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The semi-annual newsletter of the USI Retirees

EVENTS 2022

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Learn About USI's Minka
Virtual Tour via Zoom

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Waters/Graham Exhibit
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Jasper Community Arts

July 28

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Pizza Gathering
Turoni's on North Main

September 19

Evansville Wartime Museum
WWII Museum

November 17

USI Retirees Annual Meeting

COORDINATING COUNCIL 2022 MEETING DATES

March 17

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USI RETIREES ORGANIZATION TURNS 10!

The annual business meeting of the USI Retirees was held on November 18, 2021, and featured a celebration of the 10th anniversary of the group. The gathering included recognition of the founding members and past presidents of the organization. Let's take a look back!

- Initial retiree organization created in 1998. Joanie Jost was chair of the first group, they only met for a short period of time.
- A second attempt at a retiree organization began in 2007. Sherrienne Standley and Sherry Darrell spearheaded the organization of the group with the support of the USI Foundation.
- Early activities were spring luncheons each year 2008-2010. The annual summer receptions began in 2010.
- The twice-yearly we-are-eating-pizza-not-going-to-semester-launching-meetings became must-attends.
- Events and excursions have included canoeing, visiting parks and museums, attending theatre/musical performances, educational programs on health and wellness and, of course, a certain amount of eating and imbibing.
- The official birthdate of USI Retirees is March 11, 2011. The first president was Ed Jones. A list of charter members as well as a list of all past presidents can be found on the USI Retirees website.
- In 2011 there were 187 active retirees, now there are 380.
- The average retiree served ISUE/USI for 22 years.
- The longest service record is held by Martha Niemeier with 47.6 years.
- The person retired the longest is Wanda Hibbitts, now 100 years old, with 34 years. In honor of Wanda's milestone birthday, alumni and friends from the Romain College of Business were invited to make a gift to the Wanda B. Hibbitts Accounting Scholarship Endowment.
- Eighty-five percent of USI retirees/spouses contribute to USI. To date, retirees have contributed over \$10.6 million. Many have established estate gifts as well.
- Retirees have participated on planning groups, marketing focus groups, alumni relations development projects and as volunteers for many events.



First row (L-R) - Ed Jones, Mike Whipple '75, Marlene Shaw, Linda Bennett Second row (L-R) - Jim Bandoli, Bob Reid, Nils Johansen, Phil Fisher, John Deem



Above: Joanie Jost

Just because we aren't on campus every day doesn't mean we aren't still involved!

Links to the presentation at the USI Retirees Annual Meeting from which these facts are shamelessly stolen and to a picture gallery can be found on the USI Retirees website: [USI.edu/retirees](https://www.usi.edu/retirees)

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:



As we begin a new year, the USI Retirees Coordinating Council is planning several events in 2022 for our ever-growing retiree group! I encourage you to visit the USI Retirees website at [USI.edu/retirees](https://usi.edu/retirees) for information about upcoming events and to learn about benefits available to USI retirees.

In Spring 2022 we plan to launch a USI Retirees Group Facebook Page. This page will be accessible to USI retirees only. Information about special events and information important to our retiree group will be posted on the page. We also plan to introduce an online option to pay your membership dues.

We hope you like the new look of the Vintage Times. I look forward to seeing you in 2022 as USI Retirees begins its second decade!

Cindy Brinker

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RETIREE NEWSMAKERS

Recognition of Jerry Bulger, Retired Maintenance Supervisor

The USI Alumni Association honored Jerry with the 2021 USI Honorary Alumni Award on Founder's Day, September 15, 2021. The award is one of the three highest recognitions given by the Association. Congratulations Jerry!

Waters/Graham Exhibit

Katie Waters, Professor Emerita of Art, and Matthew Graham, Professor Emeritus of English, will have an exhibit at the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center – Jasper Community Arts from May 5 through June 26, 2022. Plan to join the USI Retirees group on June 15 in Jasper. We will have lunch at the Center and view the exhibit with Katie and Matthew. Additional details will be sent by email and will be posted on the USI Retirees website.

Athletic Hall of Distinction Inductees

The Hall of Fame Class of 2022 included the induction of Joanie Jost, Athletics Administration, and Lois Stevens, Physical Activities Center Building Equipment Supervisor, into the Athletic Hall of Distinction for contributions to the success of the University's varsity programs. This is a well-deserved honor for Joanie and Lois.

WHAT IS A MINKA???

Thinking about Living-in-Place? The Minka Learning Lab for Living Well is a 600-square-foot smart home located on campus with fully integrated "smart" technology! Through a grant from the Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP), the Center for Healthy Aging and Wellness in the College of Nursing and Health Professions has installed everything from artificial intelligence to Bluetooth soap dispensers. The purpose is to test the various technologies to find what works to help older adults stay in their homes.

