

PURA Newsletter

Purdue University Retirees Association

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All health information now on PURA website

The PURA website is now the go-to place for all information retirees need to know about their health benefits.

With great assistance from the PURA Communications Committee, the PURA Benefits Committee has placed all current health insurance plans, frequently asked questions, information on how to make

vision claims and news about health insurance on the PURA Web Page.

It is the committee's goal to have up-to-date information for easy access at any time day or night.

To get to the information, go to the Purdue University Retirees Association website, www.purdue.edu/retirees/, and

click on Benefits/Health Insurance tab on the top of the page.

We hope you will check this page often for new updates.

If you do not find what you are looking for, or are not comfortable using the computer, call Kate LaMar in Human Resources at Purdue at (765) 494-1694.

Tour of updated co-rec planned for March 11



The Campus and Community Activities Committee has arranged a tour of the wonderful, rebuilt co-rec facility, the France A. Córdoba Recreational Sports Center.

The tour will take place Monday, March 11, at 11:30 a.m. Plan to allow an hour-and-a-half for the tour. By early March, all or nearly all of the construction will have been completed, and because it will be spring break for the students, parking will be readily available.

Those who want to take the tour should gather in the lobby of the Boilermaker Aquatics Center (AQUA) and begin the tour by visiting the pool and

the aquatic facility. Next we will use the "tunnel" to the rec center building, and see the glories of that new, bright building.

The best parking will be on the northwest side of the rec center, using the drive off Stadium Avenue. New maps will be available at www.purdue.edu/recsports, and maps also will be available at the MCL luncheon on March 4.

Those who want to use the center after the tour will be welcome to do so, including individuals who don't have a co-rec membership. Feel free to bring shorts, swimsuits, or any workout gear.



The new France A. Córdoba Recreational Sports Center opened in fall 2012. Retirees will get a complete tour on March 11.

2013-14 PURA officer slate to be presented in March

The slate of officers has been set for the Purdue University Retirees Association for 2013-14.

The nominating committee members were Chip Rutledge, Robert Bain, Melinda Bain, Carolyn Johnson, Sarah Johnson and Jim Marciniak.

The slate submitted by the Nominating Committee is:

- President, who was vice president and president-elect during 2012-13, Robert Bain.

- Vice president, who will be president-elect during 2013-14, Dan Collins.

- Secretary-treasurer, Melinda Bain.

- Historian, Carolyn Jones.

- Sue Hiser 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.



Robert Bain will be PURA president for 2013.

PURA luncheon speakers set for spring and summer series

All Purdue retirees are invited to join former colleagues and bring their friends to the monthly PURA luncheons.

All meetings are held at the MCL Cafeteria on Sagamore Parkway West in West Lafayette. Members and their guests should arrive by 11 a.m., go through the line to purchase lunch, and then join other PURA members in the MCL meeting room.



The meeting and presentation will start each month at 11:45 a.m.

Scheduled speakers and topics for the spring and summer are:

Feb. 4 Topic: Cancer Research
Speaker: Phil Low
Coordinator: Dale Margerum

Mar. 4 Topic: Health and Human Sciences: New Endeavors
Speaker: Christine Ladisch
Coordinator: Doug Sprengle

Apr. 1 Topic: A View of the Indiana State House
Speaker: Sue Scholer
Coordinator: Betty Suddarth

May 6 Topic: Food Finders
Speaker: Amy Gaulke
Coordinator: Eldon Ortman

June 3 Topic: Identity Theft Protection
Speaker: Bob Falk
Coordinator: John Trott

July 1 Topic: Energy Issues
Speaker: Wally Tyner
Coordinator: Don Jones

Aug. 5 Topic: Juvenile Justice System
Speaker: TBA
Coordinator: Marilyn Ziemer

Coming in April: Purposeful Living in Retirement conference

The 2013 Purposeful Living in Retirement conference will be held April 24 at Four Points by Sheraton in West Lafayette.

Tentative programming plans include: Commercial Exhibitors, exercise updates, financial planning programs, and updates on living in retirement.

A group of outstanding speakers are being assembled that PURA members will find both informative and inspiring.

Mark your calendar with this date! More information and a registration form will be posted on the PURA website at <http://www.purdue.edu/retirees/>.



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PURA News Briefs

PURcare premiums remain stable

Through the hard work of the PURA Benefits Committee, dedicated Purdue Human Resources staff, and Purdue University paid healthcare consultants over the past several years, Purdue retirees participating in the PURcare Program have benefited from medical and prescription drug premiums that have remained stable for the past seven years. During the same time, premiums for other Medicare Senior Supplement Plans have risen yearly with many years at more than double-digit percentage increases.

Retirees meet United Way goal

Congratulations, retirees! Thank you for your contributions and for making the Purdue United Way campaign a success. This year the Purdue retirees contributed \$98,210, nearly 9 percent above our goal. Your commitment is helping improve lives through the 23 participating service organizations.

Good News! Printed directory for retirees is coming soon

A printed PURA directory will be available this spring for retirees, thanks to the efforts of the PURA Executive Board.

