



# NEWSWATCH

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**Next meeting: 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 18 (reservation deadline Sept. 11)  
The Commons, Bell Trace Senior Living Center, 800 N. Bell Trace Circle**

## It's time to renew your membership

Welcome back to returning members of the IU Retirees Association! As another academic year begins, we look forward to your "re-upping." Dues (\$20 for individuals, \$30 for couples) cover the period September 2019 through May 2020.

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. Our meetings offer an opportunity to exchange ideas, information, and friendship. Please return the form on the back of the letter from IURA President Doug Porter, together with your membership check.

## Bicentennial year kicks off with sports



When the IU Retirees Association meets for its Sept. 18 luncheon at Bell Trace, it will kick off IU's bicentennial year with a presentation by **Mark Deal** on the history of IU athletics. With an IU athletics pedigree that stretches through four

generations, Mark, assistant athletic director for alumni relations, is admirably suited to the task.

His father, Russ, was captain of the 1945 Big Ten championship team. His brother, Mike, played on the 1967 Big Ten championship team that went to the Rose Bowl. His daughter, Carrie, played volleyball at IU and earned Academic

All-Big Ten honors. A 2009 graduate in special education, Carrie is married to former Hoosier quarterback Blake Powers. Mark's son, Casey, earned his undergraduate degree in 2013 and his MBA in 2018. Casey is a full-time instructor in the Kelley School. Mike's granddaughter, Riley Hecklinski, lettered in softball in 2018, making the Deal family the first in IU athletics history to have four generations of letter-winners.

Mark and Mike were inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame in 2013. Their father, a member of IU's Hall of Fame, was inducted in 1976. Mark played center for the Hoosiers from 1975 to 1978. He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant under Lee Corso in 1979. He coached at Wabash College, Marshall, Kansas State, VMI, and Rutgers before returning to IU in 1996 as an offensive line coach. He has worked within the athletics department since 2000.

The luncheon buffet will feature ginger lemongrass braised chicken thigh, a salad bar with mixed green lettuce plus six add-ons and two dressings, seasoned brown rice, grilled vegetables, house-baked bread, pies and cakes, water, lemonade, and iced tea. Cost is \$10. Reservations must be received by Sept. 11. The reservation form is on the back of the enclosed letter from IURA President Doug Porter.

Bell Trace is making about 50 spaces available surrounding the main building, and overflow parking will be available in a lot across Tenth Street. Shuttle service will be provided from the overflow lot. Carpooling is encouraged.

## Porter reports on Big Ten Retirees

The University of Illinois was the site of the Big Ten Retirees Conference on August 2-4. Twelve of the Big Ten schools attended, with Maryland and Rutgers being absent.

Several retiree groups meet somewhere other than on university property. A couple of groups have substantial university financial backing, and a few solicit sponsorships, but most manage to cover expenses with member dues. There was considerable discussion about making all communications electronic, the difficulty of updating bylaws and procedure manuals, and a desire for a cheap retiree parking permit. (Purdue retirees still get a free parking permit but unfortunately it is valid only on the Purdue campus.)

Iowa will host the meeting in 2020. Indiana will be the host in 2021 so we will need to begin our preparations soon.

• *Doug Porter, IURA President*

## Hats off and thanks to Suzann and Bruce

As the IURA begins the 2019-20 bicentennial year, two longtime volunteers are retiring from their duties.

**Suzann Owen** set up the IURA website in 2010 and has maintained it ever since. **Allan Edmonds** is the new webmaster and will be an ex officio non-voting member of the board.

**Bruce Jaffee** became chair of retiree benefits in 2012, acting as a liaison between the IURA and Human Resources. At the instigation of his committee, HR created an information booklet in 2014 that describes retiree benefits. It is updated annually. Because that booklet is for all campuses, Bruce worked with HR to provide information specifically for Bloomington. It is available at the IURA website: [http://www.indiana.edu/~iura/Retiree%20Status%20Perks\\_B\\_L\\_032019.pdf](http://www.indiana.edu/~iura/Retiree%20Status%20Perks_B_L_032019.pdf) **Joyce Krothe**, a new member of the IURA board, is the new benefits chair.

**Doug Porter** will serve as IURA president for another year. **Steve Hitzeman** has moved into the vice presidential slot, replacing **Gail Londergan**. Secretary is **Charlie Matson**, replacing **Ralf Shaw**, whose term expired. **Joe Miller** continues as treasurer for a second year.

Gail is the new historian. She replaces **Tom Nisonger**, who became historian after **Bob Dodd** moved to New Mexico in 2017. In 2004 Bob wrote the first history of the IU Annuitants Association, a history he updated in 2009. It can be read on the IURA website, <http://www.indiana.edu/~iura/detailed-history.html>

Committee chairs for 2019-20 are **Charlie Matson**, program; **Sally Jones**, hospitality; and **Jim Grandorf**, United Way. Ex officio, non-voting members of the board are **Doris Wittenburg**, database manager and directory publisher since 2015, and **Judy Schroeder**, *Newswatch* editor since 2007.

## Spirits high at annual May potluck

More than 65 members gathered at Bell Trace on May 8 for a potluck and a presentation by **Jeff Wuslich**, co-founder and president of Cardinal Spirits.

