

President's Message

(David Schwalm, 2011-2012 ASURA President)



The fall season for ASURA has gotten off to a great start. I was delighted to see such a large turnout of new and continuing (I was going to say “old”) ASURA members for the “pizza party” social on September 14. I enjoyed seeing so many friends and colleagues, and, since I had to bang a couple of garbage can lids together to get your attention make a couple of announcements, it was apparent that you all had no trouble talking among yourselves. Thanks to Barbara Eschbach for making that event a success. We’ll do that one again. Meanwhile, be looking ahead to the next social event, the Holiday Potluck/Arts & Crafts Sale on December 15.

In the meantime, the first of our new seminar series—this one on “Fraud and Investments”—attracted 36 members to learn what kinds of investment scams are out there and how to detect them. We are delighted with the turnout, and thanks go to Bill Stasi of the Seminars Committee for organizing and promoting the event. We will be having additional seminars this year, so watch the calendar on the ASURA web site <http://asura.asu.edu>.

On September 26, a hardy band of our members headed off with Gary and Marge Anderson on our sold-out 4-week trip to Australia and New Zealand. This might be an “adventure” rather than a vacation. We’ll have a full report in time for the next Prime Times. Note also that there is a really nice short trip scheduled for Southern Arizona October 25-27, and there is still space. My wife and I are scheduled to go on the ASURA sponsored Amazon Cruise with an additional trip to Machu Picchu (another “adventure,” no doubt) next February, and there is still some room on that trip as well.

There’s more to come. Your ASURA Board is hard at work to provide events for your delight and instruction, hopefully both at once. And we hope that you will take advantage of as many of the opportunities as possible. We are living in contentious and uncertain times, and there is no better antidote than getting together with friends and colleagues and enjoying good company (and food). We welcome your suggestions for other activities that you might enjoy. The cooler breezes are starting to blow, and the best part of the year is about to start. Let’s go outside.

Marshall Trimble to speak at 2012 ASURA Retirees Day

by Barry McNeill



Marshall Trimble, Arizona’s official state historian, will be the keynote speaker at the 2012 ASURA Retirees Day scheduled for Saturday, February 25.

Often referred to as the “Will Rogers of Arizona,” Trimble has received many honors as a historian, writer and performer. He was appointed Official State Historian in 1997 in recognition of the many books (more than 20) he has written on Arizona and the West. Trimble received the Wild West History Association’s Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010 and is one of 10 inductees into the Arizona Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame.

Considered the “dean of Arizona historians,” Trimble has taught Arizona history at Scottsdale Community College for more than 35 years.



(photo courtesy of <http://www.marshalltrimble.com>)

A Fall Journey to Southern Arizona

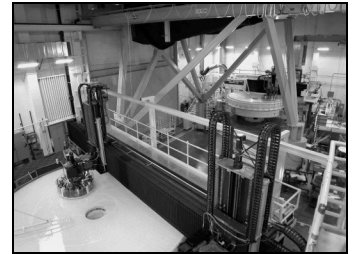
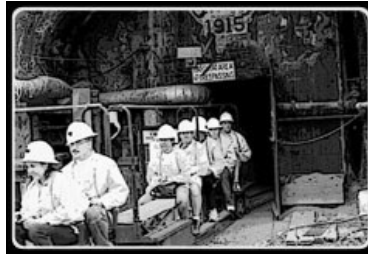
Looking to get out of town but don't want to be gone too long? The ASURA Travel Committee has put together the perfect three days/two nights trip to Southern Arizona October 25-27 that combines educational sites with cultural visits.

The excursion includes a visit to the Arizona-Desert Museum (a world renowned zoo, natural history museum and botanical garden all in one place) and the Steward Observatory Mirror Lab at the University of Arizona with a behind-the-scenes tour of how scientists are producing the world's largest telescope mirrors.

The mining town of Bisbee is the first stop on the second day with a visit to the Queen Mine and a search for remaining veins of copper, gold, turquoise and silver. Bisbee is also known for its well-preserved Victorian architecture. History buffs will enjoy the stop in Tombstone for a shootout with Wyatt Earp. The second day ends with a stay at the elegantly restored architectural beauty Gadsden Hotel in Douglas.

The bus ride north on the last day includes a stop at the Singing Wind Bookshop in Benson and visits to some southern Arizona wineries.

Costs for the Fall Journey (Double rate \$375 per person; Single supplement \$125) includes all admissions, food, lodging and bus transportation from Tempe public library and back. For more information and details, go to <http://asura.asu.edu>.



