Retiree helps people get what they need

“Last month we were shy by one of serving 1,000 individuals,” said the director of the St. Vincent de Paul Office and Food Pantry when asked about the number of people who visit the pantry. The food pantry is stocked with canned and other non-perishable foods available to the poor in Vanderburgh County.

The director is Sister Victoria Pohl, professor emerita of mathematics, who served on the faculty in the Pott School of Science and Engineering for 25 years before her retirement in 1995. Food items for the pantry come from donations from the public, businesses, and grants. Sister Pohl said St. Vincent’s also cooperates with other food pantries to purchase food wholesale.

And she’s often turned a mistake or accident into a food resource. She remembers getting potatoes that were packaged in onion bags by error and a load of infant formula off a truck that was involved in a wreck.

More than 95 volunteers, many near retirement or already retired, help Sister Pohl with the work at the pantry.

From USI, she’s recruited Jackie Pender, a retired telephone operator; Jim Brown, instructor emeritus in physical education, and Paul Baronowsky, a member of the adjunct faculty, to work for the food pantry.

Before retirement, in addition to her teaching responsibilities, Sister Pohl worked with the poor in Appalachia. Locally she volunteered with the Community Action Program of Evansville and the Ozanam Family Shelter.

For her work she likes seeing people get what they need. She’s worked with a woman whose husband was in jail. She said the wife was embarrassed to ask for help for herself and her children, but through the food pantry Sister Pohl was able to ease the woman’s burden.

Her wish is to have more money to provide more food and a better quality of food.

Donations may be sent to the St. Vincent de Paul Office, 809 N. Lafayette, Evansville, IN 47710.

USI retiree holding book signing on campus

Carolyn Smith, retired Academic Skills coordinator, will have a book signing for her novel, Beyond the Lies, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, December 12, in the University Center near the USI Bookstore.

A women’s fiction author, Smith’s nom de plume is Carolyn Russell. Her contract with Wings-ePress includes publication of the 326-page Beyond the Lies as both an eBook and in print.

“I’m fascinated by stories about relationships and strong characters,” she said.

“In Beyond the Lies, Gloria Miles lives a lie woven by insecure parents unable to admit Gloria isn’t theirs,” according to a description of the book provided by the author.

“A s she searches for her true identity, those who profess their love for Gloria practice their own brand of deceit, destroying her ability to trust and threatening her chances for happiness. Beyond the Lies is a story of relationships, love, betrayal, and survival.”

Smith recently signed a contract for a second book that is scheduled for release in 2004.

A n Indiana native, she resided in Michigan, Illinois, and South Carolina before retiring to Missouri, where she is closer to her grandchildren and works part-time at the library in Poplar Bluff.

A graduate of Ball State University, Smith holds a master’s in student personnel administration in higher education. She joined the University in 1989 and retired in 2000.

“I’m looking forward to seeing old friends and colleagues as well as all the changes that have taken place,” she said.

Christmas comes to New Harmony


Shops in the 19th-century southern Indiana town will be decorated for the holiday season, and NHBA member businesses will be hosting holiday open houses.

The associates also will sponsor several events around town, including Breakfast with Santa, Photos with Santa, Festival of Trees, Ice Sculpting, Christmas Parade, Craft Fair, Grand Christmas Tea, Wine Tasting, a Children’s Nutcracker, candlelight tours, and more.

The 17th annual Holiday in Harmonie Candlelight Tour will focus on New Harmony’s rich and diverse religious heritage this year and will include the town’s historic churches.

The self-guided tours Saturday, December 6, will feature the restored Athenium/Visitors Center, St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church and Rectory, Johnson United Methodist Church, Holy Angels Catholic Church, and the original Harmonist Church, which will be recreated using candles and luminaria. Some historic sites will feature entertainment, and refreshments will be served at the Athenium/Visitors Center. Tickets are $12 for adults, $6 for children, and $5 for Historic New Harmony Society donors as well as USI staff, faculty, and students with valid Eagle Access cards.

Official “Christmas in New Harmony” programs are available at New Harmony Business Associates member locations. The schedule of events follows:

Saturday, December 6

✈ Breakfast with Santa - 8 to 10 a.m., Holy Angels Community Center
✈ Craft Fair – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., American Legion Post 370
Regarding the issues of racial and ethnic tensions.

Public will reach some common ground and form an agreement.

Dr. Dean Partridge, associate professor of management and director of the University Honors Program.

Members of other honors programs on campus will attend as well.

The costs and outcomes of various solutions also will be addressed by the participants.

Participants will work toward making choices involving public policy issues.

The community is invited to attend the tree-lighting event.

The Student Alumni Association will host its 14th annual Holiday Reception.

Dr. Charles T. Barber, professor of political science, participated in the annual meeting of the International Studies Association-Midwest November 7-8. He chaired the panel, “Supra- and Sub-national Political Phenomena” and served as the panel’s discussant. Fellow panelists represented Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, Missouri Western State College-St. Joseph, and University of Missouri-Columbia.

Dr. Hilary Braysmith, associate professor of art history, was invited to the Charlottenburg Palace, Berlin, to participate in the presentation of the Festschrift honoring Professor Helmut Boersch-Supan, leading scholar on German painting and German collections, and former director of (West) Berlin Palaces and Gardens. The Festschrift, published by Berlin Akademiker Verlag (2003) is titled Preussen und das Individuum and includes Braysmith’s article, “Motifs with Meanings or the Lessons of ‘Imitatio Christi’ and ‘Imitatio Natura’ in the Work of Caspar David Friedrich.”

