

PURA 2014-15: President's Annual Report

This year seemed to have been scripted straight from Dr. Johnson's *Who Moved My Cheese* because it has been a year of changes. In your packet you have Carolyn Jones' annual report summary and the committee reports, so I'll highlight what I believe were some of this year's accomplishments.

- * The theme at this year's Big-10 Retirees' Association conference at the University of Minnesota was basically sharing what each association does for their institutions – and what their institutions do for them. Your packet includes a table that represents our PURA : Purdue relationships.
- * A spreadsheet, which is also included in your packet, was prepared to depict our membership counts. Derived from the UDO database, it counts members by zip code and year retired, and indicates we are rapidly approaching 5000 members.
- * Bob and I attended last year's Purdue Extension Service Retirees annual meeting at the Faith church complex on Northwestern Ave. It was amazing to learn what all they are involved in at the local, state, and national level.
- * In mid-year, Luis moved on to Texas, and Trent Klingerman graciously stepped in as our advisor and university liaison.
- * Terry Taylor documented the UDO retiree data base maintenance process and the history of our printed directory. We now know specifically what is recorded and how we need to maintain it for use as our primary mailing list.
- * PURA established a new treasurer position by separating the current secretary - treasurer into two distinct roles.
- * The Kickoff Luncheon was a success, highlighted by a unique introduction to President Daniels and naming of Don Gentry as our Betty M. Nelson award winner.
- * PURA again exceeded our United Way campaign goal with over \$120-thousand in contributions. And retirees continued to support Purdue also.
- * Spearheaded by Jill May, the first annual PURA Common Read program was initiated. Hosted by Nick Schenkle at the WL Library, the community discussion focused on *The Deans' Bible*; Betty Nelson and Angie Klink were both there.
- * Through the PLIR program we were able to reconnect with the Boiler Volunteer Network, which is now part of the Dean of Students' "Civil Engagement and Leadership Development" organization.
- * A team led by Sue Hiser partnered with the UDO to publish the updated PURA endowment brochure, which each of you received through the mail.
- * Olivia Wood, Sarah Johnson, Sandy Komaskinski, and I laid some very early groundwork for the 2017 Big-10 Conference to be hosted by PURA.
- * Based on our perceived characteristics of recent and future retirees, that same group began dialogue on how to assess PURA's 2020 'look and feel', and the associated opportunities that look might bring.

- * Our flu shot venues were well attended; and we actively supported the wellness screening complex that moved to Lyles-Porter Hall, noting that they have now added vision and hearing testing.
- * Working with Olivia, HR initiated the opportunity for retirees to fill short term / temporary positions on campus by establishing our own temp pool, with an HR link to our web site.
- * And most significantly, our newsletter cheese was moved when Marketing and Media announced they would begin charging for services. In response, PURA is opting for a more frequent but shorter newsletter as recommended in a 2009 study sponsored by Murray Blackwelder and John Sauter, and discussed again last year. The new Communications Committee will soon be implementing that.

We also have some unfinished business.

- * We are working toward a streamlined PU admission process so retirees can take classes for credit or audit as temporary, non-degree seeking life-long learners.
- * On hold is our partnering with the University Senate's Visual Arts Committee to help support the campus poster exchange program.
- * We need to work with UDO to cleanse the PURA data base. We had about 50 returned envelopes from the endowment brochure mailing, and a few of those were stamped "deceased". We also need to plan for another updated directory.
- * We need to look at establishing a closer partnership with the new administration by revisiting the 2009 "Engaging Purdue University Retirees" study I mentioned earlier, and by continuing to plan for our PURA of the future.

