

JJCAA Summer 2020 Newsletter

6/19/20

President's Message -- Patrick Asher

Greetings to All Members of JJCAA!

I hope this newsletter finds each of you in good health. The challenges are many, but with diligence and continuous efforts, we will win!!

First, JJCAA has witnessed a huge increase in membership with forty- three (43) new members. Thirty -seven (37) of them were identified in the 2019 Winter Newsletter. These numbers, coupled with the sixteen (16) from 2018, brings the total to fifty-nine members. This is a great job from the House of Delegates. I want to thank especially Linda Aguilar, Marilyn Heniff, and Mary Ann Oetter for their efforts. However, there is still much work to be done, especially given the number on campus who are not members as well as the decline in membership at the State level. We will continue to make this a priority at our bi- monthly meetings. Our ability for members to deduct the \$1.85 at each pay period has been a huge success.

On December 18th, 2019, President Judy Mitchell invited Linda Aguilar and me to a meeting of the President's Council on Leadership. Linda and I spoke of the benefits of membership, and we gained six (6) members for the total of fifty-nine (59).

1. Jeff Fisher, Director, Technology Support Services
2. Carl Gilmore, Specialist, Technology Training
3. Robert Golich, Vice-President, Administrative Services
4. Kristin Mulvey, Executive Director, Institutional Advancement
5. Tim Roessler, Director, Enterprise Applications
6. Geoffrey White, Supervisor, Physical Science Labs

We usually do quite well during Staff Development Week; unfortunately, that week is erased for the Fall term. Hopefully, we can participate in the Spring term of 2021. As well, with each new member, I send this message: "The Officers and Delegates of JJCAA are grateful for your membership. We will continue to work hard to protect your pensions and other benefits."

Furthermore, I have received tremendous cooperation from Judy Connelly, Director of Human Resources! Without her efforts, my work would be much more difficult. Dr. Mitchell's support is also appreciated.

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WEB SITES:

visit regularly to stay informed
 JJCAA: www.JJCAA.org
 SUAA: www.SUAA.org
 SURS: www.SURS.org
 TRS: TRS.illinois.gov
 FACEBOOK: [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)

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The same appreciation goes to Scott Olsen, editor of this publication!! He does an excellent job!!!!

Finally, we should not forget the contributions of State Senator Pat McGuire who is retiring in November after twelve (12) years of superb work in the State Legislature. We wish him the best!

Patrick Asher



CANCELLATIONS

Because of the pandemic, and/or because JJC is essentially closed for gatherings of more than ten (10) people, numerous cancellations have been made.

- The May 1, 2020 meeting of the House of Delegates.
- JJCAA's Annual Meeting of July 8, 2020.
- The annual fall picnic at Inwood Park
- The Annual SUAA Conference in Springfield
- The spring gathering at Heroes and Legends

I have been in contact with Dr. Mitchell, and essentially the school's position is that once Phase 4 begins, small groups of fifty (50) or fewer may be allowed on campus with these conditions: social distancing, face masks, and temperature readings. Thus, our fall meetings of the House of Delegates remain uncertain.

IN MEMORIAM

List of members who have passed away since January of 2020:

Virginia Allen
Curtis Hiegelke
Patricia Hines
Johnnie Johnson
William Stroud



CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SUAA'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LINDA BROOKHART

If you want to remain informed about issues, please read her Mini-Briefings. They are exceptionally informative and cover multiple issues. For example, the one dated 4/22/20 about pensions is typical of her work.

JJCAA SCHOLARSHIP OF \$500.00

Another accomplishment is the creation of an annual JJCAA Scholarship of \$500.00.

Qualifications:

- **The applicant is a dependent or spouse of a JJCAA member.**
- The applicant has earned twelve (12) credits with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Each scholarship award can be used for tuition, books, and fees.
- The applicant must complete the application process for the JJC Annuitants' Association Annual Scholarship online at the Joliet Junior College web site
- www.jjc.edu/info/scholarships. Contact Amanda Quinn in the Foundation office for additional information.

The final determination of selecting the scholarship recipient shall be the sole responsibility of appropriate officials of Joliet Junior College.

I would urge you to be generous and donate to our political action committee. Without our support, our political influence diminishes greatly!!!!

SUAAction
State Universities Annuitants Political Action Committee
P.O. Box 1770
Springfield, TL 62705-1770

Name: _____ SUAA membership number or Campus: _____

Address: _____ Amount: \$100 _____ \$75 _____

_____ \$50 _____ \$25 _____

_____ \$15 _____ \$10 _____

Other: \$ _____
All contributions are needed!

For more information please call 217.523-4040.

Mail to: SUAAction
P.O. Box 1770
Springfield, TL 62705-1770

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JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE
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**OFFICIAL
 GIFT RECEIPT**

LETTER

March 6, 2020

Joliet Junior College Annuitants Association
 Mr. Patrick Asher
 1226 Buell Court
 Joliet, IL 60435-6875

Thank you for your gift in memory of
Mr. Curtis Hieggelke, Mr. John Coradetti, & Mr. William Stroud

Dear Joliet Junior College Annuitants Association:

Your generosity helps the Joliet Junior College Foundation provide academic opportunities, program support and financial peace of mind to JJC students hoping for a better future. Thank you for joining us as we strive to create futures for every student. Below please find information on your recent contribution:

DATE: 3/6/2020
 AMOUNT: \$150.00
 TYPE: Cash
 FUND: JJC Annuitants Association Scholarship

The JJC Foundation did not provide any goods or services in return for your gift. You are making a difference in the lives of our students!

