

PURA News

Purdue University Retirees Association

July 2016

Celebrating Us!!! - Comments From The New PURA President

2016-2017 is a milestone year for the Purdue University Retirees Association (PURA). Celebrating its 40th Anniversary, PURA was created in 1976 by then President Arthur G. Hansen as the President's Advisory Council on Retirement (PACR). In 2003 bylaws were adopted that changed the name to the Purdue University Retirees Association and secured a source of annual funding from the University. With the spirit of the founding members and the establishment of this formal relationship with the University, PURA has forged itself into today's organization.

Seventy-five individuals make up the governing board and committees of PURA. They negotiate Medicare supplement programs, communicate through monthly newsletters, organize local and distant trips, facilitate speakers for monthly business and educational meetings, develop programming for the popular Purposefully Living in Retirement Conference, plan the well-attended fall Kickoff Luncheon, and provide hospitality at all events. We celebrate them!!!

I am delighted to be associated with such an outstanding group of individuals who give unselfishly of their time, talents and expertise to make this organization exactly what



those who retired before 1976 wanted PACR/ PURA to be – opportunities to gather for educational programs and fellowship and to strengthen communication with the University.

Happy Anniversary,

Melinda Bain
PURA President

Sneak Peek: 2016-17 PURA Programs

The PURA Program Committee, co-chaired by Don Jones and John Schneider, have prepared an interesting array of topics for the monthly luncheon lectures series for the 2016-2017 year. A review of the programs is as follows:

November 7 - Innovative Tech Toys for the Holidays, presented by Scott Ksander, former Executive Director for IT Networks and Security at Purdue. **PLEASE NOTE: This meeting will be held at the Daniel Turf Center at 10AM.**

Speakers are still being finalized, but some of the featured topics include:

- The story of local artist Lou Ann Tran's escape from communist Vietnam.

- Patty Jischke providing information on her activities since leaving Purdue.
- Programs on innovative cancer treatments including immunotherapy.
- Nutrition and the current dietary "fat" recommendations;
- A discussion of the book *Just Call Me Orville: The Story of Orville Redenbacher* by Robert Topping. This book traces the career of Indiana's own Orville Redenbacher, the "popcorn king," from his agricultural studies at Purdue to his emergence as an American advertising icon.

Other planned programs may include self-driving vehicles, preventing falls by seniors, and possibly a presentation from the new athletic director. (D. Jones)

We're All United Way People

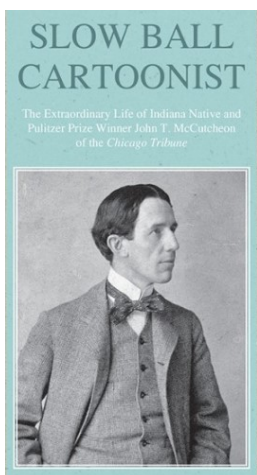
One in every three people in our community is impacted by United Way services, and PURA has a long history of supporting United Way agencies and programs.

PURA has contributed more than one million dollars in the last ten years. Our contributions last year were approximately one-seventh of the \$783,000 raised by the West Lafayette University community--\$127,775. We have been a Pacesetter organization since 2003, which means we start our campaign in late July or early August and our contribution, along with other Pacesetters, is announced at the United Way Campaign kickoff at the end of August to

jump start the University and Greater Lafayette campaigns.

The Eli Lilly Endowment will be offering matching opportunities to individuals who increase gifts by \$100.00 or more. PURA members in Tippecanoe and surrounding counties will receive a letter by no later than mid-August explaining the details. If you have questions contact Melinda Bain, melindahbain@comcast.net

When you receive your letter, please consider a contribution to the 2016 PURA United Way Campaign to assist in making people's lives better – because, we're all United Way people. .



This Year's Common Read Book Available in Paperback at the Fall Luncheon

Slow Ball Cartoonist: The Extraordinary Life of Indiana Native and Pulitzer Prize Winner John T. McCutcheon of the Chicago Tribune, a 2016 Purdue University Press publication, has been selected as this coming year's PURA Common Read. The book follows McCutcheon's life from his childhood on a farm near Lafayette to his

rise as one of America's most significant political cartoonists of the twentieth century. As a Purdue University graduate working for the Chicago Tribune, McCutcheon delighted his audience with drawings from 1903 until his retirement in 1946. PURA members and their friends should plan to get the \$22.95 paperback edition for 20% off immediately after the luncheon.

The Common Read will be featured in a Spring Program co-sponsored by PURA Campus and Community Activities Committee and the West Lafayette Public Library. We encourage PURA members to read all about this early Tribune staff member who became the first to win the Pulitzer Prize in 1931. We'll have much to talk about in the spring!

Prophetstown Farm returning to 1920s

Leslie Martin Conwell, Executive Director of The Farm at Prophetstown, was PURA's June luncheon speaker. Leslie is not only the Executive Director of the Farm at Prophetstown, but she also serves as the coordinator of The Feast of the Hunters' Moon. Leslie is a trained anthropologist and has degrees from both Purdue and Indiana Universities.



The farm is a private, non-profit farm located within the state park. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources and farm Board of Directors asked that the farm turn back the clock to the

1920's era which was the original mission and historical aspect of the farm. Leslie and her staff are doing just that and currently have steers, chickens, horses, sheep, rabbits, ducks, turkeys and pigs on the farm. They use production methods common in that era.

