

PURA News

Purdue University Retirees Association

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Welcome Current & New *PURA News* Readers!

The PURA newsletter, published 10 times a year, regularly features articles on retiree benefits, Purdue news, upcoming opportunities to hear interesting speakers with other retirees, health topics, humor, Indiana travel, and PURA business.

We hope you'll find this publication informative and entertaining, but if you're not interested you may, of course, opt out. [We welcome your comments and suggestions (send to: pura@purdue.edu), and we invite you to join us at our virtual programs.

PURA Transitions to 2021-22 Year

PURA's officers and committees met virtually on June 2 to recap last year's progress and begin planning for the coming year's activities. At this annual "transition" meeting, new officers and committee members are welcomed, outgoing participants are honored, and committees meet.

2020-21 Accomplishments

Outgoing PURA president, Norm Long, recapped PURA's 2020-21 accomplishments during this unprecedented pandemic year. This included instituting virtual monthly meetings, programs and tours, and coordinating drive-through flu shots to stay connected, working all year to continue PURA's activities safely. The virtual format allowed PURA members to participate where ever they were and, after posting meeting recordings on our web site, even view them at a later time. Due to their popularity, virtual broadcasts and recordings will be continued indefinitely to enhance access for the membership.

A new committee was formed, Media Communications, to assist in the use of social media and provide technical support for PURA's website (which has been redesigned), virtual meetings, and electronic surveys and ballots. Also on the communications front, PURA worked with University Development Office (UDO) to implement a new format/delivery method for the monthly newsletter, *PURA News*, making it web-based and ADA-compliant. PURA is also working with UDO to improve retiree data collection making PURA information available to more of Purdue's 5,000+ retirees.

In 2020-21, the Benefits Committee worked with University staff and healthcare consultants to extend PURcare and the Medicare Advantage Plans, and were able to maintain or reduce the monthly premium costs. About 2,600 PURA members participate in these plans.

Purdue retirees continue to be generous givers. Once again, they contributed over \$4,000,000 in outright and deferred gifts to the University. Retirees gave a total of \$36,000 to PURA scholarship funds during the Fall 2020 Purdue Day of Giving (including a single gift of \$15,000), and added another \$7,000 during the April 2021 Day of Giving event, allowing PURA to award \$11,300 to 19 Purdue students during the 2020-21 academic year. As of end-April 2021, the book value of the two PURA student scholarship endowments was over \$252,000. Purdue retirees also contribute significantly to local United Way campaigns, this year pledging almost \$174,000 to the United Way of Greater Lafayette alone.

The full summary of PURA's 2020-21 activities may be read on PURA's web site, at: <https://www.purdue.edu/retirees/annualreports>. Under the *Year-In-Review* section, click on the year 2020-21 link to view the .pdf document.

Plans for 2021-22 Begin

The fall PURA Kickoff event will again be virtual in 2021, but several committees look forward to resuming in-person activities sometime this year, as informed by University safety protocols for conferences and meetings. In anticipation of in-person monthly lunchtime meetings, the Media Communications committee will work with the Lafayette VFW to create a more permanent set up for broadcast/recording meetings. Plans for the Kickoff meeting and monthly lunchtime meeting programs, campus and community tours, and the spring PLIR conference are underway.

The Benefits committee plans to provide an enhanced "Organizing My Affairs" end-of-life planning document. Media Communications will continue to enhance our web site, www.purdue.edu/retirees, and work to ensure it is ADA-compliant. PURA leadership will explore coordinating a second drive-through flu-shot program with our local partner, Custom Plus Pharmacy.

As always, news about upcoming PURA events and opportunities will be featured in the *PURA News* newsletter.

Reminder: No PURA Lunchtime Meeting in July

July 5 is the date that the 4th of July holiday is observed at Purdue. No meeting.



New President

Bill Bennett (center), incoming PURA President, receives the PURA key and gavel from Norm Long (right), Past-President. They're accompanied by Jerry Day (left), incoming President-Elect.



