

Changing of the guard at PURA



Chris Johannsen (left), PURA president for 2010-11, hands the reins to Chip Rutledge, who will serve as president for 2011-12. Tim Sands, Purdue Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, (pictured at right) was the guest speaker at the Annual Meeting/Luncheon on June 1.



On June 1, PURA members met for the Annual Meeting/Luncheon to thank those who have served and make plans for the coming year.

In the morning, committees met to discuss plans and activities for 2011-12. After the committees met, the group gathered for reports from committee chairs. The annual meeting ended with a luncheon featuring a presentation from Provost Tim Sands.

Kickoff luncheon scheduled for Sept. 12

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. 12.

The luncheon, with featured speaker Richard Buckius, vice president for research, will begin at noon. Doors to the Grand Ballroom will open at 11:30 a.m., and drawing for door prizes will begin at 11:45 a.m.

Buckius will share anecdotes that highlight the careers of selected faculty and some of their ideas for changing the world through research. Before coming to Purdue in 2008, Buckius had a 33-year career at the University of Illinois. He worked at the National Science Foundation as director of the Division of Chemical and Transport Systems and later as assistant director of the Directorate for Engineering.

The reservation form for this special occasion is on page 7 of this issue. Reservations must be received no later than Friday, Aug. 26.

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New officers, committees take charge for '11-12

New officers for the Purdue University Retirees Association (PURA) were elected and took office during the June 1 annual meeting and luncheon.

Those who are serving during the 2011-12 PURA session are:

- President: Charles "Chip" Rutledge.
 - Vice President: Sue Hiser.
 - Secretary-Treasurer: Pat Lawson.
 - Historian: Mary Alice Nebold.
- Committee chairs for 2011-12 are:
- Benefits: Don Gentry.
 - Campus and Community: TBA.
 - Communications: Dick Nelson.
 - Hospitality: Jane Brown and Jeris Eikenberry.
 - Program: Eldon Ortman and Reuben Peterson.
 - Trips & Tours: Jim Marciniak.
 - Endowment: Betty Nelson.
 - Kickoff Luncheon: Sarah Johnson and Ann Pickett.

Chris Johannsen will serve as past president.

Retirees' benefits committee needs your help!

The PURA Benefits Committee would like feedback from current participants in PURcare or the Purdue Medicare Advantage PPO supplemental medical insurance programs. The committee works continuously to try to improve these programs, and it needs your input.

Please complete the enclosed questionnaire (estimated time required is three to five minutes) — AND MAIL IT TODAY!

Alternatively you can go to the PURA website at www.purdue.edu/retirees and complete it online.

The results of the questionnaire will be presented in the September PURA newsletter and will be used by the committee to make improvements to the insurance programs in the years ahead.

Please mail completed survey to Joe Uhl at KRAN 601, 403 W State St., West Lafayette, IN 47907-2056 by Aug. 1.

SPRING FLING A SUCCESS



The PURA tent at this year's Spring Fling was a major hit. The Hospitality Committee members distributed 3,000 green bags provided by Fidelity Investments. Included in the bag was information related to retirement planning. For visitors who were approaching retirement, the committee included information about PURA and informed the recipients on how they can become involved in the organization. The committee ran out of bags during the second hour of distribution. It was a very successful day!

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PURA committees prepare for year ahead

Assignments for the 2011-12 PURA standing committees are:

Benefits: Don Gentry, Office of the Provost, chair; George Asteriadis, academic services; Marion Bonacorsi, university collections; Charles Brown, pharmacy; Judy Davis, purchasing; Fred Ford, office of executive vice president and treasurer; Betty Nelson, dean of students; John Sautter, housing and food services; Clifford Swensen, psychological services; Joseph Uhl, agricultural economics; Lois Wark, science; Martha Chiscon, biological sciences; Charles Rutledge, vice president for research; and Sue Hiser, management.

Campus and Community Activities: Ann Pickett, university residences directors office; Carolyn Jones, office of the executive vice president for academic affairs; and Diane Stevenson, undergraduate study program.

Communications: Dick Nelson, educational studies, chair; Ted Luce, photography and digital imaging; Jim McCammack, marketing & media; Jo Ann Thomas, field extension educators; and Dave Umberger, University News Service.

