

# PURA News

Purdue University Retirees Association

February 2019

## PURA Sponsors Purdue Historical Characters for Purdue's 150th Celebration

To help celebrate Purdue's 150th anniversary this year, PURA is sponsoring "Purdue Historical Characters," where PURA members dress up in period costumes as famous people in Purdue's history and interact with attendees at selected Purdue events.

The first event was the Pest Control Conference held annually at Purdue in January, at which Mary Alice Nebold portrayed Amelia Earhart (at left in the photo), Tom Turpin (center) portrayed Clifford Turpin, and Olivia Wood (right) was Mary L. Matthews/Virginia Meredith. It was a lot of fun and the attendees and sponsors loved it! Some or all of the "characters" may show up at a future MCL meeting or the PLIR conference.

PURA members are on board to represent John Purdue, Joe Tiller, Harvey Wiley, and Orville Redenbacher, but we need more retirees to cover important people in Purdue's history, for example, any of the Deans of Women, who were all very important national figures, not just important Purdue people.

If you are interested in portraying someone from Purdue's history, please contact Tom Turpin (via email at [turpin@purdue.edu](mailto:turpin@purdue.edu)).

A sign identifying your character will be made for you to wear. You only need to introduce yourself as the character and spend 3-5 minutes of informal conversation about them. There are plenty of factual resources for information about noted people at or from Purdue in the past.



(Many thanks to John Obermeyer, Entomology, for this photo.)

## Update: Purposeful Living in Retirement Seminar

Mark your calendars for April 17, 2019 to attend PURA's annual Purposeful Living in Retirement (PLIR) Conference. Plan to spend the day from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. with PURA members and guests.

Among changes this year will be an expanded breakfast menu, more vendors, and a keynote address, plus four additional speaker presentations, including one on travel, and an optional fitness walk in which wheelchair attendees can also participate.

Our generous sponsors allow us to offer this to you for only \$15 including two meals and breaks. WOW! Registration for the conference will be mailed to PURA members in early March. **Please register early, as attendance may need to be limited.**

Hope to see you there!

## Reminder: Sign Up for "Successfully Growing Houseplants"

A few spots remain for the Campus and Community Activities committee's event on Thursday, February 21, 2019, at Bennett's Greenhouse, beginning at 2:00 p.m..

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? Bennett's horticulturist will answer all of these questions—and more.

Ample parking is available at Bennett's, 3651 McCarty Lane, Lafayette. Register soon—the event is filling fast, and limited to twenty-five (25) participants. Email Michele Salla at [masalla@purdue.edu](mailto:masalla@purdue.edu) to reserve your spot.



## **FINAL REMINDER:**

### **Beginning In March 2019—*PURA News* Only Via Email & Online**

This publication is “going digital” beginning 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).

## **Tippecanoe School Corporation’s Hanback Addresses PURA January Meeting**

The future of K-12 Education in Indiana and the Greater Lafayette Career and Technical Education Center was the topic of PURA’s January monthly meeting presented by Scott Hanback, Superintendent of the Tippecanoe School Corporation.

The Tippecanoe School Corporation (TSC) is one of the largest school districts in the state—with over 13,500 students, 1,600 teachers and staff members in 20 different schools, with an annual budget of over \$125 million. Scott spent much of his career in the TSC as a teacher and principal before being named Superintendent at the Metropolitan School District of Wabash County in 2005. TSC lured him back home as their superintendent in 2008.

As superintendent, Scott has led the district through strategic plans that have led to increased student achievement, daily professional development for teachers, nearly 20% enrollment growth and an improved technology infrastructure that enhances teaching and learning to name a few.

He mentioned that the future trends in education include: school safety; STEM; cybersecurity; Tech Broadband Access; social and emotional learning; and college and career

guidance; workforce skills gap; teacher recruitment and retention; and collaborative partnerships.

Scott received his bachelor’s degree from Taylor University, his master’s from Purdue University and his Ph.D. from Indiana University in 2002. Scott was named District Superintendent of the Year in 2013 and 2017 by the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents (IAPSS) and was inducted into the Lafayette Jefferson High School Alumni Hall of Fame in 2014.

