

INTRODUCTION TO HISTORY OF ISU ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION

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Miss Russell and Miss Ruth Yates told of what had gone on at the meeting held in Springfield at an earlier date. At this meeting the framework was set up for a State organization. Those in attendance at the Springfield meeting were G. B. Barber, E. A. Lichty, Elizabeth Russell, Ruth Yates, Dorothy King and Oressa McQueen.

Present at the October 14 meeting was Donald Hoffmeister of the Illinois Retirement System. He told us of the problems of the system and the status of it. Mr. Hoffmeister stated that if the annuitants organization was organized on a state-wide level it would carry more weight in Springfield. Areas in which we need to work are: Financing; Mr. Hoffmeister stated that the constitution guarantees that pensions will be paid as long as State of Illinois has money. It will be necessary for the state to pay in its share to the fund. Legislation: By organizing the members will know what is in the planning stages and will be able to know what is going on. There should be some effort made to get automatic increases for those who have 15 years of service. There are changes in the tax laws in the state - exemptions for persons over 65.

Dr. Lichty stated that there is a need to organize, draw up bylaws and then to become more effective in Springfield. Dr. Barber made a motion to form an ISU chapter of the State Annuitants System of State University Retirement System. Motion was seconded passed unanimously.

Miss Russell agreed to be the official representative to the State Committee.

Dr. Lichty named the following committee to formulate a set of bylaws: Dr. Barber, Dr. Lueck, Ruth Yates and Oressa McQueen.

Names of persons who signed to formulate this organization are included in the Appendix.

A meeting of the group to be called Illinois State University Annuitants Association was scheduled for November 4, 1971.

The ISU Chapter has the distinction of having been organized before its parent organization was organized on November 17, 1971. The ISU Chapter also has the distinction of having the first secretary for the Parent Association, namely, Mrs. Dorothy King.

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History - Years 1971-1990

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An explanation of the term "Annuitants" was explained. Retirees are persons who have worked for the University; spouses and children who never did so may be receiving an annuity. Thus, the term "Annuitant" includes these persons.

The next meeting was set for November 4, at 7:00 p.m.

At the November 4, 1971 meeting the bylaws were distributed. Copies of the state constitution that was drawn up by state committee and adopted by this committee was passed out. The term "Bylaws" was used instead of constitution since our chapter will operate under the state constitution. After discussion some changes were made, bylaws were approved as amended. They were adopted.

At this meeting the officers were elected: President - Dr. G.B. Barber; Vice-president - John Butler; Secretary-Treasurer - Oressa McQueen. Directors elected for one year were Elizabeth Russell, Dr. Lichty; two-year terms - Ruth Yates and Dorothy King.

Many Executive Board meetings were held during the ensuing months and plans were made for future meetings. It was felt that the Chapter was off to a good start.

Future meetings were held in January, March and July, to complete the first year of 1971-1972.

The year 1972-73 opened on September 27. Officers for the year were: Dr. Barber, President; John Butler, Vice-president; Oressa McQueen, Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Butler moved during this time and was succeeded by Mary Jo Ivens. Other meetings during the year were held in January and April. Meetings were cancelled at other designated times because of weather and road conditions.

The officers chosen for the year 1973-1974 were: President, Preston Ensign; Vice-President, Ferne Roseman; Secretary-Treasurer, Marjorie Cross, The opening meeting was held September 26, 1973.

Much concern had been expressed about the funding of the Pension System (or the lack of funding) and faculty members presently employed were also much aware of this situation. The Illinois State University Chapter was a very lucky chapter to have had Dr. Richard Browne to keep us up-to-date on legislation.

Some of the goals for the year were: continue an aggressive legislation program beginning now to encourage action this fall; develop a publicity program to improve our public image; develop a research program that will provide basic data and statistics for use by committees; strive for a better exchange of ideas between chapters to increase membership; finance program and program exchanges between chapters.

Future meetings will tend to dwell on legislation, insurance and other aspects of problems confronting annuitants.

The Annuitants Association continued to be an active and growing group during the years 1974-1975. As in the past, Legislation was of concern to all. An increase in membership was evident and the Membership Committee continued to work on interesting more retirees to join.

At the final meeting of the year, a picnic was held and at this meeting new officers for the following year were elected.

Each new year brings on new challenges for the officers and the group as a whole.

Five meetings were held during the years 1975-1976. These were held at the Bone Student Center where ample parking is available. Varied programs were given. Programs dealt with the University Retirement System, State Insurance Program as it affects the annuitants, and the offerings of the Y.W.C.A. Senior Service Program.

Besides our regular members and prospective members, we invited these key persons to participate in the programs: Mr. Gibala, University Retirement System; Marty Roberts, Project Coordinator for the Y.W.C.A. in Normal; candidates for the General Assembly (Senator Harber Hall, Representative Gerald Bradley, Carol Reitan and Walter Bitner as candidates for senatorial seats); Harvey Lawton of the Social Security Office in Bloomington; George Houska, ISU Supervisor of Insurance. Meetings were well attended, interesting

and informative in nature.

A picnic in June was the main social event for the year.

We started the years 1975-76 with renewed interest and enthusiasm. New officers bring new ideas, the chapter has many new members, and all in all, the group is ready to get moving on to better results for the year.

Five board meetings were held. Attendance was good and members were responsive.

Standing Committees (Membership, Publicity, Insurance, Legislative, Public Relations and Program) were active during the year. The membership increased from 97 in 1975 to 168 in 1976. The Daily Pantagraph newspaper and the University Reporter gave our group excellent publicity. The Legislative Committee and Insurance Committee were very active. Dr. Lichty, chairman, helped with the State Legislative program and kept the Chapter well informed throughout the year. The Insurance Committee was available to help individuals with insurance problems and to give information on resources to use when needed.

Public Relations committee worked with other groups to interpret our organization. We were invited to attend group meetings of Faculty Women's Club and AAUP and IHEA. Work was continued on the funding of the Retirement System.

A Yearbook was prepared and distributed to members and copies mailed to all Chapter presidents and State officers.

