



**A**N OFFICIAL RETIREE OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY automatically becomes a member of the Purdue University Retirees Association (PURA). PURA offers you many opportunities to participate in continuing education and social programs. It offers help in meeting the challenges of retirement and in sharing your views with others who have similar concerns. And best of all, it offers the advantages of membership with no dues.

PURA grew from a study by the President's Advisory Council on Retirement, first appointed by President Arthur G. Hansen in the spring of 1976. Members of the association elect the executive board. About 40 members serve on committees that include benefits, campus/community activities, communications, endowment, hospitality, kickoff luncheon, program, purposeful living in retirement, and trips and tours. The executive board provides leadership, programs, and services for the association. Its primary purpose is to serve you, the retiree.

The PURA executive board and committees work to improve the status of, and opportunities for, retirees. Regular attention is given to medical insurance, financial planning, and other quality-of-life issues. The association also encourages volunteer opportunities on campus and in the community and keeps you informed of campus news. The continuing and primary goal of PURA is to help you enjoy a stimulating, involved, productive, and happy retirement.

We encourage you to make frequent use of the PURA Web site: [www.purdue.edu/retirees](http://www.purdue.edu/retirees).



## Important Phone Numbers\*

### Retiree Information

Purdue University Retirees Association  
 Human Resource Services — Staff Benefits  
 Freehafer Hall of Administrative Services  
 401 S. Grant Street Phone: (765) 494-1779  
 Purdue University E-mail: [msalla@purdue.edu](mailto:msalla@purdue.edu)  
 West Lafayette, IN 47907 Web: [www.purdue.edu/retirees](http://www.purdue.edu/retirees)

Additional handbooks are available by calling (765) 494-1779.  
 To update your mailing address, e-mail address, or phone number, call (765) 494-1779.

### Medical

Purdue Medicare Supplement  
 Call PacifiCare (800) 851-3802  
 Call UnitedHealth Rx (888) 556-6698  
 Purdue Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug  
 Call Secure Horizons (866) 525-6437  
 On-campus Customer Service (765) 494-2222

**Life Insurance Claims** (765) 494-6683

**Retirement Counseling** (765) 494-6683

**Employee Assistance Program** (765) 494-7707  
 Web: [www.purdue.edu/hr/eap](http://www.purdue.edu/hr/eap)

**PERF Information** (765) 494-6683

**Purdue Discount Program** (765) 494-7383

### TIAA-CREF

Participant Information Center (800) 842-2776  
 Benefit Payment Information Center (800) 842-2777  
 Allocation Change Service (800) 842-2252  
 (automated telephone service)  
 Life Insurance/TDA Planning Center (800) 223-1200  
 General (all TIAA-CREF inquiries) (800) 842-2776  
 West Lafayette Office (765) 497-8740  
 Web: [www.tiaa-cref.org](http://www.tiaa-cref.org)

**University Pharmacy** (765) 494-1374

**Voluntary Benefits** (765) 494-2222

**WorkLife and Wellness Programs** (765) 494-5461  
 (Human Resource Services)

### Regional Campus

Retirees with questions or concerns about various benefits should contact personnel offices at the following numbers:

Purdue Calumet (219) 989-2949  
 Fort Wayne (260) 481-6684  
 North Central (219) 785-5301

\* Telephone numbers may change. Please check the *Purdue Telephone Book* or the PURA Web site.

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## Retiree Privileges

Purdue University grants a variety of privileges to official retirees. The following list enumerates some of them. For additional information, see [www.purdue.edu/retirees](http://www.purdue.edu/retirees).

**Purdue faculty/staff photo identification card.** The card may be obtained by retirees in the Card Services Office, Room 130, Purdue Memorial Union. You must present a Purdue retiree identification card and photo identification, such as a driver's license. The cards will facilitate access to computer services, recreational facilities, sports events, cultural events, University Libraries, CityBus service, and the Purdue discount programs offered by local businesses. (Surviving spouses are eligible for an ID card.)

**Discounts on event tickets.** Purdue retirees may purchase tickets at staff rates to attend convocations, lectures, and athletic events. The discounts are applicable for retirees themselves, their spouses, and dependent children.

**Staff rates.** Purdue retirees can use University recreational facilities and golf courses at special reduced rates.

**Free issues of the PURA Newsletter.** Special announcements are mailed or e-mailed as needed.

**A copy of the Purdue Telephone Directory.** The directory includes an address, phone information, and former department listing for each retiree.

**Complimentary "A" parking permits.** Permits for retirees are available at Parking Facilities in the Visitor Information Center. For information, call (765) 494-9494.

**Medical plan participation.** Participation in a University-supported medical plan (if you are under 65) or Medicare supplemental plan is available at cost to the retiree. Members of PURA serve in a liaison role to the Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee.

**Group life insurance.** Retirees to age 65 can participate at cost in the group life insurance plan.

**Use of the Purdue University Pharmacy.** The pharmacy is located in the Robert E. Heine Pharmacy Building (RHPH), Room 118, (adjacent to the Student Health Center). Licensed pharmacists, graduate student instructors, and pharmacy students staff the pharmacy, which accepts the PURcare prescription drug plan. Payment must be made at the time of purchase by cash, check, or credit card.

