

PURA Annual Reports, 2017-2018

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Purdue University Retirees Association

**President's Annual Report
2017-2018**

Executive Committee Members

President, John Trott

President Elect, Don Gentry

Past President, Melinda Bain

Historian, Carolyn Jones

Secretary, Deborah Dimmitt

Treasurer, Robert Bain

Benefits Committee Chair, Don Gentry / Larry Pherson

Big Ten Retirees Association Conference Chair, Melinda Bain

Campus and Community Activities Chair, Richard Nelson

Communications Committee Co-Chairs, Karen Lembcke & Suzanne Collins

Endowment Committee Chair, Sue Hiser

Hospitality Committee Chair, William Bennett

Kick-off Luncheon Committee Co-Chairs, Sarah Johnson & Ann Pickett /

Karen Ferry & Viki Taylor

Program Committee Co-Chairs, Roy Johnson & John Schneider

Scholarship Committee Chair, Melinda Bain

Purposeful Living in Retirement Committee Chair, Olivia Wood

Trips and Tours Committee Chair, Joma Roe

The success of the 2017-2018 PURA year was directly attributed to the over 75 dedicated volunteers that served the over 5,000 Purdue retirees around the world. University administrators, departments and staff were also vital in the success of PURA programs and activities throughout the year and their support to PURA allows it to be the envy of the Big-10.

2017-2018 Highlights

- PURA members contributed over \$120,000 to the United Way Campaign for the eighth consecutive year and contributed over \$4 million dollars to Purdue University to support scholarships, capital campaigns, athletics, etc.
- PURA continues to support two student scholarships, the Martin and Patty Jischke Scholarship and the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment. Melinda Bain, chair of the scholarship committee, has been instrumental in getting the PURA scholarship endowed at over \$105,000 to date.
- The program year for PURA starts with the Kick-off Luncheon. Over 260 retirees, spouses and guests attended the program and heard Mr. Mike Berghoff, Chairman of Purdue Board of Trustees present a very interesting overview and update of university and board activities.
- The Big Ten Retiree Association annual meeting was hosted by PURA in 2017 and was an extremely successful event thanks to Committee Chair Melinda Bain and her committee. Speakers included Astronaut Jerry Ross, Humorist/Author John Norberg, Vice President for Human Services Denny Darrow and Provost Jay Akridge.
- In 2015 a Task Force was formed to address what PURA might look like in the year 2020. The 2020 Task Force, under the capable leadership of Chair Olivia Wood presented their final report in July, 2017 which presents recommendations related to PURA bylaws, leadership, communications, and technology.
- PURA continues to present two major awards each year. One is the Arthur G. Hansen Recognition Award which is presented in conjunction with the Office of the President is given to a university unit that excels in fostering a strong relationship between Purdue and that unit's retirees. The 2017 award was presented to the Office of the Vice President for Human Resources. The other award is the Betty M. Nelson Recognition Award which is presented at the Kick-off Luncheon to a person(s) that have greatly improved the lives of Purdue retirees or made outstanding contributions to PURA. The honor in 2017 was presented to a very deserving Melinda Bain.
- University support to PURA continues to be excellent. The staff of both the Humans Resources and University Development have been extremely helpful in assisting PURA throughout the year. It would be very difficult for PURA to exist without their support. Michele Salla of Human Resources has been invaluable to our successes. Purdue also continues to provide temporary employment opportunities for retirees and allow retirees to take campus and Purdue Global courses at no cost.
- The Executive Committee recognized a weakness in managing our financial affairs and created a Finance Committee with the responsibility of working with the Treasurer to understand and actively use our financial resources the best way possible. The committee will be composed of the Treasurer (Chair), President, Vice President, Past President and others as the chair shall recruit and be confirmed by the Executive Committee. The formation of the Finance Committee eliminates the

need for an Endowment Committee. All financial activities will be handled by the Finance Committee and any other functions of the Endowment Committee will be handled by the Scholarship Committee.

- PURA and University Development are looking at ways where the former retirees telephone directory might be incorporated into the PURA website. Both organizations think it is possible and continue to discuss needs. With the capacity of today's technology, the days of printing directories that become outdated the day they are printed is a very expensive and outmoded option.

It has been an honor to serve as your President this year. I see continuous growth and improvements as the extremely capable Don Gentry assumes leadership of the organization and as the dedicated PURA committees continue to provide the activities which rich the lives of retirees.

Respectively,

John O. Trott President

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PURDUE UNIVERSITY RETIREE'S ASSOCIATION
Benefits Committee
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- I) Committee Members:
- *Larry Pherson, Co-chair
 - * Don Gentry, Co-chair
 - * Charles Brown
 - * Betty M. Nelson
 - *Robert Bain
 - *Linda Duttlinger, PU Northwest, Westville
 - *Fred Ford
 - *Sandra Singer, PU Northwest, Hammond
 - *John Beelke
 - *Sue Hiser
 - *Clifford Swensen
 - *Harry Morrison
 - *Leon Thacker
 - *Marta Read
 - *Emily Bramson
 - *John Trott, ex-officio
 - *Melinda Bain, ex-officio
- II) Mission/Purpose: Purdue University Policy IV.3.1, Status and Privileges of Retired Faculty and Surviving Spouses and Children, originally issued on May 10, 1971 and revised December 12, 2001 outlines the specific benefits extended by the University. It is the purpose of the Benefits Committee to expand upon and add to the specific University policies which contribute to the wellbeing of retirees. The primary responsibilities of the Benefits Committee are to assure the provision of comprehensive, affordable medical plans for retirees, negotiate with insurance providers, evaluate changes, monitor services and investigate alternatives where advantages may be gained. The committee strives to keep retirees aware of additional University benefits and privileges and promotes program improvements where possible. The Benefits Committee is also responsible for assuring representation on the Purdue Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee, Parking and Traffic Committee and the Retirement Plan Committee.
- III) Committee Goals 2017-2018:
- A) Review and renegotiate healthcare plans for 2018.
 - B) Continue to monitor implementation of Pre-65 Health Insurance and Preventive Dental optional plans.
 - C) Transition Committee Chairmanship from Don Gentry to Larry Pherson.
 - D) Continue liaison with the University Compensation and Benefits Committee, the University Retirement Plan Committee and the University Parking and Transportation Committee.
 - E) Continuously maintain and improve communications and marketing efforts.
 - F) Continuously monitor impact of federal and state actions on PURA members.

