

PURA had its beginning in 1976 when President Arthur Hansen appointed a **President's Advisory Council for Retirees – PACR**; to consider issues impacting future and current retirees.

In 2002, under the leadership of the PACR Chair Betty Nelson, Emeritus Dean of Students, the **Purdue University Retirees Association** was created; sponsored by Purdue with liaison to the President through an appointed representative currently the Vice President of Human Resources, Bill Bell.

University retirees from all Purdue campuses and spouses are automatically members of PURA upon retirement from the University with no annual dues. Today the **membership totals over 5,000**.

The many activities and events organized by PURA provide the opportunity for retirees across the nation to stay connected to the University, colleagues and friends. Over 90 retirees serve on the Executive Board and ten Committees to make the organization function smoothly. Expenses of the association are paid through an annual appropriation from the University and numerous gifts from retiree related organizations. We also have enjoyed staff support from Human Resources since our beginning.

Benefits for PURA Members: include Faculty and Staff discounts, use of University email, free flu shots, complimentary "A" parking permit, medical insurance plans, trips and tours, newsletters, web page, electronics directory of members, numerous luncheon programs and conferences.

Highlights: Medical Insurance plans- Medicare Senior Supplement, Vision Care and Prescription Drug Plan, pays for all medical and drug costs approved by Medicare with \$300 annual deductible and minimal co-pays for drugs. Premiums have been stable for the past six years. We also offer a Medicare Advantage Plan, optional dental plan and a pre-Medicare medical plan. Over 2,700 retirees participate in one of our plans. All plans are negotiated by the PURA Benefits Committee with the assistance of Purdue Human Resources staff.

PURA members support the University and Community- Retirees contributed between \$4 and \$8 million to the university each of the past six years and over \$139,000 to the Local United Way this year. Many retirees continue to teach, advise graduate students and volunteer for numerous university events and activities.

PURA Scholarship Endowment grew to \$137,900 this year and the PURA Jischke Scholarship Endowment grew to \$50,300. PURA scholarships currently support seven undergraduate students.

Several PURA members have been portraying famous Purdue individual at events in support of the 150th Anniversary.

The Purdue University Retirees Association is the envy of the other Big 10 retirement organizations.

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Dr. Don K. Gentry retired in 2005 after 26 years of service as a faculty member and administrator for Purdue University. He was the first director of the Purdue Statewide Technology Program; professor of industrial technology; and assistant and associate dean of the College of Technology. In 1987, he was appointed dean of the College of Technology, where he served for 14 years, growing the school to one of the largest of its kind in the nation. He was vice provost for engagement, creating the Office of Engagement to provide leadership for the university's outreach and engagement functions. In partial retirement, he administered several grant projects as a special assistant to the provost.

During his career, Gentry consulted with 17 states, U.S. Congress, federal agencies and foreign countries; served as president of four national professional organizations; and served on many national, state and local boards. He made numerous presentations at national forums and published more than 100 articles. Prior to joining Purdue, he was Indiana's executive officer and state director of vocational and technical education, state supervisor for vocational education programs, and a recognized high school vocational education teacher.

Gentry grew up on a farm in Montgomery County, Indiana, and graduated from Waveland High School. He holds Bachelor and Master of Science degrees from Purdue University, a Doctorate of Education from Indiana University and an honorary doctorate from Vincennes University. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Gentry has been recognized for over 50 years of service to the fields of education, economic and workforce development, including the National Award for Excellence in Engineering Technology Education. He was recognized by three Indiana governors, receiving two Sagamore of the Wabash awards and the Distinguished Hoosier Award for his work in the workforce education and economic development. He has received the Purdue President's Medal and a Distinguished Alumni Award from Purdue's Animal Sciences Department.

He became the inaugural chair of the Board of Directors for Greater Lafayette Commerce after serving as transition manager and interim CEO, consolidating six economic and community development corporations. He currently chairs the Purdue University Retirees Association Benefits Committee, and is a member of the leadership team for Greater Lafayette Read to Succeed, an Elder at Faith Presbyterian Church in West Lafayette, and a member of Purdue's President's Council, Alumni Association, John Purdue Club, Technology Dean's Club, and Lafayette Rotary Club.

