to cope with a crisis. Chapter leaders may request assistance of up to \$1500 on behalf of individuals who have been SUAA members for at least five years. If you or someone you know is such an individual, please contact our Chapter President or another member of our Chapter Executive Committee so that the application process can begin.

We hope you will consider providing support to the Foundation so that we may continue these programs. Contributions can be made by mailing a check payable to "SUAA Foundation" to: SUAA Foundation, 217 E. Monroe St Suite 100, Springfield, IL 62701. A link for making contributions will be available on the state web site later this fall.



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## ***Benefits Report***

*Mary Beastall and H. F. Williamson*

Any report on annuitant benefits has to be a work in progress. Given the changing environment within which we live, new events may have occurred after this article was written that will affect our members. This is why the SUAA leaders monitor benefits-related activities in order to keep annuitants informed through the material provided on the Chapter and State SUAA websites. The State Universities Retirement System (SURS) and Central Management Services (CMS) websites are also good resources. On page 6 of this newsletter are boxes with all the contact information for SUAA, SURS, MyBenefits Marketplace and CMS. It is recommended that you regularly check their websites for updates.

### **Claim Payment Delay:**

Funding availability for the Quality Care Health Plan, HealthLink OAP, Coventry OAP and Quality Care Dental Plan is based on State revenue which fluctuates from month to month. Claim payments are released according to available funding. This is a reminder that updated information regarding such delays appears on the CMS website under State Employee benefits. This includes the dates of payment for health providers and notes that late payment will include an interest payment on claims that take longer than 30 days from the receipt of a complete claim submission to pay. Some annuitants find it helpful to give copies of this information to their health providers.

### **Benefits Choice Periods:**

The CMS Benefits Choice period for Medicare-eligible annuitants and their Medicare-eligible dependents is in the fall. An annuitant who is Medicare-eligible will not qualify for this period if that annuitant has a dependent who is not eligible for Medicare on the annuitant's health insurance through the State. During the Benefits Choice period, an annuitant may choose to opt out of health insurance. When opting out, an annuitant may lose other benefits such as vision and prescription coverage. Be sure to read the CMS information

carefully before making a decision. Thus far any annuitant and dependent must be Medicare-eligible before the beginning of the Benefits Choice period, the date being determined by CMS.

The Benefits Choice period for annuitants and dependents who are not Medicare-eligible is in the spring. Again, be sure to read the opting out information carefully.

CMS has hired an online vendor to assist with the administration of the State's insurance programs. Members will view and make changes to their coverage through the MyBenefits Marketplace website (<https://mybenefits.illinois.gov/>). According to the SURS website, SURS will no longer assist with processing health insurance coverage for its members, but members have the option to call a State group insurance customer service representative (1-844-251-1777) or TTY 1-844-251-1778). Detailed information will be included in the Benefits Choice materials.

### **Repayment of Survivor Refund:**

SURS has sent information about the repayment of survivor refunds taken at retirement to those annuitants who retired before June 1, 2011 and are eligible for such a repayment. Annuitants who are members of an additional State retirement system such as TRS should have also received information from that system about repayment. The information was sent only to those annuitants who took a survivor refund. This is a reminder that annuitants must complete and return the Repayment of Refund election form on or before December 28, 2017. Further information is available on the SURS website.

### **Flu Shots:**

Free flu shots have been available in the fall at McKinley Health Center for employees and retirees in the State insurance plan. Be sure to monitor the McKinley website ([mckinley.illinois.edu](http://mckinley.illinois.edu)) or the CMS website for updated information and dates.

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## ***Did You Know?***

The members of the Chapter Benefits Committee will continue to review and update the information on benefits available to retirees and other annuitants in issues of *The Annuitant* and on the Chapter website (<http://suaa-ui.org>). Most of these will be of interest wherever these individuals are living. Some benefits will be principally for those living in the Champaign-Urbana area. These include (a) benefits associated with I-Cards; (b) access to the Employee Assistance Program; (c) clinics in departments on the UIUC campus providing various services and (d) programs and facilities available to promote fitness and improved health.

