

# PURA News

Purdue University Retirees Association

August 2016

## Betty M. Nelson Selected as a Torchbearer for the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay



We are thrilled to receive notice that Betty M. Nelson, nominated by PURA, has been selected as a Torchbearer for the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay.

Dr. Nelson has been a resident of Tippecanoe County for more than 50 years with an outstanding 30-year career at Purdue University where she served as Dean of Students (DOS) from 1987-1995. Her career in the DOS office is described in *The Deans' Bible—Five Purdue Women and Their Quest for Equality*, published in

2014. Betty was Chair of the President's Advisory Council on Retirement, the forerunner of PURA, and served as the PURA president in 2002-2003.

She has generously shared her skills and time with numerous community initiatives such as the 2012 "Good to Great-Making Greater Lafayette a Community of Choice", in leadership roles with the Rotary Club, the YWCA, and the Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette. She has received many honors and awards including Sagamore of the Wabash, the Helen B. Schleman Gold Medallion, the Amelia Earhart Award, and the 2015 Outstanding Contribution to Women's Archives Award. Congratulations, Betty!

"Betty will lead off a Purdue segment starting at Grant and Northwestern," said Mike Piggott, Purdue's Community Relations Director. "The torch will be carried past John Purdue's grave by President Mitch Daniels, and David Wolf, alumnus and NASA astronaut, will circle the Neal Armstrong statue."

## The Torch: Indiana State Flag Centerpiece

The Indiana State flag was designed by Paul Hadley of Mooresville as part of Indiana's centennial celebration flag design contest and adopted in 1917. The flag has a blue background with yellow-gold symbols. The torch in the middle of the flag represents liberty and enlightenment. The rays illustrate their far-reaching influence. There are 19 stars on the flag. The outer circle represents the original 13 states. The stars in the semicircle stand for the five states admitted to the Union before Indiana. The star directly above the torch symbolizes Indiana.

The design of the Indiana flag was used for the Gotham City flag in the 1989 "Batman" movie.

Source: *Electric Consumer*, January 2016



## Save the Date for the PURA Kickoff Luncheon



In 1976 the President's Advisory Council on Retirement (PACR) was created by President Arthur G. Hansen, and in 2001-2002 it became the Purdue University Retirees Association (PURA) that we know today. To commemorate the 40th anniversary of our founding, all Purdue retirees are invited to join

former colleagues, spouses and friends at the annual PURA Kickoff Luncheon on September 12 as we celebrate this special occasion and begin the new program year. The luncheon will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton in West Lafayette. The registration fee will again be \$16.

Online registration is open now at: [www.conf.purdue.edu/pura](http://www.conf.purdue.edu/pura)

Paper registration information will be mailed in August and will also be available on the PURA website at that time. See you at the Kickoff!

### Special Note About November 7 PURA Monthly Meeting

The regular PURA meeting on Monday, November 7 will feature two major changes:

1. Change of venue: The meeting and presentation will be held at the Daniel Turf Center (old Dairy Barn location), 1340 Cherry Lane, West Lafayette, which is just west of the golf driving range.

2. Change of time: This meeting will start promptly at 10:30 A.M. with the PURA business meeting, followed by Scott Ksander's presentation on "Tech Toys." Great stuff for gifts for others or to yourself.

Mark your calendars!

### June Luncheon Honors New Retirees; Welcome Vacation & Fun, Goodbye Working World

Two-hundred and forty-eight retirees, with service years from 10 to 50, were added to PURA this year and were honored on June 30 at the Retiree Luncheon held in the ballrooms of the Purdue Memorial Union. Upon arrival the retirees in attendance were greeted by PURA Hospitality Committee members with important information about the benefits of becoming an active member. PURA Vice President John Trott, in the invocation, welcomed them to the Six Saturday and One Sunday Every Week Club and reminded them that a positive attitude in retirement may not solve all of their problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.

Deba Dutta, Provost and EVP for Academic Affairs and Diversity, thanked the retirees for their role in making Purdue the extraordinary institution it is today and presented them with their retirement certificates. Dr. Dutta also presented the Arthur G. Hansen Recognition Award to the College of Health and Human Sciences, with special recognition to the Office of Student Services. Nominator Mary Alice Nebold was present when Chris Ladisch, Dean of the College, and Shane Hawkins-Wilding, Director of Student Services within the College, accepted this honor from Dr. Dutta. This award, which includes a cash component, is given to a

unit that actively remains connected to its retirees.