IV) Accomplishments 2017-2018:

- A) Working with University staff and healthcare consultants, PURcare and the Medicare Advantage Plans were extended for 2018. Both plans remained unchanged. The premium for Medicare Advantage, which is \$208.49 per month, remained unchanged for the fourth year in a row. The monthly premium for PURcare increased for the first time in 4 years to \$282.73. Utilization of these insurance plans is approaching 2600 members.
- B) We are in the second year for the Pre-65 Health Insurance and Preventative Dentistry Plans.
- C) Larry Pherson has assumed committee chair responsibilities freeing Don Gentry to become PURA President for 2018-2019.
- D) During 2017-2018, Fred Ford was the PURA representative to the Purdue Retirement Plan Committee; Clifford Swensen was the representative to the University Compensation and Benefits Committee and Larry Pherson was the representative to the University Parking and Traffic Committee.
- E) The following are examples of the Committee's communication and marketing efforts:
 - 1) Assisted HR staff with "Road to Retirement" presentations.
 - 2) Presented at the annual Purposeful Living in Retirement conference.
 - 3) Prepared articles for the PURA Newsletter announcing the 2018 insurance premiums, End of Life Issues and the University's new License Plate Recognition Program.
 - 4) Updated Benefits Committee webpage.
- F) Monitored governmental activity relating to Affordable Healthcare and Tax Code revision.
- G) Following the completion of the negotiations for the 2018 healthcare plan a list of nine Action Items to improve the working relationship between the Committee and UHC were developed. Progress on resolving the identified concerns has been made because of extensive communications between PURA and UHC. Continued effort will be devoted to this project during the upcoming months.
- H) With the implementation of License Plate Recognition (LPR) by the University, the committee worked with Parking Facilities to ensure that retirees will not be required to surrender the gold parking permit that was issued to them during July 2017. For those retirees wishing to register their vehicle(s) in LPR information on the registration process was developed.

All in all, the Benefits Committee had a successful 2017-2018 and was quite busy.

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Purdue University Retirees Association

Big Ten Retirees Association Annual Conference Committee Annual Report 2017-2018

Committee Members:

Melinda Bain, Chair
Robert Bain
Dan Collins
Don Gentry
Sarah Johnson
Sandy Komasiński
Marta Read
John Trott
Olivia Wood

Overview:

Thirteen of the fourteen Big Ten institutions sent conferees to the Big Ten Retirees Association Annual Conference hosted by PURA on August 25-26, 2017. Conferees stayed in the Purdue Memorial Union and discussion sessions were held in the Stewart Center. The purpose of the annual meeting is to share best practices which ultimately benefit retiree members. Planning began two years ago with the focus of developing a conference program that would provide conferees with an opportunity to discuss and share the best methods they had developed to manage their associations. The planning committee also knew from experience that the Big Ten retiree association leadership attending previous meetings had a fascination with Purdue's aviation history and developed the "entertainment" portion of the conference using that theme.

Discussions surrounding the conference sessions entitled, **TOGHTER WE SOAR – Best Practices and Sharing of Ideas for Operating a Successful Retiree Association**, resulted in lively exchanges on a variety of topics – organization, governance, membership, finances, marketing, member benefits, retiree health care issues and insurance. Facilitating these discussions were John Trott, PURA President, Don Gentry, President Elect, Melinda Bain, Past President, and Bob Bain, Treasurer. More alike than not, each institution's conferees offered ideas on what they do differently and provided insights that could be incorporated in other retiree associations plans. All the associations are facing similar issues, chiefly among them the desire to meet the needs of today's retirees which represent a different set of demographics and interests than just a few years ago.

All was not work! The meeting's keynote address, partnered with PURA's Summer Common Read, featured astronaut and Purdue graduate Jerry Ross and Purdue retiree John Norberg, who co-authored, *Spacewalker: My Journey in Space and Faith as NASA's Record-Setting Frequent Flyer*. With 175 in attendance, Norberg warmed up the audience with highlights of Purdue aviation history from Amelia Earhart to the newest Purdue astronaut Loral O'Hara. Ross shared his life's dream to soar into outer space and the faith and determination needed to get there. He encouraged all to follow their dreams. Following the keynote, the conferees attended a Purdue Libraries hosted reception in the Stewart

Center Library Archives and Special Collections featuring artifacts from the Barron Hilton Flight and Space Exploration Archives.

The traditional campus tour found the conferees traveling an “aviation history” route past Grissom Hall, Ross-Ade Stadium, and the golf courses, with brief stops to view the athletic complex at Cherry Lane and McCormick Road, and at Purdue West to discuss the State Street Project. Moving on, the conferees heard a history of the flight simulators at the Holleman-Hiswonger Simulator Center from namesake Charles Holleman, drove past the hanger that held Amelia Earhart’s airplane and stopped for a walking tour of the Voss Model, a scale model of the solar system honoring Purdue astronaut Janice Voss.

Dinner on Saturday evening was held in Neil Armstrong Hall of Engineering, further providing the conferees with aviation related opportunities -- access to the Armstrong sculpture, moon boot experience, and viewing of the Roger Chafee memorial and moon rock specimen.

