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**Next meeting: 2 p.m., October 12
Peterson Room, Showalter House, IU Foundation, SR46 Bypass**

Next up: IU's compliance with NCAA

On Wed., Oct. 12, **Julie Cromer**, senior associate athletics director for compliance and administration, will describe to retirees just how IU manages "Compliance with Integrity: Following the Rules." The meeting will be at 2 p.m. in the Peterson Room at the IU Foundation.

Cromer's job is to ensure compliance with all NCAA, Big Ten, and IU rules, regulations, policies, and procedures. Among other topics, she will talk about how social media complicate compliance, an issue familiar to IU fans. According to the compliance website, "Even a comment such as 'IU is great, you'd love it here!'," when posted by an IU booster or fan on a prospective student-athlete's social networking page, could possibly prove troublesome."

Cromer is also the department's liaison to the Big Ten Conference and the NCAA. She oversees and maintains the department's gender equity plan. For more than 10 years she worked at the NCAA national office, where she was director of academic and membership affairs. In that capacity she launched Facilitating Learning and Achieving Graduation, a program to measure the effectiveness of campus efforts to eliminate barriers to student-athlete graduation success.

"We are thrilled to have lured Julie from the NCAA," said IU Vice President and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics **Fred Glass** when Cromer joined IU in July 2010. "She is smart, thoughtful, and has great judgment."

The sports administrator for the men's and women's soccer programs, Cromer is also the senior woman administrator for IU athletics. She succeeded **Mary Ann Rohleder**, who retired after 17 years leading the compliance office. Cromer received a bachelor's in communications management in 1993 from Missouri State University and a master's of public affairs in policy analysis from SPEA in 2010. She was the unanimous choice of the search advisory committee, which reviewed nearly 50 applicants.

"Julie's presentation should be of the utmost interest to retirees, who are fans not only of athletics but also of Indiana University," said **Jim Kennedy**, past president of IURA.

Can you tell me how to get to the IUF?

With construction on the State Road 46 Bypass, what's the best way to get to the IU Foundation on Wed., Oct. 12? IURA webmaster **Suzi Owen** recommends entering from Matlock Road on the west, turning into the IUF entrance by the old Headley School. **Jim Kennedy**, who is Monroe County sheriff as well as past president of the IURA, advises: "Leave Tuesday."

Mark your calendar now

On Nov. 9, **Jon Vickers**, director of IU Cinema, will tell retirees about building IU's national reputation as a place for film when the IURA meets at IU Cinema at 2 p.m. The holiday luncheon will be Dec. 14 at Terry's. Kaia, a women's a cappella group, will sing for us. Look

for information on 2012 meetings in a future newsletter.

What goes on around a Nobel Prize: Ostrom takes retirees behind the scenes

Retirees got a behind-the-scenes look at the pomp and circumstance surrounding the Nobel Prize festivities when IU's own **Elinor Ostrom**, the first woman to receive the Nobel Prize in economic sciences, spoke at the IURA fall luncheon on Wed., Sept. 14. Ostrom described the experience, from getting a phone call from Sweden at 6:30 a.m. announcing she had been awarded the prize — “Make yourself a cup of coffee, and we'll have a press conference at 7 a.m.,” she was told — through the weeklong ceremonies in Stockholm Dec. 5-11, 2009.

In her remarks Ostrom heeded the request of IURA President **Iris Kiesling**: “Please don't give a normal academic talk.” Instead, assisted by colleagues from IU's Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, which she and her husband, Vincent, established in 1973, she described the experience that transformed her life. “Even when I go to K-Mart,” she marveled, “people come up to me and ask, ‘You won that thing, didn't you?’”

Economics professor **Jim Walker**, who accompanied Ostrom to the ceremonies, explained that for the Swedes the Nobel festivities are like the Super Bowl. When the plane landed in Stockholm, an escort met them at the door of the airplane. “We didn't even go through security or fetch luggage,” Ostrom exclaimed. From that moment they received celebrity treatment.

The days were packed with events:

- a reception to meet other laureates at the Nobel Museum and to view the chairs autographed by former recipients;
- Ostrom's lecture at Stockholm University;
- a luncheon hosted by U.S. Ambassador Matthew Barzun for the American Nobel recipients;

- the very formal Nobel Award ceremony at the Stockholm Concert Hall, with the recipients “all wearing formal attire and 20 minutes of marching, marching,” where Ostrom received the award from King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden;
- an eight- to 10-course banquet with 1,300 guests and strolling minstrels at the Stockholm City Hall (“The menu was all in Swedish,” explained **Nicole Todd**, Ostrom's administrative assistant, “so we really didn't know what we were eating”); and
- a banquet at the Royal Palace hosted by Their Majesties the King and Queen of Sweden, “who turned out to be pretty nice people,” Ostrom said.

Ostrom's husband elected not to attend the ceremonies, in part because of the formal attire outlined in the invitation, Lin explained. A former colleague at the workshop had sent her a Liberian ceremonial robe, which she wore “because it was hanging in the closet.”

