

# PURA News

Purdue University Retirees Association

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## PURA Transitions to New Leadership



Who are these masked men? A “transition” for the record books: masked and gloved outgoing PURA president, Tom Turpin, passes the Retirees’ Key (symbolic token of the PURA presidency) to masked and gloved incoming president, Norm Long, maintaining appropriate social distancing. Masked new vice-president/president elect, Bill Bennett, looks on.

## PURA Officers and Committee Chairs, 2020-2021

### Officers:

President: Norman Long  
 Vice-President/President-Elect: William Bennett  
 Secretary: Judy Ware  
 Treasurer: Lucia Anderson  
 Historian: Sue Hume Graham  
 Past President: Tom Turpin

### Committee Chairs:

Benefits: Larry Pherson  
 Campus & Community Activities: James Lehman  
 Communications: Karen Lembcke  
 Hospitality: Linda Hawkins  
 Kick-Off Luncheon: Co-Chairs Karen Ferry/Viki Taylor  
 Program: Jerry Day  
 Purposeful Living in Retirement Conference: Olivia Wood  
 Student Scholarship: Melinda Bain  
 Trips & Tours: Position available

## 2020 PURA Kickoff To Be Held Virtually

SAVE THE DATE! Planning is underway for a Kickoff meeting to be held online via Zoom on September 14, to keep you informed of current events at Purdue. More information to follow soon, including instructions how to obtain and use Zoom.



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the annual PURA Kickoff luncheon, normally scheduled in September, will not be held.

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## A Year to Remember – President’s Report

By Tom Turpin



Had I known what was in store for the Purdue University Retiree’s Association during 2019-2020, I would never have accepted the job as President-Elect.

The last 12 months have been challenging for PURA to say the least, but it has become clear to me that what Past President Don Gentry told me was that the job is an easy one because of all of the people who pitch in to help. Truer words were never spoken! Indeed, we are the envy of all the Big-10 retiree associations because our people are willing to accept leadership roles with a number of others who help when needed.

Our committee leaders, some new this year and others who have served for a while, have all done an outstanding job. They include Judy Ware (Secretary), Lucia Anderson (Treasurer), Sue Hume (Historian), Larry Pherson (Benefits), Karen Lembcke (Communications), Bill Bennett (Hospitality), Jerry Day (Programs), Joma Roe (Trips and Tours), Jim Lehman (Campus and Community Activities), Karen Ferry and Viki Taylor (Kickoff Luncheon), Olivia Wood (Purposeful Living In Retirement Event), and Melinda Bain (Scholarship). Many thanks to these “worker bees” for their wonderful leadership.

I got off to a bad start when I couldn’t attend the Kickoff Luncheon but I wasn’t needed as Karen Ferry and Viki Taylor had it well organized, and President-Elect Norm Long and Past President Don Gentry ran the show flawlessly. Many thanks to them for all their work this year.

### PURA Recognizes Outgoing Officers, Committee Chairs, and Committee Members

A big thank you to the hard-working folks going off the PURA board and committees this summer. A \$705 contribution to PURA Scholarships is being made in their honor.

**Tom Turpin**, outgoing PURA President

**Don Gentry**, outgoing Past President

**Sandra Singer**, Benefits, 6-year member

**Bill Bennett**, Chair – Hospitality, 4-year member

**Margaret Cox**, Hospitality, 2-year member

**Rosalee Hayward**, Kickoff Luncheon, 4-year member

**Jeannie Kalhust**, Kickoff Luncheon 10-year member

**Carolyn Shultz**, Kickoff Luncheon, 4-year member

**Jane Brown**, Program, 6-year member

In order to spice up the Purdue Sesquicentennial celebrations PURA members decided to portray historical characters for events. The characters were available to interact with event attendees. Members and their “characters” included: Olivia Wood (Mary Matthews), David Caldwell (Orville Redenbacher), Scott Rumble (Harvey Wiley), John Norberg (John Purdue), Carolyn Jones (Lillian Gilbreth), Mary Alice Nebold (Amelia Earhart), Joyce Miles (Virginia Meredith), Pete Bill (John T. McCutcheon), and Tom Turpin (J. Clifford Turpin).

