

# PURA News

Purdue University Retirees Association

October 2018

## Over 250 Attend Annual Kickoff Luncheon

PURA President Don Gentry and Provost Jay Akridge brought retirees up to date on the “State of PURA” and “Giant Leaps: Positioning Purdue for the next 150 Years” at the annual PURA Kickoff luncheon, attended by more than 250 PURA members.

Don had attended this year’s Big 10 Retirees Associations conference at Penn State and found the other associations still talking about last year’s conference at Purdue, and the great programs sponsored by PURA.

Over 5,000 retirees make up PURA; they live around the world, but about 4,000 continue to live in Indiana. Almost 90 Volunteers serve as officers or committee members. Participation in the many activities sponsored by PURA is high.

Support from the University, through annual funding and staff assistance, allows retirees and spouses to be members without paying dues. Our members give back to the University and the community through volunteering, and last year contributed over \$120,000 to United Way and over \$8 million to the university itself.

## What’s new with PURA?

- **Benefits:** Cost savings for 2019 PURA Medicare plan premiums. The 2,700 retirees and spouses who have PURA health insurance plans will, depending on the plan held, either see no increase, or a reduction in premium cost. The plans will save our members over \$500,000 compared to this year. (See page 2 for details.)
- **PURA Endowments:** Our two endowments are supporting two *Martin and Patty Jischke Scholarships*, while our new *PURA Scholarship* endowment now totals over \$100,000 and supports five student scholarships. Beginning last year, PURA makes a financial contribution to the *PURA Scholarship* to recognize service to PURA, as board and committee members step down.
- **Monthly Luncheons:** Luncheon meetings on the first Monday of each month provide great speakers, fun and fellowship. They’re so popular, we are out-growing the meeting room at MCL Cafeteria—a nice problem to have. Beginning in October we will try theater-style room seating. You may still arrive early for lunch—half of the restaurant will be reserved for our members. Then following lunch, you’ll move into the meeting room.
- **Online Purdue Retirees Directory:** This new online resource replaces the retirees directory formerly included with the long-out-of-print Purdue telephone book. (The article on page 3 describes where instructions and the directory link can be found.)

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Ann Pickett and Sarah Johnson, long-time co-chairs of the annual PURA Kickoff luncheon, received the 2018 Betty M. Nelson Award for service to PURA. (Shown are Ann Pickett, Betty Nelson, and Sarah Johnson.)

The Department of Health and Kinesiology received the 2018 Arthur G. Hansen award recognizing the department’s support of both their own and other Purdue retirees. (Pictured are Don Gentry, Professor Emeritus Larry Leverenz—the nominator—and Dr. Timothy Gavin, department head.)



## Reminder: October is Free Flu Shot Month!

As reported in the September *PURA News*, the university is again providing seasonal flu shots on the West Lafayette campus for its official retirees and their spouses. **No appointment needed. Bring your PUID.**

### October 12 and October 19

7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Daniel (William H.) Turfgrass Research & Diagnostic Center (1340 Cherry Lane) – next to the Birk Boilermaker Golf Complex. Wellness screenings also available.

### October 24

7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Kurz Purdue Technology Center (KPTC), Conf. Rooms A/B, Research Park, 1281 Win Henschel Blvd. Wellness screenings also available.

Retirees are encouraged to attend on the above dates, because the higher dosage vaccine, Fluzone High Dose, will be available for those ages 65 and older. This vaccine contains four times the amount of antigen (the part of the vaccine that prompts the body to make antibody) contained in regular flu shots. The additional antigen is intended to create a stronger immune response (more antibody) in the person getting the vaccine. See your provider if you need an alternative vaccine.

## PURA Health Insurance Plans Renewed for 2019

PURA's Benefits Committee has renewed the PURcare and Medicare Advantage PPO group health insurance plans with United Healthcare (UHC) for 2019. As in the past, the objective was to maintain the very best medical and drug insurance plans, at the lowest premium possible, while preserving your ability to see the Medicare provider of your choice.