Greatest memories at Purdue include: hosting President Reagan, flying with Neil Armstrong, serving as "Sire" with the Glee Club, Technology Student Council picnics, bowl games and dining with the Sheik of the United Arab Emirates.

His real joy in life is his family: wife, Carol, children, Alynn, Alan and Andrew – all Purdue graduates – their spouses and his seven grandchildren. His hobbies are Purdue activities, traveling, genealogy, and volunteering.

## WHAT PURA DOES: ACTIVITIES

### JOIN US FOR LUNCH THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

PURA meets monthly at MCL in West Lafayette for fellowship, announcements and guest speakers on a wide range of topics. Lunch is on your own—eat as much or as little as you want! No reservation required.



### KICKOFF LUNCHEON EACH SEPTEMBER

PURA starts its year with a sit-down luncheon featuring awards, door prizes and a major speaker.

### PURPOSEFUL LIVING IN RETIREMENT

In the spring, a day-long program presents speakers, demonstrations, panels and vendors to enhance retirement.

### GIVING BACK TO PURDUE AND THE COMMUNITY

Purdue retirees continue to support their University and community in many ways:

- Scholarships: PURA raises funds to support two scholarships for very financially challenged students
- Giving to Purdue: Retirees have given generously to support Purdue academic and athletic programs, averaging more than \$4 million annually!
- United Way: PURA coordinates the retiree portion of the Tippecanoe County Campaign and our members give generously, typically over \$100,000 each year

## PURA RECOGNIZES EXCELLENCE

The **Arthur G. Hansen Recognition Award** was created to annually recognize the efforts of University units (departments, divisions, sections, colleges, schools, etc.) that cultivate and maintain meaningful relationships with affiliated retirees. The nomination form is available on the PURA website or can be obtained from the Human Resources Service Center, Kurz Purdue Technology Center, 1281 Win Hentschel Blvd., Suite 1100. Traditionally, a trophy accompanied by a \$2,500 cash award from TIAA has been 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. The PURA board makes nominations and selections. A trophy is presented to the winning department, unit or individual.

## KEEP UP WITH PURA

The latest PURA news, program announcements, benefit updates, and more are found at our website:

[www.purdue.edu/retirees](http://www.purdue.edu/retirees)

### RETIREE INFORMATION

Purdue University Retiree Association  
Human Resources Service Center  
Kurz Purdue Technology Center  
1281 Win Hentschel Blvd., Suite 1100  
West Lafayette, IN 47906-4182

765-494-1779  
877-725-0222  
Email: [masalla@purdue.edu](mailto:masalla@purdue.edu)  
Web: [www.purdue.edu/retirees](http://www.purdue.edu/retirees)

### MEDICAL

PURcare Senior Supplement  
Call UnitedHealthcare 800-851-3802  
PURcare RX  
Call UnitedHealthcare RX 888-556-6648  
UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage PPO  
Call UnitedHealthcare 888-867-5548  
Purdue Pharmacy 765-494-1374

### ON-SITE CUSTOMER SERVICE

General assistance and medical plan questions 765-494-2222  
or [hr@purdue.edu](mailto:hr@purdue.edu)

Retirement counseling 765-496-1964  
765-494-1694  
Life insurance 765-494-2222  
Nursing Center for Family Health 765-496-0308  
Purdue discount program 765-494-7383  
ITaP Technical Assistance 765-494-4000  
Office of Admissions 765-494-1776  
Office of the Bursar 765-494-7570

### RETIREMENT

Fidelity – West Lafayette Office 800-544-6868  
Fidelity – National Call Center 800-343-0860  
PERF (Indiana Public Retirement System) 888-526-1687  
TIAA – West Lafayette Office 765-497-8740  
TIAA – National Call Center 800-842-2776

Regional Campus Contacts  
Purdue Fort Wayne 260-481-6684  
Purdue Northwest 219-989-2251

# PURDUE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION



## PURA Retiree Information

[www.purdue.edu/retirees](http://www.purdue.edu/retirees)

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# YOU ARE PURA!

