



*PURA members are generous financial contributors to Purdue as well as to community organizations, including the United Way. At the annual meeting of United Way of Greater Lafayette, Purdue was recognized as having the “Best Overall Campaign 2009” for companies with 500 or more employees. Chris Johannsen (center), PURA vice president, joins (from left) Ed Dunn, manager of video and multimedia production services; Kate Spanke, development assistant in the College of Education; Anne Washburn, director of Purdue United Way Campaign; and Dennis Depew, 2009 campaign chair and dean of the College of Technology, at the meeting.*

## PURA celebrates a decade of giving

What does the Purdue University Retirees Association (PURA) mean to Purdue University and the larger community? The answer: A great deal.

PURA members offer a wide range of services that assist Purdue through teaching and a variety of volunteer activities, and the community benefits in many similar ways. Even in these difficult economic times, PURA members have been very generous

contributors to the University and the community.

Over the past 10 years, from 2000 through 2009, the yearly average of PURA member contributions to the University has exceeded \$4 million, and the total contributions for the 10 years have exceeded \$40 million.

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## Bylaw changes to be voted on in June

Some changes to the Purdue University Retirees Association bylaws are set to be voted on at the June 7 PURA luncheon at MCL Cafeteria.

The bylaw changes have to do with the creation of an Endowment Committee, transition of three ad hoc committee to

standing committees, and several other bylaw clarifications.

To see the changes, go to page 6 of this issue of the PURA Newsletter.

Luncheons are held monthly at MCL Cafeteria with lunch beginning at 11 a.m. and programming beginning at noon.

## Trips and Tours schedules three day trips for fall

The Trips and Tours Committee has planned three outstanding one-day trips for this coming fall.

### ■ Tall Ships Chicago — Aug. 26.

On Aug. 26, a fleet of 20-25 tall ships from around the world will dock at Navy Pier in Chicago. Cost for the trip is \$69 and includes transportation, a ticket to view and board the ships, admission to the festival and Imperial escort.

### ■ French Lick Resort and Casino — Sept. 16.

Travelers to French Lick Resort and Casino can try their luck at the casino, purchase a round of golf, enjoy the spa, or take a train ride through the Hoosier National Forest and free shuttle to the West Baden Resort. The cost of \$35 per person includes transportation and Imperial Royal Tours escort.

### ■ Conner Prairie — Oct. 28.

Retirees and their guests will travel to Conner Prairie to explore five themed historic areas on 200 beautiful, wooded acres. The cost is \$39 per person and includes transportation, admission to Conner Prairie and Imperial escort.

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The PURA board asked the Development Office for a year-by-year report of member contributions. It appears in the chart below.

PURA members are generous financial contributors to a great variety of community organizations as well. One measure of this is available in the report from the Purdue United Way Campaign. In 2008, the target for Purdue retirees was \$84,000; contributions exceeded that goal by over \$4,000.

The same target was set for 2009, and retiree contributions exceeded that goal by just under \$10,000.

Purdue retirees feel very proud of and close to the University and the community and serve them in many ways. PURA members look forward to continuing their very meaningful relationships with both.

### Ten years of giving

PURA member contributions to the University from 2000 to 2009:

**2000:** \$3,162,247.  
**2001:** \$6,856,621.  
**2002:** \$1,753,121  
**2003:** \$5,648,050.  
**2004:** \$2,999,269.  
**2005:** \$4,147,869.  
**2006:** \$4,745,986.  
**2007:** \$4,078,587.  
**2008:** \$4,016,173.  
**2009:** \$3,517,180.



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## Conference to address retirement living

The "Purposeful Living in Retirement" conference will be 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. April 28 at the University Plaza Hotel.

Speakers will present topics such as:

- Dealing with life-changing events.
- Smart activity to improve health and mobility.
- What do I do with all my stuff?
- Whose hand is in your pocket?
- Tax changes and planning impacts; highlights the legal handbook for seniors.

There also will be an exercise session

along with a buffet lunch and break refreshments.

An interesting array of exhibitors is also planned.

The cost for the program, including the luncheon, will be \$10 per person.

Brochures and applications were mailed in March to retirees and others in the Lafayette-West Lafayette area. Registration forms are due by April 23.

Guests are invited, so be sure to register them, too.

## PURA luncheons continue throughout year

Monthly luncheon programs for Purdue retirees are held on the first Monday of each month at the MCL Cafeteria in West Lafayette. Lunch lines open at 11 a.m. The program begins at noon in the Purdue Room.