Your committee is pleased to announce the following monthly premiums for 2019:

PURcare (UHC Senior Supplement plus Part D prescription plan) \$265.39/member

UHC Medicare Advantage PPO (including Part D prescription plan) \$208.49/member

The 2019 monthly PURcare premium is *a decrease* of \$17.34 from the 2018 monthly premium, a saving of 6.1% per month.

Historically, the PURcare premium (per member per month) has been:

Plan Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Monthly Premium	\$276.22	\$263.96	\$263.85	\$282.73	\$265.39

For PURcare members with prescription coverage from the Veteran's Administration, the 2019 supplement-only monthly premium will be \$181.62/member, *a decrease* of \$6.99 (3.7%).

### Planning Your Future Seminar Coming in November

PURA will present a special FREE half-day seminar on "Planning Your Future" in November. This half-day seminar will provide an overview of the many decisions all of us face as we move into our senior years.

Join us for an afternoon of important information provided by experts in their respective fields. Even if you think you've made your plans, come and listen to be sure you've thought of everything.

This event will take place on Monday, November 26, 2018, in Stewart Center, Rooms 214 A-D. More information coming soon, in the November *PURA News* and on the PURA web site, [www.purdue.edu/retirees](http://www.purdue.edu/retirees).

The 2019 premium for the Medicare Advantage PPO Plan *remains unchanged*. This premium has remained constant since 2015. There will be no change to Hospital and Medical co-pays or the Annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum.

There have been only minor changes to the benefits provided by either plan for 2019. In order to comply with new guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), UnitedHealthcare (UHC) will announce changes to 2019 prescription drug plans to better address the utilization of opioid medications. UHC will mail the required Annual Notice of Change with these and other details.

The PURA Benefits Committee's goal for the future is to continue to provide outstanding group health insurance plans while maintaining stability in monthly premiums.

If you are currently enrolled in either of the plans, PURcare or Medicare Advantage PPO, and you do not want to make a change, no action is required. Your coverage will automatically continue for 2019. Re-enrollment is not required!

If you elect to terminate your PURA group coverage for a non-PURA plan, you will not be permitted to rejoin at a later time.

PURA members continue to receive outstanding support from Purdue Human Resources. PURA's plans support a portion of the cost of these staff. Please contact Kate LaMar with questions at [klamar@purdue.edu](mailto:klamar@purdue.edu) or (765) 494-1694.



### Announcing: Purdue 150th Anniversary Commemorative Benches

Celebrate Purdue's sesquicentennial—"150 Years of Giant Leaps"—and leave your mark on campus! Your \$25,000 contribution sponsors a stylish seating area along State Street, complete with a plaque honoring your generosity. A perfect opportunity to show your Boilermaker pride!

Learn more! Contact Diane Klassen at [DMKlassen@prf.org](mailto:DMKlassen@prf.org), phone 765-494-7589, or visit [www.purdue.edu/evertrue/statestreet](http://www.purdue.edu/evertrue/statestreet).

## Sign Up for November 7 Campus Tour

### Bechtel Innovation Design Center and Black Cultural Center Tour

As announced in the September *PURA News*, PURA's Campus and Community Committee has organized a tour of two campus facilities on Wednesday, November 7, beginning at 4:00 pm and ending by about 5:30 pm.

PURA members will begin the tour at the new Bechtel Innovation Design Center (BIDC) at 1090 3rd Street in West Lafayette (on the corner of 3rd and Russell Streets).



The building houses cutting edge design and manufacturing tools for

student use, and the building itself was constructed to reflect a



design aesthetic.

After the Bechtel building, PURA members will move to the nearby Black Cultural Center to tour that facility.

The BCC sponsors student performing arts ensembles, houses a special collections library and computer lab, and provides student organizations with office and meeting space. The building itself, which opened in June 1999, has received acclaim for the way it draws on motifs of traditional African architecture.

PURA members who sign up for the tour are encouraged to park in the nearby University Street Parking Garage and walk to the BIDC.

To sign up for the tour, send an e-mail to Michele Salla ([masalla@purdue.edu](mailto:masalla@purdue.edu)). The tour is limited to 30 participants.

