

PURA News

Purdue University Retirees Association

October 2020

PURA October 5 Virtual Monthly Meeting

On October 5, from 12:45 p.m.—1:30 p.m., Chad Evans, local station WLFI Channel 18 meteorologist, will join PURA's second virtual meeting, to discuss long range weather forecasting.

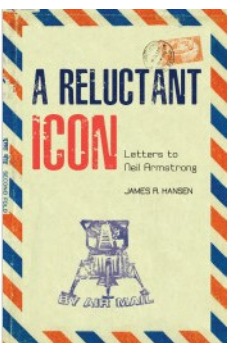
Long-range and seasonal forecasts rely heavily on analog data (i.e., what happened in past similar cases). Chad relies on that extensively on the monthly and yearly scales. It involves using CIPS (Cooperative Institute for Precipitation Systems) analogs, climate division anomalies, and combining various indices to produce a forecast. He says it is similar to evaluating a basketball team to gauge who will be the dominant players in the game.

This is the challenge, as there is no clear-cut single index to make an accurate monthly, seasonal, or annual forecast. Chad will explain various indices and their specific impact on our local weather, and how he utilizes them to make the forecast.

Note: The October 5 Zoom meeting connection information was emailed to members on September 28. **Connection information will remain the same for future monthly meetings**, so this information is included on page 12.

Chad is originally from Daviess County, Indiana, with strong Hoosier roots and deep interest in Midwestern weather, climate, and all facets of the natural world. He was a 10-year 4H member and four-year FFA member, and he graduated from Indiana State University. He's worked as a meteorologist in Terre Haute, Evansville, and Lafayette, becoming WLFI's chief meteorologist in 2018.

PURA 2020 Common Read Virtual Discussion On November 9



A Reluctant Icon: Letters to Neil Armstrong, curated by James R. Hansen, is the book we have selected for the Common Read presentation this fall. Hansen, a retired historian from Auburn University, is the same person Neil chose to write his official biography.

Join us on Zoom for the Common Read discussion, Monday, November 9, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

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We are grateful that Tracy Grimm, Associate Head of Archives and Special Collections and Barron Hilton Archivist for Flight and Space Exploration, offered to lead the Common Read. She will tell us how Neil's papers and artifacts came to Purdue, how the letters were selected for [A Reluctant Icon](#), and show the ten minute video of the recent CBS interview with James Hansen, conducted right here on campus. Tracy enjoys interaction, so following her presentation she will answer your questions about the Neil Armstrong collection in the Archives.

Purdue Press published [A Reluctant Icon](#) in May 2020 and is offering Purdue retirees a 30% discount when we order the \$27.99 paperback book online. Go to the Purdue Press website to order [A Reluctant Icon](#)

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Purdue University Retirees Association Health Insurance Plans Renewed for 2021

The Benefits Committee of the Purdue University Retirees Association (PURA) has renewed the PURcare and Medicare Advantage PPO group health insurance plans with UnitedHealthcare (UHC) for 2021. As in the past, the objective was to maintain the best medical and drug insurance plans, at the lowest premium possible, while preserving your ability to see the Medicare healthcare provider of your choice.

Your committee is announcing the following monthly premiums for 2021:

PURcare (UHC Senior Supplement plus Part D prescription plan). \$281.43/member

UHC Medicare Advantage PPO (including Part D prescription plan). \$178.26/member

The 2021 monthly PURcare premium has decreased \$0.37 from the 2020 monthly premium.

An additional historical note: The PURcare monthly premium for 2021 is slightly less than the monthly premium for 2010.

For PURcare members with prescription coverage from the Veteran's Administration, the 2021 supplement-only monthly premium will be \$181.94/member, a decrease of \$3.73 (2.0%).

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

Plan Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Monthly Premium	\$263.85	\$282.73	\$265.39	\$281.80	\$281.43

The 2021 monthly premium for the Medicare Advantage PPO Plan will be \$178.26. This is a decrease of \$19.81 (10.0%). There will be no change to Hospital and Medical co-pays or the Annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum.

There have been no significant changes to the benefits provided by either plan for 2021. Silver Sneakers continues to be included in both plans.

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. PURA members continue to receive outstanding support from Purdue Human Resources. PURA's plans support a portion of the costs of the H.R. staff.

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 2021. 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 later.

Please contact Kate LaMar with questions about plan details or enrollment at klamar@purdue.edu or (765) 494-1694.

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and enter the discount code, PURDUE30. This discount applies only to the printed version of the book.

