

## Members attend a tour of the Kurz Purdue Technology Center



*Past President Sue Hiser introduces Jan Mills to PURA members attending the event.*

### **Purdue Research Park**

- Four locations: West Lafayette, Indianapolis, Merrillville and New Albany
- More than 200 companies
- Employs about 4,100 people
- Study: annual economic impact of \$1.3 billion to the State of Indiana

During a visit to Purdue Research Park on Oct. 31, Jan Mills, director of economic development, presented members of PURA and their guests with a Halloween program about Purdue Research Park and a tour of the Kurz Purdue Technology Center. Mills explained that the park includes technology-based companies from such diverse areas as defense and cybersecurity, engineering, information technology and life sciences.

The West Lafayette research park encompasses 725 acres, about half of which is used, so there is room to grow. There are more than 50 buildings, 164 companies, and 3,500 employees, including 250 student employees. Those attending learned that there are also research parks in Merrillville, New Albany and Indianapolis.

The Kurz tour concluded with an opportunity to talk to an employee/PhD student working in the information technology field. Retirees were proud to learn that the West Lafayette research park is the largest university-affiliated incubator complex in the country.



## AGING FAMILIES AND HEALTH SYMPOSIUM: SOCIAL INFLUENCES ON HEALTH LIFESTYLE CHOICES IN LATER LIFE

*(This symposium was co-sponsored by the Center for Families and the Purdue University Retirees Association)*

The Center on Aging and the Life Course faculty and friends gathered for the annual Fall Symposium to explore how social influences affect health lifestyle choices later in life. During the event on Sept. 20 at the Burton D. Morgan Center for Entrepreneurship, three leading scholars — Deborah Carr, Karen Hooker, and Alex Zautra — graced the campus with their presence and knowledge of how social influences shape later life.



*Deborah Carr explains family relations affecting end-of-life health care planning.*

Deborah Carr, professor and chair of the Department of Sociology at Rutgers University, challenged the idea that we are “born alone and die alone.” Her research examines the intricate role that family relations play in end-of-life health care preparations. She reported that she has found that the majority of people, if they had their way, would prefer the comfort of their own homes at the end of life rather than a health care facility or hospital. Yet, research shows that the vast majority of people — up to 75% of Americans — die in a hospital setting surrounded by family members.

Carr proposed the idea of practicing patient-centered care. Patient-centered care would make care plans to be family-based, therefore making the patient only one part of the health care plan equation. Carr left attendees with the thought that

it is not the actual event of death that is most important to the patient’s overall well-being and state of happiness near the end of life. Rather, it is the process of dying that patients find most crucial to their care and departure.

Carr also noted that many people procrastinate with making a living will or durable power of attorney for health care. She urged audience members not only to talk with family members about



*Karen Hooker emphasizes the importance of planning and self-regulation of health goals.*

their preferences but to also do the legal work to safeguard those preferences.

Karen Hooker, professor and director of the Oregon State Center for Healthy Aging Research, elucidated how families shape the rhythms of daily life, including health care plans. Hooker’s research regarding self-regulation of health highlights the role of planning. She has found that goals, even if delayed by family needs or events, help people manage health promotion efforts related to diet, exercise and stress management. Moreover, communicating one’s health goals to family members and/or close personal relationships aids goal achievement — health promotion is a social process. People who have others supporting them in pursuit of their health goals are more effective in reaching the desired end.

Alex Zautra, the Arizona State Uni-

versity Foundation Professor of Clinical Psychology, presented information on social intelligence training and suggested how this can enhance the well-being of older adults. Social intelligence refers to the ability to form meaningful relationships with others and effectively negotiate complex social relationships. Research reveals that social intelligence helps people interact more effectively with health care providers and



*Alex Zautra conveyed the power of social intelligence on health.*

caregivers. This may occur in health promotion, primary care, or long-term care. Zautra explained that social intelligence interventions also give health care professionals a greater sense of direction in how to develop humanistic and meaningful relations between both patients and staff in long-term facilities.

Zautra challenged the notion that resilience is largely an attribute of the individual. Instead, he finds that resilience is socially developed. Social intelligence encourages the development of resilience, enabling patients to recover more quickly from illness episodes and sustain daily activities.

The Center on Aging and the Life Course appreciates the support of the Purdue University Retirees Association for the symposium.

