

# PURA Annual Reports, 2021-2022

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## President's Annual Report 2021-2022

### **Executive Committee**

President, William Bennett  
President Elect, Jerry Day  
Past President, Norm Long  
Historian, Sue Hume Graham  
Secretary, Judy Ware  
Treasurer, Lucia Anderson  
Benefits Committee Chair, Larry Pherson  
Campus & Community Activities Chair, James Lehman  
Communications Committee Chair, Karen Lembcke  
Hospitality Committee Chair, Linda Hawkins  
Kick-Off Luncheon Committee Co-Chairs, Karen Ferry and Viki Taylor  
Program Committee Chair, Dan Collins  
Media Communications, Scott Ksander  
Purposeful Living in Retirement Conference Committee Chair, Olivia Wood  
Student Scholarship Committee Chair, Melinda Bain  
Trips & Tours Committee Chair - Position available

The success of the 2021-2022 PURA year was directly attributed to the over 75 dedicated volunteers that served the over 5,000 Purdue retirees around the world. University administrators, departments, and staff were also vital to the success of PURA programs and activities throughout the year and their support to PURA allows us to be the envy of the Big 10.

### **20201-2022 Highlights**

- PURA members contributed over \$188,500 to the United Way Campaign
- PURA continues to support two student scholarships, the Martin and Patty Jischke Scholarship and the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment. Melinda Bain, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, has been instrumental in getting the PURA scholarship endowed at over \$212,000 to date.
- The 2021 PURA kickoff meeting was held virtually in September featuring Dr. Jay Akridge, Provost and Vice President at Loeb Media Room.
- Flu shots and wellness screenings were conducted in October at the 2550 building (formerly the State Farm office). Wellness screenings included blood pressure checks, pulse, O2 saturation, glucose, cholesterol, triglycerides, lipoprotein and risk calculation. FluZone, high-dose quadrivalent flu shots, were also administered by Purdue nursing students.

Sept 2020: Drive-thru VFW		Oct 2021: Purdue 2550	
9/15/2020	279	10/15/2021	450
9/16/2020	223	10/22/2021	169
9/23/2020	241	10/29/2021	91
9/25/2020	35	Custom Pharmacy	<b>100*</b>
10/9/2020	72*	<b>Flu shot total:</b>	<b>860*</b>
		<b>2021 Wellness Screenings</b>	
Custom Pharmacy	250*	10/15/2021	97
		10/22/2021	54
<b>2020 TOTALS:</b>	<b>1,100*</b>	10/29/2021	41
		<b>Wellness total:</b>	<b>192</b>

### Awards

- The 2021 Betty Nelson Award recipient was Benefits Chair, Larry Pherson.
- The Arthur Hansen Award was received by Epsilon Sigma Phi of the College of Agriculture's Cooperative Extension Services.

As MCL closed, PURA moved to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) as our new meeting location along with the Kiwanis Club. Scott Ksander set up the Zoom equipment for virtual meetings. This also allowed us to reach out to a wider audience including Fort Wayne and Purdue Northwest.

The PURA website was updated and made more user friendly, encouraging members to use the site for information about PURA and programs.

For specific detailed information, please see the individual committee reports.

It has been an honor to serve as your President this year. I see continuous growth and improvements as the extremely capable Jerry Day assumes leadership of the organization and as the dedicated PURA committees continue to provide the activities which enrich the lives of retirees.

Respectfully,  
William I. Bennett  
President, 2021-2022

## Benefits Committee Annual Report 2021-2022

### A. Committee Members:

- \* Charles Brown
- \* Betty Nelson
- \* Fred Ford
- \* Don Gentry
- \* Larry Pherson, Chair
- \* John Beelke
- \* Sue Hiser
- \* Harry Morrison
- \* Leon Thacker
- \* Marta Read
- \* Emily Bramson
- \* Sandy Oswalt
- \* Carolyn Roper
- \* Peter Goldsbrough
- \* Rich Cosier
- \* Cindy Oneal
- \* Jane Walker
- \* Marshall Martin
- \* Daniel Heman
- \* Tom Turpin
- \* Norm Long
- \* William Bennett
- \* Jerry Day
- \* Kate LaMar, ex-officio
- \* Candace Shaffer, ex-officio

\* Hannah Austerman, staff

\* Shan Chen, staff

The death of Fred Ford, a longtime member of the Benefits was a great loss to the Committee. John Beelke and Sandy Oswalt will be ending their service to the Committee on June 1<sup>st</sup>. We appreciate and thank them for their service.

#### B. Mission/Purpose:

Purdue University Policy IV.3.1, Status and Privileges of Retired Faculty and Surviving Spouses and Children, originally issued on May 10, 1971 and revised December 12, 2001 outlines the specific benefits extended by the University. It is the purpose of the Benefits Committee to expand upon and add to the specific University policies which contribute to the wellbeing of retirees. The primary responsibilities of the Benefits Committee are to assure the provision of comprehensive, affordable medical plans for retirees, negotiate with insurance providers, evaluate changes, monitor services and investigate alternatives where advantages may be gained. The committee strives to keep retirees aware of additional University benefits and privileges and promotes program improvements where possible. The Benefits Committee is also responsible for assuring representation on the Purdue Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee, Parking and Traffic Committee and the Retirement Plan Committee.

