

Kickoff luncheon set for Sept. 10

All Purdue retirees are invited to join former colleagues, friends, and guests in welcoming our new Purdue University president at the PURA Annual Kickoff Luncheon on Sept. 10.

The luncheon, with featured speaker France A. Córdova, Purdue's 11th president, will begin at 11:30 a.m. at University Inn and Conference Center. You and your guests are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to hear President Córdova at one of her initial public appearances.

In addition, attendees will be eligible to win door prizes, including two tickets in Ross-Ade Pavilion for the Purdue vs. Central Michigan football game on Sept. 15, courtesy of the John Purdue Club; a Purdue University Residences Open Dining Card good for 25 meals in any University Residences dining facility; tickets to a Purdue Convocations' performance; a University Inn and Conference Center overnight stay; two tickets to one of the PMO Christmas Show performances; a gift certificate for Hour Time Restaurant; and a gift certificate to MCL Cafeteria.

The reservation form for this special occasion is on page 5 of this issue of the PURA Newsletter.

Reservations must be received no later than Aug. 24.

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Thanks
and
welcome
aboard

Patty and President Martin Jischke open a gift from Purdue retirees during the Purdue University Retirees Association annual planning meeting and lunch in June. Martin Jischke retired as Purdue's president on July 15. As part of the annual meeting and lunch, retirees gave Martin and Patty Jischke an original piece of glass artwork for their new home in Lafayette. Read President Jischke's remarks to retirees on page 4 of this issue of the newsletter.

Fall trips and tours include overnight to French Lick

Trips for fall 2007 will have themes of luxury living, nature and down-home cooking, according to Truman Martin, chair of the PURA Trips and Tours Committee.

Open to Purdue retirees, their families and friends, PURA trips are planned this fall to French Lick and West Baden, the

Jasper-Pulaski Wildlife Area, and sights in and around Terre Haute.

The deadline is Aug. 18 for the French Lick overnight trip.

Reservation forms are included on page 7 of this issue of the PURA Newsletter and are posted online at the PURA Web site: www.purdue.edu/retirees.

From the President Year in review 2006-07

— Mike Drayer served as president of the Purdue University Retirees Association during 2006-07. Here is his report to retirees of highlights throughout the year.

What an exciting year we have enjoyed with our involvement in the Association.

The following are the major activities that have had a significant impact on Purdue retirees:

The Association found two worthy PURA award recipients:

■ The Arthur G. Hansen Recognition Award was given to Thomas N. Farris, head of the School of Aeronautics and Astronautics. This award is to recognize an operating unit of the University that has kept retirees engaged in major unit activities;



Drayer

■ The Betty M. Nelson Special Recognition Award was given to John Beelke, director of Human Resource Services. The Nelson Award is an award to an individual or organization that has provided excellent services to the Association and/or retirees.

Betty Nelson, Roy Johnson, and Christiane Keck, past presidents of PURA, along with current officers Betty Suddarth and me, planned and executed an outstanding 2006 Big Ten Retirees Association Conference held on Purdue's West Lafayette campus. Representatives from the other campuses were most impressed with the conference, especially the programs and campus tour (which included Westwood). Several attendees observed that Purdue has set the bar for others who will be hosting the conference.

Retirees play a major role by volunteering at Purdue and in the community. Also, retirees need to be commended for their generosity in giving to the Campus Campaign for Purdue (\$29,413,342) that began in 2000, and to the United Way Campaign (\$81,024) — an increase of 11 percent over the previous year.

Retirees also had the opportunity to participate in campus and community

tours such as Lawson Computer Science, Biomedical Engineering, and the Schwartz Tennis Center, plus the new Journal and Courier facilities.

In addition, five trips were taken to Indianapolis and Auburn in Indiana, and to Chicago and Springfield in Illinois. The trips were most enjoyable, educational, and entertaining for the more than 114 members and friends who took part.

Two hundred retirees and guests attended the annual kickoff luncheon in August at University Inn. President Martin Jischke gave attendees the "State of University Address" and offered thanks for the contribution retirees continue to make to the University and the Campaign.

The third day-long "Living to 100" conference was held in October with approximately 120 members in attendance. All University retirees received six issues of the *PURA Newsletter*. A special section, entitled "Exploring Senior Living Alternatives" was distributed with January *PURA Newsletter*. This useful tool discussed and analyzed housing and health care choices. It was developed for Purdue retirees and their families by Oscar Hopkins and Richard Nelson.