## PURA president and vice president help with football game statistics

The Purdue careers of PURA President Bob Bain and Vice President Dan Collins intertwined in many places, from attending conferences to campus-wide projects to computerizing Physical Facilities. While both are now retired, they continue a long collaboration on football Saturdays. Bob and Dan are part of the statistics crew that produces the official game stats for Purdue home games. They’ve been doing it for more than 30 years, the exact date they started getting lost in the mists of time.

Bob and Dan are responsible for individual and team offense. From the stat crew booth in the press box, Bob calls the ball handlers and yard lines and interprets penalties. Dan writes it down and makes sure the data to enter into the computer is correct. Fred Rogers and Dick Damman, both former Purdue accountants, do the same for defensive action, and a grad student enters it all in the computer. The software then totals cumulative individual and team stats and displays them on computer monitors around the press box and on the stadium scoreboard.

The computer system is a great improvement — when they started doing stats, Fred, Bob and Dan tracked things by hand, manually recording each play and adding everything together as the game went on. Then, after the final gun, the totals had to be crosschecked and laboriously recorded on mimeo-masters and large NCAA forms, often taking a couple of hours after the game ended. The mimeo-masters (remember those things?) were delicate, so — of course — any irretrievable errors happened near the end of the page. With the computer system, when the crew is confident there are no errors, final numbers are a matter of adding a few keystrokes a minute after the game ends.

Bob and Dan have seen a lot of memorable plays and games over the years, but they agree that one stands



*Bob Bain (left) and Dan Collins are members of the statistics crew for Purdue home football games.*

out. Purdue was playing Ohio State late in the 2000 season and needed to win to keep on track for the Rose Bowl. Purdue led most of the game but fell behind late and desperately needed a score. Bob remembers, “all of a sudden we looked up and (wide receiver) Seth Morales was running free behind the defense. Drew

Brees threw a perfect pass for a long touchdown and everyone celebrated. I had to calm down to call the play.” The Boilermakers held on to win and secure their second trip ever to Pasadena, a trip both Bob and Dan enjoyed. Individual plays and wins like those make all the years worthwhile.

# CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Campus and Community Activities Committee is offering two interesting tours this spring.

**ON TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014, AT 2 P.M.,** there will be a program and tour of **Faith West**, where many Purdue students are living. PURA members and their guests will learn about the philosophy behind Faith West, the expectations of residents, and the opportunities and services Faith West offers to its residents and to the community. A tour of the facility and an apartment will be included in the event. Those attending should park behind Faith West in the main parking lot, enter in main entrance

at the back of the building and meet at the reception desk.

**ON THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2014, AT 3 P.M.,** PURA members and their guests will have the opportunity to learn about and tour the **Alexander Field and baseball facility**. Parking will be at the Alexander Field parking lot. PURA will meet at the clubhouse. After the presentation and tour, members and guests can drive to the nearby Schwartz Tennis Center, park and have a tour of that facility.

Please register for these tours on the form below or by calling Michele Salla at 765-494-1779 or emailing her at [masalla@purdue.edu](mailto:masalla@purdue.edu).



Faith West Community Center



The John and Anna Margaret Ross Alexander Field is the new home of Purdue's 2012 Big Ten champion baseball team.



Indoor courts at the Schwartz Tennis Center

### Campus and Community Activities reservation Form

Fill out the form below, letting PURA know what event you plan to attend and registering by submitting the form with the full identification information.

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on \_\_\_\_\_

All attendee name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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OR email reservation to Michele Salla at [masalla@purdue.edu](mailto:masalla@purdue.edu).

Reservations should be submitted as soon as possible. Guests are welcome.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

As the local coordinator of the AARP TaxAide group, PURA member Bob Pierret is seeking volunteers to help with the preparation of tax returns at nine sites around the area — located at the YWCA, Lafayette Senior Center, Morton Community Center, Fairington Apartments, Indiana Veterans Home, Salvation Army, Friendship House, Wabash Center and the Brookston Library. The TaxAide program is geared to assist low-to moderate-income taxpayers, especially those 60 and older. However, we don't turn away anyone with a return that can be completed in-scope. Volunteers are provided with detailed tax preparation information and five days of training in January. Tax returns are prepared beginning in February. Volunteers choose the level of their involvement.

For additional information, interested parties should contact Bob Pierret at 765-463-7372 or [wlpierret@hotmail.com](mailto:wlpierret@hotmail.com).