In 2017, he received the Workforce Development Award from Greater Lafayette Commerce for his work with colleagues to create the pending Greater Lafayette Career Academy. He serves locally as Vice-Chairman of the Lafayette Family YMCA Board, Chairman of the Lafayette Region Ivy Tech Board of Trustees, and he’s a former member of the Board of Directors at the Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette. Scott recently served as president of the IAPSS and is currently Indiana’s superintendent representative on the Governing Board of the National Superintendent’s Association, serving on behalf of students and staff through federal education advocacy efforts.

Scott is a strong advocate of the Read to Succeed Program. This program invites community members to spend one hour per week in a local classroom helping children develop and improve their literacy skills. The program is managed thru the United Way. If anyone is interested in participating in this program, you may contact Ashley Bieseimer by telephone at 765-742-9077 ext. 233.

### **February-March Retiree Wellness Screenings**

Retirees interested in having their yearly wellness screening may do so on Mondays starting February 18, 2019.

Every Monday in February and March the Purdue Nursing Center for Family Health will open at 8:00 am and will do screenings till 12:00 noon.

Wellness screenings include a finger stick for a lipid profile with optional basic hearing screening, ear wax check, blood pressure and BMI.

Contact Chris Rearick, MSN, RN, to schedule and discuss the screenings in which you may be interested. Phone her at 496-0308, or you may email her at [crearick@purdue.edu](mailto:crearick@purdue.edu) for a quicker response.



**Scott Hanback talks with a member of the audience at the January PURA meeting.**

## February Campus Calendar

### Academic:

**Mar. 11-16**—Spring Break.

**May 4**—Spring semester ends.

**May 10-12**—Spring commencement ceremonies.

### Special Events: Free and open to the public.

**Books and Coffee series** (69th annual). 4:00-4:30 p.m.: Refreshments. 4:30-4:55 p.m.: Talk. STEW, Rooms 302-306. Prize drawing at end of each event available to those present.

**Feb. 7**--Maren Linett, professor of English, on Stephen Kuusisto's "Have Dog Will Travel: A Poet's Journey."

**Feb. 14**--Sam Blackmon, associate professor of English, on Yaa Gyasi's "Homegoing."

**Feb. 21**--Janet Alsup, professor and department head of curriculum and instruction, on Tara Westover's "Educated: A Memoir."

### Purdue 150th Celebration Ideas Festival

Details at <https://takegiantleaps.com/calendar/>

**Feb. 6**—What If We Could Predict Hurricanes?

**Feb. 12**—What If We Made Mental Wellness a Priority?

**Feb. 13**—What If AI (artificial intelligence) Tools Punish the Poor?

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

**Wind Works Concert Series.** Long Center for the Performing Arts. 111 North 6th Street, Lafayette

**Feb. 15**—Wind Works I. 8:00 p.m. Collegiate Band & Wind Ensemble.

**Feb. 16**—Wind Works II. 8:00 p.m. University Band, Campus Band & Concert Band.

**Feb. 17**—Wind Works III. 2:30 p.m. Symphonic Band & Varsity Band.

**Feb. 22**—8:00 p.m. Guitar & Saxophone, Tower of Power Band, American Music Reparatory Ensemble. Loeb Playhouse.

**Feb. 27**—6:00 p.m. Concert Jazz Band & Lab Jazz Band I. Purdue Memorial Union.

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

Patti and Rusty Rueff Galleries, Pao Hall. Hours: 10:00 a.m.-7:00p.m. Monday-Friday (except holidays, and closing at 5:00 p.m. on final day of an exhibition)

**Feb. 11-22**—"Paintings from India: Historical and Modern."

**Feb. 18-22**—Lobyn Hamilton Solo Exhibition.

### Theatre:

**Feb. 9**--"The Colored Museum." Theatrical satire presented as 11 "exhibits" showing truths about being black in the U.S. 7:00-9:00 p.m. Purdue Memorial Union, North Ballroom.

**Feb. 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23**—Purdue Theatre's production of -"The Two Gentlemen of Verona" by William Shakespeare. Ticket information at: <https://cla.purdue.edu/theatre/Tickets>

### Athletics:

**Swimming:** Burke Aquatic Center. Free and open to the public.

**Feb. 23-24**—Men's "First Chance" meet vs. Indiana. All day, each day.

**Tennis:** Schwartz Tennis Center. Free and open to the public.

**Feb. 2**—Men's tennis: Two matches. Purdue vs. Marquette at 11:00 a.m. Purdue vs. Green Bay at 3:00 p.m.

**Feb. 16**—Women's tennis vs. Washington State. 12:00 noon.

**Track & Field:** Lambert Fieldhouse (spectators use west entrance).

**Feb. 1-2**—Indoor track and field (women and men). Fred Wilt Open. Time TBA.

All sports schedules available at: <https://purduesports.com>. Click through to the Home page, then click on **Sports** at the top to see specific sports menu.

