

PURA Annual Reports, 2018-2019

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**PURDUE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION
2018-2019
PURA President's Year in Review**

OFFICERS AND ADVISORS:

President	Don K. Gentry
Vice President	Tom Turpin
Secretary	Judy Ware
Treasurer	Robert W. Bain/Lucia Anderson
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COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Benefits	Larry Pherson
Campus and Community Activities	Mary Alice Nebold
Communication	Karen F. Lembcke
Finance	Lucia Anderson
Hospitality	William I. Bennett
Kickoff Luncheon	Karen D. Ferry and Viki S. Taylor
Program	Roy A. Johnson
Purposeful Living Conference	Olivia B. Wood
Scholarship	Melinda H. Bain
Trips and Tours	Joma Roe

Accomplishments for PURA for 2018-2019

The President of PURA, with approval from the Executive Board, established goals for PURA to better serve the Purdue Retirees during 2018-2019. The following results were obtained with the hard work and support of over 90 board and committee volunteers:

- Highlighted the activities available for current Purdue retirees and increased the visibility of PURA through spotlights for PURA activities and committees at all PURA functions.
- Reviewed the needs of the membership for an additional process for communications through social media. More emphasis was put on new communication processes and equipment in presentations and a monthly newsletter article developed to keep members informed authored by Scott Ksander called "PURA Tech Bytes".
- The Finance Committee with the Treasurer as Chair implemented the plan to consolidate all finance, endowments and budget responsibilities into one committee.
- Targeted fund-raising activities through the Scholarship Committee to grow the PURA Scholarship Endowment. The two scholarship endowments generated sufficient funds to support seven scholarships for Purdue students. The value of the PURA Scholarship grew to over \$130,000.

- Implemented a new process for the Arthur G. Hansen Award in accordance with the plan approved by the Executive Committee in March of 2018 including the creation of a Developmental Grant Program to encourage Purdue departments and units to expand their activities for retirees. Three grants were awarded: School of Aviation and Transportation Technology; Office of Vice Provost for Student Life; and School of Languages and Cultures.
- The task of determining how to best serve the pre-retirement and early retirement Purdue retirees is being addressed by the Benefits Committee. Early retirement health insurance program was created and the committee is studying how to address the need for a lower premium health insurance plan. The Benefits Committee continued their outstanding service to Purdue Retirees with the stable rates for health insurance plans.
- Held a joint meeting with the Trips and Tours and Campus and Community Activities Committees to facilitate coordination on meeting the needs of the PURA members for such activities. Many successful events were facilitated by these two committees and reported in their committee reports.
- Working with MCL, through the PURA Hospitality Committee, changed the seating arrangement to expand and better utilize their capacity for PURA monthly luncheons resulted in a much-improved environment for meetings. Also partnered with the Lafayette Kiwanis Club on improved projection equipment for the luncheon. The Hospitality Committee was instrumental to the welcoming atmosphere at all PURA events.
- Outstanding speakers for the monthly luncheons were facilitated by the Program Committee including a special program on end of life arrangements.
- Another outstanding Purposeful Living in Retirement event was held in April of 2019 planned by that committee.
- The annual Kick-Off Luncheon organized by our outstanding Kick-Off Luncheon Committee was another great event with large attendance, great fellowship, door prizes and speaker- Provost Jay Akridge made an outstanding presentation on “Giant Leaps: Positioning Purdue for the Next 150 Years” and PURA President gave the “State of PURA”.
- The Communications Committee was responsible for greatly improving the Newsletters for PURA and changed to a total electronic distribution system which provided much expansion of articles and materials that could be shared with members. They kept the PURA Web-Page up to date with current events and news.
- An online Purdue Retiree Directory went live during the year from work started during the previous year making names, addresses and contact information on all retirees more accessible to members and Purdue staff.
- To support the 150 Year Celebration of Purdue and to recognize the rich history of Purdue, a number of PURA members portrayed Purdue characters at many Purdue events throughout the year.
- Continued to focus the Executive Board meetings on action items and updates by making every effort to reduce deliberations on committee updates.

- PURA thanked Michele Salla for her many years of loyal and dedicated service to PURA and welcomed Hannah Austerman as the new support staff for PURA. Hannah and Michele made the transition smoothly.
- PURA remains an outstanding service organization because of the work of the PURA committees throughout the year.

Following is a few highlights of the accomplishments of PURA for the year that may not be reported by others in their annual committee reports.

ANNUAL TRANSITION MEETING: Considerable planning was done for the coming year, and progress reports were given by each committee at the May 30, 2018 Annual Transition Meeting. Tom Turpin, incoming PURA Vice President and Professor Emeritus of Entomology, was the luncheon speaker. Outgoing officers, committee chairs, and committee members were honored. In recognition of their service, a donation was made in each of their names to the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment. The program concluded with the passing of the PURA Key from outgoing president John Trott to incoming president Don Gentry.