## PURA NEWSLETTER

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## PURA MEMBERSHIP AND OUR DIRECTORY: A PLEA FOR HELP

Dan Collins, PURA Vice President

Last year, you received a hard copy of the Retiree Phone Directory. The information printed in it came from a database maintained by the University Development Office. Recently, I received an electronic version of the most current directory data in order to help PURA officers and committee chairs gain a more detailed understanding of PURA members. From that analysis, the PURA Board should be able to plan better programs, enrich communications, and solicit committee members from our diverse constituency.

As with all good analyses, the results are only as good as the data. At the bottom of the last page of the PURA newsletters you will find a form you can use to keep the directory information current. PLEASE use that form to provide any directory information additions, corrections, or changes, including e-mail address additions. OR e-mail any information directly to me at [decollins.retired@yahoo.com](mailto:decollins.retired@yahoo.com). I know some of you have e-mail addresses that were not listed in the recent printed directory, and I know some have obsolete mailing addresses and phone

The table below represents some of the summary information now available to us.

PURA Member Counts		
Sort Group	Head Counts	Percent of Total
Total Headcount	4189	100%
w / E-mail Address	1581	38%
479xx ZIP code	2469	59%
47906 Retirees	976	23%
Indiana Addresses	3424	82%
Clerical	840	20%
Service	910	22%
Faculty / Admin	2434	58%
Local Clerical with Zip Code 479xx	528	13%
Local Service with Zip Code 479xx	672	16%
Retirement Date 2000-2004	820	20%
Retirement Date 2005-2009	845	20%
Retirement Date 2010-2013	1132	27%
No Retirement Date	256	6%

numbers listed. Also, if you know of any fellow PURA members who retired prior to 2011 and are NOT listed in the directory, please let us know. As always, you have the option of opting out of (aka not) having your information published in the directory.

## PURA members give to Purdue

Purdue retirees continue to support Purdue University and its endeavors in a manner consistent with their passion for the University. This past fiscal year at the beginning of November, Purdue retiree giving was 57.4 percent ahead of the same time in 2012. The President's Council and the entire University are deeply grateful for the ongoing support of Purdue retirees, who not only financially give to the University but also continue to put their time, expertise and energy into Purdue activities.

There are many ways PURA members can help Purdue. One is to support the PURA endeavor to grow the Jischke Purdue Opportunity Award (scholarship endowment) that supports students as they study at Purdue. PURA invites you to send a check made payable to the Purdue Foundation (write Jischke POA on the memo line). Mail to: University Development Office, Dauch Alumni Center, Rm. 1124, 403 Wood St., West Lafayette, IN 47907. If you have questions about other ways you might help, please call 765-494-2730.

# Those Were the Days: Water skiing in North Carolina, 1952

When Temple Pearson was a junior in high school, she found a notice in the newspaper asking for interested water skiers to come to the Trent Pines Club and try out for a position in a ski club that was going to feature Dick Pope Jr., a world champion barefoot water skier. Here are her memories of that experience.

Oh, I thought this would be so much fun to watch. The try-out day finally came, and I had no idea of trying out because I didn't even have water skis. I sat on the dock and watched several people try; many fell on the doubles act, a stunt where a girl drops her skis and climbs up on a boy's shoulders. The first girl fell, the next girl fell, and then surprisingly, Lt. Pope looked at me and said, "Next!" He loaned me a pair of skis and off I went. I discovered that you didn't need to be a good skier, you just had to have balance and be able to climb. I realized that it is just like getting on a horse — after you stepped into your partner's hand (or the horse's stirrup), your skis seemed to just magically fall off and up you would go to his shoulders. Oh, this was so much fun! The tricks we later learned from the pro included doubles, Ballet Girls, three and five "man" pyramids, and finally a trick called the "Backward Swan." I had found my niche. It was so wonderful being one of the stars! I don't think I have ever been happier.

They say teen years are a struggle, but not for me. I had a passion for friends and anything on the water in our lovely town of New Bern, N.C. We called

ourselves The Trent Pines Ski Club, and we put on a few local shows that all our



Temple Pearson remembers her time water skiing in North Carolina.

family and friends came to see. I was shocked when I discovered I was allowed to participate on Sunday. I am so thankful that my parents agreed to my participation.

