Register for April 18 Purposeful Living in Retirement Conference

The annual PURA Purposeful Living in Retirement conference will be on April 18 at the Beck Agricultural Center in West Lafayette. Registration is open by mail or online at http://attend.com/PURA2018. The day kicks off at 8:30 a.m. with continental breakfast and ends at 3 p.m. The $15 registration cost covers 2 meals, 8 presentations, program materials, vendor exhibits, door prizes and more. Talk about a bargain!

“Planning for Independence” leads off the program with information aimed at retaining independence during the retirement years. A panel of experts will provide information on security for your residence, mobile phone, and computer. There are sessions on “Nutrition Supplements” and “Empathy”. You will also learn about the Indiana Caregivers Act and receive an update on PURA Benefits and Healthcare Insurance.

This is always a wonderful day. Guests are welcome.

Tour of New Football Facility

Put on your walking shoes and join us for a guided tour of the new football facility on Friday, May 4, 2018, at 4:00 p.m.

Park in the Ross-Ade Stadium parking lot and walk across John R. Wooden Drive to enter the building. Be aware there are lots of steps and a limited number of elevators in the facility.

Sign up to join us on the tour by e-mailing Michele Sal-la (masalla@purdue.edu). The tour is limited to 40 participants.

Parking Via License Plate Recognition Now Available

The December 2017 PURA News announced that Purdue University (West Lafayette Campus) Parking Facilities was about to initiate implementation of its new License Plate Recognition (LPR) software. You may recall that the LPR system allows Parking Facilities to enforce parking using the vehicle’s license plate rather than a physical permit displayed in the window. The system allows parking enforcement officers to utilize a scanner that reads license plates as they patrol to determine if a vehicle parked in that space has been properly registered with Purdue Parking facilities for on-campus parking.

What does this mean for Purdue University retirees? THERE IS NO IMPACT FOR CURRENT PURDUE UNIVERSITY RETIREEs!

You received a Gold Purdue University parking permit during August 2017. This permit allows the privilege of parking on campus through July 31, 2022. Purdue retirees whose retirement dates were before January 15, 2018, will, if they wish, continue to receive physical parking permits after August 31, 2022.

Retirees, upon acceptance of a post-retirement appointment, will register their vehicles using the LPR system.

There is no intent to require current retirees to convert to the LPR system, but retirees may do so if they wish. Step by step instructions for registering your vehicle(s) using the LPR System are found on the PURA website, www.purdue.edu/retirees.

1) To complete the registration, you will need to have the following information available:
   a) License Plate Number and Type
   b) Registration Expiration Month and Year
   c) Vehicle Make, Model, Year and Color

Reminder: you may register more than one vehicle, but no more than one vehicle may be parked on campus at any time. (continued on page 2)
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2) To access the “Parking Portal”, a valid Purdue Career Account (Username/Password) will be required. If you know your Username and Password, you will be able to continue with the login and registration of your vehicle(s).

If you do not know or have forgotten your Username and Password and you wish to register your vehicle(s) on LPR, you should contact IT@P at 494-4000 for assistance in updating your Purdue Career Account.

If you do not have a current Career Account, you should contact the HR Services Center at 494-2222 for assistance in gaining authorization to establish a Career Account. Following the HR authorization, IT@P will aid you in establishing a valid Purdue Career Account.

3) DO NOT DESTROY THE GOLD PARKING PERMIT. You will still need it to gain access to the University’s gated parking facilities. You will be notified when the gated parking facilities are converted to LPR.

While as retirees we are not required to convert our vehicle registration to LPR, we can assist the University by being a part of its implementation now.

Spring Fling—Just Around The Corner

Spring Fling will be held on Thursday, May 24, at the Córdova Recreational Sports Center. Purdue welcomes retirees to attend and participate in scheduled events or work as a volunteer. Please register online at: www.purdue.edu/springfling

Online registration is preferred. If you cannot register online, please print the registration form found on the PURA website, www.purdue.edu/retirees, complete and return it by May 11, 2018.