***Access through I-Cards.*** Retirees with I-Cards have access to many benefits on campus and in the community. If a retiree does not have an I-Card, that retiree should go to the Illini Union Bookstore ID Center on the first floor. Retiree status will be verified and an I-Card issued. In addition to benefits on campus, the I-Card serves as a free pass on any Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (MTD) bus.

***Faculty/Staff Assistance Services.*** The Faculty/Staff Assistance Services office is available free of charge for employees, retirees and family members or significant others living in their households. Services include assessments, short-term counseling, crisis services, and referrals to appropriate resources. The offices are located at 1101 West Springfield, Urbana. The phone number is 217-244-5312 and the web address is <http://humanresources.illinois.edu/fsas>.

***Audiology Clinic and Speech-Language Pathology Clinic.*** These are both in the Department of Speech and Hearing Science. The Audiology Clinic (217-333-2230) provides services to individuals of all ages who may be experiencing hearing difficulties, with such services including hearing assessment. The Speech-Language Pathology Clinic (217-333-2205) serves individuals of all ages who have communicative impairments. Further information is available on the departmental website at <http://shs.illinois.edu>.

## ***Fitness/Exercise Programs & Facilities***

***SilverSneakers Programs.*** All SilverSneakers members have access to facilities and wellness programs throughout the country. For a listing of facilities and more information, visit the SilverSneakers website at: <https://www.silversneakers.com>.

***The Lifetime Fitness Program.*** This program is sponsored by the Department of Kinesiology and Community Health and is designed for residents of the Champaign-Urbana area who are age 55 or older. The program has also teamed up with Silver Sneakers, thus giving access to facilities and some classes at no cost and providing a discount for other classes. Activities include group fitness, individual training and aquatics. Further information can be found at the following URL: <http://lifetimefitnessprogram.kch.illinois.edu>. Members of OLLI receive a 20% discount on fees.

***Campus Recreation.*** Retirees may continue (or start!) using Campus Recreation facilities such as CRCE and the ARC for an annual fee of \$480 which can be paid by having a monthly fee of \$40 deducted from their SURS annuity. Your spouse/partner can be added for an annual fee of \$276. More information about membership is available at the Campus Recreation website: <http://www.campusrec.illinois.edu/>.

***Walking in UI Armory.*** Those who are interested in walking for fitness at the UI Armory may not be aware that seniors 55 and over may purchase a lifetime registration for \$25 rather than pay the \$3 daily. Visit the website at the following URL: [http://fightingillini.com/sports/2015/3/24/uiarmory\\_info.aspx](http://fightingillini.com/sports/2015/3/24/uiarmory_info.aspx) or call 217-333-0534 for further information.

**Be sure to review contact information  
on the next page for CMS, SURS, SUAA,  
and MyBenefits!**

**STAY INFORMED!**

## Staying Informed About Your Benefits

Within SUAA, you can visit the state web site at [www.suaa.org](http://www.suaa.org) and the Chapter web site at [www.suaa-ui.org](http://www.suaa-ui.org). We recommend that you contact Central Management Systems (CMS) concerning questions about health care benefits and the State Universities Retirement System (SURS) about your annuity. The contact information for those offices and further information about what is available on the SURS web site is shown below.

### State Universities Retirement System (SURS)

**URL:** <http://surs.com/>

**Phone:** 800-ASK-SURS (800-275-7877)  
or 217.378-8800. Fax: 217.378-9800

**Mailing Address:** SURS, P.O. Box 2710,  
Champaign, IL 61825-2710

**Street Address:** 1901 Fox Drive,  
Champaign, Illinois 61820

The SURS website provides access to a wide variety of topics and events of interest to its members.

Retirees can register at the “Member Website Login” link at the top of the home page. Once registered, you will have a personal homepage with information about your annuity and payment history. You can also change your address, beneficiaries, phone number/email address and federal tax withholding status. SURS also has a kiosk computer station in their lobby for its members.

### Central Management Services (CMS)

Employees Benefits pages for State Employees:

**URL:** <http://www.illinois.gov/cms/Employees/benefits/StateEmployee/Pages/default.aspx>

**Phone:** 800-442-1300 or 217-524-4784  
TTY: 866-277-5669

CMS uses your information on file with SURS.  
**Remember to keep your personal information up to date with SURS**

### State Universities Annuitants Association (SUAA)

SUAA advocates on behalf of State Universities Retirement System retirees, current employees, and their dependents and survivors to preserve retirement and healthcare benefits.