ARTHUR HANSEN AWARD: The Arthur Hansen Award for service to Purdue Retirees was awarded to the Department of Health and Kinesiology at the Annual Purdue Retirees Luncheon and again at the Annual PURA Kick-Off Luncheon.

BETTY M. NELSON SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD: Two long-time Co-Chairs of the Annual Kick-Off Luncheon Sarah Johnson and Ann Pickett were awarded the Betty M. Nelson Special Recognition Award at the Annual Kick-Off Luncheon for their years of service to PURA.

BIG TEN RETIREES ASSOCIATIONS' ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Don Gentry and Tom Turpin attended the 2018 Big Ten Retirees Conference hosted by the Retirees of Penn State University. This conference is always a great way to share information and program ideas with other Big 10 Retiree Associations. The highlight presentation and discussion this year was a presentation on intergenerational communications.

PRE-RETIREMENT MEETINGS: Members of PURA's Benefits Committee participated with staff from Purdue Human Resources in presenting "Road to Retirement" seminars for current employees. These continue to be popular, well-attended events.

PURA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL: This manual has been completely updated and revised and is now available electronically on the PURA website. Not only is this edition more readily available to all who want to see it, it also is much easier and quicker to revise and keep current than the previous hardcopy editions distributed in notebooks. Thanks to past and current Historians for this major accomplishment.

PURA STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS: What a wonderful year it has been! The PURA Student Scholarship Fund balance on 7/1/17 was about \$35,000. A \$15,000 donation brought the total to the \$50,000 needed to qualify for the pledged \$50,000 matching grant. End of the calendar year donations totaling about \$5,400; Purdue Day of Giving gifts of \$4,265; a \$730 contribution from PURA honoring the invaluable service provided to the organization by outgoing officers, committee chairs, and committee members plus many gifts from PURA members brought the Student Scholarship Endowed Fund total to

\$131,900 by the end of March 2019, all of which is dedicated to help highly qualified Indiana students with significant financial need attend Purdue!

PURA WEBSITE: www.purdue.edu/retirees

Our website continues to grow in content as well as readership. The scope of the information provided about PURA programs, activities, benefits, health insurance, and short-term employment opportunities continues to expand. Our website also includes a photo gallery and houses archival information regarding PURA history as well as copies of current and past newsletters and annual reports. Links are provided to information about University cultural and athletic events as well as announcements regarding Purdue and community events and resources. PURA's Communication Committee maintains our website, and it is updated at least monthly.

RETIREE DEMOGRAPHICS: Currently, there are over 5,000 Purdue retirees, and they live around the world. About 4,000, however, reside in Indiana. Approximately half were faculty members or administrators and half were members of the clerical or service staffs.

RETIREE DIRECTORY: To facilitate communication among Purdue retirees and with former colleagues in the units where they worked, PURA and the University Development Office continue to explore ways that retiree directory information in the University's database could be made accessible through PURA's website.

RETIREE GIVING TO PURDUE: Purdue retirees continue to be generous givers. Once again, they contributed over \$4,000,000 to the University in outright and deferred gifts.

RETIREE GIVING TO THE UNITED WAY OF GREATER LAFAYETTE: Purdue Retirees also are very supportive of our community. For the eighth consecutive year, they contributed over \$139,470.85 to the local United Way annual campaign.

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2018-2019 has been a busy as well as a productive year; clearly PURA continues to be the envy of the Big 10! The annual reports written by our officers and committee chairs tell even more about all that occurred. These are available electronically on PURA's website, www.purdue.edu/retirees, by clicking first on "Archives" then on "Recent Annual Reports." Hard copies of these documents can be found in the PURA collection at the Purdue University Library Archives.

It has been an honor to serve as President of PURA and working with the great people serving on the executive board, the PURA committees and the Human Resources staff. It is through these service-oriented individuals that PURA continues to provide year after year outstanding programs, benefits and services to all Purdue retirees.

Don K. Gentry, PURA President 2018-2019

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PURDUE UNIVERSITY RETIREE'S ASSOCIATION
Benefits Committee
Annual Report 2018-2019

A. Committee Members:

- *Charles Brown
- *Betty Nelson
- *Linda Duttlinger, PU North Central
- *Fred Ford
- *Don Gentry, ex-officio
- *Sandra Singer, PR Calumet
- *Larry Pherson, Chair
- *John Beelke
- *Sue Hiser
- *Clifford Swensen
- *Harry Morrison
- *Leon Thacker
- *Marta Read
- *Emily Bramson
- *Sandy Oswald
- *Conni Vianco
- *John Trott
- *Kate LaMar, ex-officio
- *Teresa Schnar, ex-officio
- *Candace Shaffer, ex-officio
- *Michele Salla, staff/secretary
- *Hannah Austerman, staff/Secretary