Sincerely,

Kristin Mulvey
 Executive Director, JJC Foundation

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Turn this page over to learn how you are making a difference by **CREATING FUTURES** at JJC!

Joliet Junior College Foundation
 1215 Houbolt Road, Joliet, IL 60431 | (815) 280-2201 | jjc.edu/giving

JOIN JJCAA /SUAA

Is your future pension, future health care, and the resistance against negative legislation worth \$42.00 a year or 80.5 cents a week? Then join JJCAA/SUAA. Our pensions are, or will be, our first or second most significant financial asset. Your spouse can also join and make this a team effort for an additional \$48.00 annually. Current employees can write a \$42.00 check or use JJC payroll deduction. Use the attached membership form and make it a team effort. Thank you.

Is your spouse a member of SUAA/JJCAA? Is the protection of your pension and health care benefits worth \$84.00 a year, the cost of two SUAA/JJCAA memberships? This is less than the price of two nice "evenings" out on the town."

Please seriously consider having your spouse join SUAA/JJCAA. Many couples have chosen to invest via two memberships. Please join the ranks of those who understand and appreciate a greater investment in our pensions and health care benefits.

Joliet Junior College



Dear JJC Employee,

The ONLY organization in Illinois that works to protect our pensions and benefits , NOW AND IN THE FUTURE, is the State Universities Annuitants' Association (SUAA) of which the Joliet Jr. College Annuitants' Association is a chapter member (JJCAA).

SUAA works to hold the General Assembly responsible for its obligations to us, both Tier 1 and 2. Specifically, in 2014, SUAA spent 1 MILLION DOLLARS to defeat Senate Bill 1. This Bill would have had catastrophic effects on our pensions and benefits!!!! The sponsors of that Bill wanted to by-pass or ignore the Constitution to solve the State's financial problems at our cost! We members all chipped in to pay that amount. Now we ask that you get involved and join JJCAA. The cost is minimal; just \$ 1.85 per pay period!!!!

Option #1— A \$ 1.85 FROM YOUR PAYROLL FOR EACH PAY PERIOD (26 PAY).
Send directly to Director Judy Connelly in Human Resources.

See the attached Form

The nearly 300 active members in JJCAA await your response!

Thank You.
Patrick Asher,
President, JJCAA

Joliet Junior College Annuitants' Association

a chapter of State Universities' Annuitants Association



SUAA-JJCAA MEMBERSHIP AND DUES DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION FORM

Name

Spouse (If applicable)

Street Address

City State Zip Code

Telephone Email address

Please check one: I am a current faculty/staff member I am a retiree
I am a spouse I am a surviving spouse

Check payment option best for you:

Option # 1 A \$1.85 DEDUCTION FROM YOUR PAYROLL FOR EACH PAY PERIOD (26 PAY)

(Send directly to Director Judy Connelly in Human Resources)

Option # 2 Monthly Pensions Deduction (\$4.00 deducted from your monthly annuity check)

Option # 3 Single Payment (\$48.00 payable to SUAA)

Option # 4 Semi-Annual Payroll Deduction (\$24.00 deducted from your payroll in fall & spring)

REQUIRED FOR OPTION # 2 ONLY:

I hereby authorize the State University Retirement System (SURS) to deduct each month the amount as certified by JJCAA as the current rate of dues. The deduction is to start the first day of the month (to be determined by SURS and SUAA) and will continue until I inform SURS that I want to cancel the deduction. I also authorize SURS to provide change of address information to JJCAA.

Signature

Return this form FOR OPTIONS 2, 3 AND 4 to:

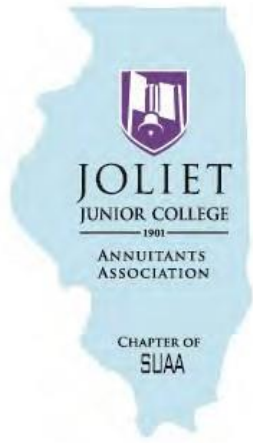
Please send to Jim Cooper, Mathematics Dept., JJC, 1215 Houbolt Rd, Joliet, IL 60431-8938

For the single payment option, include a \$48.00 check made payable to SUAA .

SPOUSE MEMBERSHIP IN SUAA/JJCAA

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Upcoming Events:

JJCAA OFFICERS AND DELEGATES
MEETINGS: TBA

HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING TBA

JJCAA ANNUAL MEETING TBA

ANNUAL SUAA CONVENTION
SPRINGFIELD; TBA

JJCAA IS AN ANNUITANTS ORGANIZATION

Consisting of Current JJC Employees Retirees - Spouses - Part-time Faculty
All Under the Umbrella of SUAA

SUAA and JJCAA have the backs of all of our members.
Tell us how we can better serve your needs. We are all in this together!

2018-2020 Term JJCAA Officers

President: Patrick Asher
Vice President: Ted Thompson
Secretary: (Position Open)
Treasurer: Jim Cooper
Immediate Past President: Jerry Lewis

JJCAA Delegates

Linda Aguilar
Jim Cooper
Penny Leupold
Sue Malmberg
Pat Neff
Mary Ann Oetter
Scott Olsen
Maureen Peterson
Vivian Van Donk
Jerry Zeborowski

Newsletter Editor:
Scott Olsen

N.B. We are no longer identified as Board Members, but Delegates. The change in language resulted from a lengthy discussion at the Annual Meeting in June of 2019 for liability purposes.

**We need a Secretary once we reconvene.
Please!! Someone needs to step up!**

As well, many thanks to Marilyn Heniff who served tirelessly as both treasurer and secretary! Thanks as well to Pat Neff for her service as secretary! We also are indebted to Jim Cooper for his new role as treasurer!