# **SUAA/SIUE Chapter Newsletter**

# Message from Your Chapter

# Your SIUE Chapter is turning 50!

An excerpt from <u>SUAA Through the Years 1971-</u> 1991

'On March 30 1973 Myllan Smyers gathered a small number of SIU-E retirees to discuss the formation of a chapter of SUAA. Invitations later went to all retirees and on April 4, 1973 the SIU-E Chapter of SUAA was formed.'

SUAA membership is now available to currently employed annuitants as well as retirees and serves as the only advocacy organization focusing solely on SURS matters.

Stay tuned for celebratory activities throughout this academic year!

### **Campus Information**

SIUE announced the flu vaccine schedule. Visit <a href="https://www.siue.edu/health-service/index.shtml">https://www.siue.edu/health-service/index.shtml</a> and click on Health News.

# SIUE University Staff Senate

SIUE Chapter Board Member Keith Becherer is again serving as USS President for the 2022-23 fiscal year. Access <a href="https://www.siue.edu/ugov/">https://www.siue.edu/ugov/</a> for information on the work of the Staff Senate as well as the Faculty Senate.

# **SUAA Fall Delegates Meeting**

This state annual meeting will be held November 17 – more details to come on state website <a href="https://www.suaa.org">www.suaa.org</a>

SIUE Chapter Board member Randy Dunn was elected as Regional Director, Region 3 Universities. He will serve as a voting delegate at the Fall meeting as will three delegates from your Chapter Board.

The SUAA 2023 budget and Legislative Platform will be voted on at the Fall Delegate Meeting.

#### **SUAA Foundation**

Our Chapter was notified that one of our members sponsored an SUAA Foundation Scholarship Award Winner. The scholarship awarded was \$1,000 to an individual attending SIUE. Click here <a href="https://www.suaa.org/suaa-foundation">https://www.suaa.org/suaa-foundation</a> for more information on SUAA Foundation activities.

### **SUAAction**

The 2022 Election Guide for the State of Illinois is available. Sign in with your member login at <a href="https://www.suaa.org/">https://www.suaa.org/</a> Click on SUAAaction then on the link for newsletters. The 2022 Illinois General Election will be held on November 8, 2022.

### **SURS**

Currently employed members may be interested in attending this upcoming webinar 'Understanding your SURS Benefits' providing an overview of Tier I and Tier II benefits with a focus on retirement. To register for this free webinar and download handouts, visit <a href="https://surs.org/event/understanding-your-surs-benefits-3/">https://surs.org/event/understanding-your-surs-benefits-3/</a>

**Retired members** may be interested in the 'Retiree Healthcare Update' at <a href="https://surs.org/2022/09/retiree-healthcare-update/">https://surs.org/2022/09/retiree-healthcare-update/</a>

# Stay Up to Date Checklist

✓ Visit SIUE Chapter website often www.siue.edu/suaa

✓ Call the State SUAA office (217) 523-4040 with all contact updates ESPECIALLY your email address. This allows us to communicate more directly with you and limits the Chapter expense of mailing information to members without an active email address.