

2012 Annual Meeting

by Connie McNeill



The Annual Meeting of the ASU Retirees Association was held on Saturday, April 21 in the Alumni Lounge of the Memorial Union.

Prior to the start of the meal, attendees enjoyed beverages and desserts. Dave Schwalm, outgoing President, called the meeting to order at about 1:30 p.m.

The 2011-2012 recipient of the ASU Retirees Association Scholarship, Nicholas Smith, told attendees about the degree program he is in (Business Information Systems), and that receiving this scholarship was extremely important to him. Joan Leard told the group about how much the ASURA Adopt-a-Family program means to those who are helped by it, and she presented a poster-board she had made displaying some of the letters of thanks and appreciation that we have received over the years from families we have helped.

Dave Scheatzle presented recent work by the Video History Committee: a collage of clips from a few of the 80 interviews completed so far. June Payne talked about what it was like to be a woman journalist in the early part of her career. Chuck Allen told a story about Al Michaels when he was a student at ASU. Larry Penley talked about his effort to get William P. Carey interested in making a major donation to the ASU College of Business.

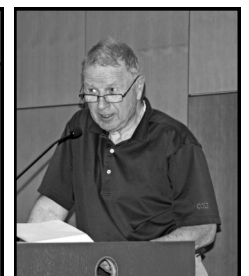
Video interviews with Madelyn Wright, Mernoy Harrison, and Eugene Lombardi preserved stories of how Madelyn Wright stayed late on a Friday night to

review the academic eligibility of a football player at the behest of Frank Kush, who wanted the player to be eligible the next day; of how Mernoy came to be the founding Provost at the ASU Downtown campus, and of how Eugene's father obtained a violin, thus starting Eugene on his musical career.

In their video interviews, Robert Fleming talked about how he got the nickname "Coach" and about how a former student had made the quintessential recording of "Stars and Stripes Forever": when Fleming congratulated him on it, he replied that he had only played it the way he'd been taught by Fleming. Zeke Prust explained how his parents came to name him "Zenas". And Rudy Turk told the story of how he acquired a valuable collection of Maria Martinez pots for the ASU Art Museum.

President Schwalm asked the group to recognize the following among those present: past presidents, and 2011-2012 office volunteers, Board members, committee chairs, and officers. He then introduced newly elected Board members and officers.

With this, Dave turned the gavel over to the incoming president Bill Moor, who made a few brief comments and then adjourned the meeting.



President's Message

*William C. Moor,
2012-2013 ASURA President*

Happy Summer!



It is truly a pleasure for me to serve in this capacity for I don't think I have ever been associated with a volunteer organization of more diverse people doing diverse jobs so well. I am amazed and pleased at the services we are able to provide our retiree community. Everyone – from office management to office staff, community chairs and members to executive board members -- are volunteers, and all work with a passion and enthusiasm that is amazing.

We expect this year to be one of accomplishment and growth for ASURA. We are planning an expansion in our seminar program emphasizing information valuable to our members such as sessions on

health insurance, financial management and leisure activities. We're going to explore improving our direct services to our members through information management and control, and possibly through assisted cash flows. No promises can be made but, it is certainly our intent to use the small increase in donations we are requesting to make these direct returns to our members.

I encourage each of you to take advantage of the benefits the ASURA offers. Our trips outside the country have been very well received by the participants while our local trips offer diversity and the chance to explore parts of Arizona you may not have encountered. Perhaps most important is the opportunity these trips provide to enjoy the fellowship with other retirees.

Our video history DVDs are available for check-out and offer a way to explore the development

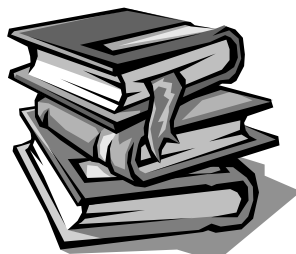
and history of our university through first-hand reminiscences. Our sense of community and contribution to others is enhanced through our scholarship program and our adopt-a-family program. Certainly our seminar program is designed to improve our education and capabilities in dealing with our environments.

