



# NEWSWATCH

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**Next meeting: 11:45 a.m., Wednesday, September 9 (reservation deadline Sept. 2)  
Peterson Room, Showalter House, IU Foundation, SR46 Bypass**

## Welcome! Or welcome back!

Welcome back to returning members of the IU Retirees Association! As another academic year begins, we look forward to your “re-upping.”

Welcome to prospective members. This issue of *NewsWatch* is being mailed to 110 newly retired faculty and staff. We invite you to join us. Dues are modest (\$15 for individuals, \$20 for couples), and our meetings offer an opportunity to exchange ideas, information, and friendship.

Founded in 1975 as the IU Annuitants Association, the IURA welcomes all retired faculty and staff and their spouses or partners. The Retirees Association provides a voice for retirees in their continuing relationship with Indiana University. The organization is entirely self-funded and receives no university support, although the IU Foundation generously provides meeting space at no charge.

Please return the form on the back of the letter from IURA President **Jo Daron**, together with your membership contribution.

## September meeting to feature Moore on future of Bloomington Hospital

When the IU Retirees Association meets for its Sept. 9 luncheon, topic and location will merge serendipitously. CEO **Mark Moore** will speak on “Future Trends and Directions for IU Health Bloomington Hospital.” The doors of the Peterson Room at the IU Foundation’s Showalter House on the SR46 Bypass will open at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at 11:45.

Hospital and IU officials announced on April 15 that a new hospital will be developed on 75 acres of university property off the SR 46 bypass just south of the IU Foundation, on what is now the golf driving range. Moore has described this partnership as “a once-in-a-hundred-years moment.” The partnership will benefit both IUB’s health sciences education and research units and the population of more than 400,000 whom the hospital serves, he says. The new facility is projected to open in 2019 or 2020.



“I think every member of my family has spent at least one night in the Bloomington Hospital,” says IURA Past President **Dick McKaig**, who arranged the program. “It is such an important asset to our community. I look forward to getting an update on what’s in the future for IU Health Bloomington.”

“In keeping with longstanding IURA tradition, the luncheon will be prepared by Terry’s Catering, but it will be served to us in our familiar meeting place, the Peterson Room,” says **Carol Stokes**, a member of the IURA hospitality committee. Diners can choose between beef brisket with mushroom demi-glace or spinach and ricotta stuffed mushrooms.

Because of limited seating, only the first 108 reservations can be accepted. The cost is \$20 per person, and the deadline is Sept. 2.

## Music in May: When last we met

Nearly 90 retirees filled the Peterson Room on May 13 to celebrate the end of the academic year with the ever popular potluck dinner. **Devonia Stein** came because, she said, “retirees know how to cook.” To underscore her point, **Pam Freeman**’s kale salad was a hit with people who never before had liked kale.

**Gail Londergan** spoke briefly about the 50th anniversary of the Older Americans Act and the Creative Aging Festival, which celebrates “the good things that can come with aging.” The Emeriti House was a cosponsor of the session “Reinventing Ourselves with Art.”

Following a motion by IURA President **John Hobson**, the bylaws and articles were amended to include retired staff members of the IU Foundation among those who qualify for membership in the IURA. John listed the following highlights of his term:

- eight interesting programs;
- \$154,000 pledged to United Way;
- cosponsorship of the Emeriti House art exhibit; and
- strengthened relationships with the University Club and Emeriti House.

More than 400 people have joined the IURA.

Past President **Dick McKaig** introduced **Connie Glen**, who spent five years in the Student Affairs Office before moving to the Jacobs School of Music. Connie regaled retirees with stories about Indiana native Cole Porter.

Born in Peru, Ind., in 1891, he was the grandson of J.O. Cole, “the richest man in Indiana,” who made his fortune in coal mining. Porter attended Yale University. He learned to put on a show as a member – eventually president -- of the Yale Glee Club. He attended Harvard Law School, but he and the school agreed it wasn’t a good match. On the advice of the dean of the law school, he switched to study with the music faculty.

Money was never a problem for the composer. When Porter married Linda Lee Thomas in 1919, the New York *Herald Tribune* headlined the news, “Boy with \$1 Million Marries Girl with \$2 Million.” Thomas understood and accepted

Porter’s homosexuality, and they were devoted companions.

Porter was famous for lyrics characterized by sophistication and sexual innuendo. In his list song “Let’s Do It,” in his first Broadway hit *Paris* (1928), he itemizes the mating habits of fish, insects, and mammals, from lazy jellyfish to educated fleas and courageous kangaroos. The 1934 musical *Anything Goes* includes unexpected juxtapositions ripped from the headlines: Mahatma Gandhi and Napoleon Brandy, an O’Neill drama and Whistler’s mama, Fred Astaire and camembert.

Retirees hummed under their breath as Connie cited Porter lyrics “Begin the Beguine” and “Just One of Those Things” (*Jubilee*, 1935) and “I’ve Got You Under My Skin” and “You’d Be So Easy to Love” (the film *Born to Dance*, 1936). Porter wrote “It’s De-Lovely” for the 1936 musical *Red, Hot and Blue*. Because Jimmy Durante and Ethel Merman could not agree on which of them should get top billing, the marquee had to be changed after each performance.

Porter was injured in a horseback riding accident in 1937. From then on he was constantly in pain, a fact he hid behind frolicsome lyrics and prodigious production. He cooperated in the fictionalized, sanitized biopic *Night and Day* (1946), with Cary Grant as Cole Porter.

