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**Next meeting: Tuesday, September 12, at 1:30 p.m.
in person (IU Foundation) and on Zoom**

It's time to renew your membership

Welcome back to returning members of the IU Retirees Association! As another academic year begins, we look forward to your re-upping. And welcome to some prospective members who haven't yet joined – but always meant to. This issue of *NewsWatch* is also being mailed to 160 newly retired faculty and staff, inviting them to join the IURA.

The Retirees Association provides a voice for retirees in their continuing relationship with Indiana University. The organization is entirely self-funded and receives no financial support from the university. Our meetings offer an opportunity to exchange ideas, information, and friendship.

Please return the form on the back of the letter from IURA President **Joyce Krothe**, together with your membership check. Dues (\$30 for individuals, \$40 for couples) cover the period September 2023 through August 2024. First-year retirees may claim a one-year complimentary membership.

Abra Bush, music school's first woman dean, to speak at Sept. 12 meeting



Abra K. Bush has just completed her first year as David Henry Jacobs Bicentennial Dean of the School of Music, where she also is a professor of voice. She will be the featured speaker when the IU Retirees Association gathers on Sept. 12 for the first time this academic

year. The meeting will be at the IU Foundation's Peterson Room at 1:30 p.m. Zoom access will be available through a registration link on the website.

Bush oversees the school's internationally renowned programs, taught by 175 faculty members in residence. With more than 1,500 students from all 50 states and more than 50 countries, the school presents more than 1,100 performances each year and features more than three dozen performance ensembles.

The new dean came to IU from the Johns Hopkins Peabody Institute, where she was senior associate dean of institute studies. She succeeded Gwyn Richards, who returned to the faculty after two decades at the school's helm. Before joining the Peabody Institute, Bush was the first woman director of the music division at the Boston Conservatory. She has also taught at the University of Rochester, Concordia College, and Kenyon College. She has served as assistant dean of academic affairs at the Eastman School of Music.

Bush earned bachelor's and master's degrees in music from Oberlin College Conservatory of Music and received a doctor of musical arts degree at Ohio State University. A soprano, she made her professional opera debut as Drusilla in *L'incoronazione di Poppea* at Opera Columbus with Boston Baroque. She has sung in *Les Arts Flourissants*, *Susannah*, *Madama Butterfly*, *Così fan tutte*, and *The Tender Land*.

Perry Maull, IURA vice president and president of the Friends of Music, says, "Dean Bush is a real dynamo with her No. 1 job: supporting the fantastic students at the Jacobs School. I am really looking forward to hearing her talk about her priorities for the coming year."



Lining up at the buffet on May 10 are, from left, Charlie Matson, Wayne Winston, Vivian Winston, Bobbie Weinberg, and Allan Edmonds.

May luncheon features harp music

On May 10, 65 IURA members celebrated the end of the academic year with a delicious buffet luncheon in the Terrace Room at Meadowood. At the luncheon's conclusion, Erzsébet Gaál Rinne played harp music.



At left: Martha Wailes. Below, Tony Mescher, Eleanor Lahr, and Rob Aspy. Look for more photos on the IURA website.



Above: Iris Kiesling, Wendy Elliot

IURA secretary **Beau Vallance** took photos of members enjoying the luncheon, which IURA webmaster **Allan Edmonds** has put on the website.

Below: Betty and Tony Mobley



IURA board elects officers

At its May meeting, the IURA board elected officers. **Joyce Krothe**, **Perry Maull**, **Anita Douglas**, and **Beau Vallance** were re-elected as president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary, respectively. Perry also chairs hospitality and is United Way liaison. **Tony Mescher** chairs the program committee. **Audrey Morgan** is the HR retiree benefits liaison, and **Charlie Matson** is historian. **Beckie Owens** and **John Schilb** are also on the board. **Allan Edmonds**, **Doris Wittenburg**, and **Judy Schroeder** continue as webmaster, database manager, and editor respectively and are ex officio board members.

Membership dues go up

At its May meeting, the IURA board voted to increase dues for the first time since 2018. Because of increased printing, mailing, and hospitality costs, the dues are \$30 for an individual, \$40 for a couple. First-year retirees still may claim a one-year complimentary membership.

Remembering our friends

At least twice a year since 2008, Newswatch memorializes members who have died since the last listing. Because of space limitations, only IURA members can be included. A complete list of obituaries since 2008 is listed on the IURA website. Please notify me (jschroed@indiana.edu, 812-332-5057) of any omissions.

— Judy Schroeder, Newswatch Editor

Edward G.W. Buffie died in Indianapolis on Dec. 6, 2022. He was 93. Born in Chicago, Ed earned his bachelor's degree at North Illinois University and a master's at Northwestern. After teaching and serving as a school principal, he came to IU in 1960 as a visiting lecturer. After completing his doctorate in 1961, he joined the faculty of the School of Education. He coordinated the teacher education program before being named chair of the department of elementary education in 1970. A consultant to school corporations around the state, he helped develop the Indiana Principals Leadership Academy. He retired in 1998, leaving more time to enjoy tennis, bridge, and gardening. Among his survivors are his son, Ed Buffie, IU professor of economics.

