

PURA Annual Reports, 2022-2023

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President's Annual Report 2022-2023

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the President of PURA during 2022-23. I want to thank the Officers, Committee Chairs and Advisors for their work and support during the year. While the Executive Officers provide leadership for PURA, the committees do the real work of the organization. The PURA Year in Review document prepared by Historian Sue Hume Graham contains details of committee work and events over the past year.

“Finding a New Normal” was the theme for the coming year that I talked about in the 2022 June/July issue of the PURA News. During the pandemic years, we lost our routine, were forced to make and communicate last minute changes, cancelled events, and had to adapt to new ways of doing things. We adjusted, but it was clear that in 2022-23 we needed to find and institute ways of creating a new normal. The return to in-person events was a top priority.

- On June 1, 2022, almost fifty of us gathered at the VFW for the annual Transition Meeting where new officer terms began and committees held planning meetings. We met in person for this event for the first time since 2019.
- Our first monthly luncheon meeting with an in-person option was held on June 6th at the VFW. It was a smaller crowd, but a milestone since we had not been together at the VFW since March of 2020.
- The annual Big Ten Retiree Association Meeting was held for the first time since 2019 at Northwestern in Evanston, Illinois from August 1-3 with eleven schools in attendance. Tom Robertson, Larry Pherson, and I had the opportunity to attend and represent PURA.
- Around 130 PURA retirees and guests gathered at the Marriott Courtyard in Lafayette on September 12th for the annual Kickoff Luncheon. The last in person Kickoff luncheon was held on September 9, 2019.
- The PURA Annual Spring Conference was held in-person for the first time since 2019 on April 19th at the Beck Center, and we were thrilled to have over two hundred retirees in attendance.

- Although not a PURA event, we had an information table at Purdue's Spring Fling which returned to the Memorial Mall on May 25 after a three-year absence.

Other highlights.

- To help recruit new PURA committee volunteers, I highlighted a different committee in my newsletter article each month.
- A new feature at the monthly luncheons was the chance for those present to win a prize for answering a Purdue Trivia question.
- This year we presented two Betty M. Nelson Awards. Olivia Wood presented the award to David Caldwell, who has been a longtime member of the Annual Spring Conference (PLIR) committee, travelling several hours each way to faithfully attend meetings and events. Melinda Bain presented the second award to Scott Ksander, Chair of the Media and Communications Committee, who was instrumental in keeping PURA alive and functioning during the pandemic.
- A total of 789 shots were given to PURA members in September and October of 2022, 557 walk-in shots and 232 drive-thru shots. Wellness Screenings were available at the walk-in events with 94 wellness visits completed by Purdue Nursing students.
- Purdue retirees contributed \$193,926 to the 2022 United Way campaign. We met and surpassed our \$175,000 goal and topped the \$188,000 contributed to the campaign in 2021. Thank you to all who generously continue to support this important community agency.
- The Mitch Daniels era ended, and the Mung Chiang presidency began. On Monday, March 6th, six PURA members were able to sit down with President Chiang for a Listening Session. Our group of current officers, committee chairs and past presidents of PURA shared the history, programs, events and benefits that PURA offers to its members. We also discussed the ways that retirees continue to contribute to the University and the community with their time, talent and treasure. President Chiang was impressed with all that PURA has to offer and thankful for the continued support of retirees. I want to thank Melinda Bain, Don Gentry, Betty Nelson, Larry Pherson and

Tom Robertson for preparing and accompanying me to the President's Office for our session.

- The Purdue Day of Giving was held on April 26. Thank you to those who generously continue to support the PURA student scholarship endowments.

The election of PURA officers for 2023-24 was conducted at the April monthly meeting.

Congratulations to the PURA officers for 2023-24.

President – Tom Robertson

Vice President/President Elect – Marshall Martin

Secretary – Judy Ware

Treasurer – Lucia Anderson

Historian – Michele Salla

Past President – Jerry Day

Thank you for allowing me to serve as President during 2022-23 and all the best to the new officers in the coming year. I would also like to recognize and thank Vice President of Human Resources Bill Bell who served as University Liaison and Advisor to PURA. Bill is leaving Purdue on June 30. We wish him well in his new pursuits.

