



Barb Frazee (center), executive director of University Residences, accepts the 2008 Arthur G. Hansen Recognition Award during the annual retirement banquet at Purdue Memorial Union. Presenting the award were Morgan R. Olsen, Purdue executive vice president and treasurer, and Scott Rumble, PURA president for 2008-09.

University Residences honored by PURA

University Residences recently won the 2008 Arthur G. Hansen Recognition Award for its relationship with its retirees.

The award, sponsored by the Purdue University Retirees Association and the Office of the President, was presented June 4 at the University's annual retirement banquet in Purdue Memorial Union.

University Residences received a trophy to be displayed in the department and will be listed on a plaque in the corridor of Purdue Memorial Union. The award also includes \$2,500, funded by TIAA-CREF, that can be used to help strengthen the department's ties to its retirees.

The award is named for former Purdue President Arthur Hansen, Purdue's eighth president, who established the retirees'

association in 1976. The award is given annually to a Purdue school, department, office or division that cultivates and maintains meaningful relationships with its retirees.

Some activities that foster the continuing involvement of retirees include inviting them to help with student organizations, encouraging them to assist with alumni contacts, including them in e-mail distributions with general departmental information, and inviting them to attend social events.

"Long after active employment with Purdue ends, the retirees continue to contribute in very meaningful ways to

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Kickoff luncheon set for Sept. 8

All Purdue retirees are invited to join former colleagues and bring their friends to the PURA Annual Kickoff Luncheon at the University Plaza Hotel on Monday, Sept. 8.

The luncheon, with featured speaker France A. Córdova, Purdue's 11th president, will begin at noon. Doors to the Grand Ballroom will open at 11:30 a.m.

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. 20, compliments 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: Jazz at the Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis; a gift certificate for Hour Time Restaurant, compliments of Best Western Lafayette Plaza Hotel; a gift certificate for Christo's Restaurant; and gift certificates for Sparkleton Dry Cleaners.

The reservation form for this special occasion is on page 6 of this issue of the PURA Newsletter.

Reservations must be received no later than Aug. 25.

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From your Benefits Committee

Here are some updates from the PURA Benefits Committee and chair Martha Chiscon.

■ Those of you who carry the PURcare Senior Supplement/Rx Plan have received or will receive a questionnaire from UnitedHealth in regard to your prescription drug coverage. This is a coordination of benefits (COB) survey and it is being sent out in birth-month order. The first of the surveys arrived in June and they will go out to others throughout this year. The instructions are not very clear so here are some tips.

1. Using your UnitedHealth prescription drug card (the one with the blue edge), check to see if the information at the top of the survey agrees with the information on your card. If it does, mark YES to Part A and go to Part B. If NO, put in the correct information.

2. Part B refers to prescription drug coverage and generally will be answered

NO unless you are employed somewhere. If NO, go to Part C.

3. Part C asks for other coverage beside prescription coverage through PURcare as well as your medical supplement through PacifiCare. For PacifiCare, you are the policy holder so check the medical space. The effective date is Jan. 1, 2008. If you have other prescription drug coverage outside PURcare, list it here and mark the appropriate box. The private insurance name for your medical coverage is PacifiCare and you would check Medigap. If you have any other supplement coverage, you would list it and the carrier. If you have any other prescription drug coverage, you would list it here also.

4. Part D asks about liability coverage in regard to prescription drug coverage. Unless you have one of the illnesses listed, most of you will mark NO for this part.

5. Sign, date and return the survey in the provided envelope.

6. If you are a PURcare member without UnitedHealth prescription coverage and with veteran prescription drug benefits, you are likely to receive a similar survey from your veteran benefits provider.

■ Watch for your fall PURA Newsletter and information about PURcare 2009 coverage.

■ Representatives from UnitedHealth will be on Purdue's campus on Sept. 9-10. If you have coverage issues you wish to discuss with the representatives, call Michele Salla for an appointment at 765-494-1779. Be sure to bring copies of any Explanation of Benefits (EOB) or medical bills you wish to discuss in case the representative wants to take those with them for review.

If you live outside the Purdue area and need help resolving a PURcare medical or prescription issue, call Kate LaMar at 765-494-1694.

Soliciting stories: Retiree 'perks'

"The past month or so, I've used my complimentary 'A' parking sticker four or five times," says Lyn Doyle, who retired in 2001 from University Periodicals. "And I've ordered season football tickets at the special faculty/staff/retiree rate. This fall, I'm sure I'll be one of the first in line to get a flu shot."

Purdue retirees have a host of great privileges and benefits available to them. How have you used your Purdue benefits in the past month? We want to share your stories with other retirees. Do you use recreational facilities at the University? How about the Purdue Pharmacy or Nursing Center for Family Health? Do you attend regular Purdue University Retirees Association luncheons? What do you consider one of those great "perks" of being a Purdue retiree?