PURA 2021-22 Officers

Pictured, left to right:

Norm Long, Past-President
 Sue Graham, Historian
 Lucia Anderson, Treasurer; Chair, Finance Committee
 Judy Ware, Secretary
 Jerry Day, President-Elect; Chair, Program Committee
 Bill Bennett, President
 Bill Bell, Administrative Advisor and Purdue V.P. for Human Relations



PURA 2021-22 Committee Chairs

Pictured, left to right:

Karen Lembcke, Communications
 Dan Collins, Program
 Viki Taylor, co-chair, Kickoff Luncheon
 Olivia Wood, Purposeful Living in Retirement
 Melinda Bain, Student Scholarships
 Scott Ksander, Media Communications

Not pictured:

Larry Pherson, Benefits
 Jim Lehman, Campus and Community
 Linda Hawkins, Hospitality
 Karen Ferry, co-chair, Kickoff Luncheon
 Jerry Day, Program; President-Elect

Norm's Notes:

A Glimpse at the Past, a Focus on the Future!

Wow! What a year this has been for all of us! First, we lost our meeting site at MCL. Then, PURA transitioned into a new site and format at the Lafayette VFW. That lasted one month and we were hit with the pandemic and a new stay-at-home way of life! PURA kept going with new concepts and the implementation of monthly Zoom calls.

The pandemic caused the cancellation of the very popular and useful Purposeful Living in Retirement conference (PLIR) in April 2020. The Executive Board and Hospitality committee took on coordinating a drive-through flu shot program. If that wasn't enough, our annual Kickoff banquet was cancelled due to the pandemic and remodeling of our normal site at Four Points by Sheraton. Through it all, the PURA Executive Board kept functioning and worked with the nine committees for the benefit of the organization, as you read in the transition meeting recap.

Well, here we are at the close of an unprecedented year with a bright and promising start of a new fiscal year on July 1st. Who knows what 2021/2022 will bring? Regardless, your new officers and committee chairs led by President Bill Bennett, President-Elect Jerry Day, Secretary Judy Ware, Treasurer Lucia Anderson, and Historian Sue Graham will ensure that PURA will stay alive and well in the months ahead.

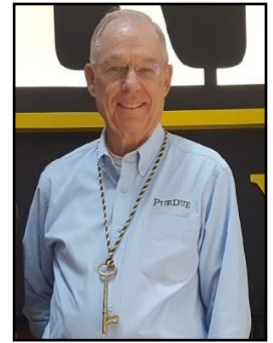
Lots of new ideas, efforts and plans will be implemented as the pandemic recedes. A major effort to enhance the PURA newsletter, powerful and noteworthy speakers for the September Zoom Kickoff program, stronger connections with both the Purdue Northwest and Purdue Fort Wayne campus retirees, and continued useful/educational monthly zoom calls are already in the works. A return to in-person meetings is on the horizon. New equipment is being purchased to enable continued Zoom broadcasting of the in-person monthly meetings. The 2022 PLIR program is tentatively planned to return to the Beck Center. The list of ideas to enhance and bolster the Purdue Retirees Association to remain the Big Ten "Gold Standard" is underway.

As I close my year as your president, I am humbled by the privilege, the honor, and the opportunities shared with me by so many, many, many wonderful, talented and dedicated retirees who make this fine organization what it is today. Thank you one and all.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Dr. Norman D. Long
PURA President

(Editor's Note: Did you know? Due to the pandemic, Norm is the only PURA president who's never presided over an in-person meeting!)



Introducing Bill Bennett, New PURA President

Editor's Note: On June 2, Bill Bennett donned the PURA key, accepted the gavel, and assumed the PURA Presidency for 2021-22. Below he introduces himself.

“After spending one year in Korea, I was discharged in 1963 and enrolled in the School of Business at Indiana State University where I earned my Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Business Administration. I worked my way through school as a Residence Hall Director.

After graduation in 1969, I was employed by Purdue University Housing and retired in May 2000, after 35 years of service.

During my tenure at Purdue, I became the manager of Fowler Courts in 1980, then spent some time in the University Residences Director’s Office before becoming manager of Hilltop Apartments in 1992. Two honors bestowed upon me by my students are the two scholarships established in my name. The staff of Fowler Courts and Residence Hall Apartments created an endowment in my honor for residents named the William I. Bennett Achievement Award.

Two former Staff Residents wrote recommendations for the sponsorship of a Staff Resident Award. Jeff Quasny wrote, “He really cared about everyone’s personal growth and development.” Shannon Clements commented, “He taught me a great deal about leadership simply by the way he worked; he followed through on his commitments, respected counselors’ ideas, and set high expectations for everyone in his charge.”

