

Senior Sentinel

News of the IUPUI
Senior Academy
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Bookmarks: Ideal for Retirees

If you read and like to discuss with others what you read, consider IUPUI's Bookmarks program offered at the Glendale Mall.

Created 16 years ago by Dean **William Plater**, Bookmarks is a program that showcases IUPUI's faculty and staff as facilitators of books. Originally, Bookmarks operated both on and off campus, but the on-campus program was dropped a couple of years ago. The off-campus program at Glendale continues to be a huge success, attracting the general public as well as IUPUI's faculty and staff retirees. Participation for one book attracted 87, for *The DaVinci Code*. Usually 25-35 are in attendance.

This year's offerings on six consecutive Monday evenings, 6:30 to 8 p.m., are in IUPUI's classroom #11 at Glendale. Although most participants are retirees, there are a few younger individuals.

If you plan to attend any of the following programs, please call Jim East, the long-time director of Bookmarks-Glendale Series, at 274-1468 (office) or 849-0678 (home), to make sure he has a large enough classroom. If no answer at either of these numbers, just leave the date of the program, your name, and the number attending.

The dates, books, and facilitators for the fall 2006 Glendale Series are listed on Page 3.

Academy Again Aims to Lead IUPUI's United Way Giving

Notices have gone out inviting Senior Academy members to continue their record of being one of the top givers to the Greater Indianapolis United Way.

For the past five years, Academy members have given more per capita than most units at IUPUI, probably the leader, according to Mary Kate Myers who heads the campaign. Last year 54 Academy members gave \$22,450.

This year's campus goal is \$360,000 which she feels is reasonable to achieve since the campus exceeded its goal of \$335,000 and raised \$342,000.



Academy's Campus Center Campaign Nears Goal

Through the generosity of many Senior Academy members, \$19,750 was raised by Sept. 1 for the new IUPUI Campus Center. At the November 2005 Senior Academy board meeting, the officers voted unanimously to support the fundraising efforts of the Center. A \$25,000 goal was set. The money will be used to name a meeting room for the Senior Academy and support leadership and cultural enrichment programs in the center.

Academy past president **Don Schultheis** encourages all members to consider a financial gift benefiting the Center, "Our fundraising efforts will help create a legacy for the Senior Academy as generations of IUPUI students will see our name on a meeting room and understand the contributions of retired faculty and staff." He said that we will be able to put items in the room, such as pictures of scholarship winners.

Expected completion date for the Campus Center is fall 2007. A new Center Director, **Daniel M. Maxwell**, has begun developing and coordinating all Campus Center facilities and operations, including building maintenance, personnel, technology, security, public relations, commercial activities and other matters.

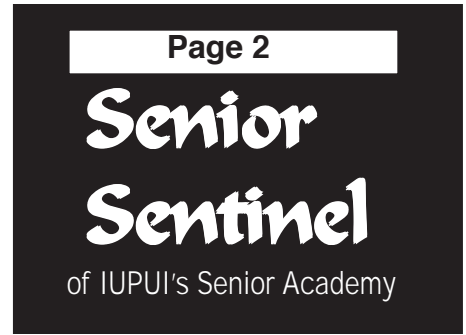
Consider a financial gift to the IUPUI Senior Academy Campus Center campaign. For questions or more information about how to give, contact **Shelley Hunter** at the IU Foundation, 278-5650 or shmhunte@iupui.edu.

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Special Events for Members and Guests

Oct 18: Tour of Thorntown Heritage Museum and Sugar Creek Art Center,
Lunch at nearby Stucky's
Dec 6: Holiday Dinner, Hollyhock Hill, holiday and patriotic music
March 7, 2007: Tour of Eiteljorg Museum, lunch in Eiteljorg Café
April 4, 2007: Chateau Thomas Wine Tasting and Luncheon
May 2-3 (Tentative): Overnight trip to Springfield IL, Lincoln Museum and
Library



Academy Scholarship Winners Announced

Two students are now studying at IUPUI with Senior Academy Scholarships worth \$2000 each. **Linda Hudson** is the returning student awardee and **Loan Hoang** is the freshman winner. Meet them here:

Linda is 56 years old and worked part time as a secretary in the Law School while studying part time from 1967 to 1979. She had their first child in 1976 then “dropped out” to raise her family which became four children. Two of them have graduated from college, one is a freshman and one is entering high school. Her husband completed a masters degree from SPEA.

Linda was in Elementary Education and completed 104 hours with a 3.0 average but has returned to the School of Continuing Studies to finish with a General Studies degree.

During her hiatus, she became a house manager for Benton House, a historic home in her Irvington neighborhood, and was active in Our Lady of Lourdes parish school.

Loan is 17 years old and is daughter of refugees from

Viet Nam. The family was moved to the USA in 1992 and the parents worked in restaurants and warehouses, often walking to work in rain and snow. “Times were rough, but they felt privileged to have a job to provide for us. Because of their sweat and tears, we now live in a warm house and have transportation.”

Loan is a graduate of Northwest High School where she was in the business and finance magnet program. The program “helped me realize my great interest in business.” Her GPA was 3.72 on a 4.0 scale and she received the Indiana Academic Honors diploma. She was fourth in a class of 210 students

At Northwest, she played volleyball, wrote poetry, and liked music.

“I want to be successful not only for myself but for my family,” she says, who “motivated me to work hard.”

