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**Next meeting: 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 11 (reservation deadline Dec. 4)
Meadowood Retirement Community, 2455 N. Tamarack Trail**

Holiday lunch to feature Marjorie Hershey

IURA's popular holiday luncheon will be Dec. 11 at Meadowood. Last spring, when retirees were asked for suggestions for future speakers, **Marjorie Hershey** was the individual most frequently requested. Margie, herself a new retiree, will talk about "President Trump and American Democracy."



Margie, who earned her doctorate at the University of Wisconsin, has taught at IU, in her words, "since the beginning of time" – also known as 1974. She retired this May after 45 years on the political science faculty. Her textbook on political parties is in its 17th

edition. National and international media often ask for her comments because she is erudite, enlightening, and entertaining. Margie is the winner of numerous teaching awards, most recently the Sylvia E. Bowman Award, and her presentations at Mini University are standing room only.

Doors open at 11:30. Lunch will be served (this is not a buffet) around noon. The menu includes holiday chopped salad, with candied pecans, Craisins, and a herbed vinaigrette; a boneless chicken breast – vegetarian option is a portobello stack, with a mushroom cap, fresh spinach,

roasted red pepper, mozzarella cheese, salt and pepper olive oil – with quinoa pilaf and asparagus; and a dessert of fresh berries with balsamic dressing and a crisp sugar cookie. Both meals are gluten-free, and the meat option is lactose/dairy-free. Drinks include coffee, iced tea, lemonade, and water.

Because Meadowood is generously underwriting part of the meal, the cost is \$10 per person for IURA members. Guests are welcome, but they must pay \$15. (Membership has its privileges.) All reservations must be *received* by Dec. 4. Please return the reservation form in this newsletter. Payment must accompany your reservation.

According to IURA Hospitality Committee chair **Sally Jones**, space requires that the luncheon be limited to 120. Reservations will be honored in the order received.

Parking is available at the Multidisciplinary Engineering and Sciences Hall (the former Cyclotron). Meadowood's shuttle bus will transport people right to the front door. As always, car pools are encouraged.

We're halfway to our United Way goal

"We're halfway there," says **Eileen Schellhammer**. She and **Dick Dever** are once again chairing the IURA's United Way campaign, assisted by IURA board member **Jim Grandorf**, community and IU Vanguard co-chair. In October Eileen and Dick set a goal of

\$250,000. As of Nov. 11, six weeks into the campaign, \$143,658.88 has been raised. Be sure to specify the IURA as your giving unit.

Help others and learn income tax law

Do you want to help low- and moderate-income residents file their taxes at no charge? Help them claim valuable tax credits? United Way of Monroe County and the Free Community Tax Service (FCTS) team are seeking tax preparers to serve at FCTS sites in Monroe and Owen counties. The FCTS provides free federal and state income tax preparation to local residents from January to April. Volunteers work in a professional environment, screen clients in an intake and interview process, and prepare tax returns.

Volunteers will receive training in income tax law and tax preparation to become IRS-certified. **Jim Grandorf** reports that his 93-year-old aunt, who majored in elementary education, not accounting, has been an enthusiastic volunteer for years.

For more information, go to <https://www.monroeunitedway.org/TaxHero> or contact Amy Leyenbeck, community initiatives director, amy@monroeunitedway.org, 812-334-8370x11.

Brenneman reports on Eskenazi, “best museum you’ve never heard of”

When the Eskenazi Museum of Art reopened in early November after having been closed since May 2017, 9,000 visitors came to look at the changes over four days. The \$20 million renovation is part of a larger goal, of “positioning ourselves higher on the list of I.M. Pei’s projects and enhancing the reputation of the best museum you never heard of,” **David Brenneman**, museum director, told retirees at the Nov. 13 meeting of the IURA.

About 45,000 items had to be moved out of the museum before the renovation. From its temporary quarters in the Smith Research Center,

staff worked to lend more than 70 modern art pieces to Louisville’s Speed Museum. And in the first partnership

between university art museums in China and the U.S., some of IU’s American and European landscape paintings traveled to Tsinghua University in Beijing for exhibition in 2018.