B. 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.

C. Committee Goals 2017-2018:

- 1) Complete negotiation of the 2019 Insurance plans for both PURcare and Medicare Advantage by August 31, 2018 with the target of keeping premiums as low as possible, while maintaining top of the line coverage.
- 2) Determine the feasibility of modifying our current open formulary drug plan to limit/control/manage the use of very expensive drugs.
- 3) Via the Newsletter and direct mailings, promote 2019 premiums and plans by September 30, 2018.
- 4) Evaluate the negotiation of the 2019 insurance package.
- 5) Consider alternatives PURA might utilize to assist University retirees with a less expensive plan, considering also how such a plan might impact PURA's current plans.
- 6) Continue participation in the activities of the Parking and Traffic Committee, the Retirement Plan Committee and the Faculty Compensation Committee.
- 7) Actively engage in the PLIR and the Road to Retirement Programs.
- 8) Promote the broad range of benefits available to University Retirees via articles in the PURA Newsletter.
- 9) Continue to monitor actions of external organizations (state and federal governments and organizations involved in the delivery of healthcare services and products) to assess the possible impact of these actions for PURA's members.

D. Accomplishments 2018-2019:

- 1) 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 fifth year in a row. The monthly premium for PURcare decreased from \$282.73/mo. to \$265.39/ mo., a decrease of \$17.34/mo. Utilization of these insurance plans is approaching 2,600 members.

2) The Committee reviewed options for modifying the current open formulary drug plan and determined that there was no cost advantage resulting from any modification of the PURA plan to limit/manage/control the use of very expensive drugs.

3) An evaluation of the negotiation of the 2019 insurance package was conducted during the Fall of 2018. Recommendations resulting from that evaluation will be utilized during the negotiation of the 2020 insurance package.

4) The Committee is considering options that might assist members with a less expensive insurance plan. This work is only in its initial stages and will continue into the upcoming year.

5) During 2018-2019, 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.

6) The following are examples of the Committee's communication and marketing efforts:

a) Assisted HR staff with "Road to Retirement" presentations.

b) Presented at the annual Purposeful Living in Retirement conference.

c) Prepared articles for the PURA Newsletter:

i. Announcing the 2019 insurance Premiums - September 2018

ii. Silver Sneakers Update - November 2018

iii. Insurance coverage for the Shingles Shot - January 2019

iv. Another Silver Sneakers Update - February 2019

v. Federal Hospital Pricing Requirement - February 2019

vi. Purdue Retiree Airport Parking Benefit - March 2019

d) An updating of the list of benefits available to Purdue University retirees will be completed and will be promoted through the PURA Newsletter and other appropriate means.

7) Continued monitoring governmental activity relating to Affordable Healthcare and Tax Code revision.

All in all, the Benefits Committee had a successful 2018-2019 and was quite busy.

Campus and Community Activities Committee

Annual Report

2018-2019

The goal of the Campus and Community Activities (CCA) Committee is to offer educational, informative, and entertaining activities of interest to members of the Purdue Retirees Association and their guests. The committee operates on the premise that planned activities do not require chartered transportation or collection of registration funds. Reservations are accepted to assure that adequate space and/or seating are available. Limitation of the number of reservations accepted is determined by the activity and venue. Announcements of events are placed in the PURA newsletter, on e-mail, and in the monthly luncheon programs.

Two events were offered each semester of the 2018-2019 academic year. These activities were:

October 10, 2018

The book A Purdue Icon: Creation, Life, and Legacy by Dean Emeritus James Mullins was featured at the Common Read. PURA member, Karl Brandt, opened the program with dynamic and authentic commentary about the old power plant that has been replaced by the Wilmeth Active Learning Center (WALC). The open discussion with audience questions that followed was led by Purdue University Press' interim co-director and Sales and Marketing Manager, Bryan Shaffer.

The attendees then toured the Wilmeth and heard about the hi-tech classrooms, reading room, and stacks from Nanette Anderson, Director of Library Facilities. The Wilmeth Center is open 24/7/52.

Twenty-five (25) enjoyed the double event, the Common Read and the tour of the Wilmeth Center.

November 7, 2018

Two campus buildings were toured: The Bechtel Innovation Design Center and The Black Cultural Center (BCC). The Bechtel Center, opened in 2018, was inspired by students who asked for an advanced prototyping facility where they could come together to build solutions to real world problems. Cutting edge design and manufacturing tools (i.e.: \$100,000 water jet cutting tool) are housed in the forward looking, aesthetically designed building. Office space for the Engineering Council is provided.

As we toured the Black Cultural Center, we could hear the Black Voices of Inspiration practicing in the largest space in the BCC. The building, opened in 1999, has received acclaim for the way it draws on motifs of traditional African architecture. Purposeful, holistic, scholarly, and co-curricular programming is designed to strengthen understanding of African American heritage. The BCC sponsors

performing arts ensembles (dance, choral, theatre) houses an expansive art collection as well as a special collections library and computer lab.

Thirty (30) attendees enjoyed the tour of the two campus buildings.

