# PURA News



Trent Klingerman, keynote speaker PURA Transition meeting

### **Moving Forward**

PURA officers and committees met on May 5 at Stewart Center to plan PURA programs and activities for the coming year. Outgoing president, Dan Collins, passed the organization's official "key" to incoming 2015-16 PURA president, Olivia Wood, at the Annual Transition Luncheon held at the Purdue Memorial Union. In attendance were the current and new PURA committee members, officers and guests. Outgoing committee members and officers were also recognized.

Trent Klingerman, Interim Vice President for Human Resources and PURA Liaison, addressed the dual roles of the University and PURA in "attracting, retaining, and engaging" faculty and staff. He applauded PURA by stating, "You are a warm and welcoming association that is dedicated to furthering the mission of the University and serving the entire University community. Simply put, you are the Purdue community that Purdue employees and retirees crave"

The new leadership is excited about the coming year and enthusiastic about continuing current activities and programs and providing educational opportunities for enriching the lives of PURA members.

#### Wood Outlines PURA

#### **Agenda for 2015-2016**



It is with a tremendous amount of both excitement and humbleness that I assume the position of PURA president! I continue to be awed by all that PURA offers retirees, and by the past leaders who have worked to place PURA as a premier retiree organization in the Big Ten! Of course, we will continue all the activities and opportunities you have come to enjoy: the trips, tours, luncheons, conferences, etc. The PURA health insurance offerings continue to be the envy of the Big Ten Retiree organizations. The support PURA members give to our com-

munity through the annual United Way drive is stellar. Along with these important functions, we plan to add a few new initiatives. Our priority for the year is for PURA NEWS to be established as an effective and timely communication tool. Another exciting venture is taking a hard look at what PURA could/should look like in 2020. Organizations have to keep evolving to stay fresh and interesting, particularly to new members. How can we incorporate old traditions with new enticements for active memberships? Let us know your thoughts!

### **Upcoming Events**

July 6	PURA Monthly Lunch and Program at MCL Cafeteria - 11 AM
July 15	PURA Chocolate Trail Trip
July 27	PURA Reception with President Daniels - East/West Faculty Lounges
Aug. 3	PURA Monthly Lunch and Program at MCL Cafeteria - 11 AM
Sept. 12	PURA Tour to Chicago - Check the website for further details
Sept. 14	PURA Kickoff Luncheon, Four Points Sheraton
	Complete registration information will be available in PURA News, August, and also on the PURA website.
Oct. 24	PURA Trip/Cruise- Celebrate The Belle of Louisville's 101st year! Check website for details

### Speaker Educates and

#### **Entertains Purdue Retirees**



The 2015 Purposeful Living in Retirement Program was a wonderful success. Special thanks are extended to many people for their input and direction with the program. The topics included "Drug Side Effects," "The Changing World of Health Care and Benefits," "Steps Beyond Estate Planning," and "Home Health Care". A special presentation was given by Don Gentry to update us on the many health insurance changes we have currently experienced and what to expect in the future. Numerous door prizes were provided by the exhibitors and the Purdue Alumni Association. There were many commercial exhibitors who were able to answer questions. A special thank you goes to the Beck Center for their great "down home" welcome. Mark your calendar for April 20, 2016, as the committee is

already making plans for another PLIR Program.



#### SilverSneakers® at A.H. Ismail Center

The Ismail Center located in Lyles-Porter Hall has been a SilverSneakers facility since 2011. There are currently 125 eligible individuals that take advantage of the SilverSneakers benefits offered at the Center. SilverSneakers members receive a free basic membership to the 6000 ft<sup>2</sup> Center which includes access to state-of-the-art cardiovascular and strength training equipment, a SilverSneakers Classic group exercise class, daily use lockers, shower and towel. The SilverSneakers Classic group exercise class is offered at 10:00 am and 11:00 am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Other group exercise classes include Yoga, Aerobics, Stretch/Relaxation, and Cancer Wellness.

For more information about the SilverSneakers program at the Ismail Center please call 765-496-1015 or visit the web site at http://www.purdue.edu/hhs/hk/ismail/index.html.

