# December 2015

# **PURA News**

Purdue University Retirees Association

# Monument in Honor of Jane and Steven Beering

A monument honoring Jane and Steven Beering has been placed in the Friendship Garden at the top of Slayter Hill on the Purdue campus. This location was Jane's favorite place and now her final resting place (1934-2015). During Dr. Beering's tenure as Purdue President (1983-2000) they welcomed over 100,000 guests to Westwood. An avid photographer, Jane took over 250,000 photographs of alumni and friends of the University and sent many of them to the recipients. When they retired from Purdue in 2000, PURA donated a plum tree which is placed in the Friendship Garden. It is a very lovely and peaceful place on campus, and the only location from which, when the leaves have fallen, you can see the entire campus, including Westwood.



**Inscription:** "You cannot define or explain Purdue by adding up the sums of classroom space, laboratory equipment, or library holdings. Purdue has a certain character. An essence that is understood and appreciated only by those who are steeped in its tradition and who have come to love it." SCB

### **Restore: Recycling with a Bang**

Habitat for Humanity is well known for building homes for lower income families. Not so well known is that they have a store in Lafayette. The Restore accepts things that you no longer want or need. Getting new furniture, downsizing, moving, remodeling? There is a place for your items at Restore. Conversely, they have items for sale. If you are furnishing a dorm room, man cave or lake cottage, try there first. They accept good items as small as nails or cabinet handles.

Located behind the Creasy Lane Star Furniture store, their address is 3815 Fortune Drive. Call 765-423-2585, or for pickup of large items, call 765-426-7204.

# **NEEDED!** PURA member nominations for Hansen Award

Nominations for the Arthur Hansen Award must come from a PURA member or members. That means YOU!

This award is presented to any Purdue unit (department, division, section, service, school/college, etc.) that excels in fostering a strong relationship with its retirees. There are many ways consistent contact with retirees could qualify a unit for a nomination. Selected examples include invitations to social activities and/or professional seminars or meetings, inclusion in newsletters, holiday greetings and emails about the unit, an email system for retirees to stay up to date with other retirees and their former work place, special events such as retiree receptions/ events or a special social event for retirees, etc.

The award, a joint effort through PURA and the Office of the President, includes a trophy and \$2,500 from TIAA-CREF and a master plaque identifying recipients in the Purdue Memorial Union. The recipient is recognized at the annual retiree luncheon as well as the PURA Kickoff Luncheon each fall and in PURA and Purdue publications. Recipients may be nominated again after a 5 year lapse.

Former recipients have included: The Cooperative Extension Service, The Department of Biochemistry, The Department of Nutrition Science, Housing and Food Services, and the School of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Nominations are limited to one page and should be submitted to:

Michele Salla, PURA, Human Resources 401 S. Grant St.,

West Lafayette, IN 47907-2024

The nomination must have the signature of the nominating PURA member(s). Nominations are due February 1, 2016.

### Nominate a Torch Bearer



Indiana Bicentennial

TORCH RFI AY

December 19, 2015 is the start of a yearlong celebration of the day Indiana became a state. A really exciting event is an Olympic style relay throughout the state. The criteria for nomination are simple. The nominee should have demonstrated personal and/or professional excellence or achieved celebrity status. The alternate criterion is that they should have made an outstanding contribution to their neighborhood, community, region, or state through service, stewardship, and/or involvement. Nominees must live or have lived in Tippecanoe County.

People may be nominated posthumously. Any number of individuals can be nominated. Forms will be rejected if you name yourself, the forms are incomplete, or anonymous.

The torch weighs under 5 pounds and is 32 inches long. The torch was designed at Purdue and has a real flame. Runners 10 to 14 years of age will be given a no-flame torch. The engineers are also installing a camera which will stream video each one-fourth mile run. The torch will arrive at Columbian Park on the morning of October 12, 2016, wind through downtown and be ferried across the Wabash River. Warren County follows Tippecaone County on the schedule. The relay across Indiana will cover 2,300 miles and take 5 weeks to complete. Local chair persons are Sue Scholer and Mike Piggott.

To get a nomination form go to **indiana2016.org/torchrelay/nomination-forms**. Forms must be turned in by December 31, 2015. To enter a form online, go to the same web address. To enter the form locally, mail or take it to the Tippecanoe County Commissioners' office, 20 N. 3rd Street, Lafayette, or the Greater Lafayette Convention and Visitors Bureau, 301 Frontage Road, Lafayette.

## **Spring Health Screenings**

In the Spring Semester, beginning in January, the IU Medical School will be performing physicals. These will be completed by 2nd year medical students along with their attending MD. We only have 6 open appointments. The physicals will be at Lyles-Porter Hall and will take about 1-1.5 hours. If interested please email Chris Rearick at crearick@purdue.edu with your name and phone number and she will call you with a date and time.

