Agenda/Script

- 12:45pm – Prelude count-down and Purdue music

- 1:00pm Welcome – PURA President – Norman Long
  
  o Good afternoon and welcome to our first Purdue University Retiree Association Zoom call and our fall PURA kickoff program. My name is Norman Long, your PURA president.

  o Normally we would be meeting at the Four Points by Sheridan with a full meal, program, door prizes and lots of ol’ Purdue fellowship as our Fall Kickoff program.

  o However, the COVID pandemic has changed that protocol. In its place the PURA Executive Committee, along with the Fall Kick off committee, developed and replaced it with this pioneering Zoom call. In addition, this call is being recorded and will be posted on the PURA website, www.purdue.edu/retirees

  o And in keeping with tradition at our PURA meetings we will begin with the Pledge of Allegiance. We will post the American Flag on the screen for all of us to admire. “I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

  o As we pioneer this new format, it was felt I should take a few moments to comment to you on the adjustments that have had to be made during 2020.
    ▪ First, in January, was the closing and loss of our MCL Cafeteria, our monthly luncheon and meeting venue for many years.
    ▪ Then came the struggle to find a new and suitable replacement.
    ▪ The VFW came to the surface as our best option after an initial meeting at the Purdue Turf Grass Center in February.
    ▪ We had a very successful transition to the VFW for our meal and initial meeting in March, along with an interesting program.
    ▪ In April, COVID-19 hit and all PURA’s in-person meetings, including the very popular Purposeful Living in Retirement Seminar, were cancelled through July. The June meeting of the PURA Executive Board was for the first time held remotely, using Zoom.
    ▪ Our Purdue support staff member, Michele Salla, retired from Purdue and become one of us. However, her retirement didn’t last long, as she was brought back to temporarily fill in for her replacement, Hannah Austerman, who went on maternity leave.
In June, the passing of the PURA Key from outgoing president Tom Turpin to incoming president Norm Long occurred under the Protect Purdue guidelines and without the normal fiscal transition meeting.

Since June, your PURA Executive committee has continued to meet and care for the PURA family with the “gold standard” PURA newsletter, looking after health care benefits with and thru United Health Care, managing the resources of PURA, updating the PURA website and awarding Purdue Twelve student scholarships.

- Let me pause here for a moment, to express our appreciation and our Thank you to all those who gave to the endowments on Purdue Day of Giving. We especially thank our anonymous donor who stepped up and gave a leadership pledge of $15,000 for the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment.

- As we now look ahead, our main concern has been how to proceed during these challenging times. We all want to keep connected and continue to develop relationships and offerings for our fellow retirees, which now number more than 5000 around the World, with nearly 4000 residing here in Indiana.

- Hence, I encourage you to visit our PURA website and carefully read the PURA newsletter. You will be amazed with the quality and the information found in both venues for retirees like you and me. The PURA website may be found at www.purdue.edu/retirees which appears on the screen for your reference and on-going use. The PURA News newsletter will be coming out to you each month by email as we go forward into 2020.

Let’s turn now to the upcoming programs for PURA members.

As you might imagine, the health and safety of our members and spouses is and has been the foremost criteria used to develop the new protocols for 2020.

- PURA Flu shot update:
  - As an example, flu shots for all interested Purdue retirees--be it clerical, service, faculty, staff and/or spouses--are welcomed and encouraged to take part in one of the following options…

  - Beginning tomorrow, September 15 from 9:00m until 2:00pm at the VFW located at the corner of Sagamore Parkway and Duncan Road, Flu Shots will be given in a drive-thru manner, weather permitting and if not then we will be giving the shots inside the large VFW meeting room using the Protect Purdue Protocols.

Since this is the first time that PURA has offered “Drive – Thru flu shots, we want to try and avoid traffic issues. Hence, we are suggesting the
following alphabetical divisions to make the process more efficient and afford less waiting time. So, where it is possible:

- Those folks with their last name beginning A-F please plan to arrive for your flu shot on Sept. 15, between 9AM -2PM.
- G-L on Sept. 16, 9AM – 2PM
- M - S on Sept. 23, 2PM – 6PM (Note time change)
- T - Z on Sept. 25, 9AM – 2PM

- Please note that while we have offered suggestions on when to arrive for your flu shot based on your last name, you may come to any of the available flu shot events.

- Remember too, you may by-pass the drive-thru and go directly to Custom Plus Pharmacy during normal business hours, located at 482 West Navajo Street, directly behind Dog & Suds, in West Lafayette, to obtain your flu shot, or you may also go to your personal pharmacy to obtain your 2020 flu shot.

- Numerous questions have been coming to us regarding the Flu Shot program this year compared to past years. Here are some items for your reference:
  - Purdue never provided the flu shot to its post-65 retirees; The cost of the flu shot is and always has been covered by Medicare.
  - The University until this year provided the venue in which the injection was administered, without charge to PURA.
  - For 2020 Medicare will once again cover the cost of the vaccine and its administration.
  - For 2020, PURA and the University and your Executive Committee has planned for an off-campus venue, the VFW.
  - Spouses are welcome for the PURA event. They will need their Medicare and insurance cards so that Custom Plus can be reimbursed by Medicare for the vaccine and its administration.
  - Finally, Purdue Retirees are not losing an earned benefit. There is just a change to the method of delivery, precipitated by the COVID – 19 pandemic.

- Introduce Our Program and Speaker:

  - Vice President for Human Resources – Bill Bell
    Update on Purdue COVID – 19
    Update on retirees visiting campus during fall semester
    Purdue fall enrollment and other items of interest to the PURA family
    Projections as Purdue plans for 2021

- Thank You Bill…. your comments were informative, interesting, and thought-provoking!
We have a few minutes left for questions from the PURA family over Zoom. If you would like to raise a question, click on the chat icon and type in your question and we will respond to the best of our ability.

Any questions we have not had time today to answer, will be responded to after the Zoom call via email, to ensure that your concerns are addressed and not overlooked.

And now as we begin to wrap up today’s Zoom Call, I want to make you aware of the upcoming programs for our PURA family

Upcoming PURA virtual monthly meetings:

- October 5 – Chad Evans - Channel 18 Meteorologist
- November 2 – Scott Ksander – Tech Bytes and Holiday Electronic Toys
- December 7 – Holiday Fun Program and a celebration with music from the 2020 Christmas show.

In January we normally do not hold a noon meal and meeting as it often falls on the first day after the New Year Holiday?

Then in February, we would like to think our PURA family could return to a traditional noon meal and meeting at the VFW, however that decision cannot be finalized until much later, pending the COVID pandemic outcomes.

Nonetheless, we hope this new Zoom virtual meeting format has been informative and helpful to you.

We welcome your questions, concerns, ideas, and feedback. Your comments can be emailed to the PURA Executive committee, at pura@purdue.edu or to me at longn@purdue.edu

Thank You for joining us today.

We will now close with the Purdue Glee Club Singing “Hail Purdue”