I have served as an officer in multiple voluntary organizations for the past 45 years. I have never encountered a group of people more enthused, motivated and willing to help others. Please participate with us and enjoy your ASU Retirees Association.

P.S. We always need more members and more volunteers so, if you have an interest in any of the activities presented in this newsletter (and listed on the ASURA website), please be certain to let us know. We value fresh ideas, perspectives and outlooks.

Your Books = Needed Scholarship

Now that you're settled (or still getting settled) in your retirement from ASU, you may, like many of us, find that you have more books in your home than you know what to do with. ASURA can help solve that problem and, in the process, help a student complete his or her studies.



ASURA will collect your books and sell them through an established vendor. Proceeds from these sales are put toward the association's

scholarship program which provides a tuition scholarship each year to a returning student (one who has been away from higher education studies for a period of time) or to a community college student, based on financial need and other criteria.

You will be provided with a gift tax receipt by the ASU Foundation, which administers ASURA accounts.

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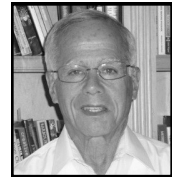
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ASURA Retirees Day, February 12, 2012

by Barry McNeill

The 19th annual ASURA Retirees Day was held on Saturday, February 25, 2012 in the Memorial Union on the Tempe Campus of Arizona State University. In a nutshell the event was well attended; all the presenters showed up; and a good time was had by all!

The day started in the Cochise Room with registration and coffee, cakes, and chat followed by a series of presentations.



Following is a brief overview of each of those presentations:

Arizona's Political Pulse

by Dr. Bruce Merrill: This program was very popular (30 attendees) and Bruce received all 5's on the evaluation form.



The Business of Solar Energy --- Today and Tomorrow by Russ Patzer: Russ had a small but very interested audience (10 attendees). His discussion of energy conservation was very informative explaining how you can use less energy for the same comfort level if you increase the efficiency.

Algae-based Fuels and Products --- An Opportunity for Arizona by Dr. Milton Sommerfeld: Milton's session was also small (16 attendees) but was another session to receive all 5's on the evaluation.

Reconstructing the View --- Photography, Time and Historic Places by Professor Mark Klett: Mark's program was very popular. His talk generated many

interesting questions regarding his photography of locations over numerous years.

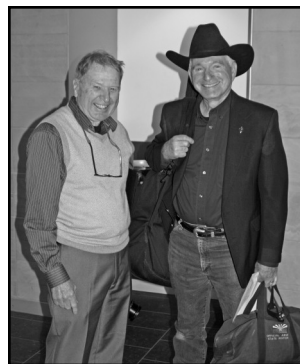
Adventurous Spirits --- Arizona's Women Artists, 1900-1950 by Dr. Betsy Fahlman: Betsy had a very popular session (30 attendees) and was the third presenter to receive all 5's on the evaluation.

Real Estate and Economic Outlook by Dr. Jay Q. Butler: Jay's session was smallish (14 attendees). He presented many facts about the housing market and felt that the market was beginning to resemble the boom market with many of the purchases being made by investors, not homeowners.

U.S. Healthcare --- What do we want? With recent health reform, are we on track to get it? by Robert Smoldt: Bob's session was another very popular session (34 attendees). The audience was quite engaged and interested in his take on the barriers to achieving the type of health care we need and desire.

The World Within --- Visualizing the Biology of Cells by Dr. Robby Roberson: Robby's session was another small one (14 attendees). His cell images were pretty spectacular.

The lunch program featured Marshall Trimble, Arizona's official State Historian. It was a fitting end to the day --- full of humor and good will, and made you feel good about living in Arizona.



(l., Dave Scheatzle & Marshall Trimble, Dean Smith & Zeke Prust; r., Bob & Peggy Moroney, Liz & Bill Prather.)



Amazon Trip, February 2012, “The Capybaras in the Jungle”

by Gary Anderson

On February 9, 2012 nine AS-URA members and spouses boarded a plane for an adventure in Lima, Peru, the Amazon jungle and in Cusco and Machu Picchu.



