

Fellow Retirees:

What a great time to be alive! And an even better time to be a retiree! I hope this finds you enjoying your “leisure” time and making the most of these golden years.

Leisure time or not, your UIRA board has been busy with projects on your behalf. Here are just a few of them:

- The winter luncheon in February featuring Architecture Professor Emeritus Nels Reese reporting on last fall’s New York City UIRA tour was an outstanding and well-received program;
- A revised UIRA brochure to be included in the packet of every person retiring from the University has been produced;
- Plans are being laid for additional UIRA events in the Treasure Valley after a very successful one last fall;
- A wine tour of wineries in the LC Valley is in the works;
- The spring brunch is fast approaching—April 20th—and will feature Dr. Jeff Seegmiller, director of the WWAMI program;
- Guided UIRA tours of the remodeled College of Education building and the University Library were held last fall, and guided tours of the Integrated Research & Innovation Center (IRIC) building are scheduled in early April.

A major focus of your UIRA board this year is increasing the UIRA Scholarship Endowment. We are currently supporting three \$2,000.00 scholarships annually to sophomores. Our endowment is not large enough to sustain that level indefinitely, but we have enough carry-forward from reallocations to do so for the next few years.

To continue awarding these deserving scholarships, we need to grow the endowment. Here is a chance to double your investment in this worthwhile endeavor: a fund has been established that will match your contribution dollar-for-dollar up to a \$3,000.00 total match. I, along with your board of directors, hope you will take advantage of this opportunity. You can either make your gift by credit card at this website: <http://www.uidaho.edu/giving/make-a-gift> (enter UIRA when asked to select a fund) or mail your check to UI Foundation Gift Administration Office, 875 Perimeter Drive MS 3143, Moscow, ID 83844-3143 (and note that your gift is for the UIRA Scholarship Endowment).

As we head into spring after an unusually long winter, here is wishing each of you all the best for the coming year.

Ed McBride
2017 UIRA President