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**Next meeting: Kurt Zorn at 2 p.m., Wednesday, October 14**

**Kelley Dining Room, DeVault Alumni Center, 1000 E. 17th St.**

**Zorn to speak about college athletics**



**Kurt Zorn**, IU faculty athletics representative, will speak about the role of athletics in education when retirees meet Wed., Oct. 14, at 2 p.m. in the Kelley Dining Room of the DeVault Alumni Center. His presentation is titled “The NCAA and the Changing Landscape of Division I Intercollegiate Athletics.”

As the IU faculty athletics representative, Kurt deals with issues of institutional control, academic integrity, and rules compliance. His role includes monitoring the welfare of student-athletes. He also represents IU faculty with the NCAA and the Big Ten Conference. Kurt, a professor in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, is IUB’s associate vice provost for undergraduate education.

“Kurt Zorn is in a unique position to understand the challenges and changes being considered for Big Ten and NCAA athletic programs,” says **Dick McKaig** of the IURA program committee.

“Parking is available, free of charge, in the lot directly opposite the DeVault Alumni Center on 17th Street,” says IURA hospitality chair **Harriet Pfister**.

**IURA takes on new United Way challenge**

At the Sept. 9 meeting of the IURA, **Harriet Pfister** announced the IU Retirees Association goal for the 2016 United Way campaign: $145,000. Last year retirees pledged $154,000, well over the goal of $135,000.

Harriet, **Doris Burton**, and **Wain Martin** continue as IURA United Way team leaders. “We traditionally lead the university in meeting our goal. Let’s keep on showing those whippersnappers how it’s done,” Wain said before leading the traditional cheer.

**HR continues negotiations with Anthem**

“It’s a problem that never should have happened,” said **Bruce Jaffee**, chair of the benefits committee, at the Sept. 9 meeting of the IURA. “But as of this morning Anthem has identified all inappropriate rejections of Medicare deductibles and copayments.”

Some retirees who use Anthem Blue for their health insurance paid their health providers for items Anthem should have paid. “If you paid, you should get a credit from your provider,” Bruce explained.

HR is currently negotiating 2016 rates with Anthem.

**Karen Hill** is HR’s liaison to the IURA. She can be reached at [kashill@iu.edu](file:///C:\Users\mongovenedandjudy\Desktop\Judy's%20Documents\Retirees%20Association\kashill@iu.edu), 812-856-4459. A list of retiree benefits is posted on the IURA website, <http://www.indiana.edu/~iura.>

**Mark Moore outlines future of hospital**

“After nearly 40 years in the health care field, I’m more excited than I’ve ever been, said **Mark Moore**, CEO of IU Health Bloomington Hospital since 2002. “We’ve come up with something that will have a life and purpose long after us.”

At the Sept. 9 meeting of the IURA held at the IU Foundation, Mark gave a regional overview to a capacity crowd of more than 100. He provided details of the development of a regional academic health campus, a partnership between IU Health and IU. He also summarized the state of health care today.

Speaking of developing 75 acres of university property off the SR 46 bypass, Mark said, “We wouldn’t be talking about this if the bypass hadn’t become four lanes a number of years ago.” What goes away is the par-3 golf course, he said, with the driving range moving to that location.

Among the changes in health care Mark cited are:

* Decreased reimbursement. Mark endorsed reimbursement based on how well instead of how many procedures. “In the last 24 months we have assisted more than 8,000 people who previously had none to obtain some form of health care insurance,” he said.
* Inpatient utilization. The dynamic changes when close to 70 percent of patients have high deductibles, Mark said.
* Outpatient growth, with competition for clinics and labs.
* New technology and unconventional competitors (pharmacies, for example).
* Physician consolidation. “No one wants a private practice,” he said. With women comprising 50 percent of medical students, he explained, physicians want their careers to balance with family.

IU Health Bloomington serves an 11-county area, with a population of more than 400,000. The hospital serves as a regional hub, he said, with half of hospital admissions coming from outside Monroe County. Through Southern Indiana Physicians, IU Health employs 215 providers in 17 specialties.

