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Ready for a reunion?

That's what our April meeting will feel like, after our February cancellation because of weather and our March hiatus for spring break.

Our speaker will be Kerry Thomson, Executive Director/Director of Ministry of Habitat for Humanity for Monroe County, Inc. Habitat is a worldwide ecumenical Christian housing ministry that seeks to build decent housing in decent communities for people in need. The local group has built 25 houses since 1996, working with volunteers and local contractors to build and sell homes to people in need.

Ms. Thomson began volunteering with Habitat when she was a college student. She participated in an Americorps placement with Habitat International after graduating from college and has made a career with the organization.

Habitat for Humanity for Monroe County was established in 1988 and was an entirely volunteer-driven organization until the late '90s, when Ms. Thomson became the organization's first executive director.

We passed our goal!

Congratulations to the IU Annuitants and a big thank you for your generosity! IU Annuitants were a major reason IU reached its \$650,000 goal in the United Way Campaign. The 175 annuitants who contributed to the campaign represented 10 percent of all donors. Our goal this year was \$76,095, and we contributed \$92,696.08, or 120.4 percent of our goal, by far the most we have ever donated. Our gifts represented 14.26 percent of the total IU campaign. This will be a tough act to follow next year!
Doris Burton

Emeriti House events

March 30 – April 27 – Emeriti House Art Exhibit (Photography) on display Mondays-Fridays, 9 am to 5 pm

April 2 – Monday Brown Bag Lunch Join hosts Dick Stryker and Jerry Chertkoff for stimulating discussions about interesting topics. (See story below)

April 4 – Peter Katzenstein, Distinguished Professor of International Studies, Cornell University

April 5 – Hollis Johnson, Department of Astronomy, "The Universe and the Hubble Space Telescope (rescheduled from February 14. Note this event is on a Thursday.)

April 11 -- John Woodcock, English Department, "Getting a life . . . down on paper!"

April. 16 -- Monday Brown Bag Luncheon is *cancelled* and will be rescheduled for a later date. Please stay tuned.

April. 16 -- Jewish Theatre: "Another Antigone" (Note this event is on a Monday and is rescheduled from April 18.)

April. 25 -- Moya Andrews, Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculties: "Gardening with Perennials in the Lower Midwest"

May 2 Panel Discussion: "Origin of the Universe" – Nino Cocchiarella, Moderator, with Professors Emeritus William Hansen, James Hart and Hollis Johnson

Lunch with Jerry and Dick

Jerry Chertkoff and Dick Stryker are co-hosting a series of brown bag luncheons on Mondays, featuring stimulating discussions about interesting topics. The luncheons are open to emeriti and IU Annuitants. Bring your own lunch; beverages and cookies will be provided.

The two thought it might be interesting to discuss issues that we might be ambivalent about. Here are three possibilities:

Should the United States and other countries intervene militarily when a leader is engaged in widespread killing of his/her own people?

What is the appropriate role of intercollegiate athletics at a university such as Indiana University?

On balance, was Bobby Knight good or bad for IU?