Purdue University Retiree Association
2012 – 2013 Annual Report

Sue Hiser, President

The Annual Transition Meeting was held on May 24, 2012 at Stewart Center and the Purdue Memorial Union, West Faculty Lounge. Reports of the past year’s activities were followed by planning sessions for the new year. The luncheon speaker was John C. Hertig, Director of the Alfred Mann Institute for Biomedical Development at Purdue. He spoke about several medical research projects and discoveries at Purdue and the process of commercializing these discoveries. The new officers were installed. Retiring members of committees were recognized and new committee members were welcomed.

The PURA officers for 2012 – 2013 are:
President, Suzanne (Sue) Hiser
Vice President and President-Elect, Robert (Bob) Bain
Secretary/Treasurer, Melinda Bain
Historian, Carolyn Jones
Past President, Chip Rutledge

The PURA standing committees and their chairpersons for 2012 – 2013 are:
Benefits, Don Gentry
Campus and Community Activities, Diane Stevenson
Communication, Jill May
Endowment, Betty Nelson
Hospitality, Jeris Eikenberry, John Miller
Kickoff Luncheon, Sarah Johnson, Ann Pickett
Program, Reuben Peterson, John Trott
Purposeful Living in Retirement, Scott Rumble
Trips and Tours, Jim Marciniak, Dan Collins

This has been a very good, active, productive, and successful year for PURA. Below are events and activities of the association that PURA participated in during the year.

Special Activities and Events

New retirees were welcomed into PURA by Sue Hiser, PURA President, on June 19 at the University Retirement Luncheon. Bob Bain, PURA Vice President, offered a moment of inspiration. Dr. France Córdova, Purdue University President, was the speaker. She thanked the retirees for their loyal service to the University and encouraged them to enjoy this new stage of their lives and to continue to serve in the community and at the University. The PURA President gave remarks about the joys and challenges of being retired and the benefits, activities and events sponsored by PURA. Each new retiree was given a framed certificate and received a special gift from Purdue at a later date.
In June Sue Hiser and Bob Bain represented PURA at a dinner and dance for departing Purdue President France Córdova. Prior to this event, Sue Hiser spoke for PURA at a special reception recognizing the contributions of President Córdova to Purdue University.

The Big 10 Retirees Association Conference was held at The Ohio State on August 3 - 5. Purdue was represented by Sue Hiser and Don Gentry, chairman of the PURA Benefits Committee. It was an interesting meeting on topics relevant to retiree associations: Enhancing Membership, Programming, Financial and University Support, and Effectively Communicating with Retirees. Don Gentry gave a short presentation about how PURA researches, negotiates, and selects health insurance for PURA members because of the interest of members of other Big 10 associations. Short presentations were given of best activities, events, or practices from the Big 10 associations. The 2013 conference will be held at the University of Michigan.

Sue Hiser and Bob Bain met with Anne Washburn, Director of the Purdue United Way Campaign, in May to determine the 2012 United Way goal for retirees, $90,000. They attended the Training Session in August. Retirees were encouraged to contribute to United Way at the monthly luncheons and by e-mail. Sue Hiser attended the Purdue United Way celebration at the close of the campaign. The total giving to United Way by retirees in 2012 was $100,945—13% over the goal.

The Annual Kickoff Luncheon was held September 10 at Four Points by Sheraton. The event was planned and organized by co-chairs, Sarah Johnson and Ann Picket and their committee. The event was enjoyed by a large number of retirees and special guests including Past President Steven Beering and Past President Martin Jischke and their wives and Acting President Tim Sands and his wife. The speaker for the luncheon was Dr. Sands who gave an excellent and enlightening presentation about the state of the university during this transitional year, several special projects on campus, and thoughts on the possibility of a three semester school year in the future. The Betty M. Nelson Recognition Award was presented to Katherine (Kate) LaMar, our health insurance liaison who has been the Purdue face and voice of the Purdue retiree health plans for the past 8 years. She has worked with providers and the PURA Benefits Committee to provide the best possible plans and with retirees and their families to educate them about their medical plan options. The winner of the Arthur G. Hansen Award, the Department of Nutrition Science in the College of Human and Health Sciences, was also recognized. The award is given to a university unit that excels in fostering a strong relationship between Purdue and the unit’s retirees. The generous financial support of this award by TIAA-CREF is much appreciated.

After learning that Purdue would no longer publish a printed directory, the Executive Board decided that the possibility of having a printed retiree directory should be pursued. Betty Nelson, who has extensive knowledge of PURA’s history, and Sue Hiser met with Vice President of Human Resources, Luis Lewin, to explain the need for a printed directory and the contributions of retirees to the University. His support and direction in making the Purdue Retirees Directory a reality is greatly appreciated. In February over 4000 Purdue Retiree Directories were mailed to PURA members. We are grateful for the generous support of Vice President Lewin and Richard Rodner of the Office of Development that provided funds for the development and printing of the directory and the assistance of all who contributed to the
directory. The Purdue Federal Credit Union provided $3000 toward the mailing expenses. Additional funds were drawn from the PURA account.

The officers and committee chairs were asked to review, revise, and update their sections of the PURA Procedures and Policies Manual. Carolyn Jones, Historian, chaired this rather tedious project and collected and reviewed all the sections with Sue Hiser. Many thanks to everyone for helping with this project and special thanks to Carolyn Jones, Michele Salla, and her student assistant, who typed, printed, and proof read the material. The revised sections were distributed to the Executive Board at the May meeting.