#### C. Committee Goals 2021-2022`:

- 1) Complete negotiation of the 2021 Insurance plans for both PURcare and Medicare Advantage by August 31,2021, with the target of keeping premiums as low as possible, while maintaining top of the line coverage.
- 2) Promote via the Newsletter and direct mailings, 2022 premiums and plans by September 30, 2021.
- 3) Evaluate the renewal process for the 2022 plan and identify potential improvements by October 31, 2021.
- 4) Recruit several newer retirees as committee members. Expand diversity to include clerical and service staff and representatives from the Northwest and Fort Wayne campuses.
- 5) Roll out improved "Organizing My Affairs" early in 2021/22.
- 6) Continue participation in the activities of the Parking and Traffic Committee, the Retirement Plan Committee and the Faculty Compensation Committee.
- 7) Actively engage in the PLIR and the Road to Retirement Programs.
- 8) Promote the broad range of benefits available to University Retirees via articles in the PURA Newsletter.

9) Continue to monitor actions of external organizations (state and federal governments and organizations involved in the delivery of healthcare services and products) to assess the possible impact of these actions for PURA's members.

10) Set schedule for negotiating 2023 PURA plans by March 31, 2022.

11) Review and update as needed the listing of benefits published on the PURA website.

12) Review and update as necessary the Benefits Committee portion of the PURA website.

13) Coordinate with the University Parking Office the continuation of free on-campus parking for University retirees.

14) Investigate PERF insurance offerings and if appropriate, present them for consideration by PURA members who are eligible to participate in PERF programs.

#### D) Accomplishments 2021-2022

1) Working with University staff and healthcare consultants, PURcare and the Medicare Advantage Plans were extended for 2022. Both plans remained unchanged. The premium for Medicare Advantage, which is \$172.91 per month, was a reduction of \$5.36/month (3%). The monthly premium for PURcare decreased slightly from \$281.43/ mo. To \$280.77/ mo. Utilization of these insurance plans continues to be in excess of 2600 members.

2) An evaluation of the negotiation of the 2022 insurance package was conducted during the Fall of 2021. Recommendations resulting from that evaluation will be utilized during the negotiation of the 2023 insurance package.

3) During 2021-2022, Rick Cosier was the PURA representative to the Purdue Retirement Plan Committee; Carolyn Roper was the representative to the University Compensation and Benefits Committee and Larry Pherson was the representative to the University Parking and Traffic Committee.

4) Technical issues existing in the "Organizing My Affairs" document were identified, corrected and tested. Rollout of the new and Improved "Organizing My Affairs" is during Spring 2022.

5) The following are examples of the Committee's communication and marketing efforts:

a) Assistance to HR staff with "Road to Retirement" presentations.

b) Prepared articles for the PURA Newsletter.

6) The Benefits Committee portion of the PURA website was reorganized and updated.

7) The document listing the benefits that are available to Purdue University retirees was updated and posted to the PURA website.

8) Insurance programs available to those who are PERF eligible were evaluated. PURA insurance materials have been updated to inform PERF eligible retirees of the availability of these programs.

9) The schedule for negotiating the 2023 plans has been proposed to and accepted by United Healthcare.

10) Four new members were added to the Committee during 2021-22, one having served on the clerical/service staff, and one having served at the Northwest Campus.

11) Coordinated with the University Parking Office, the upcoming distribution of renewed Parking Permits to University retirees.

12) Continued monitoring governmental activity relating to Affordable Healthcare and Tax Code revision.

All in all, the Benefits Committee had a successful 2021-2022 and was quite busy.

## Campus and Community Activities Committee Annual Report 2021-2022

The goal of the Campus and Community Activities (CCA) Committee is to offer educational, informative, and entertaining activities of interest to members of the Purdue University Retirees Association and their guests. Generally, committee activities do not require chartered transportation or collection of registration fees. Reservations are accepted to assure that adequate space and/or seating is available. Limitations of the number of reservations accepted is determined by the activity and venue. Announcements of events are placed in the PURA newsletter, through e-mail, and at the monthly luncheon programs when they are in operation.

With easing of restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the committee resumed more typical activities this year. Five events were offered during the 2021-22 academic year. The year's activities were as follows.

### September 2021

To kick off the academic year, the committee organized a tour of the new Loeb Stadium in Lafayette's Columbian Park on September 23. The tour was led by Jon Miner, Director of Operations for Lafayette Parks and Recreation, who explained the process of designing and constructing the new \$22 million complex. PURA members learned about the design and uses of the facility, and they were able to tour the stadium including the field, locker rooms, video room, box suites, press box, and announcer's booth. A total of 25 PURA members and guests attended the event.

### October 2021

On October 1, PURA members, led by Heather Wiltse, Membership and Marketing Director, were able to tour the new West Lafayette Wellness Center at 1101 Kalberer Road in West Lafayette. The 73,000 square foot facility opened its doors to the public in January and features a number of exercise options and amenities including basketball courts, fitness studios, an indoor track, a swimming pool, outdoor patio, exercise equipment, and an indoor play area for children. A total of 28 PURA members and guests attended the event.

### February 2022

As has been the custom over the past several years, the committee sponsored a Common Read for PURA members. This year's Common Read featured *Divided Paths, Common Ground: The Story of Mary Matthews and Lella Gaddis, Pioneering Purdue Women Who Introduced Science into the Home* by Angie Klink. On February 15, Angie Klink, the book's author, discussed her research for the book and highlighted a few interesting stories about the two women, as part of a Zoom session for PURA members. A total of 16 PURA members and guests attended the virtual session.



