

## EVENTS 2022

**July 28**

Annual Reception for USI Retirees  
*Griffin Center*

**August 16**

Pizza Gathering  
*Turoni's on North Main*  
*Wear Your USI Logo Wear*

**September 19**

Evansville Wartime Museum  
*WWII Museum*

**November 17**

USI Retirees Annual Meeting

## COORDINATING COUNCIL 2022 MEETING DATES

July 28  
September 15  
November 17

## USI RETIREES COORDINATING COUNCIL

Cindy Brinker  
*President*  
Marlene Shaw  
*Past President*  
Linda Tribble M'03 '08  
*Secretary*  
John Deem  
*Treasurer*

## MEMBERS AT LARGE

Craig Ehlen  
*Chair, Nominating Committee*  
Sandy Hatfield  
Tim Mahoney  
Phyllis Oeth '81  
*Chair, Special Events for 2023*

## VINTAGE TIMES

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

## SOWING SEEDS IN THE COMMUNITY

*by Shirley and Walter Everett*

In retirement Shirley and I found something to do that was pleasant and enriching: Southwestern Indiana Master Gardeners Association. We took the class Purdue required, and we joined 300 other Master Gardeners in maintaining 21 public gardens. Until COVID, we enjoyed visiting with other gardeners at the social hour before the monthly business meetings, and we found the educational presentations interesting and helpful.



*Several USI Retirees are active Master Gardeners: Tracy Sparks, Diana Biggs '87, Lynda Wilhelmus and Shirley and Walter Everett*

We chose to work on projects most interesting to us, and from those projects we deepened our knowledge about cultivating roses and irises and maintaining a productive family vegetable garden. Working with other Master Gardeners was very satisfying. We shared knowledge and interests with many delightful people. We especially enjoyed working the Plant Sale, an amazingly efficient operation involving thousands of plants and hundreds of Master Gardeners.

Shirley and I worked through the ranks, contributing 2,000 hours of volunteer work and reaching the Gold rank, we especially enjoyed hosting our garden on the Garden Walk in 2015, and now we have reached the Alumnus status which maintains our membership without required volunteer work, but with more rest.



*First Row (L-R) - Madonna Yancey, Katie Waters, Matthew Graham, Linda Cleek '82 M'00, Sherrienne Standley Second Row (L-R) - Morgan Thewes '16, Donna Laymon '76, Janet Duncan, Cindy Brinker, Connie Weinzapfel '78, Melissa Vandever Third Row (L-R) - Kyle Rupert '10, Ed Jones, Doris Mohr '87, Tim Mahoney, David Campbell, Debbie Goldman*

## WATERS/GRAHAM EXHIBIT

USI Retirees, alumni and friends traveled to the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center in Jasper on June 15 to view the creative collaboration of poetry and art by Katie Waters, Professor Emerita of Art, and Matthew Graham, Professor Emeritus of English. It was a fun day for all who attended!

## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

In this issue of *Vintage Times* we invited retirees to tell us how they are enjoying their retirement. We hope you enjoy the stories!



We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Pizza Gathering at Turoni's on Main Street on August 16. Plan to wear your USI logo wear for the group picture! You will not want to miss the private tour of the Evansville Wartime Museum conducted by Dr. Mark Browning scheduled for September 19. Additional information about both events will be sent by email and posted on the USI Retirees Group Facebook Page.

It is time to pay your dues for 2022-2023! Information about Membership in USI Retirees is outlined on page 3. Your dues support five educational grants each semester and help underwrite the expenses for programming throughout the year. Thank you for renewing your membership or joining the USI Retirees.

Best regards,

Cindy Brinker, *President, USI Retirees Coordinating Council*  
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## RETIREE NEWSMAKERS

### University Confers Honorary Doctorate Degree on Dean Emerita Nadine Coudret



*Ron Romain '73, Nadine Coudret,  
Mohammed Khayum*

The University recognized the singular achievement of the founding dean of the USI College of Nursing and Health Professions during the May 2022 Commencement Exercises. Dr. Nadine Coudret, Dean Emerita of College of Nursing and Health Professions and Professor Emerita of Nursing, who also served as interim University Provost for a year, received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

She joined USI in 1988 with the charge to develop an academic program in nursing. Twenty-four years later, at her retirement in 2012, the program was conferring bachelor, master and doctoral degrees in nursing; programs in diagnostic sonography and nutrition; and had elevated dental hygiene from an associate degree program to Indiana's first baccalaureate program in the field.

In her formal citation at Commencement, it was noted that under her leadership, over 6,500 students had graduated from the College of Nursing and Health Professions and she had assisted in bringing approximately \$10 million in awards and external grants to her programs. The degree conferral also noted her outstanding community service on many local, state, and national boards. Graduates of USI Nursing and Health Professions programs consistently rank at the top of professional standards examinations.