**URL:** [www.suaa.org](http://www.suaa.org)

**Phone:** 217-523-4040

**Address:** 217 East Monroe Street, Ste 100  
Springfield, IL 62701

**Email:** [suaa@suaa.org](mailto:suaa@suaa.org)

### MyBenefits Marketplace

**URL:** <https://mybenefits.illinois.gov/>

**Phone:** 844-251-1777 or  
844-251-1778 (TTY)

MyBenefits is an online vendor that administers the State’s insurance programs. Any changes to members’ insurance coverage is now done through the MyBenefits Marketplace website. SURS will no longer assist with processing health insurance coverage for its members. However, members have the option to call a State group insurance customer service representative at the number above.

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## CAMPUS CHARITABLE FUND DRIVE

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September 1, 2017

Dear University of Illinois Retiree,

Thank you for your continued support of the **Campus Charitable Fund Drive**. Last year, our campaign generated more than \$1.32 million from retirees and employees to support local area and national social service, advocacy, and community organizations.

The 2017 CCFD Campaign will kick off on Monday, September 18, 2017 and conclude on Friday, November 10, 2017. This critical campaign benefits the surrounding community in immeasurable ways. The nonprofit organizations to which you can contribute through the CCFD are dedicated to improving lives locally and nationally. From American Heart Association and United Way of Champaign County to Community Shares of Illinois and the United Negro College Fund, the amazing and hard-working people of these organizations make sure that your money helps those who need it most. Please remember that 100% of your donation through the CCFD will go directly to the charity or charities you select. Your contributions make real differences in our community.

Take a moment to select the charity that inspires you, complete the CCFD Pledge Form and send it in along with your check or money order. Contributions are tax deductible. You may also make your pledge on the CCFD website: [ccfd.illinois.edu](http://ccfd.illinois.edu)

We thank you for your past generosity and appreciate your contributions to the 2017 CCFD Campaign. Give us a call at 265-6398 or email us at [ccfd@illinois.edu](mailto:ccfd@illinois.edu), if you have questions or visit the CCFD website at [ccfd.illinois.edu](http://ccfd.illinois.edu)

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alma Sealine', with a stylized, flowing script.

Alma Sealine, Director of Housing  
Chair, 2017 Campus Charitable Fund Drive

# 2017 Campus Charitable Fund Drive

## Retiree Pledge Form - (please print)

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# Participating Agencies



## American Cancer Society

When you support the American Cancer Society, you are joining a worldwide movement to help people stay well, help people get well, find cures, and fight back against cancer. (800) 319-2345  
www.cancer.org | 27.9%

## American Heart Association

The American Heart Association is the nation's oldest, largest voluntary organization devoted to fighting cardiovascular diseases and stroke. (217) 698-3838  
www.heart.org | 20.9%

## America's Best Charities

Feeding the hungry. Sheltering the homeless. Protecting the children. And healing the sick. America's finest independent charities. Working with you to share - the American way. (800) 477-0733  
www.independentcharities.org | 5.9%

## America's Charities

Working to build strong communities. Addressing needs of children, families, communities through member programs by helping employers and employees support our member charities' programs. (800) 458-9505  
www.charities.org | 4.3%

## Black United Fund of Illinois

A self-help organization that provides financial and technical support to projects that improve the quality of life in African-American communities throughout Illinois. (773) 324-0494  
www.bufoi.org | 4.1%

## Community Health Charities of Illinois

Partnering with Illinois' most trusted health Charities to deliver community focused volunteer activities and credible health information and efficient charitable giving to employees in the workplace. (312) 332-0198  
www.illinois.healthcharities.org | 5.6%

## Community Shares of Illinois

Community Shares of Illinois represents a diverse group of charities with a common mission - to make our world a better place. (217) 352-6533  
www.communitysharesillinois.org | 7.8%

## EarthShare Illinois

An alliance of leading nonprofit environmental and conservation charities, working across Illinois and the nation to protect human health and the environment. (312) 795-3740  
www.earthshare-illinois.org | 8.4%

