Trips and Tours offers look at Lincoln’s Indiana

KitchenAid factory, local history also on schedule

A June overnight trip to the Lincoln boyhood area of Indiana is featured by the Trips and Tours Committee for its spring 2009 offerings.

In addition, retirees will have the opportunity to revisit local historic sites in Crawfordsville, and to visit the KitchenAid factory and outlet store in Ohio this spring.

“We would like to have a large number of our friends and colleagues join us to enjoy each other’s company and interesting travels,” said Truman Martin, committee chair.

PURA trips are open to Purdue retirees, their families and friends. All trips leave from the north end of the Ross-Ade Stadium parking lot near Cherry Lane. The lot is permit parking so retirees should remember to display valid Purdue parking permits.

This will be your only notification, so be sure to make a record of the time and date of departure. Here are details of the scheduled trips.

Retirees invited to Spring Fling on May 21

The registration form inside this issue is all you need to take part in Spring Fling 2009, scheduled for May 21 in and around the Recreational Sports Center.

Retirees are invited to join current faculty, staff and graduate student staff in the activities, which will begin at 11:30 a.m.

The day of food and fun will include many traditional favorites: lunch (with a vegetarian option), fitness walk, classic vehicle show, and free play activities at the RSC.

In addition, sand volleyball will return. Those who want to start forming teams now should note that the volleyball teams must be co-ed. Retirees who are interested in more information about playing in the volleyball tournaments should indicate so on the form on page 3 or contact their home department about participating through that area.

Golf also is on the activity list. Tee times will be available at the Ackerman Hills and Kampen courses. Those who

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PURA online:
www.purdue.edu/retirees
Luncheons continue throughout year

Monthly luncheon programs for Purdue retirees are held on the first Monday of each month at the MCL Cafeteria in West Lafayette. Lunch lines open at 11 a.m. The program begins at noon in the Purdue Room.

Here are upcoming dates, speakers and topics if known.
Feb. 2. Speaker: Renee Thomas, director, Purdue Black Cultural Center.
March 2. Speaker: Randy Woodson, Purdue provost (topic pending). Officer slate presented.
April 6. Speaker: John Larsen, Purdue professor of history (topic pending).
June 1. Speaker: Officer Mike McIver, Lafayette Police Department, Youth Gangs.
July 6. Speaker: (To be arranged).
August 3. Speaker: Tom Easterday, senior vice president, Subaru of Indiana Automotive, Inc. (topic pending).

2009-10 PURA officer slate to be presented in March

The slate of officers has been proposed for the Purdue University Retirees Association for 2009-10.

Nominations from the floor for open officer positions will be taken during the March 2 luncheon at MCL Cafeteria. The slate will be voted on at the April 6 luncheon at MCL.

The slate as submitted by the nominating committee:
President, who was vice president and
president-elect during 2008-09: Lois Wark.
Vice president, who will be president-elect during 2009-10: Christian Johannsen.
Officers continuing in their current positions for the coming year are:
Secretary-treasurer: Pat Lawson.
Historian: Mary Alice Nebold.
Committee chairs had not been finalized as of late January.
Scott Rumble will serve as past president.

Conference to address retirement living

Mark your calendars now for April 29. That is the date for the next “Purposeful Living in Retirement” conference at University Plaza.

Speakers will present topics such as:
* Ways to remember events of the past.
* How to prepare for death.
* Living actively through gardening.
* Proper nutrition for living.
* How to face today’s economy.
There also will be an exercise session along with a buffet lunch and break refreshments.
An interesting array of exhibitors are also planned.
The cost for the program, including the luncheon, will be $10 per person.
Brochures and applications will be mailed in March to retirees and others in the Lafayette-West Lafayette area. Be looking for them and get your registration in early.
Guests are invited, so be sure to register them, too.

Online video available of forum on economy

The Purdue University Retirees Association (PURA), in partnership with Human Resource Services, held “The Economy and Your Retirement” in early December.
The event featured a panel discussion focusing on how the changing economy affects pension benefits for Purdue retirees.
The video can be viewed online at http://video.dis.purdue.edu/bns/general/retireeforum_081205.wmv.