Jerry Day

PURA President 2022-23

Benefits Committee Annual Report 2022-2023

A. Committee Members:

* Charles Brown

* Betty Nelson

*Don Gentry

*Larry Pherson, Chair

*Sue Hiser

*Harry Morrison

*Leon Thacker

*Marta Read

*Emily Bramson

*Larry DeBoer

*Carolyn Roper

*Peter Goldsbrough

*Rick Cosier

*Cindy Oneal

*Jane Walker

* Scott Ksander

*Marshall Martin

*Jesse Moore

*Tom Turpin

*Norm Long

* William Bennett

*Jerry Day

*Tom Robertson

*Kate LaMar, ex-officio

*Candace Shaffer, ex-officio

* Shan Chen, staff

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 2022-2023:

1) Finalize with UHC by August 31, 2022, the PURCare and PURA Medicare Advantage Plans for 2023.

2 Announce PURCare and Medicare Advantage Plans for 2023 to PURA membership via the PURA Newsletter and letter by September 2022.

- 3) Evaluate the renewal process for the 2023 plan and identify potential improvements by October 31, 2022.
- 4) Set Schedule for negotiating 2024 PURA plans by March 31, 2023.
- 5) Enhance the diversity of the Committee so that the Committee may better serve all current and future Purdue retirees.
- 6) In coordination UHC, provide communication, leadership and assistance to PURA's insureds in the transition from Silver Sneakers to Renew Active.
- 7) Continue participation in the activities of the Parking and Traffic Committee, the Retirement Plan Committee and the Faculty Compensation Committee.
- 8) Actively engage in the PLIR and the Road to Retirement Programs.
- 9) Obtain adequate clerical support for the activities of the Benefits Committee
- 10) 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.
- 11) Develop a succession plan for the leadership of the Benefits Committee.
- 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.

D) Accomplishments 2022-2023

1) Working with University staff and healthcare consultants, PURcare and the Medicare Advantage Plans were extended for 2023. Both plans remained unchanged. The premium for Medicare Advantage, which is \$172.91 per month, was unchanged. The monthly premium for PURcare increased to \$290.97, an increase of 3.6%.

2)An evaluation of the negotiation of the 2023 insurance package was conducted during the Fall of 2022. Recommendations resulting from that evaluation will be utilized during the negotiation of the 2024 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) The following are examples of the Committee’s communication and marketing efforts:

a) Prepared articles for the PURA Newsletter.

b) PURA Spring Conference.

5)The Benefits Committee portion of the PURA website was continually monitored and updated.

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

7) The transition from Silver Sneakers to Renew Active was carefully planned and successfully implemented.

8) The schedule for negotiating the 2024 plans has been proposed to and accepted by United Healthcare.

10) Three new members were added to the Committee during 2022-23.

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

12) Continued monitoring governmental activity relating to Affordable Healthcare, Tax Code revisions and the Inflation Reduction Act.

All in all, the Benefits Committee had a successful 2022-2023 and was quite busy.

Campus and Community Activities Committee Annual Report 2022-2023

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 on the number of reservations accepted are determined by the activity and venue. Announcements of events are placed in the PURA newsletter, through e-mail, and/or announced at monthly luncheon meetings.

Five campus and community tours were offered during the 2022-23 academic year. The year's activities were as follows.

June 2022

The committee organized a tour of the Horticulture Greenhouses for early summer. On June 9, Nathan Deppe, facility manager, led the tour of the state-of-the-art greenhouses that include teaching laboratories, climate controlled growth rooms, and work/storage areas. The facility integrates controlled lighting, water purification and fertilization, and temperature and humidity controls to support plant research and teaching. A total of 11 PURA members and guests participated in the informative tour.