## Global Impact

Supports respected and effective international charities to address critical humanitarian issues throughout the world, such as disaster response, human trafficking, education, malaria, water and hunger. (800) 836-4620  
www.charity.org | 10.99%

## Special Olympics Illinois

Part of an international program, Special Olympics Illinois provides year-round sports training, competition and a variety of skill-building opportunities for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. (309) 888-2551  
www.soill.org | 22.6%

## United Negro College Fund

Helping young people go to and graduate from college has been UNCF's number one priority since 1944. Your donation will send the next generation of leaders to college and provide the support and tools they need to succeed in their studies. (312) 845-2200  
www.uncf.org | 10%

## United Way of Champaign County

Working with a diverse group of community partners, we aim to bring people and resources together to create positive change and lasting impact in our community. (217) 352-5151  
www.uwayhelps.org | 13.6%

# Just For Retirees

## Frequently Asked Questions about the Campus Charitable Fund Drive

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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**Q. What are the dates of the 2017 CCFD Campaign?**

- A. The 2017 CCFD Campaign runs from September 18 – November 10, 2017. We will accept contributions from retirees for the 2017 CCFD Campaign up until the end of the year.

**Q. How do I donate?**

- A. Complete the Pledge Form and return it with your check or money order. You may also make your pledge online at [ccfd.illinois.edu](http://ccfd.illinois.edu). If your UIN is available, please have that number when you make an online contribution.

**Q. What non-profits can I donate to?**

- A. You may donate to one of the twelve CCFD Agencies directly. You may also donate to any of the designated nonprofits listed under each agency. The complete list of CCFD Agencies and their designations can be found at [www.ccfid.illinois.edu/agencies](http://www.ccfid.illinois.edu/agencies)

**Q. Does my gift count towards the goal for the University Department/Unit from which I retired?**

- A. You may select which department/unit gets credit for your donation. The Retiree Pledge Form has a box to complete regarding whom you would like to receive credit for your contribution.

**Q. How is Release of Information handled?**

- A. You may specify how or if you wish to be contacted. On the Pledge Form,

Select one of two boxes:

- ☐ I DO NOT wish to be contacted by the Agency
- ☐ I DO wish to receive acknowledgement from the Agency for my contribution

**Q. I have given directly to the United Way in the past and plan to continue to do that this year. Can I receive CCFD credit for my direct contribution to United Way?**

- A. If your contribution to United Way occurs during the 2017 CCFD Campaign, it may be counted. CCFD works closely with the United Way of Champaign County to ensure both campaigns give the donor credit for your generous contribution. When giving to United Way, let them know you are a University of Illinois retiree (including department) and would like to receive CCFD credit for your donation. If you give to United Way through the 2017 CCFD Campaign, United Way will be informed of your gift.

**Q. Where do I mail or drop off my 2017 CCFD Pledge Form?**

- A. 338 Henry Administration Bldg. MC/360  
506 S. Wright St.  
Urbana, IL 61801

**Q. What if I need more information or have questions?**

- A. Visit [ccfd.illinois.edu](http://ccfd.illinois.edu), send us an email at [ccfd@illinois.edu](mailto:ccfd@illinois.edu) or call us at 217-265-6398





## **DONATE NOW!**

CCFD is an annual campaign and right now is the best time to help us help someone less fortunate.

You can give on-line and make your pledge.

CCFD comes around just once a year, so don't put off until tomorrow what you can contribute today.



[CCFD.ILLINOIS.EDU](http://CCFD.ILLINOIS.EDU)

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## **2017 BIG 10 RETIREES ASSOCIATION MEETING**

***Purdue University, West Lafayette,  
Indiana, August 25-27, 2017***

*Barbara Hartman and H. F. Williamson*

The Big Ten Retirees Association was formed in 1992 with the purpose of holding annual meetings at which the member associations could exchange information about what benefits they receive from their universities and/or states, how these organizations serve their members, and the services that these organizations and their members provide their universities. The twenty-sixth annual meeting at Purdue University on August 25-27, 2017 was attended by past Chapter Presidents Barbara Hartman and H. F. Williamson. Thirteen of the 14 Big 10 Universities were represented including Maryland for the first time. It is hoped that the 14<sup>th</sup>, Rutgers, will have representatives next year.

