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Purdue University Retirees Association

**March 2024**

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**Welcome Current & New PURA News Readers!**

The next few months of the PURA newsletter will be devoted to communicating upcoming PURA events, PURA news, and updates. A small committee has been established to review our Newsletter and make a recommendation on the most effective way to provide our community information on retiree benefits, Purdue news, upcoming opportunities to hear interesting speakers with other retirees, health topics, humor, Indiana travel, and PURA business. We welcome your comments and suggestions (send to: [pura@purdue.edu](mailto:pura@purdue.edu)), and we invite you to join us at our in-person and virtual programs.

## Tom's Topics



Greetings! It is great to see the sun, finally, here in late February after so many gray and gloomy days. We're all ready for spring and warmer weather! We are going with a shortened newsletter, again, in March. So, my comments will be brief.

### Items of Note:

- Our next monthly meeting will be March 4, 2024 at the VFW Hall in Lafayette. Our speaker will be Kitty Campbell from Leadership Lafayette. The title of her program will be "Leadership Lafayette - Its History and Status". We will gather at 10:00 am and light refreshments will be provided. We will adjourn by 11:30 am.
- The PURA spring Conference will be held on April 17, 2024 at the Beck Agricultural Center. There will be many vendors and door prizes. Online registration will open on March 1, 2024.
- The Annual Spring Fling will be held on May 25, 2024 on campus. PURA will have a table at the event.
- Our Annual Kickoff Luncheon will be held September 9, 2024 at the Courtyard By Marriott in Lafayette.

### We Need Your Help:

- If you aren't currently serving on a PURA Committee, please consider joining one and encourage other members to do so, as well. If you are interested, contact us at [pura@purdue.edu](mailto:pura@purdue.edu) Committees include: Benefits, Communications, Hospitality, Program, Campus and Community Tours, Kickoff Luncheon, Media Communications, Annual Spring Conference and Scholarship.
- Help us to continue to increase the attendance at our monthly meetings. It's a great opportunity to visit with fellow retirees and go to lunch with them since we adjourn at 11:30 am.

### Think Spring and Boiler Up!

Tom Robertson, PURA President

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## PURA Communications Survey

Due to unfortunate circumstances, there has been a significant reduction in volunteers who produce the PURA monthly newsletter. The PURA Board of Directors have been discussing the path forward. Before PURA considers funding professional services to maintain the PURA Newsletter, we would like to gather your input. No matter the outcome, PURA is committed to providing information to our retirees in a format that best meets your needs.

WE NEED YOUR HELP to better understand how we can continue to make PURA a valuable source of information to you. Please click on the link below and take the survey. It should take less than a minute to complete. Make your voice heard. Thank you.

[https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5hybjsFw0DxuB6e](https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5hybjsFw0DxuB6e)

## **PURA Proposed 2024-2025 Slate of Officers - Executive Board Candidates**

- President – Marshall Martin
  - Vice President/President Elect – Charlene Sullivan
  - Secretary – Rosemary (Rosie) Ricci
  - Treasurer – Lucia Anderson
  - Historian – Michele Salla
  - Past President – Tom Robertson
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## **Purdue Day of Giving – April 24, 2024**

PURA members have given consistently over the last ten plus years to provide scholarship funds for Indiana students. Since 2013, over 71 individual scholarships have been awarded from the two endowments: the PURA POA in Honor of Martin C. and Patty Jischke Endowment and the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment. Purdue Day of Giving on April 24 is another opportunity to support in-state students striving to overcome financial burdens to achieve a Boilermaker education. Our endowments provide funds as part of a total financial aid package designed by the Division of Financial Aid for each student.

Please consider making a donation on April 24, 2024. A dedicated online link to contribute to the endowments will be emailed to you prior to April 24.

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## **Leadership Lafayette – History & Status**

Presenter – Kitty Campbell, Executive Director Leadership Lafayette

Kitty Campbell joined Leadership Lafayette in 2012 and is a longtime member of the Greater Lafayette Community. Born in Illinois, Kitty studied Music at Millikin University, Arts Administration at Indiana University, and received her PhD in Curriculum and Instruction from Purdue University, focusing her research on Human Factors in Aviation and Sociolinguistics. Kitty has served as a visiting professor and adjunct faculty for Purdue Polytechnic Design, Art & Performance, and Ivy Tech College School of Business. Kitty is a member and Past Vice President of the Indiana Leadership Association, a member of the Association of Leadership Programs, and a nonprofit organization associate-member of the American of Women Business Owners.

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## PURA Annual Spring Conference - Registration Opens March 1, 2024



Ready, set, GO to [www.purdue.edu/conferences/pura](http://www.purdue.edu/conferences/pura) to register for the PURA Spring Conference! The online registration portal opens March 1 and attendance is first-come-first-served and limited to the first 250 people, so do not delay.