Conferees also heard from Purdue administrators. Denny Darrow, Vice President for Human Resources and PURA Liaison shared the important role the retirees play in the Purdue family, Interim Provost Jay Akridge highlighted Purdue’s strategic agenda of affordability, accessibility and excellence, and James Mullins, Dean of Purdue Libraries, spoke on the inception to completion of the Wilmuth Active Learning Center and hosted a reception and tours of the facility.

And no conference would be complete without getting our students involved. Purdue Musical Organization ensemble BaNaNa serenaded with 50s and 60s songs and the Reamer Club Boilermaker Special transported everyone from Armstrong Hall to the Purdue Memorial Union after the Saturday night dinner.

Evaluations revealed that the conferees survived the road construction projects, learned a great deal from their colleagues about how each institution manages its retiree association, expect to utilize much of the information shared, made excellent networking contacts, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Oh yes, and enjoyed the Boilermaker Special ride!!

This committee has set a high mark for the 2018 conference to be hosted by Pennsylvania State University.

Financial:

Financing is the biggest obstacle in planning this conference because of the limited funding of the individual Big Ten Retiree Associations. The committee started fundraising two years in advance of the conference. We estimated that we would need approximately \$10,000-\$15,000 to present our best foot forward to the visiting associations. Our first goal was to determine if we could raise that money and protect our reserves. Including our estimate of conference fees, we secured commitments of approximately \$15,000. Below is the final accounting:

Big Ten Retirees Conference 2017 Income and Expense Report

Income

Sponsorship—UnitedHealthcare	1,000
Sponsorship—Fidelity	1,000
From University Libraries	3,479
From Purdue Federal Credit Union	2,000

Donations for Gift Bags	228
Registrations	3,197
From PURA A&O Fund	788
Commitment from Human Resources	4,895
Total	16,587

Expenses

Space Rental	1,017
Purdue Memorial Meals	6,488
Speaker Expenses	2,000
Midwest Rental	731
Set-up and cleaning	29
Receptions	3,479
Audio Visual	177
Gifts for Speakers	90
Gift Bags for Attendees	288
Conference Programs	133
Campus Tour Bus	512
Hall of Music	1,017
Glee Club	375
Total	16,486

Balance **101**

New Emphasis for 2017 Conference:

Based on review of prior conference evaluations, the conference committee wanted to spend as much time as possible providing opportunities for conferees to talk about how their organizations are organized and to learn best practices for improving how those organizations serve their retirees. An entire day, with recap on Sunday morning, was spent discussing organization, governance, membership issues, finances, marketing, member benefits, retiree health care issues and insurance. This was a departure from the established conference agenda of spending a couple of hours on these topics. Much was learned and Purdue's image of PURA being a premier organization was again evident.

Instead of limiting the conference activities to just the committee and the conferees which is generally the format for these conferences, it was decided that a key-note speaker would provide opening remarks to the entire PURA membership in addition to the conferees. This helped illustrate how PURA provides all types of educational opportunities for its membership. A Common Read, cookies/punch reception, sponsored by the University Libraries, was followed by a keynote address by Jerry Ross and John Norberg which was well attended in Stewart Center.

All of the PURA committee members were invited to the receptions and dinners to give the conferees access to the retirees actively involved in leadership positions within the PURA organization. This prompted lively discussion about PLIR, the Kickoff Luncheon, Spring Fling activities, and specific benefits PURA members enjoy.

This conference is a major undertaking. It cannot be done without the expertise of an excellent group of PURA members. So thank you:

Bob Bain—for making the budget balance

Dan Collins—for providing insight from previous conferences and hosing our guests at Samara

Don Gentry—for developing the amazingly successful conference agenda and program content

Sarah Johnson—for skillfully planning meals and handling all of the catering issues

Sandy Komaskinski—for all of her advice and picking up the loose ends on D-day

Marta Read—for wading through all of the registration website nightmares

John Trott—for being an amazing and supportive President-Elect, President, and Conference MC

Olivia Wood—for being my sounding board and fellow detail chaser

This conference will not be held at Purdue University again for another ten years or so. My best wishes to the next chairperson.

Respectively Submitted

Melinda Bain

Chair, Big Ten Retirees Association

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CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18

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 and their guests. These events usually do not require bus transportation and do not involve the collection of funds in advance. Typically, two to three activities are planned for the fall semester and a similar number for the spring. The committee welcomes suggestions for tours or activities.

Activities during the 2017-18 academic year, dates and participation:

8/25/17 Common Read. This PURA program was conducted in cooperation with the Big Ten Association Annual Conference meeting at which astronaut Jerry Ross spoke and amplified his experiences as presented in his book Spacewalker, a publication of the Purdue Press. The large crowd included visitors from the Big Ten Universities as well as PURA members.

10/10/17 Public Art in Lafayette. Approximately a dozen people accompanied Margy Demerall on a Tippecanoe Arts Federation tour of murals and other outside art in Lafayette to their great satisfaction. Some of the art work is in alleys and is often overlooked. PURA members and their guests clearly enjoyed the experience.

10/25/17 Cook Biotech. Eighteen PURA members and guests were hosted by Susan Erb, a member of the staff of Cook Biotech in the Purdue Research Park. Cook biotech is a world leader in using animal tissue to replace and regenerate tissue in a variety of human organs as tiny as the inner ear. Participants saw employees at work and learned of the various levels of employment opportunities offered at Cook Biotech and in the biotech industry.

3/9/18 Subaru of Indiana Automotive. This tour was quickly filled, with its limit of 35. There was a great deal of walking on "catwalks" and those who took the tour saw a great many robots in action, with highly-skilled persons in attendance on them. Most impressive.

3/21/18. Tour of Purdue Greenhouses. The tour was limited to 20 persons. It started with the Controlled Environment Phenotyping Facility where Purdue researchers were studying plants under highly consistent growth conditions that are difficult to replicate in the field. Then those touring ventured into the rest of the greenhouse and the teaching collections.

5/4/18. Football Facility. Initially the tour was limited to fifty persons, but just two days ahead of time, due to the interest shown, all those on the waiting list were told they might attend. The final attendance was over sixty. Mike Braughton gave the tour and was very informative.

