

PURA News

Dr. Vic Lechtenberg

Keynote for September Luncheon



All Purdue employees are invited to join former colleagues and friends on Monday, September 14 at the PURA Annual Kickoff Luncheon at Four Points by Sheraton. Dr. Lechtenberg, now officially retired, will share his memories of Purdue as Dean Emeritus, Professor Emeritus, Special Assistant to the President, and many other positions. The cost of the luncheon is \$16. If you are a new retiree, or if you have not previously come to the Kickoff Luncheon, we encourage you to register and join the fun and fellowship. Doors to the Grand Ballroom will open at 11:30 a.m. Attendees will be eligible to win door prizes donated by local merchants during the drawings which begin at 11:45. The luncheon will be served starting at

noon.

The Kickoff Luncheon also includes, for the second year, the exciting “common read” program featuring a Purdue University Press book. This year’s hardback book, titled Little Else Than a Memory: Purdue Students Search for the Class of 1904, was completely produced by students in the Purdue University Honors College. This book contains ten essays by undergraduate students of today about their forebears in the class of 1904. The biographical essays, editing, typesetting, and design of this book were all completed by Purdue freshmen and sophomores. Two faculty members provided an introduction and epilogue. The biography authors were led in interesting and very different directions as a result of their investigations. Their archival research included unexpected twists and turns and some connections with their subjects’ kin.

Although many differences between modern-day university culture and the campus of 1904 emerged,

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2015 Purdue Retirees' Luncheon



Left to right: Jay Akridge, Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture, Dr. Deba Dutta, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, and Dr. Jason Henderson, Associate Dean and Director of Purdue Extension - who is receiving the award.

The annual Purdue retiree recognition luncheon was held in the Memorial Union on June 25, 2015. The celebration recognized retirees from July 2014-July 2015. Of the 341 retirees this past year, 93 were present with family and friends. Those not present will receive their certificate by

mail. In addition to the certificate retirees received a PURA business card listing the web site and selected PURA opportunities.

Interim Vice President for Human Resources, Trent Klingerman, was the emcee. Dr. Deba Dutta, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, spoke and presented the certificates. Service years ranged from 10 to 53 years. The Danny Weiss Jazz Trio provided music.

Dr. Dutta thanked the retirees for their commitment, dedication, loyalty, and support in making Purdue the success it is today. He paid tribute to the retirees for helping students become future leaders as well as providing the environment where faculty can conduct research that improves lives around the world. He encouraged retirees to remain involved with Purdue.

The Arthur G. Hansen Recognition Award, presented jointly by the Office of the President and PURA, was awarded to the Cooperative Extension Service in the College of Agriculture. Jay Akridge, Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture, and Dr. Jason Henderson, Associate Dean and Director of Purdue Extension, accepted the award from Dr. Dutta.

PURA Joins United Way

In Building a Community

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The United Way Campaign is gearing up and PURA members will be receiving letters for participation in early August. The theme this year is Cradle to Career Continuum, Every person succeeding in Greater Lafayette. Purdue University has a long

history of supporting the work of the United Way of Greater Lafayette. Collectively the Purdue family is the largest donor to the annual campaign, and PURA members are the largest donors from a specified group in the Purdue campaign. PURA takes great pride in knowing peoples' lives are made better because of your contributions.

On the pledge form you are given options of a one-time gift or a gift for which you can be billed once, quarterly, or monthly. If you choose to be billed, please know that if you would later need to make an adjustment to your pledge, you can contact the United Way organization to change your pledge. Information to facilitate your contact with United Way is on the pledge form.

United Way and PURA also appreciate the many PURA members who give through personal volunteer time to the many programs and agencies supported by United Way in our local community. Through all PURA's donations and volunteer efforts PURA helps our local community to be one that cares for those in need. THANK YOU.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



PURA Health Insurance Past Due Premiums and Termination Policy

Effective September 1, 2015

The Purdue University Retirees Association (PURA) Benefits Committee and Purdue University Human Resources desired 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, working with

United Healthcare, has developed such a policy effective September 1, 2015. Under the Affordable Care Act UHC cannot terminate a member's insurance without a policy



supported by the sponsoring group.

Eligibility and Enrollment- All official retirees of Purdue University (55 years of age with 10 or more years of service) and their spouses who are Medicare eligible may enroll in Health Insurance Options offered by the Purdue Retirees Association (PURA) in partnership with Purdue University.

All individuals desiring health insurance through one of the PURA plans must individually enroll in the selected plan through the designated staff of Purdue Human Resources.

All members of any PURA sponsored health insurance plan must pay their premiums on the schedule set forth by United Healthcare (UHC).