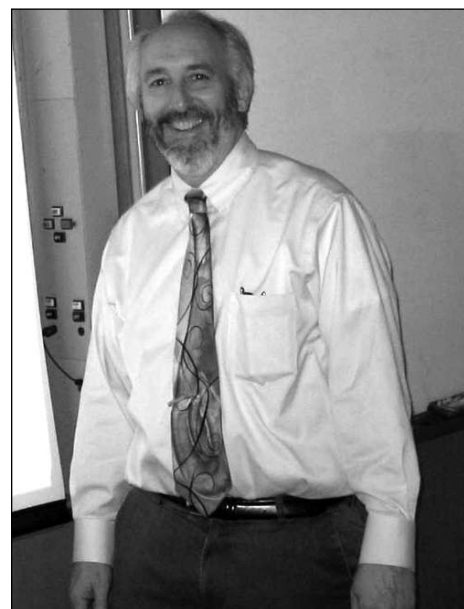
Upcoming dates, speakers and topics:

May 3: Speaker: John Sautter, Purdue vice president for housing and food services. Topic: "Past, Present and Future of University Residence Halls."

June 7: Speaker: Joe Hornett, senior vice president, treasurer, and chief operating officer for Purdue Research Foundation Inc. Topic: Purdue Research Parks.

July 5: University holiday -- no meeting.

Aug. 2: Speaker: James Lowenberg-DeBoer, professor of agricultural economics, associate dean and director of International Programs in Agriculture. Topic: Timbuktu to Kabul: Purdue International Programs in Agriculture.



*Purdue professor Paul Shepson spoke on "Climate Change: Depressing or Exciting" at the March 1 PURA luncheon.*

### 2009-10 PURA officers

- President: Lois Wark.
- Vice president and president elect: Chris Johannsen.
- Secretary-treasurer: Pat Lawson.
- Historian: Mary Alice Nebold.
- Benefits Committee: Martha Chiscon.
- Communications Committee: Richard Nelson.
- Endowment Committee: Betty Nelson.
- Hospitality Committee: Eldon Fredericks and Sue Hiser.
- Program Committee: Eldon Ortman.
- Trips and Tours Committee: Jim Marciniak and Sue Abney.

Scott Rumble is 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.

# Campus/area activities set for fall

The Campus and Community Activities Committee offers the following activities for fall 2010. Reservations should be submitted at least one week before the date of the tour.

## Thursday, Sept. 2. 3 p.m. Yue-Kong Pao Hall of Visual and Performing Arts.

This tour of Yue-Kong Pao Hall of Visual and Performing Arts will include the Art and Design Department and the Nancy Hansen Theatre, with a behind-the-scenes look at the costume, shop and technical areas such as scene painting and lighting.

The Patti and Rusty Rueff School of Visual and Performing Arts, and its academic program and curriculum will be discussed. Programming for the year will be shared.

Those attending the tour should meet in Room 1190, the main office of Pao Hall.

Parking will be available in the Marsteller Street Parking Garage just north of Pao Hall. Parking also may be found in the lot just south of Pao or in the small lot at Dauch Alumni Center.

## Thursday, Sept. 23. 3 p.m. Purdue Beef Cattle Unit: Purdue Animal Sciences Research and Education Center.

Purdue retirees and guests are invited to visit the Purdue Beef Cattle Unit, which is part of the Purdue Animal Sciences Research and Education Center.

The purpose of the Beef Cattle Unit is to provide cattle and facilities for intensive and extensive research in nutrition, physiology, genetics, growth and development, and meats, as well as undergraduate teaching. Retirees will be met by Craig Williams, center coordinator, and Brian DeFreeze, manager of the Beef Cattle Unit.

The 90-minute tour will include a visit to cattle housing and cattle handling facilities and an explanation of research that is taking place.

Directions: Travel west on U.S. 52 to Montmorenci and U.S. 231. Turn right onto U.S. 231. Go to County Road 750 North and turn right. Silos will be visible and signs will also point the way.

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

Michele Salla, Purdue Human Resources, 401 S. Grant St., West Lafayette, IN 47907-2024 or e-mail reservation to Michelle Salla at [masalla@purdue.edu](mailto: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.

\_\_\_ Pao Hall. Sept. 2. 3 p.m.

\_\_\_ Purdue Animal Sciences Research and Education Center: Beef Cattle Unit. Sept. 23. 3 p.m.

\_\_\_ Subaru of Indiana Automotive plant tour. Oct. 14. 1 p.m.

Alternatively, you may e-mail Sue Hume Graham at [sg1321@comcast.net](mailto: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.



