



Charles Hibberd (center), director of Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, accepts the 2009 Arthur G. Hansen Recognition Award during the annual retirement banquet June 3 at Purdue Memorial Union. Presenting the award were Randy Woodson, Purdue executive vice president for academic affairs and provost, and Lois Wark, PURA president for 2009-10.

Purdue Extension honored by PURA

Purdue Cooperative Extension Service has won the 2009 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 3 at the University's annual retirement banquet in Purdue Memorial Union.

Purdue Extension 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 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 Purdue Extension activities that foster the continuing involvement of retirees include inviting them to attend the annual Extension Professional Development Conference held on campus and the Extension family picnic at the Indiana State Fair.

The Epsilon Sigma Phi-Alfa Lambda Chapter, a professional organization for Extension coordinators that is part of Purdue Extension, also helps retirees stay connected through its Nifty 50's Plus group. Nifty 50's, coordinated by the chapter's Retiree Committee, plans trips and cruises for retirees.

Kickoff luncheon set for Sept. 14

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. 14.

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 a Purdue Convocations gift voucher, a University Plaza Hotel Conference Center & Suites certificate for an overnight stay, an Hour Time Restaurant gift certificate compliments of the Best Western Lafayette Executive Plaza and Conference Center, MCL Cafeteria gift certificates, a Purdue University Residences open dining card, a University Spirit gift, Sparkletone Dry Cleaners gift certificates, Wal-Mart Super Center West gift cards, Von's Book Shop video rental coupons, a box of Soller-Baker Funeral Homes golf balls, McDonald's Sagamore Parkway West meal gift cards, a Follett's Purdue West Bookstore gift, and a Purdue Employees Federal Credit Union gift.

The reservation form for this special occasion is on page 8 of this issue of the PURA Newsletter.

Reservations must be received no later than Sept. 1.

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PURA Web page updated for you

The PURA Communications Committee and the Office of Marketing and Media recently upgraded the PURA Web page in a number of important ways to provide you with retiree information as well as information about Purdue and Greater Lafayette.

We hope you will make frequent use of the Web page. Just type purdue.edu/retirees in the Web bar if you are accessing the page at home, or in a library or other away-from-home location. If you use your own computer, be sure to bookmark the page for future use.

Below the heading and above the center picture, you will see a navigation bar with key information about PURA: Home Page, About PURA, Events, Perks, Committees, and Newsletter. On the left side of the PURA Home Page you will see faculty, staff and Purdue news items that are regularly updated. In the center, under a changing series of PURA pictures, you will see news of particular interest to Purdue retirees.

On the right side you will see links to a great variety of information. Under the Purdue heading, you'll find links to Boiler Volunteer Network, Campus Map, Calendars, Purdue Convocations, The Exponent, Purdue Musical Organizations, Purdue Athletics, and Purdue Theatre. Under the Community heading, you'll see links to the Lafayette Journal and Courier, Veteran Services Office, Lafayette-West Lafayette Convention &

The screenshot shows the Purdue University Retirees Association website. At the top, it says "PURDUE UNIVERSITY" and "Purdue Retirees Association". There is a search box and links for "E-mail this page" and "Print this page". Below the header, there are several news items:

- Faculty, Staff News**: More news from Inside Purdue
- Purdue News**:
 - Biodiesel blend performs as well as ultra-low sulfur fuel
 - 'Bluetooth' signals show airport security-line waiting times
 - Purdue names new dean for the College of Science
 - Study shows animal mating choices more complex than once thought
 - Sign up for emergency notifications
 - More news from Purdue News Service
- Latest news for Purdue retirees**:
 - Purdue Extension receives Hansen Award**: Purdue Cooperative Extension Service has won the 2009 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 3 at the University's annual retirement banquet in Purdue Memorial Union. More information about the Hansen Award is available here.
 - Wellness screenings available in June**: The School of Nursing has wellness screening appointments available in June. As part of their Purdue benefits, official Purdue retirees and their spouses/same-sex domestic partners may receive one free wellness screening per calendar year. For more information, click here.

On the right side, there is a navigation menu with links to Home, About PURA, Upcoming events, Committees, Newsletter, and Resources. Below the menu is the PURA logo.

As shown above in its former design, the PURA Web site offered a variety of useful information, including news that affects retirees, event listings and information about the organization. As of late July, other features have been added that will provide retirees with more information about Purdue and the Lafayette-West Lafayette area. A photo showing the new look will be included in the November PURA Newsletter.