The renovation itself furthers the museum’s place within the campus context, Brenneman said. To make the building more welcoming, “if there was an opportunity to take a wall down and replace it with glass, we did that.” A new position in art therapy has been added, and the four centers – education, conservation, curatorial studies, and works on paper – enhance the museum’s teaching function.

Brenneman likened the museum to the prow of a ship pointing to the Showalter Fountain area as the art center of the campus. “The building itself is a wonderful work of art,” he said. The interior is a giant *Wunderkammer*, a collection of wonders with which visitors can connect, he said. The museum is open weekdays (except Monday) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Because he hopes the museum, with its café and gift shop, will draw in people heading for other campus attractions, it is open until 7 p.m. on Saturdays.

Nearly 50 people came out to St. Mark’s United Methodist Church on what IURA President **Doug Porter** described as “a practice day for when winter really comes.” Snack coordinator **Martha Smiley** received a round of applause for her delicious treats.

Webmaster **Allan Edmonds** took photos at the event, which are on the website.



RESERVATION FOR DEC. 11 LUNCHEON

Doors Open 11:30 a.m. Lunch at Noon
Meadowood Retirement Community

Name(s) _____ Mark for vegetarian entrée.

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Cost is \$10 each for IURA members, \$15 each for nonmembers.

Payment **must** accompany reservation. Please mail this form **with your check to**

IU Retirees Association
P.O. Box 8393
Bloomington, IN 47407-8393

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY NO LATER THAN DEC. 4

If you have not already joined, you may use one envelope and one check for both reservation and membership.

Membership directory out in December

Paid members of the IURA – they numbered 378 as of Nov. 13 – will receive a membership directory with their December *Newswatch*. The directory gives names, street addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses for members who have chosen to share that information. The directory is distributed *only* to members. If you are not an IURA member,

you must return the membership form below to be included in the directory. The deadline is Dec. 4. Information about your membership status is on your mailing label.

For address corrections, please contact IURA database manager **Doris Wittenburg**, dwittenb@indiana.edu. Send comments or corrections to *Newswatch* editor **Judy Schroeder**, jschroed@indiana.edu.

IU Retirees Association 2019-20 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

For couple membership, spouse's/partner's name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ 9-digit ZIP code _____

Telephone(s) _____ Email(s) _____

Check if applicable: I do not want my telephone number email included in the membership directory.
When possible, I wish to receive the newsletter by email rather than in paper form.

Enclosed is my check, made payable to IU Retirees Association, for:

_____ Single membership (\$20) _____ Couple membership (\$30)

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Looking to 2020 ... and beyond

On Jan. 15 at 2 p.m. at St. Mark's United Methodist Church screenwriter **Angelo Pizzo** will talk about his journey from Bloomington to Hollywood and back. He'll also talk about the award-winning 30-second commercials he created for IU: <https://promisesfulfilled.iu.edu>. They feature serial entrepreneur Mark Cuban, international opera star Ailyn Pérez, *New York Times* crossword puzzle creator Will Shortz, ESPN sports anchor Sage Steele, and *Batman* producer Michael Uslan.

IURA Program Chair **Charlie Matson** is still finalizing arrangements for the rest of the academic year.

The IURA will host the Big Ten Retirees Associations Aug. 6-8, 2021.

Thoughts of the season

Here's wishing you a bounteous Thanksgiving. In her recent *The Dutch House*, Ann Patchett describes a Thanksgiving feast that will bring back memories for many of us: "The dinner was a huge production, with kids stashed in the den to eat off card

tables like a collection of understudies who dreamed of one day breaking into the dining room."

As we enter the busy holiday season, may we keep in mind the viewpoint of the practical, hard-working Edith Magnusson in J. Ryan Stradel's *The Lager Queen of Minnesota*: "She didn't ever see the point of bellyaching about things she couldn't change, especially in a world that never once ran a want ad looking for a complainer."

And we may want to look up from stuffing the turkey or wrapping gifts to ponder Anna Quindlen's observation in *Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake*: "One of the amazing, and frightening, things about growing older, about seeing yourself surrounded by the Great Wall of Life, is that you become aware of how random the construction is, how many times it could have gone a different way."

*If you are not an
IURA member, this is
your last newsletter.
Join today.*

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>.