In her closing remarks, Melinda Bain, PURA President, extended an invitation to the retirees to come join in the fun of this 40th Anniversary Year and get involved.



**Deba Dutta, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity; Shane Hawkins-Wilding, Director of Student Services; and Christine Ladisch, Dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences**

## Congratulations, Michael!

Michael McCormick, our PURA Jischke Scholar, will graduate on August 6th with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering Technology. He has been a very good, hard working student. The past three years he has been employed in ITaP beginning as a lab assistant and later as a student administrative assistant. He also was a mentor for the Purdue Promise program which serves the incoming 21st Century Scholars.

Michael has enjoyed his Purdue experience and is very grateful for the scholarships that made his Purdue education and a study abroad semester in Switzerland possible. This summer he attended classes to complete the requirements for the entrepreneurship certification. His team from the project class is looking at ways to market their product, a new game. He will be returning home after graduation to help with his father's business this fall. He will be deciding whether he wants to go to graduate school or enter the job market.

Michael is very appreciative of the encouragement and support he has received from Purdue retirees. He enjoyed meeting retirees at the PURA Kick-Off Luncheon and at MCL lunches. In celebration of his graduation, Betty Nelson and Sue Hiser took him to lunch and gave him his graduation gift from PURA, a black Purdue jacket which

he enjoyed very much. We wish Michael the best of success in all his future endeavors.



**Top:** Michael McCormick, our Jischke Scholar

**Bottom:** Michael shares his study abroad experience in Lucerne, Switzerland at the October 2015 MCL lunch meeting



## LIVE UNITED

The PURA United Way Campaign began in late July and those of you living in Tippecanoe and its surrounding counties in Indiana should receive a letter from Melinda Bain, the PURA Chair, and Pam Horne, Purdue University Chair, in early August. The Lilly Foundation is matching any new or increased gift of \$100 with a 1:1 match. A gift to this campaign is an investment in the future of our community—helping to make people's lives better. For

PURA members living outside the Tippecanoe County designation, please consider giving a donation to your local United Way. By visiting [www.unitedway.org](http://www.unitedway.org) you can obtain the address of your local United Way Organization. If you have questions regarding this campaign, please contact:

Melinda Bain, [melindahbain@comcast.net](mailto:melindahbain@comcast.net).

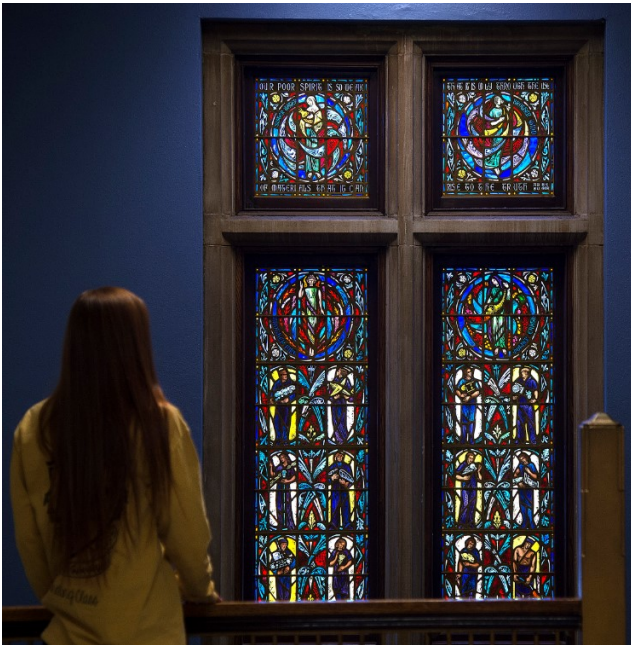
### PURA Trips & Tours Events

For more information, visit the PURA Upcoming Events web page at: <http://www.purdue.edu/retirees/events/index.html>  
For reservations, contact Imperial Royal Tours : 800-642- 6645 or 765-447- 9321

August 5 Bingo-Food-Shopping. Trip to Middlebury, IN, includes Rise'N Roll Bakery, an Amish backroads tour, lunch at an Amish Home, and bingo.

