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Luncheon programs, presentations continue at MCL

Nearly every first Monday in the month, PURA members and their guests gather at MCL for a noon program and lunch (optional, room opens at 11 a.m.), during which new members and birthdays are celebrated, and a guest speaker makes a presentation. Three recent programs were as follows:

- On Oct. 3, Roy Johnson, one of our own and a past president of PURA, celebrated the 125th anniversary of Purdue Bands with pictures and commentary.
- For the Nov. 7 program, Michael Brzezinski, dean of international programs, spoke on "Understanding the Chinese Mind: Confucius, Values, and Beliefs."
- On Dec. 5, Morgan Burke gave an Athletics Update and shared pictures and information regarding the construction of the new Mackey Complex.

These PURA luncheons offer a good way for recent and past retirees to

BELOW: Roy Johnson, past president of PURA, speaks during the October luncheon at MCL. His topic was Purdue Bands, which celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2011.



maintain contact with their colleagues and the University. Note that upcoming gatherings at MCL will occur on Feb.



ABOVE: Morgan Burke, Purdue director of intercollegiate athletics, presents a summary of the Mackey Complex upgrade to retirees at the December MCL luncheon.

6, March 5 and April 2. For more on upcoming luncheons, see Page 4.

Late spring outings from Trips and Tours to travel back in time, and to St. Louis

Plan now to join your Trips and Tours Committee for a PURA exclusive dinner and fun-filled evening at PMU's Pappy's Sweet Shop on May 9 from 6 to 8 p.m. Period music from the 1940s, '50s, and '60s will be provided for your listening (dancing) pleasure. Your personal selections may be made by depositing one nickel (yep, only five cents per song) into a Pappy's jukebox selector located in every booth. We'll also have cards and games available, along with a special selection of menu items from Pappy's grill and malt shop. Space allows for only about 120 guests, so plan ahead.

The Trips and Tours Committee also has planned a trip to St. Louis, the Gateway to the West, on June 27-28.

We join Imperial Royal Tours to

visit the beautiful city of St. Louis and its major attractions, the Gateway Arch, Union Station, Grant's Farm (including the magnificent Clydesdale horses), the Missouri Botanical Gardens, and the Anheuser Busch Brewery (for a tour and tasting). Our overnight stay will be at the Drury Inn in close-by Fenton, Mo., and will feature a welcoming evening reception.

Rates are \$199.00 per person double room; \$189.00 per person triple room; \$244.00 per person

single room. Included is motorcoach transportation, one night at Drury Inn, one lunch, one hearty reception and an Imperial escort. Admission to the Arch is not included.

For reservations and/or more information, call Imperial Royal Tours at

765-447-9321. Advise Imperial that you are a Purdue retiree when you make your reservation.



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2012-13 PURA officer slate to be presented in March

A slate of officers has been proposed for the Purdue University Retirees Association for 2012-13. Nominations will be open from the floor during the March 5 lunch meeting at MCL Cafeteria, and the slate will be voted on at the April 2 lunch meeting.

The slate submitted by the Nominating Committee is:

- President, who was vice president and president-elect during 2011-12, Sue Hiser
- Vice president, who will be president-elect during 2012-13, Robert Bain

- Secretary-treasurer, Melinda Bain
- Historian, Carolyn Jones
- Chip Rutledge will serve as past president.

Robert Bain began his work at Purdue in the School of Agriculture business office in 1972, working most of that time with the Cooperative Extension Service. In 1987, he became financial manager for Physical Facilities, and in 2000 IT director for that area. He can be reached by email at robertwbain@comcast.net.



Robert Bain

PURA and the Boiler Volunteer Network

In 1976, President Arthur G. Hansen created the President's Advisory Committee on Retirement (PACR) to study issues of importance to Purdue's retirees. The committee worked to improve pension benefits, communication among retirees, and to offer regular programs that would keep retirees informed about developments within the University.

Subsequently, it became apparent that the needs and interests of Purdue's retirees had expanded enough to require a more formal organizational structure. With assistance from the law firm of Stuart and Branigin, bylaws for the Purdue University Retirees Association (PURA) were created, accepted by President Martin C. Jischke, and approved through written ballots by the Purdue retirees. In August 2002, the Purdue University Retirees Association became the official organization representing Purdue's retirees.

With the creation of PURA, the organization was able to provide more services for its members – e.g., a website connected to the Purdue home page, tours of campus and community facilities, pacesetter status with United Way of Greater Lafayette, and involvement in the development of Purdue's strategic plan.