A lot got done, but there's still a lot to do. It's been an exciting and fun year for me, and I thank all of you for volunteering to keep the PURA flames alive – and for continuing to look forward even when someone else moves our cheese.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan E. Collins
President, PURA
2014-2015

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION
BENEFITS COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT
2014-2015**

Benefits Committee Members

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

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:

- Determine Health Care Plans for 2015

*Prepare for and negotiate insurance plans for 2015

*Actively involve Purdue healthcare consultant and the Purdue administration for the renewal of health insurance plans for 2015

*Determine options for vision and dental services

*Review data from UHC to determine the need for change in plans, options and services – May-July 2014

*Review Proposed Rate Sheets for 2015 – July 2014

*Finalize Plans for 2015 by September 2014

- Leadership and Service

*Continue to provide excellent service to health insurance members through the work of the Benefits Committee and the Staff of Purdue Human Resources

*Continue to build strong leadership on the Benefits Committee working to increase membership targeting clerical and service staff retirees

*Continue liaison with Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee, the Purdue Retirement Investment Task Force, and the Purdue Parking Committee to assure a voice for Purdue Retirees in their deliberations

- Communications and Marketing

*Continue communications with Purdue Human Resources staff and administration

*Coordinate with Purdue Human Resources to gather information on prospective retirees for targeted marketing opportunities for the PURA Health Insurance Programs

*Gather information from PPO/Medicare Advantage clients to determine need for changes in plan- Survey?

*Continue to facilitate information for current health care insurance members, Purdue administration, and prospective members through informational mailings, workshops, newsletter articles, and the PURA web site

*Continue to update the Benefits and Health Insurance page of the PURA web page

*Continue the partnership with the Purposeful Living in Retirement Committee of PURA to provide information to our members on the Health Insurance options offered by PURA and other benefits for retirees.

*Actively market and provide information to pre-retirees on health insurance options in cooperation with Purdue Human Resources through pre-retirement workshops, Spring Fling and other events.

*Review Healthwealth Marketing Plan prepared by Joe Uhl and determine direction for the plan.

- Monitor for Future Needed Action

*Continue to monitor statewide plans of IU Health, other state and federal actions on health care that may impact members.

Major Accomplishments of Committee for 2014-2015

The Benefits Committee of the Purdue University Retirees Association accomplished several major goals for 2014-15.

1) Guidelines for Selection or Renewal of Health Insurance Plans

Prior to any renewal discussions the Benefits Committee developed and publicized guidelines that would be utilized in selecting or renewing Health Insurance Plans for PURA members.

Medicare Senior Supplement Plan:

1. Any Senior Supplement plan and provider of the insurance must be able to serve our PURA members wherever they live.
2. The plan must give complete freedom for the member to select any doctor or provider of health services that accept Medicare patients.
3. The plan must cover medical and prescription drugs.
4. Any prescription drug plan must cover any legal drug prescribed by a doctor.
5. The insurance company must have a good reputation for service in the industry.
6. The plan must cover emergency healthcare services while the member is traveling outside the United States.
7. The plan must have a market competitive premium with the lowest possible annual deductible rate and with no or very low co-pays or other out-of-pocket costs to the member.
8. The plan must be comprehensive with marketing advantages over off the shelf plans provided by the insurance company.

Medicare Advantage or Preferred Provider Organization Plan

1. The Plan and provider of the insurance should be able to serve our PURA members wherever they live in the State of Indiana.
2. The plan must cover medical and prescription drugs.
3. The insurance company must have a good reputation for service in the industry.
4. The plan must have a market competitive premium with competitive co-pays and other out-of-pocket costs to the member.

2) Renewal Process

The committee spent several months in the renewal process for the PURcare Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage PPO Health Insurance Plans with UnitedHealthcare for 2015. 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 Committee spent over three months and the negotiations produced an **overall 5% increase in the premium for the PURcare plan** (Senior Supplement with Vision benefit and Part D

Prescription coverage) **and a 5% increase in the premium for the Medicare Advantage PPO plan. Compared to other plan increases across the nation the committee** overcome some proposed major price increases resulting from the continuing impact of the Affordable Care Act of 2010, subsidy reductions from Medicare, and a surge in prescription drug costs. Health care and drug continuing cost increase and reduction in subsidies are expected to continue throughout the next several years.

3) **PURcare HOUSEHOLD BILLING PROCESS**

NEW FOR JULY 1, 2015

PURcare members (UnitedHealthcare Senior Supplement plus Medicare Rx Part D) will have an improved billing process effective July 1, 2015. The Benefits Committee of PURA has asked United Healthcare (UHC) for the past several years to look into a household billing plan. The insurance company has agreed to implement a one payment per household, or per member, process starting on July 1, 2015. We believe the new arrangement will result in fewer errors and lower processing costs which should help reduce or slow down the increases in administrative costs included in our premiums.

