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Next meeting: Wednesday, January 12, at 2 p.m. Peterson Room, IU Foundation, SR46 Bypass

Morrison to offer armchair campus tour

When retirees gather for their first meeting of 2022, IU Vice President **Tom Morrison** will provide an overview of the master plan for the Bloomington campus. He'll describe how the master plan addresses such elements as land use, buildings, green spaces, and traffic flow.



Tom was named IU's first vice president for capital planning and facilities in 2009. He manages all facility-related operations, acquisitions, and capital projects. He is responsible for a real estate portfolio that encompasses more than 800 buildings with a value of nearly \$9 billion. During his tenure he has

overseen planning and construction expenditures exceeding \$2.6 billion and the completion of numerous new major capital and renovation projects.

B Architectural Styles – Recent



Collegiate Gothic - Simon Hall (2007)



Data Center (2009)



Innovation Center (2009)



Binary Science Building II (2009)



Cook Hall (2010)



Jacobs School of Music East Studio Building (2013)

The meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Jan. 12 in the Peterson Room at the IU Foundation. Participants can

also join by means of a Zoom link that will be emailed shortly before the meeting.

Tom will describe the evolution of the campus through changing architectural styles. He will explain how such new buildings as the IU Health Regional Academic Health Center and Ferguson International Building fit into the master plan. He will show how some older buildings have been renovated and repurposed over time.

Tom previously served as IU's chief liaison and representative to the Indiana General Assembly and other state agencies as associate vice president for public affairs and state relations. Before coming to IU, he held leadership roles at Ball State University and the University of Virginia. He holds a doctorate from Ball State University, a master's degree from the University of Maryland and a bachelor's degree from the University of Denver.

Don't blame DeJoy: Error delays delivery

People may have been a bit surprised when, near the end of November, they received in the mail an October *NewsWatch*. Document Services mistakenly sent the wrong newsletter. They corrected the error at their own expense, but the November *NewsWatch* didn't arrive until December. Apologies all around.

Holiday luncheon brings merriment

More than 90 retirees gathered at the Bloomington Country Club on Dec. 1 for a festive holiday luncheon. It was the first in-person meeting of the IURA since February 2020. IURA Hospitality Chair **Martha Smiley**, ably assisted by **Sally Dunn**, made certain it was a joyous occasion.



IURA Secretary **Perry Maull**, who is also president of the Friends of Music, arranged entertainment by students from the Jacobs School of Music. A harp/flute duo provided background music during the luncheon, earning praise for creating a delightful atmosphere. Following the luncheon, an a capella quartet made up of members of the Singing Hoosiers sang holiday music.

Suzann Owen observed, “The food was delicious, the setting was pleasing, and the music was a nice departure from the usual fare.” **Rosemary Dever** said she appreciated “being together at a lovely event.”

Wittenburg honored for service



At the Dec. 1 holiday luncheon, IURA President **Charlie Matson** presented database manager **Doris Wittenburg** with a bouquet, “in recognition of her outstanding service.” Doris has managed the database since 2015. She produces the annual membership directory that is enclosed with this mailing. She sends

email meeting reminders, including the link for Zoom meetings. She produces labels for newsletters that are mailed and emails newsletters to those who have requested email distribution.

Charlie pointed out that Doris, like all members of the IURA board, volunteers her skills.

Retirees: unsung community treasures

Retirees don’t just give money. They give time and talent. Look anywhere that people are actively serving others, and you’ll find retirees.

Any list of retiree volunteers will be incomplete. They volunteer at their houses of worship, for fraternal and arts organizations. They serve on university-related donor boards. They work at Community Kitchen, Opportunity House, the Monroe County History Center, and the public library.

Here’s a small sampling of active retiree volunteers. **Elizabeth Raff** is president of WonderLab’s board of directors. **Sally Dunn** is secretary of the Middle Way board of directors, of which **Virginia Metzger** is also a member. **Ralf Shaw** is vice president and **Carol McGregor** is treasurer of the League of Women Voters. **Nancy Boerner** serves as a director of the League and edits the newsletter for the Local Council of Women. **Sarah Baumgart** is on the board of directors of the Sycamore Land Trust, where **Jim Madison** is on the advisory board.

The advisory board of Emeriti House, one of our partner organizations, includes IURA members **Bonnie Brownlee**, **Geoff Conrad**, **B.J. Irvine**, **Bruce Jaffee**, **Tim Londergan**, **Bill McGregor**, **Joe Miller**, and **Dick Stryker**. Chairing committees of the University Club, our other partner organization, are **Jean Cook**, **Kate Kroll**, **Shirley Pugh**, **Martha Smiley**, and **Marge Sutton**.