2008-09 PURA officers

- President: Scott Rumble.
- Vice president and president elect: Lois Wark.
- Secretary-treasurer: Pat Lawson.
- Historian: Mary Alice Nebold.
- Benefits Committee chair: Martha Chiscon.
- Communications Committee chair: Richard Nelson.
- Endowment Committee chair: Betty Nelson.
- Hospitality Committee chair: Eldon Fredericks.
- Program Committee chair: Dale McHenry.
- Trips and Tours Committee chair: Truman Martin.
- Campus and Community Activities Committee chair: Sue Hume Graham.
- Kickoff Luncheon Committee chair: Carolyn Jones.
- Purposeful Living in Retirement Committee chair: Lowell Landrum.
Betty Suddarth serves as past president.
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want to play golf should call (765) 494-3139, ext. 1, to reserve a tee time. Call soon to make reservations because tee times will fill up quickly.

Also available this year will be a chance to donate blood at the Indiana Bloodmobile, which will be parked outside the RSC, and an opportunity to contribute to the Food Finders Food Bank.

A trivia contest also will be held. Sign up on the form at right if you'd like to take part in that fun event.

Many Purdue retirees are expected to be on hand as volunteers and to offer assistance to those who are thinking about retirement.

Retirees will receive a reminder card in the mail in early May about Spring Fling.

The registration forms on this page, however, are the only ones that will be mailed to retirees.

Forms should be filled out and returned to the address indicated on the form. Deadline is April 27.

Yard games, such as cornhole (above), were popular at 2008 Spring Fling.

Volunteers needed

Retirees are encouraged to volunteer for an hour or so during Spring Fling 2009. Opportunities for volunteering include helping in the food line, helping serve popcorn, assisting with setup and/or cleanup.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, indicate your interest on the form at right or call Carrie Hanson at (765) 494-7397.

NOTE: Golf participation: Those who would like to play golf must reserve a tee time at the course by calling (765) 494-3139, Ext. 1.

** Return this form by April 27 to Carrie Hanson, Human Resource Services, Freehafer Hall, 401 S. Grant St., West Lafayette, IN 47907

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KITCHENAID FACTORY, GREENVILLE, OHIO

7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. April 8, 2009
Reservation deadline: March 25

KitchenAid is a well-recognized manufacturer of kitchen appliances. The complete process of manufacturing KitchenAid mixers is shown in a tour of the factory.

NOTE: All participants in the factory tour must wear sturdy closed-toe shoes during this tour.

The complete line of KitchenAid appliances is shown at the factory’s Outlet Store.

The day’s presentation will include suggestions of how to use the various items of equipment (including how to make an apple dumpling).

The trip registration fee of $80 includes lunch at the Montage Café.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, INDIANA

8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. May 7, 2009
Reservation deadline: April 23

Crawfordsville occupies a very important place in the history of Tippecanoe County and Lafayette.

William Digby had to travel to Crawfordsville to file the land claim for the area platted as Lafayette. Three of the historically important sites in Crawfordsville are included in our tour.

The Old Jail was built in 1882 and was the first of eight such structures built. It is the only one currently in operating condition and served as the Montgomery County jail until 1973.

Lane Place, built in 1845, was the home of Henry Smith Lane, who was a U.S. congressman, Indiana governor and a U.S. senator. The house is an antique lover’s dream thanks to its original furnishings, textiles, paintings, china and glassware.

Lew Wallace was a Union general, governor of the New Mexico Territory and author of seven books. The most famous book is Ben-Hur, which was written in the Lew Wallace Study (also known as the Ben-Hur Museum). The White House recently

recognized this museum by awarding the National Medal for Museum and Library Service. Laura Bush presented the medal to museum representatives Gail Pebworth and Cinnamon Catlin-Legrutko at a ceremony held in the White house.

Transportation and admission to the Old Jail, Lane Place, and the museum are included in the registration fee of $40 per person.

Lunch at the Creekside Lodge Restaurant is not included in the registration fee.

Lunch may be purchased from the menu for $7.50 to $10. Participants may choose to eat inside or on the terrace overlooking Sugar Creek.

LINCOLN BOYHOOD AREA

8 a.m. June 23 to 4:30 p.m. June 24, 2009
Reservation deadline: May 25, 2009

Abraham Lincoln is generally acknowledged to be one our greatest presidents. However, history does not generally recognize that much of his greatness is associated with his boyhood.

Lincoln was born in Kentucky on Feb. 12, 1809. His family moved from Kentucky to Spencer County, Indiana, when he was seven years old, and moved to Illinois when he was 21. Those 14 years in Indiana represented the formative period, which resulted in a boy becoming a man and determined the character of that man. His daily chores included cultivating fields on a pioneer farm and splitting fence rails.

His mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, and his sister died two years after the family moved to Indiana.

