

Events 2020

Thursday, November 19
Time and Location TBD
USI Retirees Annual Meeting

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Dick and Jane

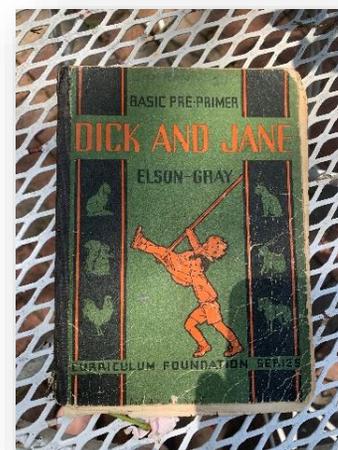
Oh how I hated their precious pets and perfect parents.
Their goody-two-shoed lives balanced on the footbridge
Of white bread and moral smugness.
But they taught me to read, taught me to live.
And then they vanished from the public eye in 1965
Aged ten and eight. They'd be in their late fifties, early sixties by now
And I hope it was a rocky ride of rehab and therapy,
But it wasn't, really. Jane's first marriage was short and terrible
But her second was happy. She's a retired nurse practitioner
With three loving grandchildren. Dick still works
As an insurance adjuster and is a closeted member of the school board.
Isn't it funny how in some ways
We were never children
And in other ways
We always are?
But they taught me to read, they taught me to see.

See the weary light on the lawn of late summer.
See the years rise like ash into a starless sky.
See Spot run.

Matthew Graham
From *The Geography of Home*



Matthew Graham, professor emeritus of English, was named Indiana Poet Laureate by the Indiana Arts Commission. He began his two-year term on January 1, 2020.



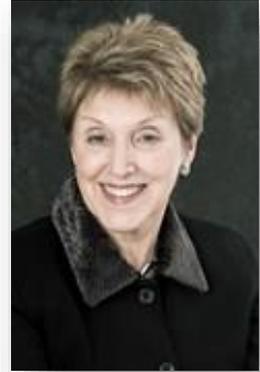
Nancy Bizal's primer
(see Nancy's message on page 2)

Message from the President

Dear Retirees,

Well, this has been a spring and summer different from any we have ever known. Isolation has changed many of our lives.

Some of us have tackled projects we would not have gotten around to doing—organizing photos, cleaning out a corner of the attic, sorting files, gardening, reaching out to friends old and new, cooking, refurbishing motorcycles, maybe writing more, and reading more.



The first time I read Matthew Graham's poem "Dick and Jane" (see front page), I searched for my primer from first grade—which by the way was in a one-room schoolhouse with all eight grades. And yes, the first page read, "Dick. See Dick. See Dick run." And the second page "Jane. See Jane. See Jane run."

The second time I read Matthew's poem, I thought how lucky we all are to have played a role in opening students' eyes and minds. Some of us registered and advised students, some of us made the facility workable and beautiful, some of us managed the business of the university, some of us supported administrators, some of us taught, some of us executed events with and without food, some of us ensured the safety of our campus, and on and on. We all helped open those eyes and minds.

As Matthew's poem says, "But they taught me to read, and to live"; "But they taught me to read, they taught me to see." Those students are our legacy—indeed we are lucky.

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P.S. When it is safe for us to gather, look for something to add to your calendar.

Coordinating Council 2020 Meeting Dates

(Tentative)

Thursday, September 17

Thursday, November 19 (Annual Meeting)

Congratulations to USI Retirees' Grant Recipients

Julie Bordelon
Katherine Peak
Va Trach Cun
Megan Tenbarga
Jada Hogg

These grant recipients are full-time, benefits-eligible employees seeking degrees at USI. The grants of \$100 each are funded by USI Retirees' membership dues fund.