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October 16: *The World is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-First Century*, by Thomas Friedman. Facilitator: Associate Dean Roger Schmenner, Kelley School of Business

October 23: *Breath, Eyes, Memory*, by Edwidge Danticat. Facilitator: Jennifer Thorington-Springer, Department of English

October 30: *The Poetry of Robert Frost: The Collected Poems, Complete and Unabridged*. Facilitator: Karen Kovacic, Department of English (Note: Selected poems will be assigned by Jim East at the October 16 meeting.)

November 6: *Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Every Thing*, by Steven Levitt & Stephen Dubner. Facilitator: Pat Rooney, Department of Economics and Center on Philanthropy

November 13: *The Known World*, by Edward Jones. Facilitator: Monroe Little, Department of History and African-American Studies.

These books are available at B. Dalton's in Glendale or through Amazon.com

Greetings from the President...

Academy is for You to be Enriched

Join us in celebrating in 2006 the tenth anniversary of IUPUI's Senior Academy which, for a decade, has served as the university's official organization in bringing together IUPUI's retired faculty and staff. Our mission says that our goal "encourages and assists scholarly, professional, education, social, and service interests of the members."

The organization works through its six standing committees: communication, membership, programs, social, scholarship, and the Gerald L. Bepko Community Medallion. To date, there are 261 members. The schedule of this year's programs and social events can be found elsewhere in this publication.

We invite you to participate occasionally—or on a regular basis, picking programs of interest to you. More than that, if you have not already done so, come try us out. Most of our programs are scheduled at convenient times (usually 10 a.m.) in one of IUPUI's classrooms at the Glendale Mall. Additionally, the Social Committee offers a rich selection of interesting events throughout the year. Our biggest event of the 2006-07 academic year is a bus trip in May 2007 to the Lincoln Museum in Springfield, Illinois.

Our gatherings are microcosms of the university's faculty and staff from all its schools, an enriching experience hard to duplicate elsewhere.

If you would like more information, please contact the Senior Academy office at 274-2444 or call me directly at 274-1468 (office), 849-0678 (home).

Hope to see you soon! **James R. East**, President



Unusual Hobbies to be Spotlighted

At least one of our fellow members is a bee keeper. Another is a competitive bridge player. Active and involved Senior Academy members are being sought to tell their stories.

Jordan Leibman, coordinator of the program committee, is seeking the names and hobbies of members in order to put together a series of "show and tell" programs, and also spotlight them in the Senior Sentinel.

Call Jordan at 274-2397, or e-mail him at jleibman@iupui.edu In case some of those seniors you know are somewhat reluctant to come forth, you are invited to reveal names and hobbies for followup.

Here are Our New 2006-2007 Members

Bernadette M. Allison	Kari Berger Jahr
Biagio Azzarelli	Joseph E. Kuczkowski
Paul Bippen	Angela B. McBride
Thomas A. Broadie	Richard G. Peterson
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A Real China Doll Souvenir

Many retirees often are world travelers. If you have taken a grand trip lately and had an adventure that may go beyond ordinary site seeing, you are invited to share with other IUPUI seniors. It may be a special event (like the sky falling on you), or a once-in-a-lifetime adventure (such as going where no man has gone before), or a strange occurrence (like luggage lost and you lived off the land for a week).

Send contributions, with photos if possible, for future issues of the Sentinel. This account, to lead off what we hope can become a popular series, comes from the editor, Noel Duerden.

On an extended trip to China last spring, one of our stops was in Chongqing at a middle school, which we understand is between elementary and university levels.



We chatted with a group of students, all of whom spoke English very well, and it came time to leave. Just then a girl at my left side put her head on my shoulder and tears flowed. I was astounded and then a girl on the other side said, “she is so happy.”

So we strolled down a hall to our bus and she grabbed my hand and held it tightly clear to the bus. I told the tour guide and our driver that she was my China doll souvenir and I was taking her home. “Oh no,” they said. So we parted.

Story not over yet.

About a week after arriving home, we got an e-mail from Li Xia (Shia Lee in English) who asked if I remembered when she put her head on my shoulder and “swept.” Then she told about herself and said she and my wife were her new adopted grandpa and grandma. She says that her name means morning sunlight and she is referred to as Apple by her friends because of her apple cheeks and happy personality.

We have learned she wants to be a translator, but she failed her university entrance exam (as we learned that most do not succeed—it is very tough and most American students would fail also). After a period of despondency, she says has entered a “lesser” college in September studying so she won’t have to be a store clerk, or factory worker, or other lower class worker. She also wants to improve her English and possibly become a tour guide. She also has to take 15 days military training.

We wondered if she was preparing to scam us to get money to come to America. But we get e-mails at least weekly and try to give grandfatherly advice and support. It feels fuzzy to have made this kind of connection and I hope that my magnetic personality that must have attracted her to me will not wear off.

How Common Is Your Name?

Among the reams of data the U.S. Census Bureau collects and generates from the national census is a list of the most popular names in the United States. Now you can find out just how common your name is. That even includes your first name since there are three listings available: by surname, by male first name and by female first name.

Dick Eastman, who edits an on-line genealogical newsletter, found that EASTMAN is the 1,661st most popular name in the United States out of the 88,799 surnames listed. He also checked the first name for popularity. You can do this too at: <http://www.census.gov/genealogy/www/freqnames.html>

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