February 21, 2019

Basic tips for successfully growing houseplants were presented by Bridgette, a horticulturist at Bennett's Greenhouses. The many plants that were on the tables and hanging in one of the greenhouses provided a beautiful backdrop for her informative presentation about the effects of watering, lighting, temperatures, cleaning, fertilizing, and transplanting a variety of houseplants.

Twenty-five (25) retirees listened, learned, and asked many questions about their particular plants.

May 7, 2019

The Lafayette Family YMCA is the home of six organizations - Franciscan Health, IU Health, Ivy Tech Community College, Junior Achievement, Lafayette Family YMCA, and North Central Health Services - that came together to form a collaborative group, the Intersection Connection. This group focused on forming a hub for health, education, and social responsibility in the community. The Connection continues its collaboration as it progresses and grows while serving the Greater Lafayette area.

While walking to the entrance, the unique design catches one's attention and is just a prelude to what is inside – classrooms, exercise rooms, gym, pool, chapel, health facilities, Junior Achievement Avenue, and space in which to expand the services in the future.

More than forty (40) retirees were introduced to the awesome new YMCA by Y- team members – our guides: Paul Cramer, President/CEO of Lafayette Family YMCA; Stacy Lods, VP of Mission Development; Sharon Thompson, VP of Operations; Mary Lou Jones, Finance and Human Relations Director; and Brian Virtue, Membership Connections Director.

Committee Members:

Jim Lehman

Jill May

Dianne Mork

Mary Alice Nebold, Chair

Purdue University Retirees Association

Communications Committee

Annual Report for 2018-2019

Committee Members: Karen Lembcke, Chairman

Connie Bilyeu

James R. Daniel

Jo Ann Thomas – Article Contributor

Mission/Purpose:

Our mission is to produce an interesting and informative newsletter, *PURA News*, which is sent to our membership on a monthly basis. Since PURA is not as active during December and July, we have combined the December/January issue and the June/July issue, and produce 10 monthly *PURA News* each year. Our committee maintains the PURA website so our members can get a glimpse of PURA in action through pictures taken of various events; the current *PURA News* and all prior editions; information from various committees; and other communication updates as they occur. This past year we added the Purdue Retiree Directory to our website with instructions so members can contact other PURA members.

PURA News Went Electronic:

March 2019 brought a major change in the mailing of *PURA News*. The Board decided to send *PURA News* to our retirees electronically. Our mailed *PURA News* was four pages in length, and amazingly, our first few electronic *PURA News* have been eight pages. Hopefully, this change will allow us to provide more information on a timely basis. Another benefit realized from this change is that we have reduced our mailing costs; we can deliver the *PURA News* quickly without the five to seven business day delay for postage processing; and any last-minute information can be included.

2018-2019 PURA News Recap:

The following is a summary of the *PURA News* articles that occurred in each issue for the past year. Each edition contains the Campus Calendar and the “Mark Your Calendars!” of all PURA events.

May 2018 -- Purdue Global announced an educational tuition benefit available to all Purdue retirees. We featured Samuel Postlethwait as he celebrated his 100-year milestone. Featured PURA’s Jischke Scholar, Kiana Bowen. Parking Facilities relocated their office. Article with pictures on the successful Purposeful Living in Retirement Conference held on April 18, 2018. Reminder to register for Spring Fling on May 11, 2018. Campus and Community Activity event – a tour of Purdue’s Controlled Environment Phenotyping Facility and Lily Hall greenhouses; also included pictures. The April monthly meeting featured Stephen Beaudoin, Professor of Chemical Engineering and Director of the Energetics Research Center at Purdue spoke on “Things that go BOOM”.

June/July 2018 -- PURA Annual Leadership Transition Meeting held with picture and comments from the incoming President, Don Gentry. Trips and Tours announced three events: Tour of the John and Catherine Christian House, Frank Lloyd Wright's Samara House on July 18, 2018; August 29, 2018, "A Taste of New Orleans" at the Zydeco's Cajun Restaurant in Mooresville and wine tasting at Chateau Thomas Winery in Plainfield; and on September 25, 2018, taking Amtrak to Chicago and returning by motor coach. The 2018 Arthur G. Hansen Recognition Award winner was awarded to the Department of Health & Kinesiology. An article on the origin of the large ornate barrel key that is brought from storage to be presented to the incoming president. Notated the 59th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemorative Luncheon to honor Vietnam-era veterans from Purdue and the surrounding community on September 14, 2018. "Cyber Security: Is It The End of the World?" was the topic for the June monthly meeting at MCL, presented by Marcus Rogers, Department Head of Computer & Information Technology. Kendall Smith II, CEO and Executive Director of the Art Museum of Greater Lafayette spoke at the May monthly meeting. Jo Ann Thomas featured an article on "The Jewel Box on State Street".