Contact Hannah Austerman at PURA@purdue.edu or phone her at 765-494-7395 **by November 3, 2020** to make your reservation to participate in the Common Read.

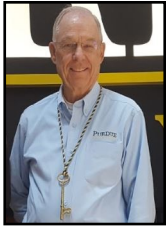
Invitations to the Zoom meeting will be emailed to registered participants. Hannah must have your e-mail address and phone number. (Note: Because Hannah is working from home, your phone call will go to her voice mail. She will return your call.)

Registered participants can expect to receive their invitations to the Common Read Zoom meeting sometime between November 4 and 6, for the presentation on November 9, 2020.



Source: University News Service. Tributes placed on Neil Armstrong's campus statue by students and staff following his death in 2012.

Norm's Notes



PURA is alive and well!

September has traditionally been the month of transition with fall weather and the kick-off of the new program year for PURA. New COVID-19 protocols seem to be everywhere and in all our lives! Nonetheless with all the above, PURA is alive and well, and we are actively making plans and moving forward with the retirement family fully in mind.

September Kickoff & Future Zoom Meetings

Our pioneering Zoom call on September 14 was well attended. We regret the technical glitch that took place at the beginning brought on by the main camera timing out and needing to be re-set. If you would like to see/listen to the entire program it has been uploaded to the PURA website at www.purdue.edu/retirees.

This first experience and the many questions asked have helped us decide to continue using Zoom for the upcoming programs this fall. On October 5 Chad Evans, the Channel 18 weather-man/meteorologist, will join us, and on November 2, Scott Ksander will speak, again presenting his popular "Tech Bytes and Holiday Electronic Toys" update. On December 7, we'll have a "Holiday Fun" program and celebration with music from the 2020 Purdue Christmas Show. Each of these programs will begin at 12:45 p.m. and run until 1:30 p.m. Details for logging in will be sent by email a few days before each program (also included on page 12 of this newsletter).

Flu Shot Program

The pioneering drive-thru flu shot program has gone very well. Approximately 750 PURA members/spouses received their flu shots during the drive-thru, and additional retirees had their flu shot at Custom Plus Pharmacy, for a total of over 1,000 people. Unfortunately, hurricanes in the southern United States interrupted availability of vaccines in our area, which is causing our fourth drive-thru to be rescheduled. Members will be notified by email when the date is set.

A special note of "Thanks" and appreciation is extended to the following volunteers who joined me to work one or more shifts to enable the flu shot program to be available and effective:

Anderson, Chuck
Anderson, Lucia
Bain, Melinda
Bennett, Bill
Boeckman, Marge
Branson, Kay



Cackley, Donna
Day, Jerry
Dimmitt, Deb
Ferry, Karen
Hawkins, Linda
Lehman, Jim
Popa, Deb
Salla, Michele
Schneider, John
Staggs, Pam
Taylor, Viki
Turpin, Tom
Wade, Terry
Ware, Judy
Wood, Olivia



We have received many notes of thanks and gratitude for the drive-thru effort and how well it worked this pioneering year. Your feedback and ideas are welcome and appreciated as plans are formulated for 2021.

2020 United Way Campaign

Our PURA United Way Goal for 2020 is \$165,000. By now each retiree should have received a packet of related information. If not, please let us know at pura@purdue.edu and we will follow up for you.

PURA Committees

Finally, one of PURA's greatest assets, and the primary reason we are considered the Gold Standard among the BIG 10 schools, is our effective and active committee structure. Did you know that more than 90 people work in one or more PURA committees to enhance and carry out the needs of our ongoing programs?

Today as we look toward 2021, our committees need additional volunteers. Due to COVID, the committees use email, Zoom and the telephone to transact most of their business. Would you consider helping us?

We seek your help with one or more of these committees:

- **BENEFITS** – Work with our health and insurance needs.
- **CAMPUS & COMMUNITY**—Arrange and host trips and tours of interest.
- **COMMUNICATIONS** – Develop and publish our "gold star" newsletter and oversee the PURA website. Contributing writers welcome.
- **HOSPITALITY** – Serve as greeters and prepare our meeting place for the monthly meetings, and other gatherings.
- **KICKOFF LUNCHEON** – Plan and coordinate the all-important Fall Kickoff Luncheon.
- **PROGRAM** – sets in place and coordinates the monthly meeting program topics and presenters.

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- PLIR – Plans and carries out the popular Purposeful Living In Retirement seminar.
- STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP – Oversees and works with Purdue staff in funding deserving students with scholarship funds.
- TRIPS & TOURS – Currently paused, due to COVID and will re-start with plans for short and extended trips to points of interest.