Committee Members

Mary Alice Nebold, becomes chair with the transition meeting

Jim Lehman

Jill May

Dianne Mork

Richard C. Nelson, retires from committee as of transition meeting

Look for a new committee member, maybe two, if we can add a person mainly to take pictures.

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Communications Committee

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Committee Members: Karen Lembcke – Co-Chairman
Suzanne Collins – Co-Chairman
Connie Bilyeu
William “Bill” Evers
Jo Ann Thomas – Article Contributor

Mission/Purpose:

Our mission has been to produce an interesting and informative newsletter, PURA News, which is sent to our membership on a monthly basis. There are several months when PURA is not as active so we have combined the December/January issue and the June/July issue. We maintain the PURA website so our members can get a glimpse of PURA in action through pictures taken of various events, information from the designated PURA committees, the prior editions of PURA News, and any other communication updates from Purdue.

The following is a summary of the 10 PURA News issues produced from June/July 2017 through May 2018. We aim to keep the PURA community informed of all PURA events that occur on a monthly basis and the other activities that occur throughout the year in the Purdue community. We have incorporated many of the events that occur on campus in the campus calendar, and the PURA events in the Mark Your Calendar that have become standard features in each newsletter.

A summary of the PURA News articles in each issue for the past year is as follows:

June/July 2017 - John Trott becomes President of PURA for the 2017-2018 year. The leadership key was passed from Melinda Bain to John Trott. PURA members were invited to attend a presentation by Jerry Ross as the keynote speaker for the Big Ten Retirees Association Annual Meeting to be held at Purdue on August 25. We included an update on the PURA Scholarship; the Fast Park and Relax parking facility at the Indianapolis Airport; the PURA summer trips information were listed. Mike Bobinski, Athletic Director, was the speaker for the May monthly meeting at MCL. Tips from the Emergency Responder Panel Presentation that were presented at the April Purposeful Living in Retirement Conference, and an article on Summer Skin Care was included along with the Mark Your Calendar events.

August 2017 - July monthly meeting topic was Autonomous Transportation presented by Srinivas Peeta, Professor of Civil Engineering and Director of the NEXTRANS Center at Purdue. Other items included an article on Jerry Ross, who would be the speaker for the Big Ten Retirees Association on Aug. 25 on the topic of “From an Indiana Country Kid to a Spacewalker”. There also will be a book signing on his book “Spacewalker, My Journey in Space and Faith as NASA’s Record Setting Frequent Flyer and Becoming a Spacewalker”. The PURA membership reached 5,000 members. An article on getting to know John Trott; an article on Skin Changes in the Older Adult; an announcement of the CALC Symposium scheduled on September 15, 2017; an update on United Way, an August Health Tip;

registration open for PURA Kickoff Luncheon; an article on the Indiana State Fair; the Fall Wellness Screenings, and Mark Your Calendar events.

September 2017 - Article on Astronaut Jerry Ross—from Purdue to the International Space Station; Dr. Tom Turpin spoke at the August monthly meeting at MCL on honey bees; informed our members of “Shots” for Seniors relating to flu shots and vaccinations; featured Kiana Bowen as the recipient of the PURA Jischke Scholar, who was selected to attend the SIGGRWAPH Conference; PURA members satisfied the \$50,000 matching challenge; mentioned the exhibit on Amelia Earhart’s that focused on her last letters and telegrams from 1937 World Flights; mentioned the United Way campaign reminder, the September Campus Calendar and the Mark Your Calendar events.

October 2017 - Annual Kickoff Luncheon was a big success. We informed the members of the PURA Health Insurance Plans for the 2018 year; Melinda Bain received the Betty M. Nelson Award; included a summary of the Big 10 Retiree Associations Annual Meeting that Purdue’s PURA organization hosted, which was a huge success. Also included an article on the Campus/Community Activities for Fall 2017; an article on the flu season, the October Campus Calendar and the Mark Your Calendar events.

November 2017 - The articles included: Nominations sought for 2018-2019 PURA Officers; the October monthly meeting featured David Atkinson, Associate Professor of History at Purdue and spoke on “Immigration in America, The Global Consequences of American Nativism: Lessons from History”. Update on Organizing My Affairs; a PURA member received the Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Award; an article on How Veterans Day began; an update on United Way; Pictures and article of the walking tour of Lafayette’s public art and sculptures; information on mercury and the flu shot; the November campus calendar and the Mark Your Calendar events.

December 2017 - Article on PURA Endowment Scholarship Fund; mark your calendar for the Purposeful Living in Retirement Conference in April; Scott Ksander presented the November monthly meeting on “Tech Toys 2”; an article on the CSSAC discount program that is available for Purdue retirees; an article on the West Lafayette Campus parking converting to the License Plate Recognition Program; PURA members visited the Cook Biotech Center; and we featured a history of Purdue’s School of Medicine; a recap of the members who attended the Purdue Center for Aging and the Life Course Symposium; along with the December/January Campus Calendar and Mark Your Calendar events.

January/February 2018 - The slate of officers for 2018-2019 were approved for submission to the PURA members; article on Tips for a better Night’s Sleep; update on the PLIR program in April; announcement of the Subaru Tour scheduled for March 9, 2018; recap of the December monthly meeting on birds and airplanes presented by Professor of Biological Sciences and Showalter Faculty Scholar Esteban Fernandez-Juricic; cooking demonstrations available for community member at the Córdoba Recreational Sports Center; a United Way Update; the February Campus Calendar; information on the schedule of the spring wellness screenings; some facts on the 2018 Winter Olympics, and the Mark Your Calendar events.

