

Good News!! The Senior Sentinel has finally returned from sabbatical. It's about three years older, not all that smarter but certainly rested. The Sentinel is looking for guest editors and article contributors.

Happy Birthday Senior Academy: We will be 20 on September 20, 2013!

Today IUPUI Senior Academy members actively attend social events, participate in lectures/discussions and organize campus activities. What do we know about the development of our organization? Our Administrative Assistant, Lee McLaughlin, spent quite a few hours in the University Library Archives researching the history of the Senior Academy and this is what she found:

- In December of 1991, Executive Vice Chancellor and Dean of the Faculties William Plater formed a committee to survey emeriti faculty to determine their interest in contributing their time to assist the academic mission of the campus. In particular, the committee was to solicit information about emeriti faculty's views of campus developments, their degree of satisfaction with their careers at IUPUI and their desire to continue support and involvement with the campus. Dean Plater felt that emeriti faculty represented a potential untapped resource of teaching, research, service and administration.
- After considerable discussion among members of the planning committee, emeriti faculty and Deans William Plater and Carol Nathan, a draft of the "Statement of Purposes and Interim Plan of the Organization for an IUPUI Senior Academy" was issued in April of 1993. Briefly, the purpose of the Academy would be to unite interested emeriti faculty and staff in a common program to utilize their vast experience and educational backgrounds for the betterment of the campus and community.
- The Senior Academy inauguration was held on September 20, 1993 in the University Place Conference Center as part of the 1993-4 celebration of the 25th Anniversary of IUPUI. The following information was presented on a card handed out to the attendees.
 - **Who?** Retired faculty and staff who voluntarily continue to make their expertise and experience available for the greater good of IUPUI and its community.
 - **What?** This association serves as an advisory and consultative body, anticipates becoming a resource for on-campus and off-campus activities and provides a vehicle for obtaining suggestions and opinions from an important campus constituency.
 - **Why?** The IUPUI Senior Academy is an organized response to current and potential interests shared by the campus and its retirees, with emphasis on mutually beneficial uses of scholarly, professional and personal resources.
 - **Where?** Pending assignment of an office and election of officers, the office of the Dean of the Faculties is handling Academy matters.

- The first meeting of the IUPUI Senior Academy was held on Monday, March 7, 1994 in the Faculty Club at the University Place Conference Center. The founding Board members included retired faculty and staff. As shown in the picture below, they were (left to right) Mary Carpenter (Administrative Secretary), Carol Nathan (Associate Dean), Elizabeth Grossman (Nursing), Marshall Yovits (Chair, Science), Virgil Hunt (Secretary/Treasurer, Registrar), William Spencer (Office of Vice President, Indianapolis), Bernard Friedman (History), Anthony SanPietro (Distinguished Professor, IU Bloomington), Elizabeth Solow (Corresponding Secretary, Surgery), Alvin Bynum (University Division), and not pictured, William Armstrong (Physiology & Biophysics) and David Bonner (Vice Chair, Chemistry),



In the 20 years after the founding of the Senior Academy, the membership list has grown from 115 to over 500. Our website is www.SAcademy.iupui.edu and our office is located in the Administration Building at 355 North Lansing Street, #139. We are on Facebook (www.facebook.com/iupuisenioracademy). For the campus, we help organize the presentations of the Last Lecture and the Bepko Community Medallion, and activities associated with the yearly Indianapolis Spirit and Place festival. Our members continue to volunteer as mentors and teachers in their respective units, judges for Research Day, members of the United Way Campaign Committee and special activities as requested by the Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer. Lists of upcoming activities and the fifteen-member Board are included at the end of this newsletter. Happy 20th Birthday Senior Academy! We've evolved into a vital and integral part of the IUPUI Community. As part of the 2013 strategic planning process, we look forward to seeing how we can contribute to the IUPUI of the future. Our 20th anniversary celebration is scheduled for September 20, 2013. Stay tuned for further news on this event. (Contributed by Bill Bosron and Lee McLaughlin)

Current Board members are:
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The IUPUI Division of Continuing Studies is here to help you.

Have you ever wondered how to remove Uncle Buster from a digital family photo? How to raise backyard chickens? How to avoid ordering 'Cervella Fredda al Limone' on your trip to Florence, Italy (something about brains and lemons!)? How to create a leather hat? Well, the IUPUI Division of Continuing Studies can help you. They offer many interesting and useful short courses at convenient learning centers in the Indianapolis metro area. Their web site is <http://www.dcs.iupui.edu/>. Under the 'Current Course Offerings' you will find interesting topic areas like: photography, art and culture, computers, language, personal interest and new courses. The courses are offered for 1 to 5 days any time of the year. These courses are not bound by the IUPUI academic calendar and do not require formal admission to IUPUI. There are two major Learning Centers in Indianapolis with free parking: on the northwest side on 71st street east of I 465 (Park 100, see picture below) and on the south side on County Line Road near the Airport Parkway (Greenwood). Enrollment online is easy using a credit card and, best of all as a former IUPUI employee; you get a 20% discount on fees for most courses.



