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Welcome Current & New *PURA* News Readers!

The next few months of the PURA newsletter will be devoted to communicating upcoming PURA events, PURA news, and updates. A small committee has been established to review our Newsletter and make a recommendation on the most effective way to provide our community information on retiree benefits, Purdue news, upcoming opportunities to hear interesting speakers with other retirees, health topics, humor, Indiana travel, and PURA business. We welcome your comments and suggestions (send to: pura@purdue.edu), and we invite you to join us at our in-person and virtual programs.

Tom's Topics



Since our PURA Newsletter will be shorter again this month, my comments will be brief. It's hard to believe December is here already. I hope everyone is in the **holiday spirit**.

Several items of note:

We **will not** have a monthly meeting in January since the New Year's holiday falls on the first Monday.

Our next monthly meeting will be February 5th **at 10:00 AM (ET)** at the VFW (**note the early timeframe 10:00 - 11:30**). The program will be either a group from PMO or from the Purdue Orchestra.

The PURA Annual Spring Conference will be held April 17 at The Beck Agricultural Center - registration will open in early March.

Invite a recent retiree to a monthly meeting and remember to tell them about our PURA website www.purdue.edu/retirees.

Enjoy the Holiday Season with your family and friends. If you are traveling during the holidays - be safe!

Thought for the Holidays: "It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." Mother Theresa

Happy Holidays and **Best Wishes** for the New Year!

Tom Robertson
PURA President- 2023-2024

NEW United Healthcare (UHC) ID CARDS

PURA members having medical and prescription drug coverage through either PURCare or PURA's Medicare Advantage plan recently received a letter and a new member ID card from United Healthcare. Rest assured that this communication is authentic and is not a scam. Begin using the new cards on January 1, 2024.

For PURcare members,

- This new card is only for your Part D prescription plan, Medicare Rx for Groups.
- Your Senior Supplement ID card is not being replaced. Continue to use the card as you have in the past for the Senior Supplement.

For members of the UHC Medicare Advantage plan,

- This is a new ID card that replaces your current card. Use this new card beginning January 1, 2024, for all of your Hospital/Medical services and Part D prescription drug purchases.

Since the new member ID card is effective January 1, 2024, hold on to it and do not use it until that date. If your pharmacy should ask for a member ID card before that date continue to use your current member ID card.

During late December or early January, it is likely that your pharmacy will ask you to allow them to see the newly issued card. The information on this card is needed by the pharmacy to ensure proper invoicing by the pharmacy and proper payment by United Healthcare.

If for some reason, your pharmacy does not ask to see your newly issued card, it is probably a good idea to let your pharmacy know you have received a new member ID card from United Healthcare.

PURA Program – Our Current Civil War (The Many Divides Across Society)



Monday, December 4, 2023, 10:00 a.m. ET

Presenter – Dr. James McCann, Professor, Department of Political Science

It is no secret, there is a great divide in our society. What REALLY is at the root of this divide and how can it possibly be repaired. Join us for an in-depth look at the what, why, and how, relative to his subject.

James A. (Jay) McCann is a Professor of Political Science at Purdue University. Originally from Chicago, he earned a BA at Illinois State. He did his doctoral studies at the University of Colorado-Boulder. Jay had a two year appointment at the Government Data Center at Harvard before joining the faculty at Purdue. McCann conducts research and teaches courses on public opinion, campaigns, and representation in the United States and abroad. Locally, he has served on the board of Greater Lafayette Immigrant Allies, and since 2008, he has volunteered as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA).

PURA Spring Conference 2024 - Registration Opens March 1



We're sure you've already marked your calendar for PURA's Annual Spring Conference coming up on April 17, 2024, right? If not, please plan to join us!

Online registration opens on March 1. Registration for this popular event will close on April 1.

The conference returns to the Beck Agriculture Center venue, where it's been held in the past. (4540 U.S. Highway 52 west, just northwest of the Purdue West Lafayette campus).

What can you expect?

- Many new and informative helpful vendors focused on Senior care and Senior issues.
- A later starting date.
- Delicious food from Christos.
- Noted topics of interest such as:
 - Indiana Day Trips for Seniors.
 - Dementia/stroke/ALS disorders and rehabilitation.
 - Purdue's future plans and new facilities.
 - The impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on our future.
 - Retiree insurance/ benefits.
 - Numerous volunteer opportunities of interest to retirees.

And of course, the day would not be complete without the presentation of numerous nice door prizes, table gifts, closing Remarks and "Hail Purdue," to close out the day.

Plan now to join many of your friends attending this enjoyable event. It is filled with fellowship and practical information. It has been planned by former co-workers.

Campus/Community Calendar Highlights

Purdue's one-stop-shopping events calendar, which features campus, student, and community events can be found at: <https://events.purdue.edu/calendar>

Purdue Academic/Holiday Schedule

Can be found at: <https://www.purdue.edu/registrar/calendars/2022-23-Academic-Calendar.html>

Mark Your Calendars! Upcoming PURA Events

4 December, 2023 PURA monthly meeting.

- **Location:** IN-PERSON at Lafayette VFW, Duncan Road, Lafayette, Indiana. Also VIA ZOOM broadcast from our studio at the VFW.
- **Time:** NEW TIME 10:00 a.m.ET to approximately 11:30 a.m. ET
- **Speaker:** Dr. James McCann, Department of Political Science
- **Topic:** Our Current Civil War (The Many Divides Across Society)

2 January , 2024 HOLIDAY – No meeting.

5 February, 2024 PURA monthly meeting.

- **Location:** IN-PERSON at Lafayette VFW, Duncan Road, Lafayette, Indiana. Also VIA ZOOM broadcast from our studio at the VFW.
- **Time:** NEW TIME 10:00 a.m.ET to approximately 11:30 a.m. ET
- **Speaker:** Entertainment (PMO/Orchestra)
- **Topic:** (Trio/Quartet/Ensemble)

4 March, 2024 PURA monthly meeting.

- **Location:** IN-PERSON at Lafayette VFW, Duncan Road, Lafayette, Indiana. Also VIA ZOOM broadcast from our studio at the VFW.
- **Time:** NEW TIME 10:00 a.m.ET to approximately 11:30 a.m. ET
- **Speaker:** Kitty Campbell, Executive Director Leadership Lafayette
- **Topic:** History & Status

1 April, 2024 PURA monthly meeting.

- **Location:** IN-PERSON at Lafayette VFW, Duncan Road, Lafayette, Indiana. Also VIA ZOOM broadcast from our studio at the VFW.
- **Time:** NEW TIME 10:00 a.m.ET to approximately 11:30 a.m. ET
- **Speaker:** TBD
- **Topic:** NIL in College Athletics (Effect on University/Athlete)

PURA's virtual meetings are presented via Zoom. Zoom connection information and other important updates are provided via email, the *PURA News* newsletter, and our website: www.purdue.edu/retirees

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 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

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

Meeting ID: 972 8539 8989 **Passcode:** BoilerUp

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Meeting ID: 972 8539 8989 **Passcode:** 41051096

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/acvQQKVcnE>



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