



May 2025 Updates

Hold the Date for these PURA and Purdue Annual Events

PURDUE SPRING FLING 2025 is scheduled for May 22, 2025. [SPRING FLING 2025 - Purdue University](#)

The **2025 PURA ANNUAL KICKOFF LUNCHEON** is scheduled for September 8, 2025 at the Courtyard Marriott at 150 Fairington Avenue in Lafayette. Registration details to follow.

A PURA EVENING AT CIVIC THEATRE is scheduled for December 10, 2025 at Civic Theater of Greater Lafayette located at 313 N. 5th Street in Lafayette. Attend a free performance of the play "A Christmas Carol – Radio Play." Reservations will be required. Registration details to follow.

Upcoming PURA Monthly (First Monday) Meeting Schedule

Location: IN-PERSON at Lafayette VFW, Duncan Road, Lafayette, Indiana. Also, via ZOOM broadcast from our studio at the VFW.

Time: 10:00 a.m. ET to approximately 11:30 a.m. ET.

Monday, June 2, 2025 - PURA Monthly Meeting.

- Speaker: Audrey Johnson
- Topic: Of Thee I Sing (American Heritage Through Song)
- Have you ever thought what learning history by song might be like? Join us and see (and hear) for yourself, listening to a classically trained vocalist.

Monday, July 7, 2025 - PURA Monthly Meeting.

- Speaker: Jason Philhower, Manager, Purdue Office of Emergency Preparedness
- Topic: Purdue Office of Emergency Preparedness

Monday, August 4, 2025 PURA Monthly Meeting.

- Speaker: Jon Leuck, Director Purdue Agricultural Centers
- Topic: Purdue Research Farms and More Facts About Indiana Farms

The PURA Annual Spring Conference – A Smashing Success

The 2025 PURA Annual Spring Conference was held on April 23, 2025 at the Beck Agricultural Center. The *SOLD-OUT* crowd enjoyed good food, excellent speakers and entertainment, opportunities to visit with our sponsors, and fellowship with their Purdue friends. Thanks to Norm Long, Chair, and all the Annual Spring Conference Committee members for their efforts in delivering a great event.

A photo album from the conference is available on the PURA website, as well as the presentation slides from two of the speakers. Follow this link: <https://www.purdue.edu/retirees/PLIEvents.html>

Purdue Day of Giving – PURA Scholarship Endowments

Thank you to those who supported the PURA Scholarship Endowments during the annual Purdue Day of Giving. Preliminary results show that \$7,810 was donated by 35 PURA members.

PURA Officers for 2025-2026

Congratulations to the 2025-2026 PURA officers elected at the April 7 monthly meeting in accordance with the PURA bylaws. Their terms will begin at the June 4 Transition Meeting.

President	Charlene Sullivan
President-elect	Tim Luzader
Past President	Marshall Martin
Secretary	Rosie Ricci
Treasurer	Larry Biehl

A Clarification for Members with PURCare Insurance

The Explanation of Benefits (EOB) was revised by United Healthcare earlier this year. The EOB is the summary of services you have received and how plan benefits were applied. The provider of each service is identified on the EOB. Below the identified provider you will see the term “Status.” The purpose of “Status” is to identify whether the Provider is in-network or out-of-network. As you know, for PURCare, there is no provision for in-network or out-of-network providers. You may select the provider of your choice.

There have been extended discussions with United Healthcare representatives regarding this inaccuracy. Unfortunately, the coding for this document does not permit a modification to correct this error. Therefore, you will continue to see “out of network” as the status for your provider. Even though the reported status is incorrect, you should ignore the inaccuracy.

Planning for the Future of PURA

The PURA Strategic Planning Committee chaired by Vice-President Charlene Sullivan began meeting in January 2025. The members of the committee are Rita Baker, Larry Deboer, Carol Shelby, Norm Long, Jim Freeland, Jerry Day, Vic Lechtenberg, and Marshall Martin. The objective of the Committee is to review the current benefits and programming that PURA offers its members and identify programming that has the potential of increasing PURA's value for all its members. The committee identified three areas of focus.

1. Initiatives that build relationships within the PURA membership base.
2. Initiatives built on collaborations within Purdue and with community partners that strengthen the PURA brand.
3. Initiatives to improve communication and storytelling that expand PURA's ability to attract potential new members.

Specific action items in each area of focus are organized into three buckets: Educational, Socializing and Relationships, and Community Service. With a recognition of the current excellence of PURA Committees' work in the areas of design and monitoring of the health insurance plan, the planning for and delivery of a Spring Conference and Fall Kick-off Luncheon, the strategic planning discussions have focused on the potential for increasing offerings of campus, local and state wide travel excursions, collaboration with Purdue Schools and establishing programs for PURA members to volunteer in local school corporations, increase involvement with the Center on Aging and the Life Course, the John Dennis Wellness Center and other outstanding organizations in our community.

Contacts are being identified to meet with key leadership in Human Resources, Purdue for Life, Convocations, John Purdue Club, the Office of the President and Provost, and College Deans to share the role and mission of PURA and to explore areas of mutual benefit and collaboration. Areas of mutual interest are fund raising, on campus volunteerism, sharing of mailing lists, event ticket discounts, and general socializing events.

PURA is in a strong position financially and organizationally to grow in terms of influence and effectiveness. PURA is unique among its peers in the Big Ten in that all faculty and staff who satisfy the criteria for becoming a retiree from Purdue are eligible for membership which means we are very diverse in terms of our expectations. But PURA wants to be perceived as a partner for all its members in their pursuit of a happy, healthy, and purposeful retirement. We look forward to sharing our ideas with you and hope that all our members will lend a helping hand to make a positive future for PURA a reality.

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