October 2022

Newly completed Veterinary Hospitals recently opened adjacent to Lynn Hall on the south side of campus. On October 21, PURA members toured the three hospitals that make up the new facilities: a small animal hospital, equine hospital, and farm animal hospital. Members of the School of Veterinary Medicine Tour Committee led small groups of attendees through the facilities. The tour offered members a chance to see the new facilities, equipment such as a height-adjustable CT unit and monorail system for transporting large animals, and a number of four-legged patients being served on site. The PURA members were impressed by the facilities

which provide services to Indiana and surrounding states. A total of 23 PURA members attended the event.

February 2023

The committee arranged a tour of Hagle Hall, the new building that serves as the home of Purdue Bands, on February 21. Led by Trudy Guthrie, Director of External Events for the Purdue Bands, PURA members were able to view the facilities and learn about the Purdue Bands and Orchestras. Highlights of the tour included seeing the Big Bass Drum, band memorabilia, rehearsal and storage spaces, student work areas, and a new outdoor performance balcony on the fourth floor of the building. A total of 22 PURA members attended the tour.

March 2023

On March 6 and 8, two groups of PURA members toured Purdue Reactor One, the small research nuclear reactor operated by the School of Nuclear Engineering in the basement of the Max Brown and Maileen Brown Family Hall (formerly the Electrical Engineering Building). The tour was led by nuclear engineering students Trevor Hysten and Brian Jowers who informed PURA members of the history of the reactor and how it is used, and answered questions about nuclear power, risks and benefits, and what the future holds. While only a single tour was originally planned, the response was so strong that a second tour date was added to accommodate everyone interested. A total of 50 PURA members attended one of the two tours.

April 2023

On April 26, the committee offered a tour of the Subaru of Indiana Automotive plant in Lafayette. Originally scheduled for fall 2022, the tour was moved to the spring when the fall date unexpectedly had to be cancelled. Participants on the tour got to see the stamping processes where giant presses turn raw coils of steel into the vehicle's metal structure, robotic welding of metal panels in the body assembly area, painting of the car body, assembly of over

2,000 parts into and onto each vehicle, and finally testing to assure quality and safety. A total of 19 PURA members participated in the excellent tour.

The members of the committee are pleased to have been able to offer these activities for PURA members during this year.

Committee Members:

Al Knight

Sharon Kraebber

Mary Alice Nebold

Debby Sherman

Jim Lehman, chair

Communications Committee Annual Report 2022-2023

Committee Members: Karen Lembcke, Chair

Connie Bilyeu, Jo Ann Thomas

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, and other information that might be pertinent to the retirees. Standard features have included the Campus/Community 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.

PURA News newsletters in 2022-23 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. 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.

2022/2023 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 2022 issue to the current May 2023 issue. We have tried to maintain our regular features in each issue as mentioned above. As President, we feature Jerry Day’s Jottings, the Campus/Community Calendar of events occurring at Purdue (highlighting Purdue’s new events.purdue.edu site), Mark Your Calendar of PURA events. and how to connect to the Zoom Connection for monthly meetings.

June/July 2022 – West Lafayette Campus Parking Permit Renewal; PURA holds Transition Meeting with change of presidency from William Bennett to Jerry Day; featured William Bennett’s last Bill’s Bulletin and Jerry Day’s Jottings. The 2022 National 4-H Fall of Fame Inducts Two Purdue Retirees; Confessions of a Book Addict by Jo Thomas; the Impact of Hearing Loss on Healthy Aging by Melissa Newell; Tour Recap of the Purdue Horticulture Greenhouse; article by Sara Jane Coffman, titled “The Horse”; and ending with the Calendar of Events for PURA and events at Purdue/community.

August 2022 – PURA August Meeting featured The Story of Irish Peat Bogs; Jerry Jottings; Welcome Back to the annual PURA Kickoff Meeting Set for September 12; Tour Subaru Automotive Plant with PURA on September 28; Annual Retiree Flu Shots and Wellness Screenings; Confession of a Book Addict by Jo Thomas; Notice of Purdue BrainBuilders Program that Aids Those with Memory Loss; Purdue Day of Giving Update and Thank You; Changes Coming to The Purposeful Living in Retirement (PLIR) Conference; Interview with Famous (and

Infamous) Purdue Retiree: David Bunte by Sara Jane Coffman; Dizziness and Balance by Melissa Newell; and Mark Your Calendar for PURA events and events at Purdue/community.

