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Retirees enjoy visit to zoo

About a dozen Purdue retirees gathered in October for a visit to the Columbian Park Zoo in Lafayette. At top, Kathryn Braun, assistant education coordinator and volunteer coordinator at the zoo, holds on to Maui, a 19-year-old Moluccan Cockatoo, during the zoo tour. Above, Mary Ford enjoys her visit with a few of the resident goats. At right, Martha Chiscon has fun with one of the cut-outs.



### PURcare info for 2008 mailed to retirees

Purdue retirees by now should have received information from Purdue in the mail about PURcare coverage for 2008.

PURcare is the Purdue-sponsored health plan that supplements Medicare.

A letter from Betty Suddarth, PURA president, and Martha Chiscon, chair of the PURA benefits committee, was mailed in early October to all PURcare participants.

PURcare coverage will continue to be provided by PacifiCare Life and Health Company and UnitedHealth Rx for Groups for 2008. No new cards will be mailed for 2008. Your current cards will continue to be valid in 2008. There should be no gap in coverage between the end of 2007 and the beginning of 2008. Retirees already may have received or soon will receive information from both companies.

Chiscon says very little will change for 2008 and that, overall, PURA is pleased with the excellent medical and prescription drug coverage.

"Many of the issues from the first two years have been resolved," she says, "and we continue to have regular meetings with United Healthcare representatives to address ongoing concerns."

The 2008 PURcare medical coverage retains a deductible of \$300 per person per

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year. If your first medical issue in 2008 is a hospitalization, you would pay \$300 and Medicare and PacifiCare would pay the remainder of all Medicare-eligible costs for both Medicare A and B for the remainder of 2008. If your first medical issue is an outpatient or doctor visit, you would pay the first \$135 of Medicare-eligible costs (the Medicare Part B deductible) before Medicare would begin to pay 80 percent. You would then pay the 20 percent coinsurance until the remaining \$165 of the \$300 yearly deductible was met. At that point all Medicare-eligible costs for both Medicare A and B for the remainder of 2008 would be covered at 100 percent.

The formulary for your prescription drug coverage is an open formulary. This means that basically all medically necessary prescriptions prescribed by your physician are available with few exceptions or restrictions. This includes medically accepted off-label use. You also have access to a few drugs that are not on the Medicare Part D master formulary. Such drugs would not count toward your true out-of-pocket (TrOOP) but would still be available at 50 percent co-insurance from your local pharmacy or 45 percent co-insurance through mail order.

Some changes retirees should note:

- VSP will no longer provide coverage for vision correction, but the PURcare plan will cover \$150 for vision correction (examination and/or hardware) at any ophthalmologist or optometrist. This does not change or affect how Medicare and Pacificare cover medical conditions of the eye. If you have not yet utilized your VSP coverage for 2007, you should plan to use that benefit before the end of 2007.
  - For prescription drug coverage,

#### **PURcare enrollment**

To continue to be enrolled in PURcare for medical, prescription drug and vision coverage for 2008, you do not need to do anything. You will automatically continue to be enrolled and will continue to receive a monthly bill or an automatic debit.

For those who prefer to pay one annual premium, the cost is \$3,485.52 and should be paid to PacifiCare with a separate check for each covered member once the December statement is received. Be sure to always include your member I.D. number on your check.

For those who want to stop PURcare coverage for 2008, the form enclosed with your information from Purdue must be returned to PacifiCare no later than Nov. 19.

#### Answers to your questions

Those who have questions about PURcare coverage should call PacifiCare at (800) 851-3802 and specify the PURcare Senior Supplement plan. If your questions are still unanswered, call Staff Benefits' customer service at (765) 494-2222 and identify yourself as a Purdue retiree.

the (TrOOP) maximum will increase from \$3,850 to \$4,050 to match the 2008 Medicare Catastrophic Coverage limit for Medicare Part D.

■ The cost of PURcare coverage will increase by \$12.59 per month per person to \$290.46 for medical, prescription drug and vision coverage. This increase is 4.5 percent, which is less than most other plans, Chiscon says. You can continue to pay monthly, quarterly, yearly or by monthly debit.

#### 2007-08 PURA officers

- President: Betty Suddarth.
- Vice president and president elect: Scott Rumble.
  - Secretary-treasurer: Pat Lawson.
  - Historian: Mary Alice Nebold.
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  - Communications Committee

chair: Oscar Hopkins.

