

PURA News

Purdue University Retirees Association

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FEATURED THIS MONTH: PURA Spring Conference Recap & Photos

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 welcome your comments and suggestions (send to: pura@purdue.edu), and we invite you to join us at our in-person and virtual programs.

May 1 PURA Monthly Meeting



Program:

- **U. S. Population Demographics Shift Over the Next Ten Years**

Presenter:

- **Dr. Kenneth Ferraro, Distinguished Professor, Purdue Department of Sociology**

Are fewer children being born into families in the U. S.? Is life expectancy still increasing in the U. S.? What age group has the largest proportion of the population? Learn answers to these and other questions on the population demographics in U. S. at the next PURA monthly meeting on May 1.

Kenneth F. Ferraro is Distinguished Professor of Sociology and the founding Director of the Center on Aging and the Life Course at Purdue University. Professor Ferraro is the author of more than 135 peer-reviewed journal articles and two books on health and aging, most recently **The Gerontological Imagination** from Oxford Press. During the past five years, he has received the Aday Award and the Morrill Award from Purdue University and the Robert W. Kleemier Award from the Gerontological Society of America. Ken and his wife, Linda, enjoy ballroom dancing and spending time with their three children and five grandchildren.

Join PURA in person at Lafayette VFW, Duncan Road, Lafayette, Indiana. Or join us via Zoom broadcast from our studio at the VFW (connection information at the end of this newsletter.) Lunch begins at 11:45 a.m. ET; program begins at 12:30 p.m. ET; speaker at 12:40 p.m. ET.

Thank You PURA Members for Supporting Indiana Students On Purdue Day of Giving*



Renee Bauer is one of those students. She is a freshman from Sunman, located in southeastern Indiana, with a population of 900 individuals. Prior to arriving at Purdue she was awarded Eagle Scout honors for, among other accomplishments, leading a project to install signage, with landscaping and spotlights, for American Legion Post 464. Here at Purdue she aspires to become a leader in game development and 3-D design in the Purdue Polytechnic Institute. She is also a member of Women in Technology.

She received a PURA Student Scholarship Endowment this year. Renee shared the following, “The assistance I received helped the financial burden on my family, which is a family of six. My parents were overjoyed when they realized I received your scholarship. I and my family were so grateful I received these funds which allow me to participate in Purdue

events that I may not have otherwise. Thank you!”

Renee was among eight students who received scholarships from the PURA POA in Honor of Martin C. and Patty Jischke Endowment and the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment for academic year 2022-2023. These endowments have provided scholarships to 50 students, totaling \$66,000.

If you were unable to participate on April 26 and would like to make a donation, they are accepted at any time. If you prefer to mail a donation, write a check payable to the Purdue for Life Foundation, with either the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment or PURA POA in Honor of Martin C. and Patty Jischke noted in the memo line. Mail the check to: Purdue for Life Foundation, 403 W. Wood Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2007. You may also call 1-800-319-2199 to make a contribution. And for individuals over 70½ years of age, gifts contributed from your IRA are not taxable income and qualify for your required minimum distribution (RMD). To learn more about the IRA Rollover opportunities, or to make an IRA Rollover charitable contribution, please contact the Office of Planned Giving 765-494-8657.

*This article went to press prior to receipt of Purdue Day of Giving totals. That information will be in a future newsletter.

Jerry's Jottings



Here we are in April...storms, tornadoes, Spring Fest, Bug Bowl, Grand Prix, Purdue Day of Giving and spring Football. Spring is trying hard to get here and stay, but as I am writing this winter has returned. We ran our air conditioning last week, but the furnace is back on today. This too shall pass, and summer weather will be here to stay giving us something new to talk about.

At the April First Monday Luncheon, Program Chair Bob Ritchie posed the Purdue Trivia question. "The first graduating class at Purdue was in 1875. How many students graduated that year?" The answer was one. Congratulations to John Norberg, the winner of the insulated Purdue cup, for his correct answer. Our scheduled speaker, Deanna Watson, Executive Editor, Lafayette Journal & Courier Newspaper was not able to be with us. Presenting in her place was Ron Wilkins, a seasoned newspaper veteran and a Breaking News Reporter for the Journal & Courier. He shared how the newspaper industry has changed, the decline in the number of local reporters, the long lead time for the printed edition, the transition to online news reporting, and other topics. A lively question and answer discussion followed his presentation.