## March 2022

On March 18, PURA members were able to tour the renovated ground floor of the Purdue Memorial Union. Known as The Atlas Family Marketplace, the new facilities feature 12 dining venues, increased indoor seating capacity, and two new outdoor terraces on the south side of the building. A total of 45 PURA members attended the event.

## April 2022

On April 14, PURA members had an opportunity to visit Provenance at the Discovery Park District, the new community development taking place on the west end of the Purdue campus. Created by Old Town Design Group from Carmel in partnership with the University, the development includes a mix of apartments, townhomes, and single family homes along with many amenities within walking distance eventually including a clubhouse. PURA members were able to tour the model home as well as model apartments. A total of 38 PURA members attended the tour.

The members of the committee are pleased to have been able to offer these activities for PURA members during this year, despite the continuing challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions on public gatherings. We are happy we were able to return to many in-person campus and community activities this year.

### Committee Members:

Al Knight

Sharon Kraebber

Mary Alice Nebold

Dick Nelson

Debby Sherman

Jim Lehman, chair

## Communications Committee Annual Report 2021-2022

**Committee Members:** Karen Lembcke, Chairman

Connie Bilyeu

### **Mission/Purpose:**

Our mission is to publish **PURA News**, the newsletter for official Purdue retirees and their spouses. The committee aims to provide an informative and interesting monthly newsletter for 10 months of the year. Since PURA is not as active during July and December, we combine the June/July issue and the December/January issue. We regularly feature articles on retiree benefits, Purdue news, upcoming opportunities to hear interesting speakers with other retirees, health topics, humor, Indiana travel, PURA business. Standard features have included the Campus Calendar, the PURA Calendar and information relating to downloading the Zoom meetings.

### **Communications Update:**

Working with PRF's University Development Office, the Communications Committee finished transitioning the PURA newsletter to UDO's Salesforce system in the 2021-22 year. Since the newsletter content we prepare must be cut and pasted into Salesforce's proprietary editor and re-formatted, it introduces the potential for errors and excessive proofreading time. The content we prepare must also be transferred to PURA's website somehow. Connie Bilyeu (Communications Committee), Julie Kercher-Updike (our webmaster) and UDO staff have made a number of changes to streamline newsletter formatting and our processes, and continue to work together with the goal of saving everyone's time and energy, while trying to preserve the characteristic look and feel of PURA's branding.

We know that many PURA members prefer to read a printed version of the newsletter and have been printing each new .pdf version from our website. In another change this year, we made it easier for readers to find the articles they are interested in by adding page numbers to the .pdf versions and referencing the pages on which each article appears in the Table of Contents. At a suggestion from one of our members, we also removed the shading from all enclosed text boxes (such as the Table of Contents, PURA's Upcoming Events and Campus Calendar) for better readability of the printed copies.

In the first quarter of 2022, PURA received a request from the Tippecanoe County Historical Society to provide the photos and newsletter articles about our nine historic Purdue characters, portrayed by PURA members (and an invited Purdue alumnae) during Purdue's 150th birthday celebration in 2019. As requested by TCHS, a separate .pdf file for each character is being prepared, as well as a file of the various group photos taken at public events. They will be completed and sent to TCHS by the end of May, 2022, and posted on PURA's website in the Archive section.

PURA News newsletters in 2021-22 featured PURA business and benefits news, meeting announcements, PURA scholarship updates and letters from our student scholars. PURA helped promote participation in annual community United Way campaigns, including that for Greater Lafayette. The Campus and Community committee provided articles and photos from PURA outings, which resumed after the long pandemic hiatus. Scott Ksander continued to share technical news and tips via the “Tech Bytes” column; Karen Lembcke recommended places to go in her “Road Trip” series; Tom Turpin’s Entomology memoirs entertained; Sara Jane Coffman’s humorous tales of retirement trials and tribulations returned; and Chris Rearick (formerly from the Purdue Center for Family Health and now a PURA member) shared pertinent information on seniors’ health issues. For light reading, we reminded members about Daylight Savings Time changes, where to view Christmas lights and events, and highlighted historic events and birthdays connected to Indiana, Lafayette or Purdue.

### **2021/2022 PURA News Recap:**

The following is a synopsis of each month’s *PURA News* articles that we published this past year beginning with the June/July 2021 issue to the current May 2022 issue. We have tried to maintain our regular features in each issue as mentioned above. Some others include William Bennett’s articles as President called “Bill’s Bulletin”. We also featured the Campus Calendar of events occurring at Purdue, Mark Your Calendar of PURA events. and how to connect to the Zoom Connection.

**June/July 2021** -- PURA holds Transition Meeting and the change in presidency occurs with Norm Long providing a glimpse of the past and William Bennett being introduced as the President for the coming year. “Purposeful Living in Retirement: Update and Plans for 2022; “PURA Scholarship Committee: Thankful for Another Successful Purdue Day of Giving”; Retiree Employment Opportunity; Chris Rearick’s article on “Heat or Cold?”; Article by Jo Thomas on the Confessions of a Book Addict; Scott Ksander, PURA Tech Bytes on “Viewing a Shared Zoom Screen”; Road Trip article by Karen Lembcke on “Purdue Northwest Odyssey Sculpture Series, Part I”; The Tales of an Entomologist by Tom Turpin; Notable Historic July Events; and a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July Trivia Quiz along with the calendar events.