This does not affect members using the UHC Medicare Advantage PPO plan.

The New Process

- A Welcome Letter from UnitedHealthcare will be sent to each PURcare member in early May to explain the process. If you do not want to have all the invoices for your household combined, you'll have the opportunity to opt out of the process. Details on how to do this will be in the letter.
- Planned Results of New Process: One Consolidated Invoice per Household Each Month for the UHC Senior Supplement and Prescription Drug Plans.
- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) members will have one deduction from the designated bank account instead of three or four.
- Those members who have paid for the year via check or credit card will see no change.
- Those members who pay via check or credit card by the month will receive a consolidated invoice for all PURcare members in the household unless they opted out of the consolidated billing.

Process Review

The Benefits Committee reviewed the Billing and Accounting process information from the UHC Benefit Services Team and believes the process is very well developed. The system will be tested prior to March 31, 2015. The details for this new household billing process were posted on the PURA Web Page under Benefits and Health Insurance.

4) **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 was placed on PURA Web Page. Several up-dates were made during the year. The Committee had great support from the PURA Communications Committee.

5) **Three Studies Undertaken by the Benefits Committee to assist them in making future decisions on Health Insurance Plans**

A) **Vision Care Survey**

The difficulty for members getting vision claims processed by United Healthcare 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 2016 and will be prepared to make any necessary changes in the plan as needed resulting from the information obtained from the members participating in the survey. The complete results are expected to be posted on the web page by late spring.

B) **Survey of Medicare Advantage Plan Members**

With the continuing reduction in Federal subsidies of these plans, the committee did a survey of those members participating in this plan to help direct the committee's decision in the future. Results will be posted on the web.

C) **Study to Determine Need for Plan to fill the gap for early retirees**

Purdue continues to have a large number of pre-sixty five retirees. Even though these retirees can continue on the Purdue Employee Plan they must pay the full cost of the plan. The Benefits Committee spent the winter months studying this issue to determine if an optional health insurance plan is needed. Results will be available by late spring of 2015 and taken into consideration during the selection and/or renewal of plans for 2016.

6) **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.

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

The Benefits Committee partnered with the Purposeful Living in Retirement Committee with the Benefits Committee Chair making a presentation during their 2014 Conference, 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. A follow-up presentation will be made by the Benefits Committee Chair during the 2015 Purposeful Living Conference.

8) Relationship between PURA and University Committees

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

9) 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.

10) Major Accomplishment on Expansion of Silver Sneaker Providers

The Benefits Committee working with the Director of the Córdoba 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. Early results indicate that Purdue retirees, who participate in one of the PURA Health Insurance Plans, are utilizing this benefit in large numbers.

11) Pre-retiree Informational Sessions

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

12) 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-March 2015**

CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT 2014-15

The Campus and Community Activities Committee (C/CA) provides informative, educational and entertaining opportunities in the Greater Lafayette area for members of the Purdue University Retirees Association. These events usually do not require bus transportation and do not involve the collection of funds in advance. Typically, we have two to three activities planned in the fall and the spring. The committee welcomes suggestions for tours or activities.

Activities during the 2014-15 academic year, dates and participation

9/24 MatchBOX Coworking Studio. 20 attendees

10/14 Krach Leadership Center. 38 attendees

10/23 Co-Rec Pickleball Clinic and Tour of Co-Rec. 22 attendees

11/6 Ralph & Bettye Bailey Hall. 34 attendees

3/30 Common Read The Deans' Bible at WLPL (assigned to C/CA Committee)

4/8 3-D Print Lab. 33 attendees

4/30 Comedy Readers at University Place. 60+ attendees
Some PURA members, some UP residents, some both

Committee Members

Sue Hiser

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PURA Communications Committee Report, 2014-15

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 Has Been Responsible for Information Printed in the Newsletter?

Jill May, as committee chairperson, has been responsible for all final copy and its placement in the newsletter and on the web. According to the bylaws, she is not responsible for writing copy. This has to be submitted by committee members and chairs and officers.

