

President's Message

submitted by Tara Roesler, 2018-2019 ASURA President

As I sit and write my first President's message, it's difficult to believe that another year for our association is in the books. Like most retirement years, it passed much too quickly. Nevertheless, 2017-2018 was a GREAT year. Allow me to share a few of the many accomplishments our Board and members made possible.

Seminars — Stress Reduction in Retirement, Fraud and Scams, Emergency Preparedness and the Caregivers Seminar were extremely interesting and informative. Planning for this coming year is well underway and includes similarly beneficial and timely seminars including "Tips for Spring Cleaning and Downsizing" and "Elder Law/Financial Planning."

Local and International Travel/Outings — Successful outings enjoyed by members this past year included a journey to the Patagonia region of Argentina and Chile, the annual Tovrea Castle Tour and most recently, a very enjoyable day trip to Canyon Lake including a Cruise on the Dolly Steamboat. More of these events, including a trip to the Ancient Kingdoms: Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam are being planned for the coming year. These outings are some of the most fun-filled opportunities our people get to experience and enjoy as members of the organization.



Membership and Social Events — Our beginning of the year Meet and Greet Pizza Party, Holiday Potluck and Bake Sale and Spring luncheon were all very enjoyable and successful. Our total membership grew by 131 members last year. Welcome to all of our new members. Your addition is most important to the growth and success of the organization. I would like to strongly encourage you to join us for our Annual Meet and Greet Pizza Party on September 11. It is a great opportunity to reconnect with your current ASU friends and to make some new ASU friends. Also, for those of you who are just considering retirement or newly retired, the seminar just before pizza lunch, "What I wish I'd known before I retired", is packed with very useful information.

Please be sure to look through this issue of the *Prime Times* as well as visit the ASURA website, <https://asura.asu.edu>, to keep current on what's happening this year.

Officers and New Board Members — Welcome to our new Officers, Jan Thompson, Vice President and Pat Schneider, Secretary as well as our returning officers Bill Moor, Treasurer and Jeri Meeks, Immediate Past President.

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April 2019**

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**Terms Expire
April 2020**

Barry McNeill
 Bill Moor
 Don Nilsen
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**Terms Expire
April 2021**

Jeff Chapman
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Emeritus College Liaison
Human Resources
University Club Liaison
University Liaison
University Senate
University Staff Council

to be determined
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 Carl Cross
to be determined
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Scholarship
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Pre-retirement Seminars
 Trudy Perez
Travel
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Finance
 Bill Moor
Book Donations
 Mary Stevens

Fund Raising

to be determined

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Office Hours - Summer 2018

Monday	Nanci Beardsley	(9:00am - noon)
Tuesday	Nancy Lesko	(9:00am - noon)
Wednesday	Linda VanScoy	(9:00am - noon)
Thursday	Jeannette Robson	(10:00am - 1pm)
Friday	Closed All Day	(year round)

Subs: Joan Leard, Dorothy Meunier, Helen
 Seaton, Linda Whatley, Beverly Buddee,
 Linda Kuiper, Tara Roesler.

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And, a big welcome to our new Board members Jeff Chapman, Jean Duncan, Jo Faldtz, Jo Madonna and Jan Meyer Thompson. Thanks to each of you, as well as our continuing and new Committee Chairs, for your willingness and commitment to serve and for the leadership you bring to the organization. I look forward to working with you!

Thank You — I would like to express a heartfelt thank you to everyone who had a part in making 2017-2018 a VERY successful and productive year. A special thank you to outgoing President Jeri Meeks for two tremendous years! Thanks also to our outgoing members of the Board of Directors – Barry Bruns, Bev Buddee, Bob Francis, Larry Mankin and Connie McNeill. You are the ones who move the organization forward, and it is my honor and pleasure to work with so many dedicated people. Together we can make 2018-2019 the best year ever, and I trust that is your goal. I look forward to the opportunity.

Finally, I wish for everyone a safe, healthy, and wonderful summer as you travel, spend time with family, and enjoy the many activities and exciting things the season brings!

May 2018 ASURA Board Meeting



Jeff Chapman, Barry McNeill, Gary Anderson, Connie McNeill, Dave Schwalm, Pat Schneider, Joy Shearman, Jan Thompson, Tara Roesler, Jeri Meeks, Jean Duncan, Jo Faldtz, Bonnie Scheall, Jeannette Robson, Tony Brazel, Carl Cross, Jay Butler, and John Brock

University Club Report

submitted by Carl Cross, University Club Liaison

The University Club is conveniently located on the Arizona State University Tempe campus, in a historic building originally known as Science Hall. In 1949 the building was transformed into the Fine Arts Annex and thirty-six years later improvements were made and it became the University Club. The building is listed on the National Register and the Arizona Register of Historic Places.



The exclusive membership is comprised of current and retired faculty, staff, alumni, community and corporate members. The University Club is open Monday through Friday from 7 am to 5 pm. It provides a comfortable atmosphere for informal gatherings and weekday lunches, and is the perfect location for your special event or meeting. Complimentary coffee and tea are available to members in the Club Room until 4:30 pm. The University Club will be closed from June 29 to August 5, 2018. Normal business hours resume on August 6, 2018.

University Club members may enjoy an array of delectable food options for lunch at the Bistro. The casual environment allows for a relaxing meal with friends, co-workers and clients. Seasonally, the Bistro also offers a patio area for one's dining pleasure. It is open from 11 am – 2 pm, Monday through Friday.

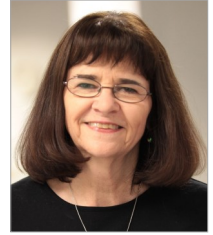
Member Benefits

- Convenient free parking for members to use while they are at the University Club;
- Comfortable, relaxed atmosphere for any occasion, from informal meetings and gatherings to weddings, receptions and soirees;
- Free ASU wireless Internet access;
- Reciprocal privileges with the University Club of Phoenix and over 100 private clubs;
- Reduced rates for ASU retirees and those 75 years of age and older;
- The one-time fee of \$100 is waived for retirees who pay the annual dues of \$96;
- University Club membership application - <https://cfo.asu.edu/club-membershipapp>;
- Special member-only events throughout the year including high teas, home football game tailgates, colloquiums, annual holiday party and more.

ASURA Office Updates

submitted by Linda Van Scoy and Nancy Lesko, ASURA Office Coordinators

The ASURA office is