Please contact Doyle if you have a story to share with other retirees. Her e-mail is lynd@purdue.edu. Or call 765-807-5431. Your stories will help other retirees become more familiar with University benefits.

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the University," says Scott Rumble, PURA president. "We encourage departments to value the many contributions retirees make."

University Residences was nominated by retired staff members Lanny Wilson and Marilyn Yoder.

They wrote: "After retiring from Purdue, one of the things we missed was the long-time friendships that had been established over the years with colleagues, including those who had retired."

Although University Residences always included retirees in newsletter mailings to keep them updated on campus happenings, there was still a void, the nominators said.

A meeting in the fall of 2006 helped change that. A committee was formed to include four current University Residences staff members and three retirees. That committee was charged with developing a plan for reconnecting with retirees.


The first event was a lunch in June 2007 in Hillenbrand Hall to which all UR retirees were invited. More than 40, plus their guests, attended the event. Another lunch was held in October 2007 at Ford Dining Court.

At both events, retirees were able to connect with old friends and colleagues as well as learn about the current events in

University Residences.

UR also invites retirees to holiday parties, retirement receptions, open houses, and tours of new and renovated facilities.

"It is always fun to get to see former co-workers and retirees to re-establish those fond bonds that once existed," Wilson and Yoder wrote. "All in attendance have a wonderful time."



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New officers, committees take charge for '08-09

New officers for the Purdue University Retirees Association were chosen at the April 7 luncheon at MCL Cafeteria. They took office during the May 27 annual planning meeting and luncheon.

Those who will serve during the 2008-09 PURA session are:

- President: Scott Rumble.
- Vice president and president elect: Lois Wark.
- Secretary-treasurer: Pat Lawson.
- Historian: Mary Alice Nebold.

Committee chairs for 2008-09 are:

- Benefits Committee: Martha Chiscon.
- Communications Committee: Dick Nelson.
- Endowment Committee: Betty Nelson.
- Hospitality Committee: Eldon Fredericks.
- Program Committee: Dale McHenry.

■ Trips and Tours Committee: Truman Martin.

Betty Suddarth will serve as past president.

In addition to these officers, three ad hoc committees are chaired by: Sue Hume-Graham — the campus/community activities committee; Carolyn Jones — the kickoff luncheon committee; and Lowell Landrum — the purposeful living in retirement committee.

PURA committees include new, continuing members

Assignments for the 2008-09 PURA committees are:

Benefits: Martha Chiscon, biological sciences, chair; Marion Bonacorsi, university collections; Charles Brown, pharmacy; Charles Ehresman, mechanical engineering; Jeris Eikenberry, biochemistry control; Fred Ford, executive vice president and treasurer; Sue Hume-Graham, management; Felix Haas, mathematics; Sharon Hyson, human resource services; Betty Nelson, dean emerita of students; Terry Phillips, instructional excellence and lifelong learning; Scott Rumble (ex-officio), extension educators; Robert Smith, biological sciences; Charles Tritschler, management; Joseph Uhl, agricultural economics; Lois Wark (ex-officio), science; James Yackel, chancellor.

Communications: Richard Nelson, educational studies, chair; John Boggess, computer technology; Lyn Doyle, periodicals; Barbara Hansen, admissions; Oscar Hopkins, agriculture economics; Donna Southard, agricultural communication service.

Hospitality: Eldon Fredericks, agriculture administration, co-chair; Larry Ogborn, electrical and computer engineering, co-chair; Gayle Archer, chemistry; Sophia Banes, foreign languages and literatures; Sue Hiser, management; Hubert Schmieder, hospitality and tourism management; Jo Ann Thomas, field extension educators; Mary Wilcox, agronomy.

Program: Dale McHenry, Purdue

Memorial Union, chair; Marion Baumgardner, agronomy; Ken Burns, executive vice president and treasurer; Gene Courtaney, registrar's office; Howard Doster, agricultural economics; Christian Johannsen, agronomy; Joyce Koelzer, development; Norman Long, 4-H youth; Eldon Ortman, entomology; Susan Umberger, continuing education and conferences; Lanny Wilson, university residences directors office; Olivia Wood, consumer and family sciences.

Trips and tours: Truman Martin,

animal sciences, chair; Norma Sue Abney, student health center; Doris Cox-Peterson, building construction management technology; Donald Gustafson, veterinary medicine; Jack Karl, alumni association; Esther Madren, human resource services; James Mullen, physics.

Endowment: Betty Nelson, dean emerita of students, chair; Ken Burns, office of executive vice president and treasurer; William Griggs, Purdue Research Foundation; Patricia Lawson, agriculture administration; Scott Rumble (ex-officio).



Hubert Schmieder of the PURA Hospitality Committee hands out retirement information at Spring Fling in May. PURA also sponsored a food collection for Food Finders Food Bank during the annual faculty, staff and retiree recognition day.