### Provost Dutta speaks to PURA MCL Luncheon

Purdue Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity, Debasish (Deba) Dutta, was the featured speaker at the November MCL Luncheon program. Dr. Dutta earned his PhD at Purdue in Mechanical Engineering in 1989. He returned to Purdue after a six year position as Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate College at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Prior to the Illinois position he spent 20 years as a professor at the University of Michigan, which included a 3 year appointment at the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Division of Graduate Education.

Dr. Dutta discussed his three main priorities at Purdue, stressing they were all equal to him in their importance. The three included academic excellence, student success, and diversity. Regarding student success, Purdue is far below in 4-year graduation rates than the Universities of Illinois and Michigan. In terms of diversity, any minority in any area at Purdue



Deba Dutta, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity

is a diversity issue to be addressed. These go beyond the oft thought of racial and gender minorities to include first generation students and students from less financially solvent families. He is learning about the institutional culture at Purdue as a way to address these issues.

# NEED EXTRA CASH FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

Check out the PURA web site listing to see if there are Purdue temporary employment opportunities —like the one at the right— that you might be interested in for extra cash for the holidays!

Go to **www.purdue.edu/retirees** and click on the Temp Jobs on the top bar.



#### Media Specialist (Temp)

Media relations and news specialist for the Honors College. Create partnerships with other communications units across campus. Develop a relationship with Purdue Marketing & Media representatives on behalf of the Honors College. Work with disciplinary colleges to provide news and information regarding mutual interests. Responsible for generating all press releases and official news stories on behalf of the Honors College. Keep up-to-date with Honors mentions in the media circuit and produce responses when appropriate. Identify news outlets that are interested in covering stories related to the Purdue Honors College. Generate copy for print materials, direct email messaging, mailings, etc. Coordinate with other parties in the Honors College to produce media plans that connect with our website, social media, print, and brand messaging.

- BA/BS and one year of experience.
- Ability to write excellent content.
- Proficient in Windows-based and Mac applications.
- Ability to work independently and with a team.
- \$18.72/hr.
- Hiring Manager Sashaun Wood email sashaunwood@purdue.edu

## PURA News—email version EXCLUSIVE

In the print version of the **PURA News** this location on page 4 is left blank for the mailing address, not needed, of course, for the emailed version. Beginning with this issue, a bonus article will appear in this location exclusively for our email recipients.

With many thanks to Chef Carl Behnke, Professor of Hospitality & Tourism Management, who served as chef to Steven and Jane Beering for Westwood events. Though the originator of the recipe is unknown, it was one of Mrs. Beering's favorites and was served frequently as an hors d'oeuvre before dinner. [This recipe will accommodate a crowd, but may be reduced proportionately if you're not feeding an army!]

## Westwood Cheese Brumby

Serving Size: 105 pieces Preparation Time: 0:30 minutes Categories: Appetizers

Amount	Measure	Ingredient, Preparation Method
1-1/2	Pounds	Swiss Cheese
1/2	Pound	Parmesan Cheese - grated
3	Cups	Mayonnaise
3/8	Teaspoon	Worchestershire Sauce
105		Pumpernickle Bread -
	Slices	Rubschlager Rye recommended

Combine first 4 ingredients together. Spread on cocktail rye/pumpernickel bread. Cover all corners of the bread. Bake at 350 degrees until golden brown. Cut on the diagonal and serve immediately.

(...employment opportunities, cont. from page 3)

## JOIN OUR TEAM OF INFORMATION

### SPECIALISTS IN PMU

Love Purdue...

Love to Talk...

Work 4 hour shifts

Once a month

Once a week

Or be a Sub

Contact Cindy MacDonald at the Welcome Center

765-494-9017/cmacdona@purdue.edu

#### **Mark Your Calendars!**

Dec. 5 Purdue Christmas Show, Elliott Hall of Music, Noon, 4pm, and 8pm

Dec. 5 Philharmonic and Symphony Orchestra, Loeb Playhouse, 8pm – Free

Dec. 6 Purdue Christmas Show, Elliott Hall of Music, 2pm

Dec. 6 Purdue's All-American Marching Band in Lafayette Christmas Parade – 2pm

Dec. 7 PURA Monthly Meeting, MCL Cafeteria, 11am

Topic: Battle of the Bulge presented by Ned Derhammer

Dec. 11 Tuba Christmas, Loeb Playhouse, 7pm - Free

Dec. 11 Holiday Cheer and All That Jazz, Loeb Playhouse, 8pm – Free