*Kiss Me, Kate*, which opened in 1948, was a huge hit, running for more than a thousand performances. It featured such tunes as “Wunderbar,” “Another Opening,” and “Brush Up Your Shakespeare,” with its original and sophisticated rhymes: “Just declaim a few lines from *Othella*/And they’ll think you’re a hell of a fella./If your blonde won’t respond when you flatter ‘er./Tell her what Tony told Cleopatterer.”

Porter’s last success was with the music and lyrics of *Silk Stockings* (1955). From that point his life went inexorably downhill. His wife died in 1954 after spending more than a decade in an iron lung because of emphysema. After his right leg was amputated in 1958, Porter no longer appeared in public. He died in 1964. He left behind at least 25 shows and more than a

thousand songs. “He combined vaudeville, jazz, opera, and comic patter,” Connie said, and his music was loved and recorded by artists like Ella Fitzgerald, Judy Garland, Rosemary Clooney, Frank Sinatra, and Dionne Warwick.

Peru, Ind., celebrates its most famous native son with a festival every June on the weekend nearest June 9, Porter’s birthday. And retirees danced to their cars with very few leftovers but heads full of beautiful music.

## In memoriam

*Twice a year since 2008, in the April and August issues, Newswatch memorializes IURA members who have died since the previous listing. Please notify me (jschroed@indiana.edu, 812-332-5057) of any errors or omissions.*

— Judy Schroeder, Editor

**Peter Boerner** died June 12 in Bloomington. He was 89. Born in Estonia, Peter received his Ph.D. from the J.W. Goethe University in Frankfurt, Germany, and then studied at the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium. He was curator of the Goethe Museum in Dusseldorf and resident director of the Stanford University Study Center in Germany. In 1961 he came to the U.S., where he taught at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Yale University. Peter came to IU in 1971 and retired in 1996 as professor of Germanic studies, comparative literature, and West European studies. A Guggenheim fellow and Goethe scholar, he edited a 45-volume paperback edition of Goethe’s works. His biography of Goethe, originally written in German, has been translated into 10 languages. He was a member of the Bloomington North Rotary Club, swam regularly at Royer Pool, and enjoyed lecturing at Mini University. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Nancy Boerner, retired subject librarian at the Wells Library.

**Robert L. “Bob” Gibson** died July 23 in Bloomington. He was 95. Bob was born in Elkins, W.V., and received his bachelor’s degree from West Virginia University in 1941. Drafted into the Army, he participated in the Allied invasion of North Africa in November 1942. Discharged at war’s end as a captain with four Bronze Stars and three Purple Hearts, he earned

a master’s degree at West Virginia University. After completing his doctorate in counseling and student personnel services at Columbia University in 1956, he joined the University of Toledo faculty. In 1965 he became a professor of education at IU, serving as chairman of the department of counselor education from 1969 to 1982. Bob helped develop cooperative programs between IU and Bermuda College and the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, programs in which he participated for more than 30 years. He co-authored 11 textbooks and co-directed 15 funded research projects. He retired in 1990 but continued to do consulting work until 2010. He is survived by Marianne H. Mitchell, his long-time friend, co-author, and colleague.

## Emeriti House, University Club programs

For information on the programs of our partner organizations, see [www.indiana.edu/~emeriti](http://www.indiana.edu/~emeriti) and [www.indiana.edu/~uclub](http://www.indiana.edu/~uclub).

## Retiree benefits: news from HR

Human Resources has appointed **Karen Hill** as its new liaison to the IURA, **Bruce Jaffee**, chair of the benefits committee, announced in July. Retirees may address specific questions about benefits to Karen at [kashill@iu.edu](mailto:kashill@iu.edu), 812-856-4459.

In cooperation with the IURA, HR has produced a document specifically for those at IUB with retiree status. That document is posted on the IURA website, <http://www.indiana.edu/~iura>. A longer list of retiree benefits can be viewed at <http://www.indiana.edu/~iura/Perks%20and%20Benefits.html>.

HR announced July 26 that NoMoreClipboard had been hacked. To verify that the applicant was associated with IU, HR provided minimal information (such as name) to that firm for all employees and retirees. Unless you signed up for the NoMoreClipboard service, nothing of significance was shared. The firm will send letters to affected parties, indicating what information might have been exposed. “Both Karen Hill and I recommend that people sign up for the free credit monitoring that will be offered,” Bruce says.

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At the May 13 meeting of the IURA Bruce announced that Anthem Blue, used by one-third of retirees, has suffered a significant breach. He recommended signing up for the free credit monitoring that has been offered.

Bruce has heard from some retirees that Anthem has not paid the Medicare deductible or co-pay as it is supposed to do according to the policy documents. "This problem has persisted for eight months," he says. In this situation he advises retirees to not pay the bill, to insist that insurance covers the Medicare deductible, and to refer Anthem to Karen Hill for confirmation.

He explained that retired faculty can continue to download IUware but most retired staff cannot. "That's the rule in the contract with the software vendor," he explained, a rule that has been enforced for the last couple of years. IU would need to pay an additional \$100,000 to cover a larger pool. As Bruce said, "That's not going to happen."

### **A peek at the future: coming attractions**

Here are some dates to put on your calendar:

- Oct. 14 at 2 p.m., IU faculty athletics representative **Kurt Zorn**
- Nov. 11 at 2 p.m., **James Shanahan**, founding dean of IU's new Media School
- Dec. 10, holiday luncheon with program to be announced
- Jan. 13 at 2 p.m., historian **Jim Madison** on Indiana's 2016 bicentennial
- Feb. 10 at 2 p.m., WFIU's longtime jazz host **Dick Bishop**
- April 13 at 2 p.m., political scientist **Marjorie Hershey** on the 2016 elections
- May 11 at 5 p.m., the annual pitch-in dinner, with program to be announced

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