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**Next Program: IU Foundation, Peterson Room  
Wednesday, May 11, 2011, 6 p.m.**

**Annual Potluck in May:** The popular end-of-year IU Retirees Association potluck dinner will be held on **Wednesday, May 11, at 6 p.m. in the Peterson Room of the IU Foundation.** The gathering will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the serving lines will open at 6:00. **All are asked to bring a casserole, vegetable, salad, or dessert.** Table service, meat, and wine will be provided. After-dinner entertainment will be provided by The Quarryland Men's Chorus.

**Report on health care changes:** On April 13 about 50 people turned out to hear Mark Moore, President and CEO of Indiana University Health Bloomington Hospital, describe what lies ahead for the Bloomington-based hospital, which recently joined a 16-hospital network that now constitutes Indiana University Health. Moore explained that the Bloomington Hospital is now filling the role of a regional specialty hub in conjunction with hospitals in Bedford and Paoli. He said that in Bloomington, as well as in most of the nation, health care was moving from a "services delivered" system to one judged and funded on "the basis of results."

During the Q&A session he stated that any decision regarding where and if the Bloomington hospital would be moving would be up to the local hospital board and that, should a move be made, the current facility would not be allowed to become an abandoned property. He went on to say that, if a new facility were to be constructed, it would probably be a least seven years before it would be ready to open its doors. He also lauded the new Hospice House that will open later this year just off Tapp Road. Jim Weigand reminded those present that IURA members interested in learning more about Hospice House are invited to Meadowood on April 21 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. for a special program on the topic. Members who have opted for electronic distribution of *NewsWatch* have already received a special announcement of this event. Moore also said that Bloomington Hospital continues to provide support for and work with the Volunteers in Medicine program, which he said fills a very important need in the community.

**Annual Art Exhibit:** IURA and Emeriti House will open their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Joint Art Exhibit with a reception at 5:00 p.m. on May 6. The reception and exhibit will take place at the Emeriti House, 1015 E. Atwater here in Bloomington. The event this year is a multimedia exhibit and is being held in conjunction with the Bloomington Creative Aging Festival as a part of National Older Americans Month. It is open to the public. The exhibit will continue for several weeks during regular Emeriti House hours: M – F 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**More news about healthcare:** Clearly the cost of drugs and medical procedures is in today's news. Locally we have just heard a discussion about the future of Indiana University Health Bloomington Hospital and on April 3 the Herald Times featured a front page article "*FRIENDLY BENEFITS: IU AMONG MOST GENEROUS PUBLIC EMPLOYERS WHEN IT COMES TO HEALTH CARE*" <http://www.heraldtimesonline.com/stories/2011/04/03/business.qp-5055264.sto?1302621396> comparing health insurance plans of various local organizations. Since it often helps to step back and see the issue from the perspective of others, you might want to visit [http://retirees.msu.edu/Newsletters/2011\\_04Apr97641SpartanSr.PDF](http://retirees.msu.edu/Newsletters/2011_04Apr97641SpartanSr.PDF); and read the article "*VICE PRESIDENT BRENT BOWDITCH BRINGS GOOD NEWS*" (beginning on page 3) to see what the retirees at Michigan State University are facing.

**Retirees outdo themselves with United Way pledges:** The IURA United Way committee announced that, now that the final figures are in, it can be reported that 175 donors pledged a record \$100,960 to this year's campaign! With demands on the United Way agencies greater than ever, this is especially welcome news.

**Save these dates:** The Program Committee will supply the program details for each meeting but for now hold the following date for IURA events: 2011: September 14 (fall luncheon), October 12, November 9, and December 14 (holiday luncheon); 2012: January 11, February 8, April 11, and May 9 (annual pitch in). Most programs will be held in the Peterson Room of the IU Foundation at 2 p.m. The location of the two luncheons will be announced later, and the potluck will be an early-evening affair.