PURA 2015-16: President’s Annual Report

PURA STATS:

- 4688 official retirees (Feb. ’16), 337 added in June, 2015
- 2015 United Way Contributions: $127,775
- 2015 Retiree (outright and deferred) giving: $4,035,162.45

PURA “FIRSTS” in 2015-16:

- Published 11 issues (July ’15 - May ’16) PURA NEWS
- Integrated PURA Secretary/Treasurer into 2 distinct positions
- Added a PURA Scholarship Committee and initiated PURA Student Endowment Scholarship
- Enhanced Health Screenings: Body Composition, Medication Therapy Management, Physicals, Ankle Brachial Indexing, Swallowing Analysis
- First Jischke scholar, Michael McCormick, graduates in August, 2016
- Secured Fidelity as new PLIR sponsor
- Developed PURA Business Card

APPOINTMENTS, HONORS, AWARDS:

- July, 2015 University appointment: Trent Klingerman, Vice President, Human Resources; valued PURA Advisor
- 2015 Arthur G. Hansen Award Recipient: Purdue Extension, College of Agriculture
- 2015 Betty M. Nelson Award: W. Scott Rumble
- PURA nominee for IN Bicentennial Torch Bearer: Betty M. Nelson
- John Trott elected 2016-17 Vice President, President-elect
- 2016 PURA Activities and Opportunity Fund grant awarded to Center for Aging and Life Course (CALC)

MEMBER PARTICIPATION in PURA ACTIVITIES (~1629!)

- President Daniels Reception (~100)
- Annual Kickoff Luncheon (248)
- 4 Trips and Tours (~70)
• 5 Campus and Community Activities (~75)
• 12 MCL Monthly Luncheon/programs (~85 x 11 meetings = ~935)
• 2016 Purposeful Living in Retirement Conference (176)
• Center for Aging and Life Course Conference (25)

SELECTED PURA HIGHLIGHTS:

• Melinda and Bob Bain represented PURA at the 2015 Big Ten Retiree Conference at Michigan State in August, 2015
• 2016 reduction in premium for PURcare and no premium increase for Medicare Advantage; planning for PURA sponsored gap health insurance for pre-65 retirees; household billing now available. ~2500 retirees participate in PURA’s benefit plans.
• Perseverance of Communications Committee through the first year of PURA NEWS. Timely and increased updates on PURA web site, increased member viewers to web site
• Expanded offerings for free health screenings; continuing free flu shots
• Temporary employment opportunities from graduate program coordinator to receptionist/secretary to cashier to delivery drivers

2016-17 CONTINUING BUSINESS

• PURA 2020/2025 Task Force: Planning for the future
• Big Ten Conference Committee to plan for Purdue as host for the August 25-27, 2017 conference
• PURA Temporary Employment Opportunities for members
• PURA Bylaws revisions to add the Standing Committee for Scholarship and to revise appointment terms for PURA committee members

Respectfully submitted,

Olivia B. Wood
President, PURA
2015-16
Purdue University Retirees Association

Treasurer’s Annual Report 2015-16

The position of Treasurer was established in PURA in this year by splitting the previous Secretary-Treasurer position. The purpose was to enhance the organization’s understanding and management of its financial resources.

The following was accomplished in 2015-16:

- Sources and uses of funds were researched
- Monthly financial report to the PURA Executive Board was streamlined and timeliness improved
- Balances were reviewed with the Vice President-Human Resources, our official advisor, and recommendation presented (and approved) to transfer unused funds to the scholarship endowments

Goals for 2016-17 are:

- Continue to refine monthly financial reports
- Document sources and uses of funds in each account
- Improve timeliness of reports on endowment accounts

We appreciate the support of Vice President Trent Klingerman and his business manager, Judy Casey, in these endeavors.

Robert Bain, Treasurer
Purdue University Retirees Association
Benefits Committee
Annual Report
2015-2016