Endowment: Betty Nelson, dean of students, chair; William Griggs, Purdue Research Foundation; Patricia Lawson,

agricultural administration; Scott Rumble, field extension educators; and Charles Rutledge, vice president for research.

Hospitality: Jane Brown agricultural communication services, co-chair; Jeris Eikenberry, biochemistry control, co-chair; Gayle Archer, chemistry; Gail Carlton, vice president for human resources; Eldon Fredericks, ag administration; Deanna Johns, business office housing and food services; John Miller, purchasing; John Moser, Jr., forestry and natural resources; and Hubert Schmieder, hospitality and tourism management.

Kickoff Luncheon: Sarah Johnson, university residences directors office, co-chair; Ann Pickett, university residences directors office, co-chair; Elizabeth Arvidson, Wiley Residence Hall; Mike Drayer, human resource services; Jeanie Kalhust, director of business managers; Norman Long, 4-H youth; Susanne Robinson, Tarkington Residence Hall; Sue Hiser, management; and Charles Rutledge, vice president for research.

Program: Eldon Ortman, entomology, co-chair; Reuben Peterson, spouse of Jean Peterson, co-chair; Robert Bain, physical facilities computing; Ken Coleman, undergraduate study program; Ann Hunt,

nursing; Don Jones, agricultural and biological engineering; Dale Margerum, chemistry; Sue Scholer, retired state representative; Betty Suddarth, vice president for student services; John Trott, agriculture administration; Olivia Wood, consumer and family sciences; and Marilyn Ziemer, spouse of Paul Ziemer.

Purposeful Living in Retirement: Mike Drayer, human resource services, chair; Mary Hood, spouse of Eldon Hood; Lowell Landrum, continuing and distance education; Stan Mithoefer, Purdue Research Foundation; Scott Rumble, field extension educators; and Betty Suddarth, vice president for student services.

Trips & Tours: Jim Marciniak, chair; Norma Sue Abney, PUSH Center; Carol Barrett, Center for Career Opportunities; Dan Collins, internal audit; Deanna Johns, business office, housing & food services; and Nancy Yuochunas, IT enterprise applications. Dan Collins, internal audit; and Esther Madren, human resource services.

'Purposeful Living' fun for all

Members of PURA gathered April 27 at the University Plaza Hotel in West Lafayette to hear presenters speak on various topics. Guest speakers presented information on dealing with facts and fallacies about nutrition in the golden years, physical activity, tips and tricks to avoid drug interactions, replacing agility with ingenuity and combating electronic scams with safe behaviors.

Many who attended received door prizes from various conference donors.

Thank you to the dedicated committee members who helped make the 2011 conference fun for everyone.

To see more photos that were taken at the conference, visit the PURA website at www.purdue.edu/retirees.



Eldon Ortman (left) and Bill Baumgardt head to the next presentation at the April conference.

PURA members tour Hansen

A tour of Hansen Life Science Research Building drew 20 PURA members on April 14. Andrew Mesecar, associate director, and Laurie Parker, faculty researcher, explained research being done at the Purdue Cancer Research Center.

Purdue is one of five universities involved in basic cellular level cancer research. Faculty members are researching how cancer cells develop, progress, change and respond to treatments. Some research is focused on finding ways of detecting cancer earlier. Researchers are also trying to find ways to treat cancer more effectively. The hosts explained that individualized treatments for patients are necessary for different cancers, different locations in the body and different conditions. Researchers hope that by targeting cancer cells with cancer-fighting drugs and better delivery methods, treatment can be made more effective.

Retirees saw some of the equipment in the laboratories used to synthesize peptides to fool cancer cells. The researchers collaborate with physicians at Indiana University and local physicians in clinical trials. They also teach classes. Their enthusiasm for the work they are doing and their dedication to the students they teach was very evident.

Refreshments and T-shirts were shared from the Cancer Challenge 5K run/walk recently held in the community. Donations are always appreciated to fund cancer research and to purchase newer and better equipment. Retirees appreciated the hospitality and sharing of information. The research is ongoing and is part of the worldwide research that offers hope and insight into the disease of cancer.



