

EVENTS 2023

July 27

Annual Reception for USI Retirees
Griffin Center

August 15

Pizza Gathering
Turonis on N. Main Street

September 6

Timberview Flower Farm

November 16

USI Retirees Annual Meeting

COORDINATING COUNCIL 2023 MEETING DATES

July 27

September 21

November 16

USI RETIREES COORDINATING COUNCIL

Linda Tribble M'03 '08, *President*
Rodney Watson, *President-Elect*
Cindy Brinker, *Past President*
Janet Duncan, *Secretary*
Sandy Hatfield, *Treasurer*

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Christy Baker, *Chair, Membership*
Tim Mahoney, *Chair, Nominating*
Phyllis Oeth '81, *Chair, Special Events*

VINTAGE TIMES

Linda Cleek '82 M'99
Co-Editor
Sherrienne Standley
Co-Editor

Retirees Enjoy Socializing

Several retirees took advantage of events planned for the group. It is always so wonderful to see familiar faces, meet new friends and catch up with fellow retirees.

FOUNDATION LUNCH

The retirees thank the USI Foundation for hosting the annual luncheon in March on the USI campus in the Griffin Center. Approximately 80 USI retirees and guests were treated to a wonderful lunch and a chance to catch up.



Christy Baker, Jeri Burger and Phyllis Oeth add ingredients to a Spicy Summer Shrimp Boil

THYME IN THE KITCHEN

Chef Aimee Blume presented a hands-on cooking class for retirees at Thyme in the Kitchen in April. Participants earned how to cook several delicious summer recipes and got to taste the final product. It was a fun-filled morning and we appreciate Thyme in the Kitchen hosting this event. Everyone enjoyed themselves.



Carl Saxby, Lori Saxby and Nancy Bizal make a refreshing Watermelon, Feta and Mint Salad



Jane and Nils Johansen stuff mushrooms with a sausage mixture

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:



Linda Tribble, President

Greetings from the USI Retirees Coordinating Council! Our group has been very active, searching for ways to involve more retirees in our events and outings. If you haven't participated in any of our activities, we would love to have you join us! During the spring and summer months, we enjoyed our annual NOT Back to School lunch, a Screaming Eagles basketball game, a lovely luncheon hosted by the USI Foundation, a hands-on cooking class at Thyme in the Kitchen, and an Owensboro Adventure. My sincere thanks to Phyllis Oeth who has been busy planning these outings. The fall NOT Back to School lunch will be held at Turoni's on Main Street on August 15. This is always a fun time to get together and chat while our former colleagues are attending the University meetings. In September, we will be visiting the Timberview Flower Farm and don't miss our Annual Meeting on November 16. If you have suggestions or want to share what you are doing in retirement, please contact us at USI.Retirees@usi.edu

Baker named Docent



USI Retiree Christy Baker (third from left) recently completed training to become a docent at the Evansville Museum

Retiree Christy Baker recently completed training and became a member of the new Docent Class of 2023 of the Evansville Museum of Arts, History & Science! These volunteers received training to learn how to help visitors have the best and deeper learning experience while at the museum. Docents provide guided tours and shows for school children, church groups and other guests. These specially trained, volunteer museum ambassadors help visitors better understand and enjoy their visit.

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a docent, contact education@emuseum.org

A Visit to Pigeon Forge

When retiree Sylvia Dillworth discovered that Paula Deen would be at her restaurant at The Island in Pigeon Forge after Thanksgiving, she was thrilled to accept an invitation from her nephew to travel to the mountains. The restaurant, Paula Deen's Family Kitchen, is known for Southern style cooking served 'like they do in their own homes.' After waiting in line for the opening of the restaurant, the guests were given wrist bands and the opportunity to purchase items for Paula Deen to sign.

Sylvia and her family members had time to eat breakfast before Paula Deen, her husband and her sons arrived. Sylvia had her picture taken with each of them. They then stood in line another 2 hours to see Paula Deen but Sylvia says it was definitely worth it. "She talked and talked to me – no hurry at all. I told her that I saw her on *Dancing with the Stars*." Paula Deen replied, "Oh honey, you think reality shows are not real but believe you me, that show is real." She said that after the show, she had to have surgery on both knees but it was a lot of fun! Sylvia remarked, "It was so very exciting to meet her and her family. Thanks to my nephew, his wife, his baby, mom, sister and his wife's mom for allowing me to come along (my nephew knows that I love Paula Deen). We had an awesome time!"



