

January 2016

# PURA News

Purdue University Retirees Association

## **December 2015 Luncheon: Battle of the Bulge**

At the December PURA luncheon, Ned Derhammer discussed World War II's Battle of the Bulge, a major German offensive campaign launched against allied forces on December 16, 1944, through the densely forested Ardennes region of Wallonia in Belgium, France, and Luxembourg on the Western Front in Europe.

Ned served in the United States Air Force for eleven years. He was a pilot for Eastern Airlines for twenty-three years and then attended Purdue for three years, graduating in 1991. Following graduation, he worked at Purdue for ten years, training students on the Flight Simulator. (K. Lembcke)



**Ned Derhammer, speaker, and Martha Fletcher, December luncheon coordinator.**

## **PURA Slate of Officers for 2016-17**

The PURA Nominating Committee submitted John Trott for President-elect for 2016-17. The nomination was accepted at the PURA Executive Board meeting in November.

John Trott is a former director of the Purdue Agricultural Centers and Assistant to the Director of the Office of Agricultural Research Programs. Before taking those positions he served as an Extension Educator. He was awarded a Certificate of Distinction from the Agricultural Alumni Association in 2011.

He received BS and MS degrees in agriculture from Purdue.

The PURA by-laws require nominations be published to the membership in January. Additional nominations, with prior approval from the nominee, can be made from the floor at the March monthly meeting of PURA members. The formal vote is taken at the April PURA monthly meeting. (O. Wood)

## Purposeful Living in Retirement Conference Coming in April

The PURA Purposeful Living in Retirement Conference will be held on April 20, 2016. This annual spring conference is open to PURA members, their guests, and the local community.

The event will be at the Beck Center on US 52 North. The conference includes five presentations on a wide variety of topics, exhibits of interest to retirees, continental breakfast, and lunch for a nominal fee.

The program content is currently planned to cover topics on New Technology in Audiology, Retirees and the Current Economy, Health Care Reform in

2016, and Senior Moves (a national program available locally which specializes in assistance in downsizing and organizing).

Additionally the popular program from the 2015 conference on Medication Interactions will again be available to attendees. This interactive computer program helps identify side effects related to medications. The program has been expanded to allow for an unlimited number of medications to be assessed per individual.

Look for more information as you look forward to Spring! (O. Wood)

## PURA/Purdue - What's the Connection?

PURA is the only group whose mission is solely related to Purdue Official Retirees. PURA committee members and leadership are all Purdue retirees who volunteer their time and skills, not to mention their passion, to various roles for PURA.

PURA welcomes any retiree to assist the organization. Technically PURA is assigned to Human Resources (HR) with the Purdue administration. PURA appreciates HR's cooperation with PURA, but the organization is independent in the decisions made by the PURA Board for retirees. PURA benefits from the HR assistance of Kate LaMar, who works with any retiree regarding their health insurance before they retire, and if they choose to go on the PURA health insurance plans, after they retire.

Offering retirees a unique health insurance plan is one of the most important ways PURA differs from Purdue. The PURA Benefits Committee negotiates retiree health plans independently from the University. The PURA plans are not the same plans as those for University employees, often not even with the same company. Michele Salla also handles administrative tasks for the PURA Board to function efficiently. She quickly becomes familiar to PURA members via the emails initiating from her to PURA members.

PURA makes its own decisions regarding budget concerns, and strives to offer programming to members at cost. When PURA meetings are on campus, PURA pays for the use of campus facilities, such as

rooms needed in Stewart Center, just like any other University unit. PURA representatives interact with selected university committees to represent our members, such as the Parking and Traffic Committee. For instance, PURA advocated for the free "A" parking permits retirees enjoy.

PURA benefits the University by helping to canvas its members for United Way participation, which is then reported as a retiree group donation with the total University summary. PURA plans and conducts all our meetings independently of the University. These include PURA activities such as the annual September Kick-Off Lunch, monthly MCL meetings, Purposeful Living Conference, etc. PURA joins other University units in participating at Spring Fling, offering free flu shots to retirees and their spouses, offering health screenings similar to those for employees and appreciates the use of university facilities for these activities. To sum up, PURA is in a symbiotic relationship with Purdue University, but acts independently for the benefit of all things related to retirees.

Purdue is unique among Big Ten University retiree groups in that they welcome all retirees. Another unique feature is that there are no dues.

PURA is the envy of other retiree groups in the Big Ten because it is the only one to offer independent health care plans; and PURA's plans are better than most on the market. PURA believes all Purdue (...story continued on page 3)

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retirees helped to build Purdue and are part of the Purdue family, and PURA strives to continue to promote this concept of loyalty throughout the organization.