(The Capybaras: 1 to r, David & Karen Schwalm, John & Cathleen Brock, Gary & Vina Kleemann, Marge & Gary Anderson, John Johnson)

Named the Capybaras, because, like their namesake, the world’s largest river rodents, they are so darn cute. Well, maybe not.....



The first stop on the adventure was Lima, the capital of Peru and home to nine million friendly, busy people. We explored the city and all the Spanish influence that dates back to 1532. We also learned so much about the Mayan and Incan culture and early history, dating back about 10,000 years. We visited and explored the pyramids, earthquake proof even, that the early peoples built out of dried mud blocks. Pyramids in Peru? Incredible experience.

From Lima we flew into the interior of the jungle, landing at the Amazon River port of Iquitos. This small city was the site of the early rubber plantations, established by Europeans about 1864. Of course native ‘riber’ people were used as the labor to collect the sap from the rubber trees. Some mansions of the Rubber Barons still stand and are used as homes and hotels

At Iquitos we boarded our small river cruise boat, the Arapaima, for our five-day adventure on the Amazon. The river is the longest in the world, has 13 times the water volume of the Mississippi and drains a land-mass equal to that of the US.

Our forays into the jungle in the small skiff we towed behind afforded us the opportunity to see hundreds of species of bird and animal life: two toed

sloths, monkeys, parrots, macaws, caimans, piranhas, etc., etc. We also stopped at a number of native villages along the way, learning about their stilted homes, their crops, their food and their hunting and fishing results. We even visited a native elementary school and had lunch with one of the families. Our table was four banana leaves placed on the floor!



Our Amazon adventure ended all too quickly but another was about to begin. We flew from Iquitos back to Lima for an overnight and then it was a flight on to Cusco, capital city of the ancient Incas.

Cusco is located in the Andes Mountains at about 13,000 ft. After a couple days touring and learning, we set off by bus and train, through the Sacred Valley to visit one of the most popular tourist destinations in all of the world: Machu Picchu.



Like the Grand Canyon, neither words nor pictures can possibly communicate the wonder, the glory, the awesomeness of this place. It is really indescribable. We are still shaking our heads in wonder and disbelief.

The reasons for Machu Picchu remain a mystery. Was it a royal getaway, a place in the mountains? Was it some type of learning village, a college for future leaders? Did it have religious significance? Theories abound, answers hide. If you ever get the chance.....

If you haven’t yet traveled with your ASURA colleagues, keep watch for future announcements. We do like adventure. In 2009, 20 Chopsticks walked on the Great Wall. In 2011, 18 Boomerangs walked around Ayers Rock. And just this year 9 Capybaras cruised the Amazon. Want to cruise the rivers of Europe? Or photograph Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe? Or there is a wonderful trip to Santa Fe in October!

ASURA Spring Luncheon a “Humorous” Affair

This year, the annual ASU Retirees Spring Luncheon was held March 14 at the Karsten Golf Club where members and



guests shared an informal buffet lunch and enjoyed a presentation by guest speakers Professor Alleen and Don Nilsen, whose topic was “*Humor Theory: Features, Functions, and Subjects.*”

Don Nilsen gave an overview of various aspects of humor, such as linguistic humor, language play, irony, and paradox. In addition, the Nilsens shared their experiences in Afghanistan, where Don had a grant through USAID to work with local school sys-

tems, and he talked about humor there.

Alleen discussed how men and women are treated differently in Afghan society. She shared

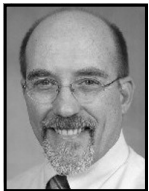


some colloquialisms with the audience, for example: “a wise old man and an ugly old crone.” This led to some discussion about gender issues in our own society, as well. Alleen surprised us with some door prizes including some beaded necklaces in various colors that she had made. She reminded the audience that humor is important as we grow older, and that we need to laugh at ourselves, once in a while.

The Nilsens currently are co-chairs of ASU’s Emeritus College Humanities Faculty, and are co-founders of the International Society for Humor Studies. They are the authors of many books on humor, young adult literature and English studies.