Again this year, monthly meetings were held at the MCL Cafeteria. Those luncheon programs featured a variety of topics presented by engaging speakers. The sessions were popular and well attended.

The capable Benefits Committee continues to work through problems with communications with United Health Insurance representatives. Much improvement and progress has been made by Martha Chiscon, committee members and Kate LaMar. Special thanks for their efforts and follow-through on these issues.


PURA is in the process of establishing an endowment with the Purdue Foundation using the \$25,000 United



Truman Martin, chair of the Trips and Tours Committee, makes an announcement at the MCL Cafeteria during a monthly PURA luncheon.

Health/PacificCare Performance Guarantee reimbursement. Monies earned by the endowment will be used to benefit Purdue retirees.

As you may deduce, your Association has been very active. However, to keep this Association addressing retiree's needs and interests, it needs to have more individuals serve on its committees. To volunteer, please contact one of the PURA officers listed on the next page or one of the committee chairs.



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Any suggestions or ideas for PURA should be referred to Brent Bowditch, Office of Retiree Affairs, 401 S. Grant St., West Lafayette, IN 47907-2024. Telephone (765) 494-1779.

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New officers, committees take charge for '07-08

New officers for the Purdue University Retirees Association were chosen at the April 2 luncheon at MCL Cafeteria. They took office during the June annual planning meeting and luncheon.

Those who will serve during the 2007-08 PURA session are:

■ President: Betty Suddarth.

■ Vice president and president elect: Scott Rumble.

■ Secretary-treasurer: Pat Lawson.

■ Historian: Mary Alice Nebold.

Committee chairs for 2007-08 are:

■ Benefits Committee: Martha

Chiscon.

■ Communications Committee: Oscar

Hopkins.

■ Hospitality Committee: Lois

Gotwals.

■ Program Committee: Daly McHenry.

■ Trips and Tours Committee: Truman Martin.

Mike Drayer will serve as past president.

In addition to these officers, Dick Nelson serves as chair of the campus/community committee, and Carolyn Jones is chair of the kickoff luncheon committee.

Betty Suddarth speaks during the annual planning meeting for the Purdue University Retirees Association. Suddarth took office as president of PURA during the June meeting. She will lead the group during 2007-08.



PURA committees include new, continuing members

Assignments for the 2007-08 PURA committees are:

Benefits: Martha Chiscon, biological sciences, chair; Marion Bonacorsi, university collections; Charles Brown, pharmacy; Charles Ehresman, mechanical engineering; Jeris Eikenberry, biochemistry control; Sharon Hyson, human resource services; John Lindenlaub, electrical and computer engineering; Betty Nelson, dean emerita of students; Terry Phillips, instructional excellence and lifelong

learning; Scott Rumble (ex-officio), extension educators; Robert Smith, biological sciences; Betty Suddarth (ex-officio), student services; Clifford Swensen, psychological sciences; Charles Tritschler, management; Joseph Uhl, agricultural economics; James Yackel, chancellor.

Communications: Oscar Hopkins, agricultural economics, chair; Martha Chiscon, biological sciences; Lyn Doyle, periodicals; Barbara Hansen, admissions; John Huie, agricultural economics;

Truman Martin, animal sciences; Gerald McCarthy, organizational leadership and supervision; Richard Nelson, educational studies; Larry Ogborn, electrical and computer engineering; Donna Southard, agricultural communication service.

Hospitality: Lois Gotwals, consumer sciences and retailing, chair;

Lois Wark, science; Gayle Archer, chemistry; Eldon Fredericks, agriculture administration; Patricia Lawson, agriculture administration; Larry Ogborn, electrical and computer engineering; Hubert Schmieder, hospitality and tourism management; JoAnn Thomas, extension educators.

Program: Dale McHenry, Purdue Memorial Union, chair; Marion Baumgardner, agronomy; Howard Doster, agricultural economics; Charles Ehresman, mechanical engineering; Lowell Hardin, international programs in agriculture; Christian Johannsen, agronomy; Joyce Koelzer, development; Norman Long, 4-H youth; Gerald McCarthy, organizational leadership and supervision; John Steele, IT teaching and learning technologies; Lanny Wilson, university residences directors office.