Wayne O. Craig died in Alexandria, La., on May 28. He was 89. Born in Alexandria, Wayne earned a bachelor's degree in music from Baylor University and a master's of religious education from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. After working at churches in Alabama and Kentucky, he came to IU to serve as assistant to two presidents, Herman B Wells and John W. Ryan. He then became director of the IU Conference Bureau and, under President Tom Ehrlich, director of university ceremonies. In 1994 he received the Thomas Hart Benton Medallion. Retiring in 1997, Wayne remained in Bloomington until 2022, attending cultural events and collecting Native American jewelry and pottery.

Ted W. Jones died in Key Largo, Fla., on Aug. 5, 2022. He was 91. Born in Dallas, Texas, Ted earned a bachelor's degree in voice from Henderson State Teachers College. He came to IU for graduate work in 1947 and became technical and lighting director for the IU Opera Theater in 1958. Ted was design coordinator for the future Musical Arts Center and, later, planning coordinator for what is now the Simon Music Center. He retired from a 39-year career at the School of Music in 1996. Ted was commodore of the Lake Monroe Sailing Association and a longtime

member of the Bloomington Chamber Singers. The Bloomington Playwrights Project named its performance space the Ted Jones Playhouse. Ted was president of the IU Annuitants Association, the forerunner of the IU Retirees Association, in 2006-2007. His wife of 30 years, Marcia Busch-Jones, retired director of IU's Office of Creative Services, died in 2011.

David W. Kinman died in Bloomington on July 4, 2022. He was 82. Born in Petersburg, Ind., David earned a bachelor's degree at IU and became a science teacher and high school principal in Washington, Ind. After earning his doctorate from IU in 1972, he joined the faculty of the University of Wyoming. When he returned to IU in 1987, he was put in charge of all student services in the School of Education. He was the author of *Sourcebook for Educational Employment* and served on the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. He was awarded the Dean's Medallion in 2004 and retired in 2007. He was a commercial pilot and flight instructor and volunteered at Bloomington Hospital.

Lewis Polsgrove died in Bloomington on June 18. He was 84. Born in Galveston, Texas, Lew earned a psychology degree at North Texas State University and worked with the Kentucky Department of Child Welfare. After earning a Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky, he moved to IU in 1974. A leader in special education, he published nearly 100 articles, books, and chapters, with special emphasis on emotional behavioral disorders. He directed the Center for Innovation for Teaching the Handicapped and chaired undergraduate and master's programs in special education. Lew retired in 2003. He played the saxophone in several Bloomington jazz bands and enjoyed travel and fly-fishing. Sue, his wife of more than 60 years, survives. She retired as contracting officer for the university architect's office.

Donald E. Weaver died in Indianapolis on July 5. He was 84. An Elkhart native, Don went to work for his alma mater immediately upon graduating with a degree in business administration. He started as an analyst in the budget office, then moved to direct the office of university facilities management and planning for 25 years. In 1989 he became director of IU's office of state relations. Don was a timekeeper for the Little 500 bicycle race and a lifelong IU basketball, football, and baseball fan. He received the President's Medal for Excellence, the IU Foundation President's Medallion, and the E. Ross Bartley award. He was a founding member of Faith Lutheran

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Church and volunteered for Meals on Wheels, Boys Club, the Salvation Army, and Bloomington Little League. He served on the board of the IU Credit Union for many years. Don served on the IURA board of directors from 2006 to 2009 and again from 2013 to 2015. Barb, his wife of 64 years, survives. She worked at the mailroom at IU Athletics for a number of years.

Mark your calendar now

Fall semester meetings have been set, according to IURA program chair **Tony Mescher**.

On **Tuesday, Sept. 12**, at 1:30 p.m., Abra K. Bush, the new dean of the Jacobs School of Music, will speak.

On **Wednesday, Oct. 11**, the IURA is planning a field trip, to visit the IU Collections at the old McCalla School. Look for more details in the September newsletter.

On **Wednesday, Nov. 8**, at 2 p.m., Brad Cook, curator of photos for the IU Archives, will present the second part of his photo history of IU. In January, in a program that was enthusiastically received, Brad showed photos of IU history through William Lowe Bryan's presidency. Part 2 will begin

with the presidency of Herman B Wells.

A festive holiday luncheon will take place at the Bloomington Country Club on **Tuesday, Dec. 12**.

Programs for January, February, April, and May 2024 are still being planned.

Why am I getting this newsletter?

You are getting this newsletter for one of two reasons: *either* you have been a member of the IU Retirees Association in at least one of the last four years, *or* you retired from the Bloomington campus in 2019 or later and are being encouraged to join. Your mailing label shows your membership status.

This newsletter is also being mailed to 160 new retirees, to encourage them to claim a one-year complimentary membership. See the enclosed letter and membership application.

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