**August 2021** -- PURA August Meeting Exposes “Senior Scams”; PURA Kickoff Meeting Set for September 9: Save The Date” which will feature Dr. Jay Akridge, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity; Bill’s Bulletin; Join the PURA Campus and Community Activities Committee By Coming Out to the Ballpark!”; United Way Campaign Underway; Tour of West Lafayette Wellness Center Coming October 1; Article by Jo Thomas on “Confessions of a Book Addict”; PURA Hospitality Committee Needs Volunteers; Article by Chris Rearick on “Healthy Summer Living”; Karen Lembcke’s Road Trip article on Purdue Northwest’s “Odyssey” Sculpture Series, Part II; Tom Turpin’s True Tales of an Entomologist; PURA Program Committee is Seeking New Members; Notable Historic August Events and Birthdays; #6 in the World – 175 Utility Patents on Purdue Inventions Issued in 2020.

**September 2021** - Sept. 9 PURA Kickoff Meeting; Bill's Bulletin; Volunteers Still Needed; United Health Care Update: Emergency Room Services; New and Improved "Organizing My Affairs" Planning Document: Now Available; PERF Retirees Lose 13<sup>th</sup> Check; Still Space Available to Tour New Loeb Stadium at Columbian Park; Jo Thomas article on Confessions of a Book Addict, which was her last book review for PURA News. We thank Jo for her many contributions to *PURA News*. Scott Ksander PURA Tech Bytes on "Windows 11 is Coming"; Chris Rearick's article on "Simple Ear Cleaning Tips"; Connie Bilyeu's Road Trip article on Indiana's Spring Mill State Park; Tom Turpin's True Tales of an Entomologist; and the Notable September Historic Events and Birthdays.

**October 2021** - Bill's Bulletin provided information on the upcoming PURA programs through February, and other pertinent information. Purdue University Retirees Association Health Insurance Plans Renewed for 2022; PURA 2021 Annual Kickoff Meeting; In Memoriam: Frederick Ross Ford – 1936-2021; Scott Ksander PURA Tech Bytes featured "More Ways to Read the PURA Newsletter", Tom Turpin's True Tales of an Entomologist; Notable October Historic Events and Birthdays. Purdue United Way Campaign Kicks Off; and Karen Lembcke's Road Trip Article on Berne, Indiana.

**November 2021** -- Bill's Bulletin provided updates on the West Lafayette Wellness Center Tour and the United Way Campaign. The November PURA Meeting featured "Tech Toys for the Holidays". Article on West Lafayette Center Tour; Chris Rearick's article on "The Pros and Cons of Sparkling Seltzer Waters". We had an article on Fall Cooking Classes at The Teaching Kitchen@Lyles-Porter Hall to be held in November and December. Scott Ksander PURA Tech Bytes on "MFA (Microsoft Multi-factor Authentication) is Coming to @purdue.edu Email; "True Story About How My Brain Works" by Sara Jane Coffman, and Tom Turpin's "True Tales of an Entomologist" article. Featured Notable November Historic Events and Birthdays.

**December 2021** -- December 6 PURA Meeting Features Tuba Christmas; Bill's Bulletin provided updates on the Defined Contribution Retirement Plan, the United Way Contribution, 2022 Insurance Premiums, and a summary of the Flu Shot Program. Purposeful Living in Retirement (PLIR) 2022: Survey Coming to Your Email in January; Twelve PURA Student Scholarship Endowment Recipients for 2020-2021 Academic Year; December Notable Birthdays; Seventeen Students Received PURA Scholarships for the 2021-2022 Academic Year; Year-End Giving Opportunity: PURA Scholarships; Scott Ksander PURA Tech Bytes on "Metaverse???" ; Remodeling Continues at the Purdue Memorial Union with a few pictures and a website; Sara Jane Coffman's "Going Back To School"; "Looking for Holiday Events Across the State?", and the listing of Holiday Events at Purdue. Article and pictures of the September PURA Tour of New Loeb Stadium at Columbian Park, Lafayette. Karen Lembcke's Road Trip Article on "Roann, Indiana"; and "Yes, Virginia, There *\*IS\** A Figgy Pudding" article and recipe, and Notable December Historic Events.

**January 2022/February 2022** -- February 7 PURA Meeting Features Purdue's Patents and Copyrights; Bill's Bulletin mentioned the nomination for the Arthur G. Hansen Award, and

provided the total that PURA contributed to United Way, and introduced Tom Robertson as the candidate for PURA President-Elect 2022-23; Purposeful Living in Retirement Conference scheduled for April 20, 2022; PURA Common Read 2022; PURA Proposes 2022-23 Slate of Officers and Committee Chairs; Reminder: Microsoft Multi Factor Authentication Coming to @purdue.edu Email Addresses by the end of March 2022; Invitation to Tour the Renovated Ground Floor of PMU; Purdue Memorial Union: Did You Know?; PURA's Student Scholars Speak Out: Part I; Tom Turpin's True Tales of an Entomologist; Scott Ksander PURA Tech Bytes on "Cutting the Cord—Revisited"; Chris Rearick's "Do You Need a Toe Tube?"; and It's Maple Syrup Time!.