Trips and tours: Truman Martin, animal sciences, chair; Norma Sue Abney, student health center; Doris Cox-Peterson, building construction management technology; Jack Fessler, veterinary clinical sciences; Ron Fruitt, housing and food services; Donald Gustafson, veterinary medicine; Jack Karl, alumni association; James Mullen, physics.



PURA officers and committee members gather for the annual planning meeting in Stewart Center in June.

President Jischke: Thank you and best wishes

— *President Martin Jischke spoke to retirees in June at the PURA annual planning meeting and lunch. Here are selections from those remarks.*

Thank you very much for inviting me to join you today. Soon I will be joining you formally as a fellow retiree. And I am looking forward to it.

... I appreciate the support you have given Patty and me throughout our years at Purdue. But really it is I who should be standing here applauding all of you.

Everything we have accomplished the past seven years is built upon all that was accomplished at Purdue by those who came before us.

Purdue retirees positioned this university for greatness. And over these seven years, you have played a key role in helping Purdue move to the next level.

What you have done is simply breathtaking. I cannot thank you enough for all you have accomplished for this University.

... There were those who said our Strategic Plans with a vision of preeminence reached too high.

We not only have accomplished the overwhelming majority of our goals, but in many cases we have actually doubled our output in seven short years.

I know of no other university in the nation that has accomplished so much in the past six to seven years.

... Patty and I came to Purdue because we believed in the people of this University. It is the smartest move we've made since our wedding vows.

... Education has made all the difference in my life. And I believe it will make all the difference in the lives of our students as well.

... What have we accomplished? The list is quite impressive.

We said we would build more than three-quarters of a billion dollars in new facilities. We did it. Since our plans began, we have \$786 million worth of new facilities completed, under construction or in the planning stage.

At a time when universities around the nation struggled just to stay even, we said we would add new faculty. We did it. To date, we have added 265 faculty, and we will reach our goal of 300 by next fall.

We said we would step up efforts to recruit and keep top faculty for our students and state. We did it. We have doubled the number of endowed professorships.

We said we would increase our research program. We did it. We doubled it.

We said we would increase student financial aid and scholarships. We did it. We have increased it 66 percent in six years.

We said we would increase diversity. We did it. Diversity is at record levels. The number of African-Americans in our freshman class this fall is 30.4 percent higher than five years ago.

We said we would increase engagement with our state. We did it. Purdue is now perceived around Indiana and the nation as a leader in university engagement, especially when it comes to education and economic development.

We said we would launch interdisciplinary, cutting-edge research that would impact our state. We did it. Our Discovery Park has grown from an idea six years ago to a \$350 million research and learning complex that has changed the culture of our university and opened incredible potential for our state.

... We are receiving record numbers of applications for admissions. We are enrolling the academically best-prepared classes in our history. Study abroad and internships are up. Our graduation rate at Purdue is at its highest point in history.

A Purdue education has never been better. A Purdue diploma has never been worth more.

We told people six years ago that we would transform Purdue into an even more world-renowned university. We did it, and more.

In late March we had one of the most exciting announcements in the history of Purdue. The Alfred Mann Foundation for Biomedical Engineering, in California, is funding an Alfred Mann Institute at Purdue University with an incredible endowment of \$100 million!

This is the largest single endowment in the history of Purdue. This institute will enable the commercialization of innovative biomedical technologies that improve human health and life.

... As we look to the future, Purdue already has begun discussing our next



President Martin Jischke speaks to those gathered at the PURA annual planning meeting and lunch.

strategic plans. I have been traveling the state asking community leaders what they want from Purdue in the next five to six years.

We are receiving huge support for what we have accomplished. People are thanking us for what we have done. And they are asking for more of the same.

This summer, a new and excellent president, France Córdova, will be at Purdue.

There will be new strategic plans.

There are three issues that I believe the university will continue to pursue and keep at the forefront throughout this effort.

First, increasing the research initiative even further.

Second, the continued importance of fundraising.

And third, the continued focus on improving Purdue's learning environment.

... I arrived here believing that teaching and learning are job one at Purdue. I feel the same today.

Everything we have done has ultimately been focused on our learning environment.

Thank you for your partnership in all that we have accomplished.

