

New Info Service for Members

By the SA Communications Committee

If you have encountered situations in which you wondered how other seniors might have knowledge or advice, you will be interested in being part of a new information exchange program solely for Academy members.

Your wondering may be about matters like Life insurance, Safe or unsafe drugs, Living arrangements in retirement, Travel opportunities, Health matters, Government program changes, Investments, Hobbies, Senior services, and other topics..

The service was initiated Oct. 2 and is called the Shared Information Program, (SIP). Your email address will be placed on a **confidential members-only Listserv** . You type in a message that will be sent to all Academy members. Your name will not be shown in the address list so your email address will remain confidential.

Members who have an answer for you will respond directly to you. The SIP was a suggestion by former SA President **Ed Robbins** and is now implemented.

You will receive more information sent to your email address along with the Academy listserv address to your email address that the Academy has on file. Be sure it is correct by contacting **Dottie Swinney** in the Academy office, dswinney@iupui.edu, or call 278-2444.

Events Set for This Term

An energetic list of programs and social activities to enthrall members is being organized. The following are the first ones:

All programs are held in the Indianapolis Library in the Glendale Mall beginning at 10 a.m on the dates shown, unless otherwise announced. Details are on the Senior Academy website and mailings to members..

October 23— **“A Travel Experience”** Presenter —**Ron Frank** (Engineering and Technology) to be held at the Faculty Club conference dining room, from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

November 20 — **“Making Stained Glass”** Presenter — Richard Patterson

December 4 — **“Intergenerational and Family Vacations”** — Presenter — **Joan Leibman**

Social activities this term:

October 17 - **Roman Art from the Louvre** at the IMA This is a special guided tour arranged by Ursula Roberts and Mary GroveA \$10 charge will be made except for IMA members.

November 28 **Traders Point Creamery and Hoosier Orchid** - Lunch at Trader's Point Creamery Dolores Hoyt and Jean Gnat prepared the program.

December 11- **Holiday Dinner** at Hollyhock Hill -5:30 p.m.

Bernice Hopp, Ron Frank and Ursula Roberts are in charge. This is an annual event that usually is sold-out.

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Former Treasurer Vic Childers closely inspects one of a host of old autos at the Stutz Building on a spring Academy tour to one of the city's least known spots. Such trips are common in the SA.

Winners of Our Three Scholarships Introduced

The scholarship committee selected three students to receive a \$2,000 scholarship as part of the Academy's support of students achieving. A third scholarship, for academic achievement, was awarded this year. The winners are:

Tashianni Avery, Freshman (IPS)

Paula Floor, Returning Student

Paige Gaydos, Academic

Tashianni had a 3.7 GPA at Arsenal High School's Enterprise International Academy, with her lowest grade of a C in geometry. Her activities included secretary of the Student Leadership Alliance, volunteering three years at the Caring Place of Calvary Temple, and on the PAL Club Youth Council. Tashianna came from a single mom household and sees herself as an example for educational achievement for her younger brother. She has achieved some goals, winning the National African-American History Challenge and various ribbons, trophies and plaques for creativity, track and field, good citizenship and soap box derby racing. She is studying pre-law.

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Medicare Rx Plans: Awfully Confusing

A panel of Senior Academy colleagues, unveiling their experiences with four Medicare Part D prescription plans, concluded was that it is all very confusing and complicated.

The audience of about 24 at the April meeting concluded the same thing. There apparently is no “best” plan and to understand what anyone has is difficult.

Members of the panel were asked to rate their plans from 1 to 10. **Joseph Hingtgen** (Medicine) who has the Anthem plan, cited several problems, including errors, over payments, and a letter blaming Medicare. Medicare blamed the insurance company. “I’ll re-evaluate it next year,” he said and rated his experience about 8.

Marvin Ebbert, (Education and Continuing Studies), rated Humana as 9, and said he was overwhelmed with the details they send.

Cyrus Behroozi, (Social Work), said he was satisfied with AARP (through United Healthcare), and rated it 8 but will evaluate this year. They give good monthly reports and communication with AARP is effective, he said.

Dottie Swinney, (Education and Academy secretary), has Prescription Solutions through United Healthcare. She said she possibly will change next year. She purchased prescriptions from Canada previously and has saved money. She was unable to assign a rating.

When asked if there was any way to evaluate various plans on common criteria, **Jordan Leibman** (Business) said the best place to begin is with the Medicare.gov website. It has a calculator for Indiana and comparisons with plans and costs can be made. The best criteria is what one pays per year.

Jim Morris Receives Our Bepko Award

Indiana icon James Morris gratefully received the 2007 Bepko Medallion, the Senior Academy’s recognition for the person whose contributions have most helped IUPUI and the community. Gerald Bepko, former Chancellor of IUPUI for whom the award was named, made the presentation.

In turn, Morris told over 60 attendees in the Skyline Club to look out the window to the west and view the IUPUI campus and marvel with him what it has become. He credited Academy members for their role in that progress. Morris has contributed not only to IUPUI and Indianapolis, but retired recently as director of the United Nation World Food Program.

Morris recalled how he observed students studying in their autos and while president of Lilly Endowment, he directed funds to help build the new IUPUI Library. Drawing on his experiences in the food program, he said that just as students locally need encouragement and assistance, there are 114 million students in the world who need attention in 83 countries. And there are 230 million malnourished people. He cited IU along with Duke, Brown and Utah universities for their roles in helping make improvements in food, water and health for millions.