Young families with children can see the farm and learn about the production of food through many educational classes and programs offered there. Once a month, as a

fund raiser, the farm also offers a five course gourmet "farm to table" meal prepared by a gourmet chef. Many local businesses and volunteers have been instrumental in bringing the farm back to life. Everyone is encouraged to visit the farm and keep current on activities through the farm website: <http://prophetstown.org/> or on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/ProphetstownFarm> (J. Trott)



New Hearing Systems Installed in Loeb Playhouse and Fowler Hall

Upgrades to Loeb Playhouse and Fowler Hall will improve customer experiences from top to bottom. Last summer Loeb Playhouse and Fowler Hall had a new system for the hearing impaired installed. “We don’t want to have any barriers to experiences or access, and we want everyone to be comfortable,” says Todd Wetzel, Director of Purdue Convocations. An induction loop system installed in the theaters will allow patrons with a hearing aid or cochlear implant equipped with a T-coil to tap directly into the audio of any performance on the stage of Loeb Playhouse and Fowler Hall. Audio from the stage’s microphones is sent directly to the loop, a magnetic cable that encircles the theater. Properly equipped devices pick up the magnetic signal, funneling the performance directly into the user’s ears.

“Whether it’s the spoken word, music or a lecture, intelligibility and clarity are key,” Wetzel says. “People can be fully engaged in the performance. They’re not struggling to hear the details.” Besides the inconvenience of having to check out hearing-assistance devices from the box office, the new induction loop system allows patrons with hearing disabilities to be discreet about their needs. It also increases reliability over the theater’s battery-powered devices. “It’s really an upgrade for people who have that T-coil in their hearing aids,” says Stephen Hall, Director of Purdue’s Hall of Music Productions. “The former system made it obvious that a patron had a hearing disability, which isn’t the most sensitive thing to do.” Patrons with devices not equipped for the loop induction system can check out devices that employ Bluetooth technology to send performance audio into their hearing aids or implants.

Indiana Bicentennial Updates

The Torchbearers for the Bicentennial Torch Relay have been announced. Tippecanoe County received 113 nominations. Those nominated but not selected will also be recognized. The State allotted Tippecanoe County 24 slots. Thanks to the County Commissioner’s willingness to purchase additional uniforms, there will be over 50 people participating. On the morning of October 12, planners hope everyone will find a spot along the route (map available on the website at in.gov/ibc/torchrelay) to watch this once-in-a-lifetime event.

Mike Piggott did a wonderful job designing the route, with a good portion passing through Purdue’s campus. Planners are very proud that the Torch was designed and built by Purdue’s engineering students to replicate the torch on the state flag. The torch will burn E85, a blended ethanol-based fuel partly made



of Indiana corn. A smaller “kid-friendly” torch was built for younger Hoosier torchbearers that uses cool, energy-efficient Led lights instead of a flame.

Lafayette’s first Community Center, Duncan Hall, is celebrating its 85th year, and a Celebration of Citizenship event is planned there in July for the nominees.

Remember, keep checking the State website for all kinds of interesting events, news and tidbits of history about all the areas of Indiana. The Marketplace has lots of fun items to purchase. They are always interested in having events and pictures sent in.

Be sure to visit all 5 of the bison that local sponsors and artists have provided for our enjoyment during this “Bison”ennial year. (S. Scholar)

Meet Your PURA Board!

This is an introduction to the PURA Officers and Committee Chair people that make your PURA organization functional and effective. Each committee has additional members. To see a complete list, check out the PURA website as space is limited in the PURA News. If anyone is interested in serving on a committee or has any comments, positive or negative, please contact: Michele Salla, at: masalla@purdue.edu.

PURA Officers:

President: Melinda Bain
Vice President: John Trott
Secretary: Deborah Dimmitt
Treasurer: Robert Bain
Historian: Carolyn Jones
Past President: Olivia Wood

Committee Chairs:

Benefits:	Don Gentry
Communications:	Suzanne Collins and Karen Lembcke
Hospitality:	Nina Barron-Burke
Program:	Don Jones and John Schneider
Trips & Tours:	Thomas Haworth
Endowment:	Sue Hiser
Campus & Community:	Richard Nelson
Kickoff Luncheon:	Sarah Johnson and Ann Pickett
Purposeful Living in Retirement:	Jeanne Norberg and Olivia Wood
Scholarship:	Melinda Bain

Visit Indiana in the Past through Canvas

George Winter was an English artist living in Ohio when he learned about the forced migration of the Miami and Potawatomi Tribes. He moved to Logansport and carefully befriended the Native Americans. Though they didn't like their images captured, he persuaded all the chiefs to allow it. The glimpses of their habitat in his landscapes show a story far from feathers and teepees. His most iconic portrait is that of Frances Slocomb, a young girl stolen from her family and raised by the tribe. Her attitude clearly shows she didn't want this, but agreed because her brother asked. Visit this rare opportunity at the Purdue Fountain Gallery, 330 Main Street, across from the courthouse. It runs from June 21 to August 13. Regular hours are Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 7 pm. Free admission.

(J. Thomas)



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 or call 496-0308. Any diabetics wanting foot checks may also schedule by appointment this summer. All exams are free. Only one wellness screening per calendar year is allowed for retirees and spouses.

Fall dates for Wellness Screenings have 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!

July 4 *NO PURA Monthly Meeting*– Happy 4th of July! Stars and Stripes Concert by the Lafayette Citizens Band, Riehle Plaza, 8 PM

July 26 *Art in the Parks*: Columbian Park. Randy Salman Jazz Trio 6 PM.

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

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.

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

PURA Trips & Tours Events

Contact Imperial Royal Tours for Reservations. 800-642- 6645 or 765-447-9321

July 30 Choose Your Own Fun! Visit the Miami Valley Gaming Casino; Traders World Market; and the Cincinnati Premium Outlets

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.

October 30 Churchill Downs