IURA President **Doug Porter** thanked outgoing board members **Mary Ellen Anderson**, **Bill McGregor**, and **Ralf Shaw** for their service. He welcomed new members **Anita Douglas**, **Jim Grandorf**, and **Joyce Krothe**.

After a delicious supper of ribs and chicken, creative homemade salads and side dishes, and a cornucopia of desserts, Jeff provided the story of his company and some perspectives on entrepreneurship in Bloomington and Indiana. As an IU graduate, former student government leader, and former aide to the late Chancellor Ken Gros Louis, Jeff has a deep love for Bloomington. His experience with IU bureaucracy equipped him, he says, with the patience needed to work with Indiana liquor regulations and guidelines.

Cardinal Spirits recently added a kitchen. It features small plates (including a burger!) to complement its cocktails. The company now employs about 60 people and contributes about \$100,000 to the local economy each month. The business will be expanding in 2021. Jeff shared samples of Bramble Mule, a canned vodka cocktail that comes in three flavors. He noted that making spirits more “portable” for parties helps them compete with beer and wine.

**Gail Londergan** thanked those who completed the IURA’s April survey and presented results. In responding to the survey, 40 people gave 75 suggestions for topics and presenters. The program committee will coordinate with the Emeriti House and University Club in putting together popular programs.

Doug closed the evening by thanking Bell Trace for providing a wonderful venue with great accommodations and the hospitality committee for its hard work.

• *Sally Jones, IURA Hospitality Chair*

### **Our partners: Emeriti House, University Club**

For information on the programs of the Emeriti House and the University Club, see <http://www.indiana.edu/~emeriti> and <http://www.indiana.edu/~uclub>.

### **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](mailto:jschroed@indiana.edu), 812-332-5057) of any omissions.*

*Judy Schroeder, Newswatch Editor*

**Mitchell S. Novit** died May 28 in Bloomington. He was 87. Born in Walterboro, S.C., he graduated from the University of North Carolina with a degree in English. After three years in the Air Force, he went on to the University of Michigan for an MBA and Ph.D. He joined the management department at the School of

Business in 1966, retiring in 1995. The author of *Essentials in Personnel Management*, he received the Dow Technology Innovation Teaching Award. Upon retirement, Mitch was a volunteer at the Student Advocates Office. He was a charter member of Congregation Beth Shalom and served as its president. An avid cyclist and enthusiastic reader, he was also a magician, serving as treasurer of the Bloomington Magic Club for many years. Judy, his wife of nearly 60 years, survives.

**John Popp** died July 8 in Bloomington. He was 81. A native of East Chicago, Ind., he attended St. Joseph College in Rensselaer and graduated from IU. He served in the U.S. Army and Army Reserve, retiring in 1993 after 21 years. From 1968 to 1993 he was a quality control process control engineer at General Electric in Bloomington. Johnny became a steel process technical representative for Anson Stamping Co. in Louisville before ending his career at GE as an advanced quality engineer. He enjoyed reading and was an enthusiastic traveler. He is survived by his wife of nearly 49 years, Mary Pagliero Popp, retired IU librarian.

**Jean Schlunt Rhoads** died Nov. 8, 2018, in Bloomington. She was 82. Born in Pontiac, Mich., she graduated from Andrews University. After earning a master’s in early childhood education at IU in 1976, she taught part time with the Monroe County Adult Basic Education program for 20 years. She was an office services assistant in Residential Programs and Services, retiring in 2011 after 29 years at IU. A student of local folklore, she wrote with her husband *Modesto: Tales of Life in Southern Indiana*. A pianist and harpsichordist, Jean enjoyed concerts, travel, art museums, and walks in the woods. Don, her husband of 60 years, survives.

**Catherine Patricia Riesenman** died June 7 in Bloomington. She was 86. Born in Franklin, Pa., Pat was valedictorian of her class at Allegheny College. She earned both master’s and Ph.D. degrees in German at IU. After several years teaching in the German department, Pat earned an MLS degree from IU in 1977. She spent more

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than 20 years as a reference librarian at IU, retiring in 1998. An enthusiastic traveler, Pat enjoyed reading and theater. A member of St. Paul Catholic Center, she was actively involved with its Peace and Justice Committee.

**I will never be an old man. To me, old age is always 15 years older than I am.**

*Sir Francis Bacon*

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

Here are some dates for your calendar.

- Oct. 16 at 2 p.m., **Tom Hustad**, “Hoagy Carmichael: Remembering an IU Bicentennial Treasure” (St. Mark’s United Methodist Church)
- Nov. 13 at 2 p.m., **David Brenneman**, “Reflections on the Eskenazi Museum of Art Renovation Project” (St. Mark’s)
- Dec. 11 at 11:30 a.m., holiday luncheon, **Marjorie Hershey**, “President Trump and American Democracy” (TBD)

The remainder of the calendar is still under development.

### **Why am I getting this newsletter?**

You are getting this newsletter for one of two reasons: *either* you have been a member of the IU Retirees Association in at least one of the last four years, *or* you retired from the Bloomington campus in 2015 or later and are being encouraged to join.

Founded in 1975 as the IU Annuitants Association, the IURA welcomes all retired faculty and staff and their spouses or partners. It is supported entirely by membership dues and receives no university funding.

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