I couldn’t stand the “good life” in retirement and went back to work part-time at the Boiler Copymaker in the Union. When the University outsourced to Xerox, I was offered a full-time position. Having retired, I did not want a full-time position but still wanted to work, so I became the part-time food supervisor for the Purdue daycare facility housed in Fowler House, a facility I once managed when it was a residence hall. My qualifications were operating West Lafayette Little League concessions for ten years. I retired a second time from Purdue with 45 years of service. I then took travel agent courses with Imperial Travel and traveled to Cubs and Sox games.

I take a great deal of pride in my University Residences experience and hope to provide the same quality leadership to PURA as your new president.”



Purposeful Living In Retirement: Update and Plans for 2022

By Olivia Wood

The 2021 Purposeful Living In Retirement (PLIR) virtual conference on April 21 was a big success, with over 192 registrants. The actual number viewing the presentation was higher than the number of those logged in since many members watched with at least one other person on one registration.

Dr. Philip Low, the Ralph E. Corley Presidential Scholar in Chemistry and Presidential Scholar for Drug Discovery, spoke on “Drugs in the Pipeline for Treating Human Diseases”. He received top scores for his presentation and many participants asked that we have him return to speak again, to update us on the drugs he has developed that are currently in clinical trials.

Over half of the survey responders marked they prefer the PLIR meeting in person and look forward to when we can resume the usual conference. If you missed his presentation the video is on the PURA web site at:
<https://www.purdue.edu/retirees/PLIRevents.html>

PURA was thanked for the virtual opportunity to hear Dr. Low. Due to multiple speakers at our usual PLIR, with programming from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, a virtual format is not a good fit for the full conference. We will continue to offer some form of the PLIR if we cannot offer the full conference in 2022.

Will There Be The Usual PLIR Conference in 2022?

We hope so! In anticipation of the usual in-person conference, we have put a hold on the Beck Agriculture Center for April 20, 2022. As part of the Purdue community, we adhere to the university’s protocol for conferences. We cannot move forward on the detailed planning needed for PLIR until Purdue announces there will be spring 2022 conferences. It is possible this announcement will not happen until sometime in the fall. However, the PLIR Committee has already started discussions for the 2022 meeting. IF we do meet in person in 2022, we will make it extra special!

PURA Scholarship Committee: Thankful for Another Successful Purdue Day of Giving

As we begin another PURA year, the PURA Scholarship Committee wishes to thank PURA members for another successful Purdue Day of Giving. In addition, the committee wants to extend a round of applause and thanks to Dan Collins, a founding member of the committee, who is retiring after six years of service.

On April 28, 2021, PURA members living across the United States gifted over \$7,000 to the two PURA scholarship endowments. These funds will provide additional investment income to become part of a financial aid package offered to eligible Indiana students.

The PURA Student Scholarship Endowment earned \$6,450 and the PURA Purdue Opportunity Award (POA) in Honor of Martin C. and Patty Jischke earned \$670. These gifts will be matched dollar for dollar. The April 30 Book Value of the Student Scholarship Endowment was \$199,591 and the April 30 Book Value of the POA endowment was \$52,694.44. The April Purdue Day of Giving gifts and matching money had not been transferred into the accounts; consequently, these accounts should increase by approximately \$12,000 and \$1,300, respectively, in the next couple of months.

Approximately thirty Indiana students have benefited from these endowments. Your generous contributions make it possible to assist more students each year. If you are in a position to donate, another \$6,000 of dollar-for-dollar matching money is available. You may make a donation by phone: 1-800-319-2199 or by check payable to The Purdue for Life Foundation, with the specific endowment* noted in the memo line. Send the check to: The Purdue for Life Foundation, 403 W. Wood Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2007.

Again, thank you for your contributions:

PURA Scholarship Committee

Melinda Bain, Fred Ford, Norm Long, Betty Nelson, John Norberg, John Trott, Joanne Troutner, Tom Turpin, Olivia Wood

*PURA Student Scholarship Endowment or PURA Purdue Opportunity Award in Honor of Martin C. and Patty Jischke

Retiree Employment Opportunity

The Purdue athletics program has an employment opportunity for retirees who enjoy Purdue football, love to be outdoors, and would like to interact with other Purdue fans and alumni. Participants will assist with football, and later, basketball parking.