Visitors Bureau, and the Greater Lafayette Volunteer Bureau. And finally, under the PURA heading, there will be links to Benefits Committee information, Campus/Community Activities, Exploring Senior Living, Resources, and Trips and Tours.

PURA members are encouraged to assist the Communications Committee by suggesting articles and topics of interest for the Web page and the newsletter, and to point out in what ways membership communication can be improved. So these items are kept as useful as possible,

if you have suggestions or corrections, please contact Valerie O'Brien at vobrien@purdue.edu or (765) 494-9573.

PURA members also are encouraged to submit their e-mail addresses to receive notices about monthly PURA luncheons, the PURA Annual Kickoff Luncheon, wellness events and PURA-sponsored seminars. A form is available on page 12 to submit e-mail addresses as well as to update addresses and phone numbers.

From your Benefits Committee

UnitedHealth offers additional benefits

UnitedHealth (PacifiCare) added benefits for 2009.

These include:

- * Health Discount Program, which may be useful to some of our members — possibly more to the PFFS plan.

- * NurseLine, which can be useful to plan for a doctor visit or decide if symptoms are such that a member should seek medical help.

- * SilverSneakers fitness program, which provides a standard health club membership at participating health clubs. The health clubs in the Purdue area include Newton, Curves and Miracles Fitness.

Enrollment is initiated by showing your PacifiCare medical card at a participating health club. You can use your membership anywhere in the country at a participating health club. There are 2,600 participating locations, and you can identify one when traveling by going to www.silversneakers.com.

Benefits questions

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

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Any suggestions or ideas for PURA should be referred to 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 '09-10

New officers for the Purdue University Retirees Association were chosen at the April 6 luncheon at MCL Cafeteria. They took office during the May 26 annual planning meeting and luncheon.

Those who are serving during the 2009-10 PURA session are:

- President: Lois Wark.
- Vice president and president elect: Christian Johannsen.
- Secretary-treasurer: Pat Lawson.

- Historian: Mary Alice Nebold.
- Committee chairs for 2009-10 are:
- Benefits Committee: Martha Chiscon.
 - Communications Committee: Dick Nelson.
 - Endowment Committee: Betty Nelson.
 - Hospitality Committee: Eldon Fredericks and Sue Hiser.
 - Program Committee: Eldon Ortman.

- Trips and Tours Committee: Norma Sue Abney and James Marciniak.
- Scott Rumble 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; Ann Pickett and Marilyn Yoder — the kickoff luncheon committee; and Bill Baumgardt — the purposeful living in retirement committee.

PURA committees include new, continuing members

Assignments for the 2008-09 PURA standing 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; Felix Haas, mathematics; Sharon Hyson, human resource services; Christian Johannsen (ex-officio), agronomy; Betty Nelson, dean emerita of students; Terry Phillips, instructional excellence and lifelong learning; Robert Smith, biological sciences; Clifford Swensen, psychological 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; James McCammack, marketing and media; Donna Southard, agricultural communication service; David Umberger, university news service.

Hospitality: Eldon Fredericks, agriculture administration, co-chair; Sue Hiser, management, co-chair; Sophia Banes, foreign languages and literatures; Jane Brown, agricultural communication services; Deanna Johns, housing and food services business office; Hubert Schmieder, hospitality and tourism management; Jo Ann Thomas, field extension educators; Mary Wilcox, agronomy.

Program: Eldon Ortman, entomology/

agriculture, chair; Marion Baumgardner, agronomy; Ken Burns, executive vice president and treasurer; Gene Courtaney, registrar's office; Howard Doster, agricultural economics; Jack Fessler, veterinary clinical sciences; Joyce Koelzer, development; Norman Long, 4-H youth; Dale McHenry, Purdue Memorial Union; Charles Rutledge, vice president for research; Lanny Wilson, university residences directors office; Olivia Wood, consumer and family sciences.

Trips and tours: Norma Sue Abney, student health center, co-chair; James Marciniak, division of recreational sports; Donald Gustafson, veterinary medicine; Esther Madren, human resource services.

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



Many thanks, Murray!

Murray Blackwelder (second from right), PURA's advisor and mentor, receives a letter and certification of appreciation from Scott Rumble (left), past president; Lois Wark, president; and Chris Johannsen, vice president. Blackwelder served as senior vice president for advancement at Purdue for eight years before leaving to lead the Kansas City Foundation for Higher Education on behalf of the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Trips and Tours: Crawfordsville sites impress travelers

On May 7, the Trips and Tours Committee led 14 PURA members on a most interesting trip to Crawfordsville. Featured were the Old Jail Museum, the Henry Smith Lane historic home, and the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum. The group had lunch at Creekside Lodge Restaurant & Lounge.

