

Purdue University Retirees Association
2013-14 Annual Report

Robert W. Bain, President

PURA had a successful and active 12 months. Highlights included:

- A near-record number attended the fall kickoff luncheon to hear new Purdue President Mitch Daniels
- The Benefits Committee negotiated a 2014 PURcare agreement with United Healthcare that saw the monthly premium *decrease* for the third straight year
- A half-day Purposeful Living in Retirement program was well attended and received
- Eleven monthly luncheons (weather cancelled one) featured a variety of interesting speakers
- Our Jischke Purdue Opportunity Award recipient, Michael McCormick, switched majors to Electrical Engineering Technology and prospered academically, with strong support from Betty Nelson and the PURA luncheon group
- Several new initiatives were begun

Here are the details:

The Transition Meeting on May 22 saw plans made for the upcoming year, and new officers installed:

Robert Bain, President

Dan Collins, Vice President

Melinda Bain, Secretary-Treasurer

Carolyn Jones, Historian

Sue Hiser, Past President

Dr. Dale Whittaker, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, spoke about student success, including the growing honors program. Retiring officers and committee members were recognized.

Luis Lewin, University Vice President for Human Resources, was named PURA advisor by President Daniels. His support and encouragement throughout the year has been instrumental in PURA's success. This is shown by comparison to other Big Ten retiree organizations. Bob Bain, Dan Collins and Benefits Committee chair Don Gentry attended a meeting of those groups at the University of Michigan. PURA is without doubt the Big Ten's premier retiree organization, with the largest membership, widest range of programs and strongest administration support, while our Medicare senior supplement program is the envy of all.

An example of the University's support of retirees was the program of free flu shots. A record number of retirees—about 1,250—took advantage of this offer, which at a cost of about \$25 each benefited PURA members by over \$31,000.

Purdue retirees once again showed their support of and generosity to the University and community. Gifts to Purdue by retirees during the 2012-13 fiscal year totaled \$4,876,121, and have continued at a similar pace thru March 2014. And we exceeded our goal (\$95,000) giving \$110,043 during the fall United Way campaign.

Much of the work of PURA is done thru its committees. Group leaders for the 2013-14 year were:

Benefits, Don Gentry

Campus and Community Activities, Diane Stevenson

Communication, Jill May
Endowment, Betty Nelson
Fall Kickoff Luncheon, Sarah Johnson and Ann Pickett
Hospitality, Jeris Eickenberry and John Miller
Program, Sue Scholer and Dale Margerum
Purposeful Living in Retirement, Scott Rumble
Trips and Tours, Linda Hawkins

The committees were very active throughout the year; see their reports for details of their activities and committee membership.

The Fall Kickoff Luncheon was a great success. A near-record number of attendees (294) heard new Purdue President Mitch Daniels talk about his vision for Purdue and plans for the future. The Betty M. Nelson Recognition Award for outstanding service to Purdue retirees was given to Michele Salla, the invaluable Human Resources assistant to PURA. Fewer but more valuable door prizes enhanced the event. A special edition of the PURA newsletter was prepared to inform all members of this event. Co-chairs Sarah Johnson and Ann Pickett and their committee did an outstanding job in preparing this program.

Following up on the success of last year's full day program, a half-day Purposeful Living in Retirement session was attended by 142 members. Don Gentry discussed the relationship between Medicare and "Obamacare", Scott Ksander demonstrated social media and a panel discussed legal issues relating to wills, bequests and illness. These were top suggestions for future topics from the previous year's program, and were all well received. Chair Scott Rumble and his committee showed that a half-day program would be popular.

The Benefits Committee, under the outstanding leadership of Don Gentry, negotiated a 2014 rate for PURcare that will cost \$5.38 per month *less* than 2013, a very unusual outcome given the everlasting escalation of health care costs. This is the third consecutive year the monthly premium has gone down. The cost of the Medicare advantage program increased slightly due to a reduction in the Federal subsidy for this type of insurance. The Committee also participated in drawn-out negotiations that will make the Córdoba Recreational Center (the Co-Rec) part of the Silver Sneakers program this fall. As always, the Benefits Committee was assisted by Eva Nodine and Kate LaMar from Human Resources.