Of all the things I've done or could do, the Purdue presidency has been the most rewarding.

... Thanks to you all.

All hail from old Purdue!

Purdue University Retirees Association

*You're invited to join fellow Purdue retirees and their guests
as we welcome our new Purdue University president
and begin our 30th year of activities with
the PURA Annual Kickoff Luncheon
11:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 10,
University Inn & Conference Center
3001 Northwestern Avenue, West Lafayette*

Our featured speaker will be France A. Córdova, Purdue University president.

In addition to this opportunity to hear President Córdova, attendees will be eligible to win many door prizes including Purdue-Central Michigan football game tickets in the Pavilion, a Purdue University Residences Open Dining Card, a University Inn and Conference Center overnight stay, two tickets to one of the PMO Christmas Show performances, a gift certificate for Hour Time Restaurant, and a gift certificate for MCL Cafeteria.

Please use the form below to make reservations for you and your guests. The luncheon cost is \$12.50 per person. Registration forms must be received by August 24, 2007. Questions should be directed to Michele Salla, 494-1779.

Reminder: This will be your only notification and invitation to the luncheon. Please use this form.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL KICKOFF LUNCHEON
September 10, 2007

Name(s) _____

Number of reservations @ \$12.50 _____ Amount enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to Purdue University. Thank you.

Mail to: Michele Salla
Human Resource Services
401 S. Grant Street
West Lafayette, IN 47907-2024

Due by: August 24, 2007

Retirees again ready to help set pace for United Way

Purdue retirees will be pacesetters again this year for the annual Purdue and community United Way campaigns.

As pacesetters, retirees will conduct their portion of the campaign before the regular campaign gets under way at the West Lafayette campus.

The retirees and Vanguard campaign will kick off Aug. 1. Retirees should get a

mailing from Purdue United Way on Aug. 2 or Aug. 3.

The retirees' goal for this year will be \$84,000. Last year, retirees contributed their most ever to United Way with \$83,274.

United Way Vanguarders are those individuals who give \$1,000 or more to the United Way campaign to help offset administrative expenses. Purdue has 260

Vanguarders, the most in the community.

Purdue plans to complement United Way's 2007 community campaign theme of "Your Choice Matters" with the Purdue theme "We Matter." The overall Purdue goal this year will be \$720,000.

Chair for the retirees portion of the United Way campaign is Betty Suddarth. Vice chair is Scott Rumble.

News from your PURA Benefits Committee

The Benefits Committee of the Purdue University Retirees Association offers this important information:

1. A reminder that PURcare has a \$300 deductible on the medical plan. That means you will be billed by your provider for that portion of the approved Medicare cost that Medicare does not pay until you have fulfilled the deductible. After you fulfill the deductible, your approved Medicare costs will be covered at 100 percent.

2. Medicare "Explanation of Benefits" reports are being sent quarterly rather than monthly as in the past.

3. If you have a well-care (physical exam or hearing test) cost from 2006 that has not yet been reimbursed, contact Kate LaMar at (765) 494-1694 to help you obtain the reimbursement. The same should be done for unreimbursed international medical costs incurred while traveling outside the United States.

4. UnitedHealth representatives occasionally visit the Purdue campus. For information, call Michele Salla at (765) 494-1779.

5. You should be receiving correct prescription "Explanation of Benefits" (EOB) communications each month.

6. There is no deductible for prescription drugs. You pay a co-insurance of 50 percent at a local pharmacy or 45 percent through mail order.