Fall visits: French Lick-West Baden, Ming Dynasty treasures

Join fellow retirees for Indiana adventures

The trips offered by the Trips and Tours Committee for fall 2008 will feature a repetition of the popular overnight trip to the French Lick-West Baden resort area, and the opportunity to view the Court Arts of the Chinese Ming Dynasty (1368-1644).

The quality of these offerings is exceptionally high, says Truman Martin, committee chair.

"We certainly hope that we will have a large number of our friends and colleagues join us to enjoy each other's company and interesting travels in Indiana," he says.

PURA trips are open to Purdue retirees, their families and friends. All trips leave from the north end of the Ross-Ade Stadium parking lot near Cherry Lane. The lot is permit parking so retirees should remember to display valid Purdue parking permits.

Details about these trips and registration follow. This will be the only notification so be sure to note the times and dates of departure.

FRENCH LICK AND WEST BADEN. 8 a.m. Sept. 23 to 9 p.m. Sept. 24. Reservation deadline is Aug. 22.

The Southern Indiana resorts offer luxurious guest rooms, gaming in the casino, relaxing in the spa, three golf courses, and one of the world's largest interior domes. Guests will spend the night Sept. 23 in the French Lick Springs Hotel. The trip cost is \$180 per person for those sharing a room or \$240 for those having a single room. The cost includes bus transportation, hotel room, Tuesday dinner and Wednesday breakfast in the Grand Collonnade Café, and a \$10 gaming pass. Participants will be responsible for lunch both days and any golf, spa, mineral bath or casino participation above the \$10 pass.

To help with room assignments and accounting, each person must complete a registration form. Those who want to share a room should find their own roommate.

INDIANAPOLIS MUSEUM OF ART. 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 28. Reservation deadline is Oct. 14.

A very special exhibition is being organized by the Asian Arts Museum

of San Francisco in association with the Palace Museum in Beijing, the Nanjing Museum and the Shanghai Museum. It is titled "Power and Glory: Court Arts of the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644)." It is the first exhibition to focus solely on the Ming Dynasty. Some objects are newly excavated and have never been shown outside of China. The exhibit includes more than 200 objects of gold and jade, textiles, jewelry,

carvings, lacquer pieces, porcelain and metal work.

It will open in San Francisco and travel to Indianapolis and one other location before returning to China. The cost is \$45 per person, which covers transportation and admission to the exhibition. Lunch is not included in the price, but may be purchased at either the Museum Café or Puck's Restaurant.

Purdue University Retirees French Lick-West Baden, Indiana

Trip: 8 a.m. Sept. 23 - 9 p.m. Sept. 24, 2008

Reservation deadline: Aug. 22

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

Name: _____ Male _____ Female _____

Address: _____

City and State: _____ Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Disability? Yes or No _____ If Yes, Describe _____

Fee submitted: Single Room _____ Share double room with _____

Single Room @ \$240 _____

Double Room @ \$180 _____

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 Indianapolis Museum of Art

Trip: 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Oct. 28, 2008

Reservation deadline: Oct. 14

Name: _____ Male _____ Female _____

Address: _____

City and State: _____ Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Disability? Yes or No _____ If Yes, Describe _____

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

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'Purposeful Living' conference a hit for retirees, exhibitors

The "Purposeful Living in Retirement" seminar, hosted by an ad hoc committee of the Purdue University Retirees Association, was held April 23 at the University Plaza Hotel.

The goal of the conference, said Lowell Landrum, committee chair, was to have speakers who could discuss opportunities for retirees to become involved during their retired life. There also were exhibitors with displays about their services and products. Retirees were given ample time to visit and gain knowledge of those services.

The evaluations for both the exhibitors and attendees indicate that the conference was very successful, Landrum said.

The speakers made various presentations, including about recording family history to pass on to future generations, arts and crafts retirees could look into, personality and how it affects longevity, and things the retirees could place in their "bucket list."

The committee members were: Landrum, chair; Betty Suddarth, president-PURA; Dee Cox-Peterson; Al Knight; Marion Baumgardner; Stan Mithoefer; and Eldon Ortman. Assisting the committee were Michele Salla, Human Resources Services, and Janelle Musch, University Development Office.



Retirees and community members who attended "Purposeful Living in Retirement" in April were able to talk with several service providers and exhibitors about items related to living as retired citizens. Roseann Lyle (above right), professor of health and kinesiology at Purdue, provides information about the Coalition for Living Well After 50.

WALLA to offer usual variety of classes during fall session

Throughout the year, WALLA serves up healthy portions of "brain food" for Lafayette-area residents.

This fall, Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association classes will explore such topics as the history of chocolate, French impressionists, super foods, underground cities, American presidents and ancient Egypt.

In all, 22 different courses will be offered over a four-week period beginning Oct. 13.

