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PURA History: 2005-2006

YEAR IN REVIEW

Officers and Advisor:

President: Christiane E. Keck
 Vice President: Michael T. Drayer
 Secretary/Treasurer: Barbara A. Hansen
 Historian: Velma Schanke
 Past President: Roy A. Johnson
 Advisor: Murray M. Blackwelder

Committee Chairpersons:

Benefits: Martha O. Chiscon
 Communications: Oscar Hopkins
 Hospitality: Lois K. Wark and W. Scott Rumble
 Program: Paul L. Ziemer
 Trips and Tours: Truman G. Martin

Ad-Hoc Committee Chairpersons:

Kick-Off Luncheon: Lanny C. Wilson
 Living to 100 Securely: Program Committee
 Campus and Community: Richard C. Nelson

Activities:

Annual Meeting:

Executive Vice President and Treasurer, Morgan Olsen, was keynote speaker during the luncheon at the annual meeting May 24, 2006.

Award Recipients:

Arthur G. Hansen Recognition Award: Department of Animal Sciences, Alan Grant, Head
 Betty M. Nelson Special Recognition Award: The Ismail Center, Cody Sipe, Director

Benefits:

The health insurance plan transitioned to PacifiCare.

Big Ten Retirees Association Conference:

Michael T. Drayer, Christiane E. Keck, and Martha Chiscon represented PURA at the Big Ten annual meeting at the Michigan State University.

Campus and Community:

Visits on campus and in the local community included: Columbian Park and Jenks Rest Building; Pau Hall; the Dauch Center; Rawls Hall; and Morgan, Bindley, and Birck Buildings in Discovery Park. Dinner in Ford Dining Court prior to a women's basketball game was also enjoyed by many.

Communication Committee:

The Communications Committee developed an extensive survey regarding retirees' communications and distributed it in PURA's March newsletter. The objective of the survey was to determine whether the current mix of communication vehicles and content was reaching and meeting needs of the intended audience. Although there was a small response, those who did respond indicated satisfaction with the current communication efforts. It was suggested that news about fellow retirees be included in future articles in the newsletter.

Handbook:

The revised handbook for new retirees was included in the mailing of the Purdue Student, Staff, and Retiree Telephone directory.

Hospitality Committee:

The committee members continued efforts to encourage involvement in PURA by retirees from all sectors of the University.

Kickoff Luncheon:

Approximately 225 attended the kickoff luncheon. President Martin C. Jischke was the keynote speaker.

Living to 100 Actively:

A total of 220 (retirees, speakers, and exhibitors) attended the conference, "Living to 100 – Actively." The conference profited \$2,000.

Newsletter:

A discussion about moving retiree publications to electronic communications (including the newsletter) began.

Pre-retirement Meetings:

Representatives of PURA made presentations at the pre-retirement meetings for Purdue employees nearing retirement.

Procedures Manual:

The PURA Procedures Manual, developed to be used as a reference by incoming committee chairpersons, was distributed at the annual meeting. Job descriptions of officers and standing committees were included.

Programs:

Monthly meetings, held at MCL, featured a variety of topics presented by engaging speakers. A listing and description of the programs are included with the materials submitted for filing in the Purdue Archives.

Spring Fling:

Three-dimensional standup calendars were distributed at Spring Fling by the Hospitality Committee members.

Trips and Tours:

Retirees enjoyed PURA organized trips to Holland, MI. at tulip time; the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago; and Fair Oaks Dairy; Turkey Run State Park and Covington; Boggstown; and Fort Wayne in Indiana.

United Way:

Purdue retirees again were selected to be pacesetters for the United Way Campaign. The \$70,453.53 given by retirees was almost 12% of Purdue's total contributions in 2005.

Comprehensive reports, regarding the above PURA activities and accomplishments during the year beginning June 2005 and concluding May 2006, are filed in the Purdue Archives.

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Mary Alice Nebold, Historian

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