As suggested by our State president, Dr. Barber, we wrote to all members of the Pension Commission requesting their support of our Legislative Program.

We felt that much was accomplished during this year under the able leadership of our President, Elizabeth Russell. Attendance increased as did our membership. The yearbook helped to strengthen the organization. Social functions provided an opportunity for members to become better acquainted. Members of the Chapter have served on State committees and attended State meetings. University administration has continued cooperation with our organization. Dr. Leo Eastman was the liaison person from the University to work with our organization.. The University Foundation allotted a sum of

money to help defray expenses such as furnishing University vehicles for travel to meetings, postage, Yearbook, stenographic service and mailing privileges.

It was a most successful year.

The Chapter continued to grow and strengthen through the years 1976-77 due to the strong leadership of the President Elizabeth Russell.

One of the outstanding activities for the state organization was a letter writing campaign to the Pension Laws Commission and our local representatives and senators in support of our Legislative program. Mrs. Dries, coordinator of the Insurance Program at the University of Illinois, gave us many suggestions and ideas about filing claims and answering questions of special problems.

The ISU Annuitants Association began the year with enthusiasm and confidence. Membership had increased from 160 to 179 and the Membership committee continues to work diligently to increase this number.

At the December meeting the University High School Madrigal Singers entertained with cheerful and lively Christmas carols. After the music program was over, Dr. Larsen, president, introduced Dr. James M. Horner, Provost, who discussed "Trends in Higher Education in 1977. Three points were stressed: Loss of Public Confidence in Higher Education, Funding, and Bureaucratization of Public Education.

The ISU Chapter continues to grow in strength. Our financial status is also strong.

Several members had attended the Annual Assembly at Allerton Park and reports were given on this assembly. Florence Ritchie announced that she was greatly impressed at the Allerton Conference with the fine reception of our 1977-1978 Yearbook by other Annuitant groups. She complimented Oressa McQueen and other members of the committee on their excellent work.

Yvonne Hough and Dr. Leo Eastman were recognized for the interest and continued help to ISU Annuitants.

Meetings were held in March, May and September. Work continued on Legislation. Senator and Representative Candidates were asked to come to the March meeting and present their views to the association. Dr. Esworthy and his committee continued work on Insurance. Donald Hoffmeister was the speaker for the May meeting. He spoke about the work of the Appropriations committee.

Dr. Richard Browne passed out copies of his report on Legislative Concerns. Comments were made concerning his report. Dr. Lloyd Watkins was the guest speaker at the September meeting and he spoke on his views of what has taken place at ISU during his first year as president.

New officers were elected for the 1978-79 year at the last meeting of the year. Dr. Larsen was thanked for his fine work as president and his response was, "It was more fun than I expected."

The year of 1978 opened on a festive mood. A Christmas brunch was held in the Circus room of the Bone Student Center and one hundred six attended. The tables were decorated in the spirit of the Holiday Season. A beautiful blessing was offered by Ruth Yates. After the brunch the Madrigal singers from University High School entertained the group.

Special recognition was given to new members. Dr. Leo Eastman and his wife were introduced to thank Dr. Eastman for the excellent help and interest shown in our association. Yvonne Hougham was also thanked for the help she had given us so that we might invite newly retired faculty and staff. Committee reports were given by the Membership committee, Legislative committee, and Insurance Committee.

Dr. Dale Vetter prepared a questionnaire to determine the needs of chapter membership and results were presented to a State meeting of SUAA.

Other meetings were held in March and May. At the May meeting a letter was read from Mr. Gibala, Executive Director of State Universities Retirement System, expressing his appreciation for the resolution drafted by Dr. Richard G. Browne and presented to Mr. Gibala by the ISU Chapter of Annuitants Association on March 7.

An increase in the increment that Annuitants receive was raised to three percent.

Membership increased by 21% over the previous year and the membership reached a total of 254 members.

Wouldn't you call this a most productive year for Annuitants?

At the start of the new year (1979-1980) Dr. Lloyd Watkins, President of ISU, gave an inspiring and informative talk. He thanked the group for the help and inspiration that has been given and stated that we are a very important part of the University.

A new liaison person, Dr. John Boaz, will now work with our association. He replaces Dr. Leo Eastman, who moved to another state upon retirement.

The Annual Assembly was well attended by members of our chapter. Reports were given by Dr. Lichty and Dr. Barber. Donald Hoffmeister gave us a report on the legislation pending, passed or died in committee. He complimented Dr. Barber for his continued interest and help and our group for its support in legislative matters.

Meetings were held throughout the year and attention was again focused on legislation and insurance. In November amendments to chapter bylaws were made and accepted.

One of the outstanding programs was a slide presentation covering life at Illinois State Normal University (ISU) covering a span of about forty-five years - late 1920's to early 1970's. Miss Ruth Yates narrated the program. Often the program was slowed or stopped while members tried to identify persons shown on the slides. It was great fun as many of those present had attended school during that time, taught or worked there, and some had gone to school and then became a member of the faculty and staff. Nelson Smith and two of his staff were responsible for collecting, sorting and showing of these slides.

The chapter is experiencing continued and increased interest and a stronger membership. Thanks to the chapter members for their enthusiasm, energy expended and willingness to cooperate in every possible way. Friendships have grown during the years of this association.

The year opened in September and President Dorothy King stated she was privileged to preside for the last meeting of the first decade of our organization. She stated that Bradford Barber was the first president and Oressa McQueen the first secretary-treasurer.

Reports were given on the Annual Assembly held at Allerton Park. A State Board meeting will be held on our campus on October 13, 1981.

Our membership at this early beginning was counted at 240. This was considered a good start by the membership committee. The Yearbook will be closed to membership by November 7, 1981. However, it will be possible to add names of members joining after that date on a page to be passed out to members.

Meetings were held in December, March, May and June. The March meeting was poorly attended due to icy streets and sidewalks.