In all seriousness, please give this request your attention – then drop a note to express your preference to: pura@purdue.edu

PURA's continued strength rests in the committees and their ongoing commitment to serve the PURA family.

With kindest regards,
Dr. Norman D. Long
PURA President

Retiree Presence On Campus: Visiting Purdue During the COVID-19 Situation

Bill Bell, Purdue Vice President for Human Relations, addressed the question of whether retirees should visit campus at the September 14 virtual PURA Kickoff meeting.

While there are no formal restrictions around retirees visiting campus, keep in mind that one of the overall

PURA Student Scholarship Endowment Recipients Number 12 for 2020-2021 Academic Year

Twelve Indiana students have been awarded scholarships from the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment for the current academic year. They are thankful for the generosity of the PURA membership.

Eight of these students are seniors studying a variety of disciplines:

- Karen Barillas, from Goodland, is studying education in the College of Education
- Adam Cseh, from South Bend, is pursuing a degree in Construction Management and Organizational Leadership in the Purdue Polytechnic Institute
- Chase Edwards, from Danville, is studying Construction Management in the Purdue Polytechnic Institute
- Cameron Gregson, from Greenwood, elected to study Accounting in the Krannert School of Management

President's Council Offers Virtual Programs

Last month, we shared information about virtual programs being offered by PURA member John Sautter on behalf of the Purdue Alumni Association. Because of the continuing need for social distancing due to COVID-19, additional virtual programming is being made available through the Purdue President's Council website.

New content comes out on the second Sunday of each month. See <https://giving.purdue.edu/s/1461/campaign/mbp19/interior.aspx?sid=1461&gid=1010&pgid=11890>.

A recent offering is an exclusive interview with Purdue Athletic Director Mike Bobinski in which he discusses the impact of the cancellation of fall sports and plans for moving forward. You can access the interview directly at <https://vimeo.com/454503891>.

objectives of Protect Purdue is to de-densify the number of people present on campus.

Given that many retirees are considered a "vulnerable" population due to age or pre-existing medical conditions, if you don't have pressing business, it's advisable to avoid campus.

For up-to-the-minute information about specific programs or services visit: protect.purdue.edu (particularly the Campus Visitors link).

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- Jordan Keuneke, from Hometown, is studying Pharmaceutical Sciences in the College of Pharmacy
 - Samuel Laird, from Fort Wayne, is studying Mechanical Engineering Technology with a minor in Electrical Engineering Technology in the Purdue Polytechnic Institute.
 - Hannah Thomas, from North Manchester, is pursuing a degree in Construction Management in the Purdue Polytechnic Institute
 - Dillon Yoder, from Syracuse, is studying Supply Chain Management Technology in the Purdue Polytechnic Institute, with a second major in Entrepreneurship in the Krannert School of Management

Two sophomores are represented:

- Alex Newhall, from Connersville, is investigating a course of study in the Exploratory Studies
- Joshua Priest, from Indianapolis, is studying Computer Science in the College of Science

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(PURA Scholarship Recipients 2020-21, continued)

And, PURA helps welcome two new freshmen to the Boilermaker education experience:

- Hailey Furniss, from Fort Wayne, is researching a course of study in the Exploratory Studies
- Hannah Stettler, from McCordsville, is studying Veterinary Nursing in the College of Veterinary Medicine

PURA's support for students has increased from nine students in 2019-2020 to twelve this academic year. Many of you gave generously to the Purdue Day of Giving in September. Thank you for your contributions to this endowment. More details will follow when the final accounting is complete.

In the meantime, if you are interested in supporting more students annually, contributions are welcome and accepted at any time. Make checks payable to the Purdue Foundation, address:

Purdue Foundation, Dauch Alumni Center
403 West Wood Street
West Lafayette, IN 47907-2007.

Please designate the name of the endowment you wish to support: PURA Student Scholarship Endowment or POA in Honor of Martin and Patty Jischke.*

*The Jischke recipient for 2020-2021 did not report to campus (neither virtually nor in person) and Financial Aid is pursuing a new selection.

Center on Aging and the Life Course (CALC) Fall Symposium Goes Virtual

The Purdue Center on Aging and the Life Course (CALC) offers an annual fall symposium, and like many other events in this unusual time, sessions will be offered via Zoom. Though attendance is free, registration is required. Links to register for each event are provided below. Registered attendees will receive an email with Zoom meeting connection information prior to each meeting.