All University volunteers per University policy were required to complete a Volunteer Registration form for permission to conduct a criminal and sex offender background check. Thanks to Michele Salla for collecting the forms and checking the backgrounds in a very efficient and positive manner.

Teresa Wesner, Acting Director of Human Resources Service Center, explained at an Executive Board meeting how the Center for Healthy Living will impact Purdue retirees. Only active employees and retirees with Cigna health insurance plans are eligible to use the Center. Flu shot clinics will still be available to retirees and their spouses. Other programs and publications that had been offered by Work Life are no longer available. The members of the Executive Board expressed their concern that retirees were not represented in the discussions and decisions and expressed their hope that retiree use of the Center be considered in the future.

The Purposeful Living in Retirement conference was held on April 24 at Four Points by Sheraton. This event was very ably chaired by Scott Rumble. The committee planned an excellent program with speakers on a variety of topics of interest to retirees—hearing aid technology, improving balance, medications, beyond the will. John Norberg gave an interesting and fun talk on *Is 65 the new 18...and other musings*. More than thirty vendors provided information about their services and products. Many vendors gave very nice door prizes. The capacity crowd was very pleased with and appreciative of this event.

On May 14, Bob Bain, Betty Nelson, and Sue Hiser will meet with Purdue President Mitch Daniels to discuss an important group in the Purdue family, the Purdue retirees. PURA’s activities and events and the contributions and service of retirees to Purdue and the community will be highlighted. The support of the Office of the President, the Office of the Vice President of Human Resources, and the Office of Development is deeply appreciated. Areas of concern will be addressed such as the need for a high level administrator to be the PURA advisor to inform the PURA Executive Board about issues and changes happening at the University that impact students, faculty and staff and retirees.

The Arthur G. Hansen Award will be awarded at the University Retirement Luncheon on June 27, 2013 to the Department of Biochemistry for their inclusion of retirees in activities and events of the department. In October the information sheet and nomination form were revised to allow the material to be sent by e-mail. A letter from Acting President Tim Sands, a letter from Sue Hiser, PURA President, the information sheet, and nomination form were e-mailed to deans,
department heads, and development officers. Retirees were encouraged to submit nominations. Two nominations were submitted.

Retirees have been exceptionally generous in providing gifts to the University amounting to $5,143,522 in fiscal year 2012 and $4,412,183 for this fiscal year to March 31, 2013, according to the report provided by Bob Ford, Development.

Executive Board

The PURA Executive Board consists of the officers and the committee chairpersons. The Executive Board meets on a monthly basis to discuss the various activities of PURA. Many thanks to Bob Bain who has been a supportive and helpful vice president, to Melinda Bain who provided accurate treasurer’s reports and minutes, and to Carolyn Jones, Historian, who gathered materials for inclusion in the PURA archives and coordinated the revision of the Procedures and Policy Manual.

University Support

The financial support of the University that allows PURA to provide the activities, events, and benefits to retirees is very much appreciated. Our University advisor was Lisa Calvert, Vice President for Development and Robert Ford, Director of President’s Council. Bob Ford attended our monthly Executive Board meetings and shared information about the Council and Development. It is helpful to know how the retirees are contributing to the University and his thoughtful comments are appreciated. Teresa Wesner, Acting Director of Human Resources Service Center (HRSC), provided updates on changes in Human Resources and in benefits that affect retirees. We are most grateful for their interest and support of PURA.

PURA benefits greatly from the support and help given by Michele Salla, Assistant, HRSC, who provides immeasurable administrative support to PURA officers and chairpersons. Her cheerful and helpful manner and extensive knowledge of PURA and Purdue make her a valued member of the PURA team. Michele attends meetings, helps with correspondents, answers questions, and solves numerous problems. She is also the person who answers phone calls for PURA. Kate LaMar, Benefits, HR, and retiree liaison for medical insurance provides tremendous support to the PURA Benefits Committee, answers the many questions of new and continuing retirees about health insurance, and monitors benefits provided to retirees. She is a critical liaison with the University—other administrators, University Senate committees, health and service vendors, and consultants.

Committees

The details of specific events and activities will be described in the various committee reports.

The Benefits Committee, chaired by Don Gentry, after reviewing other insurance plans worked diligently with UnitedHealthCare and the consultant to provide an excellent health insurance supplement plan and a Medicare Advantage plan for Purdue retirees. Over 2200 retirees enroll
PURA values the efforts of all the members of this committee that researches and negotiates with health insurance providers to provide the best plan for the retirees. The efforts of members who represent PURA on University Committees are also appreciated.

The Campus and Community Activities Committee, chaired by Diane Stevenson, provided several very interesting tours this year. The tour of the Córdova Recreational Sports Center was especially well attended and appreciated by the retirees.

Jill May is chairperson of the very effective Communications Committee. The PURA Newsletter provides interesting and informative articles about PURA and the University that are important to retirees. The PURA website was revised and updated this year and is easy to use. It provides up-to-date articles, a variety of PURA information, and links to the University. The change in the link to Benefits has been very helpful. Kim Delker, Media Specialist from Marketing and Media has been very helpful.

The Endowment Committee, chaired by Betty Nelson, is a good steward of two endowments--the PURA Activities and Opportunities Fund and the Martin and Patty Jischke Purdue Opportunity Award. The first scholarship was awarded to a student this year.