PURA members enjoy conversation and a family-style meal at the Iron Skillet in Indianapolis.

A night out on the town

A 51-person band of PURA members and guests traveled May 19 to Indianapolis for an evening of dining and theater. They enjoyed a family-style dinner at the Iron Skillet restaurant, followed by “The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940” presented by the Indianapolis Civic Theater at Marian University.

The excursion was sponsored by PURA’s Trips & Tours committee and hosted by Top-Notch Travel Tours.

No one walked away hungry from the all-you-can-eat dinner, which included platters of fried chicken with trimmings reminiscent of good ol’ Sunday dinners. Dessert featured ice cream sundaes with a choice of toppings (of which chocolate

seemed to be quite popular).

After dinner, guests headed to the Marian campus. As billed, “Mayhem ensued when a motley crew of characters gathered in a mysterious mansion.”

The first act was a little baffling, but made more sense as the livelier second act unfolded. While there was not as much music as expected, the humorous murder antics and the secret identities made the play quite entertaining and thought-provoking.

Based on conversations heard during the return trip, a great time was had by all. Similar events will be offered next fall and spring. For more photos from the tour, visit www.purdue.edu/retirees.

A shopping adventure with Trips & Tours

A note to let you know about the “Shoppers Delight” trip to Nashville, Ind., and Edinburg Outlet Mall on Saturday, April 16.

A group of retirees left at 8 a.m. on a rainy, blustery day headed for Nashville, Ind., and the Edinburg Outlet Mall to do some shopping. They had just arrived near Lafayette Square in Indianapolis when the bus encountered engine

problems. After waiting over an hour for a new bus to arrive, they were again on their way to Nashville.

After arriving at the Edinburg Outlet Mall about 3:30 p.m., the group shopped until time for departure. Although it wasn’t the most pleasant day to shop, the travelers enjoyed just being together as family and friends.

Those Were the Days: The Depression

Editor's note: Thanks to all those who submitted reminiscences for our "Those Were the Days" column. In this issue Dick Nelson, PURA communications chair, shares his story.

I was born on Sept. 29, 1929, in Brockton, Massachusetts, the sixth of eight children. I didn't cause the Depression, but "Black Tuesday," the date of the Stock Market Crash, occurred on Oct. 29, a month after I appeared on the scene. My dad worked in a shoe factory, which failed during poor economic times, as people learned to repair soles and heels. Dad lost his job, and Brockton itself didn't lift itself out of the Depression until World War II, when orders came in for shoes for military personnel.

Rural folks who lived through the Depression almost always mention that they at least had enough to eat. I remember often being hungry. Dad was able to keep food on the table by working for the WPA, the Works Progress Administration. One summer he supplemented his income by setting up pins in a bowling alley, then he hurt his back and couldn't work at all, after which our stomachs growled often and loud. Mom bought canned (evaporated) milk and thinned it down so we could have something on our cereal. Someone gave us a case of cornflakes and a bag of last year's big, hard, old turnips. Those two items may have kept us from malnutrition, but I won't knowingly eat either to this day.

One summer day some of us younger kids and Mom and Dad walked to Fields Park on a pleasant lark, blueberrying! There were green and red berries, but we were too early for the delicious low blueberries. I had worked my way from bush to bush, but my tin can was still empty, when I heard Mom whisper loudly to Dad, "There just aren't any blueberries, and there is nothing else for us to feed these kids." All the fun went out of that venture then.

Despite our financial circumstances, we had many happy times together. I recall making Halloween masks from decorated paper bags; I thought they were more creative and better than the store-bought kind. We also had great fun with an old Victrola. The spring had broken on it, but we could lay the needle arm on the record and spin it with our finger. It was great fun speeding the voices along and making them sound like the Chipmunks of a later day, or slowing them down like the voice of doom. Our old records had many songs that no one else ever heard of, including "That's a Lot of Bunk," "Stingo, Stungo," and a different version of "Old Dog Tray."

Across a side street from the main library we sometimes picked up canned vegetables and clothing from a government agency. We all had mixed feelings about that. I loved the food, and it was great to have new clothes, since my two older brothers were seven and eight years older, so I didn't have any hand-me-downs.