ASURA Board Nominations Due End of January, 2012

by Connie McNeill



During March 2012, the ASURA will be holding elections for five members of the ASURA Board of Directors. The Board manages the affairs of the Association and establishes policies as needed to carry out its mission. Members of the Board are elected for a term of three years; the Board meets monthly during the academic year.

You may offer your own name or the name of another current ASURA member as a potential Board member. To be sure that your nominee's name gets on the ballot, you can submit a petition of nomination bearing the signatures of at least ten current ASURA members.

Nominating petitions must be received by January 31, 2012.

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ASRS Health Insurance

by Rose Minetti, ASRS Insurance Liaison



The Open Enrollment Guide should be posted on the ASRS web page first week of October. The meeting schedule is posted so members can look to see when and where the meetings will be. Open enrollment is October 24 - November 18.

The mailing packet will contain: the guide, newsletter, enrollment form and return envelope and will be mailed to all enrolled and eligible members in packet-form by mid-October.

ASRS Retiree Health Insurance Premium Benefit is ranked as having one of the highest funded status program of the 50 states with post-employment health insurance programs. For a complete schedule of "Member Education" workshops please go to <http://www.azasrs.gov>.

New "Lifeprint" Physician Network is a new provider group to Secure Horizon retirees in Maricopa and Pinal counties. Lifeprint Care model plans to surround patients with community health care services to address medical, social and emotional issues. At this time there is a community center in Phoenix. For more information, go to <http://LifeprintHealth.com>.

New Assurant Pre-Paid Dental Plan for AZ Retirees is a DHMO Dental Plan 220. This plan is comparable to Total Dental with ADOA. There is no deductible, no annual maximums or waiting periods and no co-pays for preventive services. This plan is in addition to previously offered Assurant plans. Complete information will be offered during open enrollment.

This following articles are provided to help ASURA members make appropriate choices about their health insurance, and to help you stay informed about health insurance issues. (suggested by Rose Minetti)

1. **ARA Article**, "Health Care Reform", (**web site:** <http://www.retiredamericans.org/issues/health-care-reform>)
2. **AARP Article**, "Health Care Reform Benefits: What 2011 Will Bring", (**web site:** http://www.aarp.org/health/health-care-reform/info012011hcr_explained_2011_health_care_reform_benefits.html)
3. **AARP Article**, "Reform Bills Try to Rein In Health Insurance Costs for Older Americans", (**web site:** <http://www.aarp.org/bulletin/>)

ASRS Open Enrollment Fall 2011 web site: <https://www.azasrs.gov/web/HealthInsurance.do>

ADOA Health Insurance Plans

by Doug Johnson, ADOA Insurance Liaison



Open Enrollment is rapidly approaching. During the coming open enrollment period, you will have an opportunity to make changes to your Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) benefits for the 2012 Plan year beginning January 1, 2012. If you do not want to make changes to your current benefits, no action is required. The best news is that no rate increases are expected. This is a welcome relief and quite a contrast to the national trend of increases approaching 9%. Again this year, you can make changes using the online form or with the copy mailed to you with the enrollment guide. ADOA expects to mail Enrollment Guides by October 15, 2011.

Here are five questions for you to consider as you review the Enrollment Guide:

1. What is new this year? Make sure you understand changes in relevant plans. What would the plan cost me? In addition to premiums, be sure to consider co-insurance, co-pays, and any deductibles that may apply. For this consider your recent history of health services. Remember, co-pays can add up quickly if you have re-occurring health needs.

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2. Next, consider what would happen if you had a worst-case health scenario. Some plans are now offering an out-of-pocket maximum, which may limit your financial exposure.
3. If you are on maintenance medication for a chronic illness check for policies that may limit your total costs.
4. Consider participating in a health coach program. Working with dietary counselor or a wellness coach may improve your health limit your long-term costs. And, be sure that you get your flu shot.

Other things to consider before changing plans:

1. Verify your doctors are in network. Also consider your future medical needs.
2. List your prescriptions and price out your costs using formulary rates.
3. Verify your preferred hospitals or clinics are included in network.
4. If you are becoming 65, notify your plan one month in advance. Make sure you get registered for Medicare Parts A & B, but not C or D.
5. If you should decide to switch out of ADOA medical plans, consider retaining your ADOA dental plan so you will have the option of re-enrollment at a future open enrollment.

NOTE:

ASURA will sponsor a workshop to assist members considering possible changes in ADOA benefits: October 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Community Services Bldg., Room TBA.

The ADOA Benefit Expo for the East Valley will be held 9:00-4:00 p.m., November 2, 2011 at the Marriott Buttes, 2000 Westcourt Way, Tempe, AZ 85282.