Great Rivers of Europe Trip 2013 — August 16-21, 2013

by Gary Kleemann



It is not too early to begin planning for this very special 16-day trip on the Rhine, Main and Danube rivers through some of the most picturesque parts of Europe.

Our August 2013 trip begins in beautiful Amsterdam, continues on through Germany and ends up in Vienna, Austria. Along the way on our river cruise ship we will see many castles, sample some good Rhine wine, go through 66 locks, taste some really good German beer, pretzels, and sausage, visit some really interesting towns and meet many different wonderful people. And you only have to unpack once! My wife, Vina, and I took this trip in 2011 and thoroughly enjoyed it. Feel free to check out our blog, with photos, of the great experiences we had at <http://garyandvina.blogspot.com/2011/07/cruising-great-rivers-of-europe-2011.html>.

If you think that you might have even a remote interest in going on this trip, I ask that you contact me at gary@asu.edu or 480-839-8190. We want to be able to reserve enough space for our ASURA group. By reserving now you can assure yourself of space on this very popular trip and save yourself some money as well.

This trip is a wonderful vacation and a great way to beat the August heat of Phoenix.



ASRS Board of Trustees Meeting,

April 20, 2012

by R. J. (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.

** Legislative Session Report --- As the legislative session winds down, there are some final actions on bills to report. Among the most pertinent:

- **HB 2088** - This is an omnibus bill, sponsored by ASRS, which contains several housekeeping items. It was vetoed by the Governor on an issue involving ASRS's exemption from State procurement rules regarding the hiring and dismissal of investment fund managers. The Board and staff are working with the Governor's office to find an accommodation that would be acceptable to the Governor. The other provisions in the bill may find a home in other carrier bills.
- **SB 1117** - involves ASRS disbursement and collection technicalities. **PASSED/SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR.**

- **SB1119** - would required that an ASRS member who is married must name their current spouse as a beneficiary to receive at least 50 percent of the member's account, and at retirement is required to elect a joint and survivor annuity and list the spouse as the contingent annuitant. The spouse may choose to waive this requirement.
- **PASSED/SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR.**
- **SB 1194** - again involves administrative technicalities. **PASSED/SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR.**
- **HB 2571** - is an attempt to place all state agencies under a one-size-fits-all personnel policy. This would render inoperable the current ASRS Employee Policy Manual, which has been developed to assist effectively both the employees and clients of ASRS. There are aspects of the ASRS mission which do not lend themselves to an omnibus employee policy.
- **HB 2038** - This is an attempt to reverse (with retroactive reimbursement to employees) the 53-47 contribution breakdown that was passed by last year's legislative, restoring the 50-50 split. It appears to be on track for passage. It is on track for passage; ASRS is attempting to obtain some amendments that would exempt it from some of the bill's sweeping features.

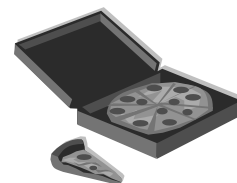
Comment: This was the shortest ASRS Board Meeting in my memory and, as stated by the Board Chair, in history.

Meet & Greet Pizza Party

Wednesday, September 12, 2012, noon-1:30 * Community Services Building Room 330**

This is an opportunity for members, especially new members, to meet and greet each other and to learn a little bit about the activities of the ASU Retirees Association. Free pizza and beverages will be provided. Members of the Board of Directors and Committee Chairs (e.g. Travel, Luncheons and Special Events, Seminars, Retirees Day) will provide an informal preview of events and activities that are being planned for the 2012-2013 year. Suggestions for activities will be welcomed!

There will also be an opportunity for you to find out more about what the various committees do, and to volunteer yourself if you find that you'd be interested. In order that we might order the right amount of pizza, please call the ASURA Office by 4:00pm Monday, September 10th: 480-965-7668 to let us know that you'll be there. Or, you can e-mail your intention to Barbara.Eschbach@asu.edu.



Travel recap of 2012

from "Your Travel Committee"

The trips which members experienced since the Spring 2012 printing of the Prime Times were the following:

A day exploring Tempe Campus during the ASU annual "We Love ASU Collections Day" on Presidents Day, February 20, 2012. About 15 individuals stepped into some of the hidden treasures to view firsthand the Museums, Archives, Galleries, Special Collections and unique departments involved in research.

