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**Next meeting: 2 p.m., Wednesday, January 14, 2015
Peterson Room, Showalter House, IU Foundation, SR46 Bypass**

Smith to usher in new year's programs



In a program titled "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About the IU Foundation But Were Afraid to Ask," **Dan Smith**, the president and CEO of the IU Foundation, will answer questions when retirees gather for their first meeting of the new year. The meeting will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at the IU Foundation.

According to its website, the "IU Foundation supports Indiana University by raising private gifts, and by prudently managing the investment of donations for the university's benefit so as to generate steady long-term funding for IU's people, places and programs." Please submit questions for Dan to Kathy Gutowsky, kgutowsk@iu.edu, and Jennifer Leonard, jenleona@indiana.edu by Jan. 7.

Before joining the Foundation in October 2012, Dan was dean of the Kelley School of Business and still holds the Clare W. Barker Endowed Chair in Marketing. During his eight years as dean, student enrollment and the number of faculty doubled. Admission standards were elevated, and the school secured over \$170 million in private funds to transform facilities and to support a wide range of student programs. While at the Kelley School, Dan also served as chair of the MBA program and as chair of the marketing department.

Dan has served on the faculty at the University of Pittsburgh, where he earned his Ph.D., and at the University of Wisconsin. He has taught marketing strategy and innovation courses for the Ministries for

Privatization in Budapest, Hungary, and Warsaw, Poland.

He and his wife, **Jonlee Andrews**, a professor at the Kelley School, are avid runners. They also enjoy traveling, reading, cooking, wine, and fine dining.

"Dan repeatedly has been our host as we have enjoyed the IUF's facilities for our regular meetings," says IURA program committee member **Joanie Curts**. "We are delighted to welcome him as our January presenter as he answers our questions."

United Way: hopes up, numbers down

For several years the IURA has met or surpassed its United Way goal. This year may be an exception. The eternally optimistic **Wain Martin** observes, however, "If patterns continue as they have in the past, we *will* make our goal."



From left, longtime United Way committee members Wain Martin, Doris Burton, and Harriet Pfister give their report. IURA President John Hobson, at right, presides.

At the Dec. 10 IURA meeting **Harriet Pfister** announced that \$105,000 has been pledged to date. Although the 137 donors exceed the 118 who had

pledged by this time last year, we have achieved only 78 percent of the \$135,000 goal. To date 47 retirees have pledged \$1,000 or more.

“Thank you to all who have contributed,” said **Doris Burton**, the third member of the IURA United Way committee. “If you haven’t made a commitment yet, here’s a chance to help make a difference in our community.” Please specify IU Retirees Association as your giving unit.

Martha Wailes joins IURA board

At its December meeting the IURA board appointed **Martha Wailes** to fill a vacancy. Her term will be from 2014 to 2017. Martha joined the Office of International Services as a half-time adviser in 1979. Except for seven or eight full-time years, she remained happily half-time until her retirement in 2011. She worked primarily with international faculty and staff being hired by the university on their visa and other immigration issues.

Because of a resignation, a vacancy still exists on the board for the term of 2014-17. If you are interested in this service opportunity, please contact President **John Hobson**, jhobson@indiana.edu, or any member of the board. The IURA, which was founded in 1975 as the IU Annuitants Association, welcomes all retired faculty and staff and their spouses or partners. It receives no university support.

Emeriti House, University Club: Partners

“The IURA actively supports both the Emeriti House and the University Club,” IURA President **John Hobson** says. “Membership in the three organizations often overlaps, and both these partners help us achieve our mission of providing retirees with opportunities to come together and engage in university life.”

For more information on the programs of these organizations, see www.indiana.edu/~emeriti and www.indiana.edu/~uclub.

Singing Hoosiers sizzle at holiday party

“The Singing Hoosiers are wonderful ambassadors for IU,” observed IURA President **John Hobson** at the Dec. 10 meeting of the IURA. True to his word, the ambassadors hung around to talk after their toe-

tapping, hand-clapping performance at the holiday luncheon.

Of the 82 singers in the regular ensemble, 22 students – including freshman **Arielle Moir**, at left, granddaughter of IURA member **Lou Moir** – took time to come to the Peterson Room



at the IU Foundation to celebrate the season. Director **Steve Zegree** pointed out that the Singing Hoosiers are the oldest ensemble in the Jacobs School of Music. On April 22, 2015, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. the group will perform its 65th anniversary concert. Eighty percent of the members are not music majors.

The Singing Hoosiers began with “Just in Time,” from the 1956 musical *Bells Are Ringing*, followed by two Hoagy Carmichael tunes, “Georgia” and “Up a Lazy River.” They concluded with several Christmas tunes, including “We Need a Little Christmas” and, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the TV special *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, “Christmas Time Is Here.”



Singing Hoosiers Director **Steve Zegree**, right, with accompanist **June Lee**. June is one of 120 Jacobs School students from South Korea.

The ensemble was introduced by surprise guest **Gwyn Richards**, dean of the Jacobs School. Program chairman **Dick McKaig** introduced him by saying that Gwyn was such a great conductor that the Jacobs School decided he should conduct the entire school.