Friday, October 23, 2020

Colloquium: Reflections from the US 2020 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee
Speaker: Regan Bailey, Professor of Nutrition Science

Register here:
https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cVmMhZE2Ke3lsC9

Friday, November 13, 2020

Colloquium: The Use of Telehealth and Wearable Technology for the Management of Dysphagia during COVID-19 and Beyond
Speaker: Georgia Malandraki, Associate Professor of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences

Register here:
https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1HWhEPKmyRnxD7

What to Celebrate: October

Oct 1, 1908 Ford's model-T car went on sale for the first time.



October is National Cookie Month



Oct. 1—International coffee day



Oct. 2—World smile day



Oct. 3—National look at the leaves day



Oct. 5—World teachers day



Oct. 9—National fire prevention day



Oct. 14—National dessert day



Oct. 17—National wear something gaudy day



Oct. 21—International day of the nacho



Oct. 24—United Nations day



Oct. 29—National chocolate day



Oct. 30—National knock-knock jokes day



Oct. 31—Halloween

Rosacea

By Dr. Julianne Stout, M.D.

Did your mother always tell you to scrub your face to make it squeaky clean? I rarely disagree with Mom, but this is one case where if you have rosacea, scrubbing your face may make it worse!

Rosacea, also known as “acne rosacea”, is a very common skin disorder. Women over age 30 who have light-toned skin are especially at risk. If your roots go back to England or Ireland, you are more likely to be affected by rosacea. Although rosacea is very common, amazingly the exact cause is not known. The immune system, bacterial colonization of the skin, genetics, and sunlight exposure all probably play a part.

Most people with rosacea notice increased redness in the central part of the face, often with acne-like bumps. Over time the facial skin may seem to thicken, and flushing of the face (especially when drinking alcohol) is very common. Menopausal hot flashes can even trigger the facial flushing. Tiny broken blood vessels on the face are a common feature.

Because these broken blood vessels may occur in alcoholics, some people with rosacea are frustrated to discover that other people might assume they are heavy drinkers, when in fact they may rarely drink alcohol because of the flushing it causes. Rarely, rosacea can involve the eyes and cause chronic pinkeye-like symptoms. These symptoms should be checked out by an eye doctor.

Rosacea can be confused with more serious skin problems such as lupus erythematosus and dermatomyositis (immune system disorders), or milder diseases like seborrheic dermatitis. Rosacea can be frustrating because it tends to be chronic and can be very difficult to get rid of completely.

Gentle washing with lukewarm water and a non-soap cleanser such as Cetaphil skin cleanser is the best way to clean your face if you have rosacea. A gentle moisturizer and sunscreen can help. Avoid harsh products like skin toners and astringents such as witch hazel. There are prescription medications and laser treatments available as well.

If you have rosacea, you are in good company. Ten percent of adults of northern European descent are estimated to have rosacea. The good news is, as the old saying goes, “it’s too far from your heart to kill you.” And, you probably won’t be accused of looking pale and tired if you have rosacea!

Skin screening is an important part of yearly wellness. If you would like to schedule your annual Wellness Screening in October or November, please email Chris Rearick, RN, at crearick@purdue.edu, or call (765) 496-0308 to leave a message and phone number for her to return your call. (See wellness screening details in the article below.)

Dr. Stout is a Purdue alumni and currently a Purdue faculty member teaching at Indiana University Medical School, West Lafayette Campus. Dr. Stout is a combined Internal Medicine/ Pediatrics Physician and collaborates on patient care with Chris Rearick, RN at Purdue’s Nursing Center for Family Health. She is a lifetime Purdue fan!



Fall Wellness Screenings Continue

If you haven’t scheduled your annual wellness screening at the Purdue Nursing Center for Family Health, there’s still time to do so. Retirees and spouses are eligible for one free wellness screening a year.

A wellness screening includes a finger stick for a Lipid Profile which includes a Total Cholesterol, HDL (good cholesterol), LDL (bad cholesterol), Triglyceride level, Glucose and a Cardiac Risk Ratio. At the time of your scheduled screening you will have a blood pressure check, pulse and pulse oximetry and may also request to have a very basic hearing screening with ear check.

Wellness Screenings this year will be completed by the Wellness Nurse, Chris Rearick, MSN, RN. Due to the

current Covid-19 situation, retirees may schedule their screening on a Saturday, when there are fewer students in Lyles-Porter Hall. Chris is also available on Tuesdays if that day works better for you.