Our Purdue support staff member Michele Salla decided to retire and become one of us, however, her retirement didn’t last long, as she was dragged back to temporarily fill in for her replacement, Hannah Austerman, who went on maternity leave.

After years of holding our monthly luncheon and program at the MCL cafeteria in West Lafayette, the restaurant closed in January and we had to find a new place to meet. Our February meeting was held at the Daniels Turfgrass center and the membership decided that the monthly meeting should be held on Monday and we should have a speaker and lunch available. President-Elect Long visited a number of facilities in the Lafayette area seeking a place for our meetings and recommended the VFW in Lafayette. We held our March meeting at the VFW.

In April the COVID-19 pandemic hit and all of PURA’s in-person meetings were cancelled through July. The June meeting of the PURA Executive Board was held remotely using ZOOM.

So this past year in the life of PURA is surely one to remember! As we move forward we are in good hands with Norm Long as President and Bill Bennett as President-Elect. As usual they have a great group of people with which to work. Not surprising because they are all Purdue folks!

**Roy Johnson**, Program, 4-year member, Chair for 1 year

**Sandy Komasinski**, Program, 6-year member

**Dan Weisenberger**, Purposeful Living in Retirement, 1-year member

**Sue Hiser**, Student Scholarship, 4-year member

**Joma Roe**, Chair - Trips & Tours 7-year member

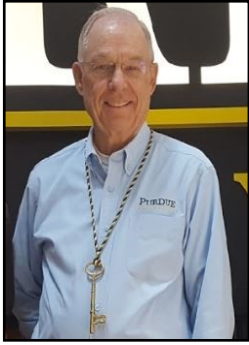
**Carolyn Blue**, Trips & Tours, 7-year member

**Agnes Hawn**, Trips & Tours, 7-year member

**Tarren Neth**, Trips & Tours, 7-year member



## Norm's Notes



Change has become our new normal! Webster defines change “To alter by substituting something else for, or by giving up for something else; to put or take another or others in place of. To make different; to convert.”

That somewhat lengthy description really does describe and has characterized PURA in 2020! Now, as we begin another fiscal year, the officers and committee chairs that constitute the Executive committee wrestle with more change! Paramount in all the Executive committee discussions and considerations has been the safety and well being of our members. To that end, the decisions that have been made and continue to face PURA leaders, have been based on that criteria.

As we review 2020, our first change was locating a new meeting site for our monthly meetings. Then came the Covid-19 pandemic that closed our monthly meetings. In turn, we had to cancel our popular “Purposeful Living in Retirement”, then the Campus and Community Activities, Trips and Tours, the annual transition meeting and now the September Kickoff Luncheon! All these important and informative PURA events were not given up easily. Your leaders felt we needed to respect and follow the lead of Purdue, especially so when one considers the overall age and health of our membership, that now exceeds more than 5,000.

No one really knows when we will return to a “new normal”. Plans are underway to have programs, information and fellowship return for the PURA membership ASAP. We are keeping PURA’s Benefits, Executive, and Communications committees strong and active, along with virtual meetings.

There are many questions to address, for example, what will the policy and practice about Retiree Flu shots be in 2020? We have a deep concern to keep our members informed and aware of issues, so what is the most effective method for accomplishing that goal? These and many other questions and concerns that impact PURA are being brought forth and addressed even as you read this first “Norm’s Notes.”

As this article is ended, please look over the list of 2020/2021 PURA committee leaders (page 1). If you have ideas, concerns or needs that can be met by your PURA leaders, please do not hesitate to contact any of us, as we are ready and willing to address your interests. We will have much more in the months ahead to enhance PURA and to continue to maintain the image in the BIG 10 that ole’ Purdue has the “Gold Standard” for university retirees!

Dr. Norman D. Long  
PURA President  
Class of 1964

## Did You Know? Historic Highlights of the Purdue “All-American” Marching Band

The Purdue marching band was organized in 1886, a year before Purdue’s football team was formed. Members received ROTC drill credit for participating in the band. It was named the “All-American” Marching Band by a TV broadcaster in response to the first halftime show with lighted uniforms and instruments. Notable alumni include Orville Redenbacher (tuba, founder of Orville Redenbacher popcorn), Neil Armstrong (baritone, first man on the moon), and Russell Games Slayter (tuba, inventor of fiberglass).