We want you to see the Minka! If you would like to attend the virtual tour, please reply to usi.retirees@usi.edu. Information with a link to the presentation will be sent to you by email. For more information and to see a video about the Minka Learning Lab, please visit: [USI.edu/gwep/minka](https://usi.edu/gwep/minka)

Lisa Fournier, USI Project Coordinator, Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program, will be our guide for the tour of the Minka! Join us online via Zoom from 1 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30. Additional details will be sent by email and will be posted on the USI Retirees website.

NEW RETIREES

Welcome to the employees who recently retired from the University.

Cynthia C. Baker

Gina G. Berridge '77 '89

Vicki L. Bierley

Charles E. Blane

Hilary A. Braysmith

Debbie H. Butler

Debra Clark

David D. Cousert

Kristie A. Dedmond

Linda C. Dillbeck

Michael J. Goelzhauser '85

Nancy L. Martin

Laura M. McDaniel '74

Kenneth D. Rice

Sheree L. Seib

Peggy O. Shields

Lisa C. Staples

Richard J. Toeniskoetter

Keith A. Wright

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, complete the Retiree Membership Form online at USI.edu/retirees or send your information to:

USI Retirees, c/o USI Foundation,
8600 University Blvd., Evansville, IN
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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 more information about **USI Retirees**.



Left: Yvonne Floyd; Center: Emily Gartner '84 and Yvonne Floyd; Right: Yvonne Floyd and Emily Gartner '84

ON THE RUNWAY IN MILAN, ITALY

Retiree Yvonne Floyd, Athletics Administration, accompanied USI alumna Emily Gartner '84, to Gartner's prestigious invited showing of her "Good Earth Collection" fashions during Milan Fashion Week in Italy in September 2021. Gartner was one of nine fashion designers invited to the runway show. Her collection featured ten ensembles, all hand-dyed from up-cycled materials. She paired them with accessories designed from her custom abstract textile art.

Floyd, who often models for Gartner locally, helped with the "chaotic runway environment," overseeing models from all over the world. Gartner's models were from Africa, Poland, Australia, Milan and even the USA. Not all spoke English. This is where her "positive attitude, sense of humor, style and adventure are unmatched," said Gartner. Both Gartner and Floyd love the intersection of history and fashion, which is prominent in Gartner's fabric and design images. They took side trips to Lake Como, Piazza del Duomo, Leonardo Horse Project and many more places in the Milan area. For more about Gartner's fashions check out: ArtThreadsStudio.com

SCREAMING EAGLE SCULPTURE

The Screaming Eagle, which soars over 12 feet, triumphantly welcomes visitors to the new Screaming Eagles Complex and Aquatic Center at USI. It is a joint creative endeavor by retired faculty and generous alumni. The sculpture was designed by Professors Emeriti of Art Joan deJong and John McNaughton and underwritten by Instructor Emeritus in Economics Tim Mahoney and USI alumnus Ron Boren '81 and his wife Terry.

A large crowd of faithful USI friends gathered to dedicate the aluminum sculpture and tour the new facilities in mid-September. The expanded Complex is a renovation of the former Physical Activities Center and is home to USI Athletics and the Kinesiology and Sport Department. It houses multipurpose athletic courts, a large weight room and human performance lab, classrooms, locker rooms and study areas. The Aquatic Center is a nine-lane instructional and competitive pool which seats 190 spectators. In Fall 2022, it will welcome the first USI men's and women's intercollegiate swim and dive teams and bring the number of USI sports teams to 19.



*John McNaughton and
Joan deJong*



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IN MEMORIAM

Karen L. Anderson
Retiree

Donald D. Broshears M'00
Retiree

Richard A. Gish
Retiree

Joanne M. Gottcent
Spouse of Dr. John Gottcent

Ronald Maasberg
Widower of Carolyn Maasberg '72

M. Victoria Pohl
Retiree

Susan Michele Ruholl
Retiree

Leonard James Schmitt '75
Spouse of Susan Schmitt '03

Larry R. Shelton
Retiree

Martha Smith
Retiree

ROMAIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS INNOVATIVE SPEAKER SERIES

The Romain College of Business Innovative Speaker Series and the USI Foundation will welcome Apple co-founder Steve "The Woz" Wozniak to campus from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 30 in the Screaming Eagles Arena. The event is free and open to the USI community and the public. More information about the event will be posted on the USI website.

FALL 2021 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Five employees received \$100 grants from USI Retirees in Fall 2021. The grants were awarded to employees pursuing their first baccalaureate or first advanced degree. The dues paid by members of USI Retirees underwrite five grants each spring and fall semester. Congratulations to the recipients!

Mark B. Abell Mary P. Biever Jason R. Dircks
 Kayla C. Litton Rhonda R. Woolsey

SHARE WITH US WHAT YOU ARE DOING

We want to hear from you! The next issue of Vintage Times will focus on "How USI Retirees are Giving Back". Let us know if you serve on a board, do volunteer work or how you are giving back to your community.

Please send your information by May 1, 2022, to: lcleek@usi.edu