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**Next meeting: 11:45 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 14**

**Peterson Room, Showalter House, IU Foundation, SR46 Bypass**

**Welcome! Or welcome back!**

Welcome back to returning members of the IU Retirees Association! As another academic year begins, we look forward to your “re-upping.”

Welcome to prospective members. This issue of *Newswatch* is being mailed to 105 newly retired faculty and staff. We invite you to join us. Dues are modest ($15 for individuals, $20 for couples), and our meetings offer an opportunity to exchange ideas, information, and friendship.

Founded in 1975 as the IU Annuitants Association, the IURA welcomes all retired faculty and staff and their spouses or partners.

The Retirees Association provides a voice for retirees in their continuing relationship with Indiana University. The organization is entirely self-funded and receives no university support, although the IU Foundation generously provides meeting space at no charge.

Please return the form on the back of the letter from IURA President **Joan Curts**, together with your membership check.



**September meeting to feature Hamilton**

When the IU Retirees Association meets for its Sept. 14 luncheon, the focus will be on what’s new. In this first meeting of the new academic year we will hear from **John Hamilton**, Bloomington’s new mayor since Jan. 1, and meet in the newly renovated Peterson Room at the IU Foundation’s Showalter Room. The doors open at 11:30 a.m. and the luncheon buffet opens at 11:45.

Among the subjects the mayor will touch on are the comprehensive master plan; the city budget as the blueprint for the future; and the safe, civil, and just city initiative, which will begin by addressing issues in the downtown area.

Born in Bloomington, John returned to attend the Maurer School of Law after graduating from Harvard. He has served as commissioner of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and secretary of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration. He chaired the Bloomington Commission on Sustainability and the Shalom Community Center board.

**Barry Lessow**, executive director of United Way Monroe County, will present the Community Investment Award to the IURA for its phenomenal performance in the 2015 United Way campaign. Retirees surpassed their lofty $145,000 goal by 19 percent.

The buffet table will feature:

* A medley of vegetables, roasted potatoes, and sweet potatoes, served with black olive tapenade and a yogurt tip with ginger, mint, cilantro, and garlic;
* Baked pasta with shiitake mushrooms and three cheeses;
* Baked chicken breast marinated with rosemary, lemon, and garlic;
* A fruit platter; and
* Lemon squares and brownies with port-soaked cherries.

From the drink table people can choose coffee, decaf, iced tea, pink lemonade, ice water, or San Pellegrino. **Cynthia Moriarty** will be the caterer. In 1985 Cynthia won a Julia Child Fellowship to study at La Varenne Ecole de Cuisine in Paris. She has been a Bloomington caterer for 20 years.

“Because of limited seating, only the first 108 reservations can be accepted, says **Martha Wailes**, IURA hospitality committee chair. Cost is $26 per person, and reservations must be received by Sept. 7.

**May means music, meal at Meadowood**

IURA members gathered at Meadowood May 11 for their final meeting of the academic year and their annual dinner. Instead of the customary potluck, the members — a record 120 or so, according to President **Jo Daron** — were treated by Meadowood to hors d’oeuvres and a lovely buffet dinner. Members gathered for drinks and tasty appetizers in the Terrace Room, spilling out into two neighboring rooms before settling into the main dining room.

**Larry Diersing**, executive director of Meadowood, reminded retirees that Meadowood owes its “roots and foundations” to the IU Annuitants Association, IURA’s earlier incarnation. He noted that Meadowood hosts many events during the year, including daylong excursions, and that participation does not require residency.

Oh, and the food: salad, pan-seared salmon, herb-crusted beef tenderloin, scalloped tarragon potatoes, steamed asparagus, and assorted yummy vegetables. Dessert was Meadowood Robert Redford, a layered chocolate and whipped cream delight.

After dinner, Jo acknowledged **Kathy Norris** for arranging the dinner and chef **Alex Hobbs** for preparing it. Pianist was **Cole Swany**, a high school senior. She thanked hospitality committee members **Harriet Pfister**, **Carol Stokes**, and **Martha Wailes**, and **Kate Kroll**, who arranged for the wine. She thanked **Doug Porter** for arranging chauffeuring service from remote paking lots to the main Meadowood building.

Jo announced the new officers: **Joan Curts**, president; **Doug Porter**, vice president; **Ralf Shaw**, secretary; and **Tom Hustad**, treasurer.

Ralf is new to the board this year, as are **Mary Ellen Anderson** and **Bill McGregor**. Retiring from the board are **Jo Anne Bowen**, **Don**

**Granbois**, and past president **John Hobson**.

Incoming President **Joan Curts** introduced the evening's entertainment, folk singers **Greg Buse** and **Rebecca Keith**, from the group G&R, a delightful pair. Rebecca holds an MA in voice from the Jacobs School and is a full-time IU Alumni Association employee. Greg holds an MFA in theater from IU and is speechwriter for President McRobbie.

The songs were lovely (traditional folk songs and a piece written by Greg); the food and wine delicious; the evening a delight.