*The Campus and Community Activities Committee has scheduled a tour of Yue-Kong Pao Hall of Visual and Performing Arts for Sept. 2. (Purdue University photo/Mark Simons)*

## Thursday, Oct. 14. 1 p.m. Subaru of Indiana Automotive plant tour.

Join us for a tour of the production area of one of the nation's most progressive automobile manufacturers: Subaru of Indiana Automotive.

Those attending will see how an automobile is manufactured from start to finish and learn how this plant has been able to have zero waste going into landfills. More information on SIA is at [www.subaru-sia.com](http://www.subaru-sia.com).

There is limited handicap access, and transportation by a golf cart is available upon advance request. Please specify need and

condition. Space is limited to 6 on the cart.

The tour takes about 90 minutes, is 1 1/4 mile long, and contains about 90 stair steps throughout the plant. There are only a few steps at a time.

Participants will tour the production floor and walk along the balcony catwalk, which will provide a great view of the car assembly process.

Carpooling is strongly encouraged due to limited visitor parking. Enter the Subaru plant at the front entrance off State Road 38. At the guard gate, tell the attendant you are going on a tour, and the attendant will direct you to the parking area.

## Boilermaker Special replica available for photo sessions

Purdue retirees are invited to take pictures of family and friends in a Boilermaker Special replica located in Dauch Alumni Center.

Retirees may bring their own camera, and someone on the staff will graciously take the snapshot. Or, if preferred, visitors can bring their own photographer.

No appointment is necessary, and there is no charge to climb aboard for a picture-taking session.

The replica can accommodate small as well as fairly large groups around the engine and in the open passenger car. Graduations and weddings could be commemorated in Purdue's unique mascot train.

Dauch Alumni Center is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays except on University holidays. The center also is open two hours prior to home football games. The Boilermaker Special is located in the lobby.

While there, visitors can participate in interactive displays of Purdue history, traditions, and stories of achievement. Many exhibits show the pride of Purdue's past, present, and the promise of the future in one splendid setting.



*A replica of the Boilermaker Special at Dauch Alumni Center is available for photo opportunities. No appointment is necessary, and there is no charge to climb aboard for a picture-taking session. Pictured on the replica are members of the PURA Executive Board and committee chairpersons: (from left) Lois Wark, Chris Johannsen, Mary Alice Nebold, Martha Chiscon, Dick Nelson, Scott Rumble, Betty Nelson, Eldon Ortman, Sue Hiser and Sue Abney.*

## Reminders: Spring Fling, kickoff luncheon, retirement luncheon

The following reminders highlight events of interest for Purdue retirees:

### Spring Fling set for May 20

Spring Fling, the annual appreciation event for faculty, staff, graduate student staff, and retirees, is set for 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, May 20, in and around the Recreational Sports Center.

Spring Fling organizers have planned the usual array of activities to enjoy throughout the day, including music, bingo, the classic vehicle show, square dancing, and yard games such as corn hole, ladder golf and horseshoes.

The Bloodmobile will be outside the Rec Center for those who would like to donate blood. Also, Food Finders will again be accepting non-perishable items.

Lunch this year will feature a turkey or ham hoagie, chips, pretzels, carrots, trail mix, apples and ice cream. There will be a vegetarian option. Beverages will be water and soft drinks. Recycling containers

will be situated around the Rec Center for disposing of beverage containers.

Lunch lines will open at 11:30 a.m. at the southeast entrance to the East Gymnasium.

### Save the date: PURA Kickoff luncheon

Mark your calendars now for the PURA Annual Kickoff Luncheon.

It will be Monday, Aug. 30, at the University Plaza Hotel.

The tentatively scheduled speaker will be President France A. Córdoba.

Complete information, including your invitation and registration form will be in the July issue of the PURA Newsletter.

### Save the date: Retirement luncheon

Purdue's retirement luncheon is being scheduled for June 10 in the ballrooms of Purdue Memorial Union. Official invitations will be sent to Purdue retirees.

More information will be available closer to the event date.



*PURA member Hubert Schmieder provides retirement literature and a complimentary refrigerator magnet to passers-by during Spring Fling 2009. This year's event is scheduled for May 20.*

# 'Those Were the Days' wraps up Great Depression stories

*Editor's note: Thanks to all those who submitted reminiscences for our new "Those Were the Days" column. This month, we're sharing a story from John Havers, professor emeritus of construction engineering and management.*

I was in Canada during the years of the Great Depression. Keep in mind that its adverse effects were felt in both countries. The economic recovery in Canada really didn't begin until the onset of WWII in 1939.

My father was a civil servant in the employ of the government of Canada, Department of Indian Affairs. I grew up on the Indian reservations in Saskatchewan, where he was stationed.

