



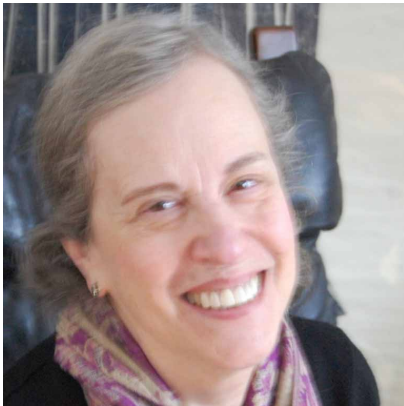
# NEWSWATCH

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**Next meeting: 2 p.m., Wednesday, November 9  
In person (IU Foundation) and on Zoom**

## Political scientist Hershey to reflect on 2022 election – which will be over!



When retirees gather in November, they will hear from **Marjorie Hershey**, retired IU political scientist. She will analyze the results of the midterm elections. By special agreement with the IU Foundation, the meeting will be in the Peterson Room at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 9.

In May 2019 Margie retired after 45 years at IU. Her research and teaching interests focus on political parties, campaigns, and elections. Her textbook on political parties, *Party Politics in America*, is now in its 18th edition, and has an associated blog. The recipient of nearly 20 teaching awards, Margie was founding director of the department's program to prepare graduate students to be excellent teachers.

In 2021 she founded the Monroe County Foster Closet, which assists foster and kinship families to meet the needs of children and teens in their care. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan and earned her Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin.

Members who plan to attend in person are encouraged to car pool because parking will be at a premium. Those who wish to join the meeting remotely must register at the IURA website, [iura.indiana.edu](http://iura.indiana.edu). They will be emailed a personalized Zoom link.

## It's open enrollment time for retirees

The number of retirees within the IU system just keeps going up. So said **Christan Royer**, director of benefits at University Human Resource Services, speaking at the Oct. 13 meeting of the IURA. In 2019, 401 faculty and staff retired systemwide. The number increased to 452 in 2020 and 511 in 2021. "We're on track to surpass that figure this year," she said.

The Anthem Blue Retiree Plan enrolls 3,200 IU retirees. "No action is needed if you are keeping your coverage," Christan said. Retirees in the plan can register for SilverSneakers benefits at no charge.

Another program in which retirees can participate is Healthy IU. **Samantha Schaefer**, program manager, has created a brochure that describes benefits open to retirees. It is posted on the IURA website, along with an expanded version of Christan's presentation that gives details on perks, benefits, and healthcare.

## Holiday buffet requires early payment

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, the IURA is planning a special holiday luncheon at the Bloomington Country Club, 3000 S. Rogers Street. Although making reservations before Thanksgiving may go against the grain, it is necessary for event planning.

**Martha Smiley**, hospitality chair, announces a buffet that will appeal to everyone. It will feature Angus pot roast, fried chicken, buttermilk whipped potatoes, cornbread, and a bistro salad with assorted dressings. Apple, berry, and peach cobbler will be available at the coffee station. Members may also pre-order a

gluten-free dinner or roasted vegetable strudel with pomodoro sauce.

The IURA is covering costs for a quartet of students from the Jacobs School of Music who will provide holiday music and entertainment. Assisting Martha with arrangements are hospitality committee members **Rosemary Dever, Sally Dunn, Eileen Schellhammer, Martha Wailes, and Pat Williams.**

Reservations must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, Nov. 23. The cost, which includes taxes and gratuity, is \$35 for each member, \$38 for each guest. Please complete and return the form on the adjacent page of this newsletter.

## Tom Hustad: Big Bands playing jazz

When retirees met Oct. 13 at the IU Foundation, jazz aficionado **Tom Hustad**, professor emeritus of marketing and former IURA treasurer, entertained his audience of about 45 (in person and on Zoom) with video clips from Big Bands playing jazz.

The earliest selection was Paul Whiteman's "My Ohio Home," dating from 1928, with the only film appearance of famed cornetist Bix Beiderbecke. Ben Pollack's 1929 recording of "My Kind of Love" featured jazz clarinetist Benny Goodman and cornetist Jimmy McPartland, whose wife, Marian, hosted a jazz program on radio for decades.

Tom pointed out that jazz recordings both reflected and challenged social norms. Duke Ellington's "Old Man Blues" was included in the 1930 film "Check and Double Check," with an all-Black orchestra performing at a formal dance for an all-white audience. Ina Ray Hutton and Her Melodears overcame some gender stereotypes (while confirming others) when they performed in the 1936 Paramount film "Accent on Girls."

Video clips from the 1940s featured jazz and Big Band greats Count Basie, Gene Krupa, and Woody Herman. The most recent recording was from 1982, the Buddy Rich version of Cole Porter's "Love for Sale." Buddy played with such energy that he broke the drum three times when Tom heard him perform.