**March 2022** -- Purdue COVID-19 Update at March 7 PURA Meeting; Bill's Bulletin which included information on the upcoming PURA meetings; Recap of the Proposed 2022-23 PURA Slate of Officers; Still Time to Sign Up for March 18 Tour of PMU's Renovated Ground Floor; PURA Tours "Provenance" Residential Area on April 14; Purdue Fight Song Hail Purdue! Celebrates 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2022; Speakers Announced for PURA's Annual PLIR Conference; Can You Help? PURA Kickoff Committee Looking for New Members; Cybersecurity and Your Fidelity Account: Steps to Make it Safe by Carolyn Roper, Ph.D., Professor Emerita of Leadership and Human Resources, Purdue; Save the Date: Purdue Day of Giving on April 27 1:1 Matching Dollars Available; Purdue County Extension Service Retirees to Offer End-of-Life Planning Seminar; PURA's Student Scholars Speak Out: Part II; United Healthcare Coverage of Over-the-Counter COVID-19 Tests; Chris Rearick's "Kidney Function As We Age"; Scott Ksander PURA Tech Bytes "G", This is Confusing!; Sara Jane Coffman's, News from West Lafayette: Purdue Retiree Freezes to Death on Her Way to Class".

**April 2022** -- Purdue Global Featured at April 4 PURA Meeting; Bill's Bulletin included April's Celebrations; Reminder: Still a Few Openings in PURA's Tour of "Provenance" Residential Area"; Dr. Will Miller to Present Keynote Address at Purposeful Living in Retirement Program, April 20; PURA's Historical Character to Provide Program for The Purdue Women's Club 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; Reminder: Purdue Day of Giving on April 27; PURA's Student Scholars Speak Out: Part III; Purdue Cooperative Extension Retiree Committee Offers End-of-Life Planning Seminar; Research Participation Opportunities; Sara Jane Coffman's article on "Writing: A Joyful (and Angstful) Hobby"; "True Tales of an Entomologist" by Tom Turpin; and a Sneak Peak, to be featured in the May PURA News issue, pictures and information on the renovations of the Ground Floor of the Purdue Memorial Union.

**May 2022** -- Bill's Bulletin included information on several important days in May, and a summation of the committees looking for new members; June 9 Tour of Purdue Horticulture Greenhouses; PURA Toured Provenance Residential Area; PURA Program Committee New Member Callout; PURA's Student Scholars Speak Out, Part IV; PURA Tours Atlas Family Marketplace at Purdue Memorial Union, formerly the ground floor area; Scott Ksander Tech Bytes on "ITaP Encourages Vigilance in Guarding Against Hackers with Ongoing Situation in Ukraine"; and Sara Jane Coffman's article on "Purdue Retiree Tries Online Dating".

## Hospitality Committee Annual Report 2021-2022

### Committee Members:

Linda Hawkins – Chair

Marjorie Boeckman

Donna Cackley

Betty Hatfield

Deborah Popa

Michele Salla

Terry Wade

Judy Ware

Barb Welch

Marilyn Wolber

Bill Bennett – ex officio

Norm Long – ex officio

### Mission/Purpose

The Hospitality Committee encourages retirees from all sectors of the University to take part in PURA's ongoing activities such as the fall Kick-off Luncheon, the monthly luncheons, and other special events.

The Committee may serve in a liaison capacity for special events, such as the flu shot administration, health fairs, retirement receptions, etc. The Committee also strives to improve communications to retirees and pre-retirees and gather ideas that might result in interesting new programming for PURA.

During this past year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Hospitality Committee was only tasked to greet and guide Purdue retirees as they came to the 2550 Building on Northwestern Avenue to get their flu shots. This event was held on three Fridays in October, 2021. The Hospitality Committee was embellished by PURA board members as well as other helpful retirees totaling twenty volunteers for this event.

The Committee added two new members, Betty Hatfield and Barb Welch. We all look forward to being together again soon.

## PURA Kickoff Live Stream Annual Report 2021-2022

Committee Co-Chairs

Karen Ferry and Viki Taylor

Committee Members:

Kay Branson

Deb Dimmitt

Gail Overholser

Pam Staggs

Bill Bennett, PURA President

Jerry Day, PURA VP & Pres-Elect.

The 2021 Annual PURA Kickoff Event September 9, 2021 was streamed live with no in-person attendance, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, and originated from the Loeb Playhouse studio in Stewart Center.

The Kickoff Committee was assisted in developing and executing the event live stream by Scott Ksander, Chairman, PURA Information Technology Committee, Hall of Music Production Group and PURA Board Members.

Dr. Jay Akridge, Purdue Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity, was the event featured speaker addressing the “Next Moves for Purdue University,” presenting information and slides describing five new strategic imperatives.

The 2021 Betty M. Nelson Special Recognition award winner, Larry Pherson, Chairman of the PURA Benefits Committee was recognized for his nine years of effort and dedication, providing PURA members cost effective and sound health insurance.

Arthur G. Hansen Award: The Epsilon Sigma Phi Cooperative Extension Service of the School of Agriculture was selected in April 2022, as the recipient of the 2021-2022 Arthur G. Hansen Award. Epsilon Sigma Phi will be recognized and presented the award during the Annual Kickoff Luncheon, September 12, 2022.

