AN OFFICIAL RETIREE OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY automatically becomes a member of the Purdue University Retirees Association (PURA). PURA offers many opportunities to participate in continuing education and social programs. It offers help in meeting the challenges of retirement and in sharing your views with others who have similar concerns. PURA also gives you the opportunity to see friends and colleagues and make new friends. There are no dues for all the advantages of membership.

PURA grew from a study by the President’s Advisory Council on Retirement, first appointed by President Arthur G. Hansen in the spring of 1976. Members of the association elect the executive board. About 40 members serve on committees that include benefits, campus/community activities, communications, endowment, hospitality, kickoff lunchbox, program, purposeful living in retirement, and trips and tours. The executive board provides leadership, programs and services for the association. Its primary purpose is to serve you, the retiree.

The PURA executive board and committees work to improve the status of, and opportunities for, retirees. Regular attention is given to medical insurance, financial planning, and other quality-of-life issues. The association also encourages volunteer opportunities on campus and in the community and keeps you informed of campus news. The continuing and primary goal of PURA is to help you enjoy a stimulating, involved, productive, and happy retirement.

We encourage you to make frequent use of the PURA website: www.purdue.edu/retirees.
RETIREE PRIVILEGES

Purdue University and its retirees have a mutually beneficial relationship. Retirees contribute financially to the University, are gainfully employed, and make financial donations. Retirees have contributed more than $1 billion annually over the last 10 years. In turn, the Office of the President has assisted PURA financially to help the University maintain a variety of privileges to official retirees.

The following list enumerates some of the privileges you may enjoy as a Purdue retiree. For additional information see www.purdue.edu/retirees.

Purdue Faculty/Staff Photo Identification Card: To cash pay and for your annual parking space, you can obtain a card at the Card Services Office, Room 118, Purdue Memorial Union. You must present a letter from Human Resources and photo identification, such as a driver's license. You can use car parks across computer services, recreational facilities, sports events, cultural events, University Libraries, coffee shop service and the Purdue discount programs offered by local businesses.

Discounts on Event Tickets: You may purchase tickets at staffs to attend concerts, lectures and athletic events. The discounts are applicable to you, your spouse and dependent children.

Staff Rates: You may enjoy University recreational facilities and golf courses at special reduced rates.

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Permits for parking facilities are available at the Visitor Information Center. If you are newly retired, you will need to provide a letter from Human Resources and current parking permit, if applicable. For information, call 765-494-9494.

Purdue University Libraries: You have access to the wide-ranging Purdue University Libraries' facilities.

Medical Plan Participation: You are eligible for optional participation in a University-supported medical plan (under age 65 for retirees/dependents) or Medicare supplemental plan (over age 65 or retirees/ dependents) at full cost.

Group Life Insurance: Retirees to age 65 can participate at cost in the group life insurance plan. Options exist to continue life insurance beyond age 65. Contact Human Resources at 765-494-2222 or 765-722-4627.

Use of the Purdue University Pharmacy: You will continue to have access to the University Pharmacy located in the Robert E. Hoine Pharmacy Building (RHPB), Room 118.

SERVICES AT THE NURSING CENTER FOR FAMILY HEALTH

During the academic year, you will have access to the health screenings and to services with a fee, such as physical exams, blood pressure monitoring, glucose screening and cholesterol tests. Additional information is available by calling the nursing center at 765-494-4341.

Wellness Resources: You can use your pay smoke eligibility for the Sun and various other services provided through the Wellness Center. Contact Human Resources at 765-494-5411 for additional information.

Purdue Discount Programs Offered Locally: You can take advantage of discounts for a variety of services and items. For more information, call 460-7307 or visit www.purdue.edu/caa/discount/Programs.

Computers: You can contact Staff IT for discounts on computers and peripherals from Apple, Dell, HP and others. To view a few of the latest computer models, stop by the StaffIT Shopping Vendor Showcase located at Stewart Center, Room 6-51, or call 765-494-4009.