To learn more about this opportunity, please contact Steven Carn, the Event Operations Manager for Inter-collegiate Athletics, either via email at scarn@purdue.edu or via telephone at 765-494-4980. He will be happy to answer your questions.

If interested, please complete the application located at:

<https://purduesports.com/sports/2021/2/5/student-employment.aspx>

- 1.) Click link above
 - 2.) Scroll to the bottom “Temporary Positions”
 - 3.) Click Parking
 - 4.) Click “External Application – Apply Here”
 - 5.) Click Apply Now
 - 6.) Start Online Hiring Process
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Heat or Cold?

Chris Rearick, MSN, RN
Purdue Nursing Center for Family Health

Which is the better pain reliever, heat or cold? It may seem as though they are opposites, but they have some commonalities. Heat and cold are both inexpensive treatments for pain and swelling. Both may be managed at home. However, both heat and cold therapy must be used with caution by those affected with diabetes, peripheral vascular disease, circulation problems or issues that lessen the skin's sensitivity. Both heat and cold can cause skin and tissue damage if not applied properly.

Heat therapy increases blood flow to an affected area. The flow of this oxygen rich blood to an injury can promote healing. Heat should not be hot. Heat should NOT be applied to acute injuries. Heat choices include a heating pad, a warm moist compress, warm bath or a break-open warming pack from a local retailer. Soaking in warm bath water can relieve back pain and aching muscles by giving them flexibility. A heating pad may be your choice for muscle pain, arthritic pain, or chronic back pain. A warm moist compress is perfect for that sore, swollen deltoid you might get the day after having an injection. Heat should never be applied to an open wound. Heat can be applied to muscles before a work-out or run to loosen muscles and prevent muscle strain. Take care to not apply heat longer than 20 minutes at a time. Do not place heat directly on skin; instead use a barrier such as a towel. Always keep in mind that heat applications can burn your skin so use care and caution.

Cold therapy slows the flow of blood to an affected area. Decreasing the flow of blood to an area in an acute or new injury such as an ankle sprain can rapidly decrease swelling to the injury. Cold therapies include the use of an ice pack, coolant spray or gel pack that can be purchased from a local retailer. If you do not have an ice pack at home, then you can improvise by using a frozen bag of veggies from your freezer or ice cubes placed in a zip lock bag. Just like heat, you may use cold therapy for 20 minutes but no longer. Cold can decrease joint swelling. Cold packs can relieve the discomfort of a bee sting. Just like heat, cold therapy such as ice can create tissue and nerve damage if applied too long or directly to skin.

There are times when one may use both heat and cold. Heat can loosen up muscles and ligaments in osteoarthritis followed by cold to numb the dull aching pain of the osteoarthritis. Alternating heat and cold therapy is often used in chronic pain management. Some folks prefer the heat's soothing feeling, while others prefer the numbing of cold. Keep in mind, cold for acute injury and swelling, followed by heat to reduce the stiffness. Try both to see which works best for you. No matter which you prefer, remember the safety issues in both heat and cold.

Reference: <https://www.webmd.com/pain-management/when-use-heat-ice>

Need to Schedule Your Yearly Wellness Screening?

Email Chris at crearick@purdue.edu or call 496-0308. If no answer just leave a message and she will return your call. Screenings are offered year round to Purdue retirees.

Suggestions for Future Articles?

Please feel free to email Chris with any additional questions or suggestions for future health columns: Chris Rearick, crearick@purdue.edu, or you may call Chris at (765) 496-0308 and leave a message for her.

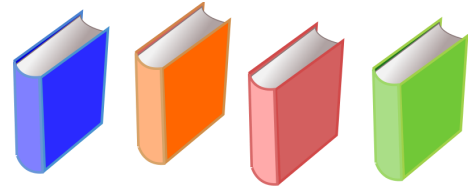
Protect Purdue Summary Report Available

Bill Bell, Vice President, Human Resources and PURA Administrative Advisor, shared the link to the Protect Purdue Summary Report, a terrific recap of everything that went into making this past academic year a success, despite being in the midst of the pandemic. If you missed the earlier PURA email that provided this information, you may read the report at:

https://protect.purdue.edu/app/uploads/2021/06/PP-Narrative-Summary-Booklet_vF.pdf

Confessions of a Book Addict

By Jo Thomas



The Doctors Blackwell, by Janice P. Nimura

Elizabeth Blackwell was an unlikely candidate for the first American woman doctor. She equated illness with weakness, so even as a child she would hide any ailment.