Amy Raley, as the Purdue University contact person, has taken all copy submitted by Jill and followed it through with other staff members to page-proof status. At that time, she has turned newsletter copy over to representatives from PURA's Communications Committee for final review. Once copy editing changes have been made, Amy has submitted the newsletter for bids, following the publication through the individual steps of printing and distribution. Amy has been directly responsible for the final stages of the four newsletters this year.

Sam Conner served as the "point man" for newsletter issue. He worked directly with the PURA committee 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 submitted it to Jill. Unfortunately, Sam was ill the second half of this past year. As a result, Jill worked directly with committee chairs for the last three newsletters.

Karen Lembcke has served as the newsletter proofreader. She read the final mock-up copy with Jill for the first newsletter, checking for typos or misprints from the final copy submitted to Amy Raley. The last three newsletters were electronically submitted with little turnaround time, so Amy was not involved in their editing.

JoAnn Thomas has acted as column editor for "Those Were the Days" and "PURA Member Awards." She has solicited articles for these columns and looked for special articles of interest that reflect the activities of PURA members, editing and proofreading them before submitting to Jill for final approval. She has been responsible for getting photos for these columns.

Who Has Been Responsible for Information on the PURA Web Page?

Bill Evers and Jim McCammack were PURA's web masters. Bill has placed all copy on the web July-December; Jim has been responsible for postings January-June. Copy for the web is submitted to Jill for approval and placement. She has contacted the acting web master each week with any updates she has received, directing them to remove old pieces and post new information on the web pages. Bill and Jim have also proofed and corrected copy on the web, after consulting with Jill. Bill has worked with PURA Historian Carolyn Jones this year, revising and streamlining the historical information found on the web.

What Did the Communications Committee Accomplish This Year?

This year PURA members have received four newsletters. 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 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 these events.

Due to financial restraints and re-organization at Purdue, Jill has collaborated with President Dan Collins and Vice-President Olivia Wood in a total re-design of PURA communications. In future years, PURA will publish 10-12 month reports of activities to be distributed to PURA members in the nearby area and an annual newsletter that will be mailed to all PURA members.

PURA Common Read

In Spring 2014, members of the PURA Board accepted a proposal from the Communications Committee for a PURA Common Read, a program to be designed in collaboration with Purdue University Press. The Communications Committee proposal outlined the following procedures which were accepted by the Board at that time. They were followed for the first year's Common Read.

Common Read Planning: Each spring, committee chairs of PURA's Communications Committee and Kickoff Luncheon Committee, will work with the senior editor of the Purdue University Press to identify a recently published book that will become the year's "PURA Community Common Read." Once selected, the book will be sold by PUP at the fall kickoff luncheon. The book will be announced in the fall newsletter and on the PURA website, and it will be available to members at a discounted price throughout the year. A special event will be held in the spring with PUP representatives and PURA members for a discussion of the book's significance.

The first Common Read selected was *The Dean's Bible*, a Purdue University Press book written by Angie Klink. A historical book concerning the five women who served as Dean of Women and Dean of Students at Purdue University, *The Dean's Bible* was introduced through the newsletter and on registration materials for the fall luncheon and was sold at a 20% discount to PURA members at the fall luncheon. A spring reception and discussion of the book was held at West Lafayette Public Library. Speakers were WLPL library director Nick Schenkel, author Angie Klink, and former Dean of Students (and PURA member) Betty M. Nelson.

At the April Board meeting Board members listened to a report concerning the event and agreed to place the 2015-16 planning efforts in the Campus and Community Activities Committee, thus releasing the Communications Committee of its responsibilities for the next year's event. However, the Communications Committee will continue to announce the book selected for the Common Read on the web and in their publications, and will also announce the spring event in both places.

What Will the Communications Committee Change in 2015-2016?

The Committee “work structure” reflects PURA’s reorganization of publications priorities; the exact physical plans are to have numerous issues containing a calendar and details of immediate events for those in the PURA area. The annual newsletter will serve a larger audience; it should contain ample information concerning the PURA health care plan.