One day, someone in charge got a call from the Marine Corps in Cherry Point, N.C. (the largest Marine air base in the world) asking our little group to come and perform for our troops. Dick Pope called his father at Cypress Gardens in Winter Haven, Fla., and asked him to send ropes and costumes. Done. I was so impressed. Finally the big day arrived. After much practice, we were ready. I was in several acts and finally was to be one of the top girls in the five-man pyramid. All was going well, when the man I was standing on got a cramp and turned his handle loose. My rope pulled me forward into the water and his momentum made him ski into my face. My father ran through the crowd to the general's viewing platform and said, "Someone has to get my daughter!" I was out cold in the water, but the fellow who caused the accident was right there with me so there was no fear of drowning. I have worn a three-tooth crown in remembrance of that day for 60 years.

Temple started to work at the Fowler House in 1979 for Wilma Kay. Then she transferred to Shreve Hall with Mary Ann Kleman in 1980. In 1981, she went to Windsor Halls as an assistant food supervisor with Sarah Johnson and Sally Baugues. She retired from Windsor in 2000.

## PURA OFFICER CANDIDATES 2014-15

Candidates were announced at the January luncheon and will be voted on in February at the luncheon's business meeting. The slate of officers has been submitted by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Executive Board. The slate is:

### PRESIDENT, WHO IS VICE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT-ELECT DURING 2013-14, DAN COLLINS

Dan Collins worked at Purdue over 40 years. His last position included information systems auditor, internal audit, and certification facilitator. He is currently a volunteer adult GED for the Lafayette Adult Resource Academy, United Way personal finance trainer, member of the PFCU Supervisory (Audit) Committee, Purdue football and basketball statistician, and PURA vice president.

### VICE PRESIDENT, WHO WILL BE PRESIDENT-ELECT DURING 2014-15, OLIVIA BENNETT WOOD

Olivia Bennett Wood, professor emeritus of the Department of Foods and Nutrition, School of Consumer and Family Sciences, was a faculty member from 1973 to 2007. She helped build a dietetics program that is one of the top in the nation. She became director of the program in 1976. She has received many awards as a teacher and as a professional. Olivia is in the Book of Great Teachers at Purdue. She has served the American Dietetic Association at the regional, state and national levels.

### SECRETARY-TREASURER, WHO WILL BE COMPLETING HER 3-YEAR TERM, MELINDA BAIN

### HISTORIAN, WHO WILL BE COMPLETING HER 3-YEAR TERM, CAROLYN JONES

### PAST PRESIDENT, ROBERT BAIN

Serving on the Nominating Committee were Sue Hiser, chair; Mary Alice Nebold; Scott Rumble; Diane Stevenson, and Dan Collins, ex officio.

## Monthly Luncheon Series 2014



We hope you will join us for lunch at the MCL Cafeteria in West Lafayette the first Monday of each month. You will have an opportunity to visit with friends and to learn from an interesting speaker who will keep us current on the activities of Purdue and the community. Lunch is available from 11 a.m. and the programs begin at 11:50 a.m. in the Purdue Room.

### JANUARY 6

Topic: Future of the Drug War in Indiana  
Speaker: Capt. Gary Sparger, West Lafayette patrol captain  
Coordinator: Don Jones

### FEBRUARY 3

Topic: Purdue University Archives  
Speaker: Sammie Morris, associate professor of library science  
Coordinator: John Trott

### MARCH 3

Topic: Research in Degenerative Diseases  
Speaker: Mary Guerriero Austrom, professor, Indiana Alzheimer's Disease Center, Indiana University School of Medicine  
Coordinator: Don Jones

### APRIL 7

Topic: Update on the Big Ten Conference  
Speaker: Morgan Burke, director of intercollegiate athletics  
Coordinator: Ken Coleman

### MAY 5

Topic: The West Lafayette Trail System: Present & Future; and update on the Morton Community Center  
Speakers: Joe Payne, West Lafayette Parks Dept., and Bess Witcosky, director of the Morton Community Center  
Coordinator: Doug Sprengle

### JUNE 2

Topic: Future of Public Education in Indiana  
Speaker: Professor James Freeland, Purdue College of Education  
Coordinator: Lyle Lloyd

### JULY 7

Speaker: Lafayette Mayor Tony Roswarski  
Coordinator: Dale Margerum

### AUGUST 4

Topic: Stop Fraud and Crime Before They Strike  
Speaker: Michelle Mayer, outreach services director, Indiana Office of the Attorney General  
Coordinator: Sue Scholer

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