March 2018 - Registration for Purposeful Living in Retirement Conference; an update on the PURA Student Scholarship; details on the upcoming football complex tour; a notice on the Boiler Key Purdue IT Security; volunteers needed for PURA Committees; notice on the relocation of the Boilermaker Butcher Block; review of the February monthly meeting by Pat Flannelly, Lafayette Chief of Police; notice of

technology help at the Tippecanoe Library; an article on healthy hearing; the March Campus Calendar; spring wellness screening dates; an informative article on maple syrup and Mark Your Calendar events.

April 2018 - Still time to register for the Purposeful Living Retirement Conference; information on the tour of the Football Complex on May 4; information on the parking via the License Plate Recognition; information on registration for Spring Fling; article on the PURA Student Scholarship; Carolyn Jones received the Woman of Wisdom Award; February monthly meeting speaker, Arvid Olson, Transportation Chair of the Quality of Life Council on Greater Lafayette Commerce spoke on the status of AMTRAK services; article on "Sitting" is the new "Smoking"; the Spring Wellness Screening information; the April Campus Calendar and the Mark Your Calendar events.

May 2018 - Article on the Purdue Global Education Benefit available for all official retirees; Professor Emeritus Sam Postlethwait celebrates 100 years; article on Kiana, PURA's Jischke Scholar achieved Dean's List status; review of the successful Purposeful Living in Retirement Conference with pictures; article to register for Spring Fling; review of the tour of the Controlled Environment Phenotyping Facility and the Lilly Hall Greenhouses; review of the April monthly meeting speaker, Stephen Beaudoin, Professor of Chemical Engineering and Director of the Energetics Research Center; along with the May Campus Calendar and the Mark Your Calendar events.

I wish to thank Suzanne Collins for her wonderful proofreading ability that she provided to assist in helping us produce an excellent PURA News each month. We will miss you. A thank you also goes to Bill Evers for his consistency every month in updating the PURA website with the current PURA News and any other information that was requested to be placed on our website. A very "big thank you" to Suzanne and Bill. I must also thank Connie Bilyeu for being an excellent "publisher" in compiling all the news articles into a readable format. It has been a great team!!

I welcome to our committee James "Jim" Daniel, who I understand is eager and very capable to maintain the PURA website. Welcome Jim!!

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**Purdue University Retirees Association
Endowment Committee
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Committee Members

Melinda Bain	melindahbain@comcast.net	Past President
Robert Bain	robertwbain@comcast.net	PURA Treasurer
Sue Hiser	landshiser@gmail.com	Chair
Gerald Krockover	hawk1@purdue.edu	Member-at-large
John Trott	johnnotrott@gmail.com	President

History of the Endowment

The PURA By-Laws approved August 5, 2002, acknowledged the Association's authority to establish a 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. On April 4, 2018, the PURA Board approved the establishment of the Finance Committee which divided the responsibilities of the Endowment Committee to the Finance Committee and the Scholarship Committee. The Endowment Committee was dissolved.

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 endowment 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 who graduated in Electrical Engineering Technology in August 2016. Kiana Bowen, double majoring in Computer Graphics and Animation, was the recipient of the award in 2016 and will continue to receive the award if grade requirements are met. The recipient is invited to attend the PURA Kickoff Luncheon and will be invited each year.

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

	PURA A&O Fund	PURA Jischke POA
Book value on 6/30/17	\$136,000.00	\$48,809.44
Market value on 6/30/2017	\$139,708.01	\$48,758.95
Income reinvested	\$7,136.35	\$2,488.10
Expenses	\$2,000 CALC Symposium \$788.00 BIG 10 Conf.	\$1,181.00
Transfer for scholarship		\$1,400.00
Awards committed	\$2000.00 2018 CALC Symposium \$4,212 Big 10 Retirees Conference	Funds taken as needed by DFA for Kiana Bowen, CGT

Activities during the 2017-2018 organizational year:

- A \$2,000.00 grant from the A&O Endowment Fund was awarded to the Center for Families and Life Care for the symposium, *Aging Across Generations*, held on September 11, 2017.
- A \$2,000.00 grant from the A&O Endowment Fund was committed to the Center for Aging and the Life Course for the September 2018 symposium, *Technological Innovation in Aging*.
- Funds (\$788.00) were approved to support the Big Ten Retirees Conference.
- Kiana Bowen received the PURA Purdue Opportunity Award in Honor of Martin C. and Patty Jischke. She is an excellent student and continues to be on the Dean's List. She was asked to

attend the Kickoff Luncheon but could not because of her class schedule. Her academic schedule did not allow her to attend MCL luncheon meetings.

- Kiana Bowen was mentored throughout the year.
- Articles about Kiana Bowen were written and appeared in PURA News.
- The Endowment Fund brochures were available for PURA members and guests at the Kickoff Luncheon.
- The PURA Board approved November 1, 2017 the motion that future fundraising be limited exclusively to the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment.
- The PURA Board approved April 4, 2018 the motion to form a Finance Committee. This committee and the Scholarship Committee will assume the responsibilities of the Endowment Committee. The Endowment Committee was dissolved.

My appreciation to all the members of the Endowment Committee throughout the years for their insight in setting up the PURA endowments and supporting the use of monies generated for activities and events for the good of retirees and for the PURA POA scholarship.

Submitted by Sue Hiser, 04/18/2018

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Purdue University Retirees Association (PURA)

Hospitality Committee

2017-2018 Annual Report

Committee Members: William Bennett – Chairperson, Janet Boston, Nina Barron-Burke, Dee Cox-Peterson, Linda Hawkins, Elsa Janle Norm Long, John Miller, Hubert Schmieder, Judy Ware, Marilyn Wolber

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 2017-2018 year:

Served as greeters and assisted PURA participants at these activities:

- Luncheons at MCL Cafeteria on the first Monday of the Month
 - Distributed materials
 - Decorated tables for certain holidays
 - Helped to seat and buss tables.
 - Refill beverages.
- Annual Kick-off luncheon September 11, 2017, Sheraton Four Points
- Annual Retiree Flu Shots, Turfgrass Research Center, Oct. 13 & 20 Kurz Purdue Technology Center Oct 24, 2017
- Displayed materials prepared by Melinda Bain promoting United Way and PURA scholarship giving; also PURA membership materials
- Purposeful Living in Retirement Seminar, April 18, 2018, Beck Center
- Information tables at the Spring Fling May 24, 2018 at the Cordóva Recreation Center, for Purdue staff and employees
- Assisted Program Chair Roy Johnson and Lew Graham with the Kiwanis's TV at MCL.
- Chairpersons also served on the PURA Board of Directors and the University Spring Fling Committee.

