

Senior Sentinel

NEWS of the IUPUI
SENIOR ACADEMY
January 2007

We're Moving Upstairs at Glendale

The Senior Academy is moving, along with many other enterprises such as Oasis, at the Glendale Mall. Future board meetings and many programs will now be held in the IMCPL Glendale Library on the second floor. Arrangements have been made for meeting space for all of 2007 in the Library. The next Board meeting, to which all members are invited, will be 10 am on Jan. 11.

The move, occasioned by the anticipated remodeling and opening of a super Target store in the mall, recalls more than 30 years of an IUPUI presence in the mall. It was in the early 1970s when current Academy President Jim East opened what was one of the world's first academic degree-granting programs by a major university in a shopping center.

This landmark program, called Learn and Shop, was copied by numerous small and large universities, thus expanding education beyond the campuses and into convenient city-wide locations.

The need to move from the lower level location is due to physical necessities, East said. The mall structure would not support the needs of the remodeling for Target.

Board Approves Changes in Funds

For more than \$60,000 in various Academy funds, mostly for the three scholarships supports, the Board in December voted to change how the funds are designated. It entails converting the scholarship funds to endowments, leaving the principals intact.

The goal is to have a minimum of \$40,000 in each endowed fund to generate \$2,000 in interest for each award annually.

In addition, the board proposed that the names of two funds be changed. The one for IPS students would be changed to Beginning Students; the General fund would be changed to Academic.

An Active, Exciting Beginning Spring Program Schedule Forming

A stirring spring program schedule is being completed for Academy members' enlightenment as well as entertainment.

All programs will begin at 10 am in the Library Auditorium on the second floor of the Glendale Mall.

In Feb. 13, **J. Edgar Webb**, an accomplished painter, will present a program on painting. He will bring a number of his oil paintings and pastels to show what he has done. This program will be part of the Hobby Series being planned.

Jordan Leibman is working on a program for January, probably a presentation on contract bridge, and a program by Clarke Miller on end of life issues will be Jan 23 or 30..

On March 6, **Jim Eastwill** present a program on the practical aspects of beekeeping: how to get started, maintaining the colonies, medicating against mites, honey production, etc.

A panel presentation on April 17 will be "Medicare Prescription Drug Plans: a Year Later." Five retirees who have different plans will share their experiences. They are **Joseph Hintgen** on the Anthem plan, **Cyrus Behroozi** the AARP plan, **Mary Jane Koch** on Aetna; **Marvin Ebbert** on Humana; and **Dottie Swinney** with Prescription Solutions. Those attending will have first hand accounts on what's working and what is not.

Goal in Sight for Campus Center Support

At last count, 44 Academy members have contributed an average of more than \$450 each to the Campus Center for a room that will be named for the Senior Academy. The goal is \$25,000 and the total pledged or contributed is \$20,175.

According to **Shelly Hunter** of the IU Foundation, Academy members have been "very generous" in this project and she said this is in addition to several other financial and service contributions made by the Academy to the campus.

A reception and possibly a hard hat tour of the building for donors, including a peek at the Academy-supported room, is being planned for the spring or summer, Hunter said. To her knowledge, the Academy is the only campus unit that has collected money for a room, although commercial

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Administration : We Continue to Support You

The executive committee of the Academy met with Chancellor **Charles Bantz** and new Executive Vice Chancellor and Dean of Faculties **Uday Sukhatme** and came away with a renewed commitment for support of the Academy.

President Jim East reported that while former administrations have supported the Academy in several ways, the new leadership may increase support as new proposals come to them.

Campus Center Contributions.....(From Page 1)

and other sponsors on and off campus have been solicited.

The slabs for all four floors have been poured, escalators are in place, and the project is on time and on budget, she reported.

The time between Thanksgiving and year's end traditionally is the prime time for most charitable contributions and Hunter said that with less than \$5,000 to go, she was hopeful that the goal would be met at the end of 2006. If you have not received a pledge card, and can contribute in early 2007, contact her at 278-5650 or shmhunter@iupui.edu. Or you can call Academy President Jim East at 849-0678

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IUPUI Goes Farther World-wide

IUPUI's commitment to civic engagement is international, boasts Chancellor **Charles Bantz**. On Nov 8, he signed an historic agreement between our campus and Moi University in Eldoret, Kenya, to broaden multidisciplinary faculty/student exchanges, academic programs, clinical care, and other partnerships.

It's the first of several strategic partnerships IUPUI expects to develop in key locations around the world, including Mexico, India, China and Europe.