Benefits Committee Members
Betty M. Nelson                                             Melinda Bain, ex-officio
Charles H. Brown                                              John Beelke
Robert Bain                                                   Sue Hiser
Judy Davis, PU North Central                                  Clifford Swensen, advisor
Fred Ford                                                    Larry Pherson
Don Gentry, Chair                                            Harry Morrison
Sandra Singer                                                Leon Thacker
Lois Wark, resigned during year                              Olivia Wood, ex-officio
Kate LaMar, ex-officio                                       Eva Nodine, 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 2016
  * Prepare for and negotiate insurance plans for 2016
  * Actively involve Purdue healthcare consultant and the Purdue administration for the renewal of health insurance plans for 2016
  * Study options for vision and dental services
  * Review data from UHC to determine the need for change in plans, options and services – Review Proposed Rate Sheets for 2016 – July 2015
  * Finalize Plans for 2016 by September 2015
- 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 University 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
  * 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 though pre-retirement workshops, Spring Fling and other events.
*Continue to monitor statewide plans of IU Health, other state and federal actions on health care that may impact members in the future.
*Study the impact of specialty drugs and rising cost of prescription drugs to determine needed changes in plans for the future
*Study options for providing health insurance options for Pre-65 Purdue Retirees

**Major Accomplishments of Committee for 2015-2016**
The Benefits Committee of the Purdue University Retirees Association accomplished several major goals for 2015-16.

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 2016. These two plans cover the health insurance needs for over 2,500 Purdue Retirees. These negotiations produced an **overall 4.4% reduction in the premium for the PURcare plan** (Senior Supplement with Vision benefit and Part D Prescription coverage) and a **flat 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.
3) **PURcare HOUSEHOLD BILLING PROCESS**

**NEW FOR JANUARY 1, 2016**

PURcare members (UnitedHealthcare Senior Supplement plus Medicare Rx Part D) Plan has an improved billing process effective January 1, 2016. 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 agreed to implement a one payment per household, or per member, process. The committee believes 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.

4) **Communications**

After renewal, the committee provided many communications opportunities to retirees in 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) **Four Studies Undertaken by the Benefits Committee to assist them in making future decisions on Health Insurance Plans**

   **A) Study to Determine Need for Plan Option for pre-65 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. This study resulted in a partnership being developed between PURA, Purdue University and the Henriott Group to provide options for health insurance in addition to continuing on one of the Purdue Employee Plans. This private exchange program will provide pre-65 retirees the opportunity to review a number of plans, determine if they are eligible for a federal subsidy and enroll in the plan that meets their health insurance needs. Once the retiree is eligible for Medicare, they may enroll in one of PURA’s plans for Medicare recipients.

   **B) High Costs and Specialty Drugs**

   A sub-committee was formed to study the projected impact of high costs and specialty drugs on our health insurance plans. The results of this study will guide the committee as they renew the plans for 2017.

   **C) Hospital Admits**

   A sub-committee also studied Hospital Admit classifications and prepared an educational document to help guide our members, their family or other advocates when a member is admitted into the hospital for observation or as an inpatient.

   **D. Study Options for Vision and Dental Care**

   The committee continued to review the options available for vision care and preventive dental care. The results will be used to determine options for 2017.
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 2015 Conference, on the impact of the Affordable Care Act on seniors and specifically PURA Plans. 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 2016 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) **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.

**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.

**Submitted by:**

Don K. Gentry, Chair PURA Benefits Committee-April 2016
Big Ten Retiree Conference Committee

Year End Report – 2015-2016

PURRA will be hosting the Big Ten Retiree Association’s annual conference on August 25-27, 2017. This committee will begin meeting in May 2016 with the charge of planning, financing, and delivering an educational conference.

Hotel space and meeting spaces have been secured and conference coordinators have been assigned by Purdue Conferences.

Committee Members:
Melinda Bain, Chair
Dan Collins
Don Gentry
Sarah Johnson
Sandy Komasinski
Marta Read
John Trott
Olivia Wood

Respectively submitted,

Melinda Bain
May 1, 2016
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 2015-16 academic year, dates and participation

9/22 VOSS Display and the Discovery Learning and Research Center. 48 attendees
  Participants explored the Visiting Our Solar System, dedicated to Janice Voss, astronaut, and the DLRC.

10/8 Green Walk in Lafayette. 18 attendees
  Participants visited the Community Garden and viewed some of Lafayette’s efforts at going green.

2/20 Tennis. 2+ attendees. For this drop-in activity the actual number is unknown
  A small number of PURA members took advantage of the invitation to visit the Schwartz Tennis Center, and saw the Purdue Men’s Tennis Team in action against the Marquette University team. Purdue won the match 6-1.

3/31 Common Read and Discussion of Saving Archival Materials. 20 attendees
  Participants learned about the Purdue University Press 2015 publication, Little Else Than a Memory and its creation and about the worth and the need for preserving archival materials.

4/16 Softball/Baseball facilities visit. 20+ attendees
  Participants enjoyed a delightful weather day and a 1-0 Purdue softball win over Illinois. Those who saw the baseball team in action witnessed a one run Purdue loss to Michigan State.