Built in 1882, the Old Jail Museum is the only rotary jail in the United States in operating condition, and the first of eight rotary jails constructed in the country. The rotary cell block consists of a two-tiered turntable divided into pie-shaped wedges, with a total of 16 cells.

The turntable is housed within a stationary steel cage with one opening per story. The jailer rotated the mechanism to bring a particular cell to the opening, and, in this way, prisoners were put into and let out of the cells. The turntable remained in operation until the 1930s, and the building was used as the Montgomery County Jail until 1973.

The "Lane Place," built in 1845, has served as a village commons in Crawfordsville and has hosted political rallies, band concerts, weddings, and civic events such as the annual Strawberry Festival. Lane was a U.S. congressman, governor, U.S. senator, and chairman of the first Republican National Convention in 1856. Four years later, his influence helped secure the party's nomination of Abraham Lincoln for president.

The mansion features most of its original furnishings, including architectural details, textiles, paintings, china and glassware. The Speed Cabin, relocated and restored on the grounds, was a part of the Underground Railroad in Indiana.

Popularly known as the Ben-Hur Museum, the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum was the home of the author of "Ben-Hur." Lew Wallace was a Renaissance man who made significant contributions to local, national and international history. He became the youngest major general in the Union Army, and distinguished himself as an outstanding general during the Civil War.

He served on the tribunals that convicted the men who conspired to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln, and of Henry Wirz, the commander of the infamous Andersonville prison camp. He was governor of the New Mexico Territory during the Lincoln County wars.

Wallace was a distinguished literary



Retirees visited the Old Jail Museum (above) and the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum (below) in May. The trip to Crawfordsville also featured the Henry Smith Lane historic home. The group had lunch at Creekside Lodge Restaurant & Lounge.

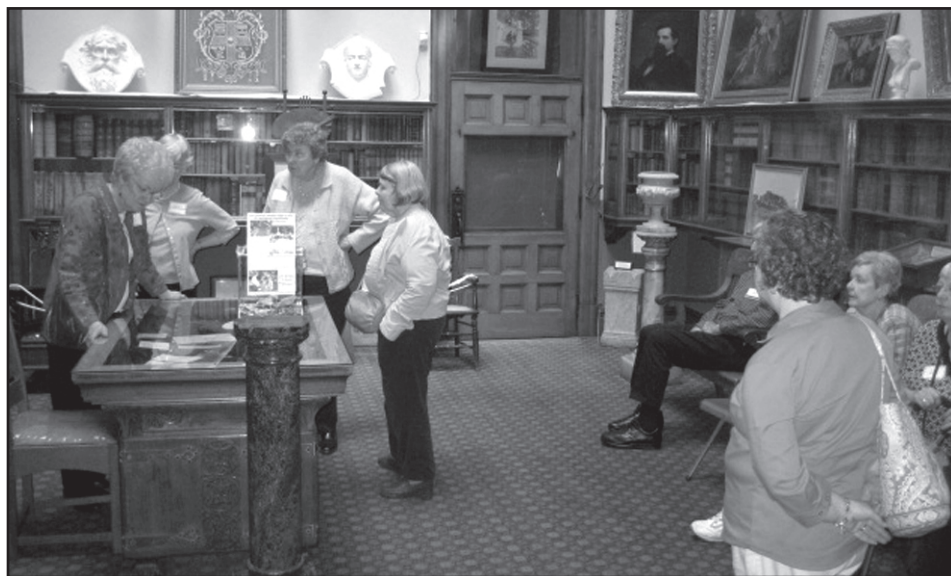


figure with seven books and several shorter works to his credit, and was an artist and an inventor who held eight U.S. patents.

PURA members were very much impressed by their visit to Crawfordsville. One said, "I have lived in Lafayette for 44 years, and I can't believe I've never seen these extraordinary places that are

practically in our backyard."

Trips and tours future plans

Trips and Tours is considering a number of options for organizing future ventures. Look for announcements on the Web, through e-mails, and through information distributed at MCL luncheons.

'Purposeful Living' conference a hit for retirees, exhibitors

The "2009 Purposeful Living in Retirement" conference, hosted by an ad hoc committee of the Purdue University Retirees Association, was presented April 29 at the University Plaza Hotel in West Lafayette.