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- Program Committee chair: Dale McHenry.
- Trips and Tours Committee chair: Truman Martin.
- Campus and Community
  Activities Committee chair: Dick Nelson.
  Mike Drayer serves as past president.

# 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.

Dec. 3. Speaker: Joe Seaman, Lafayette-West Lafayette Development Corporation.

Jan. 7. Speakers: Bob Mindrum, director, and Gary Goldberg, director of dining services, Purdue Memorial Union. Topic: The Purdue Memorial Union: Balancing Tradition with Progress.

Feb. 4. Speaker: Mike Piggott, director, Purdue Community Relations.

March 3. Speaker: TBA.

April 7. Speaker: Sarah Johnson, director of dining services, Purdue University Residences. Topic: A New Generation in Collegiate Dining.

May 5. Speaker: TBA.

June 2. Speaker: Claudine Kaufman, Columbian Park Zoo director. Topic: At the Zoo.

July 7 and Aug. 4. Speaker: TBA.



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# Housing and Food Services reconnects with retirees

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#### By Kristal Arnold

It's no secret that the strength of Housing and Food Services is its people. From dining and housekeeping to computing and facilities, HFS employees are passionate about making the student experience a positive one.

"All of the services we provide are people-oriented; you always have to be thinking about others," says Elizabeth Hartley, general manager of Hillenbrand Hall. "So those drawn to this work are people-focused. It makes it so easy and pleasant to work together."

Friendships are often formed with students and among co-workers, and for many, it starts to feel like family. So when staff retire, it's difficult for both the retirees and those they leave behind.

Last fall, a group of retired University Residences staff voiced that they would like to do more, know more, and be more connected to University Residences and HFS. In answer to their appeal, University Residences formed a retiree team, made up of current and retired staff, to plan special events for retirees to return to campus and connect with current employees.

"After they have spent so much of their lives here, retirees like to hear about



Ethel Brown chats with former colleagues and current employees.

updates and new people," says Hartley, who is a member of the team.

"Staff and retirees are ambassadors for us," says Elaine McVey, director of HFS marketing and communications, who helps the team with handouts and giveaways for the events. "It's important we keep them informed and up to date on changes."

The retiree team hosted its first event in June and drew 135 people, 45 of them retirees, for a luncheon. Barb Frazee, UR director, gave an update on housing; Sarah Johnson, director of UR dining services, spoke about the food service master plan; and Terry Ashlock, director of UR facilities, gave construction updates. Mike Drayer, past president of PURA, also spoke.

"He was so complimentary of us reaching out to retirees like we are," Hartley says.

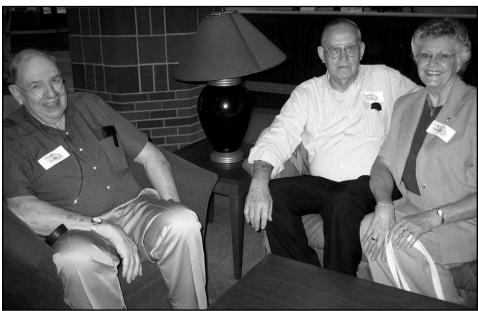
The team consists of six members besides Hartley: Gary Williams, Purdue Village facilities manager; Debbie Anderson, Earhart residential life manager; Bre Cory, Tarkington dining services; Tom South, retired from Cary Quad dining services; Marilyn Yoder, retired from Smalley; and Sue Robinson, retired from Tarkington dining services.



Barbara Muschee (facing camera) and Marita Jarvis enjoy the day's events.



Sarah Johnson greets Dieu Tran.



Jack Hite, Truman Pierce and Dorothy Cavanaugh have some time to catch up with each other.

### Spring 2008 trips offer varied experiences

Each of the three travel opportunities offered to Purdue Retirees in the spring of 2008 will offer a unique experience.

The first experience will be the stage play "West Side Story" at Beef and Boards Dinner Theater on Wednesday, Feb. 20.

The second experience on Tuesday, March 18, will be a visit to the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University, an introduction to the luxurious Meadowood Retirement Village in Bloomington, and a very brief visit to Oliver Winery.

The final adventure, on April 16-17, will be an overnight trip to Grand Rapids, Michigan. This trip will feature visits to the extremely interesting and informative

# Covey seminars open to retirees and partners

About 15 different FranklinCovey Seminars are offered by WorkLife Programs at Purdue.