IURA President **Joyce Krothe** introduced Tom as a master of downsizing. He is donating his 72,000-item jazz collection to the Jacobs School of Music's Cook Library. Because of copyright restrictions, the Events

page of the IURA website has a link to a PDF copy of Tom's slides in lieu of video.

## Longtime IURA editor to step down

**Judy Schroeder**, who has written and edited *Newswatch* since 2007, has announced her intention to resign at the end of the academic year. "It's time for a new voice and a new look," she says.

The IURA board will appoint a new editor (or editors). Before Judy's tenure, editors usually served a three-year term, subject to annual board appointment. If you are interested or have questions, contact President **Joyce Krothe**; **Perry Maull**, chair of the nominating committee; or Judy.

## Stupid things I won't do when I get old

Shortly after his 50th birthday, Steven Petrow started a list of "things I won't do when I get old." He compiled the list by observing all the things he thought his aging parents were doing wrong. Shortly before his 65th birthday, he published a book titled *Stupid Things I Won't Do When I Get Old: A Highly Judgmental, Unapologetically Honest Accounting of All the Things Our Elders Are Doing Wrong.*

Among the "stupid things I won't do today" are

- limit myself to friends my own age,
- double-space after periods,
- lie to my doctor,
- worry about what I can't control, and
- be honest to a fault when lying is kinder.

Petrow continues by listing things he pledges not to do tomorrow. These include

- whine about how much things cost,
- wait until I'm deaf to get a hearing aid, and
- continue to drive when I become a threat to others.

"Stupid Things I Won't Do at 'The End'" include

- postponing for tomorrow what matters to me today,
- being disappointed by my life,
- letting anyone else write my obituary, and
- forgetting to plan my own funeral.

If you would like to add to Petrow's list, please submit your entry to *Newswatch* editor **Judy Schroeder**, [jschroed@indiana.edu](mailto:jschroed@indiana.edu).

**Holiday Luncheon Buffet Reservation**  
**Tuesday, December 6, 2022**  
Doors open at 11:30 a.m.; meal served at noon  
Bloomington Country Club,  
3000 S. Rogers Street

PLEASE PRINT Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please initial to order a gluten-free dinner \_\_\_\_\_ or roasted vegetable strudel with pomodoro (tomato) sauce \_\_\_\_\_.  
All others will have the Hoosier Buffet.

Enclosed is \$35 per member (indicate number) \_\_\_\_\_ \$38 for guests (indicate number) \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Price includes 20% gratuity, 7% state tax, and 1% food and beverage tax.)

Please mail this form, together with your check (made payable to IU Retirees Association), to IURA, P.O. Box 8393, Bloomington, IN 47407-8393.

**RESERVATIONS with PAYMENT MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 23.**

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**IU Retirees Association**  
**2022-2023 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

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For couple membership, spouse's/partner's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ **9-digit** ZIP code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone 1\* \_\_\_\_\_ Email 1\* \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone 2\* \_\_\_\_\_ Email 2\* \_\_\_\_\_

It is important that you include an email address so we can send you meeting notices. Telephone number/s and email address/es will be included in the membership directory unless you check below:

\* I do not want my telephone number/s \_\_\_\_\_ or email address/es \_\_\_\_\_ included in membership directory.

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

Membership Type: Single (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_ Couple (\$30) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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1. If you are a member in good standing, the top line thanks you for joining.
2. If you have been a member in previous years but have not paid your dues for 2022-23, the top line asks you to renew.
3. If you have never been a member, that line encourages you to join.

Special thanks to the 320 people who, as of Oct. 16, have paid their membership dues. They make this newsletter possible. The IURA is entirely self-supporting. Founded in 1975 as the IU Annuitants Association, the IURA welcomes all retired faculty and staff and their spouses or partners.

If you wish to be removed from the list, send a message to Doris at [dwittenb@indiana.edu](mailto:dwittenb@indiana.edu) with "unsubscribe" in the subject line and your name as it appears on IU records. Send address changes to Doris as well.

**Judy Schroeder** writes *Newswatch* eight times a year, August through April, except for February. Please send corrections and comments to her at [jschroed@indiana.edu](mailto:jschroed@indiana.edu).

### **A peek at coming attractions**

Mark your calendar now for IURA meetings announced by **Tony Mescher** and **Joe Miller**, co-chairs of the IURA program committee.

Tuesday, Dec. 6 – celebratory holiday luncheon at the Bloomington Country Club

Tuesday, Jan. 10 – **Brad Cook**, curator of photographs for IU Archives, sharing some of his favorite images

Tuesday, Feb. 14 – **Bill Yarber**, Provost Professor in School of Public Health, senior scientist at Kinsey Institute, and senior director of the rural center for AIDS/STD prevention

The April 11 program is under discussion. A luncheon is being planned for early May.