### FIRSTS

- 1907 – First band to break military ranks to create a formation of any kind, the Block “P.”
- 1919 – First band to carry the colors of all the Big Ten schools.
- 1919 – First band to become an annual performer at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.
- 1920 – First band to play opposing school’s fight song.
- 1921 – First band to create an oversized bass drum.

- 1935 – First band to perform a halftime show with lights on their instruments and uniforms.
- 1954 – First band to create nationwide recognition for its featured twirlers.
- 1963 – First college band to have members invited to perform at Radio City Music Hall.
- 1969 – First marching band alumnus to walk on the moon, Neil Armstrong.
- 1995 – First university without a music school to win the Sudler Trophy.
- 2008 – First college marching band invited by Ministry of Culture to perform in China.
- 2010 – First Big Ten band to march in the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade.



*(Many thanks to Purdue Bands and Orchestras for permission to reprint their highlights, and to the University News Service and photographer Mark Simons for the photo.)*

## Quick Simple Tips To Boost Your Immune System This Summer

As we age our immune system weakens. What are some simple steps we can take to boost our immune system this summer and help us to fight off bacterial infections and viruses?

**1. Wash our hands-** You can never wash your hands too much. Warm running water and soap for 20 seconds is one simple and sure way to keep those germs away! Studies show the average person may touch their face up to 16 times an hour. We do not mean to, but do so without thinking. Best for those hands to be clean.

**2. Go outside-** Vitamin D is a fat-soluble vitamin that is available in some foods and added to others as a dietary supplement. Our bodies make vitamin D when the cholesterol in our bodies is exposed to ultraviolet light. The best time to be in the sun is mid-day at the brightest time of day, which shortens the exposure time needed for your body to synthesize the sunrays. Ten to thirty minutes of exposure is enough. You cannot get your vitamin D by sitting in a sunny room, you must go outside. Wear your sunscreen since you will still synthesize vitamin D through the sunscreen. Most of the aging population is low in vitamin D. Talk to your healthcare provider on vitamin D supplements.

**3. Eat a healthy diet-** Summer brings us those colorful vegetables and fruits. The more colorful our fruits and vegetables, the more vitamins for our bodies. Cantaloupe, kale, strawberries, carrots, and sweet peppers provide us with vitamin C and A for our

eyes. Fish such as salmon and tuna are high in omega fatty acids. Spinach, lettuce and brussels sprouts are just a few more. Rule of thumb is to indulge in summer fruits, vegetables, and salads!

**4. Get active-** Good weather allows us to walk. Walking keeps our bones and muscles working. Walking increases our heartrate and increased heartrate increases our circulation. Walking can allow us to get our vitamin D. It also gives us a connection to others and the outdoors.

**5. Reduce your stress level-** Do activities that make you happy and learn to say “no”. Chronic stress impacts our immune system. Stress makes our bodies release cortisol. Cortisol helps our bodies deal with stress but over a long period of time can affect it negatively. Find a hobby you enjoy so your stress may have an outlet.

**6. Get enough sleep-** Try to get 7-8 hours sleep a night. Sleep can keep our minds sharp and thoughts clear. There is nothing better than a good night’s sleep.

Talk to your healthcare provider about taking probiotics, a vitamin B complex, zinc supplement, vitamin D supplement, magnesium, or other immune boosting vitamins. We all have different health issues and taking some supplements may not be safe for all. Try to social distance and wear a mask when you can. Summer is here, so enjoy it!

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### Celebrate in July

Since a number of activities for PURA members have been temporarily placed “on hold,” and you find you are visiting with your friends or family members through Zoom or Skype or other means, the month of July provides many reasons to celebrate. So we are offering the following suggestions for your enjoyment this month. July is:



National Picnic Month



National Blueberry Month



National Hot Dog Month



National Ice Cream Month

July 7—Strawberry Sundae Day  
 July 19—National Ice Cream Day  
 July 20—Ice Cream Soda Day  
 July 23—Vanilla Ice Cream Day  
 July 27—Peach Ice Cream Day



2nd week of July— National Nude Recreation Week



July 1—International Chicken Wing Day



July 2—I Forget Day



July 6—International Kissing Day



July 8—Chocolate Day



July 11—Cheer Up the Lonely Day



July 13—Embrace Your Geekness Day



July 15—Cow Appreciation Day



July 19—Daquiri Day



July 22—Hammock Day



July 24—Amelia Earhart Day



July 27—Take Your Houseplants for a Walk Day

July 30—International Day of Friendship

## Gotta Laugh!

Remember this chestnut?