7. You should be receiving updated materials from UnitedHealth Rx about prescription drug coverage.

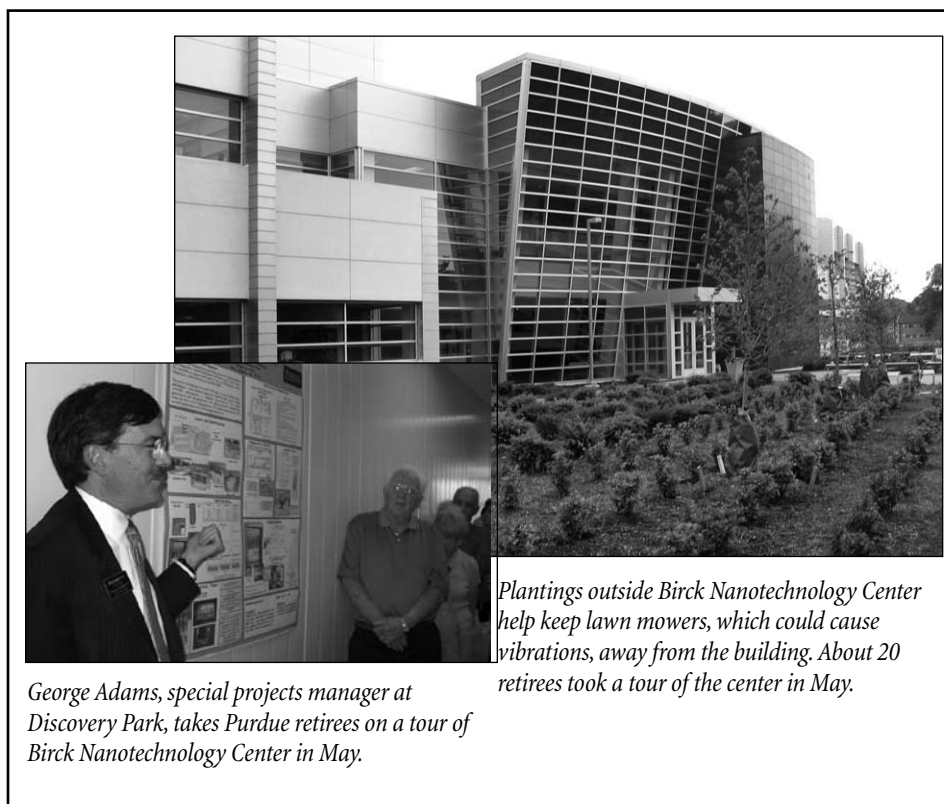
8. PURcare prescription drug coverage uses an open formulary, which means it covers more prescription drugs than any private Part D plan. Your coverage also does not have a gap in coverage and your co-insurance, after you have reached out-

of-pocket expenditures of \$3,850, will be 0 percent. In addition there are very few prior approval requirements and no step therapy requirements. Some drugs available to you are not available on Part D private plans.

9. In 2006, just under 5 percent of our PURcare members reached the catastrophic coverage for prescription drugs. At that point, their drugs were covered at 100 percent for the remainder of the year. Another 40 percent of our PURcare members would have reached the gap in coverage with a private Part D plan and would have been responsible for

100 percent of their drug costs until they reached an out-of-pocket expenditure of \$3,600, at which time they would have to pay 3 percent to 5 percent of their drug costs for the remainder of the year. No private Part D plan can match our coverage at any price.

10. If you are approached to sign up for a Medical Advantage or other medical or prescription drug plan, please contact Kate LaMar at the above number to compare plans before you sign anything. Signing up for another plan will disenroll you from PURcare.



Plantings outside Birck Nanotechnology Center help keep lawn mowers, which could cause vibrations, away from the building. About 20 retirees took a tour of the center in May.

George Adams, special projects manager at Discovery Park, takes Purdue retirees on a tour of Birck Nanotechnology Center in May.

Retirement banquet honors '06-07 retirees

Purdue's annual retirement banquet was held June 6 in Purdue Memorial Union. Those honored:

Advancement: Lisa Crowe, Nancy Grenard, Jeanna Luck, Charles Schlehuser.

Agriculture: Edward Ashworth, Shirl Barker, Karl Brandt, Catherine Burwell, Norma Butler, Kelly Day, Robert Everson, Beth Green, Marilyn Haas, P. Allen Hammer, Don Huber, Michael Hunt, Peter Kane, David King, Stephen Lovejoy, Sandra Morris, Mary Nelson, Rolla Parsons, David Petritz, Jim Pheasant, Gregory Pierceall, Janyth Sallee, David Sammons, Judith Scheffee, Susan Schwartz, Hari Sharma, Ronald Strickland, Larry Underwood, Jan Wahl, Mary Welch, Anna Wilson.

Business Services: Marjorie Branz, Sandra Cavanaugh, M. Arlene Halsema, Karen Hilt, Ann Hoekstra, Charlie Klumpp, Esther Madren, William Pratt, Merry Underhill.

Consumer & Family Sciences: Kathy Newport, Jill Poehlein, Olivia Bennett Wood.