While weather forced the cancellation of the January First Monday luncheon, the remaining events were well attended and featured a variety of interesting speakers, hosted by the Program committee under Sue Scholer and Dale Margerum. Scott Rumble took the initiative to persuade MCL to upgrade its sound system, vastly improving the experience.

The University retirement luncheon saw PURA present the Arthur G. Hansen Award to the University organizational unit which most supports its retirees and involves them in its programs. The award was made to the Department of Biochemistry in the School of Agriculture. President Bain welcomed the new retirees to PURA and thanked them for their service to Purdue.

The University holds periodic Road to Retirement sessions, providing information to staff who are contemplating retirement. President Bain and Benefits Committee Chair Gentry addressed these sessions and answered questions and provided brochures.

The Communications committee, chaired by Jill May, published the quarterly newsletter and focused much effort on an outstanding and up-to-date web page. Several Big Ten organizations jealously complimented us on the PURA web presence.

Diane Stevenson's Campus and Community Activities committee put on several interesting and well-attended tours, including the Kurz Technology Center, the Faith West Community Center, the Co-Rec, Alexander Field (Purdue's new baseball park) and the Schwartz Tennis Center. A functional fitness program was also presented.

The Trips and Tours group, chaired by Linda Hawkins, arranged a visit to Chicago to see the Tall Ships (and other Windy City sites) and conducted a wine tour to the Wildcat Winery.

Led by Jeris Eikenberry and John Miller, the Hospitality Committee hosted and greeted at most PURA events, including the monthly luncheons, Spring Fling, flu shots and lots more. Jeris provided musical accompaniment to Roy Johnson's song leading at First Monday, at the Kickoff Luncheon and, again, many other events.

A highlight of the year was several new initiatives:

Betty Nelson led the endowment committee in providing financial support for two academic seminars with topics of interest and value to seniors. On September 20 the Center for Aging and the Life Course, and the Center for Families presented a conference on Aging Families and Health: Social Influences on Health Lifestyle Choices in Later Life. And on April 4 Professor Bert Rockman of the Political Science Department presented a panel discussion of The Challenge of Long Term Care. These programs were selected from a number of responses to a solicitation to the Purdue academic community. PURA members attended both, and it is hoped that knowledge and understanding of issues important to retirees and senior citizens was enhanced through our support of these conferences.

Dan Collins worked with University Development to determine the number of retirees (about 4200) and to secure lists of those who have recently retired from the University.

We also explored cooperating with the University Senate Visual Arts Committee on the distribution of framed posters on campus, and the process by which retirees might take University courses (in a non-degree status) at reduced fees. An initiative is underway to review how PURA manages and reports its finances. We have had discussions with those retired from the Fort Wayne campus about their participation and how PURA can interact with them. And the paucity of nominees for the Arthur G. Hansen award requires further thought and development. These activities are ongoing at this time.

The Nominating committee has selected, and the members approved, next year's officers:

Dan Collins, President

Olivia Bennett Wood, Vice President and President Elect

Melinda Bain, Secretary-Treasurer

Carolyn Jones, Historian

Bob Bain, Past President

Vice President Dan Collins has initiated and followed through on many of this year's new initiatives. I want to express my personal thanks to Dan and to past presidents Chris Johannsen, Betty Nelson and Sue Hiser for their advice and counsel, and to the Secretary-Treasurer for keeping the President on track. And of course, a special thanks to Michele Salla, who is indispensable to our success.

The president of an organization like PURA can point in the right direction and say, “go get ‘em”, but the organization is only as successful as the efforts of its members, and particularly those who step up to take leadership roles and make things happen. I have found in the past year that this is very much so in PURA and that the hard work of many makes for its success. Congratulations on an excellent year, and keep doing what you do to maintain the Purdue University Retirees Association as the best in the Big Ten!

Robert W. Bain

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION
BENEFITS COMMITTEE
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Benefits Committee Members

George Asteriadis, North Central	Linda Mura, PU Calumet
Marion Bonacorsi	Betty M. Nelson
Charles H. Brown, Prescription Consultant	Dan Collins (ex-officio)
Robert Bane (ex-officio)	Joseph Pearson
Judy Davis, PU North Central	Clifford Swensen
Fred Ford	Larry Pherson
Don Gentry, Chair	Lois Wark
Harry Morrison	Sandra Singer
Kate LaMar (ex-officio)	Leon Thacker
Michele Salla (staff/secretary)	Eva Nodine (ex-officio)

Annual Planning/Transition Meeting - The Benefits Committee began its year at the Annual Planning/Transition Meeting. Several goals for the year were established. These included: 1) Negotiate renewal of health insurance plans for 2014. 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 2014 and in the preparation for the renewal of plans. 10) Monitor state and federal actions on health care that could impact our members.