As an adult she was looking for a role where she would be as respected as a man was. Probably something in the arts. A conversation with a terminally ill friend sent her on a different path. The woman said the worst part of illness was being treated by a man. It was embarrassing and uncomfortable especially when the doctors brought in all their students. How much better it would be if there were lady physicians.

Elizabeth set about learning all she could about the human body. She worked in the homes of doctors with large medical libraries. When she felt ready she applied to medical colleges. The response was all negative. Some laughed, some cringed, some worried that they would lose all their female patients.

The Dean of Geneva Medical College (later absorbed by Syracuse) was too cowardly to refuse to let the students vote on allowing her admission. All the men but one voted aye. The dissenter was pommelled until he changed his vote. Elizabeth was a student.

The system for medical students was 16 weeks in school followed by 8 months working with a doctor. Elizabeth found no one willing, so she went to the Blockley Almshouse. It was the end stage for most of the patients suffering from sepsis, cholera, syphilis, typhus or childbed fever. The resident physicians left the room when she appeared and hid their notes giving her no opportunity to learn. She did learn a great deal about social injustice and discrimination.

Returning for the second and final year to Geneva, she was included in dissecting lectures. Her classmates recognized her competence and now respected her. She finished highest in her class and received the first Domina Doctor in America.

Five years later her young sister Emily followed in becoming a doctor. She encountered similar roadblocks. A much better physician than Elizabeth, she found great favor at Rush Medical College in Chicago. Returning for the second year, the Trustees decided they didn't want her there. She finished at Cleveland Medical College.

On May 12, 1857 in a room on Bleeker St. Doctor Elizabeth Blackwell addressed a small group on the dedication of the New York Infirmary for Indigent Women and Children. The hospital had three purposes: to allow women to free consult with doctors of their own gender, to provide clinical experience for women medical students and to train nurses. Many other facilities followed using this plan. Author Janice P. Nimura tells in meticulous details of family, perseverance, discrimination and success.

My Own Words, by Mary Hartnett, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Wendy W. Williams

This book is both autobiography and biography. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg explains cases. Mary Harnett and Windy W. Williams, both of Georgetown University Law Center, fill in the profile of a dedicated, fun loving woman who did so much for the rights of women and men.

The book is a Master Class on legal decisions. Justice Ginsburg explains how the Supreme Court decides which cases to review from the 6,000 to 7,000 requests yearly. So lotaluck (sic) to the guy who says he is going to take his case to the Supreme Court.