About two years ago, a decision was made to have only an electronic directory for the University. Only those retirees with a purdue.edu email are included in the electronic directory, and only the email address is given.

Since the majority of the Purdue retirees do not have a purdue email address and many do not have computer/web access or do not use a computer, the PURA Executive Board believed it was important to have a printed directory to enable retirees to communicate with each other and the university.

Betty Nelson, chair of the PURA Endowment Committee, and Sue Hiser, PURA president, met with Luis Lewin, vice president for Human Resources, to explain the need for a printed directory for retirees and negotiated the continuance of a PURA printed directory. PURA deeply appreciates the support of Lewin and the offices of Human Resources, Development, and Marketing and Media for making a printed directory possible for retirees.



PURA members and their guests enjoyed an evening at Pappy's last spring.

Trips and Tours Committee announces 2013 events

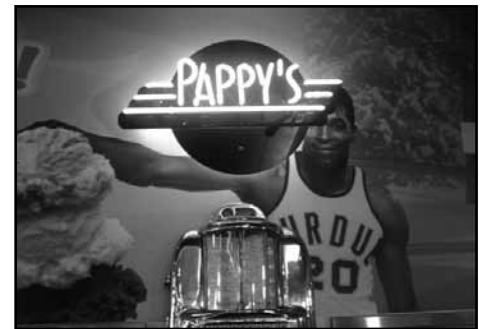
The PURA Trips and Tours Committee has planned the following 2013 opportunities for members and their guests and urges you to mark your calendars for these events.

Specific details for each event will be communicated at the PURA luncheons, via e-mail announcements, and on the PURA web page at www.purdue.edu/retirees/. PURA members can also call Dan Collins for further information at 413-8451.

- April 24: Imperial Travel is offering transportation to the Indianapolis Beef and Boards theater for a buffet luncheon and showing of "Menopause The Musical," a "hilarious celebration of women and the change!" This light-hearted musical features tunes from the '60s and '70s. Cost is \$59.95 per person.

- June 21: Imperial Travel is offering a Master Gardener-guided "Garden Party ... Along the Heritage Trail" that will tour five formal gardens near Elkhart. Included are the Krider "World's Fair" garden and Linton's Enchanted Gardens. The per-person cost is \$79 and includes transportation, guides, and a box lunch.

- May: The second annual Pappy's Sweetshop Social will be held in early May. Come and join fellow retirees for casual chit-chat over your favorite diner foods and beverages while reminiscing with specially



selected juke box favorites from the '40s, '50s and '60s.

- Date to be determined: The wine-tasting tour that was postponed from last October is being rescheduled. We will be announcing details of these plans on the PURA web site www.purdue.edu/retirees/.

- Aug. 10: PURA Trips and Tours Committee members expect to partner with the new Lafayette Limo Tours to see the very popular Tall Ships exhibition at Navy Pier. The planned cost is \$35 per person.

- Fall: PURA will once again attend a reception and performance at Civic Theater of Greater Lafayette. The performance and dates will be determined later this spring.

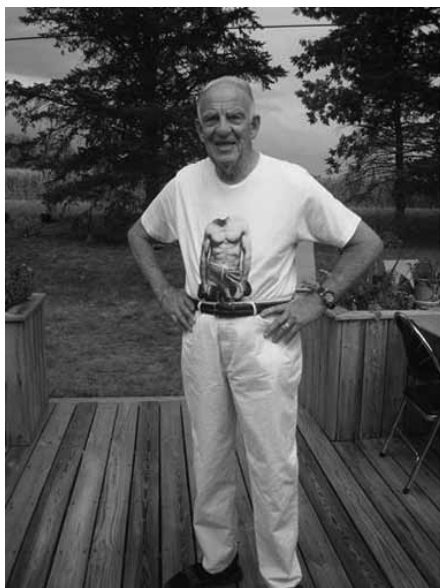
Fritz Cohen on leaving Germany: Those Were the Days

My father, Iwan Cohen, was a wounded and decorated veteran who served in the German Army during WWI and became a respected storekeeper. He married Alive Levy, a talented actress and pianist, and the two were well-liked citizens of their community. But when the Nazis came to power, everything changed radically.

The customer base of my parents' store eroded and both were dismissed from associations and clubs where they had been prominent members. One day in the summer of 1935, I was asked not to return to the swimming pool. Many of our friends avoided being seen with us. Nazi propaganda tended to see Jews as dangerous, criminal and subhuman. For example, a cartoon represented the German nation as an apple with a hole in which the Jew, caricatured as a worm, hides and spoils the fruit. This kind of dehumanization prepared young and even older people to accept the killing of Jews.

I attended local school until 1935, when I transferred to the Humboldt School in Hannover, where my father had been a student. As one of two Jewish students, I became the object of verbal and physical violence. Although some of the teachers were aware of these actions, they ignored them. The fifteen-minute morning train ride from Ronnenberg to Hannover became increasingly miserable for me, marked as it was by hostility and resulting isolation. For example, one young man from Ronnenberg, a student of theology in Hannover, came on board one morning, nose in the air, sniffed, and exclaimed loudly: it stinks here, there must be Jews in the compartment.