Endowment Committee
Annual Report
Purdue University Retirees Association
2014 – 2015

Committee Members

Bain, Melinda	melindahbain@comcast.net	Secretary-Treasurer
Bain, Robert	robertwbain@comcast.net	PURA Past President
Collins, Dan	decollins.retired@yahoo.com	PURA President
Hiser, Sue	landshiser@gmail.com	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.

PURA Activities and Opportunities Fund

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 Endowment Agreement Establishing the Activities and Opportunities Fund for the Purdue 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

The basic understanding of the PURA Activities and Opportunities Fund include:

- 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 the purposed of individual retirees.

Source of Funds

PacifiCare/United HealthCare, the provider of the Senior Supplement Plan for 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 were deposited in the A&O Fund.

Purdue Opportunity Award in Honor of Martin and Patty Jischke

This fund was established on September 14, 2007, with the revenue to be used for Purdue Opportunity Awards for students whose financial circumstances would keep them from attending the University. The goal of the Purdue Opportunity Awards Program is to provide federal, state, and Purdue aid that will pay for tuition and room and board for the recipient's first year at Purdue and subsequent years until graduation, as long as the recipient maintains a minimum GPA of 2.65/4.00. The POA will be administered by the University's Division of Financial Aid.

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 at the beginning of his sophomore year. He has been invited to and attended the PURA Kickoff Luncheon each year and an MCL Lunch Meeting. The second semester of his junior year he is studying abroad in Lucerne Switzerland. 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 12/21/13	\$136,000.00	\$26,518.44
Market value on 12/31/14	\$148,896.58	\$27,282.97
Income available for expenditure on 12/31/14	\$23,219.47	\$1,438.82
Income reinvested on 12/31/14	\$3,480.47	\$635.68
Awards granted	\$2000.00	Funds taken as needed by DFA for M. McCormick, junior in TECH
Current available funds	\$23,219.47	\$1,250.42

Activities during the 2014-2015 organizational year:

- A new Endowment brochure with information about the PURA A&O Fund and the Jischke POA was designed and produced with the assistance of Marketing and Media and the Office of Development. The combined efforts of the Endowment Committee members, Betty Nelson, and Jill May were greatly appreciated.
Quantity: 7,000 brochures, 4518 envelopes, 4518 letters (Additional brochures are to be kept as future handouts.)
Costs: For the brochures: \$1,512.25; for the envelopes: \$282.90; for the letters: \$428.95
Mailing fulfillment cost: \$0 (All folding, stuffing, sealing, addressing, and postage was done at UDO)
Vendor: Lithographic
- The brochure with a letter from UOD was mailed to all PURA members in November and will be distributed at the PURA Purposeful Living Conference and other PURA activities.
- Periodic announcements about the endowment have been made at the MCL Lunch Meeting.
- An article about the new brochure was written for the PURA Newsletter
- In response to a call for grant proposals that was directed to the deans of the colleges in June, the PURA Endowment Committee received one grant proposal in August 2014. A \$2000 grant was awarded to the Center for Families and Life Care and the Department of Nutrition Science for the symposium, "Avenues to Optimal Longevity", on Sept. 5, 2014.
- After reviewing the limited number of responses to the call for grant proposals, the date for sending out the call was changed to mid-January. This was thought to be a better time frame for faculty. Grant proposals could be submitted through March 16 with April 15 as the award notification date.
- The call for grant proposals was e-mailed to the deans of the colleges in mid-January. Three proposals have been submitted and are being reviewed by the members of the Endowment Committee.
- Michael McCormick attended the Kickoff Luncheon. Articles about Michael have been written for the PURA Newsletter.
- Betty Nelson, past Endowment Chair, is working with UOD and DFA to clarify the desire of PURA to support the Jischke POA recipient until graduation.