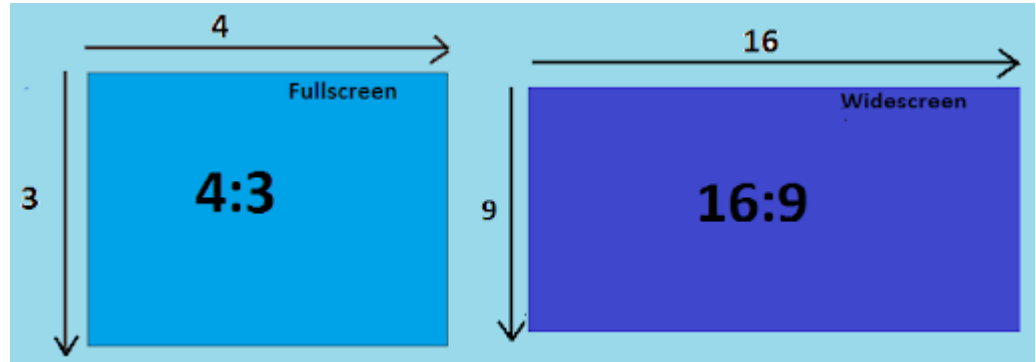
PURA Tech Bytes

By Scott Ksander

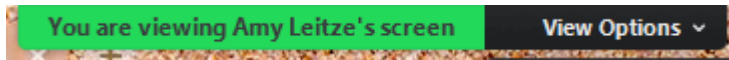
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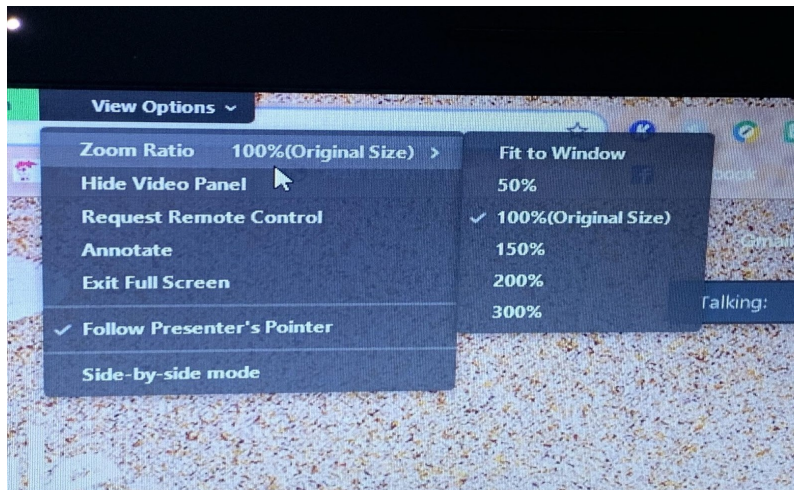
As we are viewing more and more presentations, some users notice that they sometimes can't see the presenter's entire screen. This is due to the presenter and the viewer having different screen "aspect ratios". Newer monitors have a more rectangular shape like a movie theater screen. This ratio is usually referred to as 16:9. Many monitors have a squarer shape. This ratio is usually referred to as 4:3.



A presenter with a 16:9 screen may not display all information on a 4:3 viewer screen. Zoom has a way to correct this. When you are viewing a shared screen, an indication appears at the top of the screen:



Click on the "View Options" and select the "Zoom Ratio" to "Fit to Window" rather than "Original Size".



The entire presenter's screen should now be visible.

Road Trip! Purdue Northwest's "Odyssey" Sculpture Series, part I

By Karen Lembcke

This month led me to Westville, Indiana, one of the two homes of Purdue Northwest. This is a very beautiful, landscaped campus that just entices one to visit and enjoy the many sculptures located around the wooded campus environment. On the periphery, Purdue Northwest also has a disc golf course.

"Odyssey" is a sculpture exhibit located on the Purdue Northwest campuses. PNW has amassed a number of highly engaging sculptures, most of which are contemporary.

Per PNW's web site, many people know the programs as a whole as Odyssey Sculpture and Events. The name derives from the name of a beautiful piece of sculpture which depicts Greek storyteller Homer's great legend about Odysseus (Ulysses) as he maneuvers his raft across vast waters on his way home from the Trojan War to Ithaca, a journey that took some 20 years.

The word "Odyssey" means journey—the experience that all people, especially college students—have as they chart their future courses for their lives.



Demeter, by Dessa Kirk. Fiberglass & recycled steel. Located at PNW, Westville.

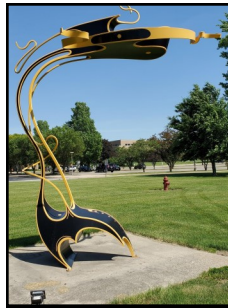
From the sculpture's information card:

"Demeter is the Greek goddess of the harvest. In the summer, she may be dressed in flowers and vines, but her posture always suggests empowerment and confidence.

As a child, Kirk began working in metal alongside her grandfather. She noticed street women controlled by pimps, whose great desire was to own a Cadillac. Using parts from old Cadillacs, she restores beauty and dignity to objects that before had symbolized the degradation of women; but these women now find freedom through faith, surrender and acceptance. She admits that these themes are at the root of her work."

Flux, by Luke Achterberg. Painted steel.

One of a series of works recalling hot rods and classic comic book art, this is one of a series of stylized letters, in this case, the letter "F".



Travels of My Seven Sisters, by Preston Jackson. Steel, bronze and found objects.

Considers how people's lives are drastically changed through the great migration of black people from the segregated south. Each raven reveals, through her posture, something about her personality and reactions to what life has dealt her.