The goal of the conference was to have speakers who could discuss opportunities for retirees to become involved in during their retired life, said Lowell Landrum, committee chair. 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 speakers made presentations on recording life experiences and events, pulling together the necessary documents in preparation for death, getting exercise through gardening, proper nutrition and finances in today's economy. The evaluations for the exhibitors and attendees indicate that the conference was very successful and they look forward to another one next year, Landrum said.

The committee members were Landrum, Bill Baumgardt, Betty Suddarth, Dee Cox-Peterson, Stan Mithoefer, Mike Drayer, Mary Lu Matlock, Steve McKenzie. Assisting the committee were Michele Salla, Human Resources Services, and Vanessa Puckett, University Development Office.



Retirees and community members who attended the "Purposeful Living in Retirement" conference in April were able to talk with several service providers and exhibitors about items related to living as retired citizens. PURA members also had the opportunity to attend presentations on topics such as proper nutrition, living actively through gardening and how to face today's economy.

West Lafayette ranked 6th smartest small town in U.S.

West Lafayette is ranked the sixth smartest small town in America in a survey by Forbes magazine.

Of West Lafayette, the magazine said in its story: "Purdue University draws top science minds to this west Indiana town with its high-ranking engineering program. High-paying science and tech jobs in Purdue Research Park — from employers like Nissan Chemical, Nanovis and Butler International — keep them there."

Bethesda, Md., is rated the most-educated small town on the Forbes list. Ranking second through fifth are Wellesley, Mass.; Palo Alto, Calif.; McLean, Va.; and Los Altos, Calif.

West Lafayette is the only Indiana town on the list and is the highest-ranking city in the Midwest, ahead of Wilmette, Ill., near Chicago, which is 13th.

To come up with the most-educated small towns, the magazine used data from

the U.S. Census 2005-2007 American Community Survey, which surveyed more than 2,500 regions with 20,000 to 65,000 residents about their education. The number of graduate degrees — including master's degrees, doctoral degrees, professional degrees, bachelor's degrees and associate degrees — were each divided by the population of the town over age 25 and then weighted to give a final average for each location.

According to the magazine, 46.9 percent of West Lafayette's population of 27,664 residents hold advanced degrees, 30.3 percent have bachelor's degrees and 3.3 percent have associate degrees.

To read the story in Forbes, go to http://www.forbes.com/realstate/2009/01/02/educated-small-towns-forbeslife-cx_jd_0105realstate.html.

Clerical, service retirees needed to assist PURA

We encourage clerical and service staff to participate actively in the Purdue University Retirees Association.

One way to work with PURA is by volunteering to serve on one of the group's committees: Benefits, Communications, Endowment, Hospitality, Program, Trips and Tours, Campus and Community Activities, Kickoff Luncheon, and the Purposeful Living in Retirement Seminar.

Clerical and service staff representatives are especially needed on the Benefits Committee to help in making decisions and recommendations on future medical and other benefits coverage. Those interested in participating should contact PURA president Lois Wark at lkwark@purdue.edu or (765) 743-1903.

Campus/area activities set for fall

The Campus and Community Activities committee offers the following activities for fall 2009. Reservations should be submitted at least one week prior to the date of the tour.

Thursday, Sept. 10. 3 p.m. Patty Jischke Early Care and Education Center and Purdue Village Community Center.

From 3 to 3:25 p.m., we will visit the Patty Jischke Early Care and Education Center operated by Children's Choice Learning Centers.

The Patty Jischke Early Care and Education Center opened Aug. 11, 2008, and serves 86 children of students and Purdue employees, accommodating ages 6 weeks to 5 years.

From 3:30 to 4:15 p.m., we will visit the Purdue Village Community Center. The Purdue Village is a global community of Purdue students with families representing 56 countries.

Parking is available on Nimitz Drive and in the parking lot between the Jischke Early Care and Education Center and Purdue Village Community Center. To get to the centers, travel west on State Road 26 and turn left onto Airport Road. Turn left onto Nimitz Drive, and the centers are located on your left.

Thursday, Oct. 1. 3 p.m. Wabash Center.

Visit Wabash Center, a community gem that assists individuals who have developmental disabilities. It is the mission of Wabash Center to optimize the quality of life for people with disabilities and special needs. Come and learn more and see the staff and employees in action.

Parking is available in the parking lot of Wabash Center, 2000 Greenbush Ave., Lafayette.

Thursday, Oct. 22. 3 p.m. Purdue Research Park of West Lafayette.