September 2022 – Jerry Jottings; PURA Health Insurance Plans Renewed for 2023; Annual Retiree Flu Shots/Wellness Screenings: When, What to Bring, How to Get There; Confessions of a Book Addict by Jo Thomas; College Application Essay by Sara Jane Coffman; Can't Hear the Program? Looping Systems Give Individuals with Hearing Loss a Second Chance by PURA Member Steve Hall, former Director, Elliott Hall of Music/Hall of Music Productions; True Tales of an Entomologist by Tom Turpin; and Mark Your Calendar for PURA events and events at Purdue/community.

October 2022 – October Reminders; Invitation to Tour the Purdue University Veterinary Hospital; Congratulations to Two PURA Retirees; Jerry's Jottings; PURA Kickoff Luncheon Recap; PURCare/Medicare Advantage PPO Group News: Renew Active® Q &A; PURA Tech Bytes by Scott Ksander; Where'd You Go, Mom? By Sara Jane Coffman; and Mark Your Calendar for PURA events and events at Purdue/community.

November 2022 – November PURA Monthly Meeting: The Annual "Tech Toys and Other Relevant Computer Topics; Jerry's Jottings; PURA Tech Bytes by Scott Ksander; Introducing CONNECT.PURDUE.EDU Update Your Email Address, Choose Your Purdue Communications Preferences; Confession of a Book Addict by Jo Thomas; Indiana Persimmons by PURA Member Nancy Grenard; Do You Remember When: By Sara Jane Coffman; Another Native Indiana Fruit: the Paw Paw, Photos Courtesy of PURA Member Curt Snyder; and Mark Your Calendar for PURA events and events at Purdue/community.

December 2022 – December PURA Monthly Meeting: The Evolution of Purdue Pete and The Boilermaker Special; Jerry's Jottings; Renew Active Coming Soon; We're Back! Don't miss this one! PURA's Annual Spring Conference; PURA Scholarships Awarded to Eight Indiana Students for Academic Year 2022-2023; PURA's October Tour of the Purdue University Veterinary Hospitals; Improving Communication Strategies for Patients with Hearing Loss by Melissa Newell; One of the Top Ten Museums in Indiana (And My Personal Favorite) by Sara Jane Coffman; Through December 31, Holiday Doings in Indiana; PURA's Historic Purdue Characters:

Lillian Moeller Gilbreth; Lillian Moeller Gilbreth (1878-1972) Risk Taker—Ground Breaker – Innovator – Glass-ceiling Breaker – Boilermaker! And Mark Your Calendar for PURA events and events at Purdue/community.

January 2023/February 2023 – Proposed slate of officers; February PURA Monthly Meeting: Purdue Extension: Then, Now and Tomorrow; Jerry’s Jottings; Join PURA When We Tour Hagle Hall; Using Renew Active at Multiple Locations; Save the Date for PURA’s Annual Spring Conference on April 19; Annual Hansen Award Nominations Open; Arthur G. Hansen Recognition Award Nomination Form; Confessions of a Book Addict by Jo Thomas; Something for Goodwill by Sara Jane Coffman; “Safe Steps: - The Importance of Fall Prevention in Maintaining Independence by Melissa Newell; Dizziness and Balance Screenings Available in February; and Mark Your Calendar for PURA events and events at Purdue/community.