Programs varied from entertainment by musical groups, to interviewing our Senator and Representative on their views on the Pension System and Legislation that may be pending. Don Hoffmeister spoke on "Legislation and other matters affecting Retirement." He said that House Bill 682 could have been named the "Brad Barber Bill" and he indicated that SUAA did more to get this bill passed than any other group. House Bill 682 amended the Illinois Pension Code effective Jan. 1, 1982, so that (1) any member whose annuity began before Jan. 1, 1977, shall have his retirement annuity then being paid increased \$1 per month for each year of creditable service, and (2) any survivor whose annuity began after Jan. 1, 1977 but before Jan. 1, 1981, shall have his survivor's annuity then being paid increased by 1 percent for each year which has elapsed from the date the survivor's annuity began.

Our Chapter continues to have excellent, good attendance, interest and willingness to help the chapter. This leads to continued growth in membership.

At the December meeting a lovely brunch was served by the Student Union staff. One hundred twenty-four were in attendance.

President Don Templeton presented George Barford to the group and thanked him for designing the logo which will be used on the cover of our Yearbook and Bill White for implementing it. This new logo, which is very distinctive, replaces the map of Illinois that has been used for several years.

It was noted that IRLAC would be discussing further legislation for 1983.

Dr. G. B. Barber is now the Executive Secretary - the lobbyist who gets the most for everyone. He will have office space in the General Services Building - part of the Personnel Office.

Our chapter was proud to announce that Dr. Harlan Peithman, Director of the Men's Glee Club for many years, had been honored by that group.

The Chapter enjoyed a good year with a show of enthusiasm and support for the officers. The treasurer's report was given and shows that we are financially sound. The membership has grown to 375.

Programs were planned to keep everyone informed of legislation pending or passed, new developments in insurance and other matters pertinent to our association.

The year closed on June 2, with 128 members present. A delicious picnic menu was enjoyed by all. New officers were elected for the new year and were promised loyal support from those present. Best wishes for a pleasant summer were expressed.

Our outgoing President was given a round of applause for his leadership.

A new year is about to begin; new officers were introduced as were the committee chairmen and board members. New retirees were also introduced.

President of ISU, Dr. Lloyd Watkins, spoke to the group and talked of initiatives in education.

Yvonne Hougham apprised us of new developments in the insurance program. CNA had presented a policy which provided more benefits for dependents than could be obtained from Blue Cross. However, the Regency staff elected to stay with the same benefits.

In December, a Christmas Brunch was held at the Bone Student Center. The attendance was great - 160 were in attendance. The program was given by the University Madrigal Singers under the direction of Dr. John Ferrell. Always a great way to start the Holiday Season.

It is always good news to know that an organization is financially sound and that is the case with our group. The Treasurer's report was given based on 375 members and some paid dues at the meeting.

Excellent speakers were brought to our meetings throughout the year. Mr. William Jackson, Assistant Secretary of the Retirement Board, discussed the "Current Status of the Retirement System." Major efforts will be placed on the funding of the system. He stated that the bills that were approved this year provided improvements for those people who are currently employed and will be of value to them at the time of their retirement. He also

explained the "electronic funds transfer "(EFT). Money will be electronically sent to a bank with a list of personal accounts to be credited. Individuals have the option of deciding which bank they wish to have their check deposited. Social Security handles checks in this manner and it is expected that the procedure will save a great deal of money. However, if you wish to have your check sent directly to you, you may do so. Mr. Jackson stated that the Retirement System has excellent returns on its investments; consequently the State does not appropriate as much. Legislators must be made aware by letter that we feel they have an obligation to fund the system out of current revenue instead of State revenue.

Dr. Barber reported on HB388; the bill will provide an ad hoc increase of 10¢ per month times the number of years of service times number of years retired. This increase will be applicable for those who retired on or before January 1, 1978. The bill also provides for 1/2 of one percent increment times the number of years that benefits have been received for survivors who began their benefits on or before January 1, 1982. This seemed a good time to request consideration of HB388 since this year the Governor indicated the State's economy is better.

It was at this time that Dr. Barber told of his concern for his replacement as representative of the State Retirement System. The office was initially set up very comfortably in the General Services Building on the campus of ISU. For the past five years the office has been within easy reach. Now, the question is, "can we keep this office?" Dr. Barber was given a loud and long ovation for the many hours of work he has contributed during the past five years.

The year ended on June 7 with an indoor picnic. A door prize was given and Al Eckert was the lucky recipient of the prize. It was a montage of campus buildings prepared by William White and Fred Kagy.

As in the past, the association expressed appreciation for the help received from the ISU Foundation, which supported us financially in a number of ways, and from members of the ISU staff, particularly John Boaz, who served as the liaison person with the University and Yvonne Hougham of the Personnel Office.

The 1984-1985 meeting of ISU Annuitants Association was held on Thursday, September 13. A social hour was held before the meeting was called to order.

President Doris Richards opened the meeting. John Boaz spoke on the United Way Campaign and thanked the Annuitants for their continued contributions.

The ISU Chapter will host the state meeting of the SUAA on March 4, 1985. Members were encouraged to mark this date on the calendar as volunteers will be needed to help with this meeting.

At the December Christmas Brunch Dr. Barber presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Elden A. Lichty, who had been instrumental in getting the Annuitants Association started. "Back in the 1970s he made many trips to Springfield and attended meetings of the State Board. He has always worked for the welfare of our Chapter and is a constant source of help and guidance."

At the May meeting, Dr. and Mrs. R.G. Bone gave a program entitled "Following the Lewis and Clark Expedition." Slides were shown and the two of them narrated the story of the Expedition. Was a most interesting presentation.

One objective for the year was to print a booklet explaining the duties of the officers, directors and committee chairman. It was also recommended that the Bylaws could be put into the booklet. It would be a booklet similar to the Yearbook and given to new members as they join.

Attendance was very good at the meetings and interesting program were planned by the Program committee. Everyone enjoys the social hour and it is an opportunity to make new acquaintances as well as renew old acquaintances.

At the June meeting Ethel Stein reported on a committee meeting for the State Association on "Programs and Planning." Harold (Bud) DeWeese and Brad Barber were there. Most of the problems they discussed seem to hinge on better communications. One of the means of improving communication will be the newsletter which members will receive shortly. Bud DeWeese was a guest of our group and introduced by Don Templeton.