Preferred Registration this year is online, although you may also register by phone at 765/494-7230.

PURA SPRING CONFERENCE is Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at the Beck Agricultural Center, easily accessible on U.S 52 West just minutes from the Purdue campus. The building is spacious and comfortable, with plenty of close, free parking.

The day, which begins at 8:30 a.m., will include four presentations on topics of interest (and suggested by last year's conference attendees.)

- Understanding Dementia/ALS/Strokes and Rehabilitation
- Day Trips for Seniors
- Purdue Campus Improvements and Future Plans
- Artificial Intelligence and Its Potential Impact on Seniors

There will be many vendors offering services and products, as well as an abundance of door prizes. In addition, there will be information related to the PURA Health Insurance 2024 and Volunteer Options for Seniors in the Greater Lafayette Area.

Other notable features of the conference include:

- Top notch audiovisual and sound systems
- Coffee and snacks available during registration
- A full, hot buffet lunch served by Christo's Catering
- Armchair exercises after lunch
- Plenty of time to meet and visit with old and new friends.
- Fun and fabulous door prizes and table decorations!

Special thanks go to our sponsors TIAA, Fidelity Investments, United Healthcare, and Purdue Federal Credit Union. And thanks also to our donors Westminster Village, University Place, Cumberland Pointe, St. Anthony Healthcare, Aster Place, and O'Drobinak & Nowaczyk.

Register today at [www.purdue.edu/conferences/pura](http://www.purdue.edu/conferences/pura)

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## Campus/Community Calendar Highlights

Purdue's one-stop-shopping events calendar, which features campus, student, and community events can be found at: <https://events.purdue.edu/calendar>

## Purdue Academic/Holiday Schedule

Can be found at: <https://www.purdue.edu/registrar/calendars/index.html>

## Mark Your Calendars! Upcoming PURA Events

### 4 March, 2024 PURA monthly meeting.

- **Location:** IN-PERSON at Lafayette VFW, Duncan Road, Lafayette, Indiana. Also **VIA ZOOM** broadcast from our studio at the VFW.
- **Time:** NEW TIME 10:00 a.m.ET to approximately 11:30 a.m. ET
- **Speaker:** Kitty Campbell, Executive Director Leadership Lafayette
- **Topic:** History & Status

### 1 April, 2024 PURA monthly meeting.

- **Location:** IN-PERSON at Lafayette VFW, Duncan Road, Lafayette, Indiana. Also **VIA ZOOM** broadcast from our studio at the VFW.
- **Time:** NEW TIME 10:00 a.m.ET to approximately 11:30 a.m. ET
- **Speaker:** Jahvae "Jay" Giddens, Director of NIL Engagement, Purdue Athletics
- **Topic:** NIL in College Athletics (Effect on University/Athlete)

### 6 May, 2024 PURA monthly meeting.

- **Location:** IN-PERSON at Lafayette VFW, Duncan Road, Lafayette, Indiana. Also **VIA ZOOM** broadcast from our studio at the VFW.
- **Time:** NEW TIME 10:00 a.m.ET to approximately 11:30 a.m. ET
- **Speaker:** Jamie Schlueter, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones
- **Topic:** Estate Planning and Your Digital Footprint after Passing

### 3 June, 2024 PURA monthly meeting.

- **Location:** IN-PERSON at Lafayette VFW, Duncan Road, Lafayette, Indiana. Also **VIA ZOOM** broadcast from our studio at the VFW.
- **Time:** NEW TIME 10:00 a.m.ET to approximately 11:30 a.m. ET
- **Speaker:** Justin Hartman - LPD
- **Topic:** On-line Banking – Is It Safe? (Credit Cards versus Debit Cards)

PURA's virtual meetings are presented via Zoom. Zoom connection information and other important updates are provided via email, the *PURA News* newsletter, and our website: [www.purdue.edu/retirees](http://www.purdue.edu/retirees)

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## Zoom Connection Information for PURA Meetings



The Zoom connection information for PURA monthly meetings is shown below. **The link, Meeting ID, and password will be the SAME for all monthly meetings.**

Members who wish to join via phone call audio only will need the separate Passcode shown below. (The password/passcode for that method is different from the normal “computer connection” to Zoom.)

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97285398989?pwd=MIB4U0FudEplMFRoWm1GTkZzNmYrZz09>

**Meeting ID:** 972 8539 8989 **Passcode:** BoilerUp

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**Meeting ID:** 972 8539 8989 **Passcode:** 41051096

**Find your local number:** <https://zoom.us/u/acvQOKVcnE>



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