Major Accomplishments of Committee for 2013-2014

The Benefits Committee of the Purdue University Retirees Association accomplished several major goals for 2013-14.

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 United Healthcare for 2014. After previously 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 accomplishment was the renewal of the PURcare plan for an overall premium lower than 2013.** The Medicare Advantage or PPO Plan had an increase in premium resulting from the reduction in subsidies and fee increases mandated by the Affordable Care Act.

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 up-dating the Benefits and Health Insurance page on the PURA web page. All information needed for members to be informed about Benefits and Health Insurance are now on this web page. Several updates were made during the year. We had great support from the PURA Communications Committee.

3) **Vision Care**

The difficulty for members getting vision claims processed by UnitedHealthcare continued, so the committee detailed the concerns with UHC and met with them to find an improved process. By the end of the year, claims processing was greatly improved but the concern still existed. The Benefits Committee plans to address this issue during the renewal process for 2015 and will be prepared to make any necessary changes in the plan as needed.

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

As in the past, Purdue University provided the financial resources for PURA to have the services of an outside consultant to assist the committee in negotiating the plans with UnitedHealthcare. 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.

Letters were sent to each participant outlining the renewal information on the plans.

5) **Partnership with Purposeful Living in Retirement Committee**

The Benefits Committee partnered with the Purposeful Living in Retirement Committee to make a presentation on the impact of the Affordable Care Act on seniors and specifically PURA Plans. This presentation was the result of several months of reviewing information and the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010*. Over 150 people attended this session. The goal was to provide information so that members could become better consumers.

6) **Relationship between PURA and University Committees**

A member of the PURA Benefits committee, Cliff Swensen serves on the Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee to assure participation and coordination between University plans and the needs of retirees and Larry Pherson served on the Parking and Traffic Committee to have input on parking for retirees.

7) **Healthy Purdue**

All retirees continue to be advised of immunizations and other accessible health care that is available to them. Three sessions were offered for retirees and spouses for flu shot immunization. This event generated a record number of participants.

8) **Major Accomplishment on Expansion of Silver Sneaker Providers**

The Benefits Committee working with the Director of the Córdova Recreational Sports Center and Purdue Procurement was able to add the Co-Rec to authorized centers for Silver Sneaker participants. This activity took a great amount of effort by several individuals to negotiate a contract that was acceptable to Purdue University. The results should be of great benefit to all Purdue Retirees who participate in one of the PURA Health Insurance Plans, once all the training and data systems are in place.

9) **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.

10) **Big Ten Retirees Meeting**

The Chair of the Benefits Committee along with the President and President Elect of PURA attended the annual Big Ten Retirees meeting held at the University of Michigan. 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. Purdue Retirees can be proud of the programs we have and the great relationship with the University. This is not the case at many other institutions.

11) **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 23, 2014

Campus and Community Activities Committee 2013-2014

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

Ivy Tech's Art Collection 19 attendees
May 11, 2013

France Córdoba Recreational Sports Center
October 8, 2013 67 attendees

Functional Fitness Program at France Córdoba Recreational Sports Center
August 8, 2013 11 attendees
November 13, 2013 9 attendees

Kurz Purdue Technology Center/ Purdue Research Park
October 31, 2013 31 attendees

Faith West
March 18, 2014 40 attendees

Alexander Baseball Field and Schwartz Tennis Center
May 8, 2014 37 attendees

PURA Communications Committee Report, 2013–2014

Committee members:

Sam Conner, Amy Raley – ex-officio, Purdue Marketing and Media, William “Bill” Evers, Karen Lembcke, Jill May – chair, James “Jim” McCammack, Jo Ann Thomas.

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.

Amy Raley, 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. Amy 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 Amy Raley.

JoAnn Thomas is the column editor for “Those Were the Days” and “PURA Member Awards.” She solicits articles for these columns and looks for special articles of interest that reflect the activities of PURA members, 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 is 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 and post on the web pages.

What Did the Communications Committee Accomplish This Year?

