

Events

2014

April

Azalea Trail
(Details to come)

April

Huber Wineries
(Details to come)

Thursday, July 31
4 - 6 p.m.

University Home
President's Reception
for Retirees

Thursday, November 6
3 p.m.

Kleymeyer Hall
Annual General
Meeting of USI Retirees

In Memoriam

Charlie Baumeyer
Retiree

Ronald Clair Roat
Retiree

From Our President . . .

Happy New Year to all USI retirees! As we begin 2014, I encourage you to Stay Informed, Stay Involved, Stay Connected to the University, particularly through USI Retirees. Our organization aims to help all of us remain actively engaged with the University, to continue helping USI attain its educational goals.

This year we will plan the 50th anniversary celebration of USI's beginnings. Although our first classes began on September 15, 1965, we will celebrate our semicentenary throughout 2015. Naturally, a number of committees seek involvement of retirees: Arts and Academics, History, Marketing and Communications, Special Events and Signature Events, and others. If you can help plan and execute this important celebration, please notify Sally Gries, director of University and Community Relations, at sagries2@usi.edu or 812/464-1755. She will help you find the right spot to serve.

I look forward to working with you on both Retirees' and Anniversary events this year!



John Deem, President
USI Retirees



New Coordinating Committee and Officers Elected

At the Annual General Meeting of USI Retirees in November, we elected new officers and the coordinating committee. They are listed on the back page of the newsletter. Please contact any of them with your ideas for the USI Retirees organization.

Retirees' Website – An Update

In spring 2013 our Coordinating Committee decided that USI retirees need a strong online presence so that retirees can easily stay in touch with and involved in the University as well as our organization. Such a web presence allows retirees to know about and attend University meetings, events, and programs on and off campus.

After a broad search and review of other universities' websites for retirees, we began to see what we wanted to learn from and emulate. After further searches and drafts, we identified these areas as essential to our site: *Mission Statement, By-Laws, History, Governance, Membership, Retiree Benefits, Events, Newsletters, Meeting Minutes, Other Resources, Ways to Contact Us.*

As a result of further discussions, we plan to add two other areas: *In Remembrance*, a list of retirees who have died, and *Tales of the University*, retiree stories of their experiences at USI. Several members of the Coordinating Committee are writing these narratives, and we continue to receive extraordinary help from Brandi Hess of Web Services and Sarah Harlan from the Foundation. Our website became active in November 2013. You can access it easily from the USI Homepage--just click on *Faculty and Staff* and then, after a second, click on *Retirees*.

Emmett Edwards Is Newest Author among USI Retirees

Emmet Edwards's book, *Time in the Prop Blast*, has been published by AuthorHouse, and he is making the book-signing circuit. Edwards was encouraged to write some of the stories he has been telling to his students and his family over the years. The book documents his 63 years with his late wife Ruth, their careers, his time as a paratrooper, and experiences the couple shared. "I just intended it to be a few copies for the family," he told an Evansville TV reporter. After a professional editor read it and suggested changes and a wider audience, it was picked up by a publisher. The book is available at Barnes and Noble, the USI Campus Store, and Amazon, which describes it as a "well told, entertaining story that is also an inspirational tribute to the indomitable American spirit."

*Our semi-annual pizza parties celebrate **not** starting classes. Pictured are Connie Pitzer, Helen Sands, Jenny and John Medcraft, Sharon Morrow, Bob Reid, Marlene Shaw, and David Rice.*



Interested in a Day at Huber Wineries?

Huber Wineries, near Louisville, produces 30 brands of wines, brandies, ports, and infusions. Who would like to spend an April day with other retirees exploring the Huber properties? A family-owned business since 1843, this site offers not only wine tastings, but also tours of the 600 acres of vineyards, orchards, and wine-making facilities; farm market, bakery, cheese shop, ice-cream factory, family-fun park, gift shop, and the Starlight Café for lunch.

Employees will discuss sustainable agriculture and farm-to-market practices as well as all of the foodstuffs created at Huber – they even develop and distribute free recipes.

If you are interested, please sign one of the sheets at the Kennel Club, call Chris Jines at 812/985-5752, or email John Deem at jdeem@usi.edu.

Visiting Shaker Village



On a pretty October day, seven of us retirees traveled to Shaker Village in Pleasant Hill to spend the day: Marjorie Melvin, Jenny and John Medcraft, Jennie and Michael Head, and Chris and Roger Jines. Nestled amongst beautiful Kentucky hills, we found Shaker Village larger than we expected, with many buildings and paths and opportunities to learn and enjoy. Several costumed interpreters welcomed us into the buildings and discussed Shaker religious belief and practice, farming and gardening, and carpentry. After lunch, we

strolled the grounds and then cruised down the Kentucky River for an hour.

Although most of us knew one another a little, this trip allowed us to know everyone much better – one of the best perks of the trip.

Policy Revised for Retiree Noncredit Courses

The University now offers retired employees the same reduced costs available to active employees enrolling in noncredit courses. For additional information, go to www.usi.edu/retirees/retiree-benefits. You will find an application form on the Retiree Benefits page. Retirees do not need a supervisor signature on the form.

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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 ___, 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. Dues cover the time period from an Annual General Meeting until the next Annual General Meeting.

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