The meeting was well planned by our hosts from the Purdue University Retirement Association (PURA). The theme was “Together We Soar” with the goal of sharing ideas and best practices for operating a successful retiree association. The theme also recognized the major role played in the U. S. space program by Purdue alumni who became astronauts, starting with Neil Armstrong. The keynote speaker

was one of those astronauts, Jerry Ross, who set the record for the most space walks (seven). At Saturday evening’s dinner Interim Provost Jay Akridge welcomed all attendees and spoke briefly about the change that has been made in the way most courses are taught at Purdue, incorporating the idea that in addition to faculty instruction, students can help teach other students. To facilitate this, classrooms have been created to allow for more interaction among students, including chairs on wheels for ease of forming student teams.

The sessions on Saturday provided the opportunity for a thorough discussion of how each association is organized, finances its activities, provides benefits for its members, and recruits new members for the group. The discussion continued during the sharing session on Sunday morning. We all felt we benefited from the exchange of ideas that occurred. There was also an extensive presentation on health care and insurance for retirees based on the experiences of the leaders of our host organization who negotiate these benefits for their members.

The planning is well underway for the twenty-seventh annual meeting of the group next year on August 3-5, 2018 at Pennsylvania State University. The following year we will be hosting the meeting. Planning is already underway for that event which will occur August 2-4, 2019.



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## IN MEMORIAM

*H. F. Williamson*

As a service to readers, we have prepared a listing of deceased employees and annuitants taken from the information provided by the Illinois News Bureau as well as other print sources. The following listing gives the name, age at death (when known), and the date of death (when known) for those individuals whose death notices appeared between July 28, 2016 and August 24, 2017

Bark, George Allen, 57, 7/24/17	Duffield, Becky Frances, 4/7/17
Beason, Teena M., 74, 5/13/17	Eisenstein, Bob I., 77, 8/17/16
Bellatti, Charles, 91, 6/30/17	Elliot, Julie Ann, 74, 4/14/17
Bennett, Avis Marie (Kuhns), 105, 8/31/16	Erwin, William H., 75, 6/4/17
Bloemker, Albert E., 82, 8/20/17	Eskridge, Howard D., 71, 12/9/16
Boardingham, Jerry, 72, 6/4/17	Eversole, Leland "Lee" E., 79, 12/28/16
Bouton, Lawrence, 85, 2/1/17	Faul, Brenda, 50, 10/5/16
Breitenfeldt, Cody A., 24, 1/17/17	Feller, Ernest M., 86, 8/23/16
Bridges, Frances "Francie", 66, 2/24/17	Feuille, Peter, 73, 9/7/16
Brown, Audrey "Wally", 75, 5/24/17	Fields, Harriet McKean, 90, 3/29/17
Brown, Barbara Ann Albin, 78, 7/24/17	Foil, Eileene E., 96, 10/15/16
Brown, Betty Jo, 76, 12/25/16	Ford, Frederick Clyde, 82, 3/29/17
Brownfield, Charlotte Jane (Honn), 76, 1/14/17	Franke, Walter H. Jr., 89, 7/2/17
Bryan, Harold Stever, 96, 11/8/16	Fredrickson, L. Thomas, 88, 7/30/17
Cacioppo, Hazel, C., 101, 1/19/17	Friedman Stanley, 91, 6/16/27
Canull, James, 84, 10/10/16	Friese, Louine A., 89, 7/26/17
Carlson, Jerome "Jerry", 79, 8/10/17	Galyath, Iva Fern 79, 4/2/17
Carr, Daral Gene, 74, 11/17/16	Garlick, Peter James, 2/16/17
Carr, Robert J., 95, 2/13/17	Garrison, Willard Thouston, 96, 4/16/17
Carter, Frank, 84, 4/14/17	Garth, Virginia Marie, 93, 8/7/16
Carter, Marion, 77, 6/21/17	Garves, Richard A., 85, 12/28/16
Casey, Beverly Louise, 78, 9/19/16	Gladin, Rembert T. (Jack), 86, 8/22/16
Cekander, Willard Charles, 92, 8/17/16	Goldwasser, Ned, 97, 12/14/16
Chumbley, Nancy Doris, 78, 8/6/17	Graham, Mary Margaret, 91, 12/27/17
Claar, John B., 105/16	Gravely, George E., 87, 12/22/16
Clark, Marshall, 77, 4/13/17	Gravlin, Kathryn "Katie" Matilda, 96, 12/4/16
Collier Richard A., 92, 12/24/16	Gray, John Walker, 85, 5/17/17
Corey, Dawn Ellen, 61, 9/26/16	Greger, Beverly Ann, 82, 12/28/17
Cornwell, Elaine Burris "Granny", 75, 12/30/16	Grothe, David, M., 70, 1/24/17
Corum, Robert C., 74, 1/27/17	Haken, Anna-Irmgard, 87, 4/4/17
Dawson, Julia Ann "Julie", 84, 8/3/17	Hanratty, Thomas J., 8/24/16
Dawson, Mary "Joan", 73, 7/27/17	Hawkins, Darlene "Gerri", 69, 5/27/17
DeDecker, Darrel F. "Bump", 82, 11/27/16	Heath, Dixie Nell (Mayol), 43, 10/5/16
DeHaven, Jules Rodger Sr., 88, 3/3/17	Hedrick, Cheryl O., 71, 12/30/17
Derby, Dinah Faye, 73, 9/30/16	Hermann, Harvey Albert Jr., 82, 8/4/17
DiBello, Louis Vincent, 75, 3/7/17	Heumann, Leonard, 75, 9/16/16
Dornhoff, Larrym, 74, 2/10/17	Hinds, Frank Crossman, 85, 10/28/16
Dorsey, Catherine "Katie" (Hedrick), 62, 3/21/17	Hixon, James E., 78, 6/2/17
Dorsey, Lorena J., 98, 5/11/17	Holmes, Luther H., 93, 1/19/17
Draper, Charles M., 84, 1/27/17	Horn, Richard Gene "Dick", 82, 11/9/16
Due, Jean M., 95, 11/27/16	Hower, Joann T., 85, 5/14/17