Mark said the new hospital, as a regional academic health campus, will represent the best of both worlds, offering a community hospital with a university connection and presence. In addition to inpatient and outpatient care, he said, the new hospital will offer inpatient and outpatient behavioral health care, a comprehensive ambulatory care center, and an academic program and education center.

**IURA balance: comfortable but not lavish**

At the Sept. 9 meeting IURA Treasurer **Don Granbois** announced that, before paying for that day’s luncheon (catered by Terry’s), the balance is $9,248.01 – “comfortable but not lavish,” he said.

Database manager **Doris Wittenburg** said that membership in the IURA stands at 245. If you have not yet joined, please return the membership form.

Members also sent birthday greetings to longtime IURA member **Bob Shaffer**, of Smyrna Beach, Fla., who celebrated his 100th birthday Sept. 13.

**Big Ten retirees share best practices**

The 2015 Big Ten Retirees Association Conference was held at Michigan State University in East Lansing from Aug. 14-16. President **Jo Daron** and Secretary **Jo Anne Bowen**, who became known as the “Jo’s from Indiana,” represented the IURA.

In keeping with Michigan’s auto industry, the theme of the conference was “Drivers.” Participants spoke to what drives Big Ten University retirees in such areas as economics, health, and intellectual interests.

At one session representatives shared information about the association they represented. Samples:

▪ The University of Iowa retirees association has 600 members. All but 20 of them have computers.

▪ The University of Nebraska’s association includes only emeriti faculty as members.

▪ University human resources gives the MSU retirees association an office with two computers.

▪ Ohio State has 3,300 dues-paying members in its retirees association and receives $40,000 per year from the university.

**In memoriam**

*Twice a year since 2008, in the April and August issues,* Newswatch *memorializes IURA members who have died since the previous listing. Because the August newsletter inadvertently omitted several recently deceased members, we are printing this September supplement. Please notify me (jschroed@indiana.edu, 812-332-5057) of any errors or omissions. – Judy Schroeder, Editor*

**Robert W. Campbell** died May 18 in Bloomington. He was 89. Born in Wichita, Kan., Bob earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees at the University of Kansas. During his Army stint he learned Japanese in an intensive language program. With a master’s in Russian area studies and Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University, he began teaching at IU in 1961 and served as chairman of the economics department and director of the Russian and East European Institute. He was named Distinguished Professor in 1987. A prolific scholar, Bob wrote more than a dozen books on the economics of the Soviet energy, telecommunications, and R&D sectors. His *Soviet Economic Power* went through four editions. After the collapse of the Soviet Union, he had a second career as adviser and consultant to governments and institutions in the former USSR. In 1991 the IU Press published his *The Socialist Economies in Transition: A Primer on Semi-Reformed Systems*. In 2005 he received the John W. Ryan Award for contributions to international programs. He is survived by Laura, his wife of 65 years.

**Jane Tucker Henson** died May 15 in Bloomington. She was 68. Born in Fort Wayne, Ind., Jane earned a bachelor’s degree at IU and taught elementary school in Fort Wayne and Nevada, Mo. She earned two master’s degrees from IU, in instructional systems technology and library science. Jane worked in various roles at Central Connecticut State College, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and IU. She directed student teaching programs at the IU School of Education and facilitated professional exchange programs with educators from around the world. She was associate director of the Social Studies Development Center for several years and taught computer science courses at Ivy Tech. A certified track and field official, she volunteered as head of the Sports Information Office at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. Jane enjoyed travel, knitting, genealogy, and the arts. She is survived by her husband, Phil, emeritus professor in the School of Public Health and a retired track and field coach.