When the time came to find a new director for the Singing Hoosiers, Gwyn said, "We looked for a dynamic individual who was a consummate musician, connected to the profession as well as the academy." It wasn't surprising to find that leader in one of the school's own alumni, Steve Zegree.

Gwyn was still elated by the performance the night before of longtime faculty member **Menahem Pressler** and Jacobs School alumnus **Joshua Bell**. Because of weather, Menahem's return from engagements in Europe was delayed, and he arrived only hours before the packed event at the Musical Arts Center. "Menahem turns 91 on Dec. 16," said Gwyn. Menahem turns aside comments about his amazing energy by saying, "I picked really good parents." Gwyn described Josh as an energy-giver who, after performing with Menahem, led a chamber string orchestra of 30 students in an unforgettable performance of Mahler/Schubert's "Death and the Maiden."

Next semester's opera schedule begins with Handel's *Alcina*. "Even if you're not inclined to go to a Handel opera," Gwyn said, "come to this one." Also on the program are a new production of *South Pacific* and the classic *The Magic Flute*.

He also outlined spring break plans for two groups. A string quartet will perform at the Beethoven Festival in Bonn, Germany, Beethoven's birthplace. The IU Chamber Orchestra will travel to Seoul, South Korea, performing at a military base and at the Seoul Art Center. They will be directed by Jorja Fleezanis, who came to the Jacobs School after 20 years as concertmaster at the Minnesota Orchestra. Gwyn said the 120 students from South Korea at the Jacobs School are the largest contingent from any foreign country.



Hospitality committee members (from left) Carol Stokes, Jo Anne Bowen, and Jo Daron welcome retirees to the luncheon.

Ninety retirees enjoyed a lunch catered by Terry's and arranged by the IURA hospitality committee. IURA webmaster **Suzann Owen** has placed more photos from the event on the website.

Good news to pass along

AARP Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) offers *free* tax preparation services (federal and state) for low- and moderate-income individuals and families. In Bloomington, these services are offered at the Monroe County Public Library and the Twin Lakes Recreational Center beginning in late January through early April. To take advantage of the service, bring Social Security card(s), all W-2 forms, and all 1099 forms.

Returns are completed on a first-come first-served basis so it is recommended that you come as early as possible to avoid the last-minute "crush."

-- Gary Ingersoll

The grandkids are coming, tra-la-la-la

Many of us are looking forward to visits from grandchildren over the holidays. If the weather is simply frightful, how can you entertain them? The IU women's basketball team will play Rutgers at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 28, and Michigan State on Wednesday, Dec. 31. And the Monroe County Public Library and WonderLab Museum are valuable community resources.

At the Monroe County Public Library, you can borrow books, computer games, and DVDs. You can also check out toys from the children's department. Toys are grouped by age, from 6 months on up. The Learn and Play Space is perfect for preschoolers.

The library will show the movie *The Polar Express* for children 5 and up on Sunday, Dec. 21, from 2 to 3:45 p.m. An art activity follows from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Children's Program Room. Also for children from 5 and up, on Tuesday, Dec. 23, from 2 to 4 p.m. MCPL will show four movie shorts: *Kung Fu Panda Holiday*, *Merry Madagascar*, *Dragons: Gift of the Night Fury*, and *Shrek the Halls*. Both movie events, in the Auditorium, are free and require no reservation.

Young visitors to Bloomington always enjoy WonderLab Museum. Its popular live Arctic animal show, Reindeer Reserve, will be Saturday, Dec. 20,

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and Sunday, Dec. 21, at 1:30 and 3 p.m. Because this popular show typically sells out, get your tickets early. They are \$3 per person, plus museum admission. The show, which features live reindeer and other Arctic animals, teaches elementary-age children how animals adapt to living in extreme cold. It also explores the culture of the Sami people, who herd reindeer. Remember that weekend parking downtown is free.

WonderLab will be closed Dec. 22 and Dec. 29, but if you have visitors after Christmas, the Wonder Workshop is Dec. 30 and 31 from noon to 3 p.m. Elementary-age children can build a periscope or kaleidoscope for \$3 per kit plus museum admission.

Cardinal discounts tickets to *Shrek*



Cardinal Stage is offering \$3 off to IURA members who buy tickets to the first two weekend performances of *Shrek the Musical*, a family holiday show. The

discount is available for performances on Dec. 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, and 28. You can use promo code RETIREE if you book your tickets at www.cardinalstage.org, or mention this offer when you call the box office at 336-9300.

The production is recommended for all ages and runs 2 hours and 15 minutes. According to Cardinal, “*Shrek*” is the “charming tale of a crotchety ogre whose happy swamp home has been overrun by pesky fairytale creatures. In the company of a charismatic (if chatty) donkey, Shrek sets out to rescue a princess in a tower in an effort to recover the deed to his beloved swamp. But somewhere along the way, the big grumpy green ogre and the princess with a deep, dark secret and the donkey and the dragon rewrite the rules of love.”

The basis for the musical is William Steig’s *Shrek!*, published nearly 25 years ago. It is a welcome antidote to an overdose of princesses in pink.

If you don’t have grandchildren to take along, you can always act as though you temporarily misplaced them.

About this newsletter

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The 2014-15 membership directory will be mailed separately instead of with the December *Newswatch*, according to Gary, who compiles the directory.