ADOA Open Enrollment Fall 2011 web site: <http://www.benefitoptions.az.gov/>)

“Meet & Greet” Pizza Party

by Barbara Eschbach



ASURA President David Schwalm welcomed an enthusiastic crowd of 51 ASU retirees September 14 to a luncheon welcoming new retirees and reconnecting with acquaintances. The event was primarily a social, but time was allotted for representatives of various committees to outline briefly the events planned for 2011-2012.

Committees represented at the luncheon included Seminars, Travel, Retirees Day, Scholarship, Video History and Luncheons. (photos courtesy of Barry McNeill)



← (Linda VanScoy-Jim Fordemwalt-Elmer Gooding)

(Bob & Beverly Beeman) →



(Sue Blumer-Bill Moor-Barry Leshowitz) →



← (Carol Berg-Mary & Gary Swaty)



(Borgny & Alan Johnson-Doug Johnson) →



2012 Peru and Amazon Trip

by Gary Anderson



Want to get out of this heat? Want to think about an exotic place to travel next February? **How about a trip to Peru and a cruise on the Amazon?**

We will explore ancient Spanish cathedrals in Lima, walk around ancient pre-Inca pyramids, visit remote native villages in the jungle, shop in Iquitos, see incredible bird and animal life, fish for piranha and cruise the Amazon for five days. Is that a capybara over there? A pink dolphin? The trip is organized and guided by Overseas Adventure Travel, whose Web site provides a detailed itinerary and other information.

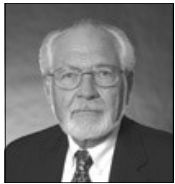
Your ASURA Travel Committee has taken one group, the Chopsticks, to China, and another group, the Boomerangs, left for Australia and New Zealand on September 26. Great trips, great people, great adventures and, we bring them all home! Mostly. Join the ASURA Capybaras for our incredible jungle adventure.

The Amazon River trip will be from Feb 9- Feb 20, the end of the rainy season and not yet hot in the jungle. The cost of our 11-day adventure will be approximately \$3595. This includes round trip airfare from Phoenix, all accommodations, meals, tours, etc. We will have approximately 20-22 people in the group and the river cruise ship will be all ours. (No Wildcats on board!) Five days on the Amazon! A 5-day trip extension to visit ancient Machu Picchu is also available.

For further information and space availability, please contact Gary Anderson, trip organizer, at gwander@asu.edu or 480-839-3542.

ASRS Board of Trustees Report, July 15, 2011

by Dick Jacob



Note: I use a three-star system in assessing the items according to my judgment.

- *** Worthy of proactive attention
- ** Worthy of active attention
- * Worthy of passive attention

I hope that this will enable the reader to pass quickly through my written reports. All ASRS agenda booklets, including appendices and exhibits, are available in the ASURA offices.

ASRS Board of Trustees Meeting July 15, 2011

1. ***ASRS Benchmarks** The Board received from CEM Benchmarking a presentation on peer group comparisons. The peer group consisted of public pension systems in 14 other states, including North Carolina, Colorado, Oregon, Illinois and Iowa. ASRS rated slightly below the mean in administrative cost per member, and high in member service effectiveness. Its service score of 83 out of 100 was 8th highest in the entire CEM universe of states and foreign countries.
2. ****Fund Rate of Return** ASRS Director Paul Matson reported that the rate of return for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 was 25%, highest in 25 years.
3. ***Director's Report** Director Matson reported that a law suit has been filed in opposition to recent legislation redefining the employer-employee contribution split from 50-50 to 47-53.
4. ***The value of the ASRS portfolio** as of May 31 was \$27,841,362,854 ... a drop of about \$400,000,000 from May 31, following closely the market trends for that period.

ASURA Seminar Series Investments and Fraud 101

by The Seminar Committee

This new program for our membership was started this year. Our first seminar was held on September 20, 2011 on Investment and Fraud with Terri Alexon and Robert Eckert (Chief Investigator Securities Division), both from the Arizona Corporation Commission. This was held in the ASU Community Services Building.

Many beneficial topics were covered. Some topics involved asking questions about your investments and broker as an aid in becoming a smarter investor. Additional topics covered case studies of corporations individuals may have invested in and resulted in lawsuits. We covered various scams and a form on how to file a complaint with the Arizona Attorney General's office. We provided many handouts and a DVD.

Overall a voluminous amount of information was provided to all who attended. We did not have a standing room only capacity but about 36 individuals attended. All left with a wealth of knowledge and a cookie or two filling both the mind and tummy. We had a drawing and gave away some wonderful swag and interesting items. One

item was a kit with worksheets for organizing your important contact information in case of an emergency for you or a family member.