These one-day or two-day learning experiences vary from the well-known "7 Habits of Highly Effective People" to personal skills, such as "The Writing Advantage" and "The Presentation Advantage," to group capabilities, such as "The Meeting Advantage" and "The 4 Disciplines of Strategy Execution."

Marketing of and registration for these seminars is accomplished online. See www. purdue.edu/worklife for more information about each program and how to register. Enrollments are limited to about 15 participants, on a first registered basis.

The leadership guru, Warren Bennis, suggests that we replace the term "retirement" with "transitioning," and that we take full advantage of all the learning experiences conveniently available.

WorkLife Programs invites you and your partner try one of the FranklinCovey Seminars.

Gerald Ford Presidential Museum and the spectacular Frederik Meijer botanical and sculpture garden.

PURA trips are open to all Purdue retirees and their families and friends.

All trips leave from the north end of the Ross-Ade Stadium parking lot adjacent to Cherry Lane. The lot is permit parking so all retirees should remember to have valid Purdue parking permits in the windshields of their cars.

Details about the trips and registration follow. Please make a note about the place, time and date of departure.

#### Beef and Boards Dinner Theater, Indianapolis

\* 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008

Total cost is \$65 per person. Registration deadline is Feb. 5.

The 32-year-old Beef and Boards Dinner Theater is the only year-round equity theater in Indiana.

The show will be "West Side Story," which is a musical adaptation of "Romeo and Juliet" transposed to the streets of New York City with Tony and Maria as the lovers who get caught up in the problems of opposing West Side gangs and long for the day when they will be allowed to be together.

The show includes many favorite songs including "Tonight," "Maria," "I Feel Pretty," and "America."

A complete meal is served buffet style and includes coffee or tea and a dessert.

#### Jacobs School of Music, Meadowood Retirement Village and Oliver Winery, Bloomington

\* 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, 2008

Total cost is \$60 per person. Registration deadline is March 3.

The Jacobs School of Music is a comprehensive and highly acclaimed institution for the study of music. More than 1,600 students are enrolled with goals to be performers, teachers and scholars. The faculty of more than 160 performers, scholars and teachers guide the students to present about 1,100 performances each year, including seven full-scale operas. Facilities include 170 practice rooms, rehearsal rooms and recital halls.

The Meadowood Retirement Community provides attractive resident lounges, game rooms, fitness facilities, a bank branch, athletic trainer, beauty shop, library and computing site. Meals are served buffet style with individual treatment for those having dietary restrictions. Lunch will be served in the Terrace Room.

The Oliver Winery will be visited briefly on our way home.

#### Grand Rapids, Michigan \* 8 a.m., Wednesday, April 16, 2008, to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17, 2008.

Trip cost is \$145 for those occupying a double room or \$195 for those occupying a single room. Due to a requirement that we guarantee room reservations 30 days prior to arrival, the registration deadline is March 14.

The Gerald R. Ford Museum is located on the river, and the displays portray both the private and public career of President Ford. Visitors can take a holographic tour of the White House and observe foreign policy procedures in the Situation Room. Issues related to President Nixon's resignation and pardon are reviewed. The museum focuses on President Ford's highly respected integrity, dignity and statesmanship.

The Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park is 125 acres of wetlands, woodlands, meadows and gardens containing a wide variety of plantings representing perennials, a wide variety of annuals, trees and arid plants. Tropical and carnivorous plants are housed in a fivestory, 15,000-square-foot conservatory. The 30-acre outdoor sculpture park includes 30 bronze pieces by artists such as Moore, Rodin, and Oldenburg. The most notable is the 24-foot tall Leonardo da Vinci horse by Nina Akamu. A 1930s Michigan farm is uniquely fitted with all types of bronze farm animals. Due to the conservatory and a covered tram ride, this facility can be experienced rain or shine.

There are no meals included in this package. Restaurants and cafes are readily accessible for the first day's lunch and dinner and the second day's breakfast and lunch.

Registration forms are at right.