### Tax Assistance Volunteer Opportunity

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program through United Way Greater Lafayette is looking for volunteers to assist qualifying working families to prepare their income tax returns. Volunteers receive free IRS certified training and use online software provided by the IRS. Ask questions or visit [www.uwlafayette.org/vita](http://www.uwlafayette.org/vita) for more information.

### Purdue's Treasure Trove

Most Purdue people are aware of the newsworthy collections in the Purdue archives, such as those related to Neil Armstrong, Gene Cernan and Amelia Earhart. But there is so much more.

Honors students dug deep into the Virginia Kelly Karnes Archives to research their publication about the Class of 1904. Angie Klink spent a lot of time there when writing, "The Deans' Bible". And the e-archives are a wonderful spot to browse for amateur authors. Imagine viewing a photo gallery of Purdue alums, distinguished and otherwise.

### Purdue Retiree Privileges and Opportunities

Purdue Photo Identification Card  
Discounts on Event Tickets  
Staff Rates for Recreational Facilities and Golf Courses  
Local and Distance Educational and Entertainment Tours  
Annual Purposeful Living in Retirement Conference  
Monthly Lunch and Speaker  
Purdue University Libraries Facilities  
Free Issues of PURA News

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Year  
Purdue  
Retirees

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Sixteen  
Boilermaker  
PURA

"Know Your PURA" Word Search

It seems strange, but young men in the early 1900's kept scrapbooks. You can look through one belonging to a young football player who was in the tragic train crash on the way to IU.

You can also find paintings of George Winter, writings of women's advocate Helen Gouger, letters between early botanists and works of Frank and Lillian Gilbreth. The Extension Service is notably represented. Warning! Browsing is addictive. (J. Thomas)

Complimentary "A" Parking Permits  
Medical Plan Participation  
Use of Purdue University Pharmacy  
Services at the Nursing Center for Family Health  
Silver Sneaker Fitness Program  
Purdue Discount Programs Offered Locally  
Free Rides on CityBus  
Temporary Purdue Employment Opportunities

For more information: [www.purdue.edu/retirees](http://www.purdue.edu/retirees).

## **PURA News—email version *EXCLUSIVE***

**From:** Preo, Lawrence Steven  
**Sent:** Friday, December 04, 2015 3:41 PM  
**To:** Salla, Michele A. <masalla@purdue.edu>  
**Cc:** wendy.preo@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** FW: PURA Newsletter - December 2015

Hi Michele,

While reading the PURA Newsletter, your short article and recipe, Westwood Cheese Brumby, generated a flood of old, and pleasant, memories. I believe the following will shed some light on it's origin and history.

Kay and Bob Brumby were originally from Ohio and were great friends of Jack Mollenkopf. In retirement they moved to Naples, Florida, and continued to be friends and supporters of Purdue University, thus the connection to Jane and Steve Beering. Occasionally, Kay and Bob would host a gathering of Purdue Alumni when Steve and Jane were in Naples, and always served her cheese squares, which everyone called 'Brumby Cheese'. They are delicious!

Kay gave the recipe to Jane, who in turn gave it to my wife, Wendy. We, too, always served the now famous Brumby Cheese whenever hosting an Alumni meeting, or party, in West Lafayette. In fact, Wendy still has the original note, and recipe, from Jane and continues to serve those delicious tidbits of obscure Purdue history when we entertain.

Kay was a wonderfully sweet and gracious lady. She was always so tickled, and a bit embarrassed, when Jane or Wendy reminded her of her fame on campus.

Larry Preo  
Former Executive Director  
Purdue Alumni Association

### **Mark Your Calendars!**

Jan. 4, 2016 PURA Monthly Luncheon, MCL Cafeteria, 11am

Topic: PRF Update

Speaker: Brian E. Edelman

Feb. 1, 2016 PURA Monthly Luncheon, MCL Cafeteria, 11am

Topic: Small Business

Speaker: Susan Davis

Mar. 7, 2016 PURA Monthly Luncheon, MCL Cafeteria, 11am

Topic: Battery Research Status

Speaker: Prof. Edwin Garcia, Purdue University Energy Center

Apr. 4, 2016 PURA Monthly Luncheon, MCL Cafeteria, 11am

Topic: Master Gardner Program

Speaker: Rosie Lerner, Purdue Consumer Horticulturalist

Apr. 20, 2016 Purposeful Living in Retirement Conference, Beck Agricultural Center