PURA is grateful for Jeris Eikenberry and John Miller, co-chairs of the Hospitality Committee, and the committee members for meeting and greeting at the MCL luncheons, the Fall Kickoff Luncheon, the Purposeful Living in Retirement conference, Spring Fling and at other events and activities. The committee also is instrumental in providing new ideas to serve our retirees.

The Program Committee, chaired by Reuben Peterson and John Trott, has provided excellent, interesting programs at each of the monthly luncheons. Each member of the committee is responsible for hosting one of the monthly lunches. The lunches are well attended by retirees. Many times the room at MCL is at capacity.

A special thank you is given to Jeris Eikenberry and Roy Johnson who generously give of their talents to lead the retirees in music appropriate to the program at our monthly luncheon meetings.

The Purposeful Living in Retirement Committee, chaired by Scott Rumble, provided a very excellent conference this spring. The committee was very effective in selecting good presenters with interesting information and having many vendors with services or products for retirees. The committee is very grateful for the support of Kirk Milburn, Sarah Lewis, and Kenneth Ferraro.

The Trips and Tours Committee, chaired by Jim Marciniak and Dan Collins, arranged several trips and special events for the retirees this year. Everyone enjoyed the evening at the Monon Theater and look forward to meeting friends at Pappy’s in May and the garden tour near Elkhart in June.

The Nominating Committee that selected the slate of officers for 2013 - 2014 was chaired by Chip Rutledge, Past President. The committee selected Dan Collins as Vice President and President-Elect. The slate was presented and approved at the PURA Annual Meeting on April 1, 2013.
The Officers for 2013 – 2014

President – Robert Bain
Vice President – Dan Collins
Secretary/Treasurer – Melinda Bain
Historian – Carolyn Jones
Past President – Sue Hiser

These officers will assume office at the Annual Transition Meeting on May 22, 2013.

As PURA President, I am very grateful for the support of the Purdue administration and the dedication of the PURA officers and committee chairs, committee members, and our retirees. I also received much appreciated encouragement, support, and wisdom from PURA Past Presidents Betty Nelson, Scott Rumble, Chris Johannsen, Chip Rutledge, and Lois Wark. Bob Bain, PURA Vice President, was very helpful throughout the year and always gave good counsel and good stories. I am especially thankful for the tremendous support of Michele Salla, Kate LaMar and Teresa Wesner from Human Resources.

PURA is as strong as it members and its leaders. It is because of you, the officers and committee chairs and members, that we have had so many excellent programs, activities and events. Your enthusiasm and interest and the sharing of your talents and experience has helped make this year a success. I thank each of you for your many contributions. You have made PURA the great organization that it is. It has been an honor to serve as your president. Thank you for the opportunity to work with you and to serve our Purdue retirees.
Annual Planning/Transition Meeting - The Benefits Committee began its year at the Annual Planning/Transition Meeting held in May of 2012. Several goals for the year were established. These included: 1) Negotiate renewal of health insurance plans for 2013. 2) Continue the excellent service to health insurance members through the Benefits Committee and the staff of Purdue Human Resources. 3) Continue to build strong leadership for the committee and target adding a member from clerical and service staff retirees. 4) Maintain communications with Purdue Human Resources. 5) Review three to four possible vendors of Health Insurance to inform members of options. 6) Monitor the development of a statewide network by IU Health for possible future benefit to our members. 7) Implement the communications plans developed by a special committee the previous year by populating the PURA web-page with all Benefits and Health Insurance information. 8) Actively market and provide information to pre-retirees on health insurance options. 9) Involve a health care consultant and Purdue Human Resources in the renewal of health insurance plans for 2013 and in the preparation for bidding or renewal of plans. 10) Monitor state and federal actions on health care that could impact our members.

Major Accomplishments of Committee for 2012-2013
The Benefits Committee of the Purdue University Retirees Association accomplished several major goals for 2012-2013.

1) Renewal of Health Insurance Plans The committee spent several months in the renewal process for the PURcare Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage PPO Health Insurance Plans with UnitedHealthcare for 2013. After reviewing the options offered by four major health insurance providers, the committee decided that UHC provided the best plans for our members. These two plans cover the health insurance needs for over 2,500 Purdue Retirees. The greatest accomplish was the renewal of the PURcare plan for a premium lower than 2012.

2) Communications After renewal, the committee provided many communications opportunities to retirees through the form of mailings and informational meetings on the new plans. After this was accomplished the committee turned its attention to the up-dating the Benefits and Health Insurance page on the PURA web page. By the end of the year all current information needed for members about Benefits and Health Insurance was on this web page. This was accomplished with the cooperation of the PURA Communications Committee.
3) **Vision Care Claims Processing**  With the growing number of members having difficulty getting vision claims processed by UnitedHealthcare, the committee detailed the concerns with UHC and met with them to find an improved process. UHC responded with a total up-date of their business process that included many check points. By the end of the year, claims processing was greatly improved and continues in 2013. The Benefits Committee plans to monitor this issue for the first several months of 2013 and will be prepared to make any necessary changes in the plan for 2014 as needed.

**University Funded Health Care Consultant and PU Human Resources Support**

As in the past, Purdue University has provided the financial resources for PURA to hire an outside consultant to assist the committee in negotiating the plans with United Healthcare. The committee greatly appreciates the University’s support on behalf of Purdue Retirees.

Renewal negotiations were accomplished with the great assistance of the Aon Hewitt Company and their representative, Laurie Cooper; the Human Resources Services staff working with members of the benefits committee.