Mr. Opporknockity was a superb piano tuner. He had spent more than 30 years honing his craft and made quite a reputation for himself.

He got a call from a man who had just bought a new grand piano and requested Opporknockity come and tune it. Opporknockity spent more than three hours tuning the grand piano to perfection, collected his fee and left.

A couple of days later, the customer called and informed him that the piano was not in tune. The customer demanded Opporknockity return and re-tune the piano.

Mr. Opporknockity replied, "I'm sorry, my friend, Opporknockity only tunes once."

**Noise proves nothing. Often a hen who's merely laid an egg cackles as if she laid an asteroid. — Mark Twain**

## Musical Interludes



### Not Your Usual 4th of July Music

*The Egg* - from the Broadway musical "1776". Franklin, Jefferson, and Adams contemplate choosing the national symbol while the Continental Congress begins debate on the Declaration of Independence.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ds4dv4IS0PM>

*American Patrol*, Glen Miller  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DK-IBi5r6Jk>

## Confessions of a Book Addict

By Jo Thomas

I couldn't breathe when the library closed. Then I hyper-ventilated. I am a chain reader. Where could I get my fix? Looking around I discovered books that I had purchased but never read. I soon found out why. The first two were 500 pages of dull. If you read them in bed, you would get bruises on your stomach.

I like all genres except science fiction and fantasy. I make exception for one fantasy writer because she is a Purdue alumnae. However, her books are scary and steamy so I won't recommend them. Instead, I will share some nonfiction favorites. I always found book reports dry and T.M.I., so I'll be brief.

One of my favorites is *The Boys in the Boat*. This story is about a blue collar 8-oar crew at the University of Washington. They didn't have a lot going for them. They often went hungry to pay for their tuition or books. They rowed in raw weather while their arch enemies in California were nice and warm. Their goal was to win the American title then go to the Olympics. They didn't stand a chance.

If you are more viewer than reader, PBS has a great video called "The Boys of '36".

## (Musical Interludes, cont.)



*This Land is Your Land*, Pete Seeger and Bruce Springsteen lead the crowd in song, from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HE4H0k8TDgw>

## The Summer of Covid-19

*One Voice*, The Wailin' Jennys  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-jKH6kILbho>

*Thank U Frontline*, Chris Mann (Alanis Morissett melody)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xGKFVMgjrPc>

## Do You Remember These Summer Hits?

(Just a few of many!)

- Summertime, Summertime*; The Jamies (1958)
- Summertime Blues*, Eddie Cochran (1958)
- Surf City*, Jan and Dean (1963)
- The Girl from Ipanema*, Astrud Gilberto and Stan Getz (1963)
- Theme from A Summer Place*, The Lettermen (1965)
- Under the Boardwalk*, The Drifters (1964)
- A Summer Song*, Chad & Jeremy (1964)
- Summer in the City*, The Lovin' Spoonful (1966)
- Hot Fun in the Summertime*, Sly & the Family Stone (1970)
- You Are the Sunshine of My Life*, Stevie Wonder (1972)
- Summer Breeze*, Seals & Crofts (1972)
- Margaritaville*, Jimmy Buffett (1977)
- You're the One that I Want (or, Summer Nights)*, John Travolta & Olivia Newton-John (from the musical "Grease," 1978)
- Sailing*, Christopher Cross (1979)
- Cruel Summer*, Bananarama (1984)
- Kokomo*, The Beach Boys (1988)
- Summertime*, DJ Jazzy Jeff & the Fresh Prince (a.k.a. Will Smith) (1991)

*A Higher Call*. Two pilots meet in the air over Germany in WWII. One was a German Ace fighter pilot. The other an American in a shot-up bomber. The German did not fire on the bomber. If his superiors learned of it, they would execute him as a traitor. After the war, they looked for each other.

Anything written by David McCullough is worth reading. His histories are meticulously well researched and cover many subjects. *The Wright Brothers* reveals their personalities.