The areas we visited included the Mars Lander Center and LROC Lunar Orbiting Reconnaissance Center which displays one of the moon rocks from the astronaut's visit to that big rock in the sky. Our knowledgeable speaker was Meg Hufford who walked us through the history of the program and the building which we were all too young to remember.

Second on the list was the Space Photography Lab which is a federal repository for all the pictures taken in space from telescopes, with a presentation by Dr. Dave Williamson. Lunch was enjoyed in the Engrained Restaurant. This was followed by a visit to the Meteorite museum with an expert in the field and member of ASURA Dr. Carleton Moore.

Following this we ventured up to the fourth floor of Hayden Library to check out the Arizona Historical Society with their vast collection of Arizona history. An interesting talk was given by Susan Irwin on the legacy project they were just completing on Dr. Sass a historian of the southwest. Space was limited for only a small group due to these areas not normally used to providing group tours. Those who got a peek into the various corners at ASU now know where to find them again for future visits. I am sure they will tell every one of these treasures. We now know that English and Math are only part of the many activities that happen at ASU.

The last trip of the year was to the Arizona Opry in Apache Junction. The entertainment venue with a broad spectrum of musical selections was enjoyed by 16 individuals. We experienced music on an array of musical instruments once owned by famous individuals and far too many to count unique varieties of wind, brass and string to sooth the soul. Dinner was also good. Another opportunity of an event that has been around the valley for over 30 years but we never found time or reason to attend.

These ASURA Travel trips hopefully provide opportunities to visit some of the valley's sights and create future places to take friends or family visiting from out of town or enhance our experiences into the cultural and educational opportunities available in our backyard.



ASURA 2012-2013 Calendar of Events

by Barry McNeill



Starting with this issue of *Prime Times* you will find a calendar of ASURA scheduled events along with additional details for some of the events. The association would like to see an increase in the fraction of our membership who attends at least one event each year.

We hope that this calendar, in combination with the ASURA web site and event material contained in *Prime Times*, will help you better plan your time and allow you to participate in more ASURA events.

A review of the calendar for this fall shows a number of events including the Meet & Greet Pizza Party, three seminars, a four-day October trip to Santa

Fe, the return of the ASURA Golf Tournament, a fall luncheon at Friendship Village in Tempe, and the final fall event – the Holiday Pot Luck and Bake Sale. You will find additional information for some of these events on the back of the calendar.

As event dates approach you will find more event details including specific dates, times, locations and registration information on the ASURA Web site (<http://asura.asu.edu>) or alternatively you can call the ASURA office at 480-965-7668 for these additional details and registrations.

So please review the calendar and note on your personal calendar those events you might like to attend. The calendar on page 12 and write-ups on page 11 have conveniently been located in your *Prime Times* so you easily remove them and post them on your refrigerator.

Volunteer for the ASURA

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.

ASU Day at the Capitol

ASURA participated in this year's ASU Day at the Capitol. Sheila Stokes organized the association's participation.

We had a table which proudly displayed a new ASURA table drape. The event was held February 09 from 11:00 to 1:00 in the Wesley Bolin Plaza. Joining Sheila were Wilma Mathews, Rose Minetti, Barry McNeill, and Elmer Gooding (shared with the Emeritus College). Our table had copies of the latest *Prime Times*, a page on the organization and its various

activities, and a write-up of the Video History Project. We had a laptop which ran a DVD of short portions of several of the video history interviews but the sun was very bright and it was hard to see the screen.

ASU Day at the Capitol is an opportunity to show the various state representatives, senators, and their staff what ASU is all about. By the end of day the event had hosted (i.e., given them a free lunch) 47 Arizona House of Representatives, 21 Arizona Senators, 200+ legislative staff members, and 100+ community leaders and

ASU advocates. They all had to walk by our table to get to the food. At our table we probably talked to twenty-five or so folks, some elected officials, about our organization; many were interested in the Video History Project.