The Purdue Human Resources Services Benefits staff continued outstanding customer service throughout the year helping our members negotiate the sometimes-difficult issues that can arise. We really rely on the assistance of Kate LaMar, the full-time staff person in HRS working with retirees, supported by funds provided through the retiree health insurance premiums. We continue to receive outstanding service from Michele Salla for secretarial support.

The Chair of the Benefits Committee joined representatives of UHC and Purdue Human Resources for informational sessions for changes in the 2013 plans for participants as well as letters were sent to each participant outlining the changes in the plans.

**Relationship between PURA and University Committees**

A member of the PURA Benefits committee, Cliff Swensen, serves on the University Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee to assure participation and coordination between University plans and the needs of retirees and Lanny Wilson served on the Parking and Traffic Committee. Lanny has decided to step down from this assignment after many years of service on this committee and Larry Pherson has agreed to represent retirees on this very important committee.

**Healthy Purdue**

All retirees continue to be advised of immunizations and other accessible health care that is available to them. There is a website devoted to resources available to both active employees and retirees [www.purdue.edu/worklife](http://www.purdue.edu/worklife). In the coming year, many services will be provided to retirees through the new center opened by Purdue in Purdue West.

**Pre-retiree Informational Sessions**

PURA leadership joined the staff of Human Resource Services in presenting information to active employees concerning retirement planning. These sessions were well attended and well received.

**Big Ten Retirees Meeting**

The Chair of the Benefits Committee along with the President of PURA attended the annual Big Ten Retirees meeting held at the Ohio State University. It was very informative to compare the retiree medical and other benefits provided by each Big Ten Institution as well as to explore the
kind of retiree programs offered to retirees at each institution. Many institutions expressed interest in how PURA provides Health Insurance options for our members.

**Our Continuing Goal:**
No activity or service of PURA is more important to Purdue University Retirees than the continuing availability of reliable, dependable and affordable health insurance options; this is the continuing goal of the PURA Benefits Committee.

Submitted by:
Don K. Gentry, Chair
PURA Benefits Committee-April 30, 2013
Campus and Community Activities Committee 2012-2013

Members of the Committee: Diane Stevenson (chair), Shay Kohne, Dick Nelson, Suzanne Topping

New member May 2013: Sue Hiser

Marriott and Hadley Halls
May 10, 2012    44 attendees

Columbian Park Zoo
September 6, 2012   26 attendees

Indiana University School of Medicine-Lafayette, Lynn Hall
October 9, 2012    24 attendees

France A. Córdova Recreational Sports Center (CoRec)
March 11, 2013 over 100 attendees

A tour of the art collection at Ivy Tech is scheduled for May 11, 2013

Each member of the committee planned an event, wrote an article for newsletter that the chairman submitted for the newsletter and posting on the PURA website.

Michele Salla did an outstanding job coordinating the sign up for each event.
PURA Communications Committee

Committee members:

Who Is Responsible for Information Printed in the Newsletter?
Jill May, as committee chairperson, is responsible for all final copy and its placement in the newsletter and on the web.

Kim Delker, as the Purdue University contact person, takes all copy from Jill and follows it through to page-proofs. At that time, she turns copy over to Jill and Karen for final review and then submits it for printing and distribution. Kim is directly responsible for the final stages at Purdue University.

Sam Conner is the “point man” for each newsletter issue. He works directly with the PURA committees chairs or their designated member, gathering copy and checking it for grammar and spelling errors. Once he has gathered the materials for the newsletter, he submits it to Jill.

Karen Lembcke is the newsletter proofreader. She reads the final mock-up copy with Jill, checking for typos or misprints from the final copy submitted to Kim Delker.

JoAnn Thomas is the column editor for “Those Were the Days” and “PURA Member Awards.” She solicits articles, edits and proofreads them, and sends them to Jill for final approval. She is also responsible for getting photos for these columns.

Who Is Responsible for Information on the PURA Web Page?
Bill Evers and Jim McCammack are PURA’s web masters. Bill places all copy on the web July–December; Jim is responsible for postings January–June. Copy for the web should be submitted to Jill for approval and placement. She contacts the acting web master each week with any updates she has received, suggesting what to remove from the front page and post in other places, to simply remove, or to add.

What Did the Communications Committee Accomplish This Year?
This year PURA members have received four newsletters. A great deal of the work has fit within our committee assignments, and Sam, JoAnn, Karen, and Kim have been responsible for the success of the newsletters. Also important for the newsletter’s publication has been the timely and succinct articles that have come from PURA committees. Photos, whenever possible, were submitted by Ted Luce. Sometimes members from the respective committees also submitted photos. JoAnn has agreed to help with photographs for the Monday luncheons since
Ted has another commitment at that time.

Web masters Bill Evers and Jim have worked with ITAP to solidify the page formats for all the PURA tabs. They both were given learning sessions on maintaining the web page. It now holds timely information about events and PURA health insurance/benefits.

**What Will the Communications Committee Change in 2013–2014?**

Our “work structure” will remain the same next year, and we expect to release four newsletters in a timely fashion. In addition, Jill, Jim and Bill will collaboratively look at the web page for ways to streamline information, eliminate content overlap and make the web easier to access for information concerning upcoming events. The PURA president’s welcoming message, a calendar of events, and the need to archive past newsletters will also be considered.

Newsletter dates for 2013–2014:

**Summer 2013.** Stories should be given to Sam by May 15. Jill’s submissions should get to Kim by May 22. The newsletter should be mailed by June 20th.

