

# PURA News

Purdue University Retirees Association

Dec. 2018-Jan. 2019

## “Tech Toys III” Update at November

### PURA Meeting

PURA member Scott Ksander presented his popular Tech Toys topic and top tech concerns of the day at the November 5 PURA meeting—the third year that Scott has given us ideas for great tech gifts. Scott has had a career in Cybersecurity and a natural love for the IT world. Always very well received, he is able to share information so the “non-techy” can understand. The group voted to bring Scott back again next year “Tech Toys IV.”

Scott’s list of tech toys for the holidays ...some for the kids, and some for us:

- **Tile Pro.** Attach a tile and find a missing item via phone
- **Remote Control T-Rex.** A fun toy
- **Tinkerbots Robotics.** Introduces robotics and programing
- **iPhone XS Max.** Most expensive iphone, but has an awesome camera.
- **Google Pixel 3 smart phone.**
- **Macbook Air and Mac Mini.** Latest offerings from Apple.
- **Ipad Pro.** New and improved, from Apple.
- **Picture Keeper for Mac or PC.** Grabs photos from the computer and great for backup
- **Picture Keeper Connect.** For phones, as well as PC and Mac.
- **Picture Keeper Pro.** 500GB external drive
- **Google home hub.** Smart speaker with Google assistant.
- **Google Pixel Slate.**
- **Google Pixelbook.** High-performance Chromebook.
- **Amazon Echo Show 2.0.**



Scott Ksander talks with Lon Ahlen at the November monthly luncheon.

- **Facebook Portal.** Chat via Facebook.
- **Amazon Echo Dot 3.** Louder speaker
- **Amazon Echo** for your car.
- **Amazon Speaker-less Echo Input.** Output of existing speakers
- **Amazon Alexa clock.**
- **Amazon Fire TV Recast.** Live recording (DVR-like) and off-the-air programming.
- **Amazon Echo Link and Link Amp.**
- **Coming to Alexa:** Hunches, and Guard Mode.
- **Amazon Alexa Microwave.**
- **Segway Drift W1 E-skates.**
- **Lexar JumpDrive Fingerprint F35.**

Slides from Scott’s presentation are available on the PURA website, [www.purdue.edu/retirees](http://www.purdue.edu/retirees), or contact program coordinator Sandy Komasiński for a copy: [sandyk@purdue.edu](mailto:sandyk@purdue.edu).

## Norman Long Nominated PURA 2019-2020 President Elect

After careful consideration, the PURA Nominating committee recommends Dr. Norman Long for the position of President Elect for 2019-2020 and PURA President for 2020-2021.

Long retired after 34 years of service, as professor emeritus from the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service. During his career he served as 4-H Youth Agent in several Indiana counties and Extension Specialist on the 4-H staff at Purdue. Long organized and co-directed the Purdue Animal Sciences Workshop for Youth, numerous State 4-H/FFA Ag Judging events, and the State Fair Sale of Champions.

He organized and co-directed 4-H projects for Veterinary Science, Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine, Horse & Pony, Cat, Dog, Rabbit, Poultry, with an enrollment in excess of 50,000 youth, and

was Executive Secretary of the Indiana 4-H Foundation, Inc. from 1978-1993. Throughout his career, he taught and counseled numerous 4-H policy groups, county fair boards and worked extensively with the Indiana state fair board. His service was focused on policy development, roles of responsibility, constitutional design, effective operations, legal considerations, tort liability and insurance protection against liability.

Since retirement Norman has become a volunteer and involved grandfather. He and his wife, Cay, are active members of First Christian Church in Lafayette, where he chaired a \$400,000 capital campaign, is a trustee, elder, general board secretary and serves on a variety of other committees. He is past president of Lafayette Business to Business, Executive Committee member and Secretary of the Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester, Indiana; a 20-year

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## Norman Long Nominated, *continued from page 1*

volunteer at the Purdue Visitor's Center Kiosk; Tippecanoe Township Precinct Committee Chair and is completing his fourth year as a member of the PURA hospitality committee. He received the Sagamore of the Wabash from Governor Frank O'Bannon for his career service to the people of Indiana.

Norm and Cay have four adult married children, and eight grandchildren. Three children are Purdue graduates and one a Butler graduate. They enjoy traveling to see family who live in Kentucky, Texas, California and England.