The Purdue Research Parks are the result of Purdue University's commitment to spur economic growth in Indiana's high-tech sector. Part of the Purdue Research Foundation, a

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

Michele Salla, Human Resource Services, 401 S. Grant Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2024, or e-mail your reservation to Michele Salla at masalla@purdue.edu.

Reservations should be submitted at least one week prior to the date of the tour.

Print name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____ E-mail _____

Please indicate number of persons wishing to attend the tour.

___ Patty Jischke Early Care and Education Center and Purdue Village Community Center tour. Sept 10. 3 p.m.

___ Wabash Center tour. Oct. 1. 3 p.m.

___ Purdue Research Park tour. Oct. 22. 3 p.m.

Alternatively, you may e-mail Sue Hume Graham at sg1321@comcast.net, or call her at 447-7366. Please provide name(s) and an e-mail address and/or a telephone number if you e-mail or call. Be sure to indicate which tour(s) you are booking.



Brenda Carton, master gardener, escorts PURA members on a tour of the Purdue greenhouses on April 14. Other spring tours for 2009 included visits to Purdue's Food Science Building and to the Large Animal and Small Animal Teaching Hospitals.

private, nonprofit foundation created to assist Purdue, the parks are focused on companies operating in the arenas of life sciences, homeland security, engineering, advanced manufacturing and information technology. Come for a presentation and tour of the West Lafayette research park.

Parking for Purdue Research Park will be at the Kurz Purdue Technology Center, 1281 Win Henschel Blvd. Directions: Traveling north on U.S. 52, go past the

PEFCU building to the first stoplight. Turn right onto Win Henschel Boulevard, and go through the stop sign. The building will be on your right. We will meet in the conference room of Kurz Purdue Technology Center.

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

PURA members enjoy tour of veterinary teaching hospital

Approximately 30 retirees and guests attended an overview of the Purdue School of Veterinary Medicine and then toured the Large Animal and Small Animal Teaching Hospital on April 2.

Included in the Large Animal Hospital tour was a demonstration of the high-speed equine treadmill in the Equine Sports Medicine Center under the direction of Laurent Couetil, professor of veterinary clinical sciences.

This equipment is used to evaluate client-owned horses for various physical problems including lameness and cardiovascular and respiratory ailments.

Visitors were able to observe the advanced diagnostic, therapeutic and surgical equipment and suites in the Small Animal Hospital, comparable to that in human hospitals, with an overview of applications for teaching, research and treatment of client animals.

Students, veterinarians of the state and the animal-owning public are the benefactors of the School of Veterinary Medicine.



Retirees visited Purdue's Large Animal Hospital in April, where they saw a demonstration of the high-speed equine treadmill in the Equine Sports Medicine Center.

Our sincere thanks to Kevin Doerr, director of alumni relations and public affairs, and Kathleen Salisbury, assistant

dean for academic affairs and professor of small animal surgery, for arranging and conducting this comprehensive tour.

Retirees in action: Volunteer fulfills dream of helping animals

By Ann M. Martin

At the end of World War II, I was 14. The only person in the world I wanted to be was a veterinarian. This was not to be!

Following retirement my husband and I became "snow birds" and spent our winters in Fort Myers. However, due to the deaths of my husband and 8-year-old grandson within 4 months and the further misfortune of breaking an ankle while in England, I needed something both physically and mentally challenging. It came in the form of a local newspaper ad seeking volunteers for the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) on Sanibel Island. It was just what I needed — cleaning outside cages, preparing food, giving talks, etc. Lots of dirty, smelly work in hot, steamy weather and loving every moment of it!

Little did I realize that 15 years later I would still be volunteering and into my 11th year as a member of the board of directors. CROW is a nonprofit wildlife hospital taking in 4,000-plus animals per

Help us tell your stories

Do you know a retiree who has been active in the community or who has an interesting hobby or avocation? We want your suggestions for someone who might be profiled in Purdue Retirees in Action, or might you tell in first person of some of your own experiences for this column?

Have you or a Purdue retiree you know received an honor or an award that

might be mentioned?

Make your suggestion by e-mailing Valerie O'Brien at vobrien@purdue.edu, by calling her at (765) 494-9573, or by writing her at the following address:

Valerie O'Brien, Office of Marketing and Media, 400 Centennial Mall Drive, Room 417, West Lafayette, IN 47907.

year — birds, mammals and reptiles — and open to receive patients 365 days a year. There are two full-time veterinarians, one of whom is a Purdue Vet School grad!