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Huffman, James Edward, 62, 12/16/16  
Hursey, Paul Stanley, 86, 3/14/17  
James, Cynthia A., 83, 5/29/17  
Jenkins, Linda Kay, 70, 2/8/17  
Jenkins, Raymond (Ray) Eugene, 68, 8/11/17  
Jensen, Margaret McLaren 87, 1/11/17  
Johnson, Cyrus, 81, 7/23/17  
Johnson, Willie V., 82, 10/14/16  
Kachru, Braj B., 84, 7/29/16  
Kamber, Franz, 80, 6/13/17  
Kent, Norma Bartholomew, 85, 1/31/17  
Kesler, Richard P. "Dick", 88, 10/2/16  
Knop, Jane, 82, 3/19/17  
Kovacs, Thomas George, 77, 3/20/17  
Kubitz, William "Bill" J., 8/5/17  
Lassell, Bill D., 85, 2/17/17  
Le'Noir, Brenda Ann, 67, 2/9/17  
Lenz, Jan M, 80, 9/26/16  
Lieb, Ralph L. "Bud", 70, 4/14/17  
Lincoln, Berniece A., 96, 9/24/16  
Lodge, James Robert "Bob", 91, 3/28/17  
Lynch, Marilyn V., 82, 9/25/16  
MacGregor, Norman "Mac", 77, 10/8/16  
Maclaren, Scott, 57, 5/9/17  
Maehr, Martin L., 84, 1/10/17  
Manning, William Paul "Bill", 76, 8/4/16  
Mapson, Dorothy M. "Meenah", 75, 7/28/17  
Marks, Richard Jr., 73, 7/3/17  
Marxmiller, John O., 44, 2/11/17  
Mary L. Giles, Mary L., 73, 1/1/17  
Mast, Piessa Edward, 89, 2/19/16  
McDonald, Mary Buescher, 87, 4/22/17  
McGuire, Joseph (Joe) William, 91, 8/29/16  
Meyer, Richard Charles, 86, 3/1/17  
Mitchell, Alonzo Juan "Beets", 73, 4/17/17  
Mooney, Robert "Bob", 83, 12/8/16  
Morrison, William Dean J"Bill", 70, 4/13/17  
Mosey, Marianne, 93, 11/10/17  
Mulliken, David F., 97, 1/20/17  
Musselman, Randall, 64, 11/16/17  
Myers, William Patrick "Bill", 86, 9/30/16  
Naïve, David William, 48, 7/22/16  
Nash, Richard "Dick", 85, 5/30/17  
Neely, Frank "Wright", 77, 4/13/17  
Nelson, Robert J., 91, 1/6/17  
Newbold, Paul, 71, 11/18/16  
Newman, Rugh Marilyn, 77, 9/13/16  
Nugent, Roy Lloyd, 90, 10/31/16