August 2018 -- Registration opened for the PURA Kickoff Luncheon on Sept. 17. We featured an article on PURA's Annual Common Read. The book selected was "A Purdue Icon: Creation, Life, and Legacy" by Dean Emeritus, Dr. James Mullins. Don Gentry provided his greetings to the membership as he began his term of PURA's President for 2018-2019. Dr. Charles R. Santerre, Professor of Nutrition Science in the College of Health and Human Sciences, and currently serving as a Senior Policy Advisor in the Office of Science and Technology Policy in the White House, presented the July monthly meeting on "GMOs: Genetically Modified Organisms". Jo Ann Thomas provided an article on "A Bunch of Trees or an Arboretum?" Note on scheduling your wellness screening. Pictures from the tour of the football complex and the John E. Christian House, Samara House. Had a "Did You Know" note that spouses of PURA members are eligible to participate on committees.

September 2018 -- The Campus and Community Committee announced their fall activities: The Common Read discussion on October 10, 2018; the Bechtel Innovation Design Center and Black Cultural Center Tour on November 7, 2018; to sign up for the Fall Kickoff Luncheon on September 17, 2018. The August monthly luncheon featured Dr. Frank Dooley, Senior Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning, as he discussed the new Purdue University Global initiative. Chris Rearick, MSN, RN, began providing us with monthly articles. For September it was "Don't Lose Your Balance". We featured the agenda for CALC (Center on Aging and the Life Course) symposium on September 28, 2018. A reminder to obtain your wellness screening. Article that the Vice President for Student Life initiated the formation of a Student Life Retirees Council that is composed of retirees from the area and their goals. Schedule of the flu shot dates for the retirees and their spouses.

October 2018 -- Over 250 attended the Annual Kickoff Luncheon. President Don Gentry and Provost Jay Akridge brought retirees up to date on the "State of PURA" and "Giant Leaps". An article on "What's New With PURA?" that provided various updates on PURA's committees and activities. Reminder of flu shot dates. Article on PURA's Health Insurance Plan that was renewed for 2019. Notice of the "Planning Your Future" seminar to be presented on November 26, 2018. Announcement of obtaining a Commemorative Bench with a contribution of \$25,000 for Purdue's 150th Anniversary. Sign up for the Bechtel Innovation Design Center and Black Cultural Center tour on November 7, 2018. The online Retirees Directory now available on PURA's website. Article on PURA's Tech Bytes by Scott Ksander.

November 2018 -- Last minute sign up for the Bechtel Innovation Design Center and Black Cultural Center on November 7, 2018. Update on the Silver Sneakers Benefit Program. The October Monthly Luncheon featured Kelly Hiller, Director of Purdue's 150 Sesquicentennial Celebration, who spoke on an overview of the "Giant Leaps" celebration. Chris Rearick, MSN, RN, provided an article on "Tis the Season to Diet...Not!". Brief article on Purdue's Aphasia Support Group that meets monthly. Listed the program and sign-up information for the "Planning For Your Future" Seminar. Article of PURA Tech Bytes by Scott Ksander.

December 2018/January 2019 -- November monthly meeting featured Scott Ksander presenting his popular "Tech Toys III" program. Norman Long nominated PURA's 2019-2020 President-elect. Notice of *PURA News* going online and retirees will receive *PURA News* via email only beginning March 2019. Article on Insurance coverage for the shingles shot. Picture of Purdue's 2018 Christmas tree located in the Memorial Union. Over 140 attended PURA's "Planning For Your Future" Seminar. Summary of the Bechtel Innovation Design Center and Black Cultural Center Tour with a picture. Date for the 2019 Purposeful Living In Retirement announced. Campus and Community Activities planning an event at Bennett's Flowers on "Successfully Growing Houseplants" on February 21, 2019. Tom Turpin submitted an article on "A Buzzing Christmas". PURA Tech Bytes article by Scott Ksander.

February 2019 -- PURA sponsors Purdue Historical Characters for Purdue's 150th Celebration. Update reminder on Purposeful Living in Retirement Seminar and a reminder to sign up for the "Successfully Growing Houseplants" program on Feb. 21, 2019. Another reminder of *PURA News* being sent via email. Scott Hanback, Superintendent of the Tippecanoe School Corporation, was the January monthly meeting speaker. His topic was K-12 Education in Indiana and the Greater Lafayette Career and Technical Education Center. Reminder of the February/March wellness screenings. Bill Bell, the new Vice President for Human Resources, was introduced at the Executive Board meeting. PURA again surpassed the United Way goal by raising \$139,470. With sadness we presented the memoriam of Bob Bain. We presented a Happy Valentine's Day poem "A Song of the Heart" by Eloise C. White to help lighten the day. PURA Tech Bytes article by Scott Ksander.

March 2019 -- Make plans to attend the Purposeful Living in Retirement Conference on April 17, 2019. A picture and brief article on Purdue's 150th Celebration: PURA's "Historical Characters". The Benefits Committee provided the following articles: Federal Hospital Pricing Requirement; Silver Sneakers Insurance Benefit; and Purdue Retiree Airport Parking Benefit. Scott Ksander's PURA Tech Bytes article included information on some PURA members not receiving their Purdue email; to beware of tax scams; and to make sure you have a backup plan on your computer. Gus Nyberg, Executive Director of the NICHES Land Trust was the featured speaker at the February monthly meeting. Several nurses from the Purdue's School of Nursing contributed an article on "Caring for Yourself While Caring for Others". Jo Ann Thomas featured Dr. Gertrude Sunderland in "Remembering a Purdue Star". Tom Turpin provided an article entitled, "Bee My Valentine". The Spring Fling 2019 Retiree Registration Form concluded the last page.