Welcome New Retirees

We welcome the following friends and colleagues to retirement:

Mary Kay Arvin
Marie Bussing
Jeri Broshears
Ginny Bryant Norton
Cathy Coomes
Sharlett Gillard
Heidi Gregori-Gahan
Margaret Gruenwald
Timothy Mahoney
Donna Moore
Nancy Myers
Ernie Nolan
Alan Roberson
Carl Saxby
Susan Schmitt
Colleen Schmitt
Rodney Watson
Jennifer Williams

Retirees' Luncheon
February 8, 2020
USI Griffin Center



JR Compton '90, Tammy Jacobs, and
Linda Tribble M'03 M'08



Carolyn Roth, Charles Barber,
Bonnie '94 M'95 and Wayne Rinks



Shelia and Dave Patton, Don Broshears M'00,
Gary Gumbel, and Alice Wildeman



Janet Duncan and Jayne Kroeger Tang M'95

Many thanks to Sherry Darrell, editor of *Vintage Times*.

In Memoriam

Larry Arp
Retiree

Carolyn Bennett
Spouse of Retiree

Darrel Bigham
Retiree

Steven Richard Cox
Retiree

Karen Poormokhtar
Spouse of Retiree

Jim Sanders
Retiree

Tony Schmitt
Retiree

Keith South
Spouse of Retiree

Margaret Ann Vance
Spouse of Retiree

Membership in USI Retirees

Membership in USI Retirees is open to retired employees, spouses and partners, and surviving spouses and partners. To become an active member or to renew your membership, send us your name, address, telephone number, email address, and a list of your interests with your annual dues of \$20 (per person), **checks payable to USI Retirees**. Dues cover 12 months from one Annual Meeting until the next (usually November to November). Membership dues support five \$100 scholarships annually to faculty and staff enrolled in USI courses. Mail your information to USI Retirees, c/o USI Foundation, 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville, IN 47712. To learn more about USI Retirees, visit USI.edu/retirees.

Retiree Spotlight

Barry Schonberger, Dean of Students 1974-2012

You do what? That was the common question I heard when USI staff and students learned that I raced sports cars. How could the bespectacled dean of students have such a hobby?

I moved to Evansville from St. Paul, Minnesota, arriving Labor Day weekend 1974 in my 1967 Sunbeam Tiger which I bought for \$350 and a Honda. I was always interested in sports cars starting with my first car, an Austin Healy 100-4, followed by a Triumph TR3, and then followed by the Sunbeam Tiger. A VW bus and bug were also in the mix. I have owned one Tiger or another continuously since 1972.



After restoring my Sunbeam Tiger, I became a Sports Car Club of America member in 1978 (my first date with Angie was the night I was voted in), and I started autocrossing the Tiger that summer. In the 80's and 90's I was fortunate to win four SCCA National Solo championships, several national-podium finishes, and divisional championships in a couple of different Tigers.

In 1995, at age 44, I made the transition from single-car timed events, to wheel-to-wheel SCCA Club Racing. I raced until 2013 when my son Kent started to race the Tiger. During that time, I won a number of national events in the GT2 class (Porsche Cup cars, Nissan Z cars, Dodge Vipers, C6 Corvettes). I qualified for the SCCA National Championship Runoffs 8 times, medaling twice (5th Place). My health and Kent's career demands resulted in our selling the car in spring 2018. The car is now campaigned by an anesthesiologist living in Tennessee.



To keep me busy in the shop and sometimes out of trouble, I now restore 1950, 1960, and 1970 vintage motorcycles. I've been interested in motorcycles since I bought my first at age 15. My collection includes British Nortons and a variety of Japanese manufactures.

I complete two to three refurbished motorcycles a year and occasionally sell a project. Two of my projects reside in private museums. I travel to vintage motorcycle events throughout the year displaying and competing in concourse judging.

I have been fortunate to receive several Best in Class and Best in Show awards. With some of my spare time, I coordinate a very informal group of tristate vintage-motorcycle enthusiasts known as Tri-State Vin Moto. Check us out on Facebook.

During these pandemic Ground Hog Days, this hobby has kept me busy and somewhat sane.