Committee Members

Sue Hiser completes her term on the committee as of May 17
Shay Kohne
Jill May
Mary Alice Nebold joins the committee as of the transition meeting, May 17
Richard C. Nelson, Chair
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COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL SUMMARIZATION

Beginning in July 2015, the Communication Committee began a new tradition for PURA. The PURA newsletter was introduced as a four-page monthly under the name of PURA News. Although a few glitches occurred at the beginning, these have been corrected and currently production is operating more smoothly. Our goal is to keep all our retirees informed in a timely manner of all events and activities that PURA offers, and sometimes of other University or community activities. This includes a review of events that have occurred, and information on the upcoming events or activities.

Since this is the year of Indiana’s Bicentennial, there are numerous activities to keep PURA members busy. PURA News is emailed to the retirees whose electronic address we have on file, and is mailed to all local retirees who either do not have an email address or have not provided PURA with one. The PURA News is available on our website along with other pertinent information.
Endowment Committee
Annual Report
Purdue University Retirees Association
2015 – 2016

Committee Members
Robert Bain  robertwbain@comcast.net  PURA Treasurer
Collins, Dan  decollins.retired@yahoo.com  PURA Past President
Hiser, Sue  landshiser@gmail.com  Chair
Rumble, Scott  scottr1024@att.net  Member-at-large
Olivia Wood  o.wood123@comcast.net  PURA President

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 purpose 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. Michael will graduate in August 2016 after completing the Entrepreneurship Certification.

**Summary Update of PURA A&O Fund and PURA Jischke POA**

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Activities during the 2015-2016 organizational year:

- The committee met in October to discuss revisions the letter for the Activities and Opportunities call for grant proposals and to determine who should receive the letter. The decision was to send the letters to deans and heads of department of the colleges and directors of selected centers and a few individuals.
- In response to a call for grant proposals sent in January 2016, the PURA Endowment Committee received two grant proposals in March. A $2,500.00 grant was awarded to the Center for Families and Life Care for the conference, *Time Horizons and Optimal Aging*, to be held on September 15-16, 2016.
- Michael McCormick, the PURA Jischke Scholar, was asked to the Kickoff Luncheon but was not able to attend. He made a presentation at the MCL Lunch Meeting in October of his experiences while studying abroad in Lucerne, Switzerland. Michael will graduate in August this year. Articles about Michael have been written for the PURA Newsletter.
- Betty Nelson, Past-Chair of the PURA Endowment Committee, with DFA and UDO developed the *Operational Understandings* for the Jischke POA to define the procedures to insure that the PURA Chair, the PURA President, and the PURA support staff in Human Resources are informed of the name of the Jischke Scholar and that PURA can support the Jischke POA recipient until graduation as long as grade requirements are met.
- The PURA Board approved moving $10,000 from the PURA Functional Account to the Martin and Patty Jischke Purdue Opportunity Award (Jischke scholarship).
- The PURA Scholarship Committee announced the establishment of a new scholarship, the PURA Student Scholarship. Fund raising began in April. Donations to this scholarship are eligible to be matched. The scholarship will be a true endowment when $25,000 is raised.
- The committee will meet later in April to review the goals of the PURA Activities and Opportunities Fund and the procedure for PURA members to request funds from the endowment for PURA activities such as the Purposeful Living in Retirement conference.
- Periodic announcements about the endowment have been made at the MCL Lunch Meeting.

Committee Membership for 2016-2017

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Submitted by Sue Hiser, 04/24/2016
Purdue University Retirees Association (PURA)  
Hospitality Committee  
2015-2016 Annual Report

Committee Members: Maria (Nina) Barron-Burke, Jane Brown, Gail Carlton, Verle Chappell, Doris Cox-Peterson, Norman Long, John Miller, 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 programing. The committee also provides detailed discussion of new ideas and concepts that might further improve PURA's programing and services to the post-retirement Purdue community.

Activities for the 2015-2016 year:

Worked with Michele Salla, Michelle Warren, and Executive Board to design and produce a PURA business card. Three hundred cards prepared in time for the June, 2015, New Retirees Luncheon.