March 2023 – March 6 PURA Monthly Meeting – Program: Tippecanoe County 4-H Program, Then and Now. How 4-H is Evolving to Meet the Needs of Youth and Families. Program: Presenter: (Deidre) Dee Nicley, Extension Educator, 4-H/Youth Development, County Extension Director, Tippecanoe County; Tour Purdue’s Nuclear Reactor Number One on March 8; Registration Opens March 1 for PURA’s Annual Spring Conference; Jerry’s Jottings; Save the Date – April 26, Day of Giving: Benefits Committee News: The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022; Meet Dr. Marshall Martin, Nominee for PURA President-Elect 2023-2024; PURA Tech Bytes by Scott Ksander – Artificial Intelligence and chatGPT; Tinnitus by Melissa Newell; Confession of a Book Addict by Jo Thomas; “Hello, Is Anyone Out There:” by Sara Jane Coffman; and Mark Your Calendar for PURA events and events at Purdue/community.

April 2023 – April 3 PURA Monthly Meeting Program – Causes of the Recent Evolution of the Lafayette Journal & Courier Newspaper Presenter – Deanne Watson, Executive Editor, Lafayette Journal & Courier Newspaper; Jerry’s Jottings; There’s Still Time, But Hurry! Registration Closes Very Soon for PURA’s Annual Spring Conference; Reminder: Purdue Day of Giving is April 26; Purdue University Nuclear Reactor Number One; PURA Tour Recap by Al Knight, PURA Campus and Community Committee; PURA’S Tour of Hagle Hall by Mary Alice Nebold, PURA Campus and Community Committee; Top 20 Electric Guitar Intros of All Time?! What???, by Connie

Bilyeu; New to YouTube? Just What is it? Invitation to Participate in Undergraduate Research Conference; and Mark Your Calendar for PURA events and events at Purdue/community.

May 2023 – May 1 PURA Monthly Meeting Program – U.S. Population Demographics Shift Over the Next Ten Years; Presenter: Dr. Kenneth Ferraro, Distinguished Professor, Purdue Department of Sociology; Thank you PURA Members for Supporting Indiana Students On Purdue Day of Giving; Jerry’s Jottings; Spring Fling Appreciation Day 2023; Purdue BrainBuilders Program Aids Those with Memory Loss; PURA Tours The Whittaker Inn in June; Reminder: Purdue Women’s Conference 2023, June 8-9, Purdue Memorial Union Ballrooms; Confessions of a Book Addict, by Jo Thomas; How I’d Change the World, by Sara Jane Coffman; PURA Annual Spring Conference Deemed a Great Success!! By Dr. Norman D. Long, chair, PURA Spring Conference Committee; June 5 PURA Monthly Meeting Program: • Electric Cooperatives—Their Place in the Power Grid (Tipmont and Wintek) Presenter: • Rob Ford, Communication Director, Tipmont REMC and Wintek; Support Purdue Research; and Mark Your Calendar for PURA events and events at Purdue/community.

Hospitality Committee Annual Report 2022-2023

Committee Members:

Linda Hawkins – Chair

Bill Bennett

Marjorie Boeckman

Donna Cackley

Betty Hatfield

Deborah Popa

Michele Salla

Terry Wade

Judy Ware

Barb Welch

Jerry Day – 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.

The year in review:

In September 2022, the Hospitality Committee welcomed retirees to the Courtyard by Marriott for the annual Kick-off Luncheon. It was our first “big event” since the pandemic began.

Also in September and October, the Hospitality Committee assisted the Center for Healthy Living as they offered flu shots and wellness checks for retirees over a three day period. On two of the days, the flu shots and wellness checks were available in the 2250 building. On the third day, the flu shots were offered as a drive-thru event. No wellness checks were offered on that day.

In April 2023, the Hospitality Committee greeted and guided retirees and vendors at the Beck Agricultural Center for the annual PURA Spring Conference.

Throughout the year, the Committee decorated tables and greeted retirees as they came to the VFW for a monthly luncheon.

And we’re not done! Spring Fling is back on campus this May – the first one since the pandemic. PURA will be on campus to meet and greet retirees and those nearing retirement.

We look forward to a fun-filled and busy upcoming year.

Interim Financial Annual Report 2022-2023

PURA continues to receive an allocation of \$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. There was a carry forward in this account from the 2021-22 fiscal year of \$8457.49.