### Aloha from Hawaii!

Dr. Charles Petranek, Professor Emeritus of Sociology, moved with his wife Diana to Honolulu, Hawaii, when he retired. He is teaching Introduction to Sociology and an internship course at the University of Hawaii, and reports that it was difficult during the COVID pandemic.

Some may remember that he had summer and academic sabbatical sojourns to Hawaii while he was teaching at USI. In observing USI's move to Division I athletics, he reported that University of Hawaii is the national champion in Men's Volleyball.



*Charles and Diana Petranek*



**NEW RETIREES**

Welcome to the employees who recently retired from the University.

Jean C. Broyles  
 Carol A. Burgdorf  
 Jeri L. Burger  
 Kathy M. Elpers  
 Arlene A. Fortune '95  
 Vincent A. Frazier  
 Douglas R. Goepfner '95  
 Connie R. Keeling  
 McCoy Kemmerlin  
 Rhonda G. Moore  
 Michael Murphy  
 Jimmy R. Prior  
 Mark A. Rusk  
 Kim E. Schauss  
 Dennis A. Scherrer  
 Jane Swartz D'12  
 Karen A. Tuley '83  
 Joseph Uduehi  
 Ann H. White  
 Stephen C. Zehr

**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](http://USI.edu/retirees) or 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](http://USI.edu/retirees) for more information about **USI Retirees**.

**CARL AND LORI SAXBY TELL ABOUT  
EXPLORING NATIONAL PARKS**

We enjoy learning about American history, seeing beautiful and unique sights and being outdoors. The National Park Service sites are an expertly curated mix of these things. The Park Service manages 423 historic sights, national monuments, battlefields and other designations, but only 51 of these sites are national parks within the continental United States. To date, we have visited 37 national parks and scores of other Park Service sites. Most of the continental parks yet to be visited are in the Pacific northwest, southern California, plus Big Bend in Texas. We have trips planned to explore these areas.



*Lori, Carl, and their faithful traveling companion, Mr. Moose, at the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center.*

One organized means of uncovering parks and historic sites is a themed trip. For example, we retraced the Oregon Trail from Independence Missouri to what is now suburban Portland, Oregon and then followed the California Trail home. Side trips along the route included Promontory Point, Utah, Craters of the Moon, Idaho, several Lewis and Clark related sites and many more scenic or historically significant preservations we encountered along the way. Thematic trips offer something new and different every day with each uniquely tailored to one's curiosity.

There are 12 National Parks outside of continental United States: eight in Alaska, two in Hawaii, and one each in American Samoa and the Virgin Islands. Most, but not all, of these parks are very remote and difficult to visit. It's unlikely that we will dive the coral reefs of American Samoa or trek the mountains of Gates of the Arctic in Alaska as examples, but, maybe?

**EVANSVILLE WARTIME MUSEUM TOUR**

Join the USI Retirees on Monday, September 19, 2022, at 1 p.m. to tour the Evansville Wartime Museum located at 7903 Petersburg Road, Evansville. The tour of the Museum will be conducted by retired Navy Captain Dr. Mark Browning who is a member of the Evansville Wartime Museum Board of Directors and a USI Foundation Board member.



Reservations Required  
 Please email  
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 by August 25, 2022, to  
 make your reservation



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### IN MEMORIAM

Seymour Brodsky  
*Retiree*

Susan Donaldson  
*Retiree*

John McNaughton  
*Retiree*

Joan Van Over  
*Spouse of Retiree*

## USI RETIREES GROUP FACEBOOK PAGE

In Spring 2022, the USI Retirees Group Facebook Page was launched. The page is accessible only to USI Retirees. Information about special events and information important to USI Retirees is posted on the page.

If you are on Facebook, search for **USI Retirees** and ask to join the USI Retirees Group Facebook Page.

There are currently 52 members of the USI Retirees Group Facebook Page. We would like to grow our Facebook Page and encourage you to join the group!



“For me, the extra money helped offset the cost of courses during the semester. Looking past the monetary aspect of money, it helped me mentally get through the semester because I knew I had the extra support of the USI Retirees.” – Jacob Greenwell

## SPRING 2022 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Five employees received \$100 grants from USI Retirees in Spring 2022. 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!

Jared S. Chestnut - RFWC Opening Supervisor  
Kenneth E. Furness - Public Safety Officer  
Jacob A. Greenwell - Senior Storeroom Assistant  
Tammy M. Jewell - Senior Library Assistant  
Kimberly A. Pearson - Senior Accounting Assistant