Use of University Email and Data Network: You may access Purdue’s email free of charge. To set up your account, contact your Human Resources before you officially retire.

FEE PRIVILEGES

Noted faculty/staff, their spouses or the same co-terminated domestic partners, and their qualified children have the same privileges for class enrollment as current faculty/staff. Information about enrolling in classes is available through the Office of Admissions, 765-494-1776, and information about fees is available through the Office of the Bursar, 765-494-7370. Your Purdue ID will be required. Free tuition also is available for qualifying Indiana resident retirees age 60 and older through the Ivy Tech Community College Senior Scholar Programs. For details about taking classes for free, contact Ivy Tech admissions office at 765-269-5100.

Free Rides on CityBus: With your Purdue faculty/staff ID card, you can ride CityBus routes throughout the Lafayette–West Lafayette area, including the Campus Loop routes. CityBus schedules and maps are available at the Purdue Visitor Information Center in the Northwestern Avenue Parking Garage and at the CityBus office in the Big Four Depot Building between Lafayette and Northwestern Avenue.

Employee Assistance Program (EAP): EAP provides a free, confidential and professional service to help you and family members resolve personal problems. The office is located at the State Street Office Building (SSOF), 1691 W. State St., West Lafayette. For more information, call 765-494-7007.

RETIREE BENEFITS AND HEALTH INSURANCE

For detailed information concerning health insurance and other benefits, you should consult the PURA Web page or obtain a current copy of Retiree Benefits: Options for Purdue Retirees, by contacting Human Resources Services at 765-494-2222, 877-725-0222, or hr@purdue.edu.

RECOGNITION AWARDS

The Arthur E. Freehafer Recognition Award was created to annually recognize the efforts of University retirees (departments, divisions, sections, colleges, schools, etc.) that cultivate and maintain meaningful relationships with affiliated retirees. The nomination form is available on the PURA website or can be obtained from the Human Resources Service Center at First Street, 765-494-1779. Traditionally, a trophy accompanied by a $2,500 cash award from TIAA-CREF has been presented to the selected unit.

GIVING INVOLVED

PURA offers many opportunities for you to be engaged as a participant, or more actively by providing useful assistance and information through serving on one of the associate’s committees.

Benefits: Benefits is a key committee that works to study and improve retiree benefits and other programs.

Campus/Community Activities: Two to three times a semester the committee organizes events to visit with the University Libraries and community facilities for retirees and their guests. Generally, the group is free and participation and transportation is provided.

Communications: Develops publications such as the PURA Newsletter and PURA Retiree information, and maintains the website.

Endowment: Attracts funds to establish endowment projects that enrich the lives of PURA members (e.g., assistance development, family support, financial planning). Contact a member of the University Development Office for details about making gifts to the endowment.

Hospitality: Works to encourage retirees to participate in PURA activities and committee members often serve as guests.

Kickoff Luncheon: Plans the early fall semester luncheon that initiates the year’s activities during which key speakers update retiree offices on the University. The program replaces September’s monthly luncheon.

Program: Develops programs for meetings held at the MAC Conference in West Lafayette the first Monday of each month, except September. Luncheons begin at 11 a.m., and reservations are necessary. The program focuses on news, and speakers present on a wide range of topics. The goal is to maintain contact with members and provides programs that stimulate, inform, entertain and keep members in touch with Purdue and one another.

Presidential Living in Residence: Plans spring conference programs that engage retirees on a variety of topics.

Trips and Tours: Two to three times a semester this committee organizes tours for retirees and their guests to a variety of locations. These trips are most often arranged through local travel agencies. In contrast with programs organized by the Campus/Community Activities Committee, these trips tend to be of greater length and involve transportation such as transportation and admissions.

Volunteer Opportunities: The Volunteer Network (VNET) is available to students, staff and retirees. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, call 765-494-2453, see the website at www.purdue.edu/vnet, or visit Room 6–4 in Stewart Center.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 765-494-7707.