The virtual event began at 12:15 pm with a Prelude count-down featuring a slide presentation featuring music and Purdue trivia facts and concluded with a video of the Purdue Glee Club singing “Hail Purdue” at 1:15 pm.

68 participants joined the live streamed event. The event was also recorded and uploaded to the PURA website for future viewing.

Expenses: Hall of Music Productions \$1485.30

## Purposeful Living in Retirement Committee Annual Report 2021-2022

Committee members: Melinda Bain, David Caldwell, Jeris Eikenbery, Martha Fletcher, Mary Gardner, Mary Hood, Norm Long, Debby Pontecorvo, Gail Ruhl, Advisor Scott Rumble, Sue Scholer, Tom Turpin, and Chair Olivia Wood.

The purpose and goal of the Purposeful Living in Retirement (PLIR) Committee is to plan and execute an annual spring program focused on topics of interest to retirees and guests. The PLIR Committee did not meet in-person during the 2021-2022 PURA year and there was not an in-person program. There was a virtual spring program from 9AM to noon on April 20, 2022. There were no coordinators for the meeting which was produced by the PURA Media Communications. For 2 of the 3 presentations the committee agreed to request the same speakers originally planned for the 2020 PLIR which was cancelled a month prior to the program. These were Briony Horgan speaking on "NASA's Perseverance Rover: A giant leap in the search for life beyond Earth" and Purdue Athletic Director Mike Bobinski gave an "Update on Purdue Athletics". The third presentation on "Returning to Resilience: Emerging from our Mental Health Trial" was presented by Dr. Will Miller. A tape hosted by committee member Tom Turpin on the 2021 pardoned Thanksgiving turkeys now in permanent residence on the Purdue campus was shown and committee member David Caldwell provided a home exercise session. There was no pre-registration or fee for the virtual program. All marketing was by email and the *PURA NEWS*. PURA members and guests logged in to the standard PURA Zoom address. There were 85 unique log-ins for the first 2 hours of programming. A Comcast glitch resulted in the last presentation starting 15 minutes late with 47 log-ins. The number of 2022 participants for the three hour virtual program compared favorably to the ninety one 2021 participants for the one hour virtual program. The MARS presentation and the turkey tape were placed on the PURA website for future viewing. One major sponsor, United Healthcare, and 2 co-sponsors, Westminster Village and University Place in West Lafayette, had requested PURA retain their sponsorship fees received in 2020 before the program was cancelled. Those fees paid for a continual breakfast for the 2022 speakers and a small "live" audience at the VFW, rental of the VFW location, and donations to the Purdue Center for Cancer Research to each of the three speakers. The total cost for the 2022 virtual program was \$531.23. There is a positive balance of \$1728.07 left from the sponsorship fees received in 2020.

In November 2021 Olivia Wood, Norm Long, Scott Rumble, and Melinda Bain met with Purdue Conference coordinators to begin discussion of becoming coordinators of future spring programs. A follow up meeting to specify coordination activities and budget will occur in June 2022. In anticipation of resuming a full spring program in 2023, all current major and co-sponsors were contacted in April 2022, prior to fiscal year planning, to expect Spring program invoices in November 2022 with a due date of February 2023. Two major sponsors, TIAA and Fidelity, have changed account managers for PURA since 2020. In December 2021 Olivia Wood, Norm Long, Bill Bennett, Jerry Day, Scott Rumble, and Melinda Bain met via zoom with the new TIAA PURA Account Manager. Major sponsors TIAA and Fidelity have been requested to



increase sponsorship fees by \$500 which would make all major sponsors at the same \$3000 sponsorship rate.

Prior to the 2022-23 PURA year there will be discussion by the current PLIR committee to remove the PLIR acronym and wording in identifying the annual spring program. The purposeful living in retirement wording can continue to be a theme of the spring program but is confusing as a title of the program to sponsors, vendors, speakers, some members, and in communications about the program. Rather than design and market a separate logo for PLIR it would be more productive to link to the event by simply using the PURA logo and name. Any name changes will be presented to Executive Board for approval. In anticipation of a full 2023 program, the Beck Agriculture Center will be reserved for April 2023.

Norm Long will be the new Chair of the PURA program with Olivia Wood continuing as an advisor.

Submitted by Olivia Wood, Chair, PLIR

## PURA Program Committee Annual Report 2021-2022

Program Committee Mission: The Program Committee provides a program for PURA members during the monthly luncheon meetings. The committee sets the luncheon meeting schedule for the coming year beginning with October and running through August of the following year. If the first Monday of the month falls on a national holiday, PURA does not meet that month. The annual kickoff luncheon serves as the program for September.

The program committee chair is responsible for recruiting members to serve on the committee. Ideally the committee has enough members so that each one can coordinate and host just one luncheon program speaker each year. As last year, planning only two to three months out gave flexibility to the committee, and a few programs were solidified only a month or so in advance. The program committee hosts are responsible for facilitating the program and introducing the speaker. Running the luncheon meetings is the responsibility of the PURA president.

Once it became obvious that the pandemic was not going away quickly, new ways to meet and offer programming were explored. For 2021-22 all programs prior to June were produced via Zoom with the new AV system installed at the VFW Hall. Retirees who have moved away from the Purdue community had the opportunity to join us virtually. As we return to in-person meetings the plan is to continue with the virtual Zoom option. This allows our audience to be larger and our program recordings can be archived.