Continue to Grow PURA Student Scholarship

As Purdue prepares for its 2019 sesquicentennial, among the many reasons for celebration are the contributions of retirees who helped build the University to international prominence. PURA members left their mark on Purdue during their careers and among the many ways they continue to impact the University is support for endowed scholarships.

“Make Your Mark” is the slogan for the Purdue Annual Day of Giving on April 25, providing an excellent opportunity for retirees to support the PURA scholarship for students living in Indiana who have financial need.

Approved and launched by the PURA Board of Directors in 2016 with a goal of $50,000 to be matched by an anonymous donor, this endowment has reached more than $105,400. It is the largest scholarship endowment in PURA history and its impact will continue forever.

Last year the Purdue Day of Giving raised more than $28 million. PURA members gave $5,444 toward the scholarship in 2017 and the goal is to raise even more this year. As individuals who take great pride in our University, PURA members have always rolled up our sleeves to meet big challenges. We are now creating an endowed scholarship that will be a game changer in the lives of students.

This scholarship is focused on students from Indiana where many of our PURA members live. About 4,000 Purdue retirees live in Indiana—3,600 of them in Tippecanoe County, including 1,000 in West Lafayette.

Every gift makes a difference. The goal of this endowment is to see PURA members make annual gifts toward its support during the Purdue Day of Giving, at the start of classes in the fall or during their end-of-year donations in December.

Make your mark on Purdue and on the world through making possible the dreams of students with financial need.

Your donation can be made April 25th online at: https://dayofgiving.purdue.edu. If you are mailing a donation, write a check payable to the Purdue Research Foundation, with the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment noted in the memo line. Send it to: Purdue Research Foundation, 403 W. Wood Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2007.

Don’t want to wait until April 25? Make your gift online now at: https://Giving.Purdue.edu/PURA
Carolyn Jones Receives Woman of Wisdom Award

Carolyn Jones, Purdue Associate Executive Vice President emerita, recently received the Dr. Mary Keller Ade Woman of Wisdom Award from the Greater Lafayette YWCA for her professional accomplishments and contributions as a community volunteer.

Jones was among the female pioneers in central administration at Purdue. She was the first woman to serve full-time on the administrative staffs in the Office of the Vice President for Student Services as well as the Office of the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs.

AMTRACK and Lafayette – Where Are We?

Arvid Olson, Transportation Chair of the Quality of Life Council on Greater Lafayette Commerce, spoke at the February PURA monthly meeting on the status of AMTRAK service to the local community.

Olson reviewed the history of the Lafayette area as a transportation center which started with river, canal, and then rail. He mentioned the importance of maintaining the rail service to being mandatory for socioeconomic progress in the community and state. If a community loses the railway services, the infrastructure cost to replace it at a later date would be extremely expensive.

A task force was established to determine the feasibility of maintaining the rail services in Lafayette, and the need to offer more amenities to retain young people. They focused on the millennial generation (those born between 1981-1998), which is now larger than the baby boomer generation with 80 million strong. They embrace staying connected with each other, and prefer other forms of transportation, such as a bicycle. There will be millennials who will never own a car. It was determined that to stabilize the area and the state economically, and to retain these people in the community, that various amenities have to be offered to attract them, such as inter-city rail service.

Unfortunately, the U.S. is behind in development of high speed rail transportation, while other countries in the world have embraced it and maintained accident free records.

An earlier attempt to help rail transportation by contracting with the Iowa Pacific rail provided upgraded service with a 98% “on time” record but proved too expensive for the company to maintain. In 2017, Amtrak again began servicing the Lafayette area with The Hoosier State, providing services between Chicago and Indianapolis, and The Cardinal, a long-distance passenger train between New York and Chicago. Ridership in 2017 was up 8.1% from 2016 for all the locations that Amtrak services in Indiana.

Under discussion are identifying the best departure times, aimed at decreasing the length of travel time to Chicago for a day trip, providing a consistent 7-day schedule, and the prospects for direct rail service from Indianapolis airport to Chicago O’Hare.