Once my four sisters received paisley blouses at the same time. I had no judgment about whether the blouses were pretty or not; all I knew was paisley looked to me like a version of the scarlet "A" — stamping all of us as poor. Years later, when my wife, Betty, came home with a paisley blouse, I literally shuddered. I soon got over that and decided that it didn't stamp us as poor. I even have a favorite paisley tie now.

We moved ahead of the rent collector on at least one rather dramatic occasion, the day the 1938 hurricane reached Brockton. We'd gotten up really early because the storm was due later that day, and with some friend's old truck we moved in before torrential wind and rain began to pound the town. From our front window I watched transfixed as a decades-old maple tree swayed unbelievably for what seemed like hours, then snapped before my eyes.

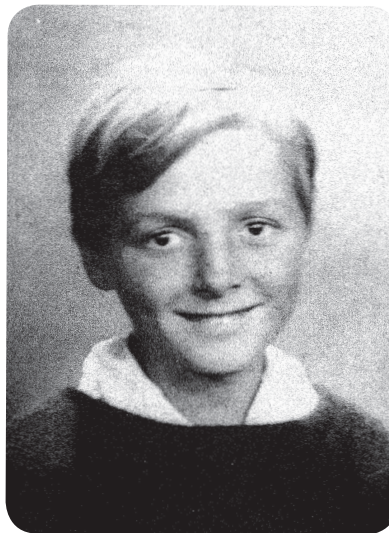
I had hated moving away from Battles Street. From the summer after first grade I often walked past an old leather shop and two houses, carrying a sandwich with me, and roamed all day long through Fields Park, finding wild flowers and enjoying seasonal changes. The move to Menlo Street meant we were surrounded on all sides by other tenements and houses, and it was back to Saturday night baths in an old galvanized tub.

My brother Red worked out a deal with a nearby business called Dutchland Farms and brought home broken ice cream cones, which we enjoyed as a cereal substitute. He also

worked for the owner of Battles Farm as a general boy-of-all-work. He headed home one day after some hours of labor, and Mom put a very sparse plate before him, to which he said, "Is that all I get?" Mom broke down in tears and finally said, "Yes. I haven't had anything to eat for three days." Red disappeared. Some hours later he came back with food. No one asked where it came from. We feared to know how he got it.

I think about the Great Depression and how near we may have come in recent days to the 20-plus percent unemployment of the 1930s: the bread lines, the men hopping freights — hoping against hope that they might find steady work and be able to send home money to their families, the WPA, the CCC, and other acts that were passed that kept people from starving or rioting. Not everyone will agree, but I'm very thankful for the actions that have been taken in recent years to keep people employed — auto workers especially, and to allow as many as possible to stay in their homes. I am thankful for what has been done that stopped the slide toward another depression.

It amazes me to compare my circumstances today to those of my childhood. Mae West and Sophie Tucker are among those who have been quoted as saying, "I've been rich and I've been poor, and, believe me, rich is better." I say, "Amen to that!"



Dick Nelson at age 9.

Plan now for fall fun

Join the Trips & Tours committee as it plans exciting fall activities.

Join fellow PURA retirees for an exciting afternoon at Victory Field for a baseball game on Aug. 31. Catch the Indianapolis Indians as they take on the Toledo Mud Hens. Transportation and a ticket to the game is \$31 per person. Contact Imperial Travel at 765-447-9321 to make your reservation. This is an exclusive trip for PURA retirees and friends.

Take a trip to the Parke County Covered Bridge Festival on Oct. 17. Leave the driving to Imperial Travel as you enjoy the colors of fall. First stop will be Mansfield, Ind., where you will find unique crafts and antiques, and a wide variety of food and entertainment. Then it is on to Bridgeton, Ind., a historic village with the oldest continuously operating mill west of the Allegheny Mountains. Cost is \$39 per person. Contact Imperial Travel at 765-447-9321 to make your reservation.

A special Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette performance of the play "Red, White and Tuna" will be presented on Nov. 10. This two-man comedy act described as a sidesplitting spoof of life in rural America is sure to please.