Under IUPUI's strategic partnership, the Schools of Dentistry, Social Work and Nursing will work with their counterparts at Moi University to develop or expand programs, Bantz said. In addition, University College, Student Life and Diversity, Education, Business, Informatics, Engineering and Technology, Physical Education and Tourism Development, and Liberal Arts are exploring opportunities for curriculum development, institution building, student and faculty exchange, collaborative research projects, distance education, study abroad programming, and expansion of the impact and outreach of the HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention program, Bantz added.

The impetus for a new approach to international education is simple, says **Susan Sutton** of the International Programs office.

At IUPUI, she says, "we recognize that if you truly want to be international, you need to do it through partnerships, through reciprocal exchanges."

Strategic partnerships are critical to IUPUI, she said.

The Academy's Travelin' Man, Ron Frank



"Which one is the bull?" asks Ron Frank who included Spain as one of his most visited countries.

Canada and Mexico, almost always with art materials and camera in hand. He sells many of his India ink sketches, and has several hundred travel photos on his computer as screen savers which he reviews "trying to guess where I've been."

Travels to Spain probably are the most frequent—he's been there about eight times but because of the unfavorable exchange rates between euros and dollars, the Spaniards may be seeing him less. One of his travel advantages was provided by a program of a travel agency which gave him virtually a free trip if he gathered a group of 10 or more to go with him as tour leader.

One of the most memorable trips was to Krakow, Poland, where he mostly enjoyed the atmosphere and observing and sketching the people and ambiance of the town. But he hesitates to call anyplace a favorite; he said he appreciates the unique culture of every place.

One downside of travel is the new security at U.S. airports, especially at New York's JFK with Delta Airlines. He says the Indianapolis airport is one of the better ones for security checks in this country. Those in other countries are not so stringent. Losing luggage in Warsaw for five days was one of the most memorable experiences. His wife, Sarah, had a manageable time, but his was more difficult with lack of changes of clothes.

Language difficulties? He says he has been "able to pick up many rudimentary words and phrases" so getting along in foreign lands has been no problem.

His art interests came in handy on a trip to China with Herron School of Art faculty and students in 2001. And he will tell you about being caught in Thailand in 2001 at the time of the terrorist attacks in New York.

There are still several places where he has not yet left footprints: South America, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. But he has left them in Italy and China four times, Turkey three times, in Malta and Mexico twice, in Nova Scotia, Egypt, Costa Rica, Morocco, Tunisia. And four cruises in the Caribbean, a 21-day Mediterranean trip from Barcelona through the Adriatic countries, and the rivers of western Europe from Vienna to Amsterdam.

Ron estimates that he is gone somewhere about three months a year. He's seen most of the USA, and most of Indiana. In the summers, his wife Sarah comes along, but she is an attorney and teaches math at IUPUI. Ron has served the Academy for several years as a member of the social committee, arranging three or four trips to area and Indiana locales each year, hosting as many as 40 colleagues at a time.

A candidate for the most traveled Senior Academy member could be **Ron Frank** who has logged more than 30 overseas trips before and after his retirement from the School of Engineering and Technology in 1996.

Ron also has traveled to most of the USA, and to

This is the second of a planned series of accounts of Academy members who travel, their unusual circumstances, or special experiences. You are invited to tell the editor of other candidates to spotlight in this series.

Senior Academy Through New Eyes

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Ever been drafted? I was drafted recently by **Ed Robbins** and **Marv Ebbert** to serve as president of the Senior Academy. When I met them for lunch, I thought they were going to make a pitch for me to serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

It was that—and more—but also to serve as president! You see, the organization had experienced some unexpected losses of leaders at a very inconvenient time. I hesitated but I agreed to submit my name for Board approval and suddenly I became President of the organization. Boy am I glad I did!

I soon learned how much I had been missing by not having given more of my time to this exceptional organization. The various programs, social events, and formal meetings of the Board or Directors are stimulating and truly meaningful.

It's intellectually invigorating to interact with IUPUI's retired and talented faculty and staff. We work together planning various group trips and social events, participating in various programs of interest to the membership (Medicare prescription drug plan, etc.), working on campus in support of campus-based projects, and supporting the organization's three scholarship programs for IUPUI students. Members participate in only what they like to do.

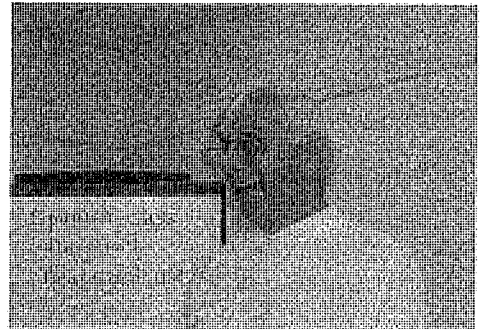
We invite all members to join us in this meaningful endeavor. To learn more about this organization, call the Senior Academy office, 278-2444. Better yet, why not call me at my home: 849-0678.