The President thanked officers, committee chairman, board members for their support during the past year. Doris has accepted a temporary position for the coming year and we will miss seeing her at our meetings.

The sunny days of autumn remind us that it is time to get into the swing of a new year. Our President, Douglas Bey, has chosen the theme "Looking Forward" for the year. We can accomplish many things by attending meetings and especially greeting the new members and make them feel welcome.

Dr. John Boaz, Associate Vice President for Administrative Services, was introduced. He underscored the benefits listed in the leaflet, "Retirement Services Information", which was distributed.

At the Annual Meeting of the State Universities Annuitants Association held in DeKalb in July, a plaque was given honoring Richard G. Browne. Dr. Browne was unable to attend the meeting so Dr. Bey will present the plaque to Dr. Browne in person.

Membership continued to grow. Barbara Perry announced at the December Brunch that we now have 409 members.

At the Christmas Brunch, Duncan Miller introduced the program. He stated that the program would be a "break from tradition" and defined the word "tradition" as a "good idea which had gotten in a rut." Helen Patton was at the piano and Don Ammerman played an "electric piano" and there was a sing-along for a short time. Solos were sung by Jim Roderick (Silent Night), Don Templeton (Oh Holy Night) and Harold Patton (Jingle Bells). Ruth Yates and Margaret Parret read a script entitled "How Santa Claus Came to the River." The program ended with the song, "Here Comes Santa" and at that time "Santa and His Wife" appeared to distribute oranges and candy canes to those in attendance.

Mrs. Josephine Oblinger, liaison officer between the Governor's Office and the Committee on Aging, and Mr. Donald Hoffmeister, the Director of the State Universities Retirement System, were introduced as speakers for the day. Mrs. Oblinger spoke to HB98 and said it might be some time before it would be called for a vote. She spoke of availability of long-term care insurance but warned us to read the policy carefully. Mr. Hoffmeister stated that the funding of our retirement system continues to be a problem.

Dr. Frank Spanbauer from Illinois State University's College of Continuing Education, spoke to our group in May. His topic was "Looking Forward with Continuing Education."

This year closed with a picnic, election of officers and a statement that our membership had grown to 422. Thanks to the Membership chairman and her committee. It was a very interesting year.

The year 1986-87 opened with lots of enthusiasm and high hopes for a successful year in every way.

Dr. David Strand, Vice President and Provost, spoke to the issues confronting our University. Some of the objectives were: control enrollment, increase of admission standards, budgeting, attrition rate, women and minorities on campus, outreach to and with business and industry and alumni, and development work.

The local chapter will host the State meeting in July (1987). Members will be asked to help with this meeting.

Vernon Pohlmann informed the group that legislation will be important in 1987.

The Christmas Brunch was held on December 4, 1986. After a delicious brunch, the meeting was called to order by the President Duncan Miller. The program was one of Christmas Carols. James Roderick lead the group in singing and Lloyd Farlee was the pianist. Don Templeton sang "O Holy Night." Ruth Yates read a Christmas story, "Things Don't Make Christmas." The members sang We Wish you a Merry Christmas and meeting closed with a solo by James Roderick, who sang "Silent Night."

The program for the March, 1987 meeting was introduced by Dr. Barber. The topic was "Retirement Planning for Educators and Others" and Vincent Romano, financial consultant associated with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith, Inc. was the speaker. He discussed the tax code, how it relates to educators, appropriate investments and how to make them. Helpful literature was distributed.

Margaret Parret, Chairman of Awards Committee, asked approval of Al Grieman to be recommended for Bodine Award. Approval was granted.

It was at this meeting that we learned that Bro-Menn had been certified as the preferred provider under the Equitable Plan.

The May meeting was held at Westminster Village. The speaker for the afternoon was Dr. Jamal Nassar, Associate Professor of Political Science at ISU, and his topic was, "The Arab-Israeli Conflict." A question period followed Dr. Nassar's very informational and helpful presentation.

The Awards Committee was represented by Ruth Yates, who reported that Brad Barber was presented with the Local Chapter Award for Outstanding Service. Al Grieman of Skokie was nominated for the Bodine Award for Outstanding Legislator at the State meeting.

The ISU Annuitants Association met at the Linkins Food Center for the annual picnic.

Vernon Pohlmann, Chair, presented the Legislative Committee report. He stated that it is a critical time for improvements in the State Retirement System. The question is, "What can we do to urge the Governor and Legislature to pass bills designed to improve the system." It is urgent that our group support wholeheartedly whatever measures it will take to get this improvement.

The meeting closed with the feeling that we are continuing to make strides toward improvement. We will look forward to September and a new year and more success.

September is here and everyone is anxious to meet and find out what has transpired since our June meeting. The Annuitants Association met on September 16 at Barney's Restaurant for a luncheon-buffet and business meeting at 12:30 p.m.

John Boaz, Associate Vice President for Administrative Services, reported on the upcoming United Way Campaign, that is now know as the Charitable Fund Drive. Two new charities, the United Negro College Fund and the Combined Health Appeal have been added to the United Way Campaign. Dr. Boaz commended the group for the generous support given to the United Way in the past and encouraged continued support.

President Duncan Miller recognized annuitants who were attending for the first time.

David Wiant was congratulated upon his election as president-elect of the State Universities Annuitants Association.

Francis Brown, State President of SUAA, reported that Senate Bill 285, 1469, and 1470 are of immediate concern to annuitants. These bills are related to the funding of the Pension System.

Dr. Paul Rosene of the University Music Department presented an interesting program by the ISU Handbell-Choir Chimes Ensemble.

David Wiant reported that Central Management Services has a number of proposals out for bid that may be helpful to annuitants. Among them are the following: excess health insurance program; hearing care insurance; vision care insurance; entertainment discounts; bank card proposal.

The Annual Christmas Brunch was held on December 3, 1987. Dr. Lloyd Farlee, Program Chairman, presented the 1987 Madrigal singers and their director Michael Schwartzkopf. They sang many of the songs that they sing at the Madrigal dinners.