## New VP for Human Resources Introduced to PURA



Bill Bell, new Vice President for Human Resources, introduced himself to the PURA Executive Board at its December meeting. The VP for Human Resources serves as administrative advisor to PURA.

He received his M.B.A. from Roosevelt University and his B.S. from Illinois State University. After 19 years of human resources leadership experience in corporate areas, Bill reported that he was excited to come to Purdue University, and had started on October 1, 2018.

He stated he was hired to bring innovative and modern approaches to different human resource activities and policies regarding benefits, employment, compensation, training and development, employee relations and HR information systems. Some of the current projects include organized job family structure and transition to SAP SuccessFactors as part of the Human Capital Management Transformational Project.



Congratulations!!!! PURA has again exceeded its goal of \$120,000 for the Greater Lafayette United Way Campaign by raising \$139,470. This is the 7th year that PURA has topped the \$100,000 mark.

Not only do Purdue retirees provide financial support to United Way, they volunteer their time and expertise to many of its programs and agencies.

Thank you, Purdue retirees, for your continued and generous support of United Way.



## In Memoriam: Bob Bain, 1947—2019

PURA shares with sadness the passing of former PURA president and treasurer, Bob Bain. His 37-year career at Purdue included business offices in the school of Agriculture and in Physical Facilities, and after a change in career direction, he retired as Director of Physical Facilities Computing. A college football fan, he was part of the official statistics crew for Purdue football for 35 years. He was also involved in the Purdue Federal Credit Union for nearly 40 years, serving on the board and supervisory committees, and as Board chair and treasurer during the period that it grew from \$10 million in assets to \$1.2 billion. His expertise, dedication and sense of humor will be missed.



## Song of the Heart

There is a joy within my heart  
That makes me sing today  
Yes, something in my very soul  
That bids my being sway  
To lovely lilting melodies  
Which only I can hear.

These notes rise with the know-  
ing  
That to you I am most dear.  
Chords found and formed and glowing  
With the beauty of your face,  
That catch the brilliance of your smile  
And wonder of your grace.



# Happy Valentine's Day!

Soft music which expresses  
Warmth, tenderness and love  
A strain of sweet completeness  
Descending from above  
Into my heart ~into my life  
And blessing all I know.

A sonnet, sweet and strong enough  
To set a world aglow.

Written by Eloise C. White

## PURA Tech Bytes - By Scott Ksander

Even after retirement I still get introduced to Purdue groups as “the guy who made us change our password”. I will proudly own that. It was a good idea then and it is still a good idea.

A recent news story emphasized a bit of a different twist on the topic of selecting and, more importantly, not reusing passwords. A recent news item talked about the leak for a mega-collection of email addresses and passwords going back to at least 2008. Known simply as “Collection #1”, it contains almost 773 million email addresses and more than 21 million passwords. That’s 87GB of information for a prospective hacker. This becomes the “dictionary” of likely passwords for input to “bots” (computing robots) to try and break into accounts. This file doesn’t have to contain “your password”. It is a starting point. If you thought “BoilerUp123” was a good password, it is likely somebody else did also. If it was used almost anywhere in the last 10+ years, it is likely in this file.

Remember, select a password that:

- Isn’t a proper word in any language.
- Isn’t a common keyboard pattern like “QWERTY.”
- Isn’t a name of a family member, pet, etc.
- Does utilize special characters such as “!@#%&”. This expands the “alphabet” for passwords beyond just 26 letters and 10 numbers.
- Is unique while being something you can easily remember.

When you do change your password, don’t EVER reuse a previous password.



The Cyberworld is a dangerous place. Be careful out there.

## Mark Your Calendars!

**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

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

**Topic:** Safely Navigating Your Prescription Drug Regimen

**Speaker:** Dan Degnan, Chelsea Anderson & Jamie Woodward, Purdue Department of Pharmacy Practice

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