As president of the Senior Academy, my personal goals this year are to

- (1) vigorously support the outstanding programs and achievements of those who led before me—in other words, I do not plan to re-invent the wheel,
- (2) do whatever is necessary to involve IUPUI's retired faculty and staff as participants/presenters/attendees of programs and events,
- (3) seek out and cultivate the organization's future leaders, and
- (4) undertake a professional yet aggressive undertaking to communicate more within the existing membership as well as personal contacts with retirees-to-be.

The Senior Academy has lots to offer. So, why not share your time and talents with us?

Jim East, President



Photos Missing

Anyone who has knowledge of two missing Academy photograph albums, which belong to Ron Frank, should contact the Academy office. The photos chronicle a number of events and trips by members and are a valuable archive.

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This is a supplement to the regular January Issue, containing information that developed from the time of printing the regular issue and events during the week that will affect Academy members.

The Glendale Library: How it May Affect Us

Uncertainties about the possible closing of the Glendale Library has caused the Academy Board to adopt a contingency plan for meetings and events.

The large auditorium in the Library on the second floor has been reserved for the entire year for programs. However, if the Library closes, the Nora Branch Library has been selected and reserved as an alternate site. The Library is at 1000 E. 86th St.

However, President **Jim East** told the Board that times of meetings would have to shift to the afternoons, from 1 to 2:30 pm since our regular morning times were not available.

Members will be notified by e-mail and separate mailings if programs need to be shifted.

Addendum to Program Schedule

The Spring program schedule now includes one more program than was available at the deadline for printing of the Sentinel, and an update on the Jan. 30 event.

On Jan. 30, **Clarke Miller**, president of Compassion and Choices of Indiana, will present a program entitled: "The Right to Die Well: Why Physician-Assisted Dying should be Legal" It will be at 10 am unless circumstances cause a change in time and location.

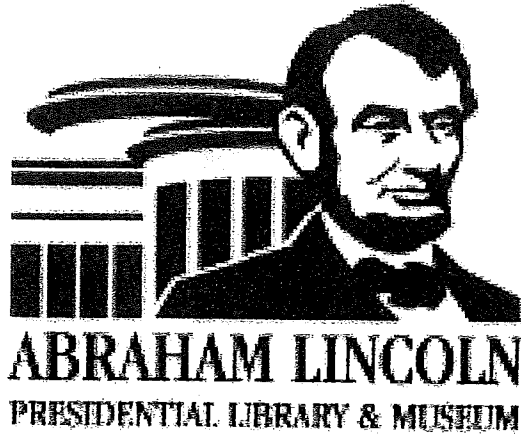
Feb. 20, **J. Edgar Webb** will present his paintings in oils and pastels as stated in this issue. This is the first in a series on members hobbies.

March 6, **Jim East** will present his hobby on beekeeping, which has been a profitable enterprise. He will discuss the practical aspects of bees, and he promises you won't get stung.

The April 17 program is as listed on page 1, and a new program, a two-day trip to the Lincoln sites in Illinois is planned. Details on the reverse side of this page.

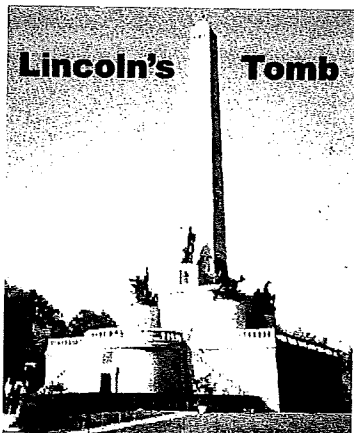
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Join the Senior Academy, April 25-26 AN OUTING TO LINCOLNLAND

A memorable trip to Springfield Illinois for Academy members and guests is planned for April 25-26.



We'll go by chartered bus, visit Abraham Lincoln historic sites in mid-Illinois, stay overnight at the Hilton Garden Inn, and have Dinner Wednesday and Breakfast Thursday. You'll provide two lunches on your own.



We'll see the

- Lincoln Museum with hi-tech exhibits and special effects
- Presidential Library with the largest collection of memorabilia
- Lincoln's Home, the only home he owned
- The Old State Capitol where he served as a legislator
- His Tomb, final resting place of Lincoln and his family
- Pioneer Village at New Salem where he lived as a young adult, with live interpreters



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