

**ANNUAL REPORT  
TRIPS AND TOURS COMMITTEE  
2009-2010**

The committee met monthly except for January 2010. Meetings were held at the Purdue WorkLife Office.

Committee Members:  
Sue Abney, Co - Chair  
Jim Marciniak, Co - Chair  
Carol Barrett  
Esther Madren, Secretary  
Nancy Yuochunas

In previous years it was difficult to attract sufficient attendance for some of the PURA trips, so several had to be cancelled. To address this concern, the committee, with the Executive Board's approval, decided to collaborate with Imperial Travel and Top Notch Travel Tours. Committee members worked with the travel agencies to select and coordinate trips. The Trips and Tours Policies and Procedures were updated to include the assistance of outside agencies.

At the PURA August 2009 Kickoff Luncheon Imperial Travel donated two door prizes, one for an overnight trip and one for a day trip. The committee has asked Imperial Travel and Top Notch to consider providing one or two trip vouchers at the August 2010 Kickoff Luncheon.

Two trips were planned for Fall 2009. On October 17, twenty PURA members enjoyed a voyage on the Belle of Louisville paddlewheel steamboat. Retirees enjoyed the scenery, the German band playing "oompah" songs and other music, dancing and a German buffet meal. One unexpected memorable event occurred when the Belle was pushed by strong winds into a parked barge on the river. "While the band played on", the damaged Belle was towed back to the dock.

The November overnight trip to Frankenmuth, Michigan, designed exclusively for Purdue Retirees, was cancelled due to insufficient participation.

Two trips were planned for Spring 2010. On April 22, twenty-seven PURA members attended the Cincinnati Flower Show & Jungle Jim's International Market. The trip was organized by Top Notch Travel Tours out of Lebanon. To help identify PURA members, Purdue Block P pins were given to each retiree.

The Amtrak, Chicago & Architectural Cruise trip is scheduled for June 15. Twenty-eight PURA retirees have signed up. This trip with Imperial Travel, includes: train ride to Chicago, visits to Willis Tower and Navy Pier, and an architectural cruise on the Chicago River.

Three additional trips are planned for Fall 2010. They include: Chicago on August 26 to see the Tall Ships, French Lick Resort and Casino on September 16 and Conner Prairie on October 28.