If you are interested in scheduling a screening, email Chris at crearick@purdue.edu and provide a phone number so she may reach out to you. Or, you may call Chris at (765) 496-0308 and leave a message for her.

Screenings will continue through November. You pick the date. Please feel free to email Chris with any additional questions.

Note: Of course, face masks must be worn at time of your visit.

To Stay in Touch, Make Sure PURA Has Your Current Email Address!

At the September 14 PURA online Kickoff meeting updates on Protect Purdue measures, PURA medical benefit 2021 plans, and future monthly PURA virtual meeting speakers were announced. Important items to be aware of.

A number of Purdue retirees attending who live at a distance, including those from regional campuses, wanted

Smile Corner

By Sara Jane (Sally) Coffman



The Challenges of Working at Purdue

Even though I worked indoors at a desk or in a classroom, and never worked with any power tools, my job at Purdue was dangerous.

Here are some of the dangers and challenges I had to face.

The Dangers

I was thankful, especially in the winter months, to be able to park in a parking garage. However, getting from my car to my building was always scary because the students—who had “C” parking permits and had to park on the top floors—came barreling through the garage at 90 miles an hour.

The second biggest danger was using the ladies’ room. The towel dispenser was mounted next to the door, so you took your life into your hands when you wanted to dry your hands. People (myself included) would always wait until the last minute to go to the bathroom, so they’d come barreling through the door while you were standing there drying your hands.

What made things worse was that the paper towel dispenser operated on a whim. There was a sign on it that said: “Tirez avec les deux mains” which in French meant: “Pull with both hands.” In English it meant: “The only way you’re going to get a paper towel is if you smack me with your fist.”

Figuring Things Out on My Own

Sometimes I had to take initiative and figure things out on my own. Like exactly what I was supposed to be doing. Luckily, we had brochures in our front office that told

to know how they can stay in the “information loop.” **The answer: make sure PURA has your current email and postal mailing addresses!**

The monthly **PURA News** newsletter and special updates are sent to members via email; some information/reminders are sent via U.S.P.S. mail. To stay informed, send your updated contact information to pura@purdue.edu, making sure to include your full name.

visitors what we do. Every so often, I’d walk down to the front office and read them to see if what I was supposed to be doing had changed.

My colleagues and I rarely took sick leave or vacation, but that was because none of us could figure out how to fill out the forms.

Then there was the time when everyone in my office got new chairs. The chairs came with a six-page book of instructions on how to adjust them. I spent days trying to figure out how mine worked, then gave up. I will say, they were great at spinning around. Late in the afternoon, you could walk down the hall and see people at their desks, spinning around.

But the most confusing time in my career was when our building deputy instituted a recycling program. We all got new, state-of-the-art wastepaper baskets which were divided into two sections – one for “office paper,” and one for “recyclables.”

There was a training session to teach us how to distinguish between “office paper” and “recyclables.” We still had questions:

- “Does the paper we put in the ‘office paper’ side have to be 8 ½ by 11? What if it’s smaller than that?”
- “Or larger?”
- “What if it’s colored?”
- “What if it’s wadded up? Do we need to flatten it out?”
- “What if it’s shiny?”
- “What if it’s wadded up AND shiny?”

The trainers gave up trying to explain “office paper” and moved on to “recyclables” and “trash.” The topic of

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empty yogurt containers came up. According to them, yogurt containers could go one of two places, depending on how much yogurt was left in the container. A yogurt container with less than 10% residue would go into the “recyclable” side. A yogurt container with more than 10% of the yogurt left in it would go down the hall into the “trash.”



We were totally stymied by that. The trainers could tell we were confused. Instead of finishing the session, they decided it would just be easier to put labels (listing what goes where) on the trash

cans and the wastepaper baskets.

Paychecks

Of course, for me, the biggest challenge of working at Purdue was getting paid only once a month. When I got my paychecks, my money only lasted about three days because I had to pay the bills from the previous month. After the three days, I was broke for the next 28.

For those of you contemplating returning to your jobs at Purdue, I offer the following advice. Take a course to learn how to fix your own office furniture, follow the rules of recycling, know exactly what you’re supposed to be doing, and bring your own paper towels so you can dry your hands.

Sally’s books are available on Amazon or at sarajanecoffman2@outlook.com.

Tribute to Jane Beering

By Brooke Sammons, RLA, ASLA, LEED AP
Purdue Grounds Department

In 2000, when President Beering and the first lady, Jane Beering, retired, PURA donated a plum tree to be planted in the center of the ‘Friendship Garden’ on the top of Slayter Hill. Over time, the surrounding trees have gotten larger producing more and more shade for the smaller under-story trees such as the Beerings’ plum tree.