- The issue will include regular columns and information about upcoming events;
- an announcement of the Arthur Hanson award winners; names of new officers and committee members and chairs; the 2013–2014 president’s welcoming message;
- information about the Kick-off Luncheon; an article about the Purposeful Living event (hopefully with pictures).

**Fall 2013.** Stories should be given to Sam by September 6. Jill’s submissions should get to Kim by September 20. The newsletter should be mailed by October 31st.

- The issue will include regular columns and information about upcoming events;
- an announcement of the Betty Hanson award; information about benefits program changes and signing up for this year; information about the process of the Hanson award submissions; an article about the Kickoff Luncheon with pictures.

**Winter 2014.** Stories should be given to Sam by December 6. Jill’s submissions should get to Kim by December 20. The newsletter should be mailed by January 17.

- The issue will include regular columns and information about upcoming events;
- an announcement of the Purposeful Living conference; information about benefits program changes; information about Spring Fling; an article about PURA’s contribution to the Purdue drive for United Way.

**Spring 2014.** Stories should be given to Sam by March 14. Jill’s submissions should get to Kim by March 21. The newsletter should be mailed by April 18.

- The issue will include regular columns and information about upcoming events;
- information about benefits program changes; information about the the fall kickoff luncheon; registration for Spring Fling.
HISTORY OF THE ENDOWMENT

The PURA By-Laws approved August 5, 2002, acknowledged the Association’s authority to establish a Standing Committee related to an endowment and included details about the appointment of the committee’s chair, the selection of its members, and the tenure of those members.

The original committee that established the characteristics of the PURA Activities and Opportunities Fund included Ken Burns, EVP&T; William Griggs, Purdue Research Foundation; Pat Lawson, School of Agriculture; Betty Suddarth, Registrar; and Betty M. Nelson, Dean of Students. Endowment Management (from College and University Business Administration, fifth edition, NACUBO-C&UBA) provided the reference material used in creating the parameters of the PURA endowment.

The basic understandings of the PURA Activities and Opportunities Fund included:

- The endowment fund is a True Endowment with Restricted Earnings.
- This endowment fund is expected to continue in perpetuity
- The income is to be used for the general good of Purdue retirees for activities such as:
  - Programs related to health matters,
  - Educational opportunities, or
  - Targeted fellowship activities as might be related to new retirees
- In general, the income is not to be used for purposes that benefit individual retirees.

The Endowment Agreement Establishing the Activities and Opportunities Fund for the Purdue University Retirees Association was made official on September 13, 2007, when the document was signed by:

Betty M. Suddarth, PURA President,
Murray M. Blackwelder, Senior Vice President for Advancement, and
Gordon D. Chavers, General Counsel

SOURCE OF FUNDS

PacifiCare/United HealthCare, the provider of the Senior Supplement Plan for the Purdue retirees, had an unmet performance guarantee several years. As a result, PC/UHC returned to PURA a portion of our payments:

- For 2006 paid on 10/01/07 $55,000
- For 2007 paid around 11/08 $25,000
- For 2008 check dated 3/25/11 $40,000
- For 2009 check dated 3/23/11 $16,000
TOTAL $136,000

All of these funds have been deposited in the PURA A&O Fund.
2011-2012 RECOMMENDATIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION IN 2012-2013

- The Endowment brochure was distributed again at the 2012 Kickoff Luncheon.
- A separate flyer about the Jischke Purdue Opportunity Award (POA) was distributed at the Kickoff Luncheon and at an MCL Lunch Meeting.
- Periodic announcements about the endowment have been made at the monthly PURA meetings.
- It was agreed that the best publicity for attracting new donor funds will be the actual beneficial use of some part of the income from the endowment. As the income from the endowment grew during the year, there were conversations with department heads informing them of PURA’s capacity to partner financially on projects related to aging; considerable interest was expressed but no request has surfaced to date.

PURDUE OPPORTUNITY AWARD IN HONOR OF MARTIN AND PATTY JISCHKE

With the completion of the $20,000 scholarship contract through the contributions of members of PURA and the additional $5,000 gift from Fidelity, the Jischke POA had sufficient funds to generate a small amount of income to contribute to a scholarship for a high-need student. The first award was made for the 2012-13 academic year to Michael McCormick, a first-year student in ENGR from Colfax, IN.

SUMMARY UPDATE OF PURA A&O FUND AND PURA JISCHKE POA

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PURDUE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION
2012-2013
YEAR IN REVIEW

Officers and Advisor:

President                           E. Suzanne Hiser
Vice President                     Robert W. Bain
Secretary/Treasurer                 Melinda H. Bain
Historian                          Carolyn T. Jones
Past President                     Charles O. Rutledge
Advisor                            Robert A. Ford

Committee Chairs:

Benefits                           Don K. Gentry
Campus and Community               Diane E Stevenson
Communication                      Jill P. May
Endowment                          Betty M. Nelson
Hospitality                        Jeris G. Eikenberry and John D. Miller
Kickoff Luncheon                   Sarah A. Johnson and Ann C. Pickett
Program                            Reuben Peterson and John O. Trott
Retiree Seminar                    W. Scott Rumble
Trips and Tours                    Dan E. Collins and James R. Marciniak

Activities:

Annual Transition Meeting:
Considerable planning was done by each of the committees for the coming year at the annual transition meeting on May 22, 2013. Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs Dale Whittaker was the luncheon speaker, and outgoing president Sue Hiser passed the PURA Key to incoming president Bob Bain.