Additional nominees can be proposed at the March business meeting with their prior approval. The vote of the membership will occur at the April meeting.



### PURA Newsletter Only Via Email & Online, Beginning March 2019

As mentioned at the September Kick-off luncheon and in the September issue, *PURA News* is "going digital" effective with the March 2019 issue. *PURA News* will still be published 10 times a year, continue to be sent to retirees' email addresses, and continue to be posted on the PURA website, [www.purdue.edu/retirees](http://www.purdue.edu/retirees), but printed copies will no longer be distributed.

**Please make sure PURA has your current email address before March rolls around!**

Contact Michele Salla at the Office of Retiree Affairs, by phone at 765-494-1779 or (toll free) 877-725-0222, or via email [masalla@purdue.edu](mailto:masalla@purdue.edu).

## Insurance Coverage for the Shingles Shot

Shingles vaccinations are covered under the PURcare and PURA Medicare Advantage Medicare Supplement Plans as drugs at a Tier 2 (Preferred Brand) copay. Therefore, the Shingles vaccine copay is at the 50% coinsurance level with the \$45.00 maximum copay allowed under the plan. In addition, United Healthcare will reimburse up to \$20.00 for the administrative fee associated with the administration of the medication.

There are two Shingles vaccines available. Zostavax is a one-time injection. A newer vaccine, called Shingrix, is a two-step injection, typically administered two to six months apart. The applicable fees, as outlined above, apply. For Shingrix, the fees are applied to each injection.

Pharmacies are offering the Shingles vaccine, although at the current time there is a limited quantity. Until supply catches up to demand, it may be necessary to be placed on a waiting list.

Reminder: if you have not gotten your flu shot, it is not too late. (PURA Benefits Committee)



**The 2018 Christmas tree in the Purdue Memorial Union celebrates Purdue's 150th anniversary with white lights and black, white, and gold ornaments and presents under the tree.**

## Over 140 Attend PURA's "Planning For Your Future" Seminar

Organized by PURA's Program Committee, the "Planning for Your Future" seminar, held on November 26, attracted more than 140 Purdue retirees and retirees-to-be for an informative afternoon.

Included was important advice about financial and health care issues, senior living options, and more, featuring local experts sharing their expertise on issues which all senior citizens face as they age, including these, and more.

- Medical & legal powers of attorney, wills and trusts and related tax implications.
- The impact of the new tax law on income and other taxes, possible adjustments to financial planning; the benefits of planned giving and/or donating stocks to charities.
- Having enough income to live comfortably.

- Services that can be provided by home healthcare agencies to help seniors remain in their homes permanently.
- Costs of the various care options, and how they impact seniors' estates.

Evaluations from those in attendance were overwhelmingly positive and generated discussion about repeating this content in future years. With our ever-changing economy, new medical research, the rising cost of prescription drugs and other issues, there certainly will be new information to share. With seminars such as this, the Purposeful Living in Retirement program in the spring, and programs at PURA's monthly luncheon meetings, we'll do our best to keep everyone up-to-date.

If you were unable to attend, slides from the seminar may be downloaded from the PURA web pages:

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

## Dec.-Jan. Campus Calendar

### Academic:

**Dec. 15**—Last day of finals. Fall semester ends.

**Dec. 16**—Fall Commencement. 8 am and 12:30 pm.

**Dec. 24-Jan. 1**—Christmas/New Year's holidays & winter recess, no classes. Offices are closed.

**Jan. 2**—Campus operations resume. Offices reopen.

**Jan. 7**—Spring semester begins.

**Jan. 21**—Martin Luther King holiday. No classes and offices are closed.

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

**Dec. 14-March 3**—"Southern Roots" by Sandra Bridges. Organized with Purdue Black Cultural Center. A Deja vu experience through endearing and contemplative paintings. Art Museum of Greater Lafayette, 102 S. 10th St., Lafayette. Free. Hours: 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.

daily except major holidays.

### Men's Basketball:

Dec. 15—Crossroads Classic tournament. Purdue vs. Notre Dame, 1:30 pm. Butler vs. Indiana, 3:45pm. Bankers Life Fieldhouse, 125 S. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis.

Dec. 20—vs. Ohio. 7:00 pm. At Mackey Arena.