He had very limited opportunity to attend school. However, he borrowed books and spent considerable time reading. His stepmother, Sarah Bush Johnston Lincoln, encouraged his reading and helped him to learn arithmetic and history.

Through determination of spirit, strong family values, ability to differentiate between right and wrong, a compassion for people and, later, an unwavering belief that the Union must be preserved, this common American achieved greatness.

Lincoln’s philosophy was such that he was quoted as follows: “You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.” And “You cannot build character and courage by taking away people’s initiative and independence.”

This PURA trip will visit the boyhood sites in Spencer County and participants will attend the outdoor drama presented in the Lincoln Amphitheater.

This trip will provide transportation, one night lodging, four meals, and admissions to the Boyhood Memorial, the amphitheater drama and Dr. Ted’s Musical Marvels.

The Boyhood Memorial, to be visited June 23, was the first National Park Service unit established in Indiana. It features informative exhibits and displays. The memorial building is constructed of native limestone and sandstone and lumber cut from trees native to the area. The features include a museum, memorial halls and an auditorium where a short film is shown.

The grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln is near the Visitor’s Center. Abe’s father and step-mother, Sarah Bush Johnston, moved to a farm that is now part of the memorial and is a pioneer farm operated in a manner typical of the early 19th century.

The Lincoln State Park is near the memorial and will be the site of dinner on June 23 before viewing the entirely new Lincoln Pageant in the amphitheater. The amphitheater is a beautiful, 1,500-seat covered building built in 1986-87. The show dramatizes the historical events which portray how Lincoln’s character was forged on the Indiana frontier.

On June 24, we will visit Dr. Ted’s Musical Marvels, which features many self-playing instruments including player pianos, street organs and more exotic instruments.

The registration fee includes excellent buffet lunches both days, dinner at the amphitheater, breakfast at the Baymont Motel, one night’s lodging at the Baymont, admissions to the memorial, the amphitheater and Dr. Ted’s Musical Marvels, and transportation.

The registration fee is $270 per person for double occupancy or $330 for single occupancy.
### Purdue University Retirees

**Greenville, Ohio**

**Trip:** 7 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. April 8, 2009  
**Reservation deadline:** March 25

Name: ____________________  Male  Female  
Address: ____________________  
City and State: ____________________  Telephone: ____________________  
E-mail: ____________________  
Disability? Yes or No  If Yes, Describe: ____________________  
Number of persons _________  X $80 = Total enclosed: ____________________  

Make checks payable to Purdue University. Return checks and this form to Michele Salla, Purdue University Retirees Association, 401 S. Grant St., West Lafayette, IN 47907. Telephone (765) 494-1779

### Purdue University Retirees

**Lincoln Boyhood Home**

**Trip:** 8 a.m. June 23 - 4:30 p.m. June 24, 2009  
**Reservation deadline:** May 25

Note: Each person is required to complete a registration form in order to facilitate room assignment.

Name: ____________________  Male  Female  
Address: ____________________  
City and State: ____________________  Telephone: ____________________  
E-mail: ____________________  
Disability? Yes or No  If Yes, Describe: ____________________  
Number of persons _________  X $40 = Total enclosed: ____________________

Do you prefer to eat inside or on the terrace? ____________________

Make checks payable to Purdue University. Return checks and this form to Michele Salla, Purdue University Retirees Association, 401 S. Grant St., West Lafayette, IN 47907. Telephone (765) 494-1779

### Campus visits offered in spring

Retirees and guests are invited to join PURA for the following activities this spring, sponsored by the Campus and Community Activities Committee.  
Individuals who will be attending any of the following tours should contact Sue Hume Graham at sg1321@comcast.net or 447-7366 by the deadline indicated.

**MARCH 26, PURDUE FOOD SCIENCE BUILDING. 4-5:30 p.m.**  
Join us for a tour of the Food Science Building, a wonderful learning and research facility on campus. Discussion of ongoing food science research will be highlighted and a speaker is being arranged for the date.

Tour coordinator is Verle Chappel. Register by March 19.

**APRIL 2, PURDUE LARGE ANIMAL CLINIC. 3:30-5 p.m.**  
During our visit, we will learn about current research and the practice of large animal medicine. We also will see a demonstration of the clinic's high-speed equine treadmill.

Note: Meet in Room G167 on the ground floor of Lynn Hall. Park in “A” permit parking lot on the east side of Lynn Hall, and enter through the main entrance on the east side of the building to the right of the Small Animal Hospital entrance. Signs there will point to the room.

