

PURA News

Purdue University Retirees Association

June/July 2018

PURA Annual Leadership Transition Meeting Held in May

From Don Gentry, new PURA president:

“I am both excited and humbled to become your new President. Excited because of the great programs and services provided through PURA to over 5,000 members and their spouses, and the opportunity to continue to grow the benefits and connections to Purdue University afforded by PURA. Yes, you are all members and will never have to pay dues, but we want you involved.

I am also very humbled knowing the great individuals who have previously served in leadership positions with PURA. I pledge to do my best to continue the great works of PURA.

At the first Executive Board meeting after the annual transitional meeting, the Board worked on some new goals for this year to expand and improve the organization’s services. Once finalized, they will be printed in a future news-

letter. All members are asked to be involved and engaged with PURA at whatever level you can. Our committees and offices have over 70 retiree volunteers serving our members.

I want to hear from you if you have suggestions on how we could serve your needs as retirees better.”

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Don Gentry sports the Retirees Key as he takes office during the May transition meeting.

What is the Retirees Key? See page 2 to learn more.

PURA Trips & Tours Announces Three Events

Open to retirees and their guests, PURA’s Trips & Tours committee has arranged events in July, August, and September. If you are interested, please sign up as soon as possible because space may be limited.

Wednesday, July 18, 2018: Tour of the John and Catherine Christian House, Frank Lloyd Wright’s Samara. 1301 Woodland Avenue, W.L. 2:00 p.m. \$10 per person (payable at the door, cash or check only).

This 2,200 square-foot house is commonly known as Samara, and is one of the most complete Frank Lloyd Wright homes in the United States. It is an example of his Usonian home designs. Samara is named for the winged seeds found in pinecones, was completed in 1956 near the end of Mr. Wright’s career. The home was built on a modest budget and with the caveat that the clients would see the famous architect’s designs through to full completion. It was designated as a national Historic Landmark in 2015.

Tours last one and a half hours and include an interpretation of the

House, a house tour, demonstrations and a question and answer period.

Tour rules:

- No public restrooms are available at the house, so plan your rest stops accordingly.
- No food or drink allowed in the house.
- If a door or a cabinet is closed, please leave it closed.
- We may sit on the furniture in the living room, but the remainder of the tour will be walking only.
- Please remain with your interpreter.
- You are welcome to take pictures.

Mobility/accessibility concerns:

- The driveway is quite steep. Those with mobility concerns may be driven up the driveway and dropped off.
- There are two steps into the house and three steps inside to the sunken living room, but the inside ones can be avoided.
- There are narrow hallways which may not accommodate walkers or wheelchairs.

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Samara Parking:

We are asked to park on Woodland Avenue and walk toward the dead end. You will see a brick driveway on the right. Please walk up the drive and experience what Wright would call the "Path of Discovery."

To reserve space on the tour, call Michele Salla at 765-494-1779 or email masalla@purdue.edu by July 10.

August 29, 2018: "A Taste of New Orleans" \$79 per person.

Includes motor coach transportation to Zydeco's Cajun Restaurant in Mooresville and wine tasting at Chateau Thomas

Winery in Plainfield. More information at:
<http://imperial-travel.com/taste-of-new-orleans-aug-29-2018/>

For reservations, call Imperial Travel 765-447-9321

September 25, 2018: Amtrak to Chicago "The Train, The Tower, The Architectural Tour" \$129 (\$125 for those ages 62+)

Includes motor coach transportation to the Amtrak station in Lafayette, Amtrak to Chicago, Willis Tower tour, free time at Navy Pier, 1-hour Architectural Cruise, and return by motor coach. More information at:
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2018 Arthur G. Hansen Recognition Award Winner Announced

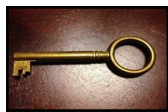
The Department of Health & Kinesiology received the Arthur G. Hansen Recognition Award at the annual Purdue University Retirement Luncheon on June 28, 2018. Since 2003, this annual award has been presented by the Purdue University Retirees Association and the Office of the President to a university unit that excels in fostering a strong relationship between Purdue and its retirees.

The nominator emphasized the exceptional commitment of the Department of Health & Kinesiology to both their own and to all Purdue retirees. The department head and faculty recognize the value that maintaining relationships with their retirees can bring to the department and its students.