State and local cooperation will be necessary to better the system. Currently, the economic impact has the state’s attention.
April Campus Calendar
(Free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.)

Special:

April 7—Purdue Fashion Show. Shows at 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. Creations by students in apparel design and technology major. Organizer: Purdue Fashion Association. Córdova Recreational Sports Center, Gold and Black Gym 1-3. Tickets: $5-$20; on sale 1-4 p.m. in Matthews Hall, Room 201, or at other hours in Room 223.

April 14-15—Purdue Spring Fest and Bug Bowl. www.purdue.edu/springfest.


Music:

April 5—Chamber Music Recital II. Purdue Bands and Orchestras. 7:00 p.m., Fowler Hall, Stewart Center.

April 11—Tower of Power Band and Jazz Band combos. 7:30 p.m. Fowler Hall, Stewart Center.

April 15—Purdue Musical Organizations Spring Show. 2:00 p.m. University Choir, Heart & Soul, Purdue Bells, and All-Campus & Community Chorale. Long Center, 111 N. Sixth St., Lafayette. Tickets (general admission; doors open at 1:30 p.m.): $5. Ticket purchase: Bailey Hall or 765-494-3941.

April 15—Purdue Bands & Orchestras Percussion Ensemble. 2:30 p.m. Loeb Playhouse, Stewart Center.

April 20—Purdue Concert Band and Wind Ensemble Showcase Concert. 8:00 p.m. Elliott Hall of Music.

April 21—Purdue Campus, University, and Varsity Bands Showcase Concert. 2:20 p.m. Elliott Hall of Music.

April 22—Purdue Philharmonic & Symphony Orchestras Showcase Concert. 2:30 p.m. Elliott Hall of Music.

Theatre:


Athletics:

Baseball/Softball:


Football:

April 7—Football spring game. 12:00 noon. Ross-Ade Stadium. (BTN)

Tennis:

April 4, 7, 8, 20, 22—Men’s Tennis. Schwartz Tennis Center. April 13, 15—Women’s Tennis. Schwartz Tennis Center.

Mark Your Calendars!

18 April Purposeful Living in Retirement Conference. Beck Agricultural Center, West Lafayette, 8:30 am.


24 May Spring Fling. Córdova Recreational Center.


2 July PURA Monthly Meeting. MCL Cafeteria, 11 am. Topic: Food Safety. Speaker: Charles Santerre, Purdue Professor of Food Science.

6 August PURA Monthly Meeting. MCL Cafeteria, 11 am. Topic: Purdue University Global. Speaker: Jon Harbor, Purdue Professor of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Associate Vice Provost/Director Digital Education.

17 September PURA Fall Kickoff Luncheon.

Spring Wellness Screenings

The last free annual wellness screening offered by the Purdue Nursing Center for Family Health, is scheduled for April 6, 2018, from 8:30am -12noon.

Screenings include basic hearing and now include Total Cholesterol, High Density Lipo-Protein (HDL), Low Density Lipo-Protein (LDL), Triglycerides and Glucose testing without any additional charge.

Call or email to schedule, or just walk in, for the wellness or basic hearing screening. To schedule, or if you have questions or concerns, please call Chris Rearick, RN, by phone at 765-496-0308, or email to crearick@purdue.edu.

Sitting is the New Smoking

Spring is around the corner and with nice weather comes the opportunity for outdoor walking and activity. April’s health tip comes from Dr. Libby Richards, Assistant Professor of Nursing, Purdue School of Nursing.

Dr. Richards stresses that “Some walking is better than none, but more is even better”. She also preaches that if you can only do one thing, it should be to break up sedentary behavior because “sitting has become the new smoking.”

Keeping this in mind, be safe on your spring walks; bring a partner if you can, join a walking club or walk your dog. If unable to do routine walking then just “move, don’t sit”. Keep in mind that activity also helps us sleep at night.

Thank you Dr. Richards!

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