

# John Whittenberger Society

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# JWS PRESIDENT

## *Dear JWS Members & Friends,*



It was such a joy and honor to see so many of you attending our Biennial Reunion at the Indiana Memorial Union October 20–22. I especially enjoyed the programs that were offered that involved students, including the discussion about Union Board attending the Sundance Film Festival hosted by UB President Josh Thomas and Films Director Chase Hammerstrom. Thank you to everyone who attended and who helped produce the entire weekend, including Pam Potter in the IMU Director's Office, Union Board staff and students, and staff of the Indiana Memorial Union. And a very special thank you to Provost Lauren Robel for an inspiring keynote address and to IU's premier men's *a capella* group Another Round for entertaining us at the dinner.

One exciting piece of business we passed at our most recent advisory board meeting, which was approved by the JWS membership, is the inclusion not only of directors and assistant directors into our Union Board alumni association, but also committee members. This focus on inclusion widens the net of the love so many have for Union Board, and it strengthens our group by adding the opportunity for all involved in Union Board as students to continue that passion as alumni.

The John Whittenberger Society lost a dear friend just as we were about to celebrate our Biennial Reunion—University Chancellor Kenneth R.R. Gros Louis, who attended so many Union Board and JWS events, and who was often the keynote speaker for

Biennial Reunions. He passed away October 20. As Bloomington chancellor, Ken was always accessible to students, and he never passed up an opportunity to spend time with alumni or give tours on campus. His stories, wit, and tireless work for Indiana University will be missed.

The JWS Advisory Board is focusing on ways we can continue to add value to alumni and students alike. We want to strengthen our membership involvement and be a valuable resource for the Indiana Memorial Union, Union Board, and IU. If you have ideas or want to help, please email us at [JWS1909@indiana.edu](mailto:JWS1909@indiana.edu).

We are already preparing for the next Biennial Reunion, which will also fall during the Indiana University Bicentennial celebration. The JWS Advisory Board will keep you posted on dates and what we are planning during our celebrations. As always, your feedback and ideas are welcome.

May you all have an amazing 2018, and we look forward to hearing from, and seeing, you soon.

Warm regards,

**Christian Carroll** (UB '90)

President

The John Whittenberger Society

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# IN MEMORIAM

## John Whittenberger Society Board

### President:

Christian Carroll (UB 1990)

### Board Members

Susan Burns (UB 1971–72)

Kathy Cook (UB 2008)

Megan Ditton (UB 1996–97)

Martín Gimenez (UB 2001)

Jerald Harkness (UB 1990)

Anne Kostyo (UB 2008)

Michael Littenberg (UB 1985–87)

Margarette Minor (UB 1986–87)

Laura Osteen (UB 1989–90, 1990, 1991)

Lydia Shanklin Roll (UB 2003)

### Ex Officio Members

Mara Dahlgren

Ceci Jerry (UB 2017, 2018)

Jennifer Gentry

Winston Shindell

David Spencer

Hank Walter

Atticus Westerfeld (UB 2005)

## Union Board Alumni News

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Trena Depel, Union Board President in 1994; Ken Gros Louis; and Christian Carroll, Union Board President in 1990.

## KENNETH R.R. GROS LOUIS

**T**he John Whittenberger Society and its alumni lost a dear friend and icon when Chancellor Ken Gros Louis passed away

in October 2017. Over the course of 50 years, he served as a chancellor, dean, and professor at the university he loved.

As Bloomington chancellor and vice president of academic affairs, Ken made sure he was accessible to students. He wanted to hear their voices, so he held office hours and hosted breakfasts and events with student leaders. He even had late-night suppers, cooked by his wife, which were immediately followed by deep discussions among students from Union Board, Interfraternity Council, and IU Student Association.

Ken was a friend, sounding board, and unofficial advisor to many Union Board presidents and directors. Steven Johnson, Union Board president in 2016, recalls visiting Ken in his ornate Woodburn Hall office. The two talked for hours—something Ken did with many Union Board presidents, as well as any student, alum, or friend who took the time to stop by. Steven noted that

while he heard that Ken met with dozens of student leaders, “somehow he remembered me” when they crossed paths on campus.

Ken enjoyed telling stories—some true and some embellished for maximum entertainment—while holding court in his office or during one of his many keynote addresses at Union Board ceremonies or reunions. His speeches were balanced with just the right historical quotes for the time and peppered with pithy anecdotes; Ken could rarely hold back his own chuckles when speaking.

To honor his commitment to the Indiana Memorial Union, to the Union Board, and to JWS students and alumni, the John Whittenberger Society named Ken an honorary life member in 2001.

Ken left an indelible imprint, as only an icon can, in the character of many student leaders and alumni during his five decades at IU. Steven encapsulated that sentiment: “Ken shaped how we look at student leadership, especially at an institution with a long history.”



# BIENNIAL *Highlights*



Josh Thomas, UB President; Chase Hammerstrom, UB Films Director; Hank Walter, IMU Director at the Sundance Films discussion



Rosie and Gene Tanner being presented with the Legacy Award



Da'Asia Johnson receiving her scholarship certificate from Christian Carroll



Mingling at the Biennial Saturday night reception



A capella group Another Round finishing the night at the Biennial banquet



Caroline Dowd-Higgins moderates as panelist Chris Smith talks during the career panel at Biennial 2017



Photo by Ty Vinson, originally published in the *Indiana Daily Student*



**F**ormer Union Board member and 2003 IU graduate Katherine Posada spoke Feb. 23 to students in the IU School of Education about her experience nine days earlier at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida during the school shooting that left 17 people dead. Posada was teaching an English class at the time of the incident.