Tour coordinator is Lewis Runnels. Register by March 26.

**APRIL 14, PURDUE GREENHOUSES. 3-4:30 p.m.**  
Think spring! Join us for a tour of the Purdue Greenhouses located adjacent to the Horticulture Building.

Rob Eddy will give us the “insider” tour and discuss plant research. The greenhouses will be “springing” forth with greenery, flowers, and the smell of spring. Master gardeners will help lead our tour and answer questions about plants.

Meet at the gazebo in Horticulture Gardens directly behind the Horticulture Building. Parking is available in the Marsteller Street Garage as well as on Marsteller Street and Harrison Street.

Tour coordinator is Ann Pickett. Register by April 7.
Retirees help United Way reach another goal

Purdue faculty, staff, retirees and students rose to the challenge this year, helping Purdue raise more than $740,000 for the United Way Campaign.

The campaign total of $741,021 was revealed at a victory celebration Nov. 19. The campaign officially passed its goal of $725,000 on Nov. 12.

“Thanks to you, we are able to celebrate another Purdue success,” said Roger Blalock, 2008 campaign chair and senior associate athletics director. “The amazing generosity of Purdue faculty, staff and retirees has been incredible this year.”

At the Purdue celebration in Neil Armstrong Hall of Engineering, President France A. Córdova said difficult economic times made the campaign’s success even more remarkable.

“The Purdue community is a generous one,” Córdova said. “Night after night we hear new reports about the economic problems that plague our country, and we know that for too many in our community, this crisis is devastatingly close to home. Our responsibility to those who find themselves in these difficult circumstances is to reach out with compassion, understanding and empathy, and United Way helps us do just that.

“Today we are here to celebrate the many people at Purdue University whose compassion has prompted them to help others in our community. I’m proud to be associated with all who are represented here.”

Dennis Depew, campaign vice chair and dean of the College of Technology, shared highlights of the campaign, including:

- Purdue has 36 new Vanguards (those who give $1,000 or more) and is the top organization in the community for Vanguard givers.
- Purdue employee donors increased from 3,551 last year to 3,587 in 2008.
- Eleven of 19 Purdue areas met or surpassed their goals for 2008.
- The Lilly Endowment matching gift program yielded an extra $11,500 for United Way.

E-mail news available from Purdue in monthly, daily form

Retirees can sign up to receive e-mail news from Purdue in a monthly or daily mailing.

Purdue Now is a monthly e-newsletter that goes out to alumni and friends of the University. It includes general and research news as well as some alumni news. Those who would like to subscribe should send their name, Purdue affiliation (graduate, retiree, friend), and e-mail address to Purduenow@purdue.edu.

Purdue Today is a daily e-newsletter that goes out each weekday morning to faculty and staff. It includes news specifically for faculty and staff as well as research and special reports, news about Purdue people and events listings. To subscribe to Purdue Today, go to https://lists.purdue.edu/mailman/listinfo/ptnews and follow the instructions there.

University adopts book for common reading project

A memoir written by a Purdue English professor has been selected as the first book for the University’s common reading experience, a program to be implemented for entering students in the fall.

The selection, “Stealing Buddha’s Dinner” by Bich Minh Nguyen, was chosen by a committee made up of 19 faculty, staff and students.

The committee narrowed the 100 choices submitted by the University community by considering the books on five criteria: the ability of the book to engage students and faculty from an array of fields of study and foster interdisciplinary dialogue; the book’s ability to foster conversations about differences and cultural diversity; the book’s relevance to a new student audience; the manner in which the book lends itself to curricular and co-curricular programming throughout the academic year; and the book’s cost and availability.

The memoir shares Nguyen’s story about growing up a Vietnamese immigrant in the Midwest in the 1980s and how she tried to be “more American” by consuming snack food, pop culture and music.

Nguyen’s family left Vietnam in April 1975 when she was 8 years old. The family relocated to Grand Rapids, Mich., where Nguyen grew up surrounded by images of the idealized blonde-haired American girl.

Nguyen’s book will serve as a common academic experience for all new students, who will be encouraged to read the book before the start of the fall semester, said James L. Mullins, dean of libraries and co-sponsor of the effort.

