

Events

2017-2018

Sunday, July 16

2 p.m.

Ruthless

New Harmony Theatre
Reception following at
Sara's Harmony Way
Rain Tree Brewery

Thursday, July 27

4 – 6 p.m.

President's Reception
for the USI Retirees
Griffin Center

Tuesday, August 15

11:30 a.m.

Fall Semester Pizza Party
Turoni's North Main

Tuesday, October 10

Day Trip to Falls of the Ohio
Clarksville, Indiana

Tuesday, November 14

USI Retirees Annual Meeting
To be announced

In Memoriam

Carole Cook

Wife of Retiree Len Cook

Dr. Emmet D. Edwards

Retiree

Robert H. Kaffenberger

Husband of Retiree
Velva Kaffenberger

Martharee Mays

Wife of retiree

Dr. Robert E. Mays

Judith L. Marshall

Wife of Retiree

Jasper L. Marshall

Philip E. Orr

Retiree

Robert A. Rust

Retiree

Mid-America Institute on Aging and Wellness Opportunity

USI retirees are joining with the Mid-America Institute on Aging and Wellness, sponsored by USI Continuing Education and the College of Nursing and Health Professions and SWIRCA & More to present and promote the Tenth Annual MAIA conference on August 10-11, 2017.

This conference is free to all USI retirees.

Speakers include:

- Dr. Bill Thomas, MD, physician, musician, and author (“What if Everything You’ve Been Told About Aging is Wrong?”)
- Dean M. Hartley, PhD, director of the Science Initiative for the Alzheimer’s Association (“If Research Brings Us Hope – Where Do We Stand?”)
- Faith Roberts, MSN, RN, Carle Foundation Hospital (“From Wedding Rings to Nose Rings: Generational Differences”)
- Meja Sangwan, MD, CEO and founder, Intuitive Intelligence (“Talk your Way to Health and Happiness”)



Join retirees for New Harmony Theatre on Sunday, July 16, at 2 p.m. We will meet at Murphy Auditorium to see *Ruthless*, described as a “ridiculous small musical about the 1950s...a parody...a romp...” and starring equity actors. Ticket cost for USI employees is \$31 plus a \$4.50 processing fee. **(Please call 812-682-3115 to reserve your ticket with the USI Retiree Group)** Afterward, we will meet at Sara's Restaurant, just a block away, and be treated to a tasting at the new Rain Tree Brewery, owned by USI friends David and Vicki Campbell. The brew master will have an informational program and free beer samples. Other beverages can be ordered at your expense. Please email smstandl@usi.edu so we know you are coming.

10th Annual
MAIA Mid-America
INSTITUTE
on Aging and Wellness

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INDIANA
SWIRCA
& More

For health professionals, caregivers
and the community
August 10 and 11, 2017
at University of Southern Indiana
Ground-breaking information related to
successful aging and wellness

For reservations, call 812-461-5332

Summer Beckons us to New Harmony

Message from our President

I trust everyone is enjoying the summer; this is the time of year when it's hard to decide what to do as there are so many options – good thing every day is Saturday. In case you need some more options this summer, there's a New Harmony Theater date (July 16), a retirees reception (July 27), and the Mid-America Conference on Aging (August 11-12). All are described elsewhere in this newsletter; I hope to see you at one or more of these events.

So what have we been doing since the last newsletter? Our annual meeting last November was one to remember – after a brief business meeting, Daniel Craig's concert choir treated us to an absolutely outstanding performance in the choir's practice room. In December, council members used the Foundation's phones to try to contact all retirees to update contact information – it was great speaking with so many of you. The updated Retirees Directory is available electronically or in print by contacting Sara Rhoades (skrhad@usi.edu; 812-465-7149) at the USI Foundation. If we missed you and your contact information has changed, please let me know. In February we used a random drawing to award five \$100 grants to current USI employees taking classes at USI. Currently we have asked the University to explore options for coverage of hearing aids and long-term care, and are looking at ways to cover the registration fees for non-USI retirees who are spouses or friends of USI retirees who would like to attend the MAIA conference – watch your inbox for details.

Email addresses for members of the USI Retirees Coordinating Council are listed on the back of this newsletter as well as on the website. Please feel free to contact any of us if you have suggestions, questions, or would like to join the council in 2018.

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USI Retirees Grants Awarded

Five full-time, benefits-eligible employees received USI Retirees Educational Grants this year. The grants of \$100 each were awarded through a random drawing in which all degree-seeking employees were entered. The grants are funded through the USI Retirees membership fees. The recipients are: Travis A. Dickison, Samuel J. Fleming, Nicholas A. Heinz, Tyler D. Rapp, Garry L. Schulze.

Congratulations!

Welcome New Retirees! We welcome the following friends and colleagues to retirement:

Mary E. Branson
Travis W. Flener '74
Dr. Susan H. Gooden
Gary J. Gumber
Dr. Betty L. Hart
Dr. Janet R. Kilbane
Dr. Mehmet C. Kocakulah
Randal J. McClanahan
Joyce Ludwig Noelle
Connie A. Wenizapfel '78

USI Retirees in the News

USI Retiree John McNaughton Wins Sculpture Commission



Inside the Griffin Center, John McNaughton and his wife Kathy visit with USI Retiree Michael Aakhus, dean emeritus of Liberal Arts.



USI Retiree Dr. Jane Davis-Brezette annually presents an award named in her honor to a faculty member who contributes to the success of USI athletes by mentoring them and helping them to achieve their academic goals. This year's winner is Jamie Sietz, associate professor of accounting.



USI Retiree John McNaughton and Joan Kempf deJong won the commission to create a sculpture for the new Griffin Center.

In 2015, the University of Southern Indiana, in cooperation with the University of Southern Indiana art collection committee, sponsored a competition seeking an outdoor art sculpture appropriate for the Griffin Center.

The artist team of John W. McNaughton and Joan Kempf DeJong, assistant dean of the College of Liberal Arts and associate professor of art, received the commission for their exceptional design. McNaughton is professor emeritus of art at USI, and has successfully completed 30 commissioned public art projects.

The sculpture is titled *Bent Twig*, which is symbolic of its forested location. This concept is represented in a complex twig and branch composition designed to intentionally contrast with the geometrical design of the building.

Spring 2018 Outing

Watch for details for a day trip next year to the Red Skelton Theatre and Museum of American Comedy in Vincennes, Indiana.

The RSMAC reflects history, ideas, innovation, discovery, diversity, creative expression and democracy in celebration of the exceptional man whose greatest ambition was to bring joy to countless audiences.

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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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Join Retirees for an October Trip to Falls of the Ohio State Park

The USI Retirees will travel to the Falls of the Ohio State Park near Clarksville, Indiana (across the Ohio River from downtown Louisville, Kentucky) on Tuesday, October 10. According to information on the park website, the park features 390 million-year-old fossil beds, among the largest naturally exposed Devonian fossil beds in the world. The "Falls" was originally a series of rapids allowing the Ohio River to drop 26 feet over a distance of 2.5 miles. The State of Indiana has built a modern interpretive center, where we will start our tour. Additional information on the park can be found at www.fallsoftheohio.org.

From USI, we will leave in minivans at 8:30 a.m. Evansville time for the approximately two-hour trip. Because our destination is on Eastern Time, we plan to have a Dutch-treat lunch at a nice restaurant near the park before we begin our interpreted tour. The cost per person is \$20 for transportation and admission (lunch cost not included). The trip is limited to 20 people. Additional information will be available online and a sign-up sheet will be available at President Bennett's July Retiree Reception.