*Beneath a Scarlet Sky* is set in German-occupied Italy during WWII. It follows an Italian youth who goes from leading people to safety in Switzerland to working for the Germans. Because his mother said so.

For a change of war and some enjoyment, try *Junious and Albert's Adventures in the Confederacy*. Two young reporters who worked for newspaper editor/publisher Horace Greeley, were captured by the Confederates. Jefferson Davis hated Greeley so much, he wouldn't release them. They were an amusing couple and the author wrote it that way. A true and funny tale.

## PURA Tech Bytes

By Scott Ksander



### Creating a Digital Family Archive

One of my retirement objectives that has been “enhanced” by the COVID-19 Stay-At-Home order was to create a family digital archive. This is an ideal application for technology as copies can be easily made for each family member and the copies do not take up shelf space. The quality also does not decay over time.

The most difficult, but probably the most fun, is gathering all the old slides, movies, prints, negatives, video tapes, and scrapbooks. Each of these is a treasure and can easily take you down memory lane for hours. Once you assemble that material, you need to decide how you want to approach making digital versions. I started out thinking I would use a completely do-it-yourself approach. Cost, time, and necessary equipment are all factors to be considered.

The most common items for me were slides, negatives, and unmounted prints. There are reasonably priced slide and negative scanners in the \$150 range such as the Kodak Scanza Digital Film Scanner.

<https://www.kodak.com/US/en/consumer/products/film-scanners/scanza-film-scanner/default.htm>

This model, for example, can scan 35mm, 126, 110, Super 8 and 8mm negatives and slides. Other companies make similar equipment. I quickly realized that while this method cuts the cost, the investment in time was going to be significant. I estimated I had at least 10,000 images. It turned out my estimate was low after we found more “treasures”. There are services that provide scanning with much better quality. Services like Kodak Digitizing Box, Legacybox, and ScanCafe are available and there are also many camera shops that provide this service. For the online services, get on their email list. They often have sales for 30-50% off. NEVER pay their list price unless you have an urgent situation. For unusually sized items, or if your items need special handling, local services like Camera Outfitters in Market Square Shopping Center do a great job. They can do all your scanning work, if you wish. For my bulk digital work, I used ScanCafe. Their home office is in Indianapolis and I can deliver my material directly.

<https://www.scancafe.com/>

I have used them for 35mm slides, negatives, 110 and 120 negatives, and 8mm movies. My Dad had color 8mm movies of me coming home from the hospital in 1952!

I decided to do my video tape (S-VHS and VHS) myself since I already had the necessary equipment on my PC. Scanning services will also do video tape, however. During our searching, we located some audio tape from 1968! During my high school years, I was a DJ on the local high school radio station. I even considered a career in broadcast for awhile and continued my radio time on PRN (Purdue Residence Hall Network) while living at McCutcheon Hall. The audio tape was a challenge. Legacybox can digitize audio tape and gave me the earliest recording of my voice that I have. What a gift!

The next challenge was documents. For example, I have copies of every tax return my parents ever filed and also every tax return I ever filed (the Bohemian heritage is alive and well in me). For most of these documents, a standard scanner worked nicely. I did upgrade to a scanner with a document feeder and 2-sided scanning. I use the HP ScanJet Pro 2500, but there are many good products available.

<https://store.hp.com/us/en/pdp/hp-scanjet-pro-2500-f1-flatbed-scanner>

Finally, there were large format scrapbooks and bound items that could not be scanned on a flatbed scanner without damaging the binding. This was a problem until I found a unique product by CZAR. This company uses technology to digitally “flatten” the scanned material. It works amazingly well.

<https://www.czur.com/>

This scanner allowed me to capture scrapbooks of my Grandfather’s published “clips” from the *Chicago Tribune* dating back to the 1950s. Grandpa was a wise man and our family is so lucky to be able to still enjoy his wisdom.

After all this, there are almost 150,000 images in my Archive and a bit under 100 hours of video. That’s under 2TB of storage and each family member can easily have a copy for the cost of a 2TB drive (currently about \$65 and dropping).

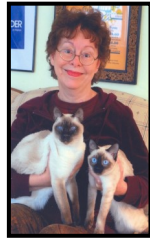
Finally, the challenge is to organize the material and add metadata such as date, place, and people. I use Adobe Lightroom for the photo material. I am still looking for the best way to tag video material.