The election of PURA officers for 2023-24 was also conducted at the April meeting. Per the PURA bylaws those present at the April business meeting shall constitute a quorum and those candidates receiving a simple majority vote shall be declared elected. Congratulations to our PURA officers for 2023-24.

President – Tom Robertson
Vice President/President Elect – Marshall Martin
Secretary – Judy Ware
Treasurer – Lucia Anderson
Historian – Michele Salla
Past President – Jerry Day

Please join us on May 1st at the VFW for our next monthly luncheon meeting. Lunch will be available beginning at 11:45 for \$10 per person. The program begins at 12:30 PM. Our presentation will be by Dr. Kenneth Ferraro, Distinguished Professor, Purdue Department of Sociology. The title of his presentation is "U.S. Population Demographics Shift Over the Next 10 Years." It should be interesting and informative. Note that the start of lunch availability has changed from 11:30 to 11:45 AM.

If you did not attend the PURA Annual Spring Conference (new name for PLIR - Purposeful Living in Retirement) that was held on April 19th at the Beck Center, you missed an excellent program. After a three-year absence of this event, we were thrilled to have over two hundred retirees in attendance. Norm Long and his committee did an excellent job of planning and delivering this event. It was a fun day of good food, fellowship, and learning.

To help recruit new PURA committee volunteers, I am featuring a different committee in my notes each month. This month I would like to feature and give special recognition to the PURA Campus and Community Activities Committee. They provide informative, educational, and entertaining opportunities in the Greater Lafayette area for PURA members. Jim Lehman chairs this important committee.

I am playing my broken record one more time, but we do need your help in reaching out to fellow retirees (especially recent retirees) to encourage them to become actively involved in PURA. We need fresh faces on our committees and would encourage you to let us know if you have an interest and would also welcome your suggestions of fellow retirees who might just need a little push to get involved. Please do not be shy! An email expressing your interest or suggestions should be sent to pura@purdue.edu.

The Purdue Day of Giving was held on April 26. If you missed it, it is not too late to make a gift to the PURA Scholarships at the Purdue for Life Foundation.

Hold the date! Spring Fling is returning this year after a three-year absence. It will be held on the Memorial Mall on Thursday, May 25. Please see the Spring Fling information and invitation in this newsletter.

And finally, Go Boilers!

Thanks!
Jerry Day
PURA President



SPRING FLING 2023

APPRECIATION DAY
MAY 25, 2023

Spring Fling: An appreciation day for staff, faculty and retirees of Purdue

Join us this year on the Purdue Memorial Mall from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for food, music and fun!

A complete listing of events, including how to register for some events, is available at www.purdue.edu/springfling. Please note that events requiring registration have a deadline of May 17.

Don't lose this card! Bring it with you and drop it off at the Information Table by 2:00 p.m. on May 25 for a chance to win a door prize. Extra cards will not be available.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! It takes between 150-200 volunteers to make this event successful. Please consider volunteering—more information can be found at www.purdue.edu/springfling



Spring Fling: Staff, faculty and retiree appreciation day.

Spring Fling was established in 1982 and serves as an opportunity to show appreciation to all staff, faculty and retirees. A complete listing of events is available on the website: www.purdue.edu/springfling.

WE NEED YOU! Consider volunteering to help make Spring Fling a success! Contact, via email: lod@purdue.edu

Due to the large number of people we serve, please note that this event is for staff only, we are not able to accommodate family members or pets.

Purdue *BrainBuilders* Program Aids Those with Memory Loss



The M.D. Steer Speech, Language and Swallowing Clinic at Purdue is accepting clients in their *BrainBuilders* program for people challenged with memory loss. Affected individuals can learn how to maximize thinking, memory, and language skills through the program.

Guided by a licensed speech-language pathologist, graduate students in Purdue's No. 3 ranked speech-language pathology program work with clients in a group setting to lead brain exercises, which are designed to give thinking skills a workout, providing cognitive and social stimulation in a group setting with a therapeutic emphasis. The group currently meets in Lyles-Porter Hall on the Purdue West Lafayette campus.

An initial assessment (associated fee) is required to determine eligibility. Weekly group sessions (associated fee) meet on Thursdays from 10:00-11:30 a.m. They accept Medicare, Aetna and Anthem insurance. Free parking is available in the Harrison Street parking garage, adjacent to the clinic.

For more information contact: Michelle Gutmann, PhD, CCC-SLP, by phone: 765-494-3809; or via email: mgutmann@purdue.edu.

