

PURA News

Purdue University Retirees Association

November 2017

Nominations Sought for 2018-2019 PURA Officers

Nominations are being accepted for several PURA officer positions:

Vice President/President-Elect – serves a one-year term, followed by a one-year term as president and a one-year term as past-president. Assumes duties in absence of president, attends monthly board meetings, and serves as ex officio member of Benefits committee, Kickoff Luncheon committee and Nominating committee. Also co-chairs the University's United Way campaign for retirees.

Historian – serves a three-year term. Attends monthly board meetings. Maintains an archive to document the current and past history of the Association, organized on a yearly basis and stored through the university archivist with other university documents. Prepares an annual summary of activities, accomplishments, lists of officers and committee members and updates PURA Procedures and Policies as needed.

Secretary – serves a three-year term. Attends monthly board meetings and records and prepares minutes for distribution to board members.

Treasurer – Serves a three-year term. Attends monthly board meetings and prepares the annual PURA budget. Must be knowledgeable of all PURA sources of funds and their intended and legal uses, works with the Assistant, HRSC, to review monthly financial transactions and prepares financial report prior to each board meeting and prepares consolidated reports for committee and project chairs.

Please submit the suggestions to the chair of the Nominating committee, Melinda Bain, at melindahbain@comcast.net, **no later than November 15, 2017**.

Additional Nominating committee members are Don Gentry, Chris Johannsen, Scott Rumble, and Olivia Wood. The nominees will be announced in the February PURA News.

Immigration in America Topic of October PURA Luncheon



David Atkinson, associate professor of history at Purdue, spoke on “Immigration in America, The Global Consequences of American Nativism: Lessons from History” to a full audience at the October MCL meeting. Professor Atkinson has authored several books on migration, drawing upon archival research in Australia, Canada, Great Britain, New Zealand, and the U.S. His presentation generated many questions from the audience.

Professor Atkinson reviewed three specific immigration acts and policies of the U.S. from 1921-1924 to illustrate how immigration policies caused multiple foreign consequences, much as potential newer policies are doing today. The legislation passed in the 1920s was aimed at preventing immigration from specific populations and ethnic groups, namely the Japanese and South Asian populations, and those of the Jewish faith.

As far back as 1889, the U.S. Supreme Court stated the U.S. should have “sovereign decision” over immigration, while in the early 1900’s Theodore Roosevelt acknowledged there were many “points of friction” over the policies. Immigration quotas based on the 1910 census in the 1921 act were restricted even more by the 1924 act.

Australia was given as an example of another country that adopted similar policies aimed at restricting the same population groups. In addition to the diplomatic problems the early policies caused, the problem spilled over into the world shipping industry. Immigrants arriving on ships in the U.S. were denied entry because their visas were from countries no longer existing after global maps drastically changed, particularly after WWII. Professor Atkinson showed examples of political cartoons and protests throughout the world since the early 1900s.

Although the original acts were rescinded in the 1960s, the history lessons of the international friction stirred by them are still an issue in today’s global environment. The 1965 replacement legislation established global quotas on immigrants vs. naming specific nationalities or ethnic groups. (O. Wood)

Organizing My Affairs—An Update

In March 2017, the Purdue University Retirees Association published an open letter announcing the availability of the following documents:

- What to Do When a Loved One Passes Away--A Survivor's Checklist
- Helpful Contact Information
- Organizing My Affairs

After several months of use, it is apparent that some of the document access instructions set forth in the open letter require clarification.

You may download or print the documents from the PURA

website: www.purdue.edu/retirees/committees/benefits.html

(Since browsers differ, if this link does not open in your browser, type the address directly into your browser's search area to go to the page.)

Note that "Organizing My Affairs" is a .pdf format document. Once you have downloaded the document to your computer, tablet or cell phone, you will be able to fill in the form, save it and/or print it. Be sure to download the document *before* entering information. There is a risk of losing your inputs, if you fail to do so.

If you have not done so, we encourage you to visit the PURA web pages and make use of these materials. With these tools, your survivors will be able to handle your final affairs. (L. Pherson)

PURA Member receives Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Award

The Bicentennial energized Hoosiers to learn about Indiana history, find their ancestors, buy a souvenir or make a memory. For Gloria Klutzke, a quilter of 40 years, her memorial would be a quilt. Starting with a hand dyed piece of fabric she purchased, she noted the muted colors resembled much of the topography of Indiana. At the top were moraines, in the middle glacial till and bedrock to the south. In the lower center there was lush green to represent our national forest.

