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Next meeting: 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 17
St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 100 SR46 Bypass (note new location)
Doors open at 1:30, with piano selections by Pam Freeman

Telling IU's history focus of April meeting

Fans of StoryCorps will enjoy **Kristin Leaman's** presentation on "The People's History of IU" when retirees meet April 17 (a week later than the usual second Wednesday) at St. Mark's United Methodist Church at 2 p.m.

The Indiana University Bicentennial Oral History Project began in 2008. It has already collected more than 1,000 stories from faculty, staff, and alumni on all of IU's campuses. Its purpose is to create a new history of IU, one written from the perspective of those who worked for and attended IU.



Kristin is the bicentennial archivist in the Indiana University Archives and the Office of the Bicentennial, where she provides support and research to units, Signature Projects, and Bicentennial interns and staff. She also directs the IU Bicentennial Oral History Project.

She earned her B.A. and M.A. at Purdue University and her M.L.S. from IU. She will receive her Ph.D. in English literature from Purdue in May.

Retirees surpass goal ... by a lot!

Generous retirees have far surpassed the goal of \$190,000 set for the 2019 United Way campaign. In fact, they have surpassed even last year's all-time high of \$255,955. As of March 7, retiree pledges totaled \$280,833.26.

The record speaks for itself:

Year	Goal	Pledged	Contrib.	Vanguards
2019	\$190,000	\$280,833	233	103
2018	\$210,000	\$255,955	233	104
2017	\$170,000	\$188,210	219	87
2016	\$145,000	\$172,503	201	79
2015	\$135,000	\$153,000	195	69
2014	\$125,000	\$131,773	161	62
2013	\$115,000	\$137,000	224	64
2012	\$100,000	\$115,000	161	62

Although the actual number of Vanguards – those giving \$1,000 or more – was down by one, Vanguards pledged \$250,663.16. The average pledge was \$1,205. **Eileen Schellhammer** and **Dick Dever** co-chaired this year's successful drive for the IURA. Hats off to them – and to all who showed their commitment to their community.

Annual meeting to feature board election

The April 17 meeting is the annual meeting of the IU Retirees Association. The nominating committee will present three people for three-year terms on the IURA board. The candidates are **Anita Douglas**, **Jim Grandorf**, and **Joyce Krothe**.

- **Anita Douglas** grew up in Bloomington, where her father was a professor in the School of Music for more than 35 years. After graduating from IU with a degree in history, she returned to the university in 1988 to complete course work to sit for the CPA exam. Anita was a tax accountant with Financial Management Services before becoming assistant director of administrative services for the IMU. Her retirement in December 2016 has given her more time to golf, read, and travel.

- On retiring in 1997 from a distinguished 34-year career with Exxon, **Jim Grandorf** returned to Bloomington, where he had earned his bachelor's and MBA degrees, to become clinical professor of accounting in the Kelley School. The recipient of the United Way of Monroe County's Mary Alice Gray Award for Extraordinary Service, Jim has been the Vanguard chair for the community and IU United Way campaigns since 2007.

- **Joyce Splann Krothe** was a member of the Indiana University School of Nursing faculty on the Bloomington campus for 34 years, retiring in July 2016. During her tenure she was the assistant dean and taught community health and health policy courses. She serves on the board of directors of the Lotus Education & Arts Foundation.

IURA Vice President **Gail Londergan** chaired the nominating committee. Other members were **Bonnie Brownlee** and **Sally Dunn**.

Board members who have completed their three-year terms and declined to seek re-election are **Mary Ellen Anderson**, **Bill McGregor**, and **Debora "Ralf" Shaw**. Continuing board members are **Steve Hitzeman**, **Gail Londergan**, **Charlie Matson**, **Joe Miller**, and **Doug Porter**. **Kirstine "Tine" Lindemann** recently resigned, and the board will appoint someone to complete her term.

At the April meeting IURA treasurer **Joe Miller** will present a financial report. Benefits chair **Bruce Jaffee** will provide copies of the new HR brochure about retiree benefits.

Kerry Thomson addresses rural engagement at February meeting

"We're creating a model that is replicable throughout the state," **Kerry Thomson**, executive director of IU's Center for Rural Engagement, told more than 40 members at the Feb. 13 meeting of the IURA.

Because it can't do everything at once, the center initially is focusing on three areas: health and wellness, resilience, and quality of place. Then it will expand its efforts into three additional areas: educational attainment; entrepreneurship and economic development; and capacity building and leadership growth.

The center arose after Provost Lauren Robel led an 18-month brainstorming tour, meeting with leaders in

11 Southwest Central Indiana rural counties, asking them what IU could do to help their communities. The center itself was founded in March 2018 with a three-year grant from Lilly Endowment. The projects that have been identified bring together resources from different parts of the academy, including such schools as nursing; business; music; social work; public health; public and environmental affairs; and informatics, computing, and engineering.



The Healthy Indiana component has three main emphases:

- Addressing chronic and lifestyle conditions, including type 2 diabetes, obesity, and hypertension;
- The well-being of women and children; and
- Fighting substance abuse.

Access to care is one of the greatest barriers to health in rural counties, Kerry said. In one project, nursing students helped people with diabetes in Orange County improve their health by providing home visits. Not only were students able to get clinical experience, but they were also able to see how one health-care provider can make a difference. The project encouraged them to consider the opportunities open in underserved communities.

