

PURDUE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION 2022-2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

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Media Communications	Scott Ksander
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Scholarship	Melinda H. Bain

ANNUAL TRANSITION/KICKOFF MEETING: This year, 2023, the annual transition meeting will be held on June 7. It will be held in person at the St. Andrew Methodist Church, West Lafayette. This year, the meeting will facilitate us meeting in person and a lunch will be provided. We will recognize outgoing and new officers and committee members. A sharing of what the fall programs may be will be brainstormed and how they will be offered to the PURA retirees will be discussed. An overview of committee's plans for 2023 will be shared by the chairs of the committees. The passing of the PURA Key from outgoing president Jerry Day to incoming president Tom Robertson will occur.

AWARD RECIPIENTS:

Arthur G. Hansen Award: The College of Agriculture's Cooperative Extensions Services unit was recognized for their support of retirees.

Betty M. Nelson Special Recognition Award: David Caldwell, member of the PURA Annual Spring Conference Committee and Scott Ksander, Chair of the PURA Media Communications Committee were recognized for their outstanding efforts and work with PURA.

BENEFITS COMMITTEE: 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 remained unchanged at \$172.91 per month. The monthly premium for PURcare increased slightly from \$280.77 to \$290.97 (3.6% increase) . Utilization of these insurance plans is in excess of 2,600 members. A transition from Silver Sneakers to Renew Active was carefully planned and

successfully implemented. The distribution of renewed Parking Permits to University Retirees was coordinated with the University Parking Office.

An evaluation of the negotiations 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.

Timely articles and sharing of information regarding benefits were published in the PURA News and at the Spring Conference.

CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: Five events were offered in the 2022-2023 year. These programs were well attended and enriched our members. In June, PURA members toured the state-of-the-art Horticulture Greenhouses. In October, the newly completed Veterinary Hospitals were toured. In February, a tour of Hagle Hall, a new building on campus that serves as the home of Purdue Bands was toured. In March, two groups of PURA members toured the Purdue Reactor One, the small research nuclear reactor operated by the School of Nuclear Engineering. Our final tour in April was a tour of the Subaru of Indiana Automotive plant in Lafayette.

COMMUNICATIONS: Our *PURA News* is an excellent communication tool and has a variety of articles and news. Working with PRF's University Development Office, the Communications Committee finished transitioning the PURA newsletter to UDO's Salesforce system. The new software, Sales Force IT System is ADA compliant and *PURA News* is a web-based publication. Connie Bilyeu (committee member), Julie Kercher-Updike (webmaster) and UDO staff have made a number of changes to streamline newsletter formatting and processes, as we continue to preserve the characteristic look and feel of PURA's branding. In addition to timely articles, Jerry Day shared President's Notes; Scott Ksander shared monthly articles on technical issues, Karen Lembcke shared Road Trip ideas, and Sara Jane Coffman shared humorous tales. Campus Calendar and Mark Your Calendar of PURA events were a regular feature in PURA News. A summary of news article by month is detailed in the Communications Committee chair's report on the PURA website.

FINANCE: The Finance Committee with the Treasurer as Chair tracks and handles all finance, endowments and budget responsibilities of PURA . PURA was allocated \$17,000 from the Purdue University general fund to be used for organizational expenses. Expenses as of this date are: \$13,368.63. The Activities and Opportunities Endowment Account has a balance of \$61,865.63. The Retirement-Outside Agency Activities balance is \$48,282.29. The Purdue Opportunity Account – Martin and Patty Jischke Account which supports scholarships for Purdue students awarded \$1,750 to students. The final statement of the PURA finances will be available in July at the close of the fiscal year.

FLU SHOTS : Flu shots and wellness checks were offered to retirees on September 19, 23, and October 19 at the 2550 Northwestern building. Over the three-day period, 789 flu shots were given.

HISTORIAN: On- going review of the PURA Bylaws and Policies and Procedures Manual is conducted by the Executive Committee. Online versions of both documents are on the PURA website. A Historical Reference File was also added which summarizes major activities and recipients of awards annually. Each officer has also been asked to keep a notebook of the policies/ events and other pertinent information that can be passed on to the succeeding officer as transitions in office occur. Minutes,

agendas, PURA News, and other pertinent printed material is archived each year in the Purdue University Library Archives.

HOSPITALITY: In September 2022, the Committee welcomed retirees to the Courtyard by Marriott for the annual Kick-off Luncheon. In September and October, the Committee assisted the Center for Healthy Living as they offered flu shots and wellness checks for retirees over three days. On two of the days, the flu shots and wellness checks were available in the 2550 Northwestern building. On the third day, flu shots were offered as a drive thru event. In April, the Hospitality Committee helped support the Spring Annual Conference held at Beck Center. The Committee will help support the return of Spring Fling on campus in May.

KICKOFF LUNCHEON: The Kick-Off Luncheon was held in person on September 12 at the Courtyard Marriott in Lafayette. 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. Jeremy Slater, Vice President Capital Projects and Facilities – Purdue Research Foundation Diversity shared highlights about the Purdue Research Park. It was well attended and provided the continuity of information and purpose of PURA for its members.

MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS: Scott Ksander supported the Zoom meetings, conducted electronic surveys and ballots, and helped with electronic challenges at our meetings. The committee updates the PURA website. The committee works with the Purdue for Life Office to update the source for PURA email data, which will hopefully make PURA information available to a wider group of retirees. The committee manages email sent to PURA@purdue.edu. The committee reviewed the Eventbrite system for meeting reservations and RSVP's, but determined that the Eventbrite system did not mesh well with the Purdue for Life system at this time.

PROGRAMS: The pandemic has waned and PURA returned to in-person monthly meetings at the VFW. We retained Zoom for the monthly meetings and as a result, attendance with in person and Zoom is about the same as it was for Zoom only during the pandemic (about 60 participants). The quality and variety of the programs at PURA's monthly meetings during 2022-2023 have been excellent. Zoom meetings were held at 12:45 p.m. and attendance at the monthly meetings remained strong. Through Zoom, retirees who had moved away from the Purdue community were able to listen to presenters as well as PURA members who were out of town. The programs are being archived on the PURA website. A complete listing of PURA monthly programs is on the PURA website.

PURA ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE: The Annual Spring Conference was held on April 19, 2023 at Beck Agricultural Center. A breakfast and lunch were catered by Christo's restaurant. More than two hundred attendees and eighteen vendors attended the Conference. It was a refreshing return to a well-organized and informational in-person event. The program was well received and Mayor John Dennis's keynote presentation, "Life is Made Up of Unexpected Things!" is on the PURA website. Other presentations were Dr. Matthew Ward who discussed "Living with Chronic Pain", Dr. Jerry Lynch gave insight on "Securing Our Financial System with Retirees in Mind", a panel on "Mental Health for Seniors", and a panel of librarians from Purdue, West Lafayette Library, and Tippecanoe County Library shared "Library Services for Seniors".

PURA WEBSITE: www.purdue.edu/retirees Our website continues to grow in content as well as readership. The scope of the information provided about PURA programs, activities, benefits, health insurance, and short-term employment opportunities continues to expand. Our website also includes a photo gallery and houses archival information regarding PURA history as well as copies of current and past newsletters and annual reports. Links are provided to information about Purdue University cultural and athletic events as well as announcements regarding Purdue and community events and resources. PURA's Media Committee maintains our website, and it is updated at least monthly.

PRE-RETIREMENT MEETINGS: Members of PURA's Benefits Committee participated with staff from Purdue Human Resources in presenting "Road to Retirement" seminars for current employees. These continue to be popular, well-attended events.

RETIREE DEMOGRAPHICS: Currently, there are over 5,000 Purdue retirees, and they live around the world. About 4,000, however, reside in Indiana. Approximately half are faculty members or administrators and half are members of the clerical or service staffs.

RETIREE DIRECTORY: To facilitate communication among Purdue retirees and with former colleagues in the units where they worked, PURA and the University Development Office continue to explore ways that retiree directory information in the University's database can be made accessible through PURA's website.

RETIREE GIVING TO PURDUE: Purdue retirees continue to be generous givers. In a Listening Session with President Chiang, it was reported that since 2000, retirees have contributed \$184 million to support scholarships and other university initiatives. Many retirees continue to teach, advise graduate students, and volunteer for numerous university and community events.

RETIREE GIVING TO THE UNITED WAY OF GREATER LAFAYETTE: Purdue Retirees are very supportive of our community. For the tenth consecutive year, they contributed significantly to the annual campaign. This year \$193,926.15 was pledged to the local United Way annual campaign by retirees.

SCHOLARSHIP: Awards in excess of \$16,000 were made by the PURA scholarship endowments for the 2022-23 academic year to 8 Purdue students. \$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 Book Value of the PURA Student Scholarship Endowments 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 \$58,449, an increase of \$3,605 as of April 2023. The current Book Value does not reflect the 2023 Purdue Day of Giving donations at this time. Thirty-three donors have made contributions to the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment. Six donors contributed to the PURA POA in Honor of Martin C. and Patty Jischke Endowment. We appreciate the generosity of all donors and friends of PURA.

SPRING FLING: Spring Fling returned to campus this year on May 25, 2023.

TRIPS AND TOURS: Trips and Tours has been an inactive committee due to the pandemic.

OVERALL:

2022-2023 has been a year of excellent offerings and opportunities.

Due to the pandemic, some programs and offerings were modified and presented through Zoom. However, many of our monthly meetings were in person at the VFW. We all want to keep connected and to continue to develop relationships and offerings for our retirees. The annual reports written by our officers and committee chairs share even more about all that occurred. These are available electronically on PURA's website www.purdue.edu/retirees by clicking first on "Archives" then on "Recent Annual Reports." Hardcopies of these documents can be found in the PURA collection at the Purdue University Library Archives.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Hume Graham, Historian, Purdue University Retirees Association June 2023