A full news story about Posada was published in the *Indiana Daily Student* and is available at [www.idsnews.com/article/2018/02/iu-alumna-teacher-at-parkland-school-recounts-her-experience](http://www.idsnews.com/article/2018/02/iu-alumna-teacher-at-parkland-school-recounts-her-experience).

## *UB attraction strong for Tanners*

**J**WS member James L. Tanner didn't know it in 1979 as a second-semester freshman at IU, but Union Board was in his DNA.

"I was keen to get involved in as many aspects of student life as possible," said Tanner, who received his Bachelor of Science from Kelley School of Business in 1982 and Master of Business Administration from Kelley the following year.

"I cannot, though, honestly remember that I knowingly followed in my mother's footsteps. I believe the first connection came when I told her that I was running for Union Board, and she let me know of her past connections. Obviously, that knowledge helped drive me onwards," he said.

Tanner's mother is Rosemary Tanner, a 1955 IU graduate who served on Union Board for three years. More importantly, Rosemary Tanner became a member of the first co-educational Union Board in IU history in 1952.

"It was a shocking thing back then," she said. "Women weren't allowed in many rooms of the union then, and we often had to walk through certain doors."

Those three years on Union Board also became the foundation for Rosemary Tanner to spend more than 30 years as a JWS member and leader—and to go on to create the Rosemary V. Tanner Scholarship for outstanding women union board directors.



## *John Whittenberger Society Welcomes Three New Board Members*



**LYDIA SHANKLIN ROLL (UB 2003)**

**UNION BOARD POSITION:**  
Lectures Director

**CURRENT POSITION:**

Doctoral Candidate, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky



**ANNE KOSTYO (UB 2008)**

**UNION BOARD POSITION:**  
Director of Comedy

**CURRENT POSITION:**

New Schools for Chicago, Development and Communications



**JERALD HARKNESS (UB 1990)**

**UNION BOARD POSITION:**  
Director of UB TV

**CURRENT POSITION:**

C.C.O., Naptown Media

## *Former UB Member Joins IMU Staff*



**J**ames McHaley is back! After serving three years on the IMU Union Board and earning a Master of Science from IU's Kelley School of Business in 2001, McHaley has returned to IU and IMU as the union's new assistant director of marketing and communications.

While majoring in marketing at Kelley, McHaley also served as Union Board's director of advertising and served on the UB Concerts, Live From Bloomington, Technology, and Advertising committees. With his return comes his wife Carrie Smith McHaley, another past IMU Union Board member and its Lectures Director in 2000.

"We met thanks to Union Board and in 2003 were married in Bloomington, having our wedding reception in the Frangipani Room in the IMU," McHaley recalled. "I'm excited to return to IU and to make an impact at a place that made such an impact on me, both personally and professionally."

McHaley earned a Masters in Business Administration from Loyola University Chicago in 2007 and then went to work at Northwestern University's Norris University Center, where he spent eight years as marketing manager and another five as director of student affairs marketing.



# UNION BOARD *Leadership*



Standing from left: Olivia Owens (Lectures), Adam Swiatkowski (Performance & Entertainment), Kade Padgett (Late Night), Patrick Welsh (Films), Atticus Westerfeld (Alumni Representative), Ceci Jerry (President), Ryan Lampe (Vice President for Marketing), Lexi Summers (Music), Zeyi Li (Vice President for Finance), Tyler Kelley (Administrative Representative), Hank Walter (IMU Executive Director), David Smiley (Faculty Representative), Zach Woodley (Live From Bloomington), Fu Mou (Interdisciplinary Connections). Seated from left: Bailee Holt (International & Cultural Events), Ria Rebein (Canvas Creative Arts), Marissa Moss (Vice President for Internal Affairs), Patricia Cornejo (Lectures), Dynasty Hubbard (Hoosier Hour), Esther Herbers (Science & Environment).

**Special thanks** to our outgoing Union Board members: **Josh Thomas, Beth Nethery, Snow Yin, Sam Beck, Emily Carr, Maggie Gomez, Chase Hammerstrom, Taylor Harris, DaAsia Johnson, Mark Matsuki, Thao Nguyen, Yasmine Raouf, Matt Steinmann, and Jermaine Williams Jr.**

**Special thanks** to our two long-time non-student directors leaving the board: **Mary Stephenson and Rasul Mowatt,**

## Events

**Trevor Noah**, host of Comedy Central's *The Daily Show* will be coming to the IU Auditorium on April 27. Sold out at 3,200 seats.

## Partnerships

Looking forward to continuing our partnership with the **Office of International Services**, and partaking in 75th anniversary festivities in the fall, including the 11th annual World's Fare.

## New Committees

### SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT

Promotes sustainability in the Indiana Memorial Union and increases awareness through engaging and scientific-based programming. Currently working on both a spring lecture and sustainability fair.

### INTERDISCIPLINARY CONNECTIONS

Showcases professional development opportunities between traditionally unrelated disciplines. Seeks to host lectures, panels, and workshops that strengthen IU academia across boundaries.

### HOOSIER HOUR COMMITTEE

The **Hoosier Hour committee** is looking to establish monthly talent shows, with one hopefully occurring during Homecoming week in the fall.



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[iuday.iu.edu](http://iuday.iu.edu)

Last year we were able to give a total of **\$10,000** in scholarships to **THREE UB directors**, and **FOUR UB committee members**.

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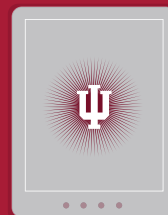
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