Francis Brown, State President, reported that we now have a central office located at 312 South 4th Street, Springfield. He reported that the Illinois Retirees Legislative Advisory Council (IRLAC) is working toward improved retiree legislation.

The third meeting was held on March 10, 1988 at the Bone Student Center. President Watkins spoke to the group concerning the state's commitment to education.

Mr. William B. Jackson Jr., Deputy Director, Benefit Services Division of the State Universities Retirement System, was introduced by Francis Brown. Mr. Jackson reported that there is now a hot line (217-244-8644) to his office. It is not necessary to go through the switchboard.

Two recent court cases have resulted in the following decisions:

1. The monthly benefit payments paid to survivors are not exempt from Federal income taxes.
2. Participants in SURS who have served in the military and have retired within the last 5 years and who were participants in 1974 may purchase service credit in the Retirement System.

Our May meeting was held at Westminster Village on May 12, 1988. Lloyd Farlee introduced the program for the afternoon entitled "A Traveling Date with Judy." Dr. Boyer, Associate Vice Present of Student Affairs at Illinois State University, was the guest speaker.

Dr. Boyer stated that she takes trips for fun, takes some pictures, but no slides. The trip started with the Philippines, then Bangkok, Bali, Guadalcanal, New Caledone and to Australia. It was a very interesting, enlightening, and informative excursion through these various areas. It was so well presented that the members felt they were really on "A Traveling Date with Judy."

Again in June the annual picnic was held. There were 181 people in attendance.

Francis Brown, State President, enthusiastically reported that Governor Thompson is asking for a 1% increase in the state tax and an

additional 160 million dollars for the state pension system. He also noted that an increase in dues is needed to operate a more professional organization.

A charter was presented to the group dated March 14, 1988 and signed by Francis Brown, State President, and Robert Crane, Executive Director. The Illinois State University Annuitants Association was founded in 1971 with Brad Barber as the first president.

Duncan Miller turned the meeting over to the new president who thanked Duncan for the contribution he has made to the association as president for the last two years.

Bessie Hackett, the new president, adjourned the meeting with a poem, "My-Get-Up-And-Go Has Went." (The poem is included in the Appendix.)

The first meeting of the ISUAA for the 1988-89 year was a fall luncheon at Jumer's Chateau with 164 attending.

After the luncheon, John Boaz, Associate Vice President, Administrative Services, talked briefly about benefits provided by the University. The two most popular are the discount on ISU golf season passes and the Braden entertainment series. Dr. Boaz introduced the new ISU president, Dr. Thomas Wallace. Dr. Wallace emphasized that, in his opinion, ISU is a much stronger institution than many people realize, but work needs to be done on faculty and retiree benefits.

Lowell Kuntz, Vice President and Program Chairman, introduced Dr. Robert Crane, Executive Director, SUAA; Mr. Ed Smith, Vice President of Finance, BroMenn Health Care; and Mr. Steve Young, District Manager, Social Security Administration. Dr. Crane stated that Long Term Nursing Care Insurance for the elderly and disabled needs to be studied along with other concerns of retirees.

Mr. Ed Smith, BroMenn Health Care, stated that as of July 1, 1988, BroMenn will not be the Preferred Provider Organization for state employees enrolled in Equicor, but it will match all benefits as if it were a PPO hospital.

Mr. Steve Young, Social Security Administration, discussed major medicare changes, some of which will take place January 1, 1989.

One hundred sixty-five people attended the annual Christmas luncheon which was held in the Circus Room of Bone Student Center.

Lloyd Farlee introduced the ISU Madrigal Singers and their director, Michael Schwartzhopf. The group gave an enjoyable presentation of several numbers which they sing at the 1988 Madrigal dinners.

Dave Wiant, State President, was absent but he prepared a written report to be read to the group. He congratulated Yvonne Hough upon her appointment as SUAA Benefits Coordinator, and to Fred Mills upon his appointment as a Legislative Coordinator of SUAA. Dave was absent because he, along with Robert Crane, and Francis Brown were in Springfield trying to get SB1470 enacted into law. SB1470 is the bill which would provide sound funding for the state pension system. Another legislative goal is to achieve an automatic annual increase for survivors and compounding for both annuitants and survivors.

Margaret Parret, Awards Chairman, presented an award to Francis Brown for his contribution to ISUAA and SUAA.

The meeting closed with the singing of Christmas carols. Lowell Kuntz and Duncan Miller led the group and Lloyd Farlee was the pianist.

The president announced the appointment of Edna Johnston as chairman of an ad hoc committee on volunteer services. Edna gave a very spirited presentation recruiting volunteers to help with the Bloodmobile on Wednesday, January 11, 1989 to be sponsored by the annuitants association.

The March meeting of the Annuitants Association was held in the Circus Room of Bone Student Center. The meeting was called to order by the President Bessie Hackett. She introduced Dr. Ruth Freyberger who was wearing a jacket purchased in China and which was most appropriate for this meeting.

An Information Referral Committee has been established chaired by Tom Secoy. Other members are Doris Hardine and Ray Esworthy. If you have questions pertaining to insurance or tax, you may call one of them.

Dr. Francis Brown spoke about legislation. Legislation is a year-around task. The main topic to be considered this year is Benefit Improvement Legislation. Bills have been introduced to provide all annuitants and survivors with a compounded annual increase beginning the January 1 following the first full year in receipt of benefit.

Dr. Kagy reminded the group of the change in Medicare tax for 1989 and to plan ahead when making the estimate for tax payments.

Dr. Bone introduced the speakers for the afternoon. Dr. Robert Metcalf, Retiree from ISU, and Yuntai Chang presented the program "Recent Changes in China." Dr. Metcalf will be returning to China for a three-month stay to work with Chinese players and coaches. Dr. Chang will not be returning at this time as he is a visiting scholar at ISU and will not leave until September. Dr. Chang stated that many changes have taken place in China. Doors are opened to the outside world. American culture has come to China. Changes have taken place in politics and in the economy.

Dr. Metcalf told of his experiences working with the Chinese students and coaches. Following the talks by Dr. Chang and Dr. Metcalf, slides were shown of some of the buildings and changes that have taken place. The Dragon symbol is very much a part of China. It is a sign of power.