“It was a tremendous boost to the university to get this kind of attention,” said **Steve Hinnfeld**, from IU's Office of Communications and Marketing, who, in his words, “was shoehorned into the party” to document the events. Steve shared a story that even Ostrom hadn't heard: when officials first saw her unconventional attire — the Liberian ceremonial robe — before the ceremony, there was some frantic telephoning back and forth. Was this appropriate dress? Her outfit passed muster in the end, and the next day a Stockholm fashion writer rated her garb second only to the crown princess's gown.

The remarks of Ostrom and her colleagues bore out the introduction **Doris Burton** had given her. Doris, who has known her for more than 40 years, described Ostrom as “brilliant, creative, energetic, enthusiastic, caring, kind, and humble.” Her research on the delivery of police services, Doris said, means that “Lin has been in more jails and police cars than habitual criminals.” Ostrom's research interests — “from studies of police forces to irrigation systems, fisheries, forests, methods of research in the

social sciences, and manners of organization for governance” — have taken her to Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, Australia, Bedford, and Indianapolis. “Lin has served as a mentor and champion of her staff, her students, and colleagues,” said Doris. Ostrom has 10 honorary degrees and is Distinguished Professor and Arthur F. Bentley Professor of Political Science and senior research director of the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis at IUB.

IURA board elected, chooses officers

At the Sept. 14 meeting, retirees elected four new members to the IURA board: for a two-year term (2011-2013), **Shirley Pugh**, and, for three-year (2011-2014) terms, **Dick McKaig**, **Harriet Pfister**, and **Jim Schellhammer**.

The board elected Jim secretary and Shirley treasurer. Program chair is **Wayne Craig**, assisted by **Dick** and **Maribeth McKaig**. Harriet is in charge of hospitality. If you are willing to bring refreshments to a future meeting, please e-

mail Harriet at pfisterh@indiana.edu or call her at (812) 339-3364. **Dick Dever** was named the IURA liaison to the Emeriti House art exhibit.

United Way to kick off drive in September

Yes, it’s a lofty goal, but we can do it. Later this month members of the IU Retirees Association will be receiving a solicitation from United Way. During last year’s drive 175 IU retirees pledged more than \$100,000 to social service agencies in Monroe County. This year’s goal is to match that achievement. Be sure to specify the Retirees Association as your giving unit.

“It’s an ambitious figure,” acknowledges **Harriet Pfister**, who has been a liaison between United Way and retirees for more than 20 years. “But the needs are great in Monroe County, and once again we call on the generosity of our members.”

Also working on the IURA United Way committee are **Doris Burton** and **Wain Martin**.

IU Retirees Association 2011-2012 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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What IU retirees can learn from colleagues at other Big Ten schools

Every year representatives of retiree associations at all 12 Big Ten schools get together to exchange best practices. This year they met at the University of Wisconsin Aug. 12-14. **Rosemary** and **Dick Dever** represented IU. For them it was a homecoming of sorts. Dick got his doctorate at UW 42 years ago.

Major differences exist from school to school. At some, the retirees association receives funding from Human Resources, which pays for mailings; all retirees automatically belong to the retirees association. Ohio State, Purdue, and Michigan have benefits committees that gather information and pass it along to membership. Michigan has a health fair every year, a daylong session on aging and health. Ohio State's retirees group sponsors both a tax seminar and an estate planning session.

"Many schools that have defined *pension* systems similar to PERF seem to have large memberships because they need a lobbying group," said Dick, "while many schools with defined *benefit* systems like IU seem to have smaller memberships."

Why am I getting this newsletter?

You are getting this newsletter for one of three reasons. Database manager **Gerald Marker** maintains a Big List with more than 900 names.

1. Some are paying members, who pay the costs of printing and mailing *Newswatch* in hopes that others will join IURA.
2. The second group includes 290 people whom Human Resources identifies as retiring during the last

year. They will be mailed the newsletter during this academic year.

3. People who a) retired within the last five years but have not yet joined or b) former members who have not re-upped are in the final group. They will be mailed newsletters until November, when they will be dropped.

To have your name removed from the list, send a message to marker@indiana.edu with "unsubscribe" in the subject line and your name as it appears on IU records.

Those who sign up for e-mail delivery will receive their newsletter in e-form beginning in October. **Judy Schroeder** writes *Newswatch* eight times a year. Please send corrections and comments to her: jschroed@indiana.edu, 812-332-5057.

What's happening at Emeriti House

On Wed., Oct. 5, at 4 p.m., at the Emeriti House **Bruce Jaffee** and **Bill Perkins**, emeriti professors at Kelley School of Business, will offer a historical perspective on IU and Big Ten athletics. Bruce and Bill served as IU's faculty athletics representative, Bruce from 2003 to 2011 and Bill from 1994 to 2003.

On Oct. 11, at 4 p.m., **Edward Linenthal** (history), **Don Lichtenberg** (physics) and **George Malacinski** (biology) will discuss "War and Peace," and on Oct. 19, also at 4 p.m., **Consuela Lopez-Morillas**, Spanish & Portuguese, will talk about "Secret Muslims of the Spanish Renaissance."

Emeriti House is at 1015 E. Atwater Ave., at the northwest corner of Atwater and Hawthorne.