Sylvia Dillworth with Paula Deen in Pigeon Forge

NEW RETIREES

Welcome to the employees
who recently retired from the
University

Richard S. Anderson

Michael A. Aubery

Yvonne J. Beavin

David N. Black

Kevin G. Celuch

Kathy M. Elpers

Mellisa A. Hall

Donna J. Holm

Angela J. Martin

Kay L. Myrick

Constance F. Swenty

Constance B. Walker

Elliot H. Wasserman

**MEMBERSHIP IN
USI RETIREES**

Membership in USI Retirees is open to retired employees, spouses and partners and surviving spouses and partners. Employees who separated from the University in good standing with at least 10 years of service but did not meet the eligibility requirements for retirement from USI may join the USI Retirees.

To become an active member or to renew your membership, complete the Retiree Membership Form online at **USI.edu/retirees** and send your information to:

USI Retirees, c/o USI Foundation
8600 University Blvd.
Evansville, IN 47712

Dues are \$20 per year per person (July 1 – June 30). Checks are to be made payable to **USI Retirees**.

Visit the USI Retirees website at **USI.edu/retirees** for an online payment option or more information about **USI Retirees**.

Retirees Receive Honors**Professor Emerita Marlene Shaw receives honorary degree at Spring Commencement**

Dr. Marlene Shaw received an honorary Doctor of Science degree during the spring commencement ceremonies to recognize her commitment to teaching and continuous service to USI. Dr. Shaw served as a biology faculty member from 1973 to 2009.

Shaw has remained active with the USI Biology Department and the Annual Shaw Biology Lecture, which she created with support from the USI Foundation. It was noted that former students credit her teaching as motivational, encouraging and influential and many say she is the reason they have been successful in their professional careers.

For additional information, go to [USI to recognize two honorary degree recipients during Spring 2023 Commencement Ceremonies - University of Southern Indiana](#)



*Marlene Shaw receives a Doctor of Science degree from University President Ronald Rochon and Chair of the Board of Trustees Ronald Romain
Photography credit Elizabeth Randolph*

Charmaine McDowell awarded 2023 M. Edward Jones Engagement Award

Congratulations to retiree Charmaine McDowell on receiving the M. Edward Jones Engagement Award. The award is given annually to an individual, group or project for excellence in leadership, commitment to quality, tireless service and dedication to lifelong learning in fulfilling the outreach mission of USI. Dawn Stoneking, Executive Director of Outreach and Engagement remarked, "She is a listener, innovator, educator, and collaborator who has

enhanced the bonds between the community, government, businesses, organizations and individuals, responding to their needs and fostering learning and growth." Among her many achievements, Charmaine provided instruction in team leader orientation and development, communication, creativity and innovation, and other valuable learning modules for Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana.

For more information, see [McDowell awarded 2023 M. Edward Jones Engagement Award - University of Southern Indiana \(usi.edu\)](#)



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IN MEMORIAM

Louis C. Busckill
Spouse of Retiree Pamela Bushkill

Terry Rodgers
Spouse of Retiree Kathy Rodgers

Charles 'Charlie' King
Retiree

Robert Russler
Spouse of Retiree
Mary Lue Russler

Wanda Hibbitts
Retiree

USI RETIREES GROUP FACEBOOK PAGE

The USI Retirees Group Facebook page provides information about special events and is accessible only to USI Retirees. If you are on Facebook, search for **USI Retirees** and ask to join the USI Retirees. We would like to grow our Facebook group and encourage you to join the group!

DUES ARE DUE!

The USI Retirees' Group is a fun, social organization that allows retirees to get together, share experiences and reminisce. Dues are only \$20 per year (fiscal year is July 1 – June 30). The dues are used to fund scholarships given to current employees completing an undergraduate or graduate degree and to supplement events for retirees.

Membership is open to retirees of USI, their spouses and partners and surviving spouses and partners. Employees who worked at USI for at least 10 years and left in good standing are also eligible to join.

Each year, the Coordinating Council plans social events for retirees. This year's plans include a hands-on cooking class, a tour of Timberview Flower Farms and our twice-a-year NOT Back to School lunches. We would love to have you join us for our events and activities. An online payment option is available or you can pay by check. Go to www.usi.edu/retirees for more information.