Among those who deliver food for Meals on Wheels are **Carolyn Anderson**, **Nancy Boerner**, **Sandy Churchill**, **David Ellies**, **Diana Lambdin**, **Frank Lester**, **Michael and Celeste McGregor**, **Joe and Ruth Miller**, **Steve and Jackie Morris**, **Doug and Ellen Porter**, **Judy Schroeder**, **Cindy Stone**, **Phil and Marjorie Sutton**, **Martha Wailes**, and **Bobbie Weinberg**.

The list goes on ... and on. Thank you to all who work to make the world a better place.

United Way contributions running late

When **Efrat Feferman**, executive director of United Way of Monroe County, spoke to retirees in October, she pointed out that nearly half the citizens of Owen, Greene, and Monroe counties live in poverty or hover just above it. Retirees have been major donors to the annual United Way campaign for decades. Last year, for example, 237 people pledged about \$300,000.

Numbers are lagging this year. As of Dec. 1, 90 donors who specified the IURA as their giving unit have contributed \$200,675, according to **Jim Grandorf**, who chairs the IURA's United Way efforts. If you have not mailed in your pledge, please do so before the year's end. Jim points out that retirees who are required to take a minimum distribution from their retirement funds can reduce their taxable income by contributing directly from that fund.

Jim is happy to address any questions. Just email him at jgrandorf@iu.edu.

What's with the rocking chair?



At least one retiree has taken umbrage at the image of the rocking chair in the nameplate of the IURA newsletter. He wrote, "Your logo is a combination of insult and cliché (I don't own a rocking chair). It also disregards what active retirement means as a visual identity or brand." After all, many retirees lead active lives that belie the "old rockin' chair" about which Hoagy Carmichael wrote.

Over the years the IU Retirees Association has been redefining its identity. At its founding in 1975, the

group was called the IU Annuitants Association. In April 2008 the group changed its name to the IU Association of Retired Faculty and Staff. Although that name was accurate, it was a bit cumbersome, particularly when writing a check. In January 2010 the membership voted to become the IU Retirees Association.

With its new name in place, the IURA board decided it was time to create a visual identity. As the newsletter editor, I asked **Marcia Busch-Jones** to create a logo and nameplate that would connect the organization to the university while conveying its own unique identity. The board adopted the logo in February 2010, and the new image debuted in the March 2010 newsletter.

Marcia had recently retired as executive director of IU's Office of Creative Services. A graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, she had taught courses in visual design in the School of Fine Arts. In the 1990s she had led the successful creation of a uniform look for the university, system wide.

Marcia died much too young, at the age of 67, in December 2011. I miss her and think of her whenever I look at the IURA logo.

The rocking chair image has not been universally applauded. But try googling "retirement logo images," and you will find that the other dominant visual representations are canes, walkers, and palm trees. And please note that the rocking chair is empty.

Long ago, I asked the late **Doreen Rice** what she planned to do when she retired. Her answer filled me with envy: "I'm going to read books in the morning." Even in a rocking chair, there's nothing wrong with that.

Judy Schroeder, Editor

News you can use department

Christan Royer is HR director of benefits. **Sue Dukeman** is HR senior retirement specialist. When they spoke to retirees in November, they raised a number of interesting points.

Retirees are no longer included in IU rental car discounts. University Travel Management, piggybacking off a Big Ten agreement, closed a deal that did not include retirees.

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For reasons of security, UITS closes IU email accounts when someone dies. Surviving spouses may petition for extended access in order to offload important information. It may be prudent, however, to store files elsewhere.

The university provides a Retiree Basic Life Insurance of \$6,000 for those with IU Retiree status on Jan. 1, 2003, or after. It is important that the beneficiary of this policy be current. Usually people designate their beneficiary when they begin their employment with IU. But circumstances may change through death or divorce. The form for updating beneficiary designation is available online: <https://hr.iu.edu/bcc/programs/beneficiaries.html>

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 444 members. The 2020 directory included 444 members, compared to 408 in 2019. In 2018 there were 453 members, 419 in 2017, 421 in 2016, and 379 in 2015.

Telephone numbers and email addresses appear only for people who opted to include them in the directory. 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.

Editor **Judy Schroeder** writes *NewsWatch* eight times a year (10 in 2021). For comments or corrections, please contact her at jschroed@indiana.edu.



Put this date on your 2022 calendar

On Feb. 9 **Fred Cate**, IU vice president for research, will describe the best ways to stay safe in today's world of hackers and scammers. He'll also describe how IU safeguards itself from ransom attacks.