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Upcoming meeting: Wednesday, October 15 at the IU Foundation at 2:00 pm

MARK MOORE DISCUSSES BLOOMINGTON HOSPITAL AT OCTOBER MEETING

We will return to our usual locale at the Peterson Room of the IU Foundation for the October 15 meeting. Please note that this meeting will be on the third Wednesday of the month instead of the usual second as the room was not available on that day.

At the meeting, Mark Moore, President and CEO of the Bloomington Hospital and Healthcare System will speak about the Bloomington Hospital. He will bring us up to date on the latest developments, additions, and remodeling at the hospital and discuss the future of the hospital. Mark earned a BS degree in Business Administration in 1974 and a Master's degree in Health Administration from the IU School of Medicine in 1976. After completing his academic training he served in a number of administrative positions in hospitals and health-care facilities in Indianapolis culminating in his appointment as CEO of the Community Health Network in 1993. He served in that position until coming to Bloomington in June of 2002.

HOSPITAL TOUR FOR ANNUITANTS

Mark Moore, President of the Bloomington Hospital, has arranged a special tour of hospital facilities for members of the Annuitants on October 23 at 1:00 pm. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity to see some of the new facilities that Mark will be describing at our October meeting, please sign up at the October 15 meeting or contact Kate Kroll by e-mail (kkroll@indiana.edu) or phone (332-4018) no later than October 16.

SAMUELSONS TAKE US ON A TRIP TO EQUADOR AT SEPTEMBER MEETING

Roy and Mary Samuelson described their adventures in Equador and the Galapagos Islands to approximately 110 members attending the September Annuitants luncheon at Terry's Conference Center on September 10. The

Samuelsons began their Overseas Adventure Tour in Quito, Equador where they stood astride the equator – or did they? It seems that the traditional location of the equator was incorrect, so now there is a new line nearby. From Quito the Samuelsons traveled to a jungle lodge on a tributary of the Amazon. They began their journey by flying, then by bus, next by boat, then by hiking, and finally by canoe to the lodge. In the Galapagos they saw many strange and unusual types of wildlife. Their photos of blue-footed boobies were particularly intriguing.

LOOKING AHEAD

Chris Reynolds, Associate Athletic Director, will be our speaker at the November 12 meeting. You may remember Chris as an outstanding guard on the IU basketball team a few years ago. Chris received his law degree from IU and has just returned to his alma mater as an administrator in the Athletics Department.

We will have our usual Christmas luncheon at Terry's on December 10. We are exploring several possibilities for a musical program for that meeting.

IU REPRESENTED AT BIG TEN RETIREES CONFERENCE

The University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor was the site of the annual meeting of the Big Ten Retirees Association on August 22-24. Bob and Joann Dodd represented the IU Annuitants at the meetings. All Big 10 universities were represented except Northwestern. Our organization differs from most of the other groups in being relatively small and mostly social. Most other groups are more active than we are in advocacy of retirees' interests to the administration. Many others have a broader membership base including all staff as well as faculty retirees. The meetings were a mix of business and pleasure. We had evening dinners with speakers and entertainment. We had a tour of the campus and demonstration of the carillon on the U of Michigan campus. The carillonaire played the fight song of each of the Universities and let us push

a key to ring a bell. We even got a tour of the U. of Michigan football stadium with seating for 110,000 and did not have to suffer the agony of defeat to do so! We had programs on health care insurance for retirees at Big 10 schools. The programs differ considerably. Michigan State is fully funded by the university. Some schools including Michigan, Illinois and Ohio State are partly funded. The rest including IU and Purdue are funded by the retiree. Trend in health insurance is for rising costs, more payment by the individual, and decreased coverage for drugs. We had a very interesting program on how to promote good health through exercise led by a medical doctor specializing in wellness in seniors. He had a 93 year-old member of the Michigan Retirees Association (and former women's track coach), Red Simmons, demonstrate the various exercises that are appropriate for seniors. In our business meeting we adopted a set of bylaws for the Big 10 Retirees Association. We discussed updating the website that Michigan maintains for the association (www.umich.edu/~hrraa/umra). Most big ten retiree groups maintain web sites – but not the IU Annuitants, Perhaps we should. We discussed the schedule for future meetings. Next year the meetings will be held at the U. of Minnesota. IU has its next turn in 2010.

DEADLINE FOR DUES

Although the deadline is November 15, we hope you will not wait until then to pay your Annuitants dues for this year. We will use the names of those who have paid their dues by November 15 to prepare our membership directory for the year. The directory will be included with the December newsletter. Don't be left out. Complete the form on the enclosed sheet and send your dues (\$5 single and \$9 per couple) to Harriet Pfister, Treasurer, IU Annuitants Association, P.O. Box 8393, Bloomington, IN 47407.

We would like to see our membership increase as we have many eligible retirees who are not members. Why not invite your non-member friends to join us?

ODDS AND ENDS:

The United Way campaign for the Annuitants is a bit late in getting started this year, but the organizers of the campaign for Indiana University tell us that you should be receiving a letter by mid to late October. Hold onto your money until then, but give generously when the letter comes!

You may recall that in February of 2002 there was an emeritus faculty art exhibit held in the IU Memorial Union gallery. Another exhibit is being planned for February of 2004. You should soon receive a letter from the Dean of Faculties Office inviting you to submit your art work (broadly defined) for consideration for inclusion in the exhibit. Several of the exhibitors in 2002 were Annuitants members. We hope to have even more this time.

A series of movies from the Golden Age of Hollywood (screen gems from the 1930s and 1940s) are being shown at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater. The films are shown at 1:30 pm and are free. They are being presented by the IU Department of Communication and Culture, Bloomington Parks and Recreation, and the Evergreen Institute. Upcoming movies include *The Letter* (starring Bette Davis) on October 22, *The Awful Truth* (starring Cary Grant and Irene Dunne) on November 19, and *Top Hat* (starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers) on December 17. For details see www.indiana.edu/~andhd/goldenage_home.html.