August 16 Chicago Dine-Around & Tour, includes a progressive meal (visiting 3 Chicago restaurants), guided city tour, and free time at Eataly Chicago.

October 30 Fall Meet at Churchill Downs, includes Grand Chef's Table Buffet, Millionaire's seating, ticket to the races, and a racing program.



## PMU Stained Glass Windows

Purdue Memorial Union is home to many Purdue traditions and memorials, including a stained glass window, located at the southwest entrance, dedicated to a past Purdue president.

The stained glass window is dedicated to the memory of James H. Smart, president of Purdue from 1883 to 1900. It was donated in 1940 by Alice Earl Stuart, wife of Charles B. Stuart, who was Board of Trustees president during Smart's tenure.

At the top of the window are the words "Our poor spirit is so weak that it is only through the use of materials that it can rise to the truth," taken from the words of Abbé Suger, a 12th-century churchman and builder.

Four separate panels depict four figures: Mother Earth, Sister Water, Brother Fire and Brother Wind. Within each panel are representations of students holding various items that portray disciplines offered by Purdue, including a train, a bridge, a tractor and a tulip.

The colors of the stained glass are symbolic. Red stands for courage of passionate devotion and self-sacrifice; blue is for enduring loyalty, eternity, wisdom and thoughtfulness; gold is the color of treasures in heaven of the good life; green represents hope, springtime, youth and victory; white stands for faith, serenity, peace and purity; and violet stands for justice, royalty and mystery. The window as a whole stands for the love and wisdom that characterized Smart's presidency.

Source: "A University of Tradition: The Spirit of Purdue;" historical documents provided by Purdue Memorial Union. *Purdue Today*, February 4, 2016. Writer: Aspen Deno, denoa@purdue.edu. Photographer: Mark Simons

## Summer & Fall Wellness Screenings

Retiree Wellness Screenings can be scheduled this summer on an appointment basis. You may email Chris Rearick at [crearick@purdue.edu](mailto:crearick@purdue.edu) or call 496-0308. Any diabetics wanting foot checks may also schedule by appointment at the time of their wellness screening. All exams are free. Only one wellness screening per calendar year is allowed for retirees and spouses.

Fall dates for Wellness Screenings are as follows. Screenings offered are Total Cholesterol/HDL/Glucose, ear checks, hearing assessment and diabetic foot checks.:

9/23/2016- Lyles-Porter Hall 9am-1pm

9/30/2016- Westminster 9am-2pm

10/7/2016- Lyles-Porter Hall 9am-1pm

We would love to hear from Purdue retirees. If there is something you would like to see offered at the Nursing Center for Family Health please email Chris or call to discuss. Your opinion counts!

## Mark Your Calendars!

**August 1 PURA Monthly Meeting**, MCL Cafeteria, 11 AM

Topic: Immunology for Cancer Treatment

Speaker: Dr. Timothy Ratliff, Purdue Center for Cancer Research

**September 5 NO PURA Monthly Meeting**– Labor Day

**September 9 – Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay begins.** Corydon, Indiana, site of the state's first capitol

**September 12 Annual PURA Kickoff Luncheon**, commemorating PURA's 40th Anniversary. Four Points by Sheraton, West Lafayette

**October 3 PURA Monthly Meeting**, MCL Cafeteria, 11, AM

**October 12 Torch Relay through Tippecanoe County.** Begins with a celebration at Columbian Park and then torchbearers will go through downtown Lafayette, West Lafayette, and Purdue.

**November 5 Special Bicentennial Event** - The Lafayette Symphony Orchestra and The Art Museum of Greater Lafayette are combining their efforts for an exciting performance.

**November 7 PURA Monthly Meeting**, Daniel Turf Center, 1340 Cherry Lane, West Lafayette, 10:30 AM

**Through January 8, 2017. 19 Stars of Indiana Art: A Bicentennial Celebration Exhibition.** Indianapolis Museum of Art. For further information contact: 317-923-1331 or [www.imamuseum.org](http://www.imamuseum.org).

Note: For a full listing of Indiana Bicentennial events, visit the official web site: <http://www.in.gov/ibc/2352.htm>