

Events

August 14, 11:30 a.m.
Pizza at Turoni's
North Main

November 13, 2 p.m.,
Kleymeyer Hall
Bob Reid
Presentation
3 p.m.
Annual General
Meeting of USI
Retirees

February 9, 11 -1 p.m.
Kennel Club
Luncheon

In Memoriam

Paul E. Bennett
retiree

Ross A. Hettenbach
retiree

James H. Schutz
retiree

The 1937 Flood – Bob Reid's Research



At 2 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13, in Kleymeyer Hall in the Liberal Arts Center, Bob Reid, professor emeritus of history and vice president emeritus for academic affairs, will present a lecture on the 1937 flood, complete with photographs and recently discovered video footage.

The 1937 Ohio-Mississippi flood ranks as the most devastating natural disaster in our community's history. It was not, however, simply Evansville's flood; rather, it set records records – usually by 8 to 10 feet – from West Virginia to Arkansas.

Dr. Reid has researched the 1937 flood since its 50th anniversary in 1987. Now in the 75th anniversary year, he presents an illustrated lecture focusing on the flood's impact at local, state, and national levels.

USI Retirees serve as sponsors for this event, and we encourage you to come and bring friends – many local citizens are interested in the flood. We hope to see you there.

Parking will be reserved behind the University Center.

Genealogy With the Gosses

On April 20, Larry and Rena Goss invited USI retirees into their home for an expert genealogy workshop. During the afternoon Larry and Rena discussed their own extensive genealogical explorations, answered questions from those of us already on the hunt and those of us perhaps interested in starting the hunt, and provided useful handouts to guide us on our way through libraries, courthouses, and U. S. records. Because of their own experiences and expertise, Larry and Rena proved invaluable resources to those attending. Many thanks!

Poems, Painting, Photographs from a “Green and Pleasant Land”



January 2010, Katie Waters

With a decade of living and teaching in England and Ireland, Matthew Graham and Katie Waters, professors of English and art, respectively, know and love these green and pleasant lands and shared that love with us in their presentation on June 5, in Kleymeyer Hall. Both have won a variety of prizes, fellowships, and other awards for their work, and both have especially enjoyed teaching at Harlaxton College and living in a gatehouse apartment there while writing and painting.

Here, for instance, we see Katie’s painting *January 2010* looking from their apartment window across Lincolnshire’s snowy hills. And in this poem, Matthew allows us to attend their lunch with the duchess of Grantham, Mrs. A,

. . . a woman from that fading world
Of handwritten invitations, thank-you’s, condolences.
She’s like Queen’s Ware China –
Beautiful, delicate, resilient.

In the closing stanza, in which Matthew contrasts the Blitz to this “green and pleasant land,” Mrs. A. found the Germans strafing Bournemouth

Most annoying. Roaring Messerschmitts ricocheting fifth-caliber
Machine-gun bullets off the cobblestones, flying
So low she could see the pilot’s goggles and white silk
Scarf, coming out of the blue
Only an English spring can provide.
She’s a testament, finally,
To a generation,
The quiet of a choir
After evensong.

Those of us attending enjoyed their presentation so much that we encouraged Matthew and Katie to create a chapbook including all of this work, and we hope they will.

How About Pizza Instead of University Meetings?

Join us at Turoni’s on North Main on Tuesday, August 14, at 11:30 a.m. for “Dutch treat” pizza to celebrate the start of fall semester! To assure adequate seating, please make a reservation with Sherrienne Standley (smstandl@usi.edu).

Travel With Us Wherever We Go

The Retirees' Trip committee (Mary Alice Bertram, Janice Coutts, Sharon Morrow, and Helen Sands) offer us several options for small- and large-group travel this fall and spring.

Public Groups

We may join any of the Lifestyle Tours offered, all day trips in coaches. To enroll for one of these journeys, simply choose from the list below, and send payment in full to Lifestyle Tours, 700 State Road 269, New Harmony, Indiana 47631 at least two weeks before the trip date (for questions, telephone 812/682-4477).

These day trips offer good opportunities for groups of friends to travel together:

- *Church Basement Ladies 2*, hilarious play at Derby Dinner Playhouse, Louisville, Sunday, September 30, \$69 for play, lunch, and transportation
- Fall in Amish Country, Central Illinois, a driving tour with lunch stop, Tuesday, September 18, \$78 for buffet lunch and transportation
- *Diana: A Celebration*, Frazier History Museum, Louisville, Friday, September 28, or Sunday, October 21, \$86 for admission, lunch, and transportation
- Parke County Covered-Bridge Festival, Rockville and Bridgeton, Friday, October 19, \$54 for transportation only (food abundant as at West Side Fall Festival)
- Christmas at Opryland, Opry Mills and Opryland Hotel, Nashville, Thursday, November 29, or Friday, December 7, \$54 for transportation only (trips filling rapidly)

Car or Minivan Trips

If you want to join Sherry Darrell and others for opera at Indiana University, please email or call Sherry (sdarrell@usi.edu or 812 303 8213):

- *The Merry Widow*, a delightful, romantic, comic opera by Franz Lehar, October 18, 19, 20, 21
- *Xerxes*, a stately, funny opera by Georg Fridrich Handel, February 1, 2, 8, 9
- *Falstaff*, a comedy by Giuseppe Verdi based on Shakespeare's play *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, April 5, 6, 12, 13

Individual tickets will cost \$30 to \$60 depending on seats. We may take box lunches for a Sunday matinee or eat dinner before an evening performance; transportation will cost about \$10 per person (may vary depending on how many attend).

Options Further Afield

We are exploring a trip to Harrodsburg and Pleasant Hill (Shakertown), Kentucky, for bourbon tastin' and history larnin' during summer 2013. If interested, contact Mary Alice Bertram (mabert@wowway.com).

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Membership in USI Retirees

Membership in the USI Retirees is open to retired employees, spouses, and surviving spouses. To become an active member, complete this form and return it with an annual \$20 check (per person) payable to USI Retirees. Mail to USI Retirees, c/o USI Foundation, 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville, IN 47712. Those joining prior to the Annual Meeting November 13 are eligible to serve on the Coordinating Committee, become officers, and vote at the Annual Meeting.

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Particular Interests

Notice of Annual Meeting

The annual general meeting of the USI Retirees will be held Wednesday, November 13, at 3 p.m. in Kleymeyer Hall of the USI Liberal Arts Center. Annual dues are payable before the meeting. If you paid dues after last fall's annual meeting, you are eligible to attend and vote. Parking will be reserved behind the University Center.

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