Award Recipients:

Arthur G. Hansen Recognition Award:
The Department of Nutrition Science received the 2012 Hansen Award. Honored for its accomplishments in cultivating and maintaining meaningful relationships with its retirees, Nutrition Science received a $2500 check from TIAA/CREF to be used for further strengthening its ties with its retirees.

Betty M. Nelson Special Recognition Award:
The 2012 Nelson Award for providing outstanding service to a broad range of retirees was presented to Kate LaMar, Benefits Customer Service Administrator and insurance liaison for PURA. Kate has been the Purdue face and voice for retiree health plans the past eight years. She is the go-to-person for retiree health benefit issues and works tirelessly with providers, insured retirees, and PURA to ensure that every benefit included in the contract is delivered accurately and in a timely manner.
Benefits:

UnitedHealthCare was selected by the PURA Benefits Committee as the University’s Senior Supplement health insurance provider for 2013. Both plans offered (PURcare and Medicare Advantage PPO) are elective and now cover over 2500 Purdue retirees. Even though health insurance rates continue to increase nationally, the premium negotiated for the PURcare plan in 2013 is lower than it was in 2012! Other benefits the University makes available to official Purdue retirees include free “A” parking permits and flu shots, staff discounts on tickets, access to the Purdue Pharmacy and services at the Nursing Center for Family Health, staff discounts on computers and peripherals, free rides on City Bus, access to the facilities and services of the Purdue Libraries, eligibility to retain Purdue e-mail accounts or to apply to activate one, and an opportunity to enroll in Purdue classes at current faculty/staff rates.

Big Ten Retirees Conference:

Sue Hiser and Don Gentry represented Purdue at this conference in August, 2012 at Ohio State. Subsequently, at least four other Big Ten retiree organizations have sought information about how Purdue handles our retiree health insurance. Several also have asked for information about our website.

Calendar of Events:

PURA events continue to be placed on the University calendar, and they also can be accessed through a link on the PURA web page.

Campus and Community Tours:

During the summer and fall, 94 retirees enjoyed tours of Marriott and Hanley Halls, Columbian Park Zoo, and the Indiana University School of Medicine—Lafayette. In March, over 100 toured the France A. Córdova Recreational Sports Center. Another group visited Ivy Tech to see the Indiana artists exhibit in May.

Endowments:

The PURA Activities and Opportunity Fund was established through the Purdue Foundation with monies received between 2006 and 2009 from PacifiCare/United HealthCare, the provider of the Senior Supplement Plan for Purdue retirees, for unmet performance guarantees. Income from this fund is to be used for the general good of Purdue retirees for activities such as programs related to health matters, educational opportunities, or targeted fellowship activities as might be related to new retirees. In general, income is not to be used to benefit individual retirees. Book value of this fund on 12/31/12 was $136,000. Market value on that date was $132,712.44. No grants were awarded in 2012.

For the first time since inception, the PURA Opportunity Award in Honor of Martin and Patty Jischke had sufficient funds to generate a small amount of income to contribute to a scholarship for a high-need student. Michael McCormick, a first-year student in the College of Engineering from Colfax, Indiana, is the initial recipient.
Kickoff Luncheon:

256 Purdue retirees and friends attended the annual luncheon at Four Points by Sheraton on September 10, 2012. Acting President Tim Sands, the featured speaker, provided an update on recent campus news and events as well as a look at the upcoming transition to a new administration. More than 55 lucky attendees received door prizes collectively valued in excess of $2000 that were donated by 29 vendors.

Newsletter and Website:

Four eight-page newsletters continue to be published and mailed to Purdue retirees annually. The PURA website (www.purdue.edu/retirees) was redesigned to make resources easier to find, and complete information about health benefits and insurance, including answers to frequently asked questions, was added.

Pre-Retirement Meetings:

PURA leadership joined the staff in Human Resource Services in presenting information to active employees regarding retirement planning. Sue Hiser spoke on “Transition from Work to Retirement...Things I Wish I Had Thought About.” All four sessions were well attended and well received.

PURA Procedures and Policies Manual:

This reference book, which is used as a guide for much of the work of PURA, was completely revised and updated in 2013.

Programs:

Speakers on topics ranging from the new Córdova Recreational Sports Center to Cancer Research and from the Global Women’s Health Initiative to a View from the Statehouse brought an average of about 100 retirees to MCL each month for PURA’s luncheon meetings. A complete list of programs and speakers is on file in the University Archives.

Purdue Retiree Directory:

At the request of PURA, the University published a Retirees Directory in 2013. This 160 page book contains the name, address, phone number, e-mail address, and former department of each retiree from all Purdue campuses. The offices of Human Resources, Development, and Market and Media at West Lafayette made printing this directory possible. Purdue Federal Credit Union with help from PURA underwrote the cost of mailing it to each retiree.

Retirees’ Giving to Purdue:

Purdue retirees continue to be exceptionally generous in providing gifts to the University. $5,143,522 was given in FY 2012. Through March 31, 2013, $4,412,183 has been contributed thus far in FY 2013.
Retiree Information Brochure:

This new brochure which features information about retiree privileges, health insurance, recognition awards, volunteer opportunities, getting involved in PURA, and important phone numbers has been well received both by retirees and those planning for retirement.

Retiree Seminar:

275 attendees and 33 exhibitors participated in PURA’s Purposeful Living in Retirement Conference on April 24, 2013. Topics covered included Enhancing Lifestyles Through Emerging Hearing Aid Technology, Improving Balance and Mobility in Later Life, Another Dose of Medications, Looking Beyond the Will, and a humorous presentation by John Norberg – “Is 65 the new 18?...and other musings.”