<https://www.adobe.com/products/photoshop-lightroom.html>

I highly recommend this effort to preserve your family history. It is worth it, even without a Stay-At-Home order.

## Smile Corner

By Sara Jane (Sally) Coffman



### They're Only Weeds If You Don't Want Them

People are sure reacting differently to the stress of this Coronavirus. Some of my most-together friends have gone completely nuts, while some of my flakier friends seem to be blithely sailing along.

I, myself, have been handling the crisis by staying curled up in a fetal position and talking to my rubber bands. I was pretty sure my friend Rose would be using her time more constructively, so I decided to call and ask her what SHE'S been doing. Here's what she said:

"In addition to compiling a pantry inventory, shredding years of bank statements and receipts, discarding undergraduate lecture notes and owners' manuals for long-discarded appliances. . . from my bedside landline phone I've been choreographing a global network of relatives and conducting online genealogical research in six languages."

Uh. Huh.

I met Rose about a year ago in my Silver Sneakers class at the Ismail Center, and from the beginning realized that she and I approach life in very different ways. While I bumble my way through, she sails through life with grace, insight, and wisdom.

Take, for example, how we would each approach walking down the street. I could be walking down the street, paying full attention to my surroundings, and quite likely fall into a pothole.

Here's how Rose would walk down the street: Before setting out, Rose would have anticipated the possibility of potholes and equipped herself with the tools she would need to identify (and repair) one.

Spotting a pothole off in the distance, she would warn the friends with whom she was walking and have them stay behind while she went forward to investigate. Reaching the pothole, she would pull out the people who had fallen in and care for their needs. She would then either fix the pothole herself or call the appropriate people to come and have it fixed. Finally, she would post a sign warning people to avoid the pothole and organize a group of researchers to create a substance for paving streets that would eliminate potholes in the future.

Besides walking down streets differently, Rose and I handle ourselves differently at airports.

Back in the day when I traveled by plane, I used to dissolve into a puddle if a TSA agent looked crossways at me. Rose, on the other hand, has never had trouble standing up for herself. She tells about the time when she was going overseas. Instead of taking a lot of clothes with her, she put a baggie full of white, powdered laundry detergent in her carry-on bag so she could wash them.

The TSA agent pulled her aside and, in a challenging voice, asked her what the substance was.

"Laundry detergent," she replied.

"How do I know that?" he challenged a second time.

"Taste it," she challenged back.

He thought about it. And waved her through.

Not only does Rose have a quick wit, she also has a slew of philosophies.

For example, last summer in our class we were all complaining about the weeds in our yards. We were going on and on about how we hated pulling weeds until Rose spoke up and said: "They're only weeds if you don't want them."

We stopped in the middle of our squats and looked at one another.

She was right.

It's all a matter of how you look at things. Something is a weed only if you don't want it.

When I grow up, I want to be more like Rose. I want to be able to anticipate and avoid potholes, stand up to challenges, and have a more positive attitude about weeds.

I'm going to end this now and go pull some weeds.

(Author's Note)

Rose Haberer came to Purdue from New York City in 1971 with her husband Joe (who had accepted a faculty position in Political Science) and their two daughters.

Rose earned a Ph.D. in Anthropology, taught various undergraduate courses, participated in the founding of the Women's Studies program, did fieldwork on Arab village women in Israel, volunteered at the International Center, and produced "Rainbow," a very popular WBAA program of world music and cultural information.

*Sally's books are available on Amazon or at:  
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## Looking For August Music Selections

The August *Musical Interlude* themes will be “Get Up and Dance” and “Tropical” (music with a Caribbean or Latin flair). Know any good ones? Would love to include PURA members’ favorites.

Doesn’t have to be elaborate. The name of a music performer or group, song title, or a YouTube link, would be just fine. We’ll include your recommendations in the next issue of the **PURA News**.

Please send your contributions to: [pura@purdue.edu](mailto:pura@purdue.edu). Thanks!



## Visit Indiana Giants

Indiana, Land of Giants? Well, kitschy giants, anyway. For future road trips, tuck away these suggestions. (Source: [visitindiana.com](http://visitindiana.com))



Giant Santa Claus, Santa Claus, Indiana. The newly restored Historic Santa Statue is one of the larger roadside attractions, standing 22 feet and weighing 80,000 pounds.