Odysseus, by John Aducci. Homer's legendary Odysseus, also known as Ulysses, pilots his raft on his long journey home from the Trojan war. Located at PNW West's Bard's Pond, dedicated to Shakespeare and Homer, the great story tellers of Western literature.



True Tales of an Entomologist

By Tom Turpin



*Editor's Note: This is the fourth installment of Tom Turpin's colorful experiences, which appear in his self-published **Memoirs**.*

The Grouch of Cockroach Racing

For a number of years a cockroach race was held twice daily at the Indiana State Fair. Roachhill Downs – the cockroach racing facility used at Bug Bowl at Purdue – was set up to house the race.

When it was time for a race, the song La Cucaracha was played on the speaker system in the building where the races would be held. A crowd would gather and sit on benches to watch the races. The first race was a tractor pull where three Madagascar hissing roaches would be hitched to toy tractors flying flags of Purdue, Indiana University and Notre Dame. The cockroaches would be released to pull their tractors down a straight away while supporters of those fine institutions of the State of Indiana would urge their roach to victory.

The winner was the first roach to pull the tractor across the finish line. This was followed by what we called “The All American Trot” where American roaches ran around an oval track that was two “furshorts” in length – a cockroach equivalent to a furlong in horse racing - until one roach completed two and a half circuits of the track. These roaches all had names such as “Seattle Sewer,” “Fluttering Antennae,” and “Under the Sink.”

One year an old lady witnessed the show and came up afterwards to complain about how ridiculous the show was. She expressed the notion that Purdue shouldn't allow such a thing to happen. Of course, I tried to explain that it was just for fun and that we always tried to include educational material as part of the show. She appeared unimpressed and with a final comment of, “It's the stupidest thing I have ever seen!” she stomped away.

Needless to say, I was somewhat surprised to see her in the audience the next year. Once again she came up to express her displeasure with the event. I can't remember the exact number of years, but she came back three or four more times and watched the shows before coming up and complaining about what she had just witnessed. I'm not sure why she returned year after year other than to make sure that we knew that she was repulsed by the idea of racing roaches.

Notable Historic July Events

1790—Inventing and awarding patent rights began in the United States, with America's first issued patent going to Samuel Hopkins for his pot ash invention.

1873—Louis Pasteur received a patent for the manufacture of beer and treatment of yeast. Eventually this research led to the development of the “pasteurization process”.

1902—Willis Haviland Carrier completed his design for the modern air conditioning system and had it installed in Brooklyn, New York. Mr. Carrier was the first person to make interior cooling safe and affordable.

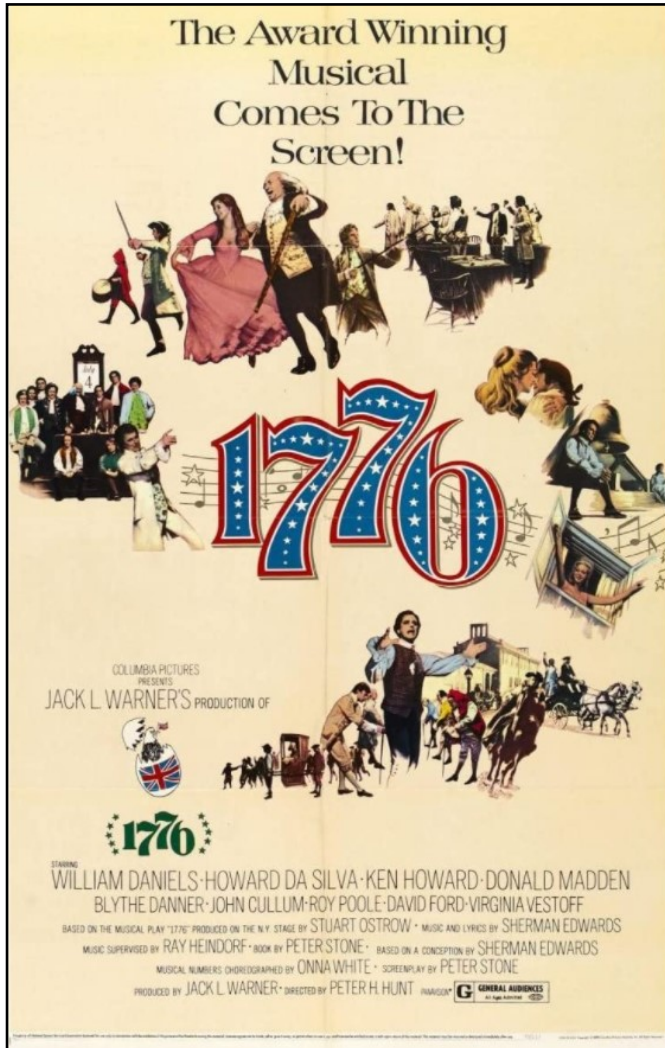
1933—The copyright for the board game of Monopoly© was registered to Charles Darrow, by the U.S. Copyright Office, which is part of the Library of Congress. The popularity of this game made Darrow a millionaire.