### Organization Lends a

#### Helping Hand to Retirees



Purdue Extension (formerly known as the Cooperative Extension Service) has won PURA's 2015 Arthur G. Hansen Recognition Award for its relationship with its retirees. The award will be presented June 25 to Jason Henderson, Director of Purdue Extension, at the University's annual

retirement banquet in Purdue Memorial Union. Purdue Extension will receive a trophy and will be listed on

a plaque in the corridor of the Union. The award also includes \$2,500 funded by TIAA-CREF, to be used to help strengthen the Department's ties to its retirees.



The award is named for Arthur Hansen, Purdue's eighth president, who established the retirees' association in 1976. The award is given annually to a Purdue school, department, office or division that cultivates and maintains meaningful relationships with its retirees. CES was nominated for fostering retirees' involvement by:

- Providing a means of communication to help retirees stay connected with their former co-workers
- Providing opportunities to stay connected with the University
- Offering educational seminars dealing with subjects of interest to retirees
- Promoting camaraderie among retirees
- Offering a variety of social activities for retirees to bring old friends and co-workers together, and Providing a link for support of the University when needed. PURA congratulates Extension/CES on the outstanding efforts to assure their retirees remain members of Purdue and their respective communities. They represent a model that all Purdue colleges, schools, division, and departments should strive to emulate.

#### Did you know?

When did the Purdue Memorial Union open?

A) 1924 B) 1940 C) 1951 D) 1969

#### **PURA News Briefs**



#### Summer Wellness Screenings

Would you like your free wellness screen this summer? If you did not participate in either the fall or the spring wellness screenings, you now have an opportunity to do so this summer. The Nursing Center for Family Health (NCFH) in Lyles-Porter Hall will have summer hours. Just email the NCFH nurse, Chris Rearick, at crearick@purdue.edu with your phone number and she will get in touch with you to schedule a time. You may also call her at 765-496-0308. The hours of operation are sporadic so an email may get a quicker response.

Wellness screenings will continue in the fall with the students performing the service. They hope to expand the screenings again to include body composition, medication therapy management with the Purdue Pharmacy, a Hypertension Clinic and the IU Medical School screening physicals. If you are interested in any of these offerings, please contact Chris at the above e-mail address or phone number. The Purdue Nursing students greatly benefit from our participation.

Purdue University Retirees Association members are invited to a

PURA Reception with President Daniels

East and West Faculty Lounges

**Purdue Memorial Union** 

Purdue University

4:00 - 5:00 pm on Monday, July 27, 2015

Business casual attire

RSVP required by July 20 to presevents@purdue.edu or 494-9708

#### PURA News Briefs (cont.)

#### Benefits committee news for July 2015

The Purdue University Retirees Association (PURA) Benefits Committee and Purdue University Human Resources desire to have in place a member eligibility for enrollment and continuation in any Health Insurance Plan offered by PURA, and a termination policy to govern members with 90 days of past due health insurance premiums. Due to various reasons, some of our members have not been able to keep current on their premium payments to United Healthcare. The Benefits Committee of PURA is working with UHC to develop such a policy. It is hoped that a policy will be ready for communication to our members in the near future.

#### Luncheon Series 2015 Continues

We hope you will join us for lunch and a program at the Purdue Room in the MCL Cafeteria in West Lafayette, the first Monday of each month, excluding holidays. The lunch line is open at 11 AM with the program beginning at 11:50 AM. The remaining programs for the 2014-15 series are:

July 6: Topic: Modern Cooperative Extension Service with speaker Jason Henderson

August 3: Topic: Retirees volunteering, with a panel outlining volunteer opportunities such as Habitat, Boiler Volunteer Network, etc.



## Purdue Then & Now





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#### 2015 PURA Leaders



Please Note—some officers and chairs not photographed

The PURA Board appointed the following committee chairs: Benefits - Don Gentry; Campus and Community Activities - Richard Nelson; Communications - Karen Lembcke and Suzanne Collins, co-chairs; Endowment - Sue Hiser; Trips and Tours - Thomas Haworth; Hospitality- Jeris Eikenberry and Dorothy Jones, co-chairs; Kickoff Luncheon - Sarah Johnson and Ann Pickett, co-chairs; Program - Sue Scholer and Don Jones, co-chairs; and Purposeful Living in Retirement - Scott Rumble, interim Chair.

Complete information about the duties of each committee and its activities can be found at the PURA website: <a href="www.purdue.edu/retirees/committees/index.html">www.purdue.edu/retirees/committees/index.html</a>