PURA Tours The Whittaker Inn in June



PURA's Campus and Community Activities Committee is PLEASED to announce an outing for members on June 26, 2023 : Lunch and Tour **OR** Tour Only of The Whittaker Inn, pictured above.

The Whittaker Inn (702 W. 500 N. West Lafayette), will be celebrating its 4th anniversary on May 2, 2023. If you haven't been to see the Inn, you are in for a REAL treat! It is a UNIQUE property with a story all its own.

This story begins back in the late 1990's, while Whitaker owners Andrew and Elizabeth were students at Purdue University. They were both enrolled in the School of Hotel and Tourism Management (back then it was called RHIT). In 1999, Elizabeth's senior year, she decided to take a graduate accounting class and that's where she met Andrew. Even though their backgrounds are quite different—Andrew hails from a small town outside of Canterbury, England, and Elizabeth grew up in Northwest Indiana, just outside of Chicago—they quickly discovered a shared interest in hospitality and in serving others.

Post-graduation Andrew and Elizabeth each found opportunities on the east coast, and for 20 years pursued their careers in hospitality. Andrew's career path was in food & beverage/finance in NYC properties beginning with The Waldorf Astoria; while Elizabeth began in front office management, then transitioned into revenue management for several different hotels/chains, including 5 years in Times Square properties.

Fast forward to 2012. While staying at a B&B in upper Connecticut for their anniversary, they realized that even though both have had successful careers in the hospitality industry, albeit in revenue and finance, they had moved away from the service side of the industry—where their true passions lie.

This started the discussion of trying to find a way to get back to the service side of the industry, a project they could work on together. The Whittaker Inn became their dream; it is a true family pursuit. I am sure Elizabeth will go into more detail during lunch or on the tour.

Date: June 26, 2023

Time: Lunch begins at noon ET. Tour begins afterward, at 1:00 p.m. ET.

Attendance: Limited to 25 people attending the tour AND lunch, and an additional 10 people attending the tour only.

Cost: No cost for the tour only, however, PURA members who sign up for the lunch and tour will be responsible for the cost of their lunch. Cost for lunch is \$17.50 inclusive of tax and service charge (cash or credit accepted)

Lunch:

- Sandwiches—Black Forest Ham, Swiss and Apple AND Smoked turkey with cranberry Cream Cheese
- Tossed Salad with Assorted Dressings
- Cookie Platter
- Beverages—Iced Tea, Lemonade and Water

Signup: Reservations **will be accepted from 6/12/23-6/19/23** via email sent to Sharon Kraebber at: slkraebb@gmail.com.

Reminder: Purdue Women's Conference 2023

June 8–9, Purdue Memorial Union Ballrooms

The Purdue Women's Network invites you to join us on the university's flagship West Lafayette campus for Purdue Women's Conference 2023, where women from around the world will gather to engage, connect, and grow within a supportive community of Purdue alumnae and friends.

For more information: <https://www.purdueforlife.org/womens-conference-2023/>

Confessions of a Book Addict

By Jo Thomas



Devotion: An Epic Story of Heroism, Friendship, and Sacrifice, by Adam Makos

Theirs was an unlikely friendship. Tom Hudner and his siblings grew up in an affluent home. In summer Tom sailed because he really liked boats. When it came time to choose a College he didn't follow his father to Harvard but the Naval Academy.

Jesse Brown was the son of a sharecropper. His summers were spent chopping weeds between rows of cotton. The mother of the 6 had formerly been a teacher and was determined that her children would be prepared to reach the future of their choice.

Jesse chose the best black school available where he received good grades, ran track, played football and sang in the choir. He wanted to be a Naval flyer but he would need a higher education. He applied to Ohio State, the school of his idol, Jesse Owen. During his Sophomore year he saw a recruitment poster for Naval Aviation. Two years later he was a Commissioned Officer. He was 22 years old; had earned his wings and was about to be the first black aviator on an air craft carrier.

Meanwhile, Junior Officer Tom Hudner was in Hawaii decoding classified information. His Buddies urged him to go with them for pilot training on carrier ships. Seven months later he entered an elite squadron of Bearcat fighter pilots.

Jesse and Tom met on the air craft carrier Letey. Jesse held out his hand knowing it might be ignored. Instead he gave Jesse a hearty grasp and it started a friendship. The Letey cruised along the Mediterranean stopping for shore visits at various countries. At one stop 700 Marines transferred from the ship Midway to the Letey. Abruptly the tour stopped. They were headed to Korea to fight the Forgotten War. The one that never really ended.