Dr. Jerome R. Cain, dean of the Pott School of Science and Engineering, served as a panelist-presenter during the session, “Deans in Hardhats: The Role of the Dean in Construction Projects,” at the annual meeting of the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences held November 12-15 in Orlando, Fla.

Carolyn Roth, special part-time instructor in art, had a watercolor painting, “Night Thoughts,” selected for the Laredo Center for the Arts 11th annual International Juried Show. The exhibit will run through December 28 at the center in Texas.

Welcome

Able Moten, Evansville, has accepted the position of computer support technician in Rice Library.

Promotions and transfers

Charmaine McDowell, from training consultant to manager of Marketing and Business Development in Extended Services.

Roy Donovan Morrow, from third-shift custodial worker to second-shift custodial worker in the Physical Plant.

Royce Newton, from maintenance mechanic to lead maintenance mechanic in the Physical Plant.

Fiscal Year (FYI)

Holiday Reception

USI President H. Ray Hoops cordially invites university employees and student workers to attend the Holiday Reception from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, December 12, in Carter Hall.

Seasonal celebration

The Student Alumni Association will host its 14th annual “Lighting a Tradition” at 4 p.m. Sunday, December 7, in the Orr Center lobby.

The community is invited to attend the tree-lighting event welcoming the holiday spirit to campus. “Lighting a Tradition” features the USI Madrigal Singers, Santa photos with children, and free refreshments.
A canned good or non-perishable food item. Donated items will benefit Archibald Eagle's Food Closet. For more information contact Trisha Kennedy, assistant director of Alumni and Volunteer Services, 812/465-1215.

Cooper Lecture
Augustine Jay Fredrich, professor emeritus of civil engineering and associate dean emeritus of the Pott School of Science and Engineering, will deliver the 2003 H. Lee Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award Lecture Thursday, December 11.
He will present “I Know a Place: Medieval Cathedrals and the Good Life in the 21st Century” at 3 p.m. in Carter Hall. The program is free and open to the public.

Lazarus coupons
Lazarus 20-percent coupon cards are available in Human Resources. The coupons are valid through Sunday, December 7.

Calendar updates
Don’t let your special events be overlooked. Get the word out by posting information about USI lectures, programs, exhibits, and other activities on the University Calendar. To check out the calendar or submit event information visit www.usi.edu/webservices/calendar_03/index.asp.

Madrigal Feaste
USI will present its 34th annual Madrigal Feaste at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, December 5-6, and at 6 p.m. Sunday, December 7, in Carter Hall.
The University’s most enduring musical tradition, a reenactment of a 15th-century royal feast, features members of the USI Chamber Choir and a meal fit for a king.
Tickets are $27 for adults and $25 for students and senior citizens. For tickets, call 812/461-5237. For additional information, contact Daniel R. Craig, director of USI choral activities, 812/464-1736.

Catholic mass
The Catholic Newman Center will host a Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass at noon Monday, December 8, in Carter Hall. Presented in conjunction with Religious Awareness Month, the mass is open to the public.

Newsletter deadline
Friday, December 5, is the deadline for submitting information for the next online issue of University Notes. Submissions received after the deadline will be published at the discretion of the editorial staff.
Submissions for the “Marketplace” column may be made via e-mail to Roberta Fugate, editorial associate in News and Information Services. Other submissions for University Notes may be made via e-mail to Libby L. Keeling, associate editor.

Job openings
For job openings, visit the Human Resources Web site at www.usi.edu/hr. Information also is available on the bulletin boards in the front lobby of the Wright Administration Building and outside the Human Resources Office, or by calling the USI Job Line at 812/465-7117.

Marketplace

Pecans - $4 per pound, shelled, ready to eat. Call Julie, Ext. 1823.

Children’s primary school desk and chairs - solid oak table with metal legs, two oak chairs, double storage bins underneath desk, 4’ L x 2’ W x 22 1/2” H, $40. Call Laura McDaniel, Ext. 1269.

NordicRider – by NordicTrack, dual motion, adjusts for pulling (aerobic workout) or pushing (strength training) exercise, $50. Call Laura M. McDaniel, Ext. 1269.

House - west, 2236 West Summit Drive, four bedroom (two downstairs, two upstairs), three-and-a-half baths, three car garage, three acre/lake/golf hole, 4,550 sq. ft. plus 1,500 sq. ft. walkout basement, deck/gazebo/spa, many extras. Built in 1992, one owner: $495,000. Call 812/985-3231.

1997 Skyline, Sabre mobile home - approximately 1,200 sq. ft., three bedrooms, two baths, vinyl-sided, shingled roof. Comes with 8’ x 10’ front deck, seamless gutters, sidewalk stones, and landscape plants. A skiing $22,000, must be moved. Call 812/768-5389.

1997 Dodge Ram pickup truck – SLT 1500, 4 x 4, 5.9 liter 360, power everything, BF Goodrich AT - 33". Clean as a whistle: $9,995. Call Bob or Jon, 812/424-0478.

1995 Dodge Stratus ES - 68,000 miles, 6 cylinder, automatic, four door, rosewood exterior with gray leather interior, all power, one owner, $3,500. Call 812/402-1148.

EDITOR’S NOTE: “Marketplace,” a free service available to University employees and retirees, publishes information of a non-commercial nature that may include items for sale or rent, desired items or services, available services, free items, and fundraisers. The editorial staff reserves the right to decline any submission and to enforce the column deadline.
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