**Services at the Nursing Center for Family Health.** During the academic year, retirees have access to free health screenings and to services with a fee, such as physical exams, blood pressure monitoring, glucose screening, and cholesterol tests. Information about free flu shots is available in the *Working Well* health newsletter or by calling WorkLife Programs in Human Resource Services, (765) 494-5461. Additional information is available by calling the Nursing Center at (765) 494-6341.

**Purdue discount programs offered locally.** Retirees can take advantage of discounts for a variety of services and items. For more information, call (765) 494-7383 or visit [www.purdue.edu/cssac/Employee\\_Discounts/Welcome.html](http://www.purdue.edu/cssac/Employee_Discounts/Welcome.html).

**Computers.** Retirees can contact ITaP for discounts on computers and peripherals from Apple, Dell, HP, and others. To view the latest computer models, stop by the ITAP Shopping Offline Vendor Showcase located in Stewart Center, Room G-65. Call (765) 494-4000.

**Use of University e-mail and data network remote facilities.** Retirees with official emeritus or emerita status are eligible to use the University electronic mail services. All retirees are eligible to request approval for this privilege.

**Fee privileges.** Retired faculty/staff and their qualified children have the same privileges for class enrollment as current faculty/staff. Information about enrolling in classes is available through the Office of Admissions, (765) 494-1776, and information about fees is available through the Office of the Bursar, (765) 494-7570. Identify yourself as a Purdue retiree. Free tuition also is available for qualifying Indiana residents age 60 and older through the Ivy Tech Community College Senior Scholars Program. For details about taking credit courses for letter grades, contact the Ivy Tech Admissions Office at (765) 269-5200.

**Free rides on CityBus.** With the Purdue faculty/staff/retiree ID, retirees can ride CityBus routes throughout the Lafayette–West Lafayette area — including the Campus Loop routes. CityBus schedules and maps are available at the Purdue Visitor Information Center in the Northwestern Avenue Parking Garage and at the CityBus office within the Riehle Depot in downtown Lafayette.

**Employee Assistance Program (EAP).** EAP provides a free confidential and professional service to help Purdue retirees and family members resolve personal problems. The office is located at 501 Hayes Street, West Lafayette. For more information, call (765) 494-7707.

**Purdue University Libraries.** Retirees have access to the wide-ranging Purdue University Libraries' facilities.



Habitat for Humanity volunteer



Helping at Food Finders

## Voluntary Benefits

Enrollment (USI Affinity)	(866) 787-3838
Auto/Homeowner's Insurance (Liberty Mutual)	(800) 340-3529
Prepaid Legal Services (ARAG)	(800) 247-4184
Dental Claims (Delta Dental)	(800) 524-0149
Universal Life Insurance	(866) 787-3838
General Information	(765) 494-2222

## Getting Involved

### PURA Committees

Help ensure that PURA continues to provide useful assistance and information to retirees by joining one of the association's committees:

- **Benefits:** Works to improve retiree benefits, especially healthcare.
- **Campus/Community Activities:** Organizes tours of, and visits to, campus and community facilities.
- **Communications:** Develops publications such as the *PURA Newsletter* and the *PURA Retiree Handbook*; maintains the Web site.
- **Endowment:** Attracts friends for the endowment to support projects that enrich the lives of PURA members.
- **Hospitality:** Works to encourage retirees to participate in PURA activities and serves as greeters for various events.
- **Kickoff Luncheon:** Plans the early fall semester luncheon that initiates the year's activities.
- **Program:** Develops programs for monthly meetings.
- **Purposeful Living in Retirement:** Plans the annual spring conference program.
- **Trips and tours:** Organizes tours for PURA retirees.

### PURA Events

PURA sponsors speakers at monthly luncheons scheduled throughout the year. The goal is to provide programs that are stimulating, informative, entertaining, and that keep retirees in touch with Purdue and one another. Speakers at monthly luncheons present a wide range of topics. Luncheons take place the first Monday of each month beginning at 11 a.m. at the MCL Cafeteria in West Lafayette; the program begins at noon. No reservations are necessary. There is no monthly luncheon in September. Visit the PURA Web site for a complete list of speakers and topics.

The Trips and Tours Committee sponsors trips to interesting places around the region. Advance registration is required, and a fee is charged for each trip. See the PURA Web site for a list of upcoming trips.

The Campus/Community Activities Committee arranges local trips for which no fees are assessed and no transportation is provided.

### Volunteer Opportunities

The Boiler Volunteer Network (BVN) is available to students, staff, and retirees. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, call (765) 496-2450, see the Web site at [www.purdue.edu/bvn](http://www.purdue.edu/bvn), or visit Room G-4 in Stewart Center.

## Recognition Awards

The **Arthur G. Hansen Recognition Award** was created to recognize annually the efforts of University units (departments, divisions, sections, colleges, schools, etc.) that cultivate and maintain meaningful relationships with affiliate retirees. The nomination form is available on the PURA Web site or can be obtained from Human Resource Services—Staff Benefits in Freehafer Hall, (765) 494-1779. The nomination deadline is December 1. The PURA Award Selection Committee reviews the nominations and makes a recommendation to the executive board, which gives final approval at its March meeting. A trophy accompanied by a \$2,500 cash award from TIAA-CREF is presented to the selected unit.

The **Betty M. Nelson Special Recognition Award** was established to recognize annually University departments, units, or individuals that have meaningful relationships with a wide range of University retirees, are especially supportive of retirees and their needs, and/or have provided important services to retirees. A trophy is presented to the department, unit, or individual; there is no monetary award.



Nelson Award presented