Now I work mainly in the clinic caring for babies — Virginia opossum, eastern gray squirrels, birds of all shapes and sizes — and still cleaning cages and preparing food. The primary purpose of CROW volunteers is to do the routine work, thus allowing the veterinarians to do their jobs. I do the occasional rescue — a black racer

trying to cross a four-lane road with traffic moving at 55 mph! There is never a dull moment.

Over the years I have assisted in handling hawks, owls, pelicans, cormorants, anhingas, flying squirrels, turtles, tortoises, and the list goes on and on. More than 290 species have visited CROW over the past 40 years. So for some of us, dreams really do come true — even some 55 years later!

Purdue University Retirees Association

*You're invited to join fellow Purdue retirees and bring your friends
as we begin our 32nd year of activities with*

the PURA Annual Kickoff Luncheon

12 noon Monday, Sept. 14, 2009

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 a Purdue Convocations gift voucher, a University Plaza Hotel Conference Center and Suites certificate for an overnight stay, an Hour Time Restaurant gift certificate compliments of Best Western Lafayette Executive Plaza and Conference Center, MCL Cafeteria gift certificates, a Purdue University Residences open dining card, a University Spirit gift, Sparkleton Dry Cleaners gift certificates, Wal-Mart Super Center West gift cards, Von's Book Shop video rental coupons, a box of Soller-Baker Funeral Homes golf balls, McDonald's Sagamore Parkway West meal gift cards, a Follett's Purdue West Bookstore gift, and a PEFCU gift.

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 Tuesday, September 1, 2009. Questions should be directed to Michele Salla at 494-1779.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL KICKOFF LUNCHEON
September 14, 2009

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: September 1, 2009

Monthly programs for 2008-09 offered wide range of speakers

Retirees attending the monthly luncheon programs coordinated by the Program Committee are informed, inspired and entertained by experts in a variety of timely subjects.

During the past year, two programs dealt with feeding hungry people in third-world countries of Africa.

On Oct. 6, 2008, Joan Fulton, professor of agricultural economics, discussed the "Purdue Improved Cowpea Storage Project" in Africa. This five-year, \$11.4 million project funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation was awarded to Purdue University in May 2007 following a competitive process.

For less than \$4 per household, farmers in West and Central Africa learn how to better protect their cowpeas in hermetic storage and increase their household income on average about \$150 per year. The major challenge to the success of this research and extension education project is the education of the cowpea farmers. Success is important both economically and politically. The program was planned and emceed by Howard Doster.

On Jan. 5, 2009, Gebisa Ejeta, Distinguished Professor of Agronomy, gave an interesting, thought-provoking talk about world food production and population growth, including the prediction that the world supply of food must double by the year 2040 to keep pace with population growth — especially in Third World countries.



Ejeta

In June 2009, Ejeta was named the winner of the 2009 World Food Prize. His development of sorghum hybrid seeds resistant to drought and crippling weeds has boosted the food supply for hundreds of millions of people in Africa. Ejeta developed more than 80 seed types over the past 30 years that are productive despite ecological challenges faced by African farmers. He is the second Purdue professor to win the World Food Prize, joining Philip Nelson, who was similarly honored in 2007. (More on Ejeta and the World Food Prize is on page 11.) Marion Baumgardner coordinated the program and introduced Ejeta.

On Nov. 3, 2008, Athletic Director Morgan Burke kicked off the 2008-2009



Officer Mike McIver (left) and Norman Long sit together at the monthly luncheon program in June. McIver spoke on "Gang Awareness ... It's a Community Problem." Long coordinated and emceed the program.

2009-2010 programs

The first Monday in September is Labor Day so there will be no program on Sept. 7.

A luncheon meeting is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 5, and the first Monday of the remaining months through Aug. 2, 2010, with the exception of July 5, 2010, which has been designated a University holiday.

Speakers and their topics will be announced and published at the PURA Kickoff Luncheon on Sept. 14.

program year with a review and preview of the Mackey Arena project. The myriad of details, complexity and challenges of the project were impressive as were Burke's presentation and the vision represented. This \$100 million block-long construction project surely is a major undertaking that when completed in 2011 will enhance the entire Intercollegiate Athletics program at Purdue for decades to come.

On March 2, 2009, Randy Woodson, Purdue provost, impressed the retirees with his energetic and wide-ranging presentation about the Purdue's strategic plan and the challenges represented. He skillfully responded to a variety of questions about financial concerns, admissions standards and recruitment/

retention of faculty. Eldon Ortman served as the program coordinator and emcee.