Classes are held in Morton Center in West Lafayette.

In addition, WALLA offers trips to complement classes as well as outings to explore new horizons. Fall trips include an outing to Samara in conjunction with a class, a trip to Indianapolis to view

"Chocolate: The Exhibit," and a train trip to Chicago.

Luncheon speakers also are featured during the four-week sessions of classes in October-November and March-April.

WALLA classes are available to those 50 and older. A \$60 enrollment fee allows a student to take up to 12 classes.

Registration brochures for the fall WALLA session will be available in late August. Those who have attended WALLA classes in the past year will receive a brochure through the mail. Those who want a brochure and more information should contact Mary Gardner at (765) 494-5760 or (800) 359-2968, ext. 91G.

For more information about WALLA, visit the Web site at www.wlaf.lib.in.us/WALLA.

Don't forget to check out PURA's monthly luncheons

The Purdue University Retirees Association sponsors luncheons each month for Purdue retirees and their guests.

The luncheons are held the first Monday of each month at the MCL Cafeteria on Sagamore Parkway in West Lafayette.

Luncheons feature guest speakers on a variety of subjects. In addition, retirees hear from PURA officers as to current happenings and upcoming events.

The first luncheon of the fall session will be Oct. 6. The annual kickoff luncheon will serve as the September event. Other luncheons are scheduled for Nov. 3 and Dec. 8.

Watch the PURA Web site for further information: www.purdue.edu/retirees.

Purdue University Retirees Association

*You're invited to join fellow Purdue retirees and bring your friends
as we begin our 31st year of activities with
the PURA Annual Kickoff Luncheon*

12 noon Monday, Sept. 8, 2008

University Plaza Hotel

3001 Northwestern Avenue, West Lafayette

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

Attendees will be eligible to win many door prizes including Purdue-Central Michigan football game tickets in Ross-Ade Pavilion, a Purdue University Residences Open Dining Card, two tickets to a Purdue Convocations performance Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis, a gift certificate for Hour Time Restaurant, a gift certificate for Christo's Restaurant, and gift certificates for Sparkleton Dry Cleaners.

Please use the form below to make reservations for you and your guests. The luncheon cost is \$13 per person. Registration forms must be received by Monday, August 25, 2008. 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 8, 2008

Name(s) _____

Number of reservations @ \$13 _____ 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 25, 2008

Campus/area activities set for fall

The Campus and Community Activities Committee has two events planned for fall 2008. Please register with the form at right and mark your calendars.

Tuesday, Sept. 9. 3-4:30 p.m. Purdue Agronomy Farm.

Tour the Agronomy Farm located seven miles northwest of campus on Highway 52. The farm is utilized by 53 researchers from eight departments conducting 180 research projects. The research ranges from basic to applied and includes plant breeding and genetics, crop production and soil tillage management, plant physiology, soil fertility, weed control, disease and insect resistance and control, and variety performance evaluation for corn, soybeans, small grains, sorghum and alfalfa. We also will tour the Beck Agriculture Center, a new 20,000-square-foot facility which can be used to provide educational opportunities for all ages. Please wear comfortable shoes.

Wednesday, Oct. 15. 12:30 - 3 p.m. Caterpillar's Large Engine Center.

Purdue retirees have the opportunity to tour Caterpillar's Large Engine Center. After a brief orientation, there will be a walking tour of the assembly and test area for three families of Caterpillar engines, including the new high-tech C175 Series. The walk is one to one-and-a-half miles and should take up to one-and-a-half hours.

Please wear comfortable closed-toe walking shoes. No photographs may be taken within the plant.

Parking for visitors is at the Visitors Center, the building with the green roof, located next to the plant on Indiana 26.

A third activity planned for the fall is a Women's Basketball Game outing. Details will be announced in the fall newsletter.

** Ideas for activities, tours, or events for the PURA Campus and Community Activities Committee can be forwarded to Sue Hume Graham, sg1321@comcast.net or call (765) 447-7366.

PLEASE PRINT, FILL OUT, AND SEND THE RESERVATION FORM TO: _

Michele Salla, Human Resource Service, 401 S. Grant Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2024

Print Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____ E-mail _____

____ Agronomy Farm Tour. I/We wish to attend this Sept. 9 tour.

____ Caterpillar Large Engine Center Tour. I/We wish to attend this Oct. 15 tour.

Alternatively, you may e-mail Sue Hume Graham (sg1321@comcast.net), or call her at (447-7366). Include name and contact information. Be sure to indicate which tour(s) you are booking.



Retirees visited Neil Armstrong Hall of Engineering in April, where they saw (above) an exhibit about astronaut Roger Chaffee, and heard a presentation (right) about the Engineering Projects in Community Service (EPICS) program. The Campus and Community Activities Committee works to schedule interesting and informative tours throughout the year.



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 _____

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