#### Purdue University Retirees Beef and Boards Dinner Theater

Trip: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008

Reservation deadline: Feb. 5 Male Female Address: City and State: Telephone E-mail Disability? Yes or No If Yes, Describe Number of persons \_\_\_\_\_ X \$65 = 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** School of Music and Meadowood, Bloomington Trip: 7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, 2008 Reservation deadline: March 3 <u>Male</u> Female Name: Address: City and State: Telephone E-mail Disability? Yes or No If Yes, Describe Number of persons \_\_\_\_\_ X \$60 = 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** Grand Rapids, Michigan Trip: 8 a.m. Wednesday, April 16 - 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17, 2008 Reservation deadline: March 14 Note: Each person is required to complete a registration form in order to facilitate room assignment. <u>Male</u> Female Address: City and State: Telephone E-mail <u>Disability? Yes or No</u>
<u>If Yes, Describe</u> Single Room \_\_\_\_\_ Share double room with \_\_\_\_\_ Fee submitted: Single Room @ \$195 \_\_\_\_\_ Double Room @ \$145 \_\_\_\_\_

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### News Reports

#### Purdue president starts process for University's next strategic plan

Purdue President France A. Córdova on Sept. 28 told the Board of Trustees that she is commencing a new strategic planning process.

She announced that she will form working groups focused on key areas identified during her visits with students, staff, faculty and administrators at the West Lafayette and regional campuses, as well as from community groups, alumni, the governor and lieutenant governor, local legislators, other Indiana universities, and the Indiana Commission on Higher Education. She aims to have a draft plan ready for discussion in early spring and to present it to the trustees in June.

The plan will continue to be centered on the themes of the past strategic plan, which were learning, discovery and engagement, yet position Purdue in new strategic areas, Córdova said.

"Purdue achieved great success with its last plan. I am confident that we can climb to new heights by pursuing our goal to be among the top-ranked public research universities in the world," she said.

Córdova will form working groups focused on student experiences; large-scale research and research infrastructure; economic development; integration of science and engineering with the humanities; quality of life at the workplace; globalization; campus design; graduate education; and attracting new students to careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Córdova said the planning process will incorporate Purdue's values and best practices in resource partnerships and diversification, energy and environmental awareness, communication and marketing, management and stewardship, global perspectives, recruiting a diverse and talented student body and work force, and facilities enhancement and repair.

Rab Mukerjea, director of strategic planning and assessment, is helping to lead the effort toward the new plan.

Representatives on the various work committees will be composed of faculty, staff and students, as well as community members. Leaders from those groups will form the nucleus for the Strategic Planning Steering Committee, which will prioritize goals and develop plans from the input of the working groups, Córdova said.

Córdova, who arrived in mid-July as Purdue's 11th president, also outlined several University achievements in her first speech to the trustees.

Purdue has doubled its research program over the last seven years, and Córdova wants to take it further in coming years with continued emphasis on interdisciplinary discovery and broader partnerships with government, industry, and other universities and national laboratories.

While Purdue ranks among the nation's best in engagement, she said the University must continue to discover and deliver its research to the marketplace where it can touch lives and strengthen the economy.

"We want Purdue to become evermore distinguished, and we want to achieve distinction that matters to the state and the country," Córdova said.

#### Search advisory committees named for provost, research vp and education dean

Search committees have recently been appointed to advise President France A. Córdova on the selection of a new provost, vice president for research and dean of education.

The search advisory committee for the provost will be chaired by Margaret Rowe, a professor of English and former dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

The committee will begin the search for a replacement for Sally Mason, who became president of the University of Iowa on Aug. 1. Mason had been at Purdue seven years. Victor Lechtenberg, Purdue's vice provost for engagement, is serving as interim provost.

"Purdue has a reputation as a preeminent university for a reason," Rowe said. "It is because of our people and their never-ending desire to reach new levels. I look forward to working with the committee to find candidates who exemplify Purdue's vision and aspirations."

The search advisory committee to identify candidates for the next vice president for research will be chaired by William Woodson, the Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture. The incumbent, Charles Rutledge, will retire this year after serving in the position since 2002.

"We hope to expand our research activity significantly by broadening our partnerships with the federal government, foundations and national laboratories," Córdova said. "To do this, we will need to enhance our infrastructure to support large-scale research projects. The new strategic planning process will help guide this effort, and the new vice president will lead it."

The vice president for research will now report directly to Córdova. Previously, the position reported through the provost.

Rutledge was named interim vice president in 2002 and was appointed permanently to the post in May 2005. Previously, he had been dean of the College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Health Sciences for 15 years and was appointed as the founding executive director of Discovery Park in 2001.

The search committee to identify candidates for the dean's position in the College of Education will be chaired by Dennis Depew, dean of the College of Technology.