Expenses were spent in the following major categories:

Newsletter	\$2177
Supplies	310
Travel	1411
Printing/USPS	3225
Kick-off lunch	5293
New Banner	505

Total expenses were \$13,368.63

Therefore, the Purdue Retiree Association continues to be in good financial shape. The carry forward for this fiscal year is currently at \$15,654.52. However, there will be additional expenses in the next three months that will reduce the carry forward balance.

Other account balances are all positive.

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 not considered operational in nature. This account receives endowment

income twice a year. The endowment income for 2022-23 was \$3,285.86. No expenses were charged to this account. The balance in this account is \$61,865.63

2. The Retirement – Outside Agency Activities is used to support grants and the committee retiree gift to the University Scholarship account. Expenses charged to this account was for the Hanson award, retiring committee members of \$770, and the final matching scholarship transfers from the UHC check of \$16,678. The balance in this account is \$48,282.29
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 \$1,750. The balance in this account is -\$285.81. This deficit will be covered by the next endowment income distribution.

Please see the attached summary of the PURA Financial Report for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

Media Communications Committee Annual Report 2022-2023

Committee Chair: Scott Ksander

Committee Members: Julie Kercher-Updike, Ken Scheeringa

The major efforts of the committee continue to be the maintenance of the PURA website and facilitating the emailing of material to the membership utilizing the database and systems of Purdue for Life Foundation. The retiree database is kept by Purdue for Life and the committee regularly checks and maintains email addresses for PURA members.

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. Zoom continues to be a valuable tool to keep non-local members involved in PURA activities.

The Committee also manages email sent to PURA@purdue.edu and gets it routed for responses.

The Committee started the year working on developing a system to use Eventbrite for meeting reservations and RSVPs. This work turned out to not mesh well with the member database at Purdue for Life and this work remains on hold.

The changes in conference room technology at the 2550 building presented some challenges this year and those challenges seem to be continuing. Purdue continues to test conference room technology for that building and we will continue to adapt as needed.

Submitted by Scott Ksander, Chair, May 16,2023

PURA Annual Spring Conference Annual Report 2022-2023

The purpose and goal of the Annual Spring Conference committee is to plan and execute an annual spring program focused on topics of interest to retirees and their spouses.

The PURA Annual Spring Conference held at the Beck Agricultural Center on April 19, 2023, was a refreshing return to yesteryear with more than two hundred registered attendees and eighteen vendors. 2023 signaled the return to an in-person format for this popular and educational PURA event for the first time since 2019.

Members enjoyed a full hot buffet breakfast followed by speaker Dr. Matthew Ward, from Purdue's Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering, who discussed "Living with Chronic Pain without Addiction."

PURA member David Caldwell led a stretch break with some armchair exercises, then Dr. Jerry Lynch, Purdue Professor Emeritus of Economics, gave us insight into macro-economics as he talked about "Securing our Financial System with Retirees in Mind," before we took a morning break to visit with vendors.

Just before lunch, a panel presentation on "Mental Health for Seniors" was highlighted by representatives from the National Association of Mental Institutes, Mental Health America, and the Lafayette Police Dept.

A delightful box lunch from Christo's restaurant was enjoyed along with fellowship, and more time to talk with representatives of Purdue Insurance & Benefits for retirees and visit Vendor Booths.

The afternoon began with a Keynote address "Life is Made up of Unexpected Things!" by West Lafayette Mayor John Dennis, who received an appreciative standing ovation from the crowd.

An inspirational panel from the Tippecanoe County Public Library, the West Lafayette Public Library and the Purdue Libraries shared the topic of "Library Services for Seniors."

Closing the event was the ever-popular "Awarding of Vendor Door Prizes" followed by the PURA protocol of "Hail Purdue" to conclude the day's event.

A review of the day's speakers and their information will be posted soon on the PURA website at: www.purdue.edu/retirees.

If you missed this unique event, **plan now to attend with us next year on April 17, 2024.**

Planning is already underway for yet another powerful and different agenda.