Dec. 29—vs. Belmont. 4:30 pm. At Mackey Arena.

Jan. 3—vs. Iowa. 7:00 pm. At Mackey Arena.

### Women's Basketball, at Mackey Arena:

Dec. 16—vs. South Carolina. 3:00 pm.

Dec. 19—vs. Albany. 11:30 am.

Dec. 21—vs. Bradley. Noon.

Dec. 28—vs. Ohio State. 4:00 pm.

Jan. 5—vs. Michigan. 6:00 pm.

Athletic ticket information at:

[purduesports.com/tickets/pur-tickets.html](http://purduesports.com/tickets/pur-tickets.html)

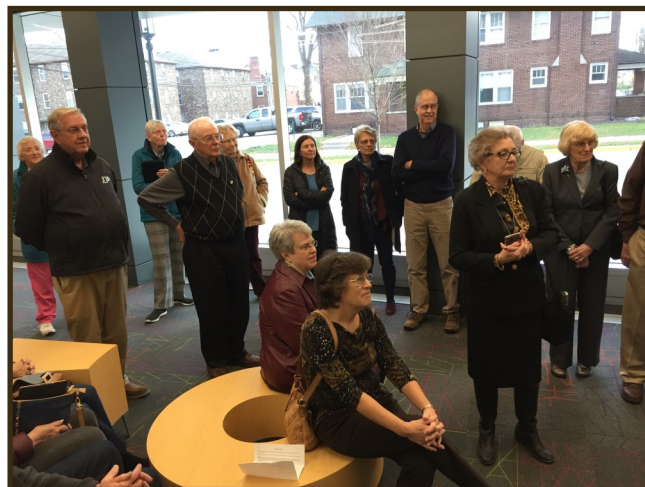
## PURA Tours Bechtel Innovation Design Center and Black Cultural Center

On November 7, about 25 PURA members toured two campus facilities: the new Bechtel Innovation Design Center and the Black Cultural Center.

The Bechtel Innovation Design Center (BIDC), which opened a little over a year ago on the corner of 3rd and Russell Streets in West Lafayette, was designed to provide a so-called Makerspace for Purdue students. As members learned on the tour, the facility houses a wide variety of equipment and materials, from wood and metal working tools to computer-aided design software and 3D printers, that students may use to design and build just about anything. No classes are scheduled in the facility, but instead it is open to all students to use whenever and for whatever projects they desire.

Following the tour of the BIDC, PURA members crossed Russell Street to visit the Black Cultural Center. While the BCC will shortly be celebrating its 50th anniversary, the current building has been in use only since 1999. On the tour, members learned

about the activities and services of the BCC, had the chance to listen in during a rehearsal session of the Black Voices of Inspiration, and were able to view many of the impressive pieces of African American art in the BCC's collection. It was a stimulating and informative day for all the PURA members who were able to attend.



## 2019 Purposeful Living in Retirement Dates Announced

Many of us change calendars when a new year begins. Mark your calendar for April 17, 2019 for the 2019 Purposeful Living in Retirement (PLIR) Conference.

The committee has been working since last May to implement many of the recommendations made by our members. In 2019 there will be expanded vendors, an expanded breakfast menu, a fitness walk for those interested, and a keynote speaker from Penn State University on "Intergenerational Communications". Plan to come join us!

### Coming Soon, More on Our Web Pages!

- Recap of September's Center on Aging and the Life Course annual symposium, co-sponsored by PURA.
- Recap of December monthly PURA luncheon speaker, Gary Ulrich, IU School of Medicine. His talk was "From Pharmacies to Farm-acies: How the food we eat and the way we eat it can lead to health and longevity".

## Join PURA on February 21 for "Successfully Growing Houseplants"

Do the leaves on your houseplants become yellow for seemingly no reason? When watering your houseplants, are you being too generous or too stingy with the amount of water? What causes houseplants to become unhealthy? When should houseplants be transplanted, and how does one insure success?

All of these questions—and more—will be answered by a Bennett's horticulturist at the Campus and Community Activities committee's planned event on Thursday, February 21, 2019 beginning at 2:00 p.m., at Bennett's Greenhouse.

Ample parking is available at Bennett's, 3651 McCarty Lane, Lafayette.