Spring Fling:

The Purdue Retiree Information Brochure along with 2500 green bags provided by Fidelity were distributed by PURA volunteers at the University’s annual Spring Fling on May 23, 2013. Many other retirees returned to campus not only to see former colleagues but also to help distribute food and assist with the various contests and games.

Trips and Tours:

PURA members and friends enjoyed A Tribute to Frank Sinatra presented by Civic Theater in Lafayette as well as an evening of reminiscing, dining, and dancing to music from the 40’s, 50s, and 60’s at Pappy’s Sweet Shop in the Union. A master-gardener guided tour of five formal gardens near Elkhart will take place in June.

United Way:

Purdue retirees continue to be generous Pacesetters. Contributing $100,945 to the 2012 campaign, they exceeded their goal by 13%!

Comprehensive reports regarding PURA activities and accomplishments during the year, June 2012 through May 2013, are filed in the Purdue University Library Archives and Special Collections. A guide to the PURA records can be assessed on the library’s website at http://www.lib.purdue.edu/spcol. The direct link to the inventory from that website is http://www.lib.purdue.edu/spcol/fa/pdf/pura.pdf.

May 2013
Carolyn T. Jones, Historian
Committee Members: Gayle Archer, Jane Brown, Gail Carlton, Doris Cox-Peterson, Eldon Fredericks, Deanna Johns, Dorothy Jones, Lyle Lloyd, John Moser, Hubert Schmieder, Co-Chair John Miller, and Co-chair Jeris Eikenberry

Mission: The mission of the committee is to encourage retirees from all sectors of the University to participate in PURA's on-going activities. The committee seeks to improve communication to retirees and pre-retirees about the value and usefulness of PURA's benefits and programing. The committee also provides detailed discussion of new ideas and concepts that might further improve PURA's programing and services to the post-retirement Purdue community.

Activities for the 2012-2013 year

Members served as greeters and welcomed participants in such activities as:
- monthly luncheons at MCL on the first Monday of each month
- decorated tables for luncheons during holidays
- the annual kick-off luncheon in September
- the various venues for receiving flu-shots in October and November
- handed out literature and bags provided by Fidelity at the annual Purdue Spring Fling
- Served as greeters at the “Purposeful Living in Retirement” Seminar in April.

Projects during 2012-2013 Year
- worked with the Programs Committee on MCL monthly meeting room set-ups
- Reviewed the Hospitality Committee section of the Procedures Manual
- Reviewed the PURA web page

Discussion Items during the “brain storm” sessions during committee meetings
- the issue of having a retiree phone book
- the difficulties in obtaining nominees for the Hansen Award
- the effectiveness of greeting function at the flu shot venues
- the effect of the new worklife programs on retirees
- working with TIAA-CREF and other approved vendors, as well as Fidelity

In addition to the above, the Co-Chairs serve as a member of the PURA Board of Directors and serve as the PURA representative on the University-wide Spring Fling Committee.

The Co-Chairs wish to thank all the committee members for their good attendance and unselfish committee work during the year. A special thanks to Gayle Archer who took notes during the meetings and to Doris Cox-Peterson who arranged our meeting place at University Place during the year.

John Miller, Co-Chair
Jeris Eikenberry, Co-Chair
Purdue University Retirees Association  
Kickoff Luncheon Committee  
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Committee Members  
Sarah Johnson, Co-Chair  
Ann Pickett, Co-Chair  
Elizabeth Arvidson  
Mike Drayer  
Jeanie Kallust  
Sue Robinson  
Sue Hiser, PURA President, ex-officio  
Bob Bain, PURA Vice President, ex-officio  

Purpose  
The Kickoff Luncheon celebrates the start of the program year for PURA. It provides an opportunity for retirees to hear about the “State of the University” from a University administrator and a chance to reconnect with friends and former colleagues.  

2012 Luncheon  
The 2012 Luncheon was held on September 10 at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel (formerly University Plaza Hotel). There were 267 reservations; 256 people attended. Acting President Tim Sands was the speaker. The Betty M. Nelson Award was presented to Kate LaMar. The Arthur G. Hansen Award, given to a department or unit that works closely with its retirees, was presented to the Department of Nutrition Science in the College of Health and Human Sciences.  

A popular aspect of the luncheon is the array of door prizes given throughout the meal. More than 55 attendees received prizes donated by 29 vendors with a collective value in excess of $2000.  

Sue Robinson will be leaving the committee this year after serving loyally for 8 years. We welcome Karen Ferry and Katherine Markee as new members of the committee.
Committee Members

Reuben Peterson, co-chair; John Trott, co-chair; Ken Coleman; Ann Hunt; Don Jones; Dale Margerum; Eldon Ortman; Doug Sprenkle; Sue Scholer; Betty Suddarth; Olivia Wood; Marilyn Ziemer

New 2013-2014 committee members: Lyle Lloyd and Sue Topping

The members of the committee are to be thanked for their fine work in suggesting a variety of topics and speakers for the 2012-2013 luncheons. The members of the committee are also owed special thanks for volunteering to be a coordinator for one of the luncheons.