## Online Retirees Directory Now Available

An electronic directory of Purdue retirees is now available. The purpose of the online directory is to allow Purdue retirees or surviving spouses to locate and contact other retirees and surviving spouses.

All official retirees of Purdue University, Purdue Research Foundation, West Lafayette, IPFW, North West, Calumet and North Central campuses are included in the directory

You will find instructions to access and use the directory on the PURA home web page, just under the rotating photos (as shown to the right): [www.purdue.edu/retirees](http://www.purdue.edu/retirees).



### What's new with PURA? (Continued from page 1.)

- All financial activities have been consolidated under a Finance Committee chaired by our new Treasurer, Lucia Anderson.
- **Trips and Tours and Community Activities:** These two committees, chaired by Mary Alice Nebold and Joma Roe, are now working together to better serve your needs. Watch for special opportunities for members and guests to be announced throughout the year .
- **Social Media Task Force**— PURA member Scott Ksander has agreed to keep us informed of social media issues, cyber scams, new technology and toys and trends. Read *PURA News* for monthly updates.
- **“Planning Your Future” seminar, November 26:** The Program committee has planned a free special program on estate planning, future living options and issues, and end of life planning, watch for more details soon.

- The **Hansen Award** has been expanded to award grants to departments to develop activities to serve their retirees.
- The annual **Purposeful Living in Retirement** program is slated for April 17, 2019. Registration information coming after the first of the year.
- **Communications:** The *PURA News* newsletter is published 10 times per year and is currently distributed via email and printed copies. Members may also keep up with PURA happenings and future events on our informative web page ([www.purdue.edu/retirees](http://www.purdue.edu/retirees)).

NOTE: the **printed version of the newsletter will be discontinued** as of March, 2019, and distribution will be exclusively via email and the web page.

To provide your email address so you can continue to receive the *PURA News*, use the new Retiree Directory (described above) or send email to Michele Salla, [masalla@purdue.edu](mailto:masalla@purdue.edu). More reminders about this transition will appear in upcoming months.



## October Campus Calendar

### Academic:

**Oct. 8-9**—Fall break, no classes. (Offices are open.)

### Music: Free and open to the public.

**Oct. 12**—American Music Repertory Ensemble and Lab Jazz Band. 8 p.m. Stewart Center, Loeb Playhouse.

**Oct. 14**—Purdue Bells in worship services. 8:30 and 11 a.m. First United Methodist Church, 1700 W. State St., West Lafayette.

**Oct. 14**—Fall Concert Bands. 2:30 p.m. Long Center, 111 N. Sixth St., Lafayette.

**Oct. 18**—Purdue Jazz Band, Tower of Power Band, and Guitar & Saxophone Ensemble. 8 p.m. Stewart Center, Loeb Playhouse.

**Oct. 20**—Purdue Varsity Glee Club 125th Anniversary Alumni Concert and Celebration. Concert: 4-6 p.m.; Elliott Hall of Music

**Oct. 21**—Purdue Bells in worship services. 10:30 a.m. Federated Church, 2400 Sycamore Lane.

**Oct. 21**—Purdettes in worship services. 10:45 a.m. Immanuel United Church of Christ, 1526 S. 18th St., Lafayette.

**Film:** Free and open to the public.

**Oct. 2**—World Film Forum: "The Fortress" (2017, historical drama, 140 minutes, South Korea, English subtitles). Presenter: Song No, associate professor of Spanish, School of Languages and Cultures. 7:30 p.m. West Lafayette Public Library, 208 W. Columbia St.