Involuntary Termination Policy:

All members of any plan must pay their premiums to UHC on a schedule determined by UHC. Failure to pay premiums will result in the member receiving a past due invoice. Members who disagree with UHC on any past due premiums by reason of payments made and not recorded, or others reasons for disagreement of payment due, will have an appeal process to resolve such disagreements.

PURA Health Insurance (Cont.)

Failure to pay premiums will result in the forfeiture of eligibility and termination from the plan. No action will be taken to terminate coverage during the first 60 days of delinquency (grace period).

At the end of 90 days of past due premiums, (equivalent of three months of total premiums due) if the member has not responded to the past due invoice by making a full payment of past due amounts, a letter will be sent by UHC indicating that the members coverage will be terminated due to no longer meeting the eligibility requirements for the Purdue/PURA sponsored health insurance.

This letter will be sent at least 21 days prior to the effective termination date to provide the member opportunity to purchase another plan so that they will not have a gap in coverage.

Claims with a date of service provided after the specified termination date will not be considered for payment by UHC. Claims with a valid date of service provided prior to the termination date will be adjudicated and paid according to the plan benefits.

Voluntary Termination: Voluntary termination will result from death of the member, member ineligibility due to moving out-side the United States or by cancellation of the policy at the end of a calendar year. Voluntary termination does not remove the member's obligation to pay premiums until the time of termination.

Special Note:

Members who have past due premiums of 60 or more days prior to the implementation of this policy will be contacted by the Purdue Human Resources Department to work out a plan for each member, if they desire to continue health insurance through PURA.

PURA News Briefs

Business Cards for PURA Members



PURA now has a business card. New retirees received one if they attended (or were honored) at the Retirees Luncheon on June 25. Retirees attending the PURA Luncheon on July 6 were able to obtain a card. If you would like one or more PURA business cards for yourself or for your friends, they are available from the PURA Hospitality Committee co-chairs Jeris Eikenberry and Dorothy Jones, or from Michele Salla in

the Office of Human Resources.

Center on Aging and the Life Course (CALC)

Purdue's CALC fall, 2015 newsletter is now available at www.purdue.edu/aging. On the tool bar at the top, click on "About Us" and then scroll down to "Newsletters" and click. Titled "Aging Exchange", the fall newsletter includes articles related to aging issues such as Aging Effects on Two-Tone Suppression, Neural Systems Mediating Word Retrieval in Aging, Giving Parkinson's Patients More of a Voice, Listening and Hearing, and Improving Nursing Homes to Reduce Hospital Transfers. The last page has a list of CALC fall semester presentations. The October 2nd seminar is co-sponsored by PURA. Members will receive more information on registration for this seminar, which is free of charge.

Upcoming Events

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 further details.

PURA and the Community invited to Tour Voss and DLRC

PURA's Campus and Community Activities Committee is offering retirees a wonderful opportunity to tour the **Discovery Learning Research Center (DLRC) and The VOSS Model** on **September 22 at 3:15 p.m.** Attendees will meet in **DLRC 203**. DLRC is located on the northwest corner of Harrison Street and Jischke Drive. Parking is available for those who have an A parking permit in the lot south of DLRC. There are two handicap spaces in the small lot west of DLRC. Metered parking is available about two blocks north at the Burton D. Morgan building.

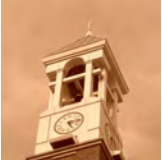


The Discovery Learning Research Center is housed on the first two floors of the Hall of Discovery and Research in specialized facilities that are designed for educational research, development of materials, methods and instructional technologies, and interdisciplinary collaboration. The goal for the use of these spaces is to further the mission of DLRC through work on projects that will lead to innovations in teaching

and learning.

The VOSS Model, Visiting Our Solar System, is a scaled model of the planetary system. Purdue EPICS students in a service-learning class designed the sculpture and named it in honor of the late Janice Voss, a Purdue alumna who flew on five shuttle missions. The model of the sun stands 30 feet in diameter while Saturn is 4 feet and Earth is 6 inches. Some walking is required to see all of the sculpture. To register for the tour, call 494-2222 or e-mail hr@purdue.edu. Guests are welcome.





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the similarities were far more profound. Surprising diversity existed even at the dawn of the twentieth century. Students tracked the lives of African Americans, women, farm kids, immigrants, international students, and inner-city teens, all with one thing in common--a Purdue education. This study of Purdue University's 1904 campus culture and student body gives an insightful look into what the early twentieth-century atmosphere was really like--and it might not be exactly what you would think. This year's Purdue University Press common read publication, written by Purdue students, will be available to PURA attendees and their guests at the fall luncheon for \$20. The list price is \$24.95.

Registration for the Kickoff Luncheon will be handled through the Division of Conferences and can be paid online with a credit card at www.conf.purdue.edu/pura See you at the Kickoff!