The Grounds Department has maintained this tribute to Mrs. Beering by replacing the existing tree with a tree that will thrive in this shady environment, *Cornus florida*, or the Flowering Dogwood, in layman’s terms.

The *Cornus florida* is sometimes considered the most spectacular of the native flowering trees. It is a 20-40 ft., single- or multi-trunked tree with a spreading crown and long-lasting, showy, white and pink spring blooms. Flowering Dogwood is one of the most beautiful eastern North American trees with striking early spring flowers, red fruit, and scarlet autumn foliage.



Cited from: https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=cofl2

Confessions of a Book Addict

By Jo Thomas

Who dunnit?



“The Moonstone” written by Wilkie Collins in 1868 is acknowledged as the first English detective story. He was joined by Agatha Christie and Arthur Conan Doyle, whose tales are still thriving all these years later. Who wouldn’t love Sherlock Holmes in all his various aspects? His acumen is thanks to a brilliant lecturer who warned Conan Doyle and his fellow medical students not to accept the obvious.

Today’s detectives come in a lot of varieties. Amos Decker is a character created by David Baldacci. Amos was drafted by the NFL. On his first play he was blindsided, causing severe but strange traumatic damage. He now remembers everything he sees. That’s a great benefit for a detective, but horrible for some of the gruesome scenes he sees in his work and life.

In another series, a quirky pair of investigators—a Scot born in China and a Welshman—run a private agency in Victorian England. Nowhere near Baker Street. The first book in the series is “Some Danger Involved”—followed by at least 11 more featuring danger, unusual characters, laced with subtle humor and social issues, and infused with exotic martial arts.

The writer, Will Thomas, practices those martial arts and travels often to London to be perfectly accurate. Care to guess his occupation? He is a Librarian in Oklahoma.

www.purdue.edu/retirees

PURA’s official web site. Check there for most recent PURA news, the link to the Retiree Directory, retiree benefits & health information, PURA committee rosters and organization history

PURA Tech Bytes

By Scott Ksander



Re: Zooming...

[Editor's Note: Re-Zoom, resume...This article seemed appropriate to repeat from last issue since PURA will be using Zoom for monthly meetings for the remainder of the year, if not longer. The next Zoom meeting is on October 5; connection information is included on page 12.

If you haven't had a chance to load and investigate Zoom, this may be helpful for you.

Remember, though URLs in the *PURA News* may be live links, due to differences in computers and browsers you may receive an error message when you use them. For best results, please copy and paste the URL's into your browser's search bar.]

Zoom is a videoconferencing program first introduced in September 2012. Since then it has grown steadily. In April 2020, Zoom had more than 300 million daily meeting participants. There are several similar products, but we are going to focus on Zoom, which will be used for the PURA virtual events this year.

Zoom is noted for having a convenient user interface and is available on Windows, macOS, iOS (iPhone, iPad), Android, Chrome OS, and Linux. **Zoom is free for all meeting attendees** and the free version can be used to host meetings up to 40-minutes with up to 100 participants. There is also a paid subscription with additional features.

Zoom meetings have an 11-digit meeting ID and passcode/password. Both are required to enter a meeting. Often when you are invited to a meeting, the host will send a link

that includes both the meeting ID and password so you can just click on the link. PURA will send Zoom connection information in email prior to each virtual meeting.

You do not even need a camera or microphone on your system if you just want to watch and listen to a Zoom meeting.

To set up Zoom, you will need to install the Zoom application on your device. You will also need to set up a free Zoom account (your login and password) to establish your own identity on Zoom. **Again, make sure to use the FREE option.**

In a web browser on your device, go to:
<https://zoom.us/support/download>

This will either start the download to your machine or take you to the appropriate "app store" to get the application (for iPhone/iPad and Android devices). Again, this is FREE. After getting the Zoom app, create an account/identity for yourself from the main page of the app.

There is a quick start-up tutorial on YouTube:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E

There is a more detailed YouTube tutorial (about 36 minutes) as well. There are lots of details here if you want to learn more, but those are not necessary to attend the PURA Zoom events.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=xcEXn4mnyLM

Finally, during the PURA events, all of the participants' audio will be muted so that everyone hears only the speaker.

To be recognized for a question, you will need to "Raise Your Hand" in Zoom. Details about doing this can be found in the following YouTube video:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzUZEn2DGKE

Road Trip! Champ the Great Dane

By Karen Lembcke

Champ the Great Dane is another of Indiana's "giants." (See the June-July and August issues of the *PURA News* for others.) He is located right off Highway 40, about 3.5 miles east of downtown Brazil, Indiana.