(pictured l. to r., Elmer Gooding, Sheila Stokes, Sparky, Barry McNeill)

The ASURA Seminar Series ... is back by popular demand for a repeat performance from last year. Three diverse seminars are scheduled for the fall.

Have you ever wondered where you came from? A little girl asked her mom this question and was told that God created us. When she said that dad told her we evolved from the apes, her mother replied that she had explained only about her side of ancestry. This seminar will help you learn to find the facts of your lineage but, there's no promise you'll discover you're the long lost heir to the throne. This seminar will be held in September at the Mesa Family History Center of LDS which has many helpful resources to research and trace your lineage.

The genealogy seminar will be followed in October by two sessions on health-related topics. Early in October David Parra from the AARP will offer foundational information on how Medicare, the Affordable Care Act, and Social Security, work. He'll discuss Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage (Part C) and how Parts A, B, and D work with each of the two options. For the Affordable Care Act he will review how the law benefits five groups of people: those with health insurance, those without, people in Medicare, those planning for their long term care, and small business owners. For Society Security, he will review eligibility and the different benefits: retirement, disability, survivor, Medicare and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

In late October, a representative from ADOA and a representative from ASRS will provide a workshop for ASURA members discussing the ASRS and ADOA benefits offered to retirees for the coming year during the open enrollment period. They will attempt to answer all questions about the differences in coverage of the plans offered in the respective Open Enrollment Guides and discuss their value compared with alternative street plans. The exact date of the seminar will be determined based upon the dates of the Open Enrollment Period and the availability of the speakers.

Other seminars are planned for the spring of 2013. Watch the *Prime Times* and ASURA Web site for news.

ASURA Luncheons for Fall 2012 ... From a pizza party to a potluck, from the Community Services Building (CSB) to Friendship Village in Tempe, ASURA members have three opportunities this fall to join friends and colleagues for lunch and entertainment.

Meet & Greet Pizza Party — this casual luncheon is specifically designed to introduce new ASURA members to the organization's board, committee members and volunteers. Attendees will enjoy not just free pizza but the opportunity to get to know each other as well as learn of the many programs and events the ASURA provides.

Details: *Meet & Greet Pizza Party. Wednesday, September 12 at noon, CSB, Room 330.*

Friendship Village Luncheon — many ASURA members reside at Friendship Village Tempe so it only makes sense to take a luncheon – and other AS-

URA members – to them. This event will be held in the Skirm Auditorium on Friday, November 16 (time to be announced). Entertainment will be provided by the Tetra Strong Quartet, whose members are adjunct faculty for the ASU Herberger College. The cost for this event will be determined and announced later.

Details: *Friendship Village Luncheon. Friday, November 16 (time to be announced).*

ASURA Annual Holiday Potluck — an annual favorite event for many ASURA members, this year's Holiday Potluck has some new elements. Attendees will be encouraged to provide holiday treats such as cookies, candies, breads or cakes and/or small ornaments and/or crafts of any sort – all for sale. ALL proceeds from the sale will go to the ASURA to help fund activities of general interest to all members. Appropriate keyboard music will be provided.

Details: *ASURA Annual Holiday Potluck. Thursday, December 13, CSB, Room 330, 11:30 a.m.*

ASURA Events Calendar

2012-2013

Notes:

- Sep 12 Meet & Greet Pizza Party
- Sep 3rd Week Genealogy Seminar
- Oct 2nd Week AARP Healthcare Seminar
- Oct 15-18 Santa Fe, NM Trip
- Oct Last Week Health Benefits/Open Enrollment Seminar
- Nov 12 Fundraiser Golf Tournament
- Nov 15 Friendship Village Fall Luncheon
- Dec 13 Fundraiser Holiday Potluck
- Jan 3rd Week Day Trip - TBD
- Feb 23 Retirees' Day
- Mar 3rd Week Personal Financial Issues Seminar
- Apr 2nd Week Seminar - TBD
- Apr 20 Annual Meeting
- May 9 Spring Fashion Show & Brunch
- May 3rd week Seminar - TBD
- Aug 6-21 The Great Rivers of Europe 16-Trip

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ASURA Video History Project Report

by Linda Van Scoy

The Video History Project Committee has continued to make good progress conducting interviews during the spring. New inductees include Barry Bruns, Bette DeGraw, Barbara and Darel Eschbach, Dick Jacob, Connie McNeill, Val Peterson, Linda Wells and Marilyn Wurzburger. This brings our total to 82 interviews. We are also chipping away at editing the interviews as more of our committee members are expanding their skills in this area.