More on Scholarship Winners

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Paula, a junior, first attended Western Kentucky University, 1992-1996 at age 39, and earned a 3.79 GPA. She has been a substitute teacher at Shelbyville Schools since 2000. Paula is a pre-med student in biology with a minor in psychology, and is taking 15 hours this fall. She married young, had two children, and suffered the death of a son to a brain tumor. After a divorce, she has re-married and taken on a personal mantra: “No one is ever given a ticket for under-achieving.”

Paige, a senior who lives in downtown Indianapolis, has earned a 3.5 GPA in her chosen major in communications in the School of Liberal Arts. She has been on the dean’s list since 2004. She has worked at least two jobs while attending IUPUI full time. She also has been active in OTeam in providing guidance to other students through college life,



President's Perspective

Academy Connects Our Past and Present

What is it about the IUPUI Senior Academy that means a lot to me, so much so that I spend considerable time in support of the organization? Is it just another volunteer opportunity or something very special? These are questions that come to mind as I undertake a second year as President of the organization.

Before answering these questions, I thought it would be good to hear from others who have been affiliated with the Academy much longer than I have. So I asked four long-time members what attracted them to the Senior Academy and why all of them have been actively involved for 9-10 years. Here are their responses after which I will tell what the Senior Academy means to me.

Catherine Palmer (Medicine) who has served as Chair of the Senior Academy's very active Social Committee for 10 years states: "The Senior Academy provides a means to stay in touch with faculty and staff from many IUPUI schools. These interactions are intellectually stimulating."

Ed Robbins (Education), former President of the Senior Academy and long-time member, says: "Attraction that the Senior Academy has for me is to maintain a connection with the campus. It provides a means to stay engaged in the campus in the broader perspective in that it's not just one's departmental colleagues; its members come from all IUPUI schools. Moreover, it's not just an elitist organization of faculty only. Its distinction is that its members are both faculty and staff. I like this because some of my favorite people with whom I have worked on campus have been staff as well as faculty."

Carlyn Johnson (SPEA), who has been a strong supporter of the Senior Academy for 10 years says: "The Senior Academy is a means to keep in touch with people I care about, people with whom I taught and those with whom I have associated on the broader campus. It is fascinating in this organization to find what others are doing in retirement. The organization provides helpful information for seniors."

Art Mirsky (Science), who joined the Senior Academy when he retired 9 years ago states: "I joined the Senior Academy because I saw it as a mechanism for retired faculty to give back to the university and community."

You can see in the foregoing comments the common threads that stand out as distinguishing characteristics of the Senior Academy for these retired folks: service to the campus and the broader community, intellectual stimulation and comradery among its members, helpful information for seniors, and a convenient way to tie one's years of university work with the past and the present.

So, what is it that attracts me, a fairly newcomer, to the Senior Academy and why is it that I think new retirees should check us out, the sooner in retirement, the better?

As a curious person, I very much like involvement with faculty and staff from all schools at IUPUI. I learn from them, and I like to share what I am doing. It keeps me alive and in the mainstream. The Senior Academy's educational programs offer a wide selection of educational topics, something for everybody, it seems. The local and overnight trips offered by the Social Committee are very satisfying. All members of the Senior Academy should be very proud of the organization's three annual scholarships for deserving students attending IUPUI.

Members' contributions to the United Way through the Senior Academy as well as financial support of the scholarship program and the new Student Center illustrate so clearly the stewardship role this organization plays in support of the campus and the community at large. These are just a few reasons why I love this organization and highly recommend it to all retired faculty and staff.

Scholarship Winners Continued

and the Sam H. Jones Community Scholars program as a volunteer for LaPlaza to help inspire young Latinas in self-confidence and goal-achievement. She also has been a member of the campus Multicultural Outreach program as an Ambassador. Paige's goals are to earn a PhD, like her mother who inspired her "while working full time and taking care of her family."

Committee Formed to Decorate "Academy's Room"

An ad hoc committee has been called to suggest what we might put in the room in the Student Center that the Academy has sponsored. They are **Jean Hutten** (Nursing); **Bill Voos** (Herron); **Henry Wellman** (Medicine) and **Hugh Wolf** (Education). They hope to have some recommendations by Oct. 31. The room is not for exclusive use of the Senior Academy, but will be named for us as members donated more than \$25,000 to the center.

Money Matters: We're Glowing

The Senior Academy reached new high marks in financial matters in the 2006-07 year, reported out-going treasurer **Vic Childers**. Not only did the market value of funds reach \$73,562.04, but the goal of contributing \$25,000 to the new Student Center was achieved.

Most of the funds are held in the IU Foundation for the three scholarships that the Academy awards. Thanks to a change in accounting, the funds are now in an endowment for each, which means that only the interest will be applied to the \$2,000 going to each scholarship winner each year.

The \$25,000 goal for the Student Center was reached after a two-year drive and a contribution of \$9,800 made it oversubscribed.

And while it doesn't show in our financials, some 54 Academy members gave \$26,766 to the campus United Way campaign. Each year, the Academy has had the highest per capita contribution of every reporting unit.

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Volunteers Abound on SA Committees

In addition to the chairs and officers, some 30 members and others work on the committees to help make Senior Academy membership more meaningful. They are:

Social: Jackie Cloe, Ron Frank, Mary Grove, Dolores Hoyt, Bernice Hopp, Ursula Roberts, Carolyn Tungate.

Program: Marv Ebbert, Kent Sharp, Carlyn Johnson, Vic Childers.

Scholarship: Molly Hicks, Ed Robbins, Beverly Ross, Sheldon Siegel.

Membership: Cy Behroozi, Joe Hingtgen, Dottie Swinney.

Communications: Carl Rothe, Noel Duerden, Judy Silence, Mike Maxwell

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Special Committee for Student

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