The Senior Academy board met recently with Dr. Khaula Murtadha, Associate Vice Chancellor for Lifelong Learning, to learn about course offerings of interest to retired IUPUI faculty and staff, and area seniors at large. Here are some examples of current courses of potential interest to seniors that are listed on the www.dcs.iupui.edu/ web site:

- 'Let's go to Italy' is a course offered at Brebuf High School on three consecutive Wednesdays from May 15 to May 29. The instructor, Cristiana Thielmann, will focus on words and phrases that will make your trip to Italy stress free and more enjoyable. Cristiana has been teaching at IUPUI since 2004. She has a bachelor's degree from University La Sapienza in Rome and a Masters Degree from University Ca Foscari in Venice. Christiana says that she enjoys teaching this course because she really likes talking about her culture and country.
- 'Donald Davidson's Indy 500 History' is offered at Speedway High School on four consecutive Tuesdays from April 9 to April 30. Anyone who has listened to the Indy 500 broadcast will know Donald Davidson and admire his encyclopedic knowledge of the history of the 500. What fun to study the history of this unique event in our city with the top expert!
- Another new course 'Leather Hat Making' is a one-day course on May 11th that lasts from 9:30 AM to 4 PM. Students will create their own leather hat, with instruction from Rick Koen of Tandy Leather. Rick was first introduced to leather craft over 35 years ago. In 2011, he and his wife formed "Fun with Rick and Jane Crafts" where they create, teach and sell custom leather items.

These three courses should give you an idea of the broad range of interesting offerings by our IUPUI Division of Continuing Studies. Please have fun exploring the opportunities on their web site.

Khaula and the staff at Continuing Studies are very interested in creating more course offerings that would be of interest to retired IUPUI faculty and staff, and community seniors. They created a simple survey for us to indicate our interests. Additionally, some of us may enjoy teaching a Continuing Studies course in some area of personal interest. Please use the survey to indicate your interest in teaching a course or participating in Continuing Education activities. As you probably know, IUPUI is completing a strategic planning process this year to prepare a blueprint of educational activities for the next decade and beyond. Senior Academy members have an opportunity to promote the engagement of area seniors in meaningful continuing education courses sponsored by our University. Please fill out the survey at

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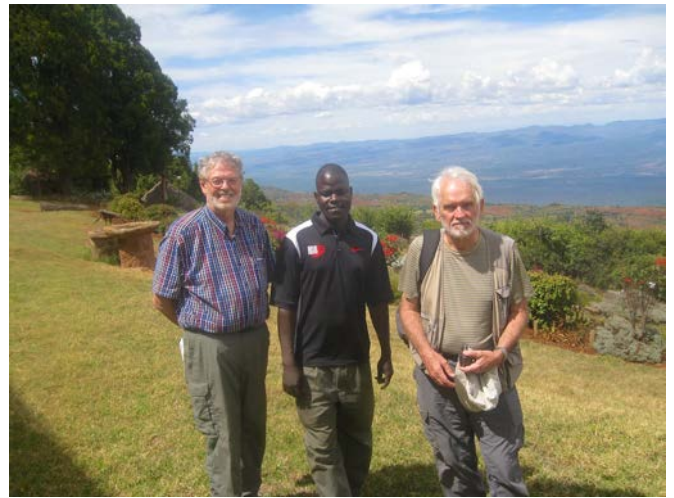
A Personal Experience with the IU-Kenya Partnership in Medicine

This unique partnership is between the Indiana University School of Medicine (IUSOM) and Moi University School of Medicine (MUSOM) is located in the city of Eldoret, western Kenya. The program is led by Robert Einterz, M.D., Associate Dean for International Programs, IUSOM. Dr. Einterz was the inaugural recipient in 2009 of the Last Lecture award that is sponsored by the Senior Academy. Begun over twenty years ago, the partnership developed one of the largest programs for the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa. The program is called AMPATH (Academic Model for the Prevention and Treatment of HIV/AIDS). This organization, which benefits many other areas of medical care besides HIV/AIDS, is highly successful and has grown rapidly. Many thousands of cases of HIV/AIDS have been prevented or treated. Professor Joseph Mamlin, M.D. of the IUSOM Department of Medicine has spent many years in the program in Eldoret and has been nominated several times for the Nobel Peace Prize.

The educational missions of IUSOM and MUSOM have both been enhanced by the partnership. Many faculty members, residents and medical students from IUSOM spend varying amounts of time in Kenya. They gain experience with a different way of medical care, as well as obtaining a better understanding of Kenyan culture. This resulted in improving clinical training and clinical research opportunities for both medical schools. Funding for clinical research and training is provided by IUSOM and includes grants from the National Institutes of Health, World Health Organization, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and other sources.

