

Annual Report of the Hospitality Committee 2009 – 2010

Committee Members

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The mission of the Hospitality Committee is to encourage retirees from all sectors of the University to participate in PURA's on-going activities. The committee seeks ways to improve communication to retirees and pre-retirees in order to share information about PURA and also to develop new ideas that might result in interesting new programming.

Committee activities this year included the following:

- Members served as greeters at the regular, monthly meetings at MCL. Members continued to work with MCL management and employees to provide proper table location, service and safety awareness at the luncheons.
- Greeters were provided for a reception prior to the June Retirement dinner. This provided an opportunity to discuss PURA with some of the new retirees.
- Greeters were located at multiple entrances at the annual Fall Kickoff Luncheon. Members help distribute door prizes.
- The committee set up signs, distributed PURA handouts, and answered questions at the two Purdue flu shot administration events.
- The Hospitality Committee agreed to be responsible for setting up and taking down and storing the PURA display and manning the display at PURA events and appropriate Purdue events.
- Members greeted guests at the Purposeful Living Conference.
- The Committee approved the new PURA information card that was designed and, after investigating possible items, selected a new give-away item.
- Hospitality Committee members will host the PURA tent at Spring Fling. Greeters will be provided for the Caregivers Resource Fair and the Retirees Luncheon. The committee will provide handouts and answer questions at these events.
- An article on Purdue programs and camps for youth was written for the PURA Newsletter to inform retirees about these opportunities for children and grandchildren.

The Hospitality Committee continues to investigate possible new activities. Some suggestions currently under consideration include: PURA event with grandchildren, retiree art show, attending an "under attended" athletic event (track, swimming, tennis, crew, etc.), hosting a meal with a speaker from athletics before an athletic event.

We appreciate and thank Hubert Schmeider and Jo Thomas for their excellent service to PURA and the Hospitality Committee.