Recruitment of new committee members for '21-22 was a challenge leading to a smaller committee roster. Thank you to the program committee members for their efforts and flexibility in solidifying programs and speakers for this year. Planning for 2022-2023 will be a part of the annual Transition Meeting to take place on June 1, 2022. New members for 2022-2023 include Bob Ritchie (Chair), Tom Turpin, and Norm Long. Continuing will be Dan Collins, John Schnieder, Becky Moyer, and Rosie Lerner.

PURA Program Committee Members and the programs for 2021-22 are included in the attached table.

Dan Collins, Program Committee Chair  
PURA 2021-2022

## 2021-2022 Programs and Committee Member Facilitators

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC / SPEAKER</b>	<b>FACILITATOR</b>
October 4	New Vet School Facilities (Tanya Finkbiner)	Rosie Lerner rosie@purdue.edu
November 1	Tech Toys & Relevant Technology Topics (Scott Ksander)	Becky Moyer mskitty13@hotmail.com
December 6	Holiday Fun Event; Tuba Christmas	Dan Collins decollins.retired@yahoo.com
January 3	Food Finders Food Bank (Katy Bunder)	Jon Story jastory@purdue.edu
February 7	Patents Generated at Purdue (PRF Office of Technology Commercialization)	John Schneider sjasers@aol.com
March 7	COVID Update: Dr. Ramirez and Bill Bell	Norm Long, Dan Collins
April 4	PU Global Evolution: Dr. Jon Harbor Chancellor, PU Global	Jon Story
May 2	Preserving Family History, Scott Ksander	Sally Harmon sharmon@purdue.edu
June 6	TCHA Archives and Research Center; Kelly Lippie	(interested PURA member)
July 4	Holiday	
August 1	Soil Information; A World View Emily Toner (from the Netherlands via Zoom!)	Rosie Lerner

## PURA Scholarship Committee Annual Report 2021-2022

### Committee Members:

Melinda Bain, Chair  
Fred Ford  
Norm Long, Past President  
Betty Nelson  
John Norberg  
John Trott  
Joanne Troutner  
Tom Turpin  
Olivia Wood

**Primary Goal:** The primary goal of this committee is to continue growing the PURA scholarship endowments to provide funds to assist as many Indiana students with significant financial need as possible. Committee members will fundraise for and mentor students for the two endowments: PURA Student Scholarship Endowment and the PURA Purdue Opportunity Award (POA) in Honor of Martin C. and Patty Jischke.

**Scholarships Awarded:** Awards in excess of \$12,000 were distributed from PURA scholarship endowments for the 2021-2022 academic year.

The PURA Student Scholarship Endowment made awards to fourteen students, six of whom were *repeat* recipients:

Payton Batchelor, Purdue Polytechnic Institute, Plainfield, Indiana  
Victoria Coats, Krannert School of Management, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
Victor Gust, Purdue Polytechnic Institute, Dyer, Indiana  
Nicholas Hull, Purdue Polytechnic Institute, South Whitley, Indiana  
Daniel McClelland, Purdue Polytechnic Institute, Westfield, Indiana  
*Alex Newhall*, Engineering, Connersville, Indiana  
*Everett Pfeifer*, Purdue Polytechnic Institute, West Lafayette, Indiana  
Karolyn Pineiro, Engineering, Highland, Indiana  
*Joshua Priest*, Science, Indianapolis, Indiana  
Halle Robin, Health and Human Sciences, Fishers, Indiana  
*Hannah Stettler*, Veterinary Medicine, McCordsville, Indiana  
Camden Tomey, Purdue Polytechnic Institute, Pendleton, Indiana  
*Shamari Walker*, Purdue Polytechnic Institute, Hammond, Indiana  
*Jackson Williams*, Purdue Polytechnic Institute, Thorntown, Indiana

The PURA POA Endowment in Honor of Martin C. and Patty Jischke made awards to three students:

Kiana Bowen, Purdue Polytechnic Institute, Columbus, Indiana

Alyssa Hudgins, School of Engineering, LaPorte, Indiana  
Abdulrahman Saleh, Science, Topeka, Indiana

**Communication with Students:** The Scholarship Committee Chair requests the following information from a University Development Office representative: student name, degree area, hometown in Indiana, address, email address and cell phone number (sometimes these are not available) and photograph of the student. The University Development Office routinely asks the students for letters of appreciation or thank you letters. Those are forwarded to the Scholarship Committee Chair. A welcoming email is sent to all of the students inviting them to participate in the monthly zoom meetings.

**Scholarship Balance:** The Book Value of the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment as of March 31, 2022 was \$217,152.87, an increase of \$67,111.23 from the same time last year. The Book Value of the PURA POA in Honor of Martin C. and Patty Jischke was \$54,844.44, an increase of \$3,885.00 from the same time last year.