Editor's Note: In the past, Senior Academy members have contributed articles about interesting and exciting activities after retirement that they are willing to share with us in the Senior Sentinel. In this issue, Randy Strate tells us about his trips to Eldoret, Kenya in Africa to work with the IU-Kenya Partnership in Medicine. We know that other IUPUI retirees have participated in this and other important international partnerships at IUPUI. Is there a story that you would like to tell? If so, please contact Bill Bosron at wbosron@iupui.edu.

For the past two years, I (Randy Strate) traveled with Dr. James W. Smith to MUSOM along with other American pathologists. The aim of these journeys is to mentor the laboratory staff and pathologists there. The goals are to upgrade lab services, provide diagnostic consultation, increase timeliness of laboratory results and improve patient care. We take pathology equipment and supplies with us.



Randy Strate, a Kenya colleague and Jim Smith overlooking the great Rift Valley in Kenya.

Providing appropriate laboratory services to patients and clinical physicians in Kenya presents many challenges. My main involvement is in the areas of surgical pathology and cytology. Pathology laboratories analyze patient surgical tissue specimens, abnormal body fluids, cells obtained from scraping body surfaces (e.g., Pap smears), blood, urine and other sources. After examination of the samples and interpretation of abnormalities, we produce a written pathology report. Cancer and various infectious diseases are often the main concerns in Africa. Their clinical doctors depend on our reports to guide their treatment of patients.

Constraints to providing the best laboratory results for patients are many in Eldoret but the most fundamental problem is lack of sufficient financial support of the laboratories and pathologists. This condition results in insufficient training of personnel, lack of modern equipment, inability to consistently obtain high quality chemical reagents, poor record keeping, lack of computerization and contaminated water in Eldoret compared to the situation in Indianapolis. In spite of these limitations, the pathologists at MUSOM are well-motivated, highly intelligent and have excellent interpersonal and communication skills. We worked with them daily, seeking to mentor and suggest improved practices in the lab. Together, we made substantial improvements in the labs.

My exposure to the culture of Kenya, the beauty of the country, and the wonderful and friendly people has been of great benefit to me. The people maintain an optimistic outlook while coping with living conditions that most Americans would find unacceptable and extremely difficult. I commend and respect them for their grace and perseverance. (Contributed by Randall W. Strate, M.D., retired pathologist at Methodist Hospital and IUSOM, Emeritus Clinical Associate Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine).

Upcoming Events

Spring outing to New Harmony Indiana - May 1-3, 2013 (for reservation information, email Bill Bosron at wbosron@iupui.edu)

Annual Meeting – Friday, June 7, 2:30 p.m. at the Athenaeum in Indianapolis

Senior Academy Spring Trip to New Harmony Indiana

The Senior Academy spring outing will be at New Harmony Indiana from May 1 to 3, 2013. We will stay at the New Harmony Inn on Wednesday and Thursday nights, May 1 and 2, and return to Indianapolis on Friday May 3.

As discussed in a recent Senior Academy event with Dr. Richard Gunderman, New Harmony Indiana is one of the most interesting and historic towns in Indiana. It is the site of two of America's foremost utopian communities of the early 1800s: the Harmonie on the Wabash under the leadership of Johann Georg Rapp followed by the Harmony Society under the leadership of Robert Owen. New Harmony was a center for education and scientific research. Many buildings along the Wabash River have been restored to form the New Harmony Historic District which is a National Historic Landmark. The Indiana State Museum preserves several of the historic buildings, the University of Southern Indiana provides cultural and educational programs and Richard Meier designed the attractive, modern visitor's center for New Harmony. The New Harmony Inn provides excellent accommodations with furnishings in the Shaker-modest style and the Red Geranium restaurant is well known for excellent food. The Paul Tillich Park and Roofless Church commemorate this well-known theologian. A visit in spring, early May, will be great.

The address for the New Harmony Inn is 504 North Street, New Harmony, Indiana 47631. Their Web site is <http://www.newharmonyinn.com/>. If you are interested in the trip, email Bill Bosron at wbosron@iupui.edu.

On the afternoon of May 1, we plan to see exhibits and the film at the Visitor's Center. After dinner at the Red Geranium, Giles Hoyt will lead a discussion of the Harmonist movements. On May 2, we will visit important sites like the Working Men's institute, community houses and the Maximilian-Bodmer paintings that are curated by University of Southern Indiana. In the afternoon, we will have free time to visit downtown, the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art and the Hoosier Solon's New Harmony Gallery. After dinner at the Red Geranium, we hope to have a discussion about the historic sites. On May 3, there will be an optional visit to Angel Mounds, east of Evansville, that is one of the historic sites in the Indiana State Museum system. Historic New Harmony Web sites are found at <http://www.usi.edu/hnh/tours.php> and <http://maxkade.iupui.edu/newharmony/home.html>. The Angel Mounds site is <http://www.indianamuseum.org/sites/angeplan.html> (Contributed by Bill Bosron)

We are looking for volunteers to serve on Senior Academy committees and the Board. If you are interested, please contact Lee McLaughlin, lmclaugh@iupui.edu, 278-2444.