

Events

April 27-28

Spring
Commencement
Exercises

July 31

President's Reception
for Retired
Employees

In Memoriam

Betty June Baumeyer
retiree

Mary H. Baumeyer
widow of retiree
James Baumeyer

**Darriel Wayne
Culver**
husband of retiree
Linda Culver

Ruth Olene Edwards
wife of retiree Emmet
Edwards

Robert Earl Freeman
husband of retiree Jan
Freeman

Larry Gries
retiree

It's Official: USI Retirees Launched

Our first general meeting of the USI Retirees' organization occurred in November with 27 active members attending. President Ed Jones led the meeting where members chose *USI Retirees* as the official name, set annual dues for active members, approved by-laws, and elected a coordinating committee and officers for 2012. The *Retirees'* mission is to encourage USI retired employees to share their expertise and talent while engaging in social, service, and learning activities at USI and in the larger community. Already several interest groups have developed, and we hope a wide range of programs will follow. Membership is open to all USI retirees as well as current and surviving spouses. Active members, who may vote on the organization's business, pay annual dues of \$20 per person; these dues fund postage, printing, and mailing costs for the organization. Active members will meet annually each fall, and hold other meetings as needed. A list of the 2012 coordinating committee and officers appears on the last page of the newsletter. Minutes of the annual meeting and the approved by-laws were e-mailed to active members. Many thanks to these 53 founding active members:

Larry Arp
Joyce Babillis
Jeanne Barnett
Carolyn Bennett
Mary Alice Bertram
Barbara Blevins
Jim & Anita Brown
Jan Coutts
Sherry Darrell
John & Pam Deem
Howard Dunn
Rolla Dyer
Phil Fisher
Larry & Rena Goss
Janet & Richard Greer

Barry Hart
Sandy Hatfield
Jenny Head
Carol Hermes
Wanda Hibbitts
Ed Jones
Joan and Lloyd Jost
Dave & Glenna Kinsey
Courtney Klingelhofer
Barbara Marr
Mary McGrew
Eula Megli
Marjorie Melvin
Sharon Morrow
Richard & Mary Lee
Mussard

Oscar & Anita Ozete
Joe & Marie Palladino
Robert Reid
Jim Sanders
Helen Sands
Mary Schroeder
Robert Schweizer
Marlene Shaw
Sherianne Standley
Jim Werner
Michael & Zadia
Whipple
Jo-Ann Wilson
Byron Wright

There is still time to be a founding member if you pay dues during 2012! See enclosed membership form.

Our President Writes

Welcome to our founding members! What a remarkable beginning to *USI Retirees*.

Even though most retirees are as busy now than when working full time, we hope you will join actively into the *Retirees'* activities. On our original survey in August 2010, many of you wished for day and weekend trips—so where do you want to go? Will you help Mary Alice Bertram plan such trips? Others asked for short programs about members' special interests or travels—so what do you want to hear? Will you help Bob Reid organize a program or two? And think of your own unique experiences: what do you know and what can you do that others will want to know about and learn to do? Cooking? Wine making? Birding? Photography? Just let anyone on the Coordinating Committee know, and we'll find the right place for you.

We look forward to having you shape your *USI Retirees* organization.

Sherry Bevins Darrell
2012 President

Busy Fall for USI Retirees

On 8 November, 17 retirees and friends gathered for an Ohio River cruise on the Belle of Cincinnati when it stopped in Evansville. The event celebrated the American Steamboat Bicentennial. Bob Reid coordinated Evansville activities, including exhibits at the Evansville Public Library and the Evansville Museum of Arts, Science, and History.



*Kneeling, L to R: Helen Sands, Mary McGrew, Connie Pitzer
Standing, L to R: Jan Coutts, Pam Deem, John Deem, Marlene Shaw, Dave Kinsey, Glenna Ginsey, Lois Stevens, David Stevens, Paulette Reid, Bob Reid, Carolyn Scavone, Bill Sands, Dan Scavone, Don Pitzer.*



L to R: Sherrienne Standley, Sherry Darrell, Mary Alice Bertram, Jennie Head, Zadia Whipple, Mary Schroeder

On 9 November, six of us drove to Shelbyville, Kentucky, to visit Science Hill and Wakefield-Searce Galleries, a trip organized by Mary Alice Bertram. In addition to enjoying the opportunity to reconnect with one another, gabbing all the way over and back, we visited various shops and galleries, including the famous silver gallery, and ate a Southern lunch in the dining room. On the way home, we stopped in Louisville to replenish our Trader Joe's stocks. Many thanks to Mary Alice and our driver Sherrienne Standley for ensuring a lovely day for all of us – we look forward to the next adventure.

Shaw Biology Lecture on March 21

Please join us for the second annual Marlene V. Shaw Biology Lecture – this year, on Wednesday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m. in Carter Hall.

Ricki Lewis, a science writer with a doctorate in genetics from Indiana University-Bloomington, will speak on “Gene Therapy: A Forever Fix.” Lewis is author of *Human Genetics: Concepts and Applications*, the most widely used college textbook in genetics, now in its 10th edition.

Her latest book, *Gene Therapy: A Forever Fix* (due from St. Martin’s Press in early March), examines setbacks plaguing the treatment of rare genetic diseases as well as recent breakthroughs. According to Marlene, “Ricki is gifted at weaving stories and case studies in human genetics--she engages us not only with her knowledge of science, but also with her passion and compassion for individuals and their families whose stories she relates.”

Do we all know?

USI Retirees have full employee privileges. With an Eagle Access card, we can use the Fitness Center, PAC pool, Rice Library, and all campus amenities.

Professor Emerita of Chemistry Marie Hankins now lives in Los Angeles, overseeing the education and stardom of her 14-year-old grandson Jake Short, who plays Fletcher Quimby on Disney Channel’s *A.N.T. Farm*, a clever show about young gifted performers in a high school setting. Also Jake recently starred in Florida Orange Juice commercial. You can follow his progress on youtube.com and keep up with Marie on Facebook.

Retired USI employees can be great resources for travel ideas. If you want to visit Scotland’s Highlands and Islands (Hebrides, Orkneys), email Sherry Darrell (sdarrell@usi.edu). After spending a month there, she can offer travel guides and lots of tips. For travel in Poland, email Larry and Rena Goss (rlgoss@insightbb.com) who regularly visit their son there.



Pictured at the December awards dinner in Indianapolis are (L to R) Bill Bartelt,

IHS trustee and chairman of the Awards Committee, Don Pitzer, and his wife, Connie Pitzer.

Familiar as we are with Professor Emeritus of History Don Pitzer’s remarkable achievements and his service to communal societies, we now add another recognition: the 2011 Dorothy Riker *Hoosier Historian Award*, presented by the Indiana Historical Society for distinguished contributions to historical scholarship, including presentation, use of materials and preservation, or IHS affairs and activities. Don’s new book, *New Harmony Then & Now*, has received excellent reviews and recommendations.

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Genealogy – email Larry and Rena Goss at rlgoss@insightbb.com

Newsletter Deadline – We will distribute our next newsletter in August, making our deadline for that issue on 15 July 2012. If you have plans or announcements we should print, please send them to Sherrienne Standley (smstandl@usi.edu) or Sherry Darrell (sdarrell@usi.edu).

President's Reception at University Home – Our next gathering for all retired USI employees will be a late afternoon reception on July 31 at the University Home, hosted by USI President Linda L. M. Bennett. Invitations will come by mail with requests for reservations.

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