Olsen, Peggy F., 65, 6/2/17  
Padbert, Daniel Ivan, 85, 12/12/16  
Partenheimer, Anna May, 89, 6/4/17  
Paul, Alan, 65, 2/12/17  
Pelmore, Patricia "Nanny", 10/22/16  
Peterson, William H. "Bill", 91, 9/14/16  
Pfeffer, John Thomas, 81, 3/1/17  
Puckette, Margaret, 89, 6/5/17  
Rector, Adlon Dohme Jorgensen, 79, 2/8/17  
Reid, Vivian Gladis, 81, 3/6/17  
Reinhart, Robert C., 86, 10/22/16  
Richey, Robert M., 86, 11/16/16  
Roberts, Sandra Lee "Sandy", 73, 7/1/17  
Roberts, Thomas Dale "Tim", 92, 2/13/17  
Robinson, Jesse, 67, 9/21/16  
Rosenshine, Barak, 86, 5/22/17  
Rotman, Joseph, 82, 10/16/16  
Russell, George "Bullet", 95, 12/12/16  
Russell, Lottie, 85, 4/13/17  
Sarver, Robert Lee "Bobby", 53, 7/1/16  
Schaeede, Ronald Eugene, 84, 12/18/16  
Scheibly, Donna Franklin, 55, 6/6/17  
Scheiwe, Iona M., 90, 7/24/17  
Schmidt, Susan M., 91, 4/23/17  
Schoeps, Dorothy Ann (Sturdivant), 76, 1/3/17  
Schulten, Klaus, 69, 10/31/16  
Schum, Eugene (Gene) Andrew, 82, 3/21/17  
Schweighart, Rebecca Ann, 61, 7/28/16  
Scott, Linda A., 68, 5/6/17  
Scott, Nancy "Jan", 63, 4/17/17  
Senn, Donald Eugene, 75, 8/6/17  
Shearer, Janis Elaine "Jan", 70, 8/12/17  
Shoemaker, Steven Robert, 73, 10/10/16  
Shumard, Guy E., 92, 9/29/16  
Simmons/Kappes, Mary Kay, 59, 8/29/16  
Skvarla, Melvyn, 75, 3/8/17  
Smith, Joe Louis, 78, 11/19/16  
Smith, Lyle Curtis "Papaw", 94, 4/2/17  
Splittstoesser, Walter Emil, 79, 8/4/17  
Stapleton, Harvey H., 82, 5/30/17  
Stone, Paul, 101, 2/11/17  
Strader, Paul Eugene, 84, 11/4/16  
Summerville, Willie T., 72, 3/7/17  
Swenson, George, 94, 2/22/17  
Tempel, Patricia Ann, 90, 5/17/17  
Thompson, John, 92, 2/19/17  
Tipton, Dorothy I., 96, 10/27/16  
Von Behren, Gloria A., 55, 9/21/16

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Wade, Edith, A., 86, 6/3/17  
Wells, Elizabeth Ann, 92, 10/31/16  
Weston, Patricia Ruth Gueritey, 81, 2/11/17  
White, Dan, 63, 1/22/17  
Widenor, William, C., 79, 1/13/17  
Wienke, Irma Jane, 87, 8/6/10/17  
Williams, Samuel H., 90, 11/5/16

Williams, Sheldon Ward, 105, 2/14/17  
Winterbottom, Russell E., 89, 12/22/16  
Wirtz, Gerald Paul, 79, 5/31/17  
Wold, Karen L., 52, 8/5/17  
Woolen, Norma Jeanne, 93, 7/28/17  
Yoos, Stuart F. Jr., 83, 4/7/17  
Zaring, Wilson Miles, 89, 7/1/16

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