Although Purdue retirees had been involved historically as volunteers in numerous community activities, demand grew for an improved way to match community needs with retirees. PACR established the Community Services Committee (CSC), initially chaired by Betty Suddarth. CSC's mission was to assist in informing retirees of the plethora of "give back" volunteer opportunities throughout our community.

Also in 2000, Betty Suddarth, Howard

Dieslen (chair of PACR), Esther Chosnek (director of the Greater Lafayette Volunteer Bureau), and Ken Burns (EVP&T and advisor to PACR/PURA) participated in discussions with Sara Solloway, a program director for the Purdue Memorial Union. The result was the creation of the Boiler Volunteer Network, or the Office of Community Service and Learning. BVN became the formal Purdue link with local nonprofit organizations seeking volunteer services from students and retirees.

In 2001, BVN hired a full-time director and was assigned office space in Stewart Center. BVN now serves as clearinghouse for nearly 300 not-for-profit agencies to "... connect the Purdue community (students, faculty, staff, alumni, and retirees) to service opportunities in the Greater Lafayette area."

Since the creation of BVN, the Community Services Committee has evolved into today's PURA Hospitality Committee. Currently, to bolster support for the objectives of the original CSC, PURA is reconnecting with BVN via the PURA newsletter. Persons on the PURA email list will receive the recent monthly listings of BVN opportunities. The newsletter will routinely include a special BVN Focus box that includes contact information, the URL link to the BVN website (www.purdue.edu/odos/bvn), instructions on how to subscribe to the BVN list-serve, one or two examples of volunteer opportunities selected from the most current monthly listing, and an occasional feature on one of our members who currently volunteers. Hard-copy brochures with BVN contact information will be available at PURA luncheons.

Questions and suggestions about how

PURA can best promote reconnection to BVN may be addressed to Dan Collins at decollins.retired@yahoo.com or 765-413-8451.

Correction

In the November newsletter, the name of the first chair of the President's Advisory Council on Retirement (now PURA) was misspelled. Harland White was the first chair. We apologize for this error.

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Members of PMO's Purdue Bells reveal the total received in the 2011 Purdue United Way Campaign as of the victory celebration Nov. 16 in Ross-Ade Pavilion. The \$770,451 sum was more than 104 percent of Purdue's \$740,000 goal, helping the community drive meet its goal.

PURA helps Purdue UW drive go over the top

Anne Washburn of the University Development Office has complimented Purdue retirees for their 2011 contributions to United Way, saying, "PURA leadership did a fantastic job this year." She specifically commended Chip Rutledge and Sue Hiser, PURA president and vice president.

Washburn, director of the Purdue United Way Campaign, noted that "of our over 298 Purdue Vanguards, 47 are retirees." Vanguards are individuals or households who give more than \$1,000 per year to help those in need in our community.

By the time of the victory celebration Nov. 16, Purdue retirees had contributed more than \$96,000, or more than 107 percent of their \$90,000 goal. As of mid-December, the amount had risen to \$102,000 or more than 113 percent of the goal, despite the fact that the numbers of contributors were down slightly.

Finally, referring to the total number of dollars donated by Purdue retirees, Washburn stated, "I suspect by the end of the year, there will be more, and that it will be the most raised yet."

University, PURA recognize new retirees during banquets

Retirement banquets were held at noon on Dec. 8 and 9 to recognize and celebrate Purdue's new retirees. There were more than 500 new retirees this past year.

Sue Hiser, vice president of PURA, welcomed the retirees and their guests, thanked them for their service to the University and community, and for helping make Purdue a great university. Chris Johannsen, past president of PURA, offered a moment of reflection before the delicious meal.

Al Diaz, executive vice president for business and finance, treasurer, was the guest speaker for the retirees who reported to the Treasurer's Office. Beverly Davenport Sypher, associate provost for faculty affairs, was the speaker for those who reported to the Office of the Provost. Both speakers encouraged the retirees to enjoy this new stage of their lives and to continue to serve.

Each new retiree was recognized and given a framed certificate. New retirees will receive a catalog in the mail from which to choose a gift. The Danny Weiss Jazz Trio provided the music before and during the banquet.

Hiser closed the banquet by welcoming the new retirees into PURA and sharing information about PURA activities and events.

Tippecanoe Battlefield and Museum visitors soak up history

As a preview to the 200th anniversary commemoration of the Battle of Tippecanoe on Nov. 6-8, a group of 16 members of PURA visited the Tippecanoe Battlefield and Museum in Battle Ground, Ind. This battle was one of the first leading to the War of 1812.

The weather was blustery for the Oct. 20 trip, so the group spent most of the time looking at the exhibits in the museum. The exhibits included a lighted display of the troops and their movements during the battle. The names of the soldiers who died in battle, led by William Henry Harrison, are known but there is no record

of how many Indians, led by The Prophet, were killed.

