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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



Greetings and Best Wishes as we begin a New Year. I hope your holidays with family and friends were wonderful — and perhaps even restful.

Our January/February Newsletter will, again, be a shortened version. So, my comments will be brief.

Items of Note:

- Our next monthly meeting will be February 5th at the VFW Hall in Lafayette. The program will be a presentation by Dr. Marion “Mo” Trout. Dr. Trout is a professor with Purdue University Bands, and the title of his program will be “All About The Purdue Jazz Band Program”. We will gather at 10:00 am and light refreshments will be provided. We will adjourn by 11:30 am. Perhaps you will want to go to lunch with a colleague or friend?
- The PURA Spring Conference will be held April 17th at the Beck Agricultural Center. Online registration will open on March 1st.
- Thank you to all who donated to the United Way campaign. As of January 8, our PURA contributions totaled **\$189,700!** We surpassed our goal of \$181,000. Again, **thank you** to all who chose to generously support this important community agency.
- If you don't currently serve on one of our PURA committees, please consider joining one. You can do so by contacting us at pura@purdue.edu

Exciting things have been happening in Purdue athletics:

- The Old Oaken Bucket stays in West Lafayette
- The volleyball team hosted (and won) the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament
- 73 Purdue student athletes earned Academic All-Big Ten honors from the fall sports season
- Men's basketball is ranked **number one** in the country

Boiler Up!

Tom Robertson
PURA President, 2023-24

PURA Proposed 2024-2025 Slate of Officers - Executive Board Candidates

- President – Marshall Martin
 - Vice President/President Elect – Charlene Sullivan
 - Secretary – Rosemary (Rosie) Ricci
 - Treasurer – Lucia Anderson
 - Historian – Michele Salla
 - Past President – Tom Robertson
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Arthur G. Hansen Recognition Award Nominations Due February 15

Each year the Purdue University Retirees Association (PURA) and the Office of the President of Purdue University offer the opportunity to nominate a University unit that excels in fostering a strong relationship between that unit and its retirees for an award.

Many Purdue retirees have spent much of their work lives at Purdue and have developed a strong sense of loyalty and pride in the University. Any department, division, or school that works to recognize and promote the continuing involvement of Purdue retirees in that unit may be nominated for the award. Purdue retirees make nominations and select the winner.

A cash award of \$2,500 accompanies the award, and the unit name is added to the plaque that hangs in the Purdue Memorial Union. The award is given in honor of Arthur G. Hansen, who served as Purdue president from 1971 to 1982.

Please consider nominating a Purdue unit that has continued to be important to you in your retirement years. The nomination form is included below. Nominations are due by February 15, 2023. Additional information and the nomination form can be found on our website at:

<https://www.purdue.edu/retirees/hansen-award.html>

PURA's February 5 Meeting – All About the Purdue Jazz Band Program



Presenter – Dr. Marion “Mo” Trout, Professor, Purdue University Bands

We know much about the PMO and The Purdue Marching Band, but what about the Purdue Jazz Band Program. Join us to learn more of this little secret.

After 27 years, Dr. Marion “Mo” Trout will officially retire this April and will instantly become a member of PURA. Dr. Trout has directed the Purdue Jazz Festival for 25 years and has been an active clinician and judicator, trumpet soloist, and guest conductor of Jazz Bands throughout the United States. He has conducted numerous Jazz Bands in Oklahoma, Texas, and Indiana. As Professor of Music and Director of the Jazz Program at Purdue since 1997, Dr. Trout directed the Jazz Band, The American Music Repertory Ensemble, The Jazz Lab Band, and the Concert Jazz Band. Dr. Trout received his BS degree from Texas Christian University and both his MS of Music Education and PhD of Musical Arts from the University of North Texas.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the PURA Spring Conference – Wednesday, April 17, 2024: Registration Opens March 1, 2024!



You are invited to our annual Spring Conference featuring good company, good food, interesting vendors, and informative presentations on topics of interest to you.

Four interesting, informative, and popular topics (suggested by PURA members) include:

- Understanding Dementia/ALS Strokes/Disorders and Rehabilitation
- Day Trips for Seniors
- Campus Improvements and Future Plans
- Artificial Intelligence and its Potential Impact on Seniors

Over 30 vendors with offerings of interest to Seniors are also giving away exciting door prizes.

The event will once again be hosted at the BECK Agricultural Center on US 52 north of the Purdue campus, a spacious and comfortable space with easy access and plenty of free parking.

Some other great features of the conference:

- Later starting time
- Much improved AV and sound
- Coffee and snacks available during registration
- Lunch will feature a full-blown, hot delicious noon buffet meal prepared by Christo's
- Information related to retiree benefits and the United Health Care medical insurance program
- Information on volunteering options
- Plenty of time to meet new and old friends
- Exciting door prizes!

Registration will open online March 1, 2024. Watch your email for more information!

Thanks to our Spring Conference sponsors: TIAA, Fidelity Investments, United Healthcare, Purdue Federal Credit Union. Thanks also to our donors: Westminster Village, University Place, Cumberland Pointe, St. Anthony Healthcare, Aster Place, O'Drobinak & Nowaczyk.

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/index.html>

Mark Your Calendars! Upcoming PURA Events

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:** Dr. Marion "Mo" Trout, Professor, Purdue University Bands
- **Topic:** All About the Purdue Jazz Band Program

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:** Jahvae "Jay" Giddens, Director of NIL Engagement, Purdue Athletics
- **Topic:** NIL in College Athletics (Effect on University/Athlete)

6 May, 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:** Jamie Schlueter, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones
- **Topic:** Estate Planning and Your Digital Footprint after Passing

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



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