To make the quilt an accurate depiction of Indiana, she had a map of the state enlarged then she drew it onto the fabric. This was not a typical quilt with colored fabrics cut apart and sewn back together, nor was it an applique of pretty pictures. It mapped the story of Indiana history.

She outlined all 92 counties with tiny stitches. Then she included evidence of humans who traversed the state. She added the silhouette of an Indian with his back

turned to Vincennes, the site of the infamous Treaty of Vincennes. Footsteps mirrored the Underground Railroad, a tribute to the brave souls escaping slavery and those who helped them. Vital transportation is represented by rivers and rails.

There is a convergence of the Wabash River, Potawatomi Trail of Death and both the Monon as well as the Underground Railroads in Tippecanoe County, attesting to its historical significance. Other landmarks on the quilt include Fort Ouiatenon and the Tippecanoe Battlefield.

Adding text and images to the quilt was a tedious task. All text had to be typed, proofread and mirror imaged before being printed. After adding animals, covered bridges, forts, tepees, the state flag, tree, bird, and flower and other flora and fauna, the quilt was finished.

Gloria titled it, "Migrations over The Crossroads of America". It became an Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Project meriting Gloria the honor of a bicentennial medallion. The quilt will be on display at the Haan Museum January 19-March, 2018.

How Veterans Day Began



Veterans Day is always observed on November 11th with speeches and parades across the United States. When the holiday first began though it had a different name, Armistice Day. It was first celebrated on November 11, 1919, which was the first anniversary of the end of World War I. In 1926, Congress passed a resolution for an annual observance. In 1938, November 11th became a national holiday.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation changing the name to Veterans Day in order to honor veterans of all American wars. The day is to honor those who have died fighting as well as those who survived.

In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed by Congress, which moved Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. The law went into effect in 1971, but reverted back to November 11th in 1975 by President Ford because of the important historical significance the date held.



United Way Update

Purdue retirees are gaining on their United Way goal for this year, but we are not quite there yet and we encourage each of you to help. Contributions to United Way are so important and allows us to help the citizens of our communities in many ways.

◆ One dollar per week provides weekly books to children attending kindergarten camps.

- ◆ Two dollars per week provides two weeks of nutritious food delivered to a homebound senior on a fixed income.
- ◆ Three dollars a week pays for a school lunch allowing a student working on their GED to study longer.
- ◆ Five dollars a week allows five seniors to participate in a wellness program supporting social and physical needs.

I could go on and on, but you can see the importance of your contribution. Please consider a donation. (J. Trott)

PURA Samples Public Art Trail

On October 10, PURA members participated in a walking tour of Lafayette’s public art and sculpture, organized by PURA’s Campus and Community committee. It was led by Margy Deverall (top picture, far right), who is Planner/Project Manager for the City of Lafayette Economic Development Department.

Follow the Public Art Trail with the free mobile app available for iPhone, iPad and Android. The app includes detailed information about each piece and a map. Find the app at the *Visit Lafayette West Lafayette* web page: homeofpurdue.com



November Campus Calendar

Theatre:

Nov. 11, 15, 16, 17, 18—*The Sins of Sor Juana*, by Karen Zacarias. 7:30 pm. Also Nov. 12, 18, 19 at 2:30 pm. Tickets may be purchased at all campus box offices, or by calling (765) 494-3933 or (800) 914-SHOW, or online at www.purdue.edu/theatre/tickets.

Music:

Nov. 5—**Fall Show, featuring Purdue Bells, University Choir, Heart & Soul and All-Campus and Community Chorale.** 2:00 pm. Long Center for the Performing Arts, 111 North 6th Street, Lafayette. Free and open to the public.

Nov. 10—**Purduettes at PSUB Veterans Day Celebration.** 11 am. Purdue Memorial Union Great Hall. Free and open to the public.

Nov. 17—**All Jazz Bands in concert , 8:00 pm.** Loeb Playhouse, Stewart Center. Free and open to the public.

Nov. 19—**Fall Concert Bands.** 2:30 pm. Long Center for the Performing Arts, 111 North 6th Street, Lafayette. Free and open to the public.

Dec. 2—**Purdue Philharmonic & Symphony Orchestras.** 8:00 pm. Loeb Playhouse, Stewart Center. Free and open to the public.

Dec. 2-3—**Annual Purdue Musical Organizations Christmas Show.** For show times, prices, and ticket information visit: <https://www.purdue.edu/pmo/christmas-show/>.