Regarding our 2024 committee roster – Here are the returning:

Gail Ruhl, Scott Rumble, Olivia Wood, Melinda Bain, Mary Gardner, Martha Fletcher, Dave & Betty Caldwell, Chris Rearick, Sue Scholer, Berdine Martin, Tom Turpin, and Norman Long, chr.

Our new members will be:

Carol Shelby

Debbie [Pontecorvo](#)

Departing members will be:

Mary Hood with 15 years of service

Jeris Eikenberry with 12 years of service

Prepared & submitted by:

Dr. Norman D. Long, Chr.

PURA Kickoff Luncheon Committee Annual Report 2022-2023

Committee Members

Viki Taylor, Co-Chair

Karen Ferry, Co-Chair

Kay Branson

Gail Overholser

Lenny Seidel

Pam Staggs

William Bennett (ex-officio)

Jerry Day (ex-officio)

Tom Robertson (ex-officio)

Purpose

The Kickoff Luncheon celebrates the beginning of the program year for PURA. It provides an opportunity for retirees to hear about the “State of the University” from a University Administrator or, if not available, an alternative speaker of interest would be selected, and a chance to reconnect with friends and former colleagues.

2022 Luncheon

The 2022 Luncheon was held on September 12, 2022 at the Courtyard Lafayette - Marriott.

Total reservations 129 (including 16 complimentary reg.)

The \$18 registration fee remained the same as the last in person luncheon held in 2019. The Executive Board approved the fee and committed to fund any additional expenses from PURA accounts.

The plate lunch expense was \$19 plus tax and gratuity total \$24.60.

Speaker

Jeremy Slater, Vice President Capital Projects and Facilities – Purdue Research Foundation Diversity, served as the Kickoff Keynote Speaker. Mr. Slater presented highlights of the Purdue Research Park (PRP), the largest university-affiliated business incubation complex in the country. PRP is the landing pad for startups built around new ideas emerging from Purdue and Discovery Park including facilities that provide a work/live/play environment.

Awards

Two recipients were selected and presented the Betty M. Nelson Special Recognition Award in 2022. The recipients were David Caldwell, member of the PURA Annual Spring Conference Committee and Scott Ksander, Chair of the PURA Media Communications Committee.

The Cooperative Extension Service unit of the School of Agriculture was selected and presented the 2022 Arthur G. Hansen Award.

The Kickoff event began with the doors opening at 11:30 am, the program and luncheon began at 12 noon, ending at 1:30 pm with the singing of “Hail Purdue”.

Total Registration Revenue \$2034.00 less Conference expenses of \$890.19, (Conference fees of \$300.00 including accommodating online registrations, name tags, in person on site name tag distribution, and the Hall of Music AV services \$590.19), **Net Income of \$1443.81** was deposited into the PURA general fund. The **Remaining Expenses totaled \$4053.37**. Courtyard Lafayette Marriott 3865.06 (meals 2432.00, Room rental \$300.00, Audio Visual \$464, Service Charge \$669.06); Bennett’s Flowers \$131.50; Program Printing Services \$56.81)

Summary: Revenue: \$2034.00; Total Expenditures: \$4943.56. (-2909.56)

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October 3	Dealing With Hearing Issues – Dr. Ann Sommer	Clinical Assistant Professor – Purdue University Dept of Speech, Language & Hearing Sciences
November 7	Tech Toys, etc.	Scott Ksander Exec Dir. IT Network & Security – Purdue University
December 5	Evolution of Purdue Pete And The Boilermaker Special Reamer Club – Purdue University	Trevor Luzum
January	No Program	
February 6	Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, Then, Now, Tomorrow	Dr. Jason Henderson Sr. Assoc. Dean & Dir of Extension Purdue College of Agriculture
March 6	Tippecanoe County 4-H Then and Now	Dee Nicley, Purdue Extension Educator - 4-H and Youth Development Tippecanoe County
April 3	MSM Influence on the Demise of the J & C	Deanna Watson, Editor* Lafayette J & C <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Due to an unexpected emergency for Deanna Ron Wilkins, Reporter substituted for her.
May 1	US Population Demographics Shift Over the Next 10 Years	Dr. Kenneth Ferraro Distinguished Professor