At another of the many informative monthly luncheon programs in 2008-2009, Officer Mike McIver of the Lafayette Police Department spoke at the luncheon meeting on June 1, 2009, coordinated and emceed by Norman Long. McIver's topic was "Gang Awareness ... It's a Community Problem." McIver is one of two certified gang experts in Tippecanoe County and works out of Jefferson High School as a school resource officer. He asserts that there are gangs throughout the community, estimating 2,000 to 3,000 members currently. Every seat was occupied, and an extra table was set up during the meeting for the gang awareness program.

Other speakers for the 2008-2009 program year were Mark Kirby, Tippecanoe County emergency management director, and Tilara Treece, Tippecanoe County Health Department emergency preparedness coordinator; Renee Thomas, director of Purdue's Black Cultural Center; John Larson, professor of history; William "Bill" Griffel, director of Purdue Musical Organizations.

The final speaker scheduled for the 2008-2009 program year is Tom Easterday, senior vice president at Subaru of Indiana Automotive, on Aug. 3. He will speak on "Being Lean and Green in a Challenging Automotive Market."

PURA, HRS share thoughts on retirement

This past spring, Scott Rumble, president of the Purdue University Retirees Association (PURA); Lois Wark, vice president; and Susan Ince and Jennifer Spencer, benefits counselors from Human Resource Services, had a wonderful opportunity to share information about retirement with three different groups — the employees of Tarkington, Cary and Shreve residence halls.

Rumble, Wark, Ince and Spencer talked with these small groups about PURA and about their retirement. They included things for employees to

think about before they retire, such as the importance of planning ahead and preparing for what can be very satisfying retirement years.

Ince and Spencer provided personalized retirement projections. The estimates gave each employee a planning tool by which they could see what kind of benefits they might expect at retirement.

PURA and HRS look forward to other opportunities to share thoughts on retirement with other small groups throughout campus.



Michele Salla honored for efforts with Rose Award

Members of the Barbara I. Cook Chapter of Mortar Board on April 10 surprised Michele Salla, secretary in Staff Benefits, with a 2009 Rose Award for her “unselfish service to the Purdue community.”

The Rose Award is designed to give recognition to staff members who contribute significantly in ways that make Purdue a better place.

The PURA executive committee and board members have benefited greatly from Michele’s tireless efforts and gracious attitude on behalf of Purdue retirees. Mortar Board members announced the award by singing a modified version of the Mortar Board “tapping” song and presented her with a certificate and a dozen yellow roses.

A well-deserved recognition. Thank you for all you do for us, Michele!

Stories of the Great Depression sought for new feature

We Purdue University retirees all have a rich storehouse full of memories — of our careers, childhoods, friends and family.

The PURA Newsletter will begin a new column in the November issue called *Those Were the Days*. The PURA Communications Committee needs your input for this look at the past from the viewpoint of Purdue retirees.

The first focus for one or more newsletter issues will be the Depression. Let us know about your recollections and what that time was like for you.

Those Were the Days columns in the future will feature World War II, both from

the military and the home front points of view, as well as other topics, but for now, we will focus on the Great Depression.

Your thoughts — two or three paragraphs — can be sent via e-mail to Lyn Doyle, at lynd@purdue.edu. If U.S. mail is easier, drop a note to Valerie O’Brien, Office of Marketing and Media, Engineering Administration Building, Room 417, 400 Centennial Mall Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2016.

Please have your stories submitted by Sept. 30 for the November newsletter. Include your name and department with your submission.



Purdue employee Lisa Keefe gives food to PURA volunteer Hank Wadsworth for the Food Finders Food Bank. PURA sponsored the food drive during Purdue’s annual Spring Fling employee appreciation event on May 21. Food Finders Food Bank is the largest nonprofit food provider in mid-north Indiana.

E-mail news available from Purdue in monthly, daily form

Retirees can sign up to receive e-mail news from Purdue in a monthly or daily mailing.

Purdue Now is a monthly e-newsletter that goes out to alumni and friends of the University. It includes general and research news as well as some alumni news. Those who would like to subscribe should send their name, Purdue affiliation (graduate, retiree, friend), and e-mail address to Purdunenow@purdue.edu.

Purdue Today is a daily e-newsletter that goes out each weekday morning to faculty and staff. To subscribe to Purdue Today, go to <https://lists.purdue.edu/mailman/listinfo/ptnews> and follow the instructions there.