Served as greeters and assisted PURA participants at these activities:
- Luncheons at MCL Cafeteria on the first Monday of the month
- Worked with monthly program chair to enhance A/V and room set-up at MCL
- Distributed pass-out materials
- Decorated tables for certain holidays
- Annual Kick-off Luncheon, September 14, 2015, Sheraton Four Points
- Annual Retiree Flu-Shots, Turfgrass Research Center, Oct 12, 16, 27, 2015
- Displayed poster prepared by Melinda Bain to promote United Way giving
- Purposeful Living in Retirement Seminar, April 20, 2016, Beck Center
- Information tent at the Spring Fling May 25, 2016 Memorial Mall, for Purdue staff and retirees

Encouraged the use of a newly enhanced PURA web site

In addition to the above, one or both co-chairs served on the Board of Directors of PURA, and the Spring Fling Committee.

Comments, 2015-2016 Year: Committee membership dropped during the year, due to illness and attrition. Meetings were poorly attended or cancelled. Plans are afoot for rejuvenation under new leadership. Given these losses, we are proud of how much this committee accomplished during the past year.

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, Norman Long, John Miller, and Hubert Schmieder.
Purdue University Retirees Association
Kickoff Luncheon Committee
Annual Report, 2015-2016

Committee Members
Sarah Johnson, Co-Chair
Ann Pickett, Co-Chair
Deb Dimmitt
Karen Ferry
Jeanie Kalhust
Gail Overholser
Olivia Wood, PURA President, ex-officio
Melinda Bain, PURA Vice President, ex-officio

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

2015 Luncheon
The 2015 Luncheon was held on September 14 at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel. There were 272 reservations; 248 people attended. Dr. Vic Lechtenberg spoke on “Reflections on a Purdue Career.” The Betty M. Nelson Award was presented to Scott Rumble.

A popular aspect of the luncheon is the array of door prizes given throughout the meal. More than 60 attendees received prizes donated by 31 vendors.

The food cost of the luncheon plus tax and gratuity was $14.60. The Sheraton had increased their food prices significantly; but because we have been a continuing customer for several years, they allowed us a smaller increase in price, for this year only. The registration fee was increased by $1, to $16.00, but was still insufficient to cover all expenses. The 2015 budget was prepared in anticipation of a deficit of $831, to be subsidized by PURA funds. The financial report shows a deficit of approximately $1000 for the 2015 Kickoff Luncheon.

For the second year, Purdue Conferences developed both paper and web registration forms, collected registration fees, made nametags, and handed out nametags at the luncheon. This worked well and was a great asset to the committee. For the first time this year, a special hard-copy registration flyer was prepared by Conferences and mailed by Purdue Printing to retirees in Tippecanoe and seven surrounding counties.

Mary Enos will join the committee next year. All other committee members are continuing for another year.
The PURA Program Committee chose the following programs to be presented at the monthly luncheons during the 2015-2016 year. Also listed is the Committee Member who acted as the program coordinator. All luncheons were held at MCL.

October 5     Topic: Tippecanoe County Bicentennial  
Sue Scholer & Mike Piggott, Coordinators for Tippecanoe County

November 2    Topic: Update from the Provost  
Speaker: Deba Dutta, PhD., Executive Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Purdue University  
Coordinator: Sandy Komasinski

December 7    Topic: Battle of the Bulge  
Speaker: Ned Derhammer  
Coordinator: Martha Fletcher

January 4     Topic: PRF Update  
Speaker: Brian Edelman, CFO & Treasurer for Purdue Research Foundation  
Coordinator: John Schneider

February 1    Topic: Small Business  
Speaker: Susan B. Davis  
Coordinator: Jane Brown

March 7       Topic: Battery Research Status  
Speaker: Prof. Edwin Garcia, Purdue University Energy Center  
Coordinator: Don Jones

April 4       Topic: Master Gardner Program  
Speaker: John Orick, Purdue Master Gardener State Coordinator  
Coordinator: Marilyn Ziemer

May 2         Topic: Hearing Technology – New Facts You Should Know  
Speaker: Joshua Alexander, Ph.D., CCC-A, Dept. of Speech, Language & Hearing Sciences, Assistant Professor, Purdue University  
Coordinator: Lyle Lloyd

June 6       Topic: The Farm at Prophetstown  
Speaker: Leslie Martin Conwell  
Coordinator: John Trott

July 4        Holiday – No Luncheon

August 1     Topic: Medical Marijuana  
Speaker: TBA  
Coordinator: Sue Topping

We continue to run into difficulties with the microphone & computer needs. The Committee needs to take on the responsibility of early arrival to make sure the setup has been done and is working. The Committee might also consider planning for 6 months at a time. This would entail an additional meeting but might provide for flexibility to avoid speaker conflicts & changes which come up when we try to plan for the whole year.