In the museum are many displays of uniforms, tools, weapons and maps of the era. Also included is a beautiful, temporary display of several drawings and paintings by George Winter depicting the Indians and their clothing and their surroundings.

In addition to the displays in the museum, there is a gift shop with many items for sale and many books about the Indians and the early settlers of this area.

The trip was sponsored by the Campus and Community Activities Committee of PURA.



An eagle-topped arched gate marks the walk to the central monument at Tippecanoe Battlefield in Battle Ground, site of a crucial confrontation in 1811.

Ingrid Clever, the Double Refugee: Those Were the Days

Ingrid Clever was born in Danzig, now Gdansk. Danzig was part of a free corridor established after World War I to end the long struggle between Poland and Germany over this area.

The beginnings of World War II were announced quite dramatically to Ingrid's family. On a lovely day on the Baltic beach, through binoculars, they spied planes dropping bombs. Hitler's army was invading Poland.

Ingrid's father, a surgeon, had built a 60-bed hospital that was taken over for army use. Her father was recruited into the army and was mostly away. In December 1944, her father was on furlough, and Ingrid could hear her parents quietly planning. The Russians were drawing nearer and family safety seemed fragile. As the winter arrived, they lived in the hospital, and the nurses told them when the wounded were being moved out.

In January, Ingrid's mother told Ingrid and her older brother to put on all their warm clothes and their summer clothes over them. They took little with them except two lovely amber boxes. Gdansk had been bombed, so they avoided the main station and joined a train in a subsidiary station. It was the last train out.

The trip to her grandparents usually took eight hours. This time it took five days. They ran out of food, which was supplied occasionally by the Red Cross. The train stopped and started with no understandable pattern. At one stop,



Ingrid's brother was sent to find food. The family didn't know if he would find any and if he could get back before the train started again. He did. The layers of clothing did not stop the intense cold or the frostbite.

At last the three reached Thuringia, the home of Ingrid's grandparents, where she was startled to learn she was considered a refugee. She was 10 years old, starting to learn English, and waiting for the advancing Americans.

The troops came in Jeeps, throwing candy, and they immediately requisitioned the grandfather's very large house for their headquarters. After neighbors took them

in, her mother realized she had left the amber boxes behind. She ran back inside, threw up the mattress, where the boxes were hidden, and reclaimed her keepsakes.

Politics intervened. In order to divide Berlin into four districts, the Russians were given the territory where they lived. Subsequently Ingrid learned Russian. A year after the war ended, her family received a V-mail from her father. He was an American POW for three years. Eventually he was released and set up a medical practice near Hamburg.

The Russians refused to allow the rest of the family to join him. Her enterprising brother made his way to Berlin, using planes from the Berlin Blockade that took people out. He eventually reached his father. In 1950, all the family left in a snowstorm to get to Berlin, where the Americans gave them a pass to the West. But since they had come from the Russian Zone, Ingrid was once again a refugee.

Ingrid graduated from high school and college and found work as a biochemist in a hospital. She married a research scientist and had two children. Her husband received offers of positions in Cleveland and at Purdue. West Lafayette won. And the amber boxes? Ingrid wrote and had illustrated a story for her grandchildren. The hero was the little amber ring box.

Ingrid's first work at Purdue was gratis, examining insects on slides. Later she was employed as a biochemist researching soybeans.

Upcoming monthly PURA programs at MCL

The following is a list of the MCL programs scheduled through August.

Purdue retirees and their guests are welcome to come for lunch any time after 11 a.m. PURA programs begin at noon.

Feb. 6 Origins of the Civil War: Fact and Myth
Speaker: Robert May
Contact: Bob Bain

March 5 Purdue Master Plan
Speaker: John Collier
Contact: Don Jones

April 2 Lafayette Urban Ministry
Speaker: Joe Micon
Contact: Reuben Peterson

May 7 Lafayette/West Lafayette
Development Corporation
Speaker: Joe Seaman
Contact: Sue Scholer

June 4 Purdue Wind Farm
Speaker: Jerry Frankhauser
Contact: John Trott

July 2 Health Issues: Replacement Body Parts
Speaker: Robert Hagen, M.D.
Contact: Olivia Wood

Aug. 6 Wabash River Enhancement
Speaker: Stan Lambert
Contact: Ann Hunt

Civic Theatre, Take Two!

On March 8, Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette will give a special performance of "Red, Hot, and Cole" for Purdue University retirees and friends.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., PURA will host a reception with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar in the theatre lobby for PURA members and guests. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. This presentation replaces the Nov. 10 performance of "Red, White and Tuna," which had to be canceled due to difficulty in casting.