When it became impossible for me to attend public school in Germany, my parents enrolled me in May 1937 in the Landschulheim Florenz for German Jews, in Florence, Italy. It was wonderful for me, both socially and culturally. (One of the school's officers was Robert Kempner of Berlin. He immigrated to the USA, and after the end of WWII became a prosecutor at Nuremberg.) The single bad experience was in May 1938, when Hitler came to visit Mussolini in Rome, and on his return trip he stopped in Florence. Several days prior to his arrival in Florence, all boys and



Fritz Cohen now (above) and then (at right).

men of the school were taken to a prison, and they were released only after Hitler was back in Berlin. Why? Were we held as hostages for Der Fuehrer's safety? When we were released and returned to our school, a letter had arrived asking me to pack and return to Germany. It included a reminder not to give up my passport (I still have it) in order to request a visa from the US Consulate in Hamburg. What a surprise!

My mother had searched and located a family in Kansas City, Kansas. We claimed they were relatives, and they agreed to sponsor us. (The Consulate agreed except for my grandmother. She had had a fall, and had broken a hip, thus impairing her mobility. The Consulate claimed she could not possibly be prepared to work in the US and refused to issue a visa for her. She moved in with her sister Bertha in Hannover, where we left her, and we never saw her again.) On July 31, 1938, we left our home in Ronnenberg, taxied to Hannover, and on the following morning boarded a train to Amsterdam. At the border, we underwent the usual passport check and examination. Possession of money was limited: \$40 for each of my parents and \$20 for me. A memorable, but scary incident: my father was unable to count his money, so he and I were commanded to accompany the agent to the station and be examined. We passed

the exam and were told that if we hurried, we could still board the train before its departure. It was a moment of great anxiety, since my mother was already on the train. (Ironically, she had sewn jewelry into the bottom of the jacket that she was wearing.) On August 4, we departed for Le Havre, and boarded the ship, the "President Roosevelt" of the US Lines on Friday, August 5. It was my 16th birthday, the most fortunate day of my life. We took a train to Kansas City, where "Cousin" Rose Segelbaum received us. My father found a job at a workshop producing ties, and I enrolled in Northeast High and became an object of curiosity for the other students. To be treated as worthwhile human being, was a new and memorable experience.

Soon after Pearl Harbor, I was asked to register at the County Courthouse as an "Enemy Alien." I intended to serve in the military, but could not be drafted. However, I was told that I could enlist after being approved by the War Department. I was interviewed and told that I could volunteer at the Draft Board. Subsequently, I was ordered to report to Camp Dodge outside of Des Moines, where an officer of the Adjutant General's Office urged all of us to use our upcoming seven-day leave to attend to matters such as Will and Testament. He added: "I want to tell you guys right now, some of you will not come back." Quite an awakening!

PURA News Briefs

PURA members can get

Purdue employee discounts

Purdue has special discounts available for staff and faculty each year, and PURA members are included. Information can be found at:

www.purdue.edu/cssac/Employee_Discounts/

PURA members and guests enjoy

Lynn Hall's medical facility Indiana University School of Medicine-Lafayette hosted PURA members at Lynn Hall on Oct. 9. Dr. Gordon Coppoc, director and associate dean of IU Medical School-Lafayette presented an informative and entertaining talk about the history, current and future plans for expansion to Lyles-Porter Hall in 2014.

Currently, classes are offered in the basement of Lynn Hall — overhead utility pipes included — along with a morgue and the simulated "person" who displays human characteristics. Purdue professors and local physicians assist in the training of these outstanding students.

The program now admits 16 first-year students and 16 second-year students, but they have plans to expand those numbers with the development of more space in the new building. This past summer, third-year students began training in West Lafayette, and 2013 will bring the beginning of a fourth-year program.

PURA members and guests attend Civic Theater event

After enjoying appetizers and drinks supplied by Adelino's Old World Kitchen, Purdue retirees and their guests nearly filled the Lafayette Civic Theater on Sept. 20 to enjoy a musical tribute to Ol' Blue Eyes himself – Frank Sinatra.

Along with the smooth music provided by a three-piece band, four vocalists provided a perfect blend of more than 50 Sinatra songs that we all know while relating many stories of Sinatra's life. We were transported back to the Sinatra era in a nightclub setting.

What a perfect night for reminiscing, singing along, and toe tapping!

Spring Fling 2013

Thursday, May 23

Faculty, Staff and Retirees Appreciation Event Retiree Registration Form

Attention PURA members! We've been asked to participate in Spring Fling once again. Spring Fling will be held in and around the Córdova Co-Rec on Thursday, May 23. If you want to attend or volunteer, please fill out the form and return it to Carrie Hanson at the address listed below. Thanks!!!

RETIREE REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone number _____

Email address _____

☐ I'd like to VOLUNTEER to help with:

____ Food ____ Clean-up

____ Fitness Walk ____ Any area

____ Popcorn

☐ 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.

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.

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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 _____

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