

Events 2016

Saturday, February 20
11 a.m. -1 p.m.
Evansville Kennel Club
USI Foundation Luncheon for
Retirees
Invitations will be mailed

Tuesday, March 8
8:30 a.m. -Noon
USI Carter Hall
Wellness Fair

Thursday, July 28
4-6 p.m.
University Home
President Bennett's Reception
for Retirees
Invitations will be mailed.

Thursday, November 10
3 p.m.
USI Retirees Annual Meeting
Location will be announced.

In Memoriam

Dr. James H. Divine
Retiree

Richard Greer
Husband of Retiree
Janet Greer

Michael L. Head
Husband of Retiree
Jennie B. Head

Barbara L. Marting
Wife of Retiree
Dr. Edward D. Marting



Retiree adventure on Hovey Lake

In July, Jim Bandoli, professor emeritus of biology, generously and expertly led retirees during an outing on Hovey Lake. Having met at the lake at 9 a.m., the adventurers listened during Dr. Bandoli's orientation for the journey, his explanations of the water, the watercraft and the wildlife. By 9:45, they had their canoes and kayaks—generously supplied by Jim's friends at Canoe Evansville, a Wesselman Woods affiliate.

Despite the warmth of the morning, a steady breeze kept everyone comfortable for the three hours on the lake. Most paddled about three miles through bald cypress trees, around which they heard carp scraping algae off trunks, and through open water, circling the "drain" which connects Hovey to the Ohio River. Jenny Medcraft reported that she and her husband John paddled at least twice that far because, lacking experience and expertise, they spent much time with their canoe going in circles; fortunately, when they fell behind others, Jim Bandoli returned again and again to check on their progress and urge them on.

During the adventure, they saw a bald eagle and eagle's nest, a great blue heron, tree swallows, a few cormorants and prothonotary warblers. Because of unusually high water in July, no silver carp leapt out of the water at the vessels.

Jim Bandoli has paddled on Hovey for at least 15 years and frequently led student groups there. Neal Bogan, former Canoe Evansville manager, is a biology alumnus Jim often worked.

The group included Jim Bandoli, Nancy and Ken Johnson, Phil Fisher, Steve Helfrich, Gale and Charles Hoehn, Jenny and John Medcraft, Jeanne Barnett, Chris and Roger Jines and their granddaughter, and Ginger and Don Ramsden. We truly appreciate Jim's sharing his expertise and energy with us for this outing.

Message from our President

In the year after our 50th Anniversary, we reflect and recognize the historical events and people involved in our first 50 years. You and your fellow retirees were critical components in the growth and success of the University, and I want to personally thank each of you for your efforts, dedication, and involvement in making the University the success it has become.

We have a great 2016 planned with more opportunities for comradeship, involvement, and work. In February we will join for lunch at the Evansville Kennel Club; in July President Bennett will welcome us to campus for a reception; and in November we will have our annual meeting to elect your Retirees representatives. Ginger Ramsden has been hard at working organizing a wellness fair scheduled for March.

This year's representatives are identified on our web page at www.usi.edu/retirees and on the back page of this newsletter. Please visit our web page and let us know of any improvements you would like to see.

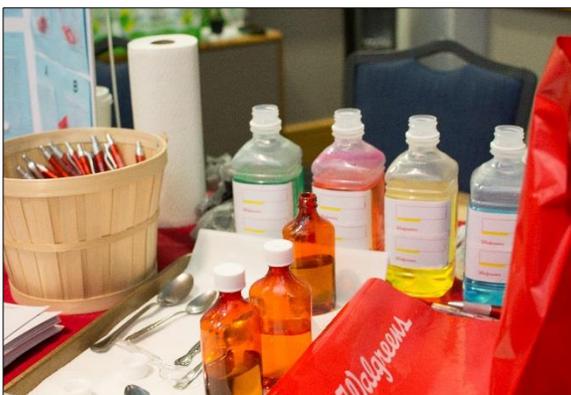
During spring semester, we will be issuing our first Retiree Educational Grants to benefit current benefit-eligible employees who are enrolled in USI degree programs. We hope these modest grants will assist current employees with their educational expenses.

As we work to build an organization that serves you, the retiree, please let us know of activities that you would like us to sponsor or of your wish to become involved with the Retiree Council. Thanks for your efforts in making USI the great educational opportunity that it is. Students today are benefitting.

Mike Whipple, President
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USI Retirees



USI Retirees Wellness Fair will be Tuesday, March 8th



The second USI Retirees' Wellness Fair will be Tuesday, March 8, from 8:30 a.m. to noon in Carter Hall of the University Center. The morning sessions include three 50-minute break-out sessions presented by area experts to address, physical, emotional and financial wellness during our "golden years". A detailed schedule of the presentations will soon be sent to all retirees. This USI Retirees event is free to all retired employees and a guest. Parking should be plentiful because this is spring break week. Thanks to Coordinating Council member Ginger Ramsden for organizing this.

USI Retirees Recent Events

USI Retirees Honored at Foundation Fall Meeting

Thanks to the USI Foundation for hosting all USI Retirees at its fall board meeting on November 19. As a part of USI's year-long 50th Anniversary Celebration, we were guests of the Foundation Board of Directors for lunch in Carter Hall where we were recognized for our contributions to the development of the University. Those attending received a 50th anniversary ornament and the good wishes of our friends in the larger community. Pictured at the Foundation meeting are (left to right) USI Foundation President David Bower with retired professors Jim Bandoli and Jay Fredrich.



At the Party of the Decades

USI Retirees organized a table for the "Party of the Decades" in September, celebrating the University's 50th Anniversary. Pictured are (seated left to right) Pam and John Deem, Mary Lue Russler and her sister Nancy Neale; (standing) Sherrienne Standley, Janel and Wilder Allen, and Nadine Coudret. The Physical Activities Center was transformed to a fabulous party environment for the event.

Welcome New Retirees!

We welcome the following friends and colleagues to retirement:

Michael K. Aakhus, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts
 Nancy F. Bizal, Instructor in Business Communications
 Jerry W. Bulger, Maintenance Supervisor in the Physical Plant
 Linda L. Cleek, Executive Director of Continuing and Professional Education
 Dr. Gael L. Cooper, Professor of Public Relations
 James Robert Howell, Internal Audit Manager
 Pamela Hurley, Senior Administrative Assistant in Administrative Technology
 Barbara S. Kalvelage, Instructor in Biology
 Debra S. Laster, Assistant Director of Development, Information Systems
 Dr. Paula von Loewenfeldt, Contract Assistant Professor of English
 Pamela Moore, Senior Administrative Assistant in the College of Liberal Arts
 Dr. J. Wayne Rinks, Associate Professor of Communications
 Dr. Kathy V. Rodgers, Professor of Mathematics

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Membership in USI Retirees

Membership in the USI Retirees is open to retired employees, spouses, partners and surviving spouses and partners.

To become an active member or to renew your membership, send us your address, telephone numbers, email and a list of your interests 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. Dues cover the time period from an Annual General Meeting until the next Annual General Meeting (November).

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Highlights from Hovey Lake