Westminster Village annuitants invited us to share their lovely facilities with them again this year. The meeting was May 10.

Lowell Kuntz, chairman of programs, introduced Francis Belshe who chaired a panel on Elderhosteling with the following people participating: Bonnie Belshe, Ameda Gibson, Harold Gibson, Helen Brown, Karin Bone, and Bob Bone. They gave an interesting, entertaining and information program concerning their experiences when attending Elderhostels.

The June "indoor" picnic concludes our program for the year. The meeting was held in the Circus Room of Bone Student Center. Dr. and Mrs. Clyde McCormick of Florida and Miss Faye Mansfield of Arizona, ISU retirees, were visiting with our group at this picnic. An original poem entitled "ISUAA--Hooray" was read by Bessie Hackett in which she thanked the officers and members of the executive board for their work in ISUAA during the past year. Edna Johnston reported on two activities in which annuitants might be interested; the Red Cross Bloodmobile on August 17, 1989, and 55/Alive, an eight hour review course primarily intended to improve driving skills of those individuals over 55.

Dave Wiant, President of SUAA, reported on legislative matters of concern to annuitants. The bill carrying pension funding legislation was defeated. House Bill 332, providing an automatic increase for survivors and annuitants is the other item for concern. It was suggested that the telephone tree be put into action on these items.

Dave Wiant announced that he will resign as president of SUAA effective June 30, 1989, and will become a Legislative Liaison for SURS. Appreciation

was expressed by Bob Bone to Dave Wiant and Francis Brown for their outstanding work with the state Legislature.

Yvonne Hougham called to the attention of the group that the official name of the state funded health insurance program is "Quality Care" which is administered by Equicor. Annuitants are automatically covered by this plan unless they select one of the state approved HMO's such as Carle Care. Annuitants whose spouses are covered by Medicare should enroll in the high option Quality Care because the low option is not compatible with existing medicare coverage.

New officers were elected for the 1989-90 year. The treasurer's report was given and again our chapter is financially sound.

Best wishes for a pleasant summer were expressed.

September has come and we are anxious to greet our friends and new members at the luncheon to be held in the Bone Student Center. This event really starts the association out with lots of enthusiasm and energy.

Dr. Wallace, President of ISU, greeted the group and expressed how inspirational it is to be with enthusiastic and active senior citizens. Dr. Wallace is stressing University advancement, public relations, and alumni chapters.

Ernest Olson, Vice President, introduced Dave Wiant, Legislative Liaison for SURS. He reported that in a meeting with the Governor on June 21, the Governor had agreed to the 3% compounding legislation and the forty-year level funding plan if the income tax passed. The Governor signed the Senate Bill 95 which provides the 3% compounding for both annuitants and survivors as well as the annual increase for survivors, a benefit which they have not previously enjoyed. This bill also provides for a seven year phase into the forty year level funding plan which will amortize the unfunded accrued liability over forty years.

Issues which may be looked into later include Long Term Care as a part of the health insurance package.

The May meeting of the ISU Annuitants Association met in the lovely lounge of Westminster Village.

The meeting was called to order by President Arley Gillett. Francis Belshe, nominating committee, reported on new slate of officers. Election will be held at the June meeting.

Francis Brown reported that IRLAC will recommend to the Legislature that death benefits be raised from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

The program was presented by Ernest Olson, Vice President. Marilyn and Ken Kennard and John Heisler spoke of recent cruises they had taken. John had been to Alaska and to the West Indies. The Kennards had also been to Alaska and on a Panama Canal cruise. Marilyn stated that cabins are very comfortable and there are many, many activities in which one can participate. Food is sumptuous, dress varies from casual to formal. The program was very enjoyable and interesting.

Again, the year ended with an indoor picnic at Colby dining room. President Arley Gillett conducted a short business meeting, after which the members partook of the picnic fare.

The new slate of officers was presented by Pauline Cottone. The slate was elected by acclamation.

Outgoing president, Arley, thanked the board and officers and committee chairman for their support and for a task well done.

See you in September. Have a wonderful summer.

We are going into our twentieth as the Illinois State University Annuitants Association. We are looking forward to an exciting and very profitable year for all members.

The organization met at Jumer's Chateau for a delicious luncheon on September 17, 1990. It was planned for a social hour before the luncheon and many stayed after the business meeting to renew acquaintances. A short business meeting was conducted by the President Edna Johnston.

Continued efforts will be placed on legislation, insurance and other benefits for the annuitants. It takes cooperation and hard work by all to accomplish tasks and we are confident that each one will respond when asked to work on a project.

CONCLUSION

The Illinois State University Annuitants Association has met five times during the years. No meetings have been held during the summer months. We are fortunate to have the Bone Student Center available to hold meetings, as well as, Westminster Village, and our Student Food Centers for the "indoor" picnic. We soon outgrew the available public park facilities in Normal and sometimes we experienced inclement weather and that is why it is called an indoor picnic. No matter what the weather, we can enjoy a good picnic feast and friendship indoors.

A social hour was held at each meeting which met in the afternoon. Coffee and cookies were usually served and this was the time to meet new members as well as those who have belonged for some time.

The annual Christmas Brunch has become a tradition. Decorations are lovely, Circus Room is nicely decorated, food is delicious and this affair is well attended.

Programs have focused on a variety of things. Travel programs, Elder-hostel programs, candidates for offices such as Senator and Representative, Personnel from Retirement System, speakers from our University on a variety of topics, discussion groups on insurance and legislation are some of the general topics.

Our association has been very faithful in attending State meetings and several of our members have served and are serving at the State level. University administration has given us excellent and continued support. We receive a parking decal which allows us to park in certain areas, discounts are given on golf season passes and a refund of a stated amount is given to season ticket holders for the Entertainment series, Foundation has helped with stenographic services, mailing lists and postage, just to name a few of our privileges.

Our membership continues to grow and this has entailed much hard work from our membership committee. Attendance at meetings has increased. Relationships with other groups on campus continue to be excellent.

