

Events

August 23

Retirees' Reception
University Home
4 p.m.

Early November

Wakefield-Scarce
Day Trip

November 8

Belle of Cincinnati
Dinner Cruise
7 p.m.

February 11

Retirees' Luncheon
11 a.m.

In Memoriam

Jack Barnes

d. July 2011

Roberta Edgeron

d. July 2011

Leon Rexing

d. February 2011

Terri Zimmer

d. January 2011

The Steamboat's a'Comin'!

Dinner Cruise: Tuesday, November 8, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

To celebrate the American Steamboat Bicentennial, the *Belle of Cincinnati* will ply up and down the Ohio River this fall, including a stop in Evansville. Along with other USI friends, we retirees have an opportunity to purchase tickets (\$42 per person) for a dinner cruise on Tuesday, November 8, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Reservations may be made at the *Belle of Cincinnati* website. Go to bbriverboats.com, then click on *Reservations*, and under *Specialty Cruises*, choose *Fall Cruise Tour* and scroll down to *November 8, Evansville*.

When making your reservations, please put *Retirees of USI* on your reservation to assist organizers in seating our group together. Also, so we know which of our group to look for, please email our secretary, smstandl@usi.edu, to notify her of your confirmed reservation.

Dr. Robert Reid, provost/vice president emeritus for Academic Affairs, will coordinate Evansville activities. In addition to the dinner cruise, a traveling steamboat exhibit will be at Evansville Public Library October 25-November 30; and the Evansville Museum of Arts, Science, and History will show an "Evansville and the Ohio River" exhibit November 20-February 12. For additional information: www.rivers.hanover.edu/steamboat2011

Day Trip to Wakefield-Scarce

Please join us for our first USI retirees' day trip – to Shelbyville, Kentucky. We will browse the antique and silver collections at Wakefield-Scarce Galleries, learn about the Young Women's School at Science Hill, and shop in the Science Hill complex.

We will dine at Science Hill Inn. Plan on lunch costing \$15 per person (add \$5.50 for additional salad). We estimate the per person transportation cost will be \$20. For information or reservation, email Mary Alice Bertram at mabert@wowway.com.

Our President Writes

Welcome to the first issue of our newsletter for and about USI retirees. Here we hope to inform you with news from members of the University community, update you on what your friends and former colleagues do with their leisure time, and encourage you to become actively involved in programs designed for us retirees.

After last August's survey during a reception at the University Home and our February gathering at the Kennel Club, an eager group of volunteers formed an as-yet-unnamed organization to provide a contact point for us retirees so we can remain engaged with one another and the greater University community. Elsewhere in this issue you will find information about day trips, a dinner cruise, and groups interested in genealogy, bridge, other events.

In the *Events* column, we'll keep you apprised of activities--please join us for any and all. And please send your notices for our newsletter to smstandl@usi.edu or sdarrell@usi.edu.

Ed Jones
2011 President

Announcements

Genealogy Workshops. Larry Goss will gather those interested in genealogy and share some basic information about beginning and continuing research. He will cover topics such as deciding where to start, locating available records, traveling to find family roots, keeping records, creating pedigree charts, and much more. If interested, please email Sherrienne Standley (smstandl@usi.edu) for more information.

Bridge Group. We welcome all bridge players. Times and dates are flexible. If you wish to join a group, please email Joyce Babillis at jbabillis@usi.edu.

Day Trips. If you have ideas for day or weekend trips and want to help plan one, please notify Mary Alice Bertram (mabert@wowway.com).

Newsletter Deadline. We will distribute our next newsletter in February, making our deadline for that issue on 15 January 2012. If you have any plans or announcements we should print, please send them to us. If you would like to see articles on particular issues or events, please let us know – Sherrienne Standley (smstandl@usi.edu) and Sherry Darrell (sdarrell@usi.edu).

Save the Date – Retirees' Luncheon. Our next gathering for USI retirees will be Saturday, February 11, 2012, for a buffet lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please save the date so you can join us. Invitations will be mailed in advance and reservations will be requested.

Don Pitzer's New Harmony

Don Pitzer reports that he started research on *New Harmony: Then and Now* in 2009, eager to work with his co-author, Darryl Jones, a first-rate photographer with many New Harmony photos to his credit. Moreover, this new book, written during so-called retirement, allowed Don to “update all my 40 years of research” on New Harmony. The book comes out this fall from IU Press.

This book is the first to incorporate full-color photos with historical narrative to illuminate New Harmony; it includes, too, many historic black-and-white images. Pitzer and Jones portray the people, visions, and accomplishments of two utopian communities – Harmonists and Owenites – along with scenes of contemporary life in this town on the Wabash.

The authors clarify the struggles and successes of German-American Harmonists led by George Rapp who, beginning in 1814, created a town of 180 buildings while awaiting Christ’s second coming. Likewise, Pitzer and Jones explore the transformation wrought by Robert Owen, the Scottish industrialist who bought New Harmony in 1825 to build his own New Moral World. After the Harmonists and Owenites, Pitzer and Jones extend their story to illustrate how New Harmony continues to stand at the forefront of modern thinking and development.

Then and now, New Harmony remains a “wonder of the west” we can all learn from.

USI Retirees' Membership

Membership in USI's retirees' organization is open to retired employees, spouses, and surviving spouses. To become an active member of the as-yet-unnamed group, please complete this form and return it with a \$20 check (per person) **payable to USI Retirees**. Mail to

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A Name, A Name, My Kingdom for a Name

Will you help us name this organization of USI retirees? For example, are we the "Organization of USI Retirees – *OUR*," the "Emancipated Academic Workers – *EAW*," the "Sage, but Poor Folk" – *SPF*?

And then will you help us name this newsletter? *Re-Tired Stories?* *Old News?* *Emancipated Proclamations?*

Help!

Please email suggestions to Sherrienne Standley (smstandl@usi.edu) or Sherry Darrell (sdarrell@usi.edu).

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