

Purdue women deans credited for their accomplishments in Purdue University Press book



Purdue University Press has just released Angie Klink's nonfiction book, "The Deans' Bible." In this finely researched narrative, Klink details the work of five women, Dorothy C. Stratton, Helen B. Schleman, M. Beverley Stone, Barbara I. Cook and Betty M. Nelson, showing how their contributions to Purdue student life significantly shaped campus attitudes and services from the 1930s to 1990s.

These five women were guided by a close friendship that is well reflected in "The Deans' Bible," a commonplace book possessing information about the hard decisions each made concerning issues as complex as women's place on campus, the medical challenges of infectious diseases such as AIDS and other complex social issues such as alcoholic consumption on campus and in the Lafayette community.

The eras when they served as a dean created different problems, but the women were bound in friendship, shared dedi-

cation and held a secret guide, the Deans' Bible. The book's original owner was Carolyn Shoemaker, the first part-time dean of women. Favorite passages were marked as it was handed down to each subsequent dean.

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Two early endorsements for the book reveal the book's strengths to PURA members who like to read:

Angie Klink has woven the lives of these remarkable, courageous women educators into an inspiring narrative — scrupulously researched, wonderfully written. A compelling story.

Ilene Beckerman | author of *Love, Loss, and What I Wore*, adapted for the stage by Nora and Delia Ephron

The Deans' Bible superbly chronicles the indelible impact of five courageous, passionate and caring women who led and fought for the advancement of women and higher education.

This is the account of leaders who shared of themselves generously and set an example of professionalism for all they touched. These women were "leaning in" long before others recognized that women could take their place in a leadership position.

Rusty Rueff | Chairman, The Grammy Foundation

The PURA Music Men

When the Purdue University Retirees Association gathers at MCL Cafeteria for lunch on the first Monday of each month, Roy Johnson and Jeris Eikenberry offer a few minutes of humor and the chance to join in song. Roy picks the songs to reflect a season, holiday or event. Occasionally this “reflection” becomes a bit obscure and is met with laughter or perhaps even a few groans. Jeris, at the piano, is not a good music reader so you won’t see him flipping sheets of music. Instead, he improvises the hundreds of songs in their repertoire. This ability is not without hazards. There are times when Jeris wings off on his own until he gets that “where are you going?” glance from Roy.

Jeris and Roy came to Purdue with backgrounds in music. Roy, from Chicago, sang in the high school choir and played clarinet. Jeris, from nearby Flora, played trumpet and never met a piano he didn’t like. His years in 4-H featured a lot of communal singing. When they arrived at Purdue, every male student was required to join a military organization. Roy chose the Purdue Military Marching Band. Jeris was advised that it was better to be an officer than a grunt, so he joined the ROTC.

Roy became the assistant director of the Purdue University Band, and he remains close to the organization today. Last year, he and his wife, Sarah, accompanied the band to Ireland and watched the members perform admirably in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade. The band also gave an impromptu concert in front of Kilkenny Castle. Jeris spent 25 years in the military service, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. True to his nature, he found pianos wherever he went. A piano was instrumental in meeting his wife, but that’s a story for another time.

The two finally met when a mutual friend at Kiwanis introduced them. Jeris had the piano duties there because he was the only one who could play “Hail Purdue,” which he says is difficult. They paired their talents at Kiwanis and were occasionally asked by a program chair to lead songs at a PURA luncheon. In January 2007, they became a permanent part of PURA’s monthly luncheon meetings. And the rest, as they say, is history. PURA is honored to have the talents of these “music men” at each luncheon meeting!



Jeris Eikenberry at last year’s PURA Kickoff Luncheon.

Spring Fling 2014 Registration

Spring Fling will be held on Thursday, May 22, at Memorial Mall. PURA members are welcome to attend the scheduled events or to work as a volunteer. Please fill out the following information and return it to the address on the right.

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Carrie Hanson
Human Resources Services
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NOTE: Those who would like to **play golf** must reserve a tee time at the course by calling 765-494-3139, Ext. 1.



Purdue's Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex.

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Interview with Angie Klink

Why did you decide to write this book?

Over the years when I attended a women's function at Purdue, I repeatedly saw the photo of the five deans that is now on the cover of "The Deans' Bible."

Every time I saw the photo of the five women walking toward me, standing shoulder to shoulder, I thought, "There's a story." I had no idea what the story was, but I knew these women looked like solidarity — and there had to be more than met the eye.

What do you hope to accomplish with this book?

First, I wanted to tell the stories of women of Purdue that have not been told. Often women are left out of history books, including those for universities.

Each member of this connected quintet was courageous in speaking out for students, for women, for those with disabilities, for those who were "different."

Each dean, during her tenure, was often the lone female voice in a male dominated administration.

Second, I hope that their examples of leadership, women helping other women, and courage to strive for equality for all can inspire people today.

What would you like for readers to take away from this book?

I hope readers gain a reverence for how difficult it was for the deans to encourage women students to fulfill their capabilities when society did not see a female's education as a valuable commodity.