“Common reading programs have been adopted at many universities, and this effort will help unite the new students, the campus and surrounding community,” he said. “The book will be distributed to beginning and transfer students during the summer transition, advising and registration program, known as STAR, and will be disseminated electronically to international students and domestic students who are unable to attend STAR. We hope the program will serve to set high academic expectations for students from the beginning of their undergraduate careers at Purdue.”
Purdue in Princeton Review’s top 100 ‘best value’ colleges

Purdue is ranked in the Princeton Review’s list of 100 “best value” colleges for 2009. The education services and test-prep company says the rankings, which appeared in USA Today in January, are an attempt to highlight “schools that provide high-quality academics at a reasonable price - either by keeping sticker prices in line, or by offsetting high costs with great financial packages.”

The survey is based on an analysis using the most recently reported data from each institution for its 2008-09 academic year. The top 10 public and private “best values” are ranked; the rest are listed alphabetically.

It is the second time in less than a month that Purdue has been recognized for being a good value. In December, SmartMoney magazine ranked Purdue ninth nationally in its college “payback” survey, which quantified the long-term value of a college degree.

“This latest survey is more evidence that Purdue is a terrific value,” said Purdue Provost Randy Woodson. “Our students can obtain a quality education at a reasonable price. That’s why we are attracting top students.”

Indiana University is the only other university in the state included the “best value” survey. The University of Michigan joins Purdue and IU as the only Big Ten universities ranked.

‘Here and Now’ news show now airing on WBAA 920-AM

“Here and Now,” a national news magazine show, is now airing at noon weekdays on WBAA 920-AM, says station general manager Tim Singleton.

Hosted by Robin Young, the fast-paced “Here and Now” combines news updates with conversations on public policy, international affairs, and science and technology. Each hourlong program also has features on arts and culture, including film, theater, music and food.

Guests on the program have included Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist David Halberstam; actor and director John Malkovich; authors Isabel Allende, Jonathan Safran Foer and Marilynne Robinson; The Wall Street Journal’s John Harwood; jazzman Sonny Rollins; and actress Jane Fonda.

“Here and Now” is produced by WBUR in Boston and distributed nationally by Public Radio International.

WBAA-AM, licensed in 1922, is Indiana’s longest continuously operating radio station, and 920-AM provides almost 2.5 million Hoosiers with news, information, public affairs, jazz, folk and other eclectic music. The programming can be heard globally via the station’s Web site at http://www.purdue.edu/wbaa/listen_online/index.shtml.

WBAA is a local Public Radio International affiliate and a National Public Radio member station.

Akridge named dean of Purdue Agriculture

Jay Akridge has been named the next Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture at Purdue, taking on a job that oversees academic, research, Extension and regulatory service for the state and beyond.

Akridge has been serving as interim dean, and his appointment is pending ratification by the board of trustees. Akridge replaces Randy Woodson who was named Purdue’s provost last May.

Akridge will be responsible for administering academic and research programs in the College of Agriculture and the Indiana Agricultural Experiment Station, as well as outreach through the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service and International Programs in Agriculture. He also will oversee a number of state regulatory services, including the Office of Indiana State Chemist and Seed Commissioner and the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory.

Arizona State administrator to lead College of Education

An associate dean at Arizona State University will be the next dean of Purdue University’s College of Education, Purdue Provost Randy Woodson announced Tuesday (Jan. 13).

Maryann Santos de Barona is currently senior associate dean for academic programs and personnel at ASU’s Mary Lou Fulton College of Education. Her appointment, effective July 1, is subject to ratification by Purdue’s board of trustees.

ECE head to lead grad school

Mark J.T. Smith, head of Purdue’s School of Electrical and Computer Engineering since 2003, will become the new dean of the university’s Graduate School, Provost Randy Woodson announced Wednesday (Jan. 14).

Smith’s appointment will be effective Feb. 17 and is subject to ratification by the board of trustees. Woodson said Smith also will continue to serve as the Michael J. and Katherine Birck Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Help us tell your stories

Do you know a retiree who has been active in the community or who has an interesting hobby or avocation? We want your suggestions for someone who might be profiled in PURDUE RETIREEs IN ACTION, or might you tell in first person of some of your own experiences for this column?

Have you or a Purdue retiree you know received an honor or an award that might be mentioned?

Make your suggestion by emailing Julie Rosa at: jrosa@purdue.edu, by calling her at (765) 494-2036, or by writing her at the following address:

Julie Rosa, Director, University Periodicals, 400 Centennial Mall Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47907
Check and approve your address information

The Purdue University Retirees Association is working hard to keep up-to-date with addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses for retirees. Retirees are asked to check carefully the accuracy of their name and address as it appears on the mailing label (above) of this issue of the PURA Newsletter.

Please make any changes on the form below and mail to the address indicated. Thank you.

Purdue University Retirees

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