Committee Membership for 2015- 2016

<u>Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>
Bain, Robert	URA Treasurer	06/18
Collins, Dan	PURA Past President	06/16
Hiser, Sue	Chair	06/17
Rumble, Scott	Member-at-large	06/17
Wood, Olivia	PURA President	06/17

Submitted by Sue Hiser, 03/19/2015

Purdue University Retirees Assn (PURA)

Hospitality Committee

2014-2015 Annual Report

Committee Members: Gayle Archer, Maria (Nina) Barron-Burke, Jane Brown, Mary E. (Betty) Brown, Gail Carlton, Verle Chappell, Doris Cox-Peterson, Lyle Lloyd, John D. Miller, John Moser, Gerald (Gerry) Ripke, Hubert Schmieder, Co-Chairs, Dorothy Jones, and 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 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 2014-2015 year:

Served as greeters and assisted PURA participants at such activities as:

- Luncheons at MCL Cafeteria on the first Monday of the month
 - worked with the monthly program chair to set up room for seating and AV requirements
- Distributed pass-out materials
- Decorated tables for certain holidays
- Annual Kick-off Luncheon usually held in September
- Annual Flu-Shot venues, usually 2 or 3 sessions, usually in October
- Information tent at the Spring Fling for all Purdue staff and retirees
- Provided greeters at the Purposeful Living in Retirement Seminar held in April

Projects during the 2014-2015 Year

- Set up coordination with the Program Committee and MCL management to try to improve and enhance the set of the room for our monthly luncheons
- encouraged the use of a newly enhanced PURA web site

Conducted "brain storm" type discussions on such topics;

- Tried to find ways to encourage University departments to nominate departments for the Arthur G. Hansen Award
- Discussed ideas for a PURA business card that referred retirees and pre-retirees to helpful web sites to assist in retirement planning and management
- To try to get pre-retirees to constantly review their retirement plans and to **Plan Upon Retirement Ahead of time and periodically**
- To look into the problem of only having one functional microphone at the MCL presentations
- The new way of delivering coffee service at MCL

In addition to the above, members, usually the co-chairs, serve on the Board of Directors of PURA, the Spring Fling Committee, and the committee meets 6 or 7 times throughout the year.

Co- Chairs Jeris Eikenberry and Dorothy Jones

The Hospitality Committee for 2015-2016: Co-Chairs Dorothy Jones and Jeris Eikenberry, members Maria (Nina) Barron-Burke, Jane Brown, Gail Carlton, Verle Chappell, Doris Cox-Peterson, John Miller, and Hubert Schmieder. **We need a couple more!**

Purdue University Retirees Association Kickoff Luncheon Committee Annual Report, 2014-2015

Committee Members

Sarah Johnson, Chair

Deb Dimmitt

Karen Ferry

Jeanie Kalhust

Gail Overholser

Ann Pickett

Dan Collins, PURA President, ex-officio

Olivia Wood, 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.

2014 Luncheon

The 2014 Luncheon was held on September 8 at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel. There were 294 reservations; 268 people attended. President Mitch Daniels was the speaker. The Betty M. Nelson Award was presented to Don Gentry. 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 53 attendees received prizes donated by 26 vendors.

The food cost of the luncheon plus tax and gratuity remained the same from the previous year-- \$13.86. With a desire to keep the ticket price affordable for retirees and to utilize some of PURA’s financial assets for the benefit of its members, the Executive Board voted to decrease the ticket price by \$1.00 to \$15.00 for this year. Therefore the financial report shows a deficit of \$838.67 for the Kickoff Luncheon; that is \$164.08 less than the budgeted amount to be subsidized by PURA funds.

Katherine Markee, a member of the committee for one year who was planning to assume the committee chair, passed away unexpectedly. Sarah Johnson will continue as co-chair and Ann Pickett will return as the other co-chair for 2015-16.

The PURA Program Committee chose the following programs to be presented at the monthly luncheons during the 2014 – 2015 year. Also listed is the Committee Member who acted as the program coordinator. All luncheons were held at MCL.