When in doubt, don't throw it out! Contact University Archives

In January, the Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives and Special Collections Research Center adopted guidelines for the transfer of personal papers of Purdue faculty and staff. The Transfer Guidelines for Personal Papers, available at www.lib.purdue.edu/spcol, include a list of papers commonly transferred to the archives and a list of documents which should not be transferred without prior consultation with an archivist. If you are interested in discussing the transfer of your papers, contact an archivist at 765-494-2839 or spcoll@purdue.edu.

Join in a Purdue research study

Wayne Campbell in the Department of Nutrition Science is conducting a research study to assess the effect of dietary protein intake on skeletal muscle in slightly overweight men and women ages 65 to 80 years old. Compensation of \$200 will be given following the completion of the study. This study includes six days of testing (three before and three after the study) spread over 16 weeks.

If you are 65 to 80 years old, in general good health, non-smoking, non-diabetic and interested in participating in this study, contact Jan Green at jkgreen@purdue.edu or call 765-494-7660 for further information. If you are interested in other research study possibilities, check out the PURA website at www.purdue.edu/retirees.

Campus and community activities scheduled for fall

Join fellow retirees as the Campus and Community Activities committee plans for interesting trips around town.

Join us on Sept. 29 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Bioanalytical Systems Inc. (BASi). Working with renowned biotech and pharmaceutical firms, the company has 30 years of experience in global drug discovery and research. The company was founded by a Purdue chemistry professor and his doctoral students. In addition to the West Lafayette headquarters, the company has facilities in England, Oregon and Evansville, Ind. Retirees will tour both the manufacturing and research facilities.

BASi is located at 2701 Kent Ave., West Lafayette. Enter the parking lot off Kent Ave. Please park in "Visitor Parking" near the front of the building then enter the front door, which is across from Wal-Mart.

A tour of the Tippecanoe Battleground and Museum is scheduled for Oct. 20 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. This year is the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Tippecanoe with William Henry Harrison and The Prophet. There will be a docent to explain the events that took place and the historical significance of the area. The actual celebration of this historic event takes place on Nov. 7, so this will be a preview of the celebrations scheduled. We also will be touring the museum. There is a \$3 per person charge for admission to the museum. Adequate parking is available at the battleground.

The Tippecanoe Battlefield Memorial and Museum is located seven miles northeast of Lafayette at Battle Ground, Ind. Visit www.tcha.mus.in.us/battlefield.htm for more information.

PLEASE CUT AND SEND THE CAMPUS & COMMUNITY RESERVATION FORM TO:

Michele Salla, Purdue Human Resources, 401 S. Grant Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2024 or EMAIL reservation to Michele Salla at: masalla@purdue.edu

Please provide your name(s) and an email address and/or a telephone number where you can be reached if necessary. Be sure to indicate which tour(s) you are booking. Reservations should be submitted at least one week prior to the date of the tour.

Print Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____ Email _____

Please indicate number of persons wishing to attend the tour.

___ Bioanalytical Systems International Tour and Presentation. Sept. 29, 2011 at 1:30-3 p.m.

___ Tippecanoe Battlefield and Museum Presentation. Oct. 20, 2011 at 3-4:30 p.m. There will be a \$3.00 per person admission charge. The fee will be collected at the museum.

Purdue University Retirees Association

**You're invited to join fellow Purdue retirees
and bring your friends
as we begin our 34th year of activities with
the PURA Annual Kickoff Luncheon
Noon ■ Monday, Sept. 12, 2011**

**Doors to Grand Ballroom open at 11:30 a.m.
Door Prize Drawings start at 11:45 a.m.**

**University Plaza Hotel
3001 Northwestern Ave., West Lafayette**

Our featured speaker will be Purdue University Vice President for Research Richard Buckius.

Please use the form below to make reservations for you and your guests. The luncheon cost is \$16 per person. Registration forms and payment must be received by Aug. 26, 2011. Questions should be directed to Michele Salla at 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 Sept. 12, 2011

Name(s) _____

Number of reservations @ \$16.00 _____ 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: Monday, Aug. 26, 2011

Check and approve your address information

The Purdue University Retirees Association is working hard to keep up-to-date with addresses, phone numbers and email 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 or email to julie1@purdue.edu.
Thank you.

Purdue University Retirees

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