This year PURA members have received five newsletters. A special newsletter was issued in the fall in order to cover the fall kickoff luncheon and the new healthcare information in a timely fashion. This newsletter was “spirited” by Jill May, Benefits Chair Don Gentry and PURA officers. Most of the work for the four regular newsletters fit within our committee assignments. Sam, JoAnn, Karen, and Purdue staff who have worked with us (we had three different representatives working with us at various times this past year) 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, have been submitted by various committee and board members. The Purdue professional photographer

has come to two events - the kickoff luncheon and the spring luncheon - and photographed events. Many of these pictures have been placed on the web. Some have been used in newsletters.

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 2014–2015?

Our “work structure” will remain the same next year; 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.

Newsletter dates for 2014–2015:

Summer 2014. Stories should be given to Sam by May 23. Jill’s submissions will get to Amy by June 6. The newsletter should be mailed by July 11.

The issue will include regular columns and information about upcoming events; names of new officers and committee members and chairs; the 2014–2015 president’s welcoming message; information about the Kick-off Luncheon; an article about the Purposeful Living event hopefully with pictures; a summary of last year’s Monday luncheon speakers and a picture; other timely stories, including “Those Were the Days.”

Fall 2014. Stories should be given to Sam by October 1. Jill’s submissions will get to Amy by October 14. The newsletter should be mailed by October 30.

The issue will include regular columns and information about upcoming events; an announcement of the Betty M. Nelson Award; information about benefits program changes and signing up for this year; information about the process of the Arthur G. Hansen Award submissions; an article about the Kickoff Luncheon with pictures.

Winter 2015. Stories should be given to Sam by December 29. Jill’s submissions will get to Amy by January 5. Copy will go to the press by January 11. The newsletter should be mailed by January 22.

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 2015. Stories should be given to Sam by March 13. Jill’s submissions should get to Amy by March 19. The newsletter should be mailed by April 15.

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

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT
PURDUE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Griggs, William D.	bill.roberta@frontier.com	Member-at-Large
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Bain, Bob	robertwbain@comcast.net	PURA President
Hiser, Sue	landshiser@gmail.com	Past President
Nelson, Betty M.	bmnelson@purdue.edu	Chair
Rumble, Scott	scottr1024@att.net	Member-at-large

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:

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| • 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 | <u>\$16,000</u> |
| TOTAL | \$136,000 |

All of these funds have been deposited in the PURA A&O Fund.

Activities during the 2013-2014 organizational year:

- The Endowment brochure was distributed again at the 2013 Kickoff Luncheon.
- A separate flyer about the Jischke Purdue Opportunity Award (POA) was distributed at the Kickoff Luncheon and at one MCL Lunch Meeting.
- Periodic announcements about the endowment have been made at the MCL Lunch Meeting.
- It has been recommended that a new brochure about the PURA Activities and Opportunities Endowment (PURA A&O) be prepared. The supply of the original brochure is quite limited, photographs are dated, and new information about recent awards should be included.
- In response to a call for grant proposals that was directed through the deans of the colleges, the PURA Endowment Committee received ten proposals for funding. Two were funded:
 - "Aging Families and Health Symposium: Social Influences on Health Lifestyle Choices in Later Life"; September 20, 2013; sponsored by Center for Families and PURA; Ken Ferraro, director; \$2,000 PURA grant
 - "The Challenge of Long Term Care"; April 4, 2014; sponsored by the Department of Political Science and PURA; Bert Rockman, director; \$4,500 PURA grant

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; Michael transferred from ENGR to the College of Technology beginning his sophomore year. He attended the 2013 Kickoff Luncheon and an MCL Monthly Lunch Meeting. Michael will continue to be the PURA Jischke POA Scholar while making acceptable progress toward graduation.