Champ was built in 1953 for a trailer dealership in Orlando, Florida, then in 1960 moved to Savannah, Georgia, prior to coming back to Indiana in 2002.

Champ has undergone several restorations. Champ weighs 800 pounds and is approximately 20 feet tall. He is located at the entrance to the Great Dane manufacturing facility.



(Photo courtesy of Visit Indiana web site.)

October 2020 Campus Calendar

Academic/Holiday:

- 24 November—Face-to-face instruction ends
25-28 November—Students' Thanksgiving vacation (offices closed November 26-27)
12 December—Fall semester ends

Special Events:

"Pursuing Racial Justice Together" virtual lecture series. All events are free and presented virtually. Registrants ("RSVP") will receive event link 24-48 hours before event; limit 1 "ticket" per registration. Registration ends at 3:00 p.m. on day of event. Visit the series' website for more information, including sign-up for updates:
<https://www.purdue.edu/diversity-inclusion/racial-justice-series/>

Oct. 5—Rebecca Nagle, writer, activist, host of "This Land" podcast. 7:00 p.m. EST. Nagle is also a citizen of the Cherokee Nation and advocate for stopping violence against Native women.

Oct. 6—Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, sociologist and author. 7 p.m. EST. Bonilla-Silva is a professor at Duke University and author of "Racism Without Roots: Color-Blind Racism and the Persistence of Racial Inequality in America" and other books.

Oct. 15—"Promise of a Just America" panel discussion. 7:00 p.m. EST. Moderator: Juan Williams, Fox News. With Michael Steele, Ana Navarro, and Amy Holmes.

Oct. 27—Democracy in Black: A Panel Discussion. 7:00 p.m. EST. With Soledad O'Brien, Charles Blow, Tara Setmayer, and Michele Norris.

Athletics:

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.

Football: Tickets required.

Oct. 24—vs. Iowa. Time TBD.

Oct. 31—vs. Illinois. Time TBD.

Athletic ticket information at:
purduesports.com/tickets/pur-tickets.html

Music: Virtual Concerts, free and open to the public.

Oct. 2—Purdue Philharmonic Orchestra Livestreamed Concert. 8:00 p.m. EST.

Oct. 3—Purdue Symphony Orchestra and String Orchestra Livestreamed Concert. 8:00 p.m. EST

Oct. 4—Purdue Concert Band and Purdue Wind Ensemble Livestreamed Concert, 2:30 p.m. EST.

Oct. 15—Purdue Jazz Band, Lab Band I, and Concert Jazz Band Livestreamed Concert. 8:00 p.m. EST

Oct. 23—Purdue Jazz Bands' American Music Review, Lab Band II, and Purdue Tower of Power Band Livestreamed Concert, 8:00 p.m. EST

All of the above performances will be livestreamed on the Purdue Bands & Orchestras' YouTube Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOgHeha097FMhwiBiojyCQg?_ga=2.157848570.1371041489.1600912386-1720954743.1579569728

Dec. 19—87th Annual PMO Christmas Show. PMO has announced this will be a virtual performance and will be free to attend. Working title is "A Different Kind of Christmas." Performance time and details not yet available. Check PMO's website for more information:
<https://www.purdue.edu/pmo/christmas-show/>



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2020 United Way Campaign Is Underway!



Please consider giving to United Way wherever you live. Your help is vital to making our communities better places to live and work. Our Greater Lafayette PURA United Way Goal for 2020 is \$165,000.

By now retirees should have received their pledge packets. If not, please let us know at pura@purdue.edu and we will follow up for you.

Thanks for your support!

Indiana's Giant Pink Elephant

A giant pink elephant "lives" in Indiana! The Pink Elephant is a roadside attraction that has been around since the early 1980's, currently located next to the Elite Beverage Store, at 308 W. Broadway Street, in Fortville, Indiana.



He, or she, is 12 feet high and 19 feet long, wearing black reading glasses and holding a gigantic martini glass in its trunk. The original elephant's manufacturer is unknown. It makes periodic public appearances in local parades.

Musical Interlude:

By Connie Bilyeu

Women of the Guitar

Depending on your preferences in musical genres, if you're interested in the guitar you've probably heard of Andre Segovia, Paco Pena, Chet Atkins, Eric Clapton, Wes Montgomery, B.B. King, Al Di Meola, Django Reinhardt or other fantastic male guitarists, but do you know any female guitar virtuosos? Here are a few of my favorites.