This was the first of many more seminars planned by the Seminar Committee.

Watch the ASURA web site <http://asura.asu.edu> or check with the ASURA office on upcoming future seminar events.

(photos courtesy of Bill Stasi)



Facebook and Other Social Networking Tools

by Barry McNeill



The 2nd seminar of the new ASURA Seminar Program is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2011 from 1-3 p.m., at the ASU Community Services Building, 300 N. Curry Road, Tempe, in Room 330. Please phone the ASURA office, 480-965-7668, to RSVP. Enrollment is limited and a headcount is needed to provide ample handout materials for all attendees.

Presenter: Dr. Carrie Cohill

Carrie Cohill is an online faculty member of College of Psychology & Behavioral Sciences at Argosy University, Phoenix Campus. She uses eCollege (web-based course management software) to proactively support all facets of the learning environment and provides education through learning-centered instruction that will enable graduates to fulfill the evolving needs of the marketplace. Dr. Cohill encourages a culture of learning that values mutual responsibility and respect, life-long learning and ethics, as well as personal and professional development.

Seminar Outline

Many ASURA members have grandchildren in remote locations and, while social networks are a logical way to keep informed about their grandchildren, members are often reluctant to try out these networks. The reluctance is caused by intimidation in getting started (it is so complicated) and also by fears of getting spammed or some other undesirable consequence if they do enroll in the network. The seminar will spend a little time on some background material (e.g., setting up a Facebook account) and then move on to showing how a social network (e.g., Facebook) can be used to accommodate the members' desires. The seminar will also address some common concerns related to privacy, access to information, and how to guard against potential miss use of the network.

ASURA Video History Project Report

by Linda Van Scoy



In 2010-2011 we completed 7 interviews bringing our present total to 67. Eighteen of those have been conducted with our own video crew: Roger Carter, John McIntosh, Dave Scheatzle and Linda Van Scoy. We made good progress over the summer editing interviews and as a result three additional DVDs are now available for viewing: Milton Glick, Robert Oliver, Paige Mulhollan. The Video History project is looking forward to another year of great interviews. Our committee will meet in October and develop the list of those to be invited for interviews in 2011-2012.

We have been going “off site” for interviews because noise from airplane traffic was an issue for our interviews in the CSB building. We were recently made aware there are two sound proof rooms in the basement assigned to the Music Therapy Clinic and they have generously agreed to allow us to schedule recording time as needed. This will make it much easier both for the video crew not to have to haul all our equipment back and forth and also for the interviewees to have easy access and free parking. We are still able to be mobile however, for those interviewees who may have transportation issues or prefer to have their interview in other surroundings.

Remember that you can request the DVDs by mail. To order by mail, call, e-mail or write to us to request the DVD you would like to review and we will send it to you by US Mail. Enclosed in each DVD will be a label with the ASURA return address on it. After you view the DVD, return it in the mailer in which you received it, affix the new label to the front (over your address), add postage and drop in the mail. You may also continue to drop by the office and check them out for viewing.

Thanks to the VHP committee, Roger Carter, Elmer Gooding, Richard Loveless, John McIntosh, Dave Scheatzle, for their ongoing good work. If you have an interest in this project, particularly in editing or transcribing, we invite you to join the committee. As always we welcome nominations of retired ASU employees for inclusion in the Video History Project. Send your nominations to:

ASU Retirees Association
Video History Project
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Or email to: lvs@asu.edu

The following interviews have been completed and now available to view/check out at the ASURA Office:

1. Charles Backus	19. Margaret Gisolo	37. *Al McHenry	55. Nick Salerno
2. Loretta Bardwyck	20. Elmer Gooding	38. Gerry McSheffrey	56. *Joseph Schabacker
3. *Robert Barnhill	21. Leonard Gordon	39. Arlene Metha	57. Wilma Schwada
4. Mat Betz	22. Betty Greathouse	40. Victor J. Miller	58. Leon Shell
5. Ellamae Branstetter	23. Eugene Grigsby	41. Carleton Moore	59. Dean Smith
6. Brent Brown	24. *Ann Hardt	42. George Morrell	60. Rudy Turk
7. *Hugh Burgess	25. *Vernon Hastings	43. Paige Mulhollan	61. George Umberson
8. *Rudy Campbell	26. William Huizingh	44. Dick Murra	62. Linda Van Scoy
9. Lattie Coor	27. Bill Kajikawa	45. Russell Nelson	63. *Guido Weigend
10. Troy Crowder	28. Denis Kigin	46. Robert Oliver	64. *Louis Weschler
11. Don Dotts	29. *Jack Kinsinger	47. Lonnie Ostrom	65. Bobby Winkles
12. Roy Doyle	30. Frank Kush	48. Clyde Parker	66. *Madelyn Wright
13. John Edwards	31. *Floyd Land	49. *Larry Penley	67. Roundtable discussion: Brent Brown, Russell Nelson & Frank Sackton
14. Bob Ellis	32. Beth Lessard	50. Bonnie Peplow	
15. James W. Elmore	33. *William Lewis	51. Anne M. Pittman	
16. Hal Fearon	34. Eugene Lombardi	52. Ross Rice	
17. Marvin Fisher	35. Bruce Mason	53. Gale Richards	*Interview complete—DVD forthcoming
18. Milton Glick	36. Alan Matheson	54. Frank Sackton	