April 2019 -- Last chance to register for the Purposeful Living in Retirement Conference. Campus and Community Activities Committee is making plans for a tour of the new YMCA in May. Reminder that April 24, 2019 is Purdue's Day of Giving. PURA member Sarah Johnson was honored at the 2019 Salute to Women and received one of the 2019 Woman of Distinction awards at the YWCA's annual Salute to Women. PURA awarded three grants: School of Languages and Culture; the Office of Vice Provost for

Student Life; and the School of Aviation and Transportation Technology. These grants were given to encourage the University units to develop or expand their outreach and involvement in activities for retirees. Cindy Koh-Knox, a Clinical Associate Professor in the College of Pharmacy, presented the March monthly meeting program on “Medical Marijuana”. Article with pictures of the program at Bennett’s entitled “Successfully Growing Houseplants”. PURA Tech Bytes by Scott Ksander. Article on getting involved with PURA outlining the various committees and their functions. Part II of the “Caring for Yourself While Caring for Others”, contributed by several nurses from the Purdue School of Nursing. Article on “What is An Audiologist?”. Sara Jane Coffman provided an article on “The Winter of 2018-2019: What You Missed if You Weren’t Here”. Events occurring at the local libraries in honor of 2019 National Library Week, April 7-13, 2019.

May 2019 -- Trips and Tours Committee announcing 3 events coming up: June 18, 2019, to visit the Inspired Fire Glass Studio and Gallery; July 31, 2019, a trip to Beef and Boards to see “The Buddy Holly Story”; and on November 30, 2019, a visit to Louisville’s “Christmas Celebration of Lights”. A reminder to sign up for the May 7, 2019 YMCA Tour. PURA’s John Norberg pens Purdue’s 150th Anniversary History. The book is entitled: Ever True: 150 Years of Giant Leaps at Purdue University. PURA Tech Bytes by Scott Ksander entitled “Cutting the Cord”. The April monthly luncheon featured Carl Erich, the United Against Opioid Abuse Local Coordinator for Tippecanoe County, presented an update on “The Opioid Epidemic”. Chris Rearick, MSN, RN, provided an article entitled, “What is an Adult Day Service?”. Purdue student nurse visit the retirees in their home information. Reminder to sign up for Spring Fling by May 10, 2019. Pictures and an article on the 2019 very successful Purposeful Living in Retirement Conference. Spring Fling form for registration was included.

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Purdue University Retirees Association (PURA)

Hospitality Committee

2018-2019 Annual Report

Committee Members: William Bennett – Chairperson, Marjorie Boeckman, Dee Cox-Peterson, Margaret Cox, Linda Hawkins, Elsa Janle, Norm Long, Marjorie Roller, Hubert Schmieder, Terry Wade, 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 ongoing 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 2018-19 year:

Served as greeters and assisted PURA participants at these activities:

- Luncheons at MCL Cafeteria on the first Monday of the Month
- Distributed handout materials
- Decorated tables for certain holidays

- Helped to seat and bus tables

- Refill beverages

- Annual Kick-off luncheon on September 17, 2018 at Four Points by Sheraton

- Annual Retiree Flu Shots: at Turfgrass Research Center on Oct. 12 & 19; at Kurz Purdue Technology Center on Oct 24, 2018

- Displayed materials promoting United Way and PURA scholarship as well as PURA membership materials.

- Purposeful Living in Retirement Seminar on April 17, 2019 at Beck Center

- Information tables at Spring Fling on May 22, 2019 at the Purdue Memorial Mall 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 Executive Board and the University Spring Fling Committee

Hospitality Committee members for 2019-2020:

William Bennett – Chairperson, Marjorie Boeckman, Dee Cox-Peterson, Margaret Cox, Donna Cackley, Linda Hawkins, Norm Long, Marjorie Roller, Michele Salla, Hubert Schmieder, Terry Wade, Judy Ware, and Marilyn Wolber

We hope to attract additional members for 2019-2020.

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Purdue University Retirees Association

Kickoff Luncheon Committee

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Committee Members

Viki Taylor, Co-Chair

Karen Ferry, Co-Chair

Deb Dimmitt

Mary Enos

Rosalee Hayward

Jeanie Kalhust

Gail Overholser

Carolyn Shultz

Don Gentry, PURA President, ex-officio

Tom Turpin, 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.

2018 Luncheon

The 2018 Luncheon was held on September 17 at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel. There were 269 reservations; 248 people attended. Jay Akridge, Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity was the speaker. The Betty M. Nelson Award was presented to Ann Pickett and Sarah Johnson for service to PURA. The Arthur G. Hansen Award, given to a department or unit that works closely with its retirees, was presented to Health and Kinesiology.