Dec. 3—**Symphonic Band & Purdue Wind Ensemble.** 2:30 pm. Loeb Playhouse, Stewart Center. Free and open to the public.

Dec. 5—**Purdue Bands & Orchestras Chamber Recital 1.** 7:00 pm. Fowler Hall, Stewart Center. Free and open to the public.

Wednesdays, Through Dec. 6—Jazz at Marriott Hall. Every Wednesday, Nov. 1—Dec. 6, except Nov. 22. 5:30—6:30 pm. Marriott Hall. Free and open to the public.

Art:

Oct. 2 to Dec. 7—**"What the Waters Washed Away—2008"**. Photographic images from 2008 Black Cultural Center research tour to New Orleans. Exhibition at BCC during building hours. www.purdue.edu/bcc/

Oct. 23 to Dec. 9—**"Indecisive Moment"**. Photography. How old and new technologies can reconfigure the viewing experience. STEW, Robert L. Ringel Gallery. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday plus until 8 p.m. Thursday (except holidays).

Nov. 13 to Dec. 15—**"Drawing Resurfaced II"**. Works that push the boundaries of drawing practice.; winning entries from the juried invitational. Fountain Gallery, 330 Main St., Lafayette. Hours: Tues.—Sat. noon to 7:00 pm.

Mercury and the Flu Shot

What is all the discussion about mercury in flu shots? Do the Purdue flu shots for retirees contain mercury? Purdue flu shots DO NOT contain mercury BUT it was a phone call from PURA member Sharon Meister that prompted the research and composition of this short article.

The issue is that some flu shots contain a preservative that is known as thimerosal. It is this preservative that contains mercury. When thimerosal breaks down in the body via the flu shot this ethyl-mercury may bind to other compounds in the body and may increase mercury concentrations in the brain and body. There is discussion of this increasing the risk of neurotoxicity in adults or neurodevelopmental disorders in children. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention points out that:

"Thimerosal is a mercury-based preservative that has been used for decades in the United States in multi-dose vials (vials containing more than one dose) of medicines and vaccines. There is no evidence of harm caused by the low doses of thimerosal in vaccines, except for minor reactions like redness and swelling at the injection site. However, in July 1999, the Public Health Service agencies, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and vaccine manufacturers agreed that thimerosal should be reduced or eliminated in vaccines as a precautionary measure". <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/concerns/thimerosal/index.html>

The flu shots offered by the Center for Healthy Living to Purdue retirees are all single dose and thimerosal free.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Chris Rearick, RN, at the Nursing Center for Family Health (NCFH) at 765-496-0308, or send email to: crearick@purdue.edu.

And *thank you*, Sharon, for your timely question!

Mark Your Calendars!

5 November Daylight Savings Time ends, 2:00 am.

6 November PURA Monthly Meeting, MCL Cafeteria, 11 am.
Topic: Tech Toys, Part 2
Speaker: Scott Ksander, Retired Security Expert

23 November Thanksgiving

23-24 November Purdue University holiday closure

2-3 December Purdue Musical Organizations Annual Christmas Show. For show times, prices, and ticket information visit: <https://www.purdue.edu/pmo/christmas-show/>

2 December Annual Christmas Parade, 5:30 pm. Downtown Lafayette, 1000 to 200 Main Street.

4 December PURA Monthly Meeting, MCL Cafeteria, 11 am.
Topic: Birds and Airplanes—a Dangerous Mix
Speaker: Esteban Fernandez-Juricic, Prof. of Biological Sciences

December 25—January 2 Purdue University holiday closure

1 January Holiday –No meeting.

Purdue Basketball Coaches' Radio Shows Start Soon

Beginning Monday, Nov. 13, drop by the live interviews at the Stacked Pickle in West Lafayette, tune in on the radio, or listen in on the web to hear the latest from coaches Matt Painter and Sharon Versyp.

2017-18 Matt Painter Show (6:05 p.m. ET) / Stacked Pickle, 516 Northwestern Ave., West Lafayette / WYCM (95.7 FM) / 888.246.2678
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Nov. 13, 27
Dec. 4, 11, 18
Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29
Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26
March 5

2017-18 Sharon Versyp Show (7:10 p.m. ET) / Stacked Pickle, 516 Northwestern Ave., West Lafayette / WBPE (95.3 FM)
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<http://www.purduesports.com/ot/live-audio.html>