Our Legislative and Insurance committees have worked constantly to secure better benefits for members. Much has been accomplished in both areas. We are especially proud of the work done by Francis Brown, David T. Wiant, G. Bradford Barber, and Richard G. Browne. Many others worked very diligently along with these persons.

The Appendix contains information about charter members, officers and directors, accomplishments of the Association etc.

We are starting our twentieth year of ISU Annuitants Association and we are looking forward to an exciting and profitable year.

This history was compiled by Ethel G. Stein and Oressa McQueen from the minutes and reports during the years 1971-1990. We tried to include highlights of our association and give credit to those responsible for tasks well done. It is our hope that it represents all the members who belong or have belonged in a truly representative light. It was impossible to name each and every one who did so much to make this the association that it is.

We feel certain that in the ensuing years this group will continue to grow and many more accomplishments will be forthcoming.

Compiled by:

Ethel G. Stein

Oressa McQueen

October 1990

APPENDIX

THIS REGISTER SHALL CONSTITUTE THE CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP LIST OF
THE ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY ANNUITANTS ASSOCIATION AND SHALL SERVE AS
THE VOTING REGISTER FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OR MEETINGS

Miss Frances Alexander ✓

Dr. G. B. Barber

Dr. Robert Bone

Dr. Richard Browne

Mrs. Dorothy Butler

*John H. Butler

*Miss Ruth Cole

*Dr. W. I. DeWees

*Miss Marjorie Ellis

*Miss Gertrude Erbe

*Dr. Ralph Gooding

*Dr. Nina Gray

*Miss Dorothy Hinman

*Miss Verna Hoyman

*Miss Ruth Huggins

Mrs. Dorothy King

*Dr. E.A. Lichty

*Dr. William Lueck

Mrs. Oressa McQueen ✓

Dr. Harlan Peithman

Miss Ferne Roseman ✓

*Miss Elizabeth Russell

*Miss Ruth Stroud

*Dr. Herman Tiedeman

*Dr. Richard Tudor

*Miss Eleanor Welch

Miss Ruth Yates

Miss Ruth Zimmerman ✓

*designates those who are deceased

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

ISU CHAPTER

1971 - 1990

1971-72

G. B. Barber, President
John Butler, Vice-President
Oressa McQueen, Secretary-Treasurer
Elizabeth Russell
E. A. Lichty
Ruth Yates
Dorothy King

1972-73

G. B. Barber, President
John Butler, Vice-President
Replaced by Mary Jo Ivens
Oressa McQueen, Secretary-Treasurer
Ruth Yates
Dorothy King

1973-74

Preston Ensign, President
Ferne Roseman, Vice-President
Marjorie Cross, Secretary-Treasurer
No record available of Directors

1974-75

Preston Ensign, President
Ferne Roseman, Vice-President
Marjorie Cross, Secretary-Treasurer
No record available of Directors

1975-76

Elizabeth Russell, President
Harry Lovelass, Vice-President
Helen Chiles, Secretary-Treasurer
Ethel Stein
Harold Koepke
Dorothy Quick
DeVerne Dalluge

1976-77

Elizabeth Russell, President
E. A. Lichty, Vice-President
Helen Chiles, Secretary-Treasurer
DeVerne Dalluge
Dorothy Quick
Duncan Miller
Cecilia L. Ryan

1977-78

A. H. Larsen, President
Ethel Stein, Vice-President
Frances Alexander, Secretary
Verna Hoyman, Treasurer
Duncan Miller
Cecilia L. Ryan
Dorothy King
Harry Cade

1978-79

Ethel Stein, President
Robert Moore, Vice-President
Frances Alexander, Secretary
Verna Hoyman, Treasurer
Dorothy King
Harry Cade
Duncan Miller
Cecilia L. Ryan (Replaced by
Hattie Lundgren)

1979-80

Robert Moore, President
Harold Phelps, Vice-President
Alta Hertel, Secretary
Hilda Efford, Treasurer
Duncan Miller
Hattie Lundgren
Myrtle Armstrong
John Sealock

1980-81

Harold Phelps, President
Ruth Yates, Vice-President
Dorothy King, Secretary
Hilda Efford, Treasurer
Myrtle Armstrong
John Sealock
Margaret Bradford
William V. White

1981-82

Dorothy King, President
Dale Vetter, Vice-President
Helen Brown, Secretary
Oressa McQueen, Treasurer
Margaret Bradford
William V. White
Ferne Roseman
Evelyn Shoup

1982-83

Don Templeton, President
Mary Richmond, Vice-President
Helen Brown, Secretary
Oressa McQueen, Treasurer
Ferne Roseman
Evelyn Shoup
Francis Brown
Alta Hertel

1983-84

John Sealock, President
Lowell Kuntz, Vice-President
Ruth Lieschëidt, Secretary
Oressa McQueen, Treasurer
Francis Brown
Alta Hertel
Stanley Marzolf
Ruth Zimmerman

1984-85

Doris Richards, President
Arley Gillett, Vice-President
Densie Crissey, Secretary
Thomas Secoy, Treasurer
Stanley Marzolf
Ruth Zimmerman
Francis Brown
Francis B. Belshe

1985-86

Douglas Bey, President
Duncan Miller, Vice-President
Pauline Cottone, Secretary
Thomas Secoy, Treasurer
Francis Brown
F. B. Belshe
James Patterson
Luella Schultze

1986-87

Duncan Miller, President
Lewis L. Legg, Vice-President
Mary Richmond, Secretary
Myra Secoy, Treasurer
James Patterson
Luella Schultze
Vernon Pohlman
Charles Porter

1987-88

Duncan Miller, President
Lloyd Farlee, Vice-President
Donette Jackson, Secretary
Myra Secoy, Treasurer
Vernon Pohlman
Charles Porter
Helen Fritzen
Luella Schultze

1988-89

Bessie Hackett, President
Lowell Kuntz, Vice-President
Donette Jackson, Secretary
Clara Fry, Treasurer
Helen Fritzen
Luella Schultze
Vernon Pohlman
Charles Porter