### Athletics:

**Football**, Ross-Ade Stadium.

**Oct. 20**—vs. Ohio State (Pack Ross-Ade Day). Noon.

**Women's Volleyball**, Brees Center, Belin Court in Holloway Gym.

**Oct. 10**—vs. Penn State. 7 p.m.

**Oct. 18**—vs. Maryland. 7 p.m.

**Oct. 20**—vs. Ohio State. 7 p.m.

**Women's Soccer**, Folk Field, free.

**Oct. 5**—vs. Minnesota. 7 p.m.

**Oct. 7**—vs. Wisconsin. 1 p.m.

**Baseball**, Alexander Field, Admission free to fall baseball.

**Oct. 6**—exhibition vs. Parkland College. 10 a.m.

**Oct. 12**—fall scrimmage vs. Ontario Travel Team. 2 p.m.

**Oct. 13**—exhibition vs. Heartland College. 10 a.m.

**Oct. 20, 26, 27**—intra-squad Old Gold and Black Series. Times TBA.

## PURA Tech Bytes - By Scott Ksander

This is the first of a series of articles requested by the PURA Board to try to keep PURA members in touch with current technical issues, and in particular, security threats. The style and content of the articles will develop over time with your input. Feel free to contact me at [ksander@purdue.edu](mailto:ksander@purdue.edu)

There are a number of scams that seem particularly popular now. To protect yourself, please understand the following facts:

- Microsoft, or any representative of Microsoft, will NEVER call you on the phone. If you get a call, just hang up. Your Windows "license" does NOT expire. Any warning about that is false. Ignore it.
- NO "security center" is monitoring your PC or will call you because they have noticed "unusual activity". This is a FRAUD. If you get a call, just hang up.
- The IRS will NEVER call you on the phone about anything. They will send you a letter via the U.S. Postal Service. If you get a call, just hang up. More information at: <https://youtu.be/i4nCy6Xs6R8>

The single most important thing you can do is be sure you have a current anti-virus product on your machine. Many are good. More information at: <https://tinyurl.com/ycspeqrb>

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The Purdue University Retirees Association newsletter is published for official retirees of Purdue University, and prepared by the PURA Communications Committee.

**Suggestions or ideas for PURA or the newsletter, and changes of address and email, should be referred to:**

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2018-2019 PURA Communications Committee:

Chair: Karen Lembcke, Members: Connie Bilyeu, Jim Daniel, Joann Thomas

## Mark Your Calendars!

**1 October PURA Monthly Meeting**, MCL Cafeteria, 11 am.

**Topic:** Purdue's Sesquicentennial Celebration in 2019

**Speaker:** Kelly Hiller, Director, Purdue Sesquicentennial Communications

**8-9 October Final days to register to vote** in Indiana general election, including U.S. Senate & House races. Deadline is October 9.

**10 October PURA Common Read Discussion and Tour of Wilmett Learning Center.** 4:00-5:30 pm.

Dean Emeritus Jim Mullins's book *A Purdue Icon: Creation, Life, and Legacy*, about the north Purdue Power Plant and Engineering Administration building Space is limited. Registration: email Michele Salla at [masalla@purdue.edu](mailto:masalla@purdue.edu).

**12, 19, 24 October Flu Shots**, Free for official retirees and spouses. (See reminder on page 1 for details.)

**5 November PURA monthly meeting**, MCL Cafeteria, 11:00 am.

**Topic:** Tech Toys III & Top Tech Concerns of the Day.

**Speaker:** Scott Ksander

**6 November ELECTION Day**

**7 November PURA tour of Bechtel Innovation Design Center and Black Cultural Center.** 4:00-5:30 pm. Space is limited. Registration: email Michele Salla at [masalla@purdue.edu](mailto:masalla@purdue.edu).

**26 November PURA Planning Your Future conference**

Stewart Center, Rooms 214 A-D. More information coming soon.

**3 December PURA monthly meeting**, MCL Cafeteria, 11:00 am.

**Topic:** "From Pharmacies to Farm-acies: How the food we eat and the way we eat it can lead to health and longevity".

**Speaker:** Gary Ulrich, IU School of Medicine

**7 January PURA monthly meeting**, MCL Cafeteria, 11:00 am.

**Topic:** "The Future of K-12 education in Indiana, and the Greater Lafayette Career & Technical Education Center".

**Speaker:** Scott Hanback, Superintendent, Tippecanoe School Corporation

**17 April 2019 PURA Purposeful Living In Retirement**

**Conference.** Beck Agricultural Center, West Lafayette.