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

	PURA A&O Fund	PURA Jischke POA
Book value on 12/31/13	\$136,000	\$26,268.44
Market value on 12/31/13	\$145,725.90	\$26,454.31
Income available for expenditure on 12/31/13	\$22,987.74	\$1,014.85
Income reinvested on 12/31/13	\$3,345.28	\$607.29
Awards granted	\$6,500.00	Funds taken as needed by DFA for Michael McCormick, soph. in TECH
Current available funds	\$22,987.74 (\$4,500 for Rockman Symposium not yet withdrawn)	\$2,128.77

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FOR 2014-2015

Member	Position	Term Ends
Bob Bain	Immediate Past President	06/15
Melinda Bain	Secretary-Treasurer	06/18
Dan Collins	President	06/16
Sue Hiser	Chair	06/17
Scott Rumble	Member-at-Large	06/17

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Purdue University Retirees Assn (PURA)

Hospitality Committee

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

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 programming. The committee also provides detailed discussion of new ideas and concepts that might further improve PURA's programming and services to the post-retirement Purdue community,

Activities for the 2013-2014 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
- manned the PURA Information Tent 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 and encouraged the use of the PURA web page
- reviewed and revised the way the committee will host the Flu-Shot venues this fall.

Discussion Items during the "brainstorm" sessions during committee meetings;

- how to encourage various departments to submit nominees for the Arthur G. Hansen Award
- a complete review and proposed changes of the greeting function at the flu shot venues
- a review of the new worklife programs and how they affect retirees
- continued to look for ways of staying in contact with TIAA-CREF as well as Fidelity
- to look for new ways to communicate with active staff to get them to:

Plan Upon Retirement Ahead of time and periodically.

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.

We wish Deanna Johns well, as she is going off the committee. Thanks to Gayle Archer who took notes during the meetings, to Dorothy Jones for preparing and distributing the minutes, and to Doris Cox-Peterson who arranged our meeting place at University Place during the year.

John Miller, Co-Chair, Jeris Eikenberry, Co-Chair

The Hospitality Committee for 2014-2015: Jeris Eikenberry, Co-chair, Dorothy Jones, Co-Chair, Gayle Archer, Mary E. (Betty) Brown, Jane Brown, Nina Barron-Burke, Gail Carlton, Verle Chappell, Doris Cox-Peterson, Lyle Lloyd, John D. Miller, John Moser, Jerry Ripke, and Hubert Schmieder.

**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
Karen Ferry
Jeanie Kalhust
Katherine Markee
Bob Bain, PURA President, ex-officio
Dan Collins, 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.

2013 Luncheon

The 2013 Luncheon was held on September 9 at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel (formerly University Plaza Hotel). There were 307 reservations; 294 people attended. President Mitch Daniels was the speaker. The Betty M. Nelson Award was presented to Michele Salla. The Arthur G. Hansen Award, given to a department or unit that works closely with its retirees, was presented to the Department of Biochemistry. Michael McCormick, the Jischke Scholar sponsored by PURA, was in attendance and was introduced.

A popular aspect of the luncheon is the array of door prizes given throughout the meal. More than 46 attendees received prizes donated by 26 vendors.

Elizabeth Arvidson will be leaving the committee this year after serving loyally since 2007. Mike Drayer will also leave the committee after serving for 3 years.

**Purdue University Retirees Association
Program Committee
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The PURA Program Committee chose the following programs to be presented at the monthly luncheons during the 2013-2014 year. Also listed is the committee member who acted as program coordinator. All luncheons were held at MCL.

[Oct 7](#) - Eldon Ortman - "Community Foundations", Greg Kapp Executive Director

[Nov 4](#) - Ann Hunt - West Lafayette Mayor John Dennis

[Dec 2](#) - Olivia Wood - "International Students and Programs at Purdue University",
WillDr Joe Potts, Assoc Dean

[Jan 6](#) - Don Jones - Future of the Drug War in Indiana, Capt Gary Sparger, West
Lafayette Patrol Capt.

[Feb 3](#) - John Trott - "Purdue University Archives", Sammie Morris

[Mar 3](#) - Don Jones - Research in Degenerative Diseases, Dr Mary Guerriero
Austrom, PhD, Professor, Indiana Alzheimer's Disease Center

[Apr 7](#) - Ken Coleman - "Update on the Big 10", Morgan Burke, Purdue Athletic Director

[May 5](#) - Doug Sprenkle - "West Lafayette Trails: Present & Future; and Update on
Morton Center", Joe Payne and Bess Witcosky, West Lafayette Parks Dept.

Jun 2 - Lyle Lloyd - "Future of Public Education in Indiana", James Freeland, College of
Education faculty.

