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Next meeting: 2 p.m., Wednesday, January 8, 2025 IU Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, 416 N. Indiana

We're going on a field trip! IURA's first meeting of the new year will be a tour of the recently reopened IU Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. We'll gather in the Programs Room at 2 p.m. on Jan. 8. Sarah Junk Hatcher, the museum's learning and community engagement manager, will give us an overview of the new facilities and exhibits. Retirees then will embark on their own self-guided tours, with museum staff available for questions.



Exhibits range from an exploration of fashion from an Islamic perspective to contributions of indigenous peoples to ecological conservation and restoration.

The museum recently reopened after a five-year renovation. It combines the former Glenn Black Laboratory of Archaeology and the former Mathers Museum of World Cultures. This restructuring brings together more than 5 million artifacts that offer a comprehensive view of human history. Because museums are typically

kept at approximately 68 degrees, visitors should dress accordingly.

The museum has entrances on both Indiana and Fess avenues. Although the building is fully accessible, parking is limited, and John Schilb, IURA program chair, suggests car-pooling. IU has given special permission to park free at two of its lots nearby, at the former McCalla School and the lot next to the former Yogi's building at 10th and Indiana. On-street parking requires a neighborhood permit.

We know how to party!

It was cold and sunny on Dec. 11 when nearly 100 retirees and guests got into the holiday spirit with a buffet at the Bloomington Country Club. Fen-Fen Tai, director of the Jacobs School Harp Academy, provided background music for lively conversation and good food.



IURA
 President
 Perry Maull,
 right, and past
 presidents
 Doug Porter
 and Charlie
 Matson,
 below,
 welcomed
 people in the
 parking lot.



Retirees at the Hoosier Buffet had ample choices, including Angus pot roast, fried chicken, and a bistro salad.



Lynn and Ute Coyne and Martha Lenthe reunited before the buffet. Earlier in the day, Ute and Martha worked up an appetite by playing tennis together.



For many, red was the color of the day. Above, Libby DeVoe and Kathy Sideli. At left, a joyful Judy Walcoff.



A highlight of the occasion was congenial conversation. Above, Andy Hanson and Patricia Foster, top, enjoyed chatting with Diana Lambdin and Frank Lester.

Fran Marseille, executive director of the USA International Harp Competition, invited retirees to the two-week event, from May 14 to May 24. Applications came from 106 harpists in 25 countries, and 42 have been chosen to compete.

Betty Mobley won the drawing for two tickets to the May 23 performance at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater of the Brandee Younger Trio. Younger, a 2021 Grammy Award nominee, received the 2024 NAACP Image Award. She plays jazz, funk, and soul harp as well as classical.

Andy Hanson and Debbie Smith had the winning tickets for a Staycation at one of Meadowood's guest cottages. Frank Lester and JoAnne Bowen

received vouchers for meals for four in the Meadowood dining room.

The event was so auspicious that space already has been reserved for next year, on Dec. 10.



Thanks to those who made it a success, including the welcoming committee of Joyce Krothe, Doris Wittenburg, and, at left, IURA Treasurer Beckie

Owens. Jim Grandorf sponsored the event. IURA Secretary Beau Vallance gets credit for the photographs. More photos are available on the IURA website.

United Way support = awesome

More than half – 55 percent – of what the Bloomington campus has raised so far for United Way comes from the incredible generosity of its retirees. Hats off to the 198 people who helped the IURA surpass its \$300,000 goal. As of Dec. 12, retirees had pledged or given \$335,684.25, and 98 retirees have contributed at the Vanguard level of \$1,000 or more.

It's remarkable that so few have given so much. Retirees are only 28 percent of all IU Campaign donors but gave 55 percent of the dollars.

"IU retirees continue to make an incredible impact in our community by supporting United Way," says UW director of development Catherine Blankensop.

Some retirees have put off their contributions until the very end of the year, so the news is going to get even better.

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If you missed a program ...

Retirees are increasingly taking advantage of going to the IURA website to watch programs they missed. Webmaster Allan Edmonds reports that, as of Dec. 4, at least 70 people had viewed the recording of Marjorie Hershey's post-election analysis in November, surpassing the previous record set by Glenn Gass's April presentation about the Beatles.

Enclosed: your membership directory



Included with the December issue of *Newswatch* is the annual membership directory, compiled by Doris Wittenburg, IURA database

manager. The directory contains information for the IURA's 419 members. (That's a record!)

Telephone numbers and email addresses appear for people who included them with their membership form. Couples with different last names are listed under both 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. Directory corrections should be sent to Doris at dwittenb@iu.edu.

Judy Schroeder writes *Newswatch* itself. Please send corrections to her at jschroed@iu.edu.

Treats in store for next semester

Retirees remember when Feb. 12 was a birthday celebration for Abraham Lincoln. We'll honor that tradition on Feb. 12 when John Lincoln Schilb will discuss Lincoln's legacy.

At the December meeting, John, the IURA program chair, was "tantalizingly enigmatic" about a March surprise program.

On April 9, Michelle Miller, retired senior lecturer in the School of Public Health, will outline "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Super-Agers." This session, like the February one, will take place in the Peterson Room of the IU Foundation at 2 p.m. and on Zoom.

The end-of-the-year luncheon, at Meadowood on May 14, will celebrate the end of the academic year.