**Donors:** Complete data is not available at this time to complete this section.

**Communication:** The PURA Student Scholarship Endowment was kept before the PURA members in a variety of ways:

PURANews articles:

June/July Newsletter 2021: PURA Scholarship Committee thankful for another successful Purdue Day of Giving  
December 2021: Two articles—Seventeen Students Received PURA Scholarships for the 2021-2022 Academic Year and Year-End Donations for PURA Scholarships  
Jan/Feb 2022: PURA’s Student Scholars Speak Out: Part I  
March 2022: Two articles—PURA’s Student Scholars Speak Out: Part II and Save the Date—April 27—1:1 Matching Dollars Available  
April 2022: PURA’s Student Scholars Speak Out: Part III  
May 2022: PURA’s Student Scholars Speak Out: Part IV

Emails to PURA members:

December 2021: Year End Giving Request and follow-up email to provide additional instruction to make donations due to a broken website link.

Thank You notes and letters to donors from Scholarship Committee chair and committee member Joanne Troutner.

**Ornaments Continue:** Despite the restrictions that COVID 19 presented to in person gatherings, which is the primary way that members purchase ornaments, there were 12 purchased this year adding \$120.00 to the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment. PURA members,

Purdue Women's Club members and friends continue to request special orders for these ornaments.

**Committee Membership:** All members will continue with the following exceptions:

Retiring Member: Fred Ford, deceased

New Member: William Bennett, Past President

Respectively Submitted

Melinda Bain

Committee Chair

May 18, 2022

## Media Communications Committee Annual Report 2021-2022

Committee Chair: Scott Ksander

Committee Members: Julie Kercher-Updike, Ken Scheeringa

A major effort for this year was to improve the PURA website process and content. An improved system for moving Newsletter content onto the website was developed. A major rework of the Benefits section was also completed working with the Benefits Committee. The website is now in great shape, and we need to work on increasing traffic to the website.

The Committee supported many Zoom meetings for monthly meetings, Executive Board meetings, and Benefits Committee meetings. Zoom has become an integral part of PURA activities. As we return to in-person meetings, Zoom will continue to be a valuable tool to keep non-local members involved in PURA activities.

Purdue ITaP requested the help of the Committee to inform retirees about the new Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) changes that were being introduced for Purdue email. This change caused some confusion for retirees, but after several months of work this seems to have been successfully handled by most retirees. ITaP reaching out for help with retiree communication was positive and much appreciated.

The Committee developed a process to use Qualtrics for membership voting and surveys.

A major project was the design and installation of equipment at the West Lafayette VFW to support Zoom meetings. The cost of this equipment was shared with the West Lafayette Kiwanis and was fully operational for both groups by February of 2022.

Work was started with the Purdue for Life Foundation (previously known as UDO) to utilize the new Contract Management System for Purdue retiree email. The monthly Newsletter and informational emails now utilize this system. More work is needed to streamline the system and find email addresses for “lost” retirees. This work will continue into 2022-2023.

Copies of all recent electronic items were deposited in the PURA archives with the help of the PURA Historian and Purdue Libraries.

The Committee is now managing email sent to [PURA@purdue.edu](mailto:PURA@purdue.edu) and getting it routed for responses.

Finally, work has started to implement Eventbrite to manage invitations and RSVPs for PURA events.

Submitted by Scott Ksander, Chair, May 9, 2022

## Interim 2021-2022 Annual Financial Report

(This report covers July 2021 - March 2022)

PURA was again allocated \$17,000 from the Purdue University general fund to be used for organizational expenses such as publication of the newsletter, supplies, travel, committee and program activities as well as the kickoff luncheon. Due to many events being cancelled or held virtually, there was a carry forward of \$8,477.78.

With the closure of MCL as the meeting place for the monthly programs, this activity moved to the VFW Post. Most programs were held remotely therefore, PURA and the Kiwanis Club mutually agreed to upgrade the equipment used for these programs. Kiwanis donated \$2,500 toward the equipment and PURA spent ~ \$6,000.

PURA was able to host the flu vaccination clinic at 2550 State Farm Building now owned by Purdue, thereby limiting the expenses for this activity. Funds were spent for signage and mailings totally less than \$500.

The only other major expense was for the publication of the newsletter which includes a stipend for the editor and minimal postage and printing. This totalled \$\$2,427.

Therefore, the Purdue Retiree Association continues to be in good financial shape. The carry forward for this fiscal year will be around \$12,000.

Other account balances are all positive except the Martin and Patty Jischke scholarship fund. This fund will receive an endowment distribution of \$1226 in May which will bring the balance to a positive number.

Other accounts holding funds for PURA are the Activities and Opportunities Endowment Account, Retirement – Outside Agency Account and the Purdue Opportunity Award – Martin and Patty Jischke.

1. The Activities and Opportunities Endowment Account supports unique miscellaneous expenses such as the Historical characters costs, the PURA plaque of past presidents slated to be hung in the Union. This account receives endowment income twice a year. The balance in this account is \$55,326.
2. The Retirement – Outside Agency Activities is used to support grants and the committee retiree gift to the University Scholarship account. The only expense to this account was for the Purposeful Living in Retirement conference that was held virtually. That expense was \$231.23 for VFW hall rental and refreshments as well as \$300 in donations to the cancer center in honor of the speakers. These expenses were covered by previous donations by sponsors. The balance in this account is \$67,730.29.



3. The Purdue Opportunity Account - Martin and Patty Jischke account receives endowment income twice a year to support scholarships for Purdue students. The scholarships payments totaled \$2,800. The balance in this account is (\$1132.63)

A summary of the PURA Annual Financial Report for the 2021-22 fiscal year will be submitted in July.