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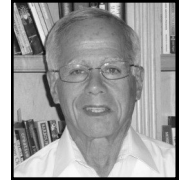
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ASURA is operated entirely by volunteers. If you think you might enjoy working with fellow retirees to support the organization and its activities, please look over the list of volunteer opportunities detailed on Page 2 of our Membership Application Form. If you have an interest, please contact the ASURA office.

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2011 Holiday Potluck Adds (your) Arts & Crafts Exhibit

by Barbara Eschbach

The ASURA annual Holiday Potluck tried something new in December 2010 with such success it is now a regular part of the end-of-the-year gathering for 2011.

The December 15 Holiday Potluck will be accompanied for the second time by the Arts & Crafts Exhibit and Sale featuring your art, needlework, knitting, crafts or other creations. This joint event provides not only the best of your baking and culinary specials, but also the opportunity to purchase unique items in time for gift-giving to others or for yourself!

Details regarding delivery of arts and crafts will be published beforehand. In the meantime, should you have any questions, contact Barbara Eschbach (barbara.eschbach@asu.edu or 480-209-0733).

Obituaries: Published May 25, 2011 - September 27, 2011



(Becky Reiss, Membership & Communications Committee)

Please note that all obituary notices and photos (when available) are on our web site:
<http://asura.asu.edu/obituaries>.

Name	Date of Death	ASU Affiliation
Alvarado, Ronald H.	September 9, 2011	Professor & Chair, Dept. of Zoology; Assoc. Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences; Assoc. Dean, ASU's College of Extended Education, Professor Emeritus
Babbitt, Aurelie Patricia Dodge	July 18, 2011	Associate Faculty Member
Baker, Alan	May 16, 2011	Adjunct Professor, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism Mass Communication
Bender, Gordon	June 14, 2011	Professor of Zoology
De Jesus, Joseph A.	June 4, 2011	ASU Athletics
De Lucia, Merry Leigh Wagner	June 21, 2011	English Department
Doyle, Dorothy "Dottie" Ann (Strom)	August 14, 2011	ASU Faculty Wives Association and wife of Roy Doyle, College of Education
Embury, Margaret	June 10, 2011	College of Education
Fraunfelder, Hazel	October 16, 2007	Receptionist, KAET
Gervasio, Lorraine B.	June 11, 2011	Department/College affiliation unknown
Hombaker, Shirley Marlene	August 27, 2011	Library

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Name	Date of Death	ASU Affiliation
Jordan, K. Forbis	August 16, 2011	Department/College affiliation unknown
Juvet, Evelyn Tweeten Elthon	June 10, 2011	Department/College affiliation unknown
Klock, John Weston	September 22, 2011	Environmental Engineering
Lentz, Richard Glenn	June 9, 2011	College affiliation unknown
Lentz, Evelyn	May 21, 2011	ASU Bookstore
Manzo, Thomas (Tom) J.	August 4, 2011	Affiliation Unknown
Martinez, Isabel	July 7, 2011	Head cook
McGrath, Guy Dean	July 27, 2011	College of Education, Founding Dean
Melvin, John William *Bill*	June 20, 2011	Mechanical Engineering
Miller, Alta May	August 22, 2011	Educational Psychology Department
Mooney, William Burke	July 29, 2011	Professor of Law
Niles, Michael David	May 23, 2011	Professor of Social Work
Norton, Joseph Alanson	May 5, 2011	Director of Admissions
Obroy, Barbara Lu Boyer	June 18, 2011	Department/College affiliation unknown
Olivarez, Jose Maria	June 30, 2011	Department/College affiliation unknown
Patterson, Robert Allen *Bob*	July 3, 2011	Professor Emeritus, Zoology and Physiology
Peters, Kathleen A.	June 26, 2011	Family Development and Human Resources
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Robinson, Don	July 4, 2011	Men's Gymnastics Coach
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