

Purdue University Retirees Association
PROGRAM COMMITTEE
Annual Report 2009-2010

Program Committee Members

Marion Baumgardner
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Jack Fessler
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Chip Rutledge
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Monthly Luncheon Series

There were 10 monthly luncheon programs at MCL on the first Monday of the month in 2009-2010. The luncheons were well attended with several meetings challenging the capacity of the meeting room. Standard set up for lunch is approximately 100. Committee members coordinated the meetings. Following is a list of programs for 2009-10:

- October 5** – Coordinator: Ken Burns
Speaker: Gus Nyberg; Topic: The Northern Indiana Citizens Helping Ecosystems Survive
- November 2** - Coordinator: Lanny Wilson
Speaker: Tom Peck; Topic: St. Elizabeth Hospital East
- December 7** - Coordinator: Olivia Wood
Speaker: John Collier; Topic: Purdue Campus Master Plan
- January 4** - Coordinator: Charles Rutledge
Speaker: Don Gentry; Topic: Higher Education in the United Arab Emirates
- February 1** - Coordinator: Sarah Johnson
Speaker: Mayor Dennis; Topic: State of the City, West Lafayette, Today and into the future
- March 1** - Coordinator: Joyce Koelzer
Speaker: Paul Shepson; Topic: Global Warming
- April 5** - Coordinator: Jack Fessler
Speaker: Henry Ryder; Topic: Characterization of James Whitcomb Riley
- May 3** - Coordinator: Gene Courtaney
Speaker: John Sautter; Topic: Past, Present and Future of University Residence Halls
- June 7** - Coordinator: Norm Long
Speaker: Joe Hornett;; Topic: Purdue Research Parks

July 5 Holiday, no meeting

August 2 - Coordinator: Marion Baumgardner
 Speaker: Jesse DeBoer; Topic: Timbuktu to Kabul: Purdue International
 Programs in Agriculture

The Program Committee expresses thanks to Mary Lou Tatlock for her continuing fine service in planning and providing the table decorations for the luncheons. Michele Salla is identified for special recognition and thanks for her great service particularly in developing and distributing an excellent and informative printed program for each luncheon meeting. Thanks also to the Hospitality Committee for providing welcoming services.

A thanks to all the Program Committee members for their contributions in bringing interesting program ideas for the planning meeting, engaging in an analytical sorting process and then doing an outstanding job in coordinating a luncheon program. A special thanks is due to Dale McHenry who has served multiple years as committee chair. We also recognize and thank other departing committee members – Ken Burns, Howard Doster, Lanny Wilson and Chip Rutledge (to serve as Vice-president of the Association, incidentally the second successive Program Committee member to move to that position). We welcome new committee members – Robert Bain, Sue Scholer, Martha Schrader, Betty Suddarth, and Reuben Peterson. We are pleased that Reuben Peterson has agreed to serve as Associate Committee Chair.

We look forward to developing interesting and informative programs for the 2010-11 program year.