The USS Letey pilots were specially trained. Though they were fighter pilots they didn't fight other planes. Their Navy Corsairs were loaded with 6 guns, rockets and bombs. They were there to protect and aid the Marines on the ground. The Russians sent communist soldiers who slept during the day and fought at night. Their uniforms were reversible At night they wore the white side out. Hunched on the ground they looked like stones from above.

December was bitterly cold as the Corsairs left the carrier. Jesse led with Tom; his wingman followed behind on his right, They passed several valleys with no problems. Suddenly there were shots from below. Jesse's oil line was hit making the plane impossible to control. He found a site to crash and muscled the plane down. Without a thought Tom followed him down. He was alive but his knee was trapped. They talked about 45 minutes waiting for a Marine helicopter to rescue them. They arrived with tools but it was too late. Tom promised he would return to bring him home.

Tom was not punished for destroying the Naval mega dollar plane. Instead, he was given the Naval Medal of Honor by President Harry Truman. The first Naval Medal of Honor since WWII.

Tom had not forgotten his promise to Jesse. At age 88 he returned to North Korea. The new dictator gave the permission to search for missing MIAs and Jesse was found. He now rests in the Arlington National Cemetery.

About the Author: Adam Makos is a well regarded writer of military history. He accidentally met Tom and that started 7 years of interviews with all who knew Jesse and Tom. He even went with Tom to North Korea.

How I'd Change the World

By Sara Jane Coffman



If Jay Leno were to come up to me on the street and ask me how I'd change the world, here's what I would say.

For starters, I'd tell him that I'd eliminate dust. (Or, if dust has a purpose, I'd like someone to explain it to me.)

Second, I'd make it easier to get band-aids out of their wrappers. (Am I the only one who has trouble with this?)

Third, instead of the optometrist asking me: "Is this better . . . or is this better?" he'd tell me. Aren't I paying him to tell me?

Fourth, red underwear would yell: "No! No!" if you threw them into the washing machine with your whites.

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Fifth, men would jump up and take the garbage out if you asked them, even if it meant missing the last two minutes of a football game when their team was on the one-yard line about to score a touchdown to win the game.

Sixth, the Pennsylvania turnpike wouldn't have ninety degree turns as soon as you come out of the tunnels, especially when you're reaching around to try to find your sunglasses to put them back on, and especially when, if you miss the turn, you'll drive straight off the mountain.

Seventh, I wouldn't have anyone's birthday on the first day of the month. Right now, some of my friends have their birthdays on the first of the month . . . and I don't discover that until I turn the page of my calendar and then it's too late to send them a card.

Eighth, knees would have shock absorbers that could be replaced every 5,000 miles.

Ninth, when you made sugar cookies from scratch, the dough would come out of the cookie cutters like the recipe says it will, instead of your having to poke your finger into the cookie cutter or slam it against the counter to get it out.

And tenth, when you're wearing a hat, and you take it off, your hair would look as good as it did before you put the hat on.

No. Wait! BETTER. It would look better than before you put the hat on.



Special Note:

Congratulations to Sally, whose new book, ***I'm Older. Shouldn't I Be Smarter?*** was released in March!

The West Lafayette Public Library is hosting a book signing for the new book on Saturday, May 13, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon ET. (It's also available for purchase on Amazon, along with her other books.)

PURA Annual Spring Conference Deemed a Great Success!!

By Dr. Norman D. Long, chair, PURA Spring Conference Committee



The PURA Annual Spring Conference held at the Beck Agricultural Center on April 19, 2023, was a refreshing return to yesteryear with more than two hundred registered attendees and eighteen vendors. 2023 signaled the return to an in-person format for this popular and educational PURA event for the first time since 2019.

Members enjoyed a full hot buffet breakfast followed by speaker Dr. Matthew Ward, from Purdue's Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering, who discussed "Living with Chronic Pain without Addiction."

PURA member David Caldwell led a stretch break with some armchair exercises, then Dr. Jerry Lynch, Purdue Professor Emeritus of Economics, gave us insight into macro-economics as he talked about "Securing our Financial System with Retirees in Mind," before we took a morning break to visit with vendors.

Just before lunch, a panel presentation on "Mental Health for Seniors" was highlighted by representatives from the National Association of Mental Institutes, Mental Health America, and the Lafayette Police Dept.

A delightful box lunch from Christo's restaurant was enjoyed along with fellowship, and more time to talk with representatives of Purdue Insurance & Benefits for retirees and visit Vendor Booths.