The majority of our interviews are conducted in the Community Services Building in a room we share with the Music Therapy Program. They have been generous in letting us reserve space there and it has made it so much more efficient to cart all of our equipment downstairs instead of to off-site locations. Having said that, we can and do occasionally go to the interviewee's home or office if that is more convenient for them.

DVDs are available to check out from the ASURA office or may be requested by mail. Contact the office at (480) 965-7668 to make arrangements for either option. See below for the list of interviews that have been completed.

This year's Video History Committee has thoroughly enjoyed conducting the interviews and learn-

ing the ASU stories of our fellow retirees. Thanks go to Roger Carter, Elmer Gooding, Richard Haefer, John McIntosh, and Dave Scheatzle for their willingness to provide time and effort to preserve these oral histories.

If you have an interest in this project, particularly in editing, 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
P. O. Box 873308
Tempe, AZ 85287-3308

Or email lvs@asu.edu



(Video History Crew Members, pictured l. to r., Dave Scheatzle, Linda Van Scoy, John McIntosh, & Roger Carter)

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| Allen, Chuck* | Eschbach, Barbara* | Kigin, Denis | Nelson, Russell | Turk, Rudy |
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| Bardwyck, Loretta | Fearon, Hal | Kush, Frank | Ostrom, Lonnie | Van Scoy, Linda |
| Barnhill, Robert* | Fisher, Marvin | Land, Floyd* | Parker, Clyde | Weigend, Guido* |
| Betz, Mat | Fleming, Robert | Lessard, Beth | Penley, Larry | Wells, Linda* |
| Branstetter, Ellamae | "Coach"* | Lewis, William* | Peplow, Bonnie | Weschler, Louis* |
| Brown, Brent | Gisolo, Margaret | Lombardi, Eugene | Peterson, Val* | Winkles, Bobby |
| Bruns, Barry* | Glick, Milton | Mason, Bruce | Pittman, Anne M. | Wright, Madelyn* |
| Burgess, Hugh* | Gooding, Elmer | Matheson, Alan | Prust, Zeke* | Wurzburger, Marilyn* |
| Campbell, Rudy | Gordon, Leonard | McHenry, Al* | Rapp, James* | Zafra, Victor* |
| Coor, Lattie | Greathouse, Betty | McNeill, Connie* | Rice, Ross | |
| Crowder, Troy | Grigsby, Eugene | McSheffrey, Gerry | Richards, Gale | Roundtable |
| DeGraw, Bette* | Hardt, Ann* | Metha, Arlene | Sackton, Frank | discussion: |
| Dotts, Don | Harrison, Mernoy* | Miller, Victor J. | Salerno, Nick | Brent Brown, |
| Doyle, Roy | Hastings, Vernon* | Moore, Carleton | Schabacker, Joseph* | Russell Nelson & |
| Edwards, John | Huizingh, William | Morrell, George | Schwada, Wilma | Frank Sackton |
| Ellis, Bob | Jacob, Richard* | Mulhollan, Paige | Shell, Leon | |
| Elmore, James W. | Kajikawa, Bill | Murra, Dick | Smith, Dean | |

The above interviews have been completed and are currently available to view or borrow from the ASU Retirees Association Office. (Note: Those with an asterisk are being edited and not yet available.)