Register soon—the event is limited to twenty-five (25) participants. Email Michele Salla at [masalla@purdue.edu](mailto:masalla@purdue.edu) to reserve your spot.



## A Buzzing Christmas

by Tom Turpin

Christmas comes round but once a year,  
A happy season with friends drawing near,  
But a great joy of Christmas some fogey might say,  
Is that the insects of summer have all gone away.  
But what if those pests would just happen to stay  
And share the good tidings of our Christmas day?

Would picnic beetles so lively and quick  
Fall from the skies in place of St. Nick?  
Would the Yuletide dinner not seem quite right  
In the presence of mosquitoes that buzz and that bite?  
And a Christmas hot toddy could provide a REAL sting  
If to it a stray yellow jacket would wing.

Of course, tasty eggnog with nutmeg suspended  
Would cover up gnats unintentionally upended.  
The sweetness of punch, not to mention the candy  
Would certainly attract ants and come in quite handy

For those insects to carry as they march underground  
To a nest where their larvae can always be found.

A ladybug ornament, a fine decoration,  
May just brighten up any Yule celebration.  
But how disconcerting it certainly would be  
To find real, live insects chewing the tree!  
Not to mention webworms on wreaths filled with snow,  
Or beetles and loopers throughout mistletoe.

So when carols are finished and Christmas is done,  
Look back and count all your blessings – each one.  
Reflect on the times and the season so great  
And holiday magic we all celebrate.  
'Tis indeed a season of good will and great cheer,  
For not even one bug did dare interfere!



## PURA Tech Bytes - By Scott Ksander

Holiday online shopping is estimated to grow 14.8% in 2018 to \$124.1 Billion. This outpaces the predicted growth of only 2.7% for brick-and-mortar locations. As you shop, remember these tips to stay “cyber safe”.

- Shop at websites you trust with businesses you have checked out.
- Beware of rock-bottom prices from places you have never heard of. A few dollars of savings is not worth the risk.
- Pay with a credit card and monitor that credit card closely. Most banks provide almost real time information on credit card balances. Check your balance at least weekly during the holiday season. Report anything suspicious promptly to your bank.
- If you have a problem with a fraudulent credit card charge, check out the Federal Trade Commission on building an Identity Theft Recovery Plan - <https://www.identitytheft.gov/>

In other news, Microsoft has moved to a twice-a-year feature update program for Windows 10. In addition to the monthly “critical updates”, there will be a Spring and Fall feature update. The current Fall 2018 update (known as version 1809) experienced problems and is still on hold. To better understand how to avoid unexpected updates or to get new features that you may want to try, see <https://tinyurl.com/yab8853e>

**Fun Fact** – the Control Data 6600 that many of us used at Purdue between 1967 until 1989, was the world’s first successful supercomputer. It achieved a then-unprecedented 3 million floating point operations per second and utilized 384,000 transistors. For comparison, the iPhone Xs computing engine features 6.9 billion transistors and allows 5 trillion operations per second. The only remaining CDC supercomputer still in operation is the Purdue CDC 6500, installed at the Living Computers: Museum + Labs in Seattle, Washington. Visit them at <https://livingcomputers.org/>

## Mark Your Calendars!

**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

**4 February PURA monthly meeting**, MCL Cafeteria, 11:00 am.

**Topic:** The NICHES Land Trust Helping Ecosystems Survive.

**Speaker:** Nysa Lilovich, NICHES Communications Director

**21 February “Successfully Growing Houseplants”**, Bennett’s Greenhouses. (See Page 3 for registration information.)

**4 March PURA monthly meeting**, MCL Cafeteria, 11:00 am.

**Topic:** Medical Marijuana and Other Complementary and Alternative Medicines

**Speaker:** Cindy Koh-Knox, Pharm D. Clinical Associate

**1 April PURA monthly meeting**, MCL Cafeteria, 11:00 am.

**Topic:** The Opioid Epidemic—An Update.

**Speaker:** Carl Erich, United Against Opioid Abuse Local Coordinator, at United Way of Greater Lafayette

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

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

**6 May PURA monthly meeting**, MCL Cafeteria, 11:00 am.

**Topic:** Campus Master Planning & Discovery Park Plans.

**Speaker:** Michael Gulich, Director of Campus Master Planning and Sustainability

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