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The afternoon began with a Keynote address “Life is Made up of Unexpected Things!” by West Lafayette Mayor John Dennis, who received an appreciative standing ovation from the crowd.

An inspirational panel from the Tippecanoe County Public Library, the West Lafayette Public Library and the Purdue Libraries shared the topic of “Library Services for Seniors.”

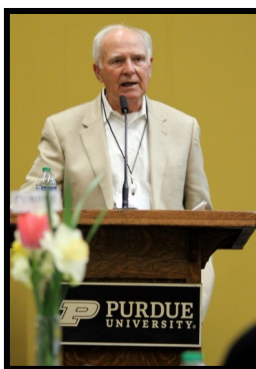
Closing the event was the ever-popular “Awarding of Vendor Door Prizes” followed by the PURA protocol of “Hail Purdue” to conclude the day’s event.

A review of the day’s speakers and their information will be posted soon on the PURA website at: www.purdue.edu/retirees.

If you missed this unique event, **plan now to attend with us next year on April 17, 2024**. Planning is already underway for yet another powerful and different agenda.



Left, Dr. Ward discussed a variety of approaches for coping with chronic pain.



Dr. Jerry Lynch discussed major elements of the U.S. economy and how they may, or may not, affect our major sources of retirement income.



West Lafayette Mayor John Dennis will step down at the end of 2023 following a diagnosis of Alzheimer’s. He reminded us how important relationships are in life, and that partnerships—in all endeavors—are the key to success.



Morning stretch break with PURA member and Silver Sneakers instructor, David Caldwell.



From left, Nick Shenkel (West Lafayette Public Library), Jos Holman (Tippecanoe County Public Library) and Rebecca Richardson (Purdue University Libraries) shared their institutions’ programs, resources for seniors, and membership eligibility.



From left, Sheri Moore, Sgt. John Yestrebsky, and Brandi Christianson shared information about area mental health resources, physical and mental safety, and avoiding being taken advantage of.

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PURA 2023 Spring Conference photos courtesy of PURA members Jim McCammack and Connie

June 5 PURA Monthly Meeting

Program:

- **Electric Cooperatives—Their Place in the Power Grid (Tipmont and Wintek)**

Presenter:

- **Rob Ford, Communication Director, Tipmont REMC and Wintek**

As Power Companies work harder and harder to meet the ever increasing power needs, it begs to ask the question, “How does all of this work in the BIG picture?” Join us in June to learn more.

Rob Ford is a 20 year communication and marketing veteran with experience in media, health care, energy, and telecommunications. He has led large-scale strategic communication campaigns during his career, including branding, crisis planning, website development, and new product launches. Rob joined Tipmont as Communication Director in 2015. He holds Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Communication from Purdue University, and lives in West Lafayette with his wife and three children.

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Protocol #: IRB-2022-1645

Study Title: A Pilot Study on Neurocognitive and Physical Activity Profile
among Older Adults At-Risk of Financial Abuse

Support Purdue Research

WHAT: A research study on financial decision making

WHO: Seeking all English-speaking adults age 60+

WHERE: Purdue University, West Lafayette

Surveys take about 1 hour to complete
Receive \$15 for surveys!

Lab EEG takes about 2 hours to complete
Receive additional \$45 for lab EEG!

All information is kept confidential

WE NEED YOU!

Come contribute your own unique experience to
our study!

Contact Purdue Elder Justice Lab to make an
appointment for a time that is convenient for
you.

Dr. Marian Liu
Phone: (765) 496-0615
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May Campus/Community Calendar Highlights

events.purdue.edu

Purdue's one-stop-shopping events calendar, which features campus, student, and community events. Highlights for April include:

Art, Dance, Music, Theatre:

- **Through-5 May—Art and Design MFA Candidate and Senior Exhibits.** Held in the Rueff galleries, Pao Hall of Visual and Performing Arts. More information: <https://cla.purdue.edu/academic/rueffschool/galleries/index.html>
- **13 May—Lafayette Symphony: Nick's Picks and Farewell After Party.** 7:30 p.m. ET. Lafayette Theatre, downtown Lafayette. Excerpts from departing Maestro Nick Palmer's favorite works, including the world premiere of Grace Brigham's *Mesmerism* for orchestra and electric violin, and Mozart's Bassoon Concerto.