**Jean Crowell Pett** died Aug. 20 in Pawley’s Island, S.C. She was 89. Born in Woburn, Mass., Jean grew up on a farm in Vermont. She attended Antioch College and Iowa State Teachers College before marrying Dennis Pett in 1946. Later they moved to Bloomington, where he was a professor of education. In 1955 Jean and Dennis were founding members of St. Mark’s Methodist Church. The family lived in Ibadan, Nigeria, from 1959 to 1964. For seven years Jean worked for the Girl Scouts Council. She also volunteered at Bloomington Hospital. When Dennis retired in 1990, they moved to Brattleboro, Vt. After his death in 2003, Jean took up painting. Her alphabet book, *A Is for Avocet*, published in 2010, has 26 three-line poems she wrote about birds, from avocet to zebraback (x is for Xanthocephalus), along with her paintings. She was planning a second book, this one about bird nests, tentatively titled *What’s Nest*?

**Catherine Fox Siffin** died March 20 in Blooming-ton. She was 90. Born in Bloomington, she earned a bachelor’s degree from IU in 1947. Her master’s thesis at the University of Tennessee was published in 1951 *as Shadow over the City: Special Legislation for Tennessee Municipalities*. In 1952 she returned to Bloomington with her husband, William, professor of political science and of public and environmental affairs. (He died in 1993.) Together with John Stoner, she compiled a selected bibliography of interlocal governmental cooperation that was published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In the 1960s Cathy worked at the ERIC Clearinghouse on Reading, where she coauthored several bibliographies. In 1983 she earned a master’s in gerontology at IU. She was a former publications director and editor at IU’s Center

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**IU Retirees Association**

**2015-2016 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

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on Aging and the Aged. She was secretary of the IU Annuitants Association, the precursor of the IURA,

and the editor of *Newswatch* from 1997 to 1999.

**Georgia Ingram Woodard** died March 3 in Bloomington. She was 94. Born in Rockville, Ind., Georgia graduated from IU in 1948. That same year she married Gerald Woodard, who for many years was head of the publication section of the Indiana Geological Survey. He died in 2012. Georgia was assistant to the secretary of the IU board of trustees. From 1990 to 1994 she was the editor of *Newswatch* for the IU Annuitants Association, the precursor of the IURA. Her collection of Barbie dolls numbered in the hundreds. She served for more than 40 years as a member of the Bloomington Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary.

**Cardinal Stage offers member discount**



Cardinal Stage is offering a $3 discount on all adult tickets for IURA members during this academic year. You can use promo code RETIREE if you book your tickets at [www.cardinalstage.org.](file:///C:\Users\mongovenedandjudy\Desktop\Judy's%20Documents\Retirees%20Association\www.cardinalstage.org) Or mention this offer when you call the box office at 812-336-9300.

**Put these dates on your calendar now!**



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Thanks you Dick I think that is a good suggestion about listing topics. It may generate some more ideas. Thank you and your cmmittee for getting this going. I'm out of town July 12 until July 19 but am accessible at leat by cell phone 812-325-4348 and infrequently

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**The fThe f**The following programs are on tap for 2015-16:

* Nov. 11 at 2 p.m., **James Shanahan**, founding dean of IU’s new Media School
* Dec. 9, holiday luncheon with program to be announced
* Jan. 13 at 2 p.m., historian **Jim Madison** on Indiana’s 2016 bicentennial
* Feb. 10 at 2 p.m., WFIU’s longtime jazz host **Dick Bishop**
* April 13 at 2 p.m., political scientist **Marjorie Hershey** on the 2016 elections
* May 11 at 5 p.m., the annual pitch-in dinner, with program to be announced

**Why am I getting this newsletter?**

You are getting this newsletter for one of three reasons. Database manager **Doris Wittenburg** maintains a Big List with more than 1,000 names:

1. IURA members pay the costs of printing and mailing *Newswatch* in hopes that others will join IURA (see form on reverse side).

2. The 110 people whom Human Resources identified as having retired during the last year will be mailed the newsletter during this academic year.

3. People with paid membership in 2013 or 2014 will receive the newsletter through November. They then will be dropped if they do not renew.

**Judy Schroeder** writes *Newswatch* eight times a year. Please send corrections and comments to her at jschroed@indiana.edu.To remove your name from the list, send a message to dwittenb@indiana.edu with “unsubscribe” in the subject line and your name as it appears on IU records.