Education: Marylou Mattes, Alan McKenzie.

Conferences: Susan Umberger.

Engagement: Richard Forsythe.

Engineering: Joe Bourland, Yungyu Lillian Chen, Mary Cooper, Mary DeBruicker, Mary Harrison, Frank Mason, Robert Montgomery, Gerold Neudeck, Frank Oreovicz, Ronald Rardin, Alvin Solomon, Charles Sutton, Linda Tutin.

Housing & Food Services: Karen Jones, Sandra Berkshire, William Conner, Sharon Crose, James Crowder, Maelinda Feeney, Connie Fitzsimons, Georgia Hinrichs, Helen Morgan, Ernest Poland, Linda Purchase, Sandra Searcy, Nancy Smith, Diana Sowers, Edith Stewart, Judith Synesael, Clarice Thomas, Mary White.

Information Technology: Robert Laird.

Liberal Arts: Brenda Chesterman, Marilyn Haring, Robert Perrucci, Jon Teaford, G. Richard Thompson, O. Michael Watson.

Libraries: Reva Chandrasekaran, Diana Lorton.

Management: Sue Hume Graham, K. Rao Kadiyala, Cheryl Royer.

Pharmacy, Nursing, & Health Sciences: Carol Oteham, Judith Chadwell, Deborah Garey.

Physical Facilities: John Butz, Patricia Dietrich, Robert Drake, Lucy Easterday, James Fasnacht, Michael Fellure, John Fink, John Flynn, Betty Guinn, Dale Hickman, Jerry Kruger, Wardell O'Neal, Elizabeth Osborn, Carol Payne, Jack Robbins, Charles Ryan, James Sarault, Lloyd Sharp, Jerry Skiles, Henry Stephan, William Thomas, Michael Trimble, Jerry Wood.

Purdue Research Foundation: Sharon Gertzen.

Science: Antoaneta Curis, Patrick Daly, Barbara Everson, Patricia Giordano, Daniel Gottlieb, Mark Levinthal, Stephen Weingram, Sharon Wooden.

Student Services: Betty Ashlock, Donna Flanagan, Julie Laird, Patricia Nelson, Sandra Royer, Carole Smith, R. Jean Stewart, Judith Taylor.

Technology: Leslie Bryan Jr., Lester Eigenbrod, Sandra Freiberger, Glen Harland Jr., Calvin Kunkle, John Williams.

Veterinary Medicine: Jean Horner, Carlton Lamar, Roger Lukens, Nancy Martin, Barbara Petty, Donna Taylor, Joyce Watterson.

Purdue University Retirees French Lick and West Baden

Trip: 8 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, through 5 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 19

Reservation deadline: August 18

Note: Each person is required to complete a registration form in order to facilitate room assignment.

Name: _____ Male _____ Female _____

Address: _____

City and State: _____ Telephone _____

Disability? Yes or No _____ If Yes, Describe _____

Single Room _____ Share Double Room with _____

Fee Submitted: _____ Single Room @\$288 _____

Double Room @ \$205 _____

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 Jasper-Pulaski Wildlife Refuge

Trip: 2 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23

Reservation deadline: Oct. 9

Name: _____ Male _____ Female _____

Address: _____

City and State: _____ Telephone _____

Disability? Yes or No _____ If Yes, Describe _____

Number of persons _____ X \$45 = Total enclosed _____

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Purdue University Retirees Rose-Hulman Institute/Clabber Girl Museum

Trip: 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14

Reservation deadline: Nov. 1

Name: _____ Male _____ Female _____

Address: _____

City and State: _____ Telephone _____

Disability? Yes or No _____ If Yes, Describe _____

Number of persons _____ X \$80 = Total enclosed _____

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Check and approve your address information

The Purdue University Retirees Association is working hard to keep up-to-date with addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses for retirees.

Retirees are asked to check carefully the accuracy of their name and address as it appears on the mailing label (above) of this issue of the PURA Newsletter.

Please make any changes on the form below and mail to the address indicated.
Thank you.

Purdue University Retirees

Please help us keep your information accurate. Send any changes from the mailing label that appears above on this issue of the PURA Newsletter. Thank you for your help.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

E-mail address _____

Return this form to:

Julie Thedans
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401 S. Grant St.
West Lafayette, IN 47907-2024