The Great Depression had its worst effects on the non-Indian population in the surrounding farming communities. These were the "Dust Bowl" years when the dry topsoil on the fields blew away and the crops failed. Many families abandoned their farms and headed north to homestead new farms. Those who remained gleaned wild berries from the bushes and attempted to sell eggs at 12 cents a dozen.

Unskilled and semiskilled workers in urbanized areas were probably the worst

## Tell us your story: The buildup to World War II

Those Were the Days column will focus next issue on the buildup to World War II, and Pearl Harbor itself. Did you have any special insight into what was going on in Germany, Italy or Japan? How did the prewar days affect you? How did you learn about the attack on Pearl Harbor?

Your thoughts — two or three paragraphs — can be sent via e-mail

to Lyn Doyle, at [lynd@purdue.edu](mailto:lynd@purdue.edu). If U.S. mail is easier, drop a note to Valerie O'Brien, South Campus Courts D, Office of Marketing and Media, 507 Harrison St., West Lafayette, IN 47907-2025.

Please have your stories submitted by May 25 for the July newsletter.

Include your name and department with your submission.

off. There were simply no jobs for them.

The few cities eventually offered so-called "relief" programs that offered monthly payments of \$15, but only for limited periods and to families with no able-bodied men. Therefore, hundreds of unemployed men elected to abandon their families so that they would qualify for this aid. The men then drifted aimlessly across the country, riding on the tops of railroad boxcars and seeking handouts of food at doorways.

The federal government provided land in each township for country schools, which were to be supported by the local communities. These one-room schools,

with a single teacher and as many as 40 students and 10 or 11 grades, struggled for existence. The teacher would board with a local farmer and might, or might not, receive a salary. Because my father lived on federal land, my brother and I were not permitted to attend these local schools. Instead, we relied on home schooling until we reached high school entry levels. Thereafter we found room and board in private houses in a city and attended city public schools.

All of this changed when WWII began. People cheered in the streets when it was declared, factories soon reopened, and troops from all over the world came to Canada to undergo training.

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Those attending can experience the newest exhibit, an 1859 Balloon Voyage ride, for an additional \$10.

For more information or to make a reservation on any of the above trips, call (765) 447-9321 or (800) 642-6645. Interested individuals are encouraged to make their reservations early since these trips fill quickly. Remember to indicate that you are a Purdue retiree.

The Trips and Tours Committee will be reviewing trip options for next spring. Look for further announcements on the PURA Web site, e-mail, at PURA's monthly luncheons and in the PURA Newsletter.

### Spring trip update

■ The April 22 trip to the Cincinnati Flower Show and Jungle Jim International Market has been filled. Look for a report on



*Visitors to Conner Prairie may stroll into Mr. McClure's woodworking shop to learn what tools and techniques he's using to complete his current order. (Photo provided by Conner Prairie)*

the trip in the July newsletter.

■ The Amtrak, Chicago & Architectural Cruise trip is set for June 15. Currently, 21 Purdue retirees have signed up. This trip is with Imperial Royal Tours of Lafayette.

Participants will experience the excitement of train travel to Chicago as

well as a one-hour architectural cruise on the Chicago River, a visit the Willis (Sears) Tower, a trip to Navy Pier, and return trip by motor coach to Lafayette. Cost is \$114 per person. For more information or to make a reservation, call (765) 447-9321 or (800) 642-6645. Make sure you indicate you are a Purdue retiree.

## PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE PURA BYLAWS LAST AMENDED IN 2002

The following bylaw changes will be voted on at the June 7 PURA luncheon at MCL Cafeteria in West Lafayette.

### I. For the sole purpose of **clarification**:

#### A. Name or title changes:

- From “Executive Committee” to “Executive board”
- From “Annual Planning Meeting” to “Annual Transition Meeting”

Rationale: Better describes purpose of meeting at which new officers are installed and new committee chairs are recognized.

#### B. Past President shall serve as chair of Nominating Committee.

#### C. Historian shall be responsible for updating the Procedures and Policies Manual as needed.

#### D. Improved descriptions of:

- Responsibilities of Nominating Committee.
- Election process.
- Responsibilities of officers.

#### E. Rearrangement of some Articles and Sections of bylaws to enhance orderliness.

### II. **Significant changes**

A. Endowments: PURA did not have any endowments at the time of the last changes in the bylaws. We now have two true endowments and they are therefore recognized by creating a new standing committee, Endowment.

B. The three ad hoc committees (Campus and Community Activities, Fall Kickoff Luncheon and Retiree Seminar) will become standing committees.

*March 1, 2010*

# News Reports

## Purdue University gaining momentum, president says

Improved student retention, higher national rankings, record research funding, and a broad portfolio of student and faculty achievements point to a Purdue University "on the move," said President



Córdoba

France A. Córdoba on Feb. 23 in her annual State of the University address.