"Red, Hot and Cole" is a revue featuring the music of Indiana's own Cole Porter. It is a fun, toe-tapping show with all of Porter's greatest hits.

You are welcome to bring non-Purdue family member(s) or friend(s) to this performance. Purchase your ticket(s) early. If there are any unsold tickets, Civic will open the offer to the public and sell any seats that may be left.

The group rate for the performance and hors d'oeuvres is \$15.00, a real bargain. Call Civic Theatre at 765-423-PLAY (7529) to make reservations and pay by credit card or debit card. Make checks payable to Civic Theatre and mail to 313 N. Fifth St., Lafayette, IN 47901.

If you are a Civic season ticket holder and would like to swap your regularly



scheduled ticket(s) for this special performance, call Civic to make the switch. It would be an even exchange for the ticket, plus an additional \$5.00 for hors d'oeuvres.

If you have questions or concerns, Steve Koehler, Civic Theatre director, invites you to contact him at 765-423-7529. You may also call Sue Abney, theatre event coordinator, at 765-420-7315.

The PURA Trips and Tours Committee hopes you will join us for a terrific evening at Civic Theatre on March 8, beginning with a social hour at 6:30 p.m. and continuing with the performance at 7:30 p.m.

For more information about "Red, Hot, and Cole" or Civic Theatre, write, call or use the website below:

Civic Theatre
313 N. Fifth St.
Lafayette, IN 47901
Phone: 765-423-PLAY (7529)
Web: www.lafayettecivic.org
Email: info@lafayettecivic.org



Most events by Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette, including the March 8 production of "Red, Hot and Cole," are staged at the historic Monon Depot Theatre in downtown Lafayette.

Have a question?
The Human Resources Service Center has established a toll-free number for retiree questions: 877-725-0222.

Activities committee sponsoring visits to Mackey, new facilities

The Campus and Community Activities Committee plans two campus visits for spring semester of 2012.

Mark your calendars now to visit the renovated facilities in Purdue's Mackey Complex. The tour will begin at 4 p.m. on April 26. We will meet at the Northwestern Entrance. "A" permit parking is available in Lot F.

The committee is also planning a combined tour of Hanley Hall and Marriott Hall, the details of which have not been finalized — more will be in the April PURA Newsletter.

Hanley Hall houses the Military Family Research Institute, the Center for Aging and the Life Course and the Department of Human Development and Family Studies.

Marriott Hall is the new home of the John Purdue Room and houses a new modern kitchen for the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management.

The tour will end in the Italian kiosk, which features some special Italian coffees and some wonderful gelato. Marriott

Hall is part of the College of Health and Human Sciences.

CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITY RESERVATION FORM for April 26, 4 p.m., tour of Mackey Complex

PRINT INFORMATION AND SEND FORM TO:
Michele Salla, Purdue Human Resources, 401 S. Grant St., West Lafayette, IN 47907-2024 OR email reservation to Michele Salla at masalla@purdue.edu.

Reservations should be submitted by one week prior to the date of the tour. Guests are welcome.

Print All Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____

Email _____

Benefits Committee outlines plan, features, future issues

The Benefits Committee of the Purdue University Retirees Association renewed the PURcare Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage PPO Health Insurance Plans with UnitedHealthcare for 2012. These plans cover the health insurance needs for more than 2,500 Purdue retirees.

The committee has been able to maintain outstanding benefits and keep the premium increase below the national average.

With the many changes contained in the new federal health care legislation and Congress looking at cost savings, including an emphasis on Medicare Advantage Programs, your Benefits Committee is exploring various supplement plans for 2013, and considering issues that came out of our recent survey of members: e.g., increasing vision benefits, annual physicals versus individual procedures, and optional dental care coverage.

For the foreseeable future, cost containment, control and managed care will be important topics in the field of health care. The Benefits Committee is following the discussions on cost controls at the federal level to be in a position to make the best decisions for our future plans. Currently our premium rates are

driven by the cost of claims we had as a group the previous year. Our per-member average health care claims have been increasing at an average of 10.5 percent per year for the past three years. Our rates in the future are impacted by decisions each of us makes.

PURA Health Insurance

1. New medical and prescription drug cards were not sent by United Healthcare for PURcare members; we are to use the current cards. This was a change in late December. PPO plan members should have received new cards.

2. Medicare does not cover medical costs when you travel outside the U.S., but PURcare and our PPO plans do.

3. While Medicare pays for many home health care services, PURcare coverage provides an additional \$5,000 per year for coverage of doctor-prescribed services.