A total of 11 luncheons were scheduled at the MCL on the first Monday of the month. The following is a list of topics, speakers, and coordinators for the 2012-2013 PURA luncheon programs:

Oct. 1  Topic: New Recreational Sports Facility  
Speaker: Mitch Nettesheim  
Coordinator: Reuben Peterson

Nov. 5  Topic: Brain Injuries in High School Football Players  
Speaker: Larry Leverenz  
Coordinator: Ken Coleman

Dec. 3  Topic: Global Women’s Health Initiative  
Speaker: Connie Weaver  
Coordinator: Olivia Wood

Jan. 7  Topic: Oakland School  
Speaker: Clare Lutgen  
Coordinator: Ann Hunt

Feb. 4  Topic: Cancer Research  
Speaker: Phil Low  
Coordinator: Dale Margerum
Mar. 4  Topic:  Health and Human Sciences: New Endeavors  
Speaker: Christine Ladisch  
Coordinator: Doug Sprenkle

Apr. 1  Topic:  A View of the Indiana State House  
Speaker: Sue Scholer  
Coordinator: Betty Suddarth

May 6  Topic:  Food Finders  
Speaker: Cheryl Precious  
Coordinator: Eldon Ortman

June 3  Topic:  Identity Theft Protection  
Speaker: Bob Falk  
Coordinator: John Trott

July 1  Topic:  Energy Issues  
Speaker: Wally Tyner  
Coordinator: Don Jones

Aug. 5  Topic:  Juvenile Justice System  
Speaker: Judge Faith Graham  
Coordinator: Marilyn Ziemer

The committee wishes to thank Michele Salla for the many ways she serves PURA. The committee is especially grateful for her excellent work in preparing and distributing the printed programs for each of the luncheons.

Beginning with the luncheon on November 5, 2012, the starting time was changed from noon to 11:50 a.m. This was done in order to allow the speakers adequate time for their presentations and questions from the audience.
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Purposeful Living in Retirement Committee

Committee members: Sue Hiser, Mary Hood, Chris Johannsen, Lowell Landrum, Bryan Metzger, Stan Mithoefer, Doug Sprenkle, Betty Suddarth and Dr. Ken Ferraro served as an Ex Officio member.

Scott Rumble served as Chair and Lowell Landrum chaired the commercial exhibits.

Outstanding staff support provided by:

Human Resources: Michele Salla
Purdue Strategic Events Planning Staff: Kirk Milburn and Sarah Lewis with support from Catherine Adair Whitten. Purdue Students also helped with registration. The events staff was there to cover many details prior to, during, and after the event. A special thanks to them.

The PLIR Committee held its first meeting in September. Lowell Landrum provided an excellent start to the new year by providing an evaluation and review of the 2011 conference.

Arrangements were made with Four Points at the Sheraton to have the Conference on April 24, 2013. Planning meetings were continued throughout the year.

Special help with publicity from Jill May and Sam Conner was very helpful. Ted Luce helped with our pictures.

The program content was decided upon by the committee. Programs ranged from Balance and Mobility to Hearing, Medications, and Wills.

The after lunch kickoff speaker was author and communications manager John Norberg. John’s presentation was enjoyed by all.

Excellent resource help was provided by the office of special events along with Michele Salla, Human Resources throughout the year. Sound, computer, and media help was provided by the Hall of Music.
Eight sponsors helped provide funds for the program. The Committee was very dedicated and participation was excellent! A special “Hats off to the hospitality committee” for their exceptional help with the program.

There were 275 attendees registered and 33 exhibitors. Over 320 people involved with the 2013 program. Numerous door prizes were awarded to the participants.

Roy Johnson led us in Hail to Purdue to cap off the conference.

A special thanks to all who attended and to the many who volunteered to make the program successful.
TRIPS AND TOURS COMMITTEE
2012-2013

The committee met monthly at the Worklife office location on State Road 26 West during 2012 moving to Freehafer Hall in 2013.

Committee members:

Dan Collins, co-Chair
Jim Marciniak, co-Chair
Carol Barrett
Linda Hawkins
Wayne Hilt
Nancy Yuochunas, Secretary

Carol Barrett, Dan Collins, Wayne Hilt, Jim Marciniak, and Nancy Yuochunas are leaving the committee. We appreciate their many years of contributions. Linda Hawkins will remain on the committee as chair joined by Carolyn Blue, Agnes Hawn, Tom Haworth, and Tarren Neth.

The Committee collaborated with Imperial Travel and Top Notch Travel Tours throughout the year and committee members will continue to work with these travel agencies to select and coordinate trips. The Trips and Tours Policies and Procedures were updated to include the most recent trips. Articles and photos of the trips were submitted for the PURA newsletter.

The first trip planned by the Committee was a two-day excursion to St. Louis on June 27-28, 2012. An Imperial Travel escort guided 20 PURA members and guests to the Gateway Arch, Union Station, Grant’s Farm, the Missouri Botanical Gardens, and the Anheuser Busch Brewery for a tour and tasting. The Drury Inn in Fenton, MO welcomed the overnight tour guests with an evening reception.

On September 20, 2012, Purdue Retirees and guests nearly filled the Lafayette Civic Theater to enjoy “My Way, a Tribute to Frank Sinatra”. Adelino’s Old World Kitchen provided hors d’oeuvres and beverages before the performance. The evening was a huge success.

More music of the 40’s, 50’s, and 60’s was enjoyed at the Second Annual Night at Pappy’s on May 8, 2013. Twenty faithful PURA members and guests “grooved” to the music while enjoying burgers, fries, soda fountain drinks, and ice cream.

Other events planned for the year were cancelled for various reasons and will be revisited next year.