The department invites retirees to social events, retirement receptions, welcome events, seminars, and award ceremonies. Retirees are invited to assist student organizations, and encouraged to assist with alumni contacts. Retirees are also sent the unit's newsletter and receive emails about activities and colleagues.

The breadth and extent of the activities of the Department of Health & Kinesiology shows how Purdue values its retirees and is far and away the best example in the Big Ten. This honor comes with a cash award of \$2,500 funded by TIAA, a trophy, and the name of the recipient listed on a permanent plaque in the Purdue Memorial Union. The honorees will be introduced to the PURA membership at the fall kickoff luncheon.

The Purdue Retirees Key



If ever there was a mystery about the traditions related to Purdue's retirees, it is the origin of the large ornate barrel key that is brought from storage each spring for the annual PURA leadership transition meeting.

The current president transfers responsibility for PURA to the new president by presenting the large key. For a few moments the new president holds the four-inch key to capture the spirit of decades of past leaders of Purdue's retiree community. At the end of the meeting, the key is returned to storage by a staff member in Human Resources and, once again, the key is secure until the next year.

When former Purdue retirees' leaders were asked about the origin and meaning of the big barrel key, details were scarce. There was consensus that J. P. (John) Lisack

(Professor Emeritus of Technology and Director Emeritus of Manpower Studies) had manufactured the key in a School of Technology lab, but no one could recall the impetus for doing so.

Whatever the initial reason for the handsome and mysterious key, it is a reminder that the organization's leaders carry on a legacy begun in 1976 when President Arthur G. Hansen, in response to comments from retirees, formed the President's Advisory Council on Retirement (PACR), PURA's predecessor organization.

The goal was "to bring retirees into a closer working relationship with the University and to involve them in the mainstream of campus activity," as stated in John F. Stover's *History of Purdue University Retirees, 1976-1990*. That work continues.



2018-19 PURA Executive Board

From left, Sue Graham, Judy Ware, Carolyn Jones, Deb Dimmitt, Tom Turpin, Olivia Wood, Don Gentry, Melinda Bain, John Trott

On September 14, 2018, Purdue University will be hosting a 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemorative Luncheon to thank and honor Vietnam-era veterans from Purdue and the surrounding community.

Many soldiers returned from the war without fanfare or support. This event is one small way we can say 'thank you' for their sacrifice and service.



Cyber Security: Is It Really The End Of The World?

Marcus Rogers, Department Head of Computer & Information Technology at Purdue, addressed the June PURA meeting at MCL. In addition to his numerous academic roles in research and teaching, publishing and leadership roles in forensic science associations, Dr. Rogers is a former police detective, a deputized special investigator in Tippecanoe County, and a member of the Tippecanoe High Tech Crime Unit.

Professor Rogers emphasized we will never be 100% safe from cyber security attacks but we can be as safe as possible (80-85%) if we stay informed and vigilant. Currently identity theft remains the #1 concern, with a new victim happening every 5 seconds. Because many cyber security attacks start in Europe we often learn of them before they hit the U.S. but we will always be playing “catch-up” to the billion dollar business of security attacks. Although there is a Federal Identity Theft Enforcement and Restitution Act (FITERA), enforcement and recovery when the hack is from outside the U.S. is generally impossible.

He listed the following suggestions to minimize one’s risk of fraud:

- Stay informed.
- Update anti-virus software and be sure to include your mobile device as cell phone attacks are now of greater concern than computers for hacking.
- Be careful about what is shared on social media.
- Block spam by not responding to any emails from which you don’t know the source.
- Diligently monitor your credit rating, and credit and bank accounts.
- Subscribe to credit card alert programs offered from a credit card issuer or bank. Don’t pay companies to do the monitoring.
- Don’t pay ransom if you receive a ransomware scam. Do call the police and notify the FBI who may be able to recover some of the information that has been stolen from you.
- Consider having separate email accounts for your online shopping and trolling and your personal email contacts.
- Do not respond to banks or health care accounts asking you to check your account. Those emails are often phishing scams.
- When you check your credit card and bank accounts, be suspicious of any debit of 99 cents, \$1.99, etc., as they are often ways to determine if you are policing your account and if ignored, the scammer will then take much larger amounts from your accounts.