Jul 7 - Dale Margerum - Lafayette Mayor Tony Roswarski (not sure if this is confirmed)

[Aug 4](#) - Sue Scholer - "Stop Fraud & Crime Before They Strike", Michelle Mayer,
Outreach Services Director, Office of the Attorney General

Due to inclement weather the January luncheon was cancelled. The April and August speakers were switched due to Morgan Burke's out of town commitments during the NCAA tournament. In March there was an alternative presenter from the Center.

A welcome addition this year was the purchase of a new microphone system by MCL.

Sue Scholer, Co-Chair

Annual Report for 2013-14

Purposeful Living in Retirement Committee

Committee members: Sue Hiser, Mary Hood, Chris Johannsen, Lowell Landrum, Bryan Metzger, Stan Mithoefer, Doug Sprenkle, Robert Bain, with Dr. Ken Ferraro serving as an Ex Officio member.

Scott Rumble served as Chair and Lowell Landrum conducted the meeting evaluation process. Stan Mithoefer chaired door prizes and Dick Nelson assisted with picture taking.

Outstanding staff support provided by: Human Resources: Michele Salla, Purdue Strategic Events Planning Staff: Stacey Baisden and Sarah Lewis with support from Catharine Adair Whitten. Purdue Students also helped with registration. The events staff covered many details prior to, during, and after the event. A special thanks to their organization.

The PLIR Committee held its first meeting in early September. Lowell Landrum provided an excellent start to the new year by providing an evaluation and review of the 2013 conference.

Arrangements were made with Four Points at the Sheraton for the program. Planning meetings were continued throughout the year.

Special help with publicity from Jill May and Sam Conner was very helpful.

The program content was decided upon by the PLIR committee with guidance from the evaluations. Programs included a special presentation by Don Gentry, Chair of the PURA Benefits Committee. Professionals also provided updates on wills, accounting concerns and development options. The program was concluded by Scott Ksander, VP for Information Technology, Purdue Federal Credit Union. Scott talked about social media and how to communicate with your grandkids.

We are extremely fortunate to have UnitedHealthcare and TIAA-CREF as our major sponsors. Their annual support means a lot to our program. We look forward to their continued support in the future.

Refreshments were provided by Westminster Village, University Place, and PURA. Cooperating agencies included Walla and Area IV Agency on Aging and Community Action.

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.

The PLIR 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 over 150 in attendance. 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

The committee met monthly at Spurlock's in downtown Lafayette and enjoyed a scrumptious lunch together after each meeting.

Committee members:

Linda Hawkins, Chair
Carolyn Blue, Secretary
Don Campbell
Agnes Hawn
Tom Haworth
Tarren Neth
Joma Roe

The committee members will remain the same for the 2014-2015 year with Tom Haworth assuming duties as chair.

The Committee collaborated with Imperial Travel throughout the year and will continue with this travel agency as well as Lafayette Limo.

"A Garden Party ... along the Heritage Trail" was enjoyed by 29 PURA members and their guests on June 21, 2013. Highlights of the day included walks among flowers and other plants arranged in quilt patterns, a Calendar Garden, a World's Fair Garden, a Botanic Garden, and a group of Enchanted Gardens featuring a Victorian House, Dutch Gardens, and a Grist Mill, among others.

Purdue Retirees filled a 55 passenger bus on August 8, 2013 to travel to Chicago to visit the Tall Ships at Navy Pier. While there were crowds everywhere, the group was able to visit three ships without waiting in line. One of the ships was staffed totally by females, who the visitors discovered slept in the bowels of the ship! Everyone was free to also visit other attractions in the surrounding area before traveling back to Lafayette. The day was deemed a success to all!

On a beautiful October 9th evening, 24 PURA members (and a couple of guests) visited the Wildcat Creek Winery. As the owners told us how they started their business, we were offered samples from 12-15 of their wines. We then toured the Fermentation building and moved on to the Filling, Corking, Labeling and Packaging building to witness the completion of their wine-making process. The evening was not only educational but a lot of fun! And everyone went home with a complimentary wine glass!

On November 30, 2013, six Purdue retirees traveled with Imperial Travel to Louisville to visit the Galt House KaLightoscope Christmas. After abundant free time to visit the exhibit and shops and restaurants around the Galt House, the group traveled to the Louisville Mega Caverns. The motor coach drove through the Caverns where there were over 850 light displays. It was a great kickoff to the Christmas season!

A couple of other planned events were cancelled for various reasons. And then winter was upon us....