4. Medicare's wellness review process has changed. Members are eligible to have a review once every year, which is not considered to be an annual physical exam.

5. Females: Screenings for cervical and vaginal cancers including Pap tests and pelvic exams are covered by Medicare Part

B once every 24 months. Bone density tests are also covered by Medicare Part B once every 24 months, and mammograms once every 12 months.

Males: PSA blood tests and digital rectal exams are covered by Medicare Part B once every 12 months. In each case, participants need to make sure their doctors code the test correctly.

Local Support Services

Consult the PURA website (www.purdue.edu/retirees) for further information. Note that our full-time support person for PURA health insurance and any of the matters enumerated above is Kate LaMar, who can be reached at klamar@purdue.edu or 765-494-1694.

Happy and Healthy New Year to All of You from your Benefits Committee:

Don Gentry, Chair; Betty Nelson; Charles Brown; Charles Rutledge; Cliff Swensen; Fred Ford; Joseph Uhl; Lois Wark; Marion Bonacorsi; Sue Hiser; George Asteriadis and Judy Davis, both of North Central; Linda Mura, Calumet; and Martha Chiscon, Ex-Officio. Staff: Becky Gutwein, Kate LaMar, Kevin Vedder and Michele Salla.

Volunteering May 17 at Spring Fling: A pleasant service

Retirees are encouraged to volunteer for an hour or so during Spring Fling 2012. Opportunities for volunteering include helping in the food line, helping serve popcorn or assisting with setup and/or cleanup.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, indicate your interest on the form on Page 7 or call Carrie Hanson at 765-494-7397.

Other information about Spring Fling activities is also on Page 7.

Momentum Makers

Exceptional staff members are being recognized on a recently launched Momentum Makers site, which shows how they move the University forward. The site is at www.purdue.edu/momentummakers.



The PURA booth at a recent Spring Fling.

Retirees invited to join the fun, events on May 17 at Spring Fling

The registration form in this issue is all you need to take part in Spring Fling 2012, scheduled for Thursday, May 17, in and around Memorial Mall. Retirees are invited to join current faculty, staff and graduate student staff in the activities, which will begin at 11:30 a.m.

The day of food and fun will include many traditional favorites: lunch (with a vegetarian option), fitness walk, bingo, classic vehicle show and free play activities.

Golf also is on the activity list. Tee times will be available at the Ackerman Hills and Kampen courses. Those who want to play golf should call 765-494-3139, ext. 1, to reserve a tee time.

Also available this year will be a chance to donate blood at the Indiana Bloodmobile and an opportunity to contribute to the Food Finders Food Bank.

Many Purdue retirees are expected to be on hand as volunteers and to offer assistance to those who are thinking about retirement.

The registration forms on this page should be filled out and returned to the address indicated on the form. Deadline is May 10.

**Spring Fling 2012
Thursday, May 17
Faculty, Staff and Retirees Appreciation Event
Retiree Registration Form**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone number _____

Email address _____

I'd like to volunteer to help with Spring Fling 2012. My area of interest is:

Food/refreshments ____ Fitness Walk ____
Any area ____ Cleanup ____

I'd like to participate in the Spring Fling Classic Vehicle Show.

Vehicle make _____
Model _____ Year _____

I want to participate in the Spring Fling Fitness Walk.

NOTE: Golf participation: Those who would like to play golf must reserve a tee time at the course by calling 765-494-3139, Ext. 1.

** Return this form by May 10 to Carrie Hanson, Human Resource Services, Freehafer Hall, 401 S. Grant St., West Lafayette, IN 47907.

iPhone, iPad apps

Purdue has responded to and anticipated user preferences in making mobile app updates. Features include:

- * Real-time tracker of buses and schedules.
- * Information regarding the capacity of computer labs.
- * Menus for the dining courts.
- * Easy access to MyMail.
- * Access to the Purdue directory.
- * Photos of various campus events.
- * Safety updates and tips.

The app also includes previous features like campus news, maps, and tours of Purdue landmarks. The Purdue app is free and is available through the Apple Store. Site: <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/purdue/id371741254?mt=8>

**Spring Fling 2012
Faculty, Staff and Retirees Appreciation Event
Spring Fling Prize Drawing Entry**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Telephone number _____

Please deposit in prize-drawing barrel at Memorial Mall on the day of Spring Fling.

Suggestion: Photocopy forms rather than cutting newsletter pages.

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

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone _____ Email address _____

Return this form to:

Julie Thedans
Purdue University Retirees, Human Resource Services
401 S. Grant St.
West Lafayette, IN 47907-2024