Sue Scholer  
Co-Chair
### Purposeful Living in Retirement Meeting 2016

The 2016 PLIR meeting was held at the Beck Agricultural Center in West Lafayette. There were 176 attendees and 25 commercial exhibits.

Topics included: Updates on Health Care and Insurance, Side Effects on Drugs, Finances and the Future, Hearing Changes, and Rightsizing.

This was the second year for the program to be held at the Beck Center. A special thanks goes out to the staff of the Beck Center for a job well done! They provided a “down home” atmosphere for the program.

Many of the commercial exhibitors and local donors provided handouts and door prizes. A special thanks also goes to the Purdue Alumni Association for providing door prizes. Special Events were spectacular in keeping the event organized.

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. A special thanks also goes to the Communications Committee, Hospitality Committee, PLIR planning committee, and PURA board for support of this program.
PURA Student Scholarship Committee

Year End Report – 2015-2016

The PURA Student Scholarship Committee began meeting in July 2015 and was initially formed to promote fundraising for the Jischke POA Scholarship Endowment that is partially supporting a Purdue Student. In discussions with Amy Noah, Vice President for Development, it was determined that dollar for dollar matching money was available; however, that opportunity was not available to add funding to existing scholarships.

On October 7, 2015, the PURA Board officially approved the establishment of the PURA Student Scholarship Committee and the initial pledge of $25,000 to be raised in five years. After discussions with the University Development Office staff, the Scholarship Committee approved a stretch pledge of another $25,000 which was approved by the PURA Board on November 4, 2015. The initial $25,000 must be raised in five years to receive the $25,000 matching dollars. If raised prior to the five year requirement, any donations raised in the balance of the five-year time frame will be matched dollar for dollar up to another $25,000.

PURA participated in the Purdue Day of Giving, April 27. The PURA Board approved, on April 6, a $10,000 transfer of PURA funds into the Jischke POA Endowment and that transfer was made on April 27. Another $10,000 transfer from PURA funds was pledged on April 27, and approved by the PURA Board on May 4, to the PURA Student Scholarship endowment. Retirees, University employees and friends donated $5,800 to the PURA Student Scholarship fund during the 24-hour University campaign. The $25,800 raised for the Purdue University Retiree Association on April 27 provided an incentive award of an additional $141.

The current balance for the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment:
$ 500 donated prior to April 27, 2015
$10,000 PURA funds transfer
$ 5,800 donated by retirees and friends on April 27, 2015
$ 1,000 leadership gift from Purdue Federal Credit Union
$17,300

Additional Funds for Jischke POA Endowment
$10,000 PURA funds transfer

Purdue Day of Giving Incentive Award
$141 Distribution to be determined between endowments

Committee Members:
Melinda Bain, Chair
Dan Collins
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Joyce Koelzer
Betty Nelson
John Norberg

Respectfully submitted
Melinda Bain
May 6, 2016
PURDUE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION  
TRIPS AND TOURS COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL REPORT  
2015

Committee Members:

Tom Haworth, Chair  
Carolyn Blue, Secretary  
Joma Roe

Tarren Neth  
Agnes Hawn  
(one vacancy-offer outstanding)

All of the above committee members are continuing for another term. We were saddened with the loss of our committee member, Don Campbell, who passed away this year. Don was a super contributor to the works of the committee. He is missed!! The Committee met, and continues to meet, on the fourth Tuesday of each month, with the exception of November and December, 2015 because our meetings will conflict with both the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday weeks.

The committee collaborated with Imperial Travel for all of the trips and tours in 2015. We extended a special invitation and had Melinda Bain, Purdue Womens Club, gave us information and guidance on how The Womens Club conducts it travels and tours We are still 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 again included fliers hand-carried 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 Imperial Travel Open House, March 29, 2016 where they highlighted their upcoming schedule of offerings for this calendar year, ie... 2016.

Trips coordinated during 2015 were (1) a shopping trip “Historic Byways and Yard Sale Days” along State Highway 40 from Richmond, In to Indianapolis, IN, May 2015 ... (2)”Chocolate Trail and winery along the Old National Road”, July 2015 ... (3)“Chicago Your Way”(Field Museum, Aquarium, Navy Pier, Water Tower Place), September 2015 (4) Riverboat Cruise along the Ohio River on the Belle of Louisville, October, 2015.

The committee is actively pursuing a variety of offerings for the remainder of this calendar year.

Respectfully submitted!

May 4, 2016  
Tom Haworth, Chair  
PURA Trips & Tours Committee