The Jacobs School of Music has been particularly responsive to communities seeking to improve quality of place. Students provide master classes for high school pupils in Brown County. They are performing "Hamiltunes," a family-friendly sing-along version of the Broadway musical *Hamilton*, in Nashville, Salem, and Huntingburg. IU Cinema is offering pop-up cinema screenings and facilitating conversations after the films.

Quality of Place initiatives also address affordable housing, something Kerry knows a good deal about after two decades leading Monroe County's Habitat for Humanity chapter. Kerry emphasized that these projects will be replicable, collaborative, and rural. The center is working to have a plan in place by 2020

to create 3,500 new housing units in Monroe, Owen, Greene, and Lawrence counties.

Resilience encompasses food, water, and parks. The center's goal to increase local food production and consumption by 5 percent and park visits by 10 percent. Projects are examining the environmental, economic, health and social impacts of this region's karst geology on the region's water quality and supply. The Eppley Institute is a valuable partner in creating an inventory of public, nonpublic, and private conservation or recreational resources.

Sustaining Hoosier Communities, which Kerry called "the largest rural university teaching partnership in the nation," is now part of the center. Campus units partner with a local community to explore, understand, and resolve challenges and opportunities identified by the community. Statistics vary, but last semester Orange County had 26 classes with 350+ students working on 30 projects; this semester the numbers are even higher. In Lawrence County 550 students in 20 classes were working on 14 projects. An example: computer science students worked to design a system to track light pollution to help the Hoosier National Forest attain Dark Sky designation.

Retirees peppered Kerry with questions. **Bruce Jaffee** asked how the program sets tangible, measurable outcomes. Kerry responded that is sometimes difficult when the metrics keep changing. In trying to measure opioid-related deaths, for example, researchers found that the drug of choice has changed and that the counties face an addiction crisis, not an opioid crisis.

Andy Singer and **Charlie Matson** zeroed in on the importance of helping communities write grants, something the center is actively pursuing. **Ted Jones** wanted to know about credited internships, an area Kerry said is expanding.

To **Suzann Owen's** question about whether the center encounters an anti-university bias in these rural communities, Kerry says it has not "because it started with a listening tour and because we're not leaving at the end of the semester." Communities respond instead, "We didn't realize just how the university could help us." It's a win-win initiative, she said. It offers an opportunity for faculty and classes to do applied research.

More than 40 retirees had an exercise in flexibility when a water main break at St. Mark's United

Methodist Church, the original venue, necessitated an eleventh-hour change of location. The IU Foundation, the IURA's historic host, came to the rescue, offering the Peterson Room at no charge. **Barbara Edwards** provided welcome snacks.

17th annual exhibit seeks submission



Flower Power, a work by IURA member **Char Dapena**, was on display at last year's art exhibit.

Retirees and their spouses or partners are invited to submit art for the annual Emeriti House/IURA art exhibit. The organizing committee welcomes submissions in any art medium. Works in a medium that has been underrepresented in the past – collage, woodwork, sculpture in various materials, pottery, and textiles (including weaving, needlepoint, knitting, and embroidery) – are especially welcome.

Works should be submitted at Emeriti House on Monday, April 22, between 9 and 11 a.m. Individual contributors may submit one to three works, although the maximum number accepted for the exhibit from any one person is two. Art submitted should be ready to be exhibited. For example, if the piece is framed, a wire should be attached to the upper third of the frame. A label on the back of the piece should state the name of the submitter; if for sale, the price; if not for sale, "NFS"; the medium; and the title of the piece if there is one.

Late submissions will not be accepted. If you cannot drop off art on April 22, contact **Nat McKamey**,

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emeriti@indiana.edu, (812) 855-3773, about an early submission.

Address questions to **B.J. Irvine**, who chairs the organizing committee, irvine@indiana.edu, (812) 322-4412. Other committee members are **Wendy Bernstein, Jerry Chertkoff, Audrey Heller, Ed McEndarfer, Ruth Miller, Larry Thibos, Beau Vallance, and John Woodcock.**

The opening reception is Friday, April 26, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Emeriti House, 1015 E. Atwater Ave.

For information about the programs of the Emeriti House, see www.indiana.edu/~emeriti/ or call (812) 855-3773 for updated information.

Don't forget your life insurance

Bruce Jaffee, IURA retirees benefit chair, points out that retirees are automatically covered by the Retiree Life Insurance benefit the university provides. For people retiring on or after January 1, 2003, the amount is \$6,000. "It's important that people keep their beneficiary information current," Bruce says.

This benefit is one of many included in the "Benefit Options for Retirees" that Bruce will have available at the April 18 meeting. You can view the 12-page brochure online at <http://hr.iu.edu/benefits/pubs/books/retiree-benefit-options.pdf>

Put May 8 on your calendar now

By popular request, the May meeting, the grand finale of the IURA year, will be a potluck. Because the IU Foundation no longer permits homemade food to be served in its facility, we will meet at Bell Trace at 5 p.m. **Jeff Wuslich**, co-founder of Cardinal Spirits, will talk about entrepreneurship in Bloomington. Look for more details in the April newsletter.

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