1952—Silly Putty® was trademarked and marketed. An instant success with children, and a fascination to adults, the putty-like substance was sold in a plastic egg and could be molded into shapes, bounced off of floors and walls and could transfer printed material. It can still be found on toy shelves today. Since the product was trademarked, 45 million Silly Putty eggs have been sold.

1985—PageMaker released to the public. Invented by Paul Brainard, it was marketed as a user friendly desktop publisher.

4th of July Trivia

1. Which U.S. President first held a 4th of July celebration at the White House?
2. On the original American flags, in what shape were the 13 stars?
3. Who wrote the lyrics to The Star Spangled Banner?
4. Who was the principal author of the Declaration of Independence?
5. On what day did the 2nd Continental Congress vote for American Independence?
6. Who declared the 13 colonies were no longer part of the British Empire?
7. Who was the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence?



Recommended 4th of July Viewing:

1972's *1776*, based on the Tony-award-winning Broadway musical (available on Amazon).

Excellent musical score and terrific cast. *1776* tells the story of the struggle of colonists with diverse economies and political affiliations attempting to reach a consensus on the status of the American colonies.

The story is told with humor and music, humanizing the characters. But that does not detract from the political and historical content, which is as real, gritty and complicated as one might expect with this landmark attempt to rebel against a colonial government and form an independent new country.

Answers:

1. Thomas Jefferson
2. Circle
3. Francis Scott Key
4. Thomas Jefferson
5. July 2, 1776
6. Richard Henry Lee
7. John Hancock

July 2021 Campus Calendar

Academic/Holiday:

5 July—Independence Day observed. No classes. Offices closed.
7 August—Summer Commencement.
23 August—Fall semester begins.
6 September—Labor Day. No classes. Offices closed.
11-12 October—October break. No classes.
24-27 November—Thanksgiving break. No classes. Offices closed November 24-25.
18 December—Fall semester ends.
18-19 December—Winter commencement.
23-24, 30-31 December—Christmas and New Year holidays. Offices closed.

Art:

"A Call For Justice": An online-only juried exhibition of artworks by undergraduates on the theme of social justice and the Black Lives Matter movement. View at: <https://cla.purdue.edu/academic/rueffschool/galleries/exhibitions/20-21/call-for-justice.html>

Robert L. Ringel Gallery & Patty and Rusty Reuff galleries are closed for the summer. Reopening on August 23.

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.

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

Mark Your Calendars! Upcoming PURA Events

5 July, 2021 4th of July holiday observed at Purdue. No meeting.

2 August, 2021 PURA virtual monthly meeting, via Zoom. 12:45 p.m.—1:30 p.m. EST

Speaker: Pi-Ju (Marian) Liu, PhD., Assistant Professor, Purdue School of Nursing
Topic: Scams Aimed at Seniors

TBD September, 2021 PURA Kickoff, virtual meeting. More news coming soon!

4 October, 2021 PURA virtual monthly meeting, via Zoom. 12:45 p.m.—1:30 p.m. EST

Speaker & Topic: TBD

1 November, 2021 PURA virtual monthly meeting, via Zoom. 12:45 p.m.—1:30 p.m. EST

Speaker & Topic: TBD

6 December, 2021 PURA virtual monthly meeting, via Zoom. 12:45 p.m.—1:30 p.m. EST

Speaker & Topic: TBD

For the present, PURA meetings are being held virtually, via Zoom. PURA will provide Zoom connection information and other important updates via email, the *PURA News* newsletter, and our website: www.purdue.edu/retirees

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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 normal monthly meetings.**

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

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