Sister Rosetta Tharp, singer and guitarist who in the 1930's-40's blended folk, blues, gospel and hard-driving rhythms long before Rockers did, and influenced the likes of Little Richard, Elvis, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins and Chuck Berry.

Bonnie Raitt, who quickly left the folk music scene behind when she encountered bluesy bottle neck/slide guitar techniques, for which she's now famous. She was the first woman for whom Fender created a Signature guitar model.

Nancy Wilson, who joined her sister Ann's rock band, Heart, in the 1970's, and brought remarkable acoustic guitar work to the band's distinctive sound, not to mention her work on the electric guitar, for instance the opening riff on "Barracuda."

Gabriela Quintero, performing with Rodrigo Sanchez as *Rodrigo Y Gabriela*, a duo influenced by nuevo flamenco, jazz, rock and heavy metal. You have to see it to believe how fast her fingers move.

Kaki King, contemporary guitarist, blends percussive fret-slapping and slap bass techniques, jazz, and multiple tunings on her acoustic and steel lap guitars into her work. She performs on a harp guitar, *dojo*, a custom 7-string nylon string guitar with fanned fret board, and a hybrid between a guitar and Japanese koto. which she made herself by inserting a second bridge under her lap guitar strings.

Christie Lenee, 2017 International Fingerstyle Guitar Champion, winner of the 2019 Acoustic Guitar of the Year competition at the 2019 UK Guitar Show. Her fingers dance up and down the neck of her instrument, harmonics ringing and percussive effects accompanying her melodies.

You might also want to try (or revisit) these additional female guitar standouts: **Mary Ford** (jazz), who, with husband Les Paul, had 16 top ten Billboard hits in the early 1950's; **Sharon Isbin** (classical), who's performed here at Purdue; **Joni Mitchell** (folk/jazz), who developed and plays 51 different tunings in her distinctive music; hard rockers **Lita Ford**, **Jennifer Batten**, or **Orianthi**, who have played lead guitar for many bands (including: Carrie Underwood, Michael Jackson, Alice Cooper, Michael Bolton, etc.); or the venerable **Joan Jett** (rock), who, when turned down by 21 record labels because she was a *female* rocker, successfully started her own label—she's still rockin' by the way.

Explore work by these talented musicians on YouTube or your favorite music service.

Mark Your Calendars! PURA Events

5 October, 2020 PURA virtual monthly meeting, via Zoom.
12:45 p.m.—1:30 p.m. E.S.T.

Topic: Long Range Weather Forecasting
Speaker: Chad Evans, WLFI Channel 18 Meteorologist

2 November, 2020 PURA virtual monthly meeting, via Zoom.
12:45 p.m.—1:30 p.m. E.S.T.

Topic: Tech Notes & Tech Toys for the Holidays
Speaker: Scott Ksander

9 November, 2020 PURA Common Read virtual discussion, via Zoom. 1:30 p.m. E.S.T. **Registration required** to receive the Zoom meeting connection instructions. See Common Read article that begins on page 1 for registration details.

7 December, 2020 PURA virtual monthly meeting, via Zoom.
12:45 p.m.—1:30 p.m. E.S.T.

Topic: Holiday Fun" program and celebration with music from the 2020 Purdue Christmas Show

PURA events are adjusting to the "new normal" with meetings held via Zoom, for the present. PURA will provide Zoom connection information and other important updates via email, the *PURA News* newsletter, and our website: <https://www.purdue.edu/retirees/>

Make sure we have your current email address to stay informed. Please send your information to pura@purdue.edu.

What's New with You?

As you've read in this year's issues, PURA members are reading good books, finding humor and new music, and doing some interesting things while we're all staying home.

Sharing connects us even though we can't gather together and your contributions are very welcome.

Doesn't have to be elaborate. A photo, the name of a music performer or group, short paragraph, YouTube link, etc., would be just fine. We'll include your item in the next issue of the **PURA News**.

Please send your contributions to: pura@purdue.edu.

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Zoom Connection Information for PURA Meetings

The Zoom connection information for PURA monthly meetings is shown below. **The link, Meeting ID, and password will be the SAME for all future normal monthly meetings**, beginning with the meeting on Monday, October 5, 2020.

Members who wish to join via phone call audio only will need the separate Passcode shown below. (The password/passcode for that method is different from the normal “computer connection” to Zoom.)



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97285398989?pwd=MIB4U0FudEplMFRoWm1GTkZzNmYrZz09>

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