		Purdue Dept. of Sociology
June 5	Electric Cooperatives: Their Place in the Grid (Tipmont REMC + Wintek)	Rob Ford Communication Director Tipmont REMC + Wintek
July 3	US Supply Chain (Weakest Links)	Dr. Kathryne Newton Assoc. Dean Purdue Poly Tech
August 7	Working for a Sustainable Future: Purdue Research Impacts	Lynne Dahmen Institute for a Sustainable Future Allison Bryan-Jungels, Asst. Dir. Operations, Outreach, & Partnerships Regenstrief Center for Healthcare Engineering

PURA Scholarship Committee Annual Report 2022-2023

Committee Members:

Melinda Bain, Chair

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 \$16,000 were distributed from PURA scholarship endowments for the 2022-2023 academic year. \$12,950 was awarded to the 5 PURA Student Scholarship Endowment recipients and \$3,500 was awarded to the 3 PURA POA Jischke recipients. These funds are a portion of a complete financial aid package offered to Indiana students. Student selection and award amounts are administered by the Division of Financial Aid.

The PURA Student Scholarship Endowment made awards to five students:

Renee Bauer, Purdue Polytechnic Institute, Sunman, Indiana

Lauren Bell, College of Health and Human Sciences, Marion, Indiana

Erin Conway, College of Liberal Arts, Granger, Indiana

Seth Michel, Purdue Polytechnic Institute, Mitchell, Indiana

Preston Walling, Purdue Polytechnic Institute, Indianapolis, Indiana

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

Sierra R. Cox, Liberal Arts, Mitchell, Indiana

Hannah Garner, College of Education, West Lafayette, Indiana

Abdulrahman Saleh, College of Science, Topeka, Indiana

Communication with Students: The Scholarship Committee Chair requests the following information from the University Development Office: 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 April 30, 2023 is \$246,862, an increase of \$29,710 from the same time last year. The Book Value of the PURA POA in Honor of Martin C. and Patty Jischke is \$58449, an increase of \$3,605 from the same time last year. The Market Value of the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment is \$278,582 and the Market Value of the PURA POA in Honor of Martin C. and Patty Jischke is \$67,433.

The current Book Value totals do not reflect the Purdue Day of Giving April 26, 2023 donations as they have not been communicated from University Development.

Donors and Gifts: Thirty-three donors made contributions to the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment. Six of those were new donors. Six individuals contributed to the PURA POA in Honor of Martin C. and Patty Jischke Endowment.

The April 26, 2023, Purdue Day of Giving increased the PURA scholarship endowments by \$7,825 -- \$ 6,250 for the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment and \$1,575 for the PURA POA in Honor of Martin C. and Patty Jischke Endowment.

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

PURANews articles:

August 2022: Purdue Day of Giving Update and Thank You

December 2022: PURA Scholarships Awarded to Eight Indiana Students for Academic Year 2022-2023

March 2023: Purdue Day of Giving—Save the Date—April 26

April 2023: Reminder: Purdue Day of Giving on April 26

May 2023: Thank You PURA Members for Supporting Indiana Students On Purdue Day of Giving

Several mentions in the newsletters by President Jerry Day

Emails to PURA members:

December 2022: Year End Giving Request with direct link to Purdue for Life Foundation website for making donations

April 2023: Purdue Day of Giving Request with direct link to Purdue for Life Foundation website for making donations

Thank You notes and letters to donors from Scholarship Committee chair

Ornaments Continue: The Purdue themed ornaments, as well as special order, continue to be popular. From September 2022 to the Spring Annual Conference in April, 115 ornaments were sold putting \$1,150 in 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: Norm Long, Past President, Joanna Troutner, Olivia Wood

New Member: Jerry Day, Past President, Sue Hume Graham

Respectively Submitted

Melinda Bain

Committee Chair

May 21, 2023