-Chairperson attended and assisted with the Big Ten Retiree Conference at Purdue August 25-27.

Hospitality Committee members for 2018-2019:

William Bennett – Chairperson, Marjorie M. Boeckman, Linda Hawkins, Elsa Janle, Norm Long, Dee Cox-Peterson, Hubert Schmieder, Terry Wade, Judy Ware, and Marilyn Wolber.

We hope to attract additional members for 2018-2019.

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Purdue University Retirees Association

Kickoff Luncheon Committee

Annual Report, 2017-2018

Committee Members

Sarah Johnson, Co-Chair

Ann Pickett, Co-Chair

Deb Dimmitt

Mary Enos

Karen Ferry

Rosalee Hayward

Jeanie Kalhust

Gail Overholser

Carolyn Shultz

Viki Taylor

John Trott, PURA President, ex-officio

Don Gentry, 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.

2017 Luncheon

The 2017 Luncheon was held on September 11 at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel. There were 260 reservations; 238 people attended. Michael Berghoff, chairman of the Purdue Board of Trustees, was the speaker. The Betty M. Nelson Award was presented to Melinda Bain. The Arthur G. Hansen Award, given to a department or unit that works closely with its retirees, was presented to Human Resources.

A popular aspect of the luncheon is the array of door prizes given throughout the meal. More than 63 attendees received prizes donated by 31 vendors.

The meal cost of the luncheon plus tax and gratuity was \$17.14. With the approval of the Executive Board, the registration fee was raised to \$18; the balance of the expenses will come from the PURA budget. The financial report shows a deficit of \$1191 for the 2017 Kickoff Luncheon.

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. The hard-copy registration flyer was prepared by Conferences and mailed by Purdue Printing to retirees in Tippecanoe and seven surrounding counties.

Ann Pickett and Sarah Johnson will leave the committee this year. Karen Ferry and Viki Taylor assumed the co-chair positions for the Kickoff Luncheon in October 2017 and are leading the planning for 2018.

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**Purdue University Retirees Association
Purposeful Living in Retirement Committee
Annual Report
2017-2018**

Committee members: Melinda Bain, Jeris Eikenberry, Martha Fletcher, Mary Gardner, Mary Hood, Chris Johannsen, Sue Scholer, Chair Olivia Wood, Consultant Scott Rumble, Events Coordinator Caitlin Enright.

The purpose and goal of the Purposeful Living in Retirement (PLIR) Committee is to plan and execute an annual conference to which PURA members and guests are invited. The program covers topics of interest to retirees. The 2018 conference was held on April 18 from 8:30 am to 3 pm at the Beck Agricultural Center in West Lafayette, IN. There was a record attendance of 238 with 22 exhibitors. Nine different speakers presented information as individuals or as a panel. The committee met seven times during the year to plan the conference and enjoyed the work of a coordinator from Special Events in the Purdue Office of Development. Over 30 door prizes were donated from exhibitors, the Office of Development, the Purdue Alumni Association and individual members. The PURA Hospitality Committee and members of the PURA Executive Board helped to provide a welcoming atmosphere. The PURA Communications Committee marketed the event.

The PLIR Conference received major financial sponsorship from TIAA, United Healthcare, and Fidelity. This support provided for the cost of the facility, printing and mailing, conference program materials, audio visual needs, and speaker gifts. Along with PURA, additional funding support from Westminster Village and University Place retirement communities helped to cover the cost of the continental breakfast and beverage breaks. Exhibitor fees also helped to support the conference. The registration fee of \$15 covered the catered box lunch. Conference presenters were offered free vendor space along with Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association, the Area IV Council on Aging, and The Purdue Women's Club. The PLIR Conference incurred no cost to PURA and excess funds received were placed in the general account.

The 2018 program topics included: Staying Independent, a panel on Cybersecurity: Securing Your Home Against Burglary, Securing Your Cellphone, and Internet Protection, Dietary Supplements: What Older Adults Need to Know, Empathy: Cues and Clues, the Indiana Caregivers Act, and Healthcare Insurance Update.

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Program Committee Annual Report

2017-2018

Program Committee Mission

The Program Committee provides a program for the monthly PURA luncheon meetings at the MCL restaurant on the first Monday of the month except for September. If the first Monday of a month falls on a national holiday, PURA will not meet during the month. The annual “Kickoff Luncheon” is normally held in September in lieu of the luncheon program.

The Program Committee sets the luncheon meeting schedule for the coming year beginning with October and running through August of the following year. Once the schedule is established, the committee chair should inform the MCL management of the upcoming yearly schedule.

The Program chair (or co-chairs) is responsible for obtaining the necessary members to serve on the committee. Ideally the committee should have enough members so that a different member is available to host each of the monthly programs held during the year. We implemented a new format for handling each luncheon meeting the past year. The position of moderator/convener for running the luncheon meetings is now the responsibility of the PURA President; the Program Committee host is responsible for meeting the speakers, helping them setup, providing them a lunch and introducing them to the audience.

2017-2018 Program Committee Members

Roy Johnson, Co-Chair	Eldon Fredericks	Reuben Peterson
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John Schneider, Co-Chair	Sara Harlan	Tom Robertson
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Sue Abney	Sandy Komaskinski
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Jane Brown	Lyle Lloyd
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Monthly Luncheon Series

There were ten monthly luncheon programs this year (a National Holiday fell on the first Monday of January). All of these luncheons were held at the MCL on the first Monday of the month during the 2017-2018 year. All luncheons were well attended with about 80 members at each program. The programs were coordinated by Program Committee members in the new format explained in the Mission paragraph.