- Oct 6 Topic: Illegal Drugs in Indiana
Speaker: Detective Jon Eager, WLPD, Coordinator: Don Jones
- Nov 3 Topic: State Street Master Plan
Speaker: Eric Lucas, Coordinator: Ann Hunt
- Dec 1 Topic: Energy Center
Speaker: Maureen McCann, Coordinator: John Schneider
- Jan 5 Topic: Looking at Parkinson's Disease
Speaker: Jessica Huber, Coordinator: Lyle Lloyd
- Feb 2 Topic: 3D Printing
Speaker: Davin Huston, Coordinator: Sue Scholer
- Mar 2 Topic: Purdue Theatre
Speaker: Joel Ebarb, Coordinator: Marilyn Ziemer
- Apr 6 Topic: Community Gardens & Trees
Panel: Jeff Phillips, Don Nead & Lynn Layden, Coordinator: Jane Brown
- May 4 Topic: Purdue Press
Speaker: Katherine Purple, Coordinator: Sue Topping
- Jun 1 Topic: Delphi, A Stellar Community
Speaker: Mayor Randy Strasser, Coordinator: Martha Fletcher
- Jul 6 Topic: Modern Cooperative Extension Service
Speaker: Jason Henderson, Coordinator: John Trott
- Aug 3 Topic: Retiree Volunteering
Panel: Habitat, Boiler Volunteer Network+?
Coordinator: Sandy Komaskinski

Due to some conflicts, the Coordinator positions were adjusted during the year, and twice a substitute speaker presented the topic. An article was submitted for the newsletter describing how the Program Committee works. Hospitality Committee began to help with setup. Problems continued with the sound system and solutions are being sought. Other than that the feedback on the programs indicated people were pleased.

Sue Scholer, Co-Chair

Purposeful Living in Retirement Committee

Annual Report 2015

The 2015 Purposeful Living in Retirement (PLIR) conference was held at the Beck Center on April 22, 2015. There were 162 attendees and 23 commercial exhibitors.

Topics included Prescription Drug Side Effects, Home Healthcare, the Changing World of Health Care and Benefits, and the steps to take for Beyond Estate Planning.

The Beck Center was a new venue and many participants indicated they liked the location.

Many of the commercial exhibitors provided handouts and door prizes. A special thanks also goes to the Purdue Alumni Association for providing door prizes.

Many people and organizations are involved with the PLIR program. A special thanks goes to all of the sponsors and cooperative groups that helped to make the program a success. Also, a special thanks goes to the Beck Center. They provided a “home like” atmosphere for the program.

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION
TRIPS AND TOURS COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT
2014 - 2015**

Committee Members:

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

All of the above committee members are continuing this next year with the exception of Linda Hawkins, who has elected to step down from this committee. The Committee met, and continues to meet, on the fourth Tuesday of each month, with the exception of November and December, 2014 because our meetings conflicted with both the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday weeks.

The committee collaborated with Imperial Travel for all of the trips and tours this year. We extended a special invitation and had representatives from Lafayette Limo give us an information presentation about the services and support they would offer us. The committee decided that Imperial Travel offered the best in variety, cost of tours, and operational services, so we continue working with Imperial Travel as our primary vendor of choice. We are pursuing contact with the CSSAC to see if we can collaborate with them on any future trips or tours by their organization.

Advertising our trips and tours offerings was expanded to include fliers directed to each of the Activities Directors at Westminster, University Place, Friendship House, in addition to e-mails to the PURA Retirees Listserv, the PURA website, and fliers distributed at the monthly PURA meetings at MCL cafeteria.

Several members of our committee attended the recent Lafayette Limo Open House at Best Western hotel and will attend the Imperial Travel Open House , March 21,2015 where they will highlight their upcoming schedule of offerings for this calendar year, ie...2015.

Trips coordinated in 2014 were (1) shopping trip to Saugatuck, MI, July 17, 2014, (40 attendees)... (2) Frank Lloyd Wright home and studios and residences in Oak Park, IL, September 19, 2014 (37 attendees)... (3) Fiddler on the Roof at Beef and Boards, Indianapolis, IN, November 12, 2014. (sold out)

One trip under consideration last summer was the Driehaus Museum of the works of Tiffany, Chicago, IL, but that was put on hold because that exhibit closed and is scheduled to re-open again in January 2016. Additionally, the Committee was, and still is considering a tour of the Carmel, IN art museum tour, probably early this Spring or Summer.

The committee is actively pursuing a variety of offerings for this coming year.....once the bad weather abates.

Respectively submitted!
March 1, 2015
Tom Haworth, Chair
PURA Trips & Tours Committee