Art Museum of Greater Lafayette Moving to West Lafayette?

Yes! Kendall Smith II, CEO and Executive Director of the Art Museum of Greater Lafayette spoke to the PURA membership at the May meeting at MCL.

The rich history of the art museum started in 1909 when the Lafayette Art Association originally was housed in the court house. The first purchase of a piece of art was in 1911. The first building occurred in 1959 on land purchased from the Fowler House; and even with several
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The Jewel Box on State Street

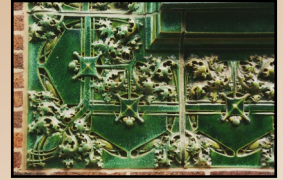


Few passersby pay attention to the trapezoidal brick building on State Street in West Lafayette. It is a familiar sight having been built there in 1914. Few realize that it was designed by Louis Sullivan, one of the most distinguished of American architects.

Louis Henri Sullivan was born to immigrant parents. His father Irish, his mother Swiss. At age 16 he entered MIT but he skipped the first 2 years. As an architect, he moved to Chicago in 1873 because half the town was burned to the ground and building was booming. Sullivan was called “the father of the sky scraper” and “the father of modernism” plus he coined the phrase “form follows function”. He was one of ten architects chosen to build the White City. Frank Lloyd Wright was mentored by him until he discovered Wright was taking jobs on the side.

The firm of Adler and Sullivan gained fame as theater builders. The Auditorium Building in Chicago bears proof of that legacy. The 4,200 seat theater is as breathtaking today as when it opened in 1889.

Toward the end of his career he built 8 small bank buildings in the Midwest calling them Jewel Boxes. One was the Purdue State Bank in West Lafayette. Little has changed. In the 1950’s a stone addition was put on the back. An ATM sits in the original entrance. Hopefully the building will escape the bulldozer in the frantic effort to modernize the village. If you stand in Chauncy Mall, you can get a good view of the green-glazed terra cotta tiles in the then popular Art Nouveau style. And maybe give a nod to an American genius. (J. Thomas)



Campus Calendar

Through July 13—STAR new student orientation program.

July 4—Independence Day, no classes.

July 9—Summer Module III begins.

August 4—Summer commencement exercises.

August 10—Boiler Gold Rush move-ins begin

August 20—Fall semester begins

September 3—Labor Day, no classes

October 8-9—Fall break, no classes

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additions the current facility has totally outgrown the current space.

The museum is accredited by the American Association of Museums and maintains the original mission to collect, educate, and exhibit a diverse variety of art mediums including paintings, drawings, sculptures, pottery, abstracts, and fabric art. Currently there are 18 exhibits annually in 4 galleries. The museum enjoys no debt, a reserve fund, an endowment, and over 1300 art pieces in permanent storage. It is especially important to the community as Purdue is the only Big Ten without its own art museum.

The Art League, with over 250 members, supports the work of the museum through volunteer-sponsored activities, purchasing art for the collection, sponsoring art scholarships for local artists, and holding receptions for the exhibits throughout the year.

The new facility will be 40,000 square feet of space and feature galleries which can exhibit larger paintings, a theater to seat 150, a reception area, a large patio area which will connect to the fountain at the West Lafayette entrance to the walking bridge, a gift shop, a coffee shop and a possible restaurant.

There will be parking spaces on the bottom floor with easier access to additional parking in the present parking garage, which is to be revamped by the City of West Lafayette to be more accommodating for parking.

The silent phase of the campaign will begin in 2019 to gather lead gifts for the original cost analysis of \$22 million. The financial gifts will determine when construction could start on this addition to the West Lafayette landscape. The design drawings indicate the museum will be the highlight of the entrance into West Lafayette from Lafayette.

Mark Your Calendars!

2 July PURA Monthly Meeting, MCL Cafeteria, 11 am.

Topic: Food Biotechnology: Why all the Fuss about GMO’s?

Speaker: Charles Santerre, Purdue Professor of Food Science

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Speaker: Jon Harbor, Purdue Professor of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Associate Vice Provost/Director Digital Education

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