Date	Topic	Speaker
October 2	Immigration In America	David Atkinson Professor of History
November 6	Tech Toys – Part 2	Scott Ksander Retired Security Expert
December 4	Birds and Airplanes – a Dangerous Mix	Esteban Fernandez-Juricic Professor of Biological Sciences
January 1	Holiday	
February 5	Youth Justice Reform	Patrick Flannelly Lafayette Chief of Police
March 5	AMTRAK and Lafayette - Where Are We Going	Arvid Olsen, Transportation Chair of the Quality of Life Council of Greater Lafayette Commerce
April 2	Purdue Explosives Research And Homeland Security	Stephen Beaudoin Professor of Chemical Engineering
May 7	The Lafayette Art Museum –	Kendall Smith

	Expanding and Changing	Executive Director
June 4	Cyber Forensics	Mark Rogers Purdue Engineering Computer Network
July 2	Food Safety	Charles Santerre Professor of Food Science
August 6	Purdue University Global	Jon Harbor Professor of Earth & Atmospheric Sciences

General Comments

The Program Committee wants to express its appreciation to Michele Salla for her outstanding service in developing an informative printed program for each luncheon meeting. In addition, the committee wants to acknowledge the excellent efforts of the Hospitality Committee in providing welcoming services.

The Program Committee members should be recognized for their assistance in organizing the program agenda for the year and for hosting and supporting the interesting collection of speakers. Once again, Sandy Komaskinski arranged for the Holiday Season presentation by Scott Ksander on Tech Toys; as in the previous year this program was well attended and received.

After careful evaluation, which included attending demonstration programs of the high-resolution video monitor that the Kiwanis Club installed at the MCL meeting room, the Program Committee recommended to the PURA Board that PURA should make a donation to the Kiwanis Club to allow use by PURA program speakers. The PURA Board agreed and approved this action. The use of this equipment has proved successful and well received by the attendees. The often-experienced problems with projection, etc. have been greatly reduced. Our Program hosts provide the following information to invited speakers:

1. For speakers using a Power Point presentation, the font size for any printing on the slides should be a minimum of 36 point, if possible, in order to be readable in all areas of the meeting room.
2. Try to avoid paragraphs of text on slides as that may be difficult to read.
3. Speakers may provide their own laptop computer, if they wish, and use it for their presentations. We will have the necessary connections to hook it up to the video monitor, whether it be Mac or Windows computer.
4. If they wish to provide their presentation on a flash drive, we will have a laptop computer for them to use.

5. Please check to verify whether or not the speaker will be using video and let us know in advance of any speaker not planning to use the monitor so we don't go to the trouble setting it up.

The success of this program to provide better visual equipment for our speakers and the attendees is due to initial efforts of Don Jones and the follow up, evaluation and implementation by Roy Johnson.

We consider the 2017-2018 year for the Program Committee to have been one where good programs were provided and better meeting systems and equipment utilized. The March luncheon had the largest attendance ever at a monthly luncheon with 102 attendees. Future success will depend on the Program Committee being able to obtain new productive/active members who arrange for interesting and stimulating programs.

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Purdue University Retirees Association

**PURA Student Scholarship Committee
Annual Report
2017-2018**

Committee Members:

Melinda Bain, Chair
Dan Collins
Fred Ford
Sue Hiser
Joyce Koelzer
Betty Nelson
John Norberg

This committee is responsible for the fundraising effort for the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment and for continuing support for this endowment on an annual basis.

Several major decisions have been made this year that relate to scholarships:

1. At its meeting on October 26, 2017, the PURA Student Scholarship Committee approved a motion to focus scholarship fundraising on the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment. This proposal was presented to the Executive Board at its meeting on November 1, 2017. After discussion, the Executive Board approved the motion "requesting that future fundraising for scholarship dollars be limited exclusively to the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment."
2. With the retirement of the Endowment Committee, the requirement to mentor the students receiving the scholarship funds from the PURA Purdue Opportunity Award in Honor of Martin C. and Patty Jischke will become the responsibility of the Scholarship Committee. Sue Hiser, retiring chair of the Endowment Committee, will remain on the PURA Student Scholarship Committee to guide the current scholarship holder, Kiana Bowen.
3. The Executive Board at its meeting on April 4, 2018, approved a proposal to recognize each year's retiring officers, committee members and chairs with a collective donation to the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment. On May 2, 2018, the Executive Board approved the specific amounts for years of service and approved the first Resolution of Appreciation honoring the 2017-2018 retirees.

2017-2018 has been a very successful year. The \$50,000 pledge was satisfied in August 2017 and the balance in the endowment as of April 30 is \$109,742. Several factors contribute to this success:

1. Continued Emphasis on Communication. The PURA Student Scholarship Endowment was kept constantly before the PURA members in a variety of ways.