1989-90

Arley Gillett, President
Ernest Olson, Vice-President
Martha Miller, Secretary
Clara Fry, Treasurer
Vernon Pohlman
Charles Porter
Edna Johnston
Harold Born

1990-91

Edna Johnston, President
Sam Price, Vice-President
Martha Miller, Secretary
Lois Corcoran, Treasurer
Harold Born
Mildred Broughton
(Replaced Edna Johnston)
Bryant Jackson

SERVICES AT STATE LEVEL TO SUAA
AND
TO CHAPTER

Dr. G. Bradford Barber

Founder

Chapter President

State president - president elect, past president

Chairman - Planning and Research SUAA

Research studies

Chairman - IRLAC

Executive director - SUAA

Dr. Elden Lichty

Delegate to SUAA

Chairman, Budget committee, SUAA

President Elect

Chairman - Local chapter at organizational meeting

Dr. Herman Tiedeman

Research studies

Dr. Dale Vetter

Questionnaire - survey of needs and interests of membership;
results presented to SUAA

Dr. Richard Browne

Chairman, Legislative Committee - SUAA

Dr. Francis Brown

Chairman, Budget Committee, SUAA

Treasurer, SUAA

President Elect, President, Past president - SUAA

Chairman, IRLAC

David Wiant

Chairman, Insurance Committee - SUAA

President-Elect, President - SUAA

Foundation Director, SUAA

Legislative Liaison - SUAA

Yvonne Hougham

Benefits Coordinator - SUAA

Services at state level - SUAA and to chapter - continued

Dr. Fred Mills

Legislative Coordinator - SUAA

Ethel Stein

Chairman, Public Relations Committee - SUAA

Preparation and distribution of printed brochure to guide chapter
chairmen

Chapter President

Dr. Leo Eastman (deceased)

Liaison to University

Dorothy King

Secretary, SUAA

Founder of local chapter

President, local chapter

Yearbook

Oressa McQueen

Founder

Secretary

Treasurer

Yearbook

Historian

Elizabeth Russell (deceased)

Founder

Initiated Yearbook

President

Dr. George Barford

Designed new logo used on Yearbook

John Sealock

Chairman, Insurance committee - SUAA

ISU OFFICERS WHO ASSISTED CHAPTER

Yvonne Hougham

Dr. Leo Eastman (deceased)

Dr. John Boaz

Dr. David Strand

President Robert G. Bone

President Gene Budig

President Lloyd Watkins

President Thomas Wallace

Dr. Richard Browne - Executive Secretary, Board of Five Universities
Executive Secretary - Board of Higher Education

AWARDS

Resolution prepared by Dr. Richard Browne and presented to honor
Edward S. Gibala, Director of SURS, on his retirement

Plaque presented to Dr. G. Bradford Barber for service to chapter and state.

Certificate of appreciation to Dr. Elden Lichty

Plaque for Dr. Richard Browne

Certificate of appreciation for Yvonne Hougham on her retirement

Pen used by Governor Thompson to sign SB95 was presented to Dr. G. Bradford Barber

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

1. First chapter organized in state
2. First Secretary at state level
3. Strong influence in organization of state
4. First chapter yearbook in state
5. Early initiation of support from University
 - Use of University automobiles
 - Liaison person
 - ISU Foundation support for travel expenses, stenographic, mailings
 - Yearbook, etc.
6. Meetings with local legislators
7. Coordinating efforts with current university affairs - A.A.U.P., I.A.H.E.,
Civil Service, Faculty Status Committee
8. Letter writing campaigns. Telephone tree was established
9. Research studies
10. Bloodmobile
11. Vigorous efforts to increase in membership
 - 28 to 532 over 20 year period
12. Revision of Bylaws to keep them current and in accord with SUAA
13. Host - Annual state meetings and State Board meetings

I.S.U. CHAPTER MEMBERS ELECTED TO SERVE
AS VOTING DELEGATES TO SUAA

Dorothy King (1971 - ?)
William V. White (1972-75)
Ferne Roseman (1974-76)
Harold Gibson (1975-77)
Vernon L. Replogle (1976-78)
Elden A. Lichty (1977-79)
Vernon L. Replogle (1978-80)
Elden A. Lichty (1979-81)
~~Lee~~ Eastman (1980-81)
Elizabeth Russell (1980-82)
Elden A. Lichty (1981-83)
Ben C. Hubbard (1982-84)
Douglas R. Bey (1983-86)
Ben C. Hubbard (1984-87)
Thomas Secoy (1987-89)
Robert McAdam (1986-88)
Edna Johnston (1988-90)
Bessie Hackett (1989-91)
 (replaced Duncan Miller)
Duncan Miller (1990-92)
Arley Gillett (1990-92)

SUPPORTED EFFORTS OF SUAA

1. Adequate funding
2. two one-time increases
3. Increase of 2% increment to 3%
4. Compounding of yearly increase
5. Improvement of survivors' benefits
6. Improvement in life insurance benefits
7. Improvement in Circuit Breaker and Homestead benefits
8. Addition of one SUAA retiree on Pension Board
9. Improved Health Insurance and Dental benefits

"My Get-Up-And-Go Has Went"

How do I know my youth is all spent?
Well, my get-up-and-go has got up and went.
But in spite of it all, I'm able to grin
When I think of where my get-up has been.

Old age is golden, as I have heard said
But sometimes I wonder as I get into bed.
With my ear in a drawer, my teeth in a cup,
My eyes on a table until I wake up.

As sleep dims my eyes, I say to myself
"Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?"
And I'm happy to say as I close my door
My friends are the same, perhaps even more.

When I was young, my slippers were red.
I could kick up my heels right over my head.
When I grew older, my slippers were blue
But still I could dance the whole night through.

Now I am old and my slippers are black.
I walk to the store and I puff my way back.
The reason I know my youth is all spent,
My get-up-and-go has got up and went.

But I really don't mind as I think with a grin
Of all the grand places my get-up has been.
Since I have retired from youth's competition,
I busy myself with complete repetition.

I get up each morning and dust off my wits,
Pick up the paper and read the "obits."
If my name is missing, I know I'm not dead,
So I eat a good breakfast and go back to bed.