All official University retirees and spouses—including faculty and administrative, clerical and service staff at all campuses—are automatically PURA members, and there are no fees!

## WHAT PURA OFFERS: BENEFITS

### Purdue Faculty/Staff Identification Cards

Upon your retirement, you will receive a letter from Human Resources authorizing the Purdue ID Card Office to issue you a retiree PUID card. This card provides access to many services and activities, including:

- Discounts on tickets to convocations, lectures and athletic events
- Staff rates for Purdue recreational facilities and golf courses
- Free rides on CityBus throughout the Lafayette/West Lafayette area
- Use of Purdue libraries, including book checkout
- Use of University Pharmacy located in RHPH
- Staff fee remission for class enrollment

### Use of University email and Data Network Remote Facilities

You are eligible to use the University's email. Access must be requested through Human Resources. You can retain the login used during your employment if you contact Human Resources before you officially retire.

### Computers

You can contact ITaP for discounts on computers and peripherals from Apple, Dell, HP and others. <http://www.itap.purdue.edu/shopping/>

### Flu Shots

The University provides free seasonal flu shots in the fall to official retirees and their spouses. Watch the PURA newsletter and website for the schedule.



### Purdue discount programs offered locally

You can take advantage of discounts on a variety of services and items. For a complete listing, visit [www.purdue.edu/cssac/Employee\\_Discount](http://www.purdue.edu/cssac/Employee_Discount). (*Purdue career account and password are required.*)

### Complimentary "A" parking permit

That letter you received from Human Resources upon retirement authorized Parking Services to issue a free "A" permit. For information, call 765-494-9494.

### Services at the Nursing Center for Family Health

During the academic year, you will have access to free health screening and to services with a fee, such as physical exams, blood pressure monitoring, glucose screening and cholesterol tests. Additional information is available by contacting the nursing center at 765-496-0308.

### PRE-65 Retirees

You are eligible to continue, at full cost, Purdue employee insurance programs, including medical, dental and life insurance, including the Center for Healthy Living. There also is an option (through Henriott Insurance) to consider several other medical plans through the state exchange. For more information on retiree benefits, consult the PURA website, Human Resources or numbers listed in this brochure.

## MEDICAL INSURANCE

Medicare pays only 80 percent of your medical bills—and nothing on drugs. The PURA Benefits Committee negotiates a Medicare supplement insurance (currently with UnitedHealthcare) that more than 2,500 PURA members have joined. PURCare covers both medical and drug expenses. The Benefits Committee negotiations have kept the cost of this program with only modest increases. There also is a Medicare Advantage Plan at a lower cost but more restrictive. For details see the PURA website or call the Medical Plan questions number 765-494-2222.

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## YOU MAKE PURA HAPPEN!

### PURA'S ACTIVITIES AND BENEFITS ARE ARRANGED BY ITS COMMITTEES:

**Benefits:** Negotiates retiree benefits, including the Medicare Supplement insurance program.

**Campus/Community Activities:** Organizes visits to campus and local community attractions for retirees and their guests. Generally no fees are assessed and no transportation is provided for these 1-2 hour activities.

**Communications:** Sustains an information connection with PURA members through the PURA website, PURA News and other publications.

**Endowment:** Works to raise funding for the Martin C. and Patty Jischke Scholarship Endowment and the Activities and Opportunities Fund which funds projects to enrich the lives of PURA members.

**Hospitality:** Welcomes PURA members at PURA and University activities and events.

**Kickoff Luncheon:** Plans the fall luncheon that initiates the year's activities during which a keynote speaker updates retirees on the University.

**Program:** Develops programs for meetings held on the first Monday of each month.

**Purposeful Living in Retirement:** Plans spring conference program that presents a variety of retirement related topics.

**Scholarship Committee:** Develops strategies and activities for sustaining continuing contributions for the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment.

**Trips and Tours:** Organizes trips for retirees and their guests to a variety of distance locations and are most often arranged through local travel agencies. These are day trips which generally involve fee for transportation and admissions to attractions.



## GET INVOLVED

To join a PURA committee or activity, contact a PURA officer or committee chair. They're listed on the PURA website, or you can call 765-494-1779.