- PURA News articles. Articles appeared in the June/July 2017, September 2017, December 2017, March 2018 and April 2018. Each of these articles directed PURA members to a website to make contributions or gave directions on mailing a contribution. Following is a brief account of article content:
 - June/July 2017 – John Trott mentioned in his article as incoming PURA President, that the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment had reached \$35,000 toward its pledge goal of \$50,000. This resulted in a contribution of \$15,000 from a 10-year retiree, an economics emeritus professor of the Krannert School of Management.
 - September 2017 – Shared information that the \$50,000 pledge has been met and the balance in the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment account was over \$100,000 and that our pledge had been satisfied in approximately 18 months. More than 80 PURA members have contributed to the endowment.
 - December 2017 – John Norberg’s article encouraged PURA members to continue to help Indiana students realize their dreams of a Purdue education and to remember this scholarship in their end-of-year and holiday giving.
 - March 2018 – The year-end-giving of PURA members totaled approximately \$5,400 bringing the balance to \$105,427 and retirees were asked to mark their calendar for Purdue Day of Giving, April 25, 2018.
 - April 2018 – John Norberg reminded PURA members that this endowment is the largest scholarship endowment in PURA history and its impact will continue forever. He encouraged PURA members to MAKE YOUR MARK by contributing on April 25, 2018. And they did – by contributing \$4,265.
- Reminder Emails to PURA Members. Communications by email were sent on December 12, 2017, to encourage year-end contributions and another email on April 24 as a reminder to give on Purdue Day of Giving, April 25. Contributions in December were approximately \$5,400 and on April 25, \$4,265.
- Posters and Pledge Forms. The PURA Student Scholarship Endowment was mentioned at every venue possible, either verbally or with posters. Pledge forms were always available at MCL Business Meetings, Flu Shot venues, Purposeful Living in Retirement Conference and the September Kickoff Luncheon.
- Thank you Notes to Donors. Using PURA notecards or letterhead, donors to this endowment are thanked personally. Thanks to University Development, we receive a list of donors regularly after a major event such as Purdue Day of Giving and periodically throughout the year. These notes are in addition to the ones sent by University Development and I believe they continue the family environment that PURA tries to maintain with retirees – family thanking family. We have several individuals who are repeat contributors to this endowment and they are recognized as such in these letters and notes.

2. Generosity of PURA Members. Purdue retirees are the primary fundraising audience; however, current Purdue staff and friends of retirees also have contributed to this endowment. We started this PURA business year with approximately \$35,000. With a large donation of \$15,000 in August, the \$50,000 pledge match, approximate year-end donations of \$5,400, and \$4,265 on April 25, the endowment balance is just short of \$110,000.
3. Talented Committee Members and University Staff. The committee members tackle the tough issues, make difficult decisions and continuously move toward raising money. John Norberg authors major communication letters sent by email and articles for PURANews. The committee members meet by email unless a major decision requires a vote. The committee, through its chairperson, is still getting valuable and continuous support from University Development staff for Day of Giving and advice on fundraising questions.
4. Continuing Fun Factor. Two new Purdue themed Christmas ornaments were developed and added to the Boilermaker Special – the Block P and Purdue Pete. The ornaments have sold nicely adding income to the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment. Purchases were made at the Kickoff Luncheon, at Purdue Women’s Club events, from friends of the creator and at the Purposeful Living in Retirement Conference, totaling 190 ornaments. That’s \$1,900 for the scholarship fund.
5. Administrative Recognition. Purdue retirees are regularly recognized as contributors for the Ever True campaign. We are mentioned in the list of contributors thanked by President Daniels in newspapers, emails, and letters to donors. The statement generally reads: students, alumni, parents, friends, retirees, faculty and staff.

The primary goal of this committee was to reach the pledged amount of \$50,000 to obtain the matching money. That has been accomplished. Now our goal is to continue growing this endowment to provide funds to assist as many Indiana students with significant financial need as possible.

The entire PURA Student Scholarship Endowment Committee is returning to serve for 2018-2019.

Respectively Submitted
Melinda Bain
Committee Chair

May 4, 2018

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**PURDUE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION
TRIPS AND TOURS COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18**

Committee Members:

Joma Roe, Chair

Carolyn Blue, Secretary

Tarren Neth

Agnes Hawn

The four current committee members are continuing for another year. Jim Wagner will be joining the committee for 2018-19.

The committee collaborated with Imperial Travel for all of the trips and tours in 2017. Advertising trip offerings again included emails to the PURA Retirees, the PURA website and newsletter, and fliers distributed at the monthly PURA meetings.

Trips advertised in 2017 were:

- June 2017 - SECRETS OF INDIANA \$99/person (includes tours and lunch). First, visit the Exotic Feline Rescue Center, featuring nearly 200 big cats from 8 different species. The next stop is the Clabber Girl Bake Shop and Factory. Tour the factory, watch a cooking demonstration and sampling, and enjoy the included lunch buffet. Step back in time with the next stop, the historic Indiana Theatre. The final stop is the Fire and Police Museum.
- July 2017- FRENCH LICK RESORT & CASINO \$40/person (Transportation only) You decide how you want to spend the day. Options include the Casino, Spa and Salon*, bowling at the 6-lane alley*, round of golf*, horseback riding*, visit the Indiana Railway Museum where you can take a 2-hour historic train ride* or take a guided walking tour of French Lick Springs Hotel or West Baden Hotel*. *Additional fees apply
- August 2017– GANGSTER GETAWAY \$129/person (includes tour, lunch and show) Experience Chicago as it was during the 1920s and 30s. Costumed gangster guides will take us back to a time when Al Capone ruled the South Side of Chicago. We will visit the hot spots of gangster legends. We will have lunch at Tommy Guns Garage, an interactive “Speakeasy” where we will enjoy musical selections from Cole Porter, Duke Ellington and more.

Our efforts to plan trips specifically for PURA members and guests have been hampered by a lack of funds for deposits and no mechanism for collecting funds from individuals without using a travel agency. Survey results indicated the greatest interest was in trips to musical/theatrical performances or sporting

events. Results also indicated that not many individuals were interested in driving. We are finding it difficult to secure tickets to performances or sporting events without some sort of financial commitment up front. One example of this was our plan to work with Imperial travel to have bus transportation & game tickets to the Purdue opening football game at Lucas Oil Stadium. Imperial Travel was working with us, but the Athletic Ticket Office would not hold the tickets for more than 3 days which was not enough time to get the word out to PURA members and get the money collected. Therefore, we were unable to offer this trip.

Our committee will be working during the Transition Meeting to plan trips for 2018-19.

Joma Roe, Chair
Trips and Tours Committee

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