Giant pink elephant, Fortville, Indiana. The elephant stands on a flatbed trailer in front of Elite Beverages. This roadside attraction is the physical manifestation of the classic American euphemism of “seeing pink elephants,” an early 20th-century expression used to describe someone who was intoxicated. Its flatbed trailer is sometimes even pulled during parades!



Giant Joe Palooka, Oolitic, Indiana (near Bedford). Joe Palooka was a 1930’s comic strip that featured a heavyweight boxing champion of the same name. The cultural icon was not only displayed in comics, but also movies, a TV show, radio series, and board game. The 10-ft Joe Palooka statue was built with Indiana limestone as a celebration during the 100th anniversary of the Indiana Limestone Company.

## Reminder:



**If you’re planning a visit to the Purdue campus — indoors or outdoors — remember to wear your face mask!**

(It’s required now. The new policy took effect in late May.)

## Retiree Flu Shots

Flu Shots **will** be available for Purdue retirees this fall. More information coming soon, when plans are finalized.



Giant peach, Bruceville, Indiana (near Vincennes). The 20-foot Giant Peach sits next to an actual roadside produce stand. The Giant Peach was built to pay homage to the Trylon and Perisphere that debuted at the 1939 New York World’s Fair.

## Movies Under the Stars

According to [visitindiana.com](http://visitindiana.com), Indiana has the fourth largest number of drive-in theaters in the United States. Here are a few of the closest to Lafayette. Note that Visit Indiana recommends that patrons call ahead to ensure the venues have reopened, and to observe all state and local health guidelines.

Monticello	Lake Shore Drive-in.
Knox	Melody Drive-in.
Thorntown	M.E.L.S. at the Starlite Drive-In.
Rockport	Holiday Drive-In.
Martinsville	Centerbrook Drive-in.
Spencer	Cinema 7 Drive-In.
Terre Haute	Moon Lite Drive-in.
Indianapolis	Tibbs Drive-In.
Shelbyville	The Skyline Drive-In.

You can see the top 20 list of Indiana drive-in theatres at:

<https://visitindiana.com/blog/index.php/2020/06/16/2020-drive-in-theatres-in-indiana/>

## Mark Your Calendars! PURA Events

In keeping with other Purdue efforts to protect the health of the Purdue community in the wake of the COVID-19 virus pandemic, PURA events are cancelled until further notice.

When activities are able to resume, PURA will update the membership via email, the newsletter, and our website: <https://www.purdue.edu/retirees/>

## PURA News

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## **WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HEARING LOSS? FREE TELEHEALTH APPOINTMENTS FOR ADULTS!**

FROM THE PURDUE UNIVERSITY MD STEER AUDIOLOGY CLINIC

### **SERVICES ARE AT NO COST**

Valid through  
August 4, 2020



### **THE GOAL**

A chance for adults to learn more about hearing/hearing loss, hearing aids, and how to help communicate in poor listening environments (like background noise).

### **HOW**

To participate, you will need a computer, laptop, or tablet with a webcam and an internet connection. These appointments involve counseling and discussion with adults, and are very suitable for telehealth appointments. Adults can continue their audiology care with their preferred audiologist/clinic when open for services. This is designed as supplemental and an educational opportunity.

### **WHAT**

This is an opportunity that is free of charge, will help students gain experience with telehealth, and is a unique opportunity to gain information about topics related to hearing.

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## **FREE Adult Services via Telepractice**

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Are you or a loved one experiencing communication difficulties?

Are you or a loved one experiencing memory or cognitive changes?

Are you or a loved one experiencing changes in your voice or swallowing?

Are you doing well in all of the above but just want some reassurance?

**The M.D. Steer Speech & Language Clinic is now offering  
free telepractice services for adults of all ages!**

### **If you are interested:**

- The first step is to sign up for a comprehensive virtual screening
- To participate, you will need a computer, laptop, or tablet with a webcam and an internet connection
- Screenings will be completed by a speech-language pathologist and 1-2 graduate students
- Initial appointments will last approximately 30 minutes to 1 hour
- Recommendations for additional treatment or services provided upon completion of the screening

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***\*Free services are available for a limited time only\****