ANNUAL REPORT TRIPS AND TOURS COMMITTEE 2010-2011

The committee met monthly except for July 2010. Meetings were held at the Purdue WorkLife Office. Starting this fall meetings will be at the new Worklife location on State Road 26 West.

Committee Members: Jim Marciniak, Chair Sue Abney Carol Barrett Dan Collins Esther Madren, Secretary Nancy Yuochunas

Esther Madren is going off the committee after three years as secretary and will be missed. Deanna Johns has joined the committee. Nancy Yuochunas will serve as the committee's secretary.

The Executive Board approved to continue our collaboration with Imperial Travel and Top Notch Travel Tours. Committee members work with the travel agencies to select and coordinate trips. The Trips and Tours Policies and Procedures were updated to include the most recent trips. Articles and photos of the trips were submitted for the PURA newsletter.

At the PURA August 2010 Kickoff Luncheon, Imperial Travel donated four \$50.00 door prizes for one day trips. The committee will ask Imperial Travel and Top Notch to consider providing vouchers for future trips at the September 2011 Kickoff Luncheon.

On June 15, thirty-one PURA members traveled by train to Chicago, spent time at Navy Pier, and took a delightful Architectural Cruise on the Chicago River. Travel back was by bus and everyone had a great time!

Three trips were planned for fall 2010. On August 16, eighty PURA members and guests took a bus to Chicago to tour the numerous tall ships at Navy Pier. The weather was ideal and the trip simply spectacular! On September 16, twelve PURA members traveled to French Lick Resort and Casino to enjoy the beautifully restored hotel and surroundings. October 28, fifteen retirees went by bus to Conner Prairie. Although the weather was cool, everyone enjoyed the historical sites and sounds of the 1880's.

Two trips were planned for spring 2011. On April 16, seven PURA members went with Imperial Travel to Nashville, IN and Edinburg for a Shopper's Delight Trip. May 19, fifty-one retirees traveled with Top Notch Travel Tours to Indianapolis for dinner at the Iron Skillet. After dinner we attended The Civic Theatre's production of The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 held at Marian University. The evening was most enjoyable.

Plans are underway for fall 2011. A day trip to Indianapolis to see an Indianapolis Indians baseball game is being considered. Other trips for the fall and spring will be decided at future committee meetings.