A popular aspect of the luncheon is the array of door prizes given throughout the meal. More than 56 attendees received prizes donated by 29 vendors.

The meal cost of the luncheon plus tax and gratuity was \$19.05. With the approval of the Executive Board, the registration fee remained at \$18; the balance of the expenses will come from the PURA budget. We are still working on the deficit amount – due to the new Financial system and difficulty obtaining information.

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.

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**Purdue University Retirees Association
Purposeful Living in Retirement Committee
Annual Report
2019**

Committee members: Melinda Bain, David Caldwell, Jeris Eikenberry, Martha Fletcher, Mary Gardner, Mary Hood, Chris Johannsen, Sue Scholer, Tom Turpin, Dan Weisenberger, Chair Olivia Wood, Consultant Scott Rumble, Events Coordinators: Kelsey Bush, Hollyn Culley.

The purpose and goal of the Purposeful Living in Retirement (PLIR) Committee is to plan and execute an annual conference to cover topics of interest to retirees and guests. The 2019 conference was held on April 17 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at the Beck Agricultural Center in West Lafayette, IN. There was a record 246 in attendance and 31 exhibitors. Greeters included members of the PURA Hospitality Committee and 6 of the 8 PURA 150th Anniversary Historic Characters including John Purdue, Orville

Redenbacher, Harvey Wiley, Mary L Matthews, Clifford Turpin, and Amelia Earhart. Eight different speakers presented timely information on topics of Intergenerational Communication, Asset Transfer 101, Aging and the Importance of Exercise to Prevent and Improve Our Vocal and Physical Motor Abilities, Hidden Gems in Indiana, How to Keep an Active Mind, and PURA Benefits Update. The agenda included 2 exercise and 2 humor breaks. New in 2019 was a fitness walk and full breakfast. The committee met six times during the year including the annual transition meeting. The PLIR conference appreciated having two coordinators 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 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. Additional funding support from Westminster Village, Elmcroft, University Place retirement communities and the \$40 fee for exhibitor booths helped cover the cost of full breakfast and beverage breaks. Members' registration fee of \$15 has remained unchanged and covered the catered bag lunch provided by Jane's Catering in Lafayette. 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 continues to incur no cost to PURA and excess funds received were placed in the general account.

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Purdue University Retirees Association Program Committee Annual Report

2018-2019

Program Committee Mission

The Program Committee provides a program for the monthly PURA luncheon meetings at the MCL Cafeteria on the first Monday of the month except for September. If the first Monday of a month falls on a national holiday, PURA does 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 informs the MCL management of the upcoming yearly schedule.

The Program chair 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. The position of moderator/convenor for running the luncheon meetings is the responsibility of the PURA president; the Program Committee hosts are responsible for meeting the speakers, helping them set up, providing them a lunch and introducing them to the audience.

2018-2019 Program Committee Members

Roy Johnson, Chair	Jerry Day	Reuben Peterson
Sue Abney	Sara Harlan	Tom Robertson
Sue Aufderheide	Sandy Komanski	John Schneider
Jane Brown	Sue Lakin	Becky Theller

Monthly Luncheon Programs

There were 11 monthly luncheon programs this year. A format change for the luncheons was implemented this year with attendees eating their lunch in the main dining rooms and then moving into the meeting room, set theater-style, for the meeting and program. All luncheons were well attended with about 80-85 members at each program. The use of the large video monitor proved to be most helpful in improving the quality of visuals used in the presentations.

Date	Topic	Speaker
October 1	Purdue's Sesquicentennial Celebration in 2019	Kelly Hiller, Director Purdue Sesquicentennial Communications
November 5	Tech Toys III and Top Tech Concerns of the Day	Scott Ksander Retired Security Expert
December 3	From Pharmacies to Farmacies: How the food we eat and the way we eat it can lead to health and longevity	Gary Ulrich IU School of Medicine
January 7	The Future of K-12 Education in Indiana and the Greater Lafayette Career & Technical Educ. Center	Scott Hanback, Supt. of Tippecanoe School Corporation
February 4	The NICHES Land Trust Helping Ecosystems Survive	Nyssa Lilovich Communications Director

March 4	Medical Marijuana and Other Complementary & Alternative Medicines	Cindy Koh-Knox Dept. of Pharmacy Practice
April 1	The Opioid Epidemic – An Update	Carl Erich, Gr. Lafayette United Way
May 6	Campus Master Planning and Discovery Park Plans	Michael Gulich, Director of Campus Master Planning
June 3	Safely Navigating Your Prescription Drug Regimen	Chelsea Anderson & Jamie Woodyard Dept. of Pharmacy Practice
July 1	The State of American Politics - A Historical Perspective	Prof. Eric Waltenburg Interim Head, Dept. of Political Science
August 5	West Lafayette – Current Developments and Future Plans	John Dennis, West Lafayette Mayor

Special Seminar

A new activity for the Program Committee this year was the development and sponsorship of a special seminar on “Planning for Your Future,” open to Purdue retirees and Purdue staff/faculty planning for retirement. The half-day seminar, which took place on November 26, 2018, attracted more than 140 attendees. Topics, presented by outside experts from the community, included:

Estate Planning for Your Future – Wills, Trusts, and Advance Directives

2018 Tax Reform – What It Means to You and Your Retirement

A Look at Planned Giving

Home Care as a Living Option

What About Retirement Communities?