The committee will search for a successor to George Hynd, the current dean of the College of Education and a professor of educational studies and psychological sciences. Hynd has been named senior vice provost for education and innovation, dean of the Mary Lou Fulton College of Education and Foundation Professor at Arizona State University, effective Jan. 1.

### News Reports

#### Purdue's Nelson receives World Food Prize

To Philip Nelson, the phone call that he was the 2007 winner of the World Food Prize sounded at first like a sales pitch, with the caller quizzing Nelson about the prize.

"I thought he was hitting me up to buy a couple of tickets," says Nelson, a Purdue food scientist.

But as it turns out, Nelson didn't need tickets because he was the guest of honor. The man on the phone was Kenneth Quinn, president of the World Food Prize Foundation.

On Oct. 18, Nelson, the Scholle Chair Professor in Food Processing who helped build Purdue's Department of Food Science, received the award during a ceremonial dinner in the Iowa State Capitol Building in Des Moines.

"I was overwhelmed when the announcement was made," Nelson says. "I think I still am."

The World Food Prize, according to the foundation's Web site, "is the foremost international award recognizing — without regard to race, religion, nationality or political beliefs — the achievements of individuals who have advanced human development by improving the quality, quantity or availability of food in the world."

Nelson was honored for his work in aseptic processing, developing the "bag in a box" technology to process large quantities of seasonal crops such as tomatoes and oranges, for long-term storage and bulk transportation without losing nutritional value or taste.

In 1991, the Institute of Food Technologists rated aseptic processing and packaging as the No. 1 innovation in food technology, ahead of juice concentrates, safe canning processes, freeze-drying and food fortification.

"Dr. Nelson's work has transformed the global food industry and has allowed entrepreneurs to build successful businesses that use crops raised by farmers," says Purdue President France A. Córdova. "He is an outstanding example of



Phil Nelson outside the Food Science Building.

the power of a university to turn discovery into benefits for others."

The \$250,000 award has been presented annually since 1986, when Nobel laureate Norman Borlaug created it. He envisioned it as agriculture's Nobel Prize equivalent. Nelson is the first winner cited for work in the postproduction area of agricultural research.

## Purdue's fall celebration features many events

Purdue's 12-day celebration surrounding Homecoming (Oct. 27) featured a groundbreaking, fundraising celebrations and building dedications.

The celebration began Oct. 19 with groundbreaking for the Wayne T. and Mary T. Hockmeyer Hall.

The Krannert School of Management announced a \$2 million gift and \$4.2 million overall on Oct. 22, and Purdue celebrated efforts toward a \$6.6 million project for an addition to the Niswonger Aviation Technology Building on Oct. 24.

The completion of fundraising for the \$33 million Roger B. Gatewood Mechanical Engineering Wing was highlighted on Oct. 25, and the unveiling of a bronze sculpture of Purdue alumnus and astronaut Neil Armstrong was unveiled Oct. 26. The Neil Armstrong Hall of Engineering was dedicated Oct. 27.

A ceremony for the success in making the \$11.5 million Bill and Sally Hanley Hall one step closer to reality was Oct. 29.

On Oct. 30, an event highlighted the efforts to raise funds for the \$12 million Marriott Hall. The hall will house Purdue's top-ranked Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management.

The dedication of the 20,000-square-foot Beck Agricultural Center was Oct. 31.

"These events have been a tremendous way to let people know just how much we appreciate them and what they do for this university," said Murray Blackwelder, senior vice president for advancement. "From the faculty, to the staff, to the students and to our alumni, these are the people who keep this a top-notch educational and research institution. We're humbled by the generosity shown to Purdue, and we hope friends of Purdue around the world get a great deal of satisfaction knowing that they are contributing to improving lives through the power of education and university research."

## Veterinary hospital offers discounts to staff, retirees

The Purdue University Veterinary Teaching Hospital is pleased to offer discounted services to all non-student employees and retirees of the West Lafayette campus.

Effective Nov. 1, a 10 percent discount will be offered on most veterinary services, including routine wellness exams.

Employees and retirees must provide their PUID number when scheduling an appointment, and present their ID card when admitting their animal. The discount will not apply to pharmacy items.

Appointments can be made for routine wellness exams by calling the Small Animal Hospital at 49-41107 or for any large animal appointment by calling the Large Animal Hospital at 49-48548.



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