A singular focus on student success has made a difference, Córdoba said, describing efforts to improve undergraduate teaching and support programs, such as Boiler Gold Rush, Signals and

Hotseat, that contribute to improved learning. Student retention reached an all-time high, at 87 percent, for 2008-2009.

Making sure students are ready for Purdue helps ensure success, too, Córdoba said. The current freshman class has the highest SAT scores in Purdue history.

The president's address may be viewed at <mms://video.dis.purdue.edu/bns/General/Forum100223.wmv>. A transcript of Córdoba's remarks is available at [www.purdue.edu/president/speeches/StateOfUniversity09.html](http://www.purdue.edu/president/speeches/StateOfUniversity09.html).

## Trustees ratify appointment of Sands as new Purdue provost

The Board of Trustees on Feb. 11 ratified the appointment of Timothy Sands as the University's next executive vice president for academic affairs and provost.

Sands, 52, is the Basil S. Turner Professor of Engineering in the schools of Materials Engineering and Electrical and Computer Engineering and Mary Jo and Robert L. Kirk Director of Birk Nanotechnology Center. He succeeds Randy Woodson, who will become chancellor of North Carolina State University.

As executive vice president for academic affairs and provost, Sands is responsible for oversight of all Purdue colleges and schools, the regional campuses, and related academic activities in coordination with the Office of the

President. The provost also oversees libraries, cultural centers and student services, which includes admissions, registrar, financial aid and health facilities.

## VP selected to oversee Purdue system's human resources

Purdue has selected Luis Lewin, chief human resource officer at Ohio University, as its new vice president for human resources.

The new position, which reports to Al Diaz, executive vice president for business and finance, treasurer, has expanded human resource responsibilities for the more than 18,000 employees at the West Lafayette, Calumet, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne and North Central campuses. Areas for which Lewin has system-wide responsibilities include benefits, employment, compensation, training and development, employee relations, and HR information systems.

Lewin, who has been at Ohio University in Athens since 2008, brings to Purdue more than 25 years of executive experience.

## Inaugural dean named for health and human sciences college

Christine Ladisch, vice provost for academic affairs, will serve as inaugural dean for Purdue's College of Health and Human Sciences.

A national search for a dean will begin in fall 2011 with plans for the new dean to be in place for the 2012-13 academic year.

Ladisch's appointment will take effect July 1, at the same time the college is launched. Dennis Savaiano, dean of the College of Consumer and Family Sciences, also will assume a role in the Office of the Provost on July 1. As associate provost, he will focus on growing the University-wide honors and undergraduate studies programs.

The College of Health and Human Sciences, which will replace the College of Consumer and Family Sciences, will house the departments of Health and Kinesiology; Psychological Sciences; Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences; Child Development and Family Studies; Foods and Nutrition; Consumer Sciences

and Retailing; and Hospitality and Tourism Management, as well as the schools of Nursing and Health Sciences.

## HFS VP announces retirement; reception to be held May 7

John Sautter, Purdue's vice president for housing and food services, announced Jan. 27 that he will retire after serving nearly four decades at the University. His retirement is effective June 30, which is the end of the University's current fiscal year.

A reception for Sautter will be held 3:30-5 p.m. May 7 in Purdue Memorial Union's South Ballroom.

"Purdue has been nationally recognized for housing and food service operations and facilities that are on the leading edge, and that speaks volumes about John's leadership abilities," said President France A. Córdoba. "His wisdom and his deep understanding of students and the people who serve them have been invaluable assets for the University."

More details are available at [www.purdue.edu/newsroom/faculty/2010/100127SautterRetire.html](http://www.purdue.edu/newsroom/faculty/2010/100127SautterRetire.html).

## Search for student affairs VP under way

A national search is under way to replace Thomas Robinson, vice president for student services, who announced internally last summer his plans to retire at the end of the current fiscal year on June 30.

G. Christine Taylor, vice provost for diversity and inclusion, chairs the search committee for the position, which will be renamed vice president for student affairs.

This vice president position will oversee a variety of areas from student health and recreational sports to student services computing. Student affairs provides additional learning opportunities through co-curricular activities, 81 Greek chapters, 12 cooperative houses, 875 registered student organizations, volunteer programs, three ROTC units, bands and orchestra, choral ensembles in Purdue Musical Organizations, and Purdue Convocations.

More details are available at [www.purdue.edu/newsroom/general/2010/100119RobinsonSearch.html](http://www.purdue.edu/newsroom/general/2010/100119RobinsonSearch.html).

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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

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