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**Next meeting: 2 p.m., Tuesday, January 10, 2023  
in person (IU Foundation) and on Zoom**

## Start new year by looking at the past

True to the two-faced Janus, retirees will look at past history for their first meeting of 2023. **Brad Cook** will talk about and show photographs of IU's history,



with an emphasis on the last quarter of the 19th century and the William Lowe Bryan years. Brad has been with the IU Archives for 30 years, most of that time as the repository's curator of photographs. He earned a bachelor's degree in history and an MLS from IU.

Everyone is familiar with the legacy of Herman B Wells, but William Lowe Bryan, IU's president from 1902 to 1937, is less well known. Yet Bryan presided over the transformation of IU from a traditional liberal arts college to a modern research university.

During Bryan's tenure as the university's 10th president, professional and graduate training was expanded and the schools of medicine, education, nursing, business, music, and dentistry were established. The only I-Man to serve as an IU president, he pushed for IU's membership in the Big Ten conference. His wife, Charlotte, oversaw the design and construction in 1924 of Bryan House, the historic home of IU presidents. The Administration Building, built in 1936, was renamed the William Lowe Bryan Administration Building in his honor in 1957.

We will meet on Jan. 10 at 2 p.m. at the IU Foundation. Those who wish to join the meeting remotely must register at the IURA website. They will be emailed a personalized Zoom link.

## Music, merriment at holiday party

On Dec. 6 some 60 IU retirees celebrated the holidays with a luncheon at the Bloomington Country Club.

**Jim Grandorf**, former IURA United Way chair, announced that retiree giving accounts for more than half of IU's efforts to reach its goal of \$720,000. As of Dec. 5, total giving was \$502,314. Pledges from 144 retirees amount to \$253,183 of that figure.

If you are 72 or older, Jim recommended making your contribution directly from your Required Minimum Withdrawal. That strategy reduces the amount of your RMD that counts as taxable income and saves you 5 percent on Indiana taxes.



Four members of the Singing Hoosiers delighted the audience with holiday selections that included such favorites as "Joy to the World," "The First Noel," and "Deck the Halls." They sang "Sivivon,

Sov, Sov, Sov" in Hebrew. The lyrics of "Light One Candle," made famous by Peter, Paul, and Mary, carry a holiday message for all:

Light one candle for all we believe in  
That anger not tear us apart,  
And light one candle to find us together  
With peace as the song in our hearts.

See photos of celebrants on the next two pages.



At left: IURA President Joyce Krothe; past presidents Doug Porter and Charlie Matson; registration table hosts Pat Williams and Eileen Schellhammer. Above: Gerald and Audrey Marker, Shirley Fitzgibbons, Shirley Pugh; Mary Swarhout, Beckie Owens, Eleanor Lahr; Martha Smiley, hospitality chair.



At left: Judy Walcoff, Iris Kiesling, Bobbie and Marty Weinberg; Roger and Anna Radue; Audrey Morgan; Rosemary Dever; Perry Maull; Libby DeVoe.



Above: Dick Dever and Jim Schellhammer, who was serendaded as he celebrated his 90th birthday; one of the festive centerpieces that adorned each table; Tony Mescher and Judy Schroeder.

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## Enjoy the photos: lots of crimson



As a special gift to members, the IURA board has approved funds to print this holiday issue in color. IURA Secretary **Beau Vallance** took the lion's share of the photos on the preceding two pages.

Editor **Judy Schroeder** writes *Newswatch* eight times a year. For comments or corrections, please contact her at [jschroed@indiana.edu](mailto:jschroed@indiana.edu).

## Emeriti House, University Club

For information about the programs of the Emeriti House and the University Club, our partner organizations, see [www.emeritihouse.indiana.edu](http://www.emeritihouse.indiana.edu) and [www.uclub.indiana.edu](http://www.uclub.indiana.edu).

## Help prepare income tax returns

The Free Community Tax Service provides free federal and state income tax preparation to low- and moderate-income residents in south central Indiana from January to April. Volunteers commit to at least

one three-to-four-hour shift per week during tax season (end of January through early April). Volunteers screen clients in an intake and interview process, prepare tax returns, and peer review returns for quality assurance. No prior experience is necessary. Volunteers receive training in income tax law and tax preparation to become IRS-certified. Volunteers are needed for tax sites in Brown, Monroe, and Owen counties. For more information, go to <https://www.monroeunitedway.org/FreeTaxes>.

## Here's your membership directory

Included with the December *Newswatch* is a membership directory, compiled by **Doris Wittenburg**, IURA database manager. The directory contains information for the IURA's 402 members.

Telephone numbers and email addresses appear only for people who included them with their membership form. Couples with different last names are listed under both last names.

Because the directory is for members only, it is not being distributed in electronic form. It is being mailed with the newsletter, even to those who have requested email delivery of *Newswatch*. Email delivery will begin with the January issue. Address corrections should be sent to Doris at [dwittenb@indiana.edu](mailto:dwittenb@indiana.edu).