Funeral and Cemetery Options

The response to the seminar was so overwhelmingly positive that, although this was planned as a one-time event, something similar may be repeated in a few years.

General Comments

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. They provide the following guidelines to 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 Program Committee wants to express its appreciation to Michele Salla for her long-time outstanding service in developing an informative printed program for each luncheon meeting and printing the song sheets, and to Lew Graham for his assistance in handling the technical aspects of using the video monitor for presentations. In addition, the committee wants to acknowledge the excellent efforts of the Hospitality Committee in providing welcoming services and table decorations in the dining room.

In Closing

We consider the 2018-2019 year for the Program Committee to have been one where good programs were provided and better meeting systems and equipment utilized. 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
2018-2019**

Committee Members:

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

Primary Goal: The primary goal of this committee is to continue growing the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment to provide funds to assist as many Indiana students with significant financial need as possible. Additionally, this committee will mentor the scholarship recipients of the PURA Purdue Opportunity Award (POA) in Honor of Martin C. and Patty Jischke.

Scholarships Awarded: A total of \$7,750 was awarded from PURA scholarship endowments for the 2017-2018 academic year.

From the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment (total \$5,000):

Kaitlyn Ahlenius, Krannert School of Management, Bremen, IN (\$1,000)

Jonah Cooper, Polytechnic Institute, Westfield, IN (\$1,000)

Timothy Giazzon, Chemical Engineering, Schererville, IN (\$1,000)

John Kuhn, College of Science, Warsaw, IN (\$1,000)

Hayley Plybon, College of Education, Lafayette, IN (\$1,000)

From the PURA POA in Honor of Martin C. and Patty Jischke (total \$2,750):

Kiana Bowmen, Polytechnic Institute, Columbus, IN (\$1,425)

Keegan Halter, College of Liberal Arts, West Lafayette, (\$1,325)

Scholarship Balance: The Book Value of the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment as of May 7, 2019 is \$137,900. The Book Value of the PURA POA in Honor of Martin C. and Patty Jischke is \$50,309 as of March 31, 2019.

Generosity of Donors: The balance in the endowment reported at last year's transition meeting was \$109,742. Donors gave approximately \$28,000 this year. This came from 84 unique donors – 60 PURA members and 24 friends.

Communication: The PURA Student Scholarship Endowment is kept before the PURA members in a variety of ways:

PURA News article – April 2019

Emails to PURA members – December 2018, April 2019

Posters with pledge forms – Available at all MCL luncheons, Spring Fling, Kickoff Luncheon, and

Purposeful Living in Retirement Conference

Thank you notes to donors

Ornaments Continue: There were 87 ornaments purchased at the Kickoff Luncheon, Purposeful Living in Retirement Conference, and at Purdue Women's Club meetings, etc. And, with Olivia's announcement that special orders would be taken for other schools, there are 20 backorders for next year.

Committee Membership: All members will continue with the following exceptions:

Retiring Member: Joyce Koelzer

New Members: Don Gentry and Joanne Troutner

Respectively Submitted
Melinda Bain
Committee Chair

May 4, 2018

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**PURDUE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION
TRIPS AND TOURS COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019**

Committee Members:

Joma Roe, Chair
Carolyn Blue, Secretary
Tarren Neth
Agnes Hawn
Jim Wagner
Gail Overholser

The current committee members are continuing for 2019-2020.

Advertising trip offerings again included emails to the PURA Retirees, the PURA website and newsletter, and fliers distributed at the monthly PURA meetings.

Trips in 2018 were:

July 18, 2018: Tour of Samara

34 retirees and guests enjoyed a tour of the John E. Christian House, SAMARA, on Wednesday, July 18. The Frank Lloyd Wright designed house is one of the most complete in the United States. The tour was very informative and included an interpretation of the House, a house tour, demonstrations and a question and answer period.

September 25, 2018: Amtrak to Chicago "The Train, The Tower, The Architectural Tour"

Several retirees traveled to Chicago by Amtrak with Imperial Travel. The trip included motor coach transportation to the Amtrak station in Lafayette, Amtrak to Chicago, Willis Tower tour, free time at Navy Pier, 1-hour Architectural Cruise and return by motor coach. Some of us were brave enough to go out on the ledge at Willis Tower.

Our committee will be working during the Transition Meeting to plan trips for 2019-2020.

Joma Roe, Chair
Trips and Tours Committee

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