Obituaries: Published January 22, 2012 - May 3, 2012

By 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.](http://asura.asu.edu/obituaries))



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| Acevedo, Roberto M. | March 22, 2012 | Professor Emeritus of Spanish |
| Argue, Gary Ramsay | Specific date Unknown | Chemistry |
| Bowman, Junius A. | February 26, 2012 | Member, ASU Foundation Board of Directors |
| Browning, Ruth "Grammie" | February 14, 2012 | School of Music |
| Davis, Robert E. | January 3, 2012 | Professor, Department of Communication |
| Deever, Janet | March 4, 2012 | Spanish |
| Effron, Max | January 23, 2012 | Board Member or Chair, Jewish Education at ASU |
| Emerick, Paul Lewis, Jr. | May 3, 2012 | Professor, Computer Science, Mathematics Dept. |
| Farmer, Richard (Dick) Gregg | March 26, 2012 | Research Professor, Dept of Electrical Engineering |
| Fimian, Charles | April 30, 2012 | Professor, Political Science |
| Gunter, LaVerde Johnson | April 15, 2012 | Officer, ASU Police Department |
| Hickcox, Deacon Edward M. | April 29, 2012 | Executive Director, Auxiliary Services |
| Howell, William C. "Bill" | April 14, 2012 | Adjunct Professor, Cognitive Science & Engineering |
| Lee, Anita June | February 14, 2012 | Affiliation unknown |
| LoBrutto, Russell | March 25, 2012 | Department of Life Sciences |
| McIntosh, Lawrence | April 22, 2012 | Manager, Student Accounts, Comptroller's Office |
| Mullen, Mary A. | January 29, 2012 | Registrar's Office |
| Newman, Janis Schloss | February 25, 2012 | Print Shop |
| Norton, Robert M. | March 25, 2012 | College of Engineering |
| O'Connell, John J. | April 19, 2012 | Institutional Advancement |
| Parker, Howard Arthur | February 1, 2012 | Sociology Department |
| Price, Allan | February 17, 2012 | Vice President for Development |

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| Reid, Frederick Lunsford Jr. | April 2, 2012 | Assistant Director of Housing |
| Ridge, J. Sterling, Sr. | April 18, 2012 | State Legislator authored bill to create ASU West, Director of Community Relations, ASU West |
| Robinson, Daniel Owen | January 31, 2012 | Professor of Agriculture |
| Salmirs Seymour "Sy" | April 14, 2012 | Aeronautical Technology |
| Silver, Ben | May 2, 2012 | Journalism Professor |
| Smith, Ken | February 19, 2012 | President, Hillel Advisory Council; Member of Dean's Council, College of Fine Arts |
| Steere, Caryl Joy | March 10, 2012 | Child Development Lab School |
| Strickland, William Charles | January 12, 2012 | School of Music |
| Uithoven, Thomas Carl "Tom" | April 7, 2012 | College of Architecture |
| Walker, Charles S. | Feb 20, 2012 | College of Engineering |
| Willekens, Rene Thoefteld | Feb 19, 2012 | Director of Veterans Services |
| Wills, J. Robert | Apr 6, 2012 | Dean Emeritus, Herberger College of Fine Arts |
| Wooding, Rear Admiral Robert Reynolds | Apr 11, 2012 | Associate Professor, Construction Engineering |

In Memory of June Payne — May 20, 1930 to October 27, 2011



June Patricia Payne passed away peacefully at age 81, in Phoenix on October 27, 2011. She was born on May 20, 1930 in Socorro, New Mexico, but her family moved to Arizona shortly afterward. She is survived by eight first cousins by the names of Forsman, Payne, Pierce and Todd. June graduated from Chandler High School in 1948 and Arizona State College in 1952.

June P. Payne was an associate editor for the Arizona Beverage Journal for twelve years, and after a brief stint as a state desk writer for the Arizona Republic, she had a twenty-eight-year career as writer, editor, photographer, and coordinator of academic publications for Arizona State University. She joined Arizona Press Women in 1954 and served in several state offices, including president in 1961 and historian from 2000 to 2009. In 1979, she was the APW Communicator of Achievement. June has been active in the Photographic Society of America and local camera clubs, and the ASU Retirees Association --- for which she established a living history video project for members. She is proud to be a member of a pioneer Arizona family and had just completed a book call "I Must Go There Someday".

June's remains are with her dad's in the Granite Dells and she will be greatly missed by her loving family and many many good friends.

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