*— Bonnie Brownlee*

**Remembering our friends**

***Twice a year since 2008, in the April and August issues,* Newswatch *memorializes members who have died since the last listing. Because of space limitations, only IURA members can be included. Please notify me (jschroed@indiana.edu, 812-332-5057) of any omissions.***

***Judy Schroeder,* Newswatch *Editor***

**Jean L. Anderson died on June 8 in Blooming-ton. She was 96. Born in central Michigan, Jean majored in speech pathology at Western Michigan University. She worked as a speech pathologist in the public schools of Michigan and Indianapolis while earning a master’s degree at IU. She became the first state supervisor of speech and hearing programs for the Indiana Department of Education. After earning her doctorate at IU, she became a member of the department of speech and hearing science. She was active in the Indiana Speech-Language Association and the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association, which awarded her the Honors of the Association in 1982. She retired in 1987. Jean was a charter member of Bloomington Restorations. A member of the Local Council of Women, she served as president of the Bloomington Hospital Board. A dedicated gardener, she was an active member of the Bloomington Garden Club.**

**G. Sam Bell died June 27 in Bloomington. He was 88. Born in Columbus, Mo., Sam earned a bachelor’s degree in political science and English at Doane College in Nebraska and a master’s in physical education at the University of Oregon while teaching and coaching at the high school level. Before coming to IU in 1969, he was a head coach at Oregon State and the University of California. At Indiana, his men’s team won 22 Big Ten titles in indoor and outdoor track and cross-country, and his women’s team won four titles. At IU he coached 69 outdoor All Americans, 15 cross-country All Americans, and two cross-country national champions. Sam was head coach of the U.S. team at a 1964 dual meet against the Soviet Union in Los Angeles. He coached the U.S. men’s distance runners at the 1976 Montreal Olympics and the American team at the World Cup competition in 1979. He was meet director of the Pan American Games in 1987 and the U.S. Olympic trials in 1988. Five times Big Ten Coach of the Year, he was elected to the National Track Hall of Fame in 1992 and the U.S. Track Coaches Hall of Fame in 2002. Sam was a 42-year member of the Bloomington Rotary Club and was its president in 1985-86. He served on the board of the IU Annuitants Association, the precursor of the IU Retirees Association, from 2000 to 2004 and was its president in 2002-2003. Fran, his wife of 68 years, survives.**

**Donald E. “Don” Hattin died June 24 in Bloomington. He was 87. A native of Cohasset, Mass., Don majored in geology at the University of Massachusetts. He studied stratigraphy and paleontology at the University of Kansas, where he earned his master’s degree and his Ph.D. In 1954 he taught one year at IU before being called to active duty during the Korean conflict. He was a lieutenant and later a captain in the U.S. Air Force. He returned to IU in 1957, retiring in 1995. He authored or co-authored more than 100 scientific publications and was honored to have a genus and five species named after him. He chronicled his own life in several books, including his memoir, *Pathway to a Professorship*, and the forthcoming *Living the American Dream*. For 30 years Don was a volunteer on the French Lick West Baden and Southern Railroad. He enjoyed travel, visiting more than 20 countries, and led field courses throughout Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, the Florida Keys, and the Bahamas. From 1997 to 2000 Don was a member of the board of the IU Annuitants Association, the precursor of the IURA. Marjorie, his wife of 65 years, survives.**

**Byron K. Smith died May 29 in Bloomington. He was 71. A Bloomington native, Byron majored in radio and television at IU. He was active with WIUS, the student-run campus radio station. From 1968 to 2006 he worked at IU as a writer, radio reporter, tape editor, program producer, and host of a half-hour interview program on WFIU. He also created and produced a health and fitness series and “JobTraks,” a weekly program on high school stations about careers. A tireless advocate for accessibility, Byron was a founding member of the Council for Community Accessibility. He was a founding member of Handicapped Improvisational Theater (HIT), which became Diversity Theatre. In retirement he volunteered for Volunteers in Medicine and SouthernCare Hospice. In January 2012 he presented a program on accessibility issues to the IURA. He served as a deacon and elder at First Presbyterian Church. Byron is survived by his wife of 24 years, Pat Hawkins Smith, who worked at WFIU and the**

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**department of theater and drama before retiring in 2009 as a University Division academic adviser.**

**Mildred “Millie” Read Sheehan Wittlich died April 21 in Bloomington. She was 84. A native of Washington, Ind., she studied at the Cincinnati College of Music before coming to Bloomington in 1954. There she worked in the Office of the Dean of the School of Music until her marriage to Jack Sheehan, a faculty member in the radio-TV department. When Jack died in 1968, she returned to the School of Music as the recordings librarian. Millie was active in the Bloomington Hospital Auxiliary and served as its president. She also worked part time at the IU Golf Course and at Stewart’s Hallmark Shop. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Gary, professor emeritus of music theory and former associate dean for teaching and learning technology in the Office of the Vice President for Learning Technology.**

**Here’s how to renew your parking permit**

Retirees did not receive a renewal letter for parking permits this year and have been stymied when trying to renew online. If you want to renew your parking permit, you must call Parking Operations at 812-855-9858 or go in person to the office at 310 S. Fess Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

What happened? **Bruce Jaffee**, IURA retiree benefits chair, explains that a new system, which has made parking designations uniform across all IU campuses, used a program that did not include retirees. The oversight will be corrected next year. The new EM-RE designation costs only $183 but offers the same parking privileges as an EM-P (formerly A) permit, which costs more than $500.

**A peek at the future: coming attractions**

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Here are some dates for your calendar:Thanks you Dick I think that is a good suggestion about listing topics. It may generate some more ideas. Thank you and your cmmittee for getting this going. I'm out of town July 12 until July 19 but am accessible at leat by cell phone 812-325-4348 and infrequently

* Thu 7:37 AM
* Oct. 12 at 2 p.m., three deans talk about student life over the past 50 years, featuring **Dick McKaig**, **Pete Goldsmith**, and **Lori Reesor**
* Nov. 9 at 2 p.m., **Teri Moren**, women’s basketball coach
* Dec. 14, holiday luncheon with the Singing Hoosiers
* Jan. 11 at 2 p.m., **David Brenneman,** director of the IU Art Museum
* Feb. 8 at 2 p.m., TBA
* April 12 at 2 p.m., **Dr. Rob Stone**, medical director of IU Health’s palliative care program
* May 10 at 5 p.m., the annual potluck dinner, with **Randy White** of Cardinal Stage

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