Angie Klink

Photo provided by Jack Klink

Interview with Betty Nelson

What is the Deans' Bible? What does it mean to you personally?

The worn, leather-bound Bible that is now a century old is a link that confirms my relationship with an extraordinary group of women who were trailblazers. In earlier times, a family's lineage was recorded in the front of an old Bible; similarly, the family tree of Purdue's Student Services is recorded in this old Bible that belonged to Dean Carolyn Shoemaker, the first part-time dean of women for Purdue. For me, this Bible is not a religious symbol but a reminder that I am a member of a rare fraternity with the highest standards.

What is your reaction to Angie Klink's book?

Even though I know the characters well and most of the details of their stories, I was captivated by "The Deans' Bible" — I laughed, led cheers, was anxious and wept as I read. Angie Klink has done a fine job weaving the deans' lives together like a fine piece of crocheting rather than as individual stories. An excellent researcher, she included some new information about the deans that made the reading even more interesting.



Betty Nelson, dean of students, 1987-96.

In your leadership positions at Purdue, how were you able to open new avenues for students and others?

Over the eight decades covered by "The Deans' Bible," national and global events had a huge impact on how we spent our

careers. My predecessor deans were in place for WWII and the struggles related to the Civil Rights Movement — the Equal Rights Amendment, Title IX, the Civil Rights and the Voting Rights Acts, Affirmative Action and desegregation of public schools.

In addition, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act were the specific pieces of legislation that impacted my work at Purdue. At the time of the passage of the Rehabilitation Act, Purdue University welcomed students, employees, and guests with disabilities, but the campus was not designed to accommodate their special needs. Beginning with changes in physical facilities, we began support programs for those with learning disabilities, vision and hearing impairments and emotional disabilities. Individual attitudes changed and many departments at the University became partners in this effort; the number of students with disabilities grew dramatically. There is more work to do, but Purdue is a far more welcoming place today because of these changes.

CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Campus and Community Committee is offering a special tour this spring of the tennis and baseball facilities.

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 **tennis facility**, park and have a tour of that facility.

Please register for this tour on the form to the right or by calling Michele Salla at 494-1779 or emailing her at masalla@purdue.edu.

Cut out or copy, 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 as soon as possible. Guests are welcome.

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.

I will attend the 3 p.m. Spring Sports Facilities Tour on Thursday, May 8, 2014

All attendee name(s) _____

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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

CO-REC at PURDUE JOINS SILVER SNEAKERS

Purdue University, with encouragement from the PURA Benefits Committee, has signed a contract to offer the Silver Sneakers program at the Córdoba Recreational Sports Center, also known as the Co-Rec. Some administrative processes must be worked out prior to the facility opening to PURA Medical Insurance members. Keep watching the PURA web-site for an announcement!

France A. Córdoba Recreational Sports Center

- Named for former university President France A. Córdoba, who served from 2007 to 2012
- Dedicated in 2012
- Expansion of the nation's first general recreation center at a university
- Formerly known as the Recreational Gymnasium, or "Co-Rec"

Top: Whether it's basketball or running, you'll find areas at the Co-Rec where you can enjoy your favorite athletic activities.

Bottom: Personal trainers who develop personalized exercise programs, based on health history, goals and fitness levels, are one of many services offered by the Co-Rec.



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE PURA KICKOFF LUNCHEON



Mark your calendars now for the annual PURA Kickoff Luncheon!

We will meet Monday, September 8, 2014, at Four Points by Sheraton in West Lafayette. You'll receive complete information about the event and the registration form for the event in the summer issue of the PURA newsletter.

Members gather at last year's kickoff luncheon.

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NEWSLETTER

The *Purdue University Retirees Association Newsletter* is published for official retirees of Purdue University by the Office of Marketing and Media. For change of address, please use the form on the back page of this newsletter or send email to hr@purdue.edu.

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Monthly Luncheon Series 2014



We hope you will join us for lunch at 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 in the Purdue Room.

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

PURA HEALTH CARE AND BENEFITS INFORMATION IS A CLICK AWAY!



If you are able to access the Web, PURA Health Insurance and Other Benefits Committee invites you to visit the PURA website often because information is updated weekly for you! Useful information is also housed on the Benefits page of the PURA website. With a click to Benefits/Health, you can capture detailed information concerning the PURA benefits/health program. It is a good spot to visit when you go to the PURA website.

PURA retirees will also find current information about other PURA committee sponsored events. So, remember, the most current information for all com-

mittees is on both the home page of our website and individual pages containing extended information. It's all just a click away. We encourage you to bookmark PURA's website at its home address at www.purdue.edu/retirees/index.html or keep the entry tag available for quick access from the public library or other away-from-home locations.

The website also informs PURA members of University events, convocations, Purdue sports and much more. You can get up-to-date information if you regularly visit the PURA website!

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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 hr@purdue.edu. Thank you.

Purdue University Retirees

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