News Reports

New math requirements to take effect in fall 2011

To help ensure that students succeed academically once at Purdue, the University will require incoming students to have completed four years of high school math.

“We want Indiana students to succeed, and we want Purdue students to do well and excel,” says Randy Woodson, Purdue’s executive vice president for academic affairs and provost. “We know four years of math during high school is one of the best ways to prepare for college because it puts students on the right track from day one to do well in the classroom.”

The requirement will take effect for the fall 2011 incoming class. Students who completed their high school sophomore year this spring should plan on taking math during their senior year if they want to get in to Purdue. This admission requirement applies to all baccalaureate programs.

This change is not about selectivity, but about success, Woodson says. The vast majority — 95.1 percent — of Indiana students attending Purdue already take four years of college preparatory math, such as algebra, trigonometry, precalculus and calculus.

“Studies show that completing one additional unit of intensive high school math increased the odds of completing a bachelor’s degree by 73 percent,” says Ken Sauer, the interim Indiana commissioner for higher education. “We emphasize four years of math in our ‘Reaching Higher’ plan. Not only do we want to make a college education accessible for students, but we want students to have the right preparation to succeed and graduate.”



Diaz named executive VP for business and finance, treasurer

Alphonso V. Diaz has been named Purdue’s executive vice president for business and finance, treasurer, effective July 1. As the University’s chief financial officer, Diaz reports to President France A. Córdoba and the Board of Trustees.

“Al Diaz is an experienced administrator. He is skillful at getting

people to work together toward common goals,” Córdoba said. “His deep experience in leading complex organizations, in which he has interacted with a diversity of stakeholders including elected officials and community members, is exactly what Purdue needs as we move forward to meet our strategic goals. Among these are to expand human resources, rehabilitate aging facilities, plan new buildings for increased student and research success, and find new opportunities to generate revenue in a tough economic climate.”

Diaz, who was vice chancellor for administration at the University of California at Riverside, is responsible for a \$1.9 billion budget and oversees all financial affairs; business services; human resource services; physical facilities; auxiliary enterprises, including the residence hall system; and internal audit functions. He supervises the information technology enterprise jointly with the provost.

His experience includes directing similar operations at the Riverside campus as well as extensive experience at NASA. At NASA he managed a \$3 billion budget as director of the Goddard Space Flight Center and then subsequently a \$5.5 billion budget as associate administrator for the Science Mission Directorate.



Purdue appoints dean of College of Science

Jeffrey Roberts, chair of the Department of Chemistry at the University of Minnesota, has been named Purdue’s Frederick L. Hovde Dean of the College of Science.

The appointment, effective at the start of the fall semester in August, was announced June 16 by Randy Woodson, executive vice president for academic affairs and provost, and approved by the University’s Board of Trustees on July 10.

“Jeff Roberts is a distinguished scientist and outstanding academic leader who emerged as the top candidate in our national search,” Woodson said. “His vision for science research and education, and his tremendous capabilities as a leader will ensure the continued national prominence

of the College of Science at Purdue University.”

Roberts is Minnesota’s Distinguished McKnight University Professor of Chemistry and holds a graduate faculty appointment in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. He joined the University of Minnesota in 1990 and has served as chair of the Department of Chemistry since 2005.

Roberts will succeed Jeffrey Vitter, who was dean of the College of Science in 2002-2008 before being named provost and executive vice president for academics at Texas A&M University.



Purdue sorghum researcher wins World Food Prize

Gebisa Ejeta, Distinguished Professor of Agronomy, on June 11 was named the recipient of the World Food Prize for research leading to the increased production and availability of sorghum in his native Africa.

Ejeta, a plant breeder and geneticist, developed sorghum varieties resistant to drought and Striga, a parasitic weed. Sorghum is a major food crop for more than 500 million people on the African continent.

The World Food Prize is considered the Nobel Prize of agriculture. It is awarded each year by the World Food Prize Foundation to individuals who have advanced human development by improving the quality, quantity or availability of food worldwide. Norman E. Borlaug, winner of the 1970 Nobel Peace Prize, established the World Food Prize in 1986.

The award announcement was made at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C., by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and World Food Prize Foundation President Kenneth Quinn. Ejeta will receive his \$250,000 award at an Oct. 15 ceremony in Des Moines, Iowa.

Ejeta received his master’s and doctoral degrees in plant breeding and genetics from Purdue in 1976 and 1978, respectively. He joined the Purdue faculty in 1984.

More information about the World Food Prize Foundation and Prize is available at <http://www.worldfoodprize.org>.

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