Special:

- **11 May—Annual Expo, Purdue Office of Engagement.** Purdue retirees—as well as Purdue students, faculty, staff and the larger community—can connect with more than 60 Greater Lafayette-based nonprofit community partners. From 4:00 p.m. ET to 6:00 p.m. ET. River City Community Center, 2842 Old U.S. 231, Lafayette. The expo is a great fit for individuals looking for community & belonging, project partners, or leadership development and involvement. For more information: <https://www.purdue.edu/engagement/may-11-expo-to-meet-community-partners>
- **13 May—Book Signing,** for PURA member Sara Jane Coffman's new book, **I'm Older. Shouldn't I Be Smarter?** From 10:00 a.m. to Noon ET. West Lafayette Public Library, 208 W. Columbia Street, West Lafayette.
- **20 May—Mosey Down Main Street.** Main Street, downtown Lafayette. 6:00 p.m. ET—11:00 p.m. ET. Free, family friendly event. Three music stages, outdoor food, beer, and wine sales, street performers, sidewalk chalk, hand made Hula hoops, drum circles, DJ's, belly dancers, and balloon animals.
- **27 May—'Round the Fountain Art Fair.** Tippecanoe County Court House, downtown Lafayette. 9:00 a.m. ET—4:30 p.m. ET. Juried art fair featuring 100 artists from around the U.S. Refreshments. Free (unless you buy artwork!)
- **29 May—Memorial Day holiday.** No Purdue classes. Offices closed.

Sports:

- **Purdue Spring Sports**—golf ongoing; softball home games on May 5, 6, 7, 8; baseball home games May 5, 6, 7, 8, 18, 19, 20. <https://purduesports.com/index.aspx>

Purdue Academic/Holiday Schedule

6 May—Spring semester ends.

12, 13, 14 May—West Lafayette commencements.

15 May—Summer modules begin classes.

29 May—Memorial Day holiday. No classes, offices closed.

4 July—4th of July holiday. No classes, offices closed.

5 August—Summer commencement at West Lafayette.

21 August—Fall semester begins.



PURA member Betty Nelson catches up with a friend at PURA's Spring Conference.

Mark Your Calendars! Upcoming PURA Events

1 May, 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:** Lunch begins at 11:45 a.m. ET; program begins at 12:30 p.m. ET; speaker at 12:40 p.m. ET. Lunch begins at 11:45 a.m. ET; program begins at 12:30 p.m. ET; speaker at 12:40 p.m. ET.
- **Speaker:** Dr. Kenneth Ferraro, Distinguished Professor, Purdue Department of Sociology
- **Topic:** U.S. Population Demographics Shift Over the Next 10 Years

25 May, 2023 **Spring Fling**. Purdue Memorial Mall. See the announcement included earlier in this issue of the *PURA News*.

5 June, 2023 PURA monthly meeting.

- **Location:** IN-PERSON at Lafayette VFW, Duncan Road, Lafayette, Indiana. Also **VIA ZOOM** broadcast from our studio at the VFW.
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- **Speaker:** Rob Ford, Communications Director, Tipmont REMC and Wintek
- **Topic:** Electric Cooperatives: Their Place In The Grid

3 July, 2023 PURA monthly meeting.

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- **Speaker:** Dr. Katherine Newton, Associate Dean, Purdue Polytechnic Institute
- **Topic:** U.S. Supply Chain—Weakest Links

7 August, 2023 PURA monthly meeting.

- **Location:** IN-PERSON at Lafayette VFW, Duncan Road, Lafayette, Indiana. Also **VIA ZOOM** broadcast from our studio at the VFW.
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- **Speaker:** Lynne Dahmen, Managing Director, Purdue Institute for a Sustainable Future; and Allison Bryan Jungels, Assistant Director, Operations, Outreach & Partnerships, Regenstrief Center for Healthcare Engineering
- **Topic:** Working for a Sustainable Future: Purdue Research Impacts

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



The next issue of the *PURA News* newsletter—June/July 2023—will come out at the end of June.

About PURA News

The Purdue University Retirees Association newsletter is published for official retirees of Purdue University, and prepared by the PURA Communications Committee.

Send suggestions or ideas for PURA or the newsletter to:

Office of Retiree Affairs
2550 Northwestern Ave., Suite 1100
West Lafayette, IN 47906
Telephone, via Purdue Benefits help line:
(toll free) 877-725-0222
Email: pura@purdue.edu

2022-2023 PURA Communications Committee:

Chair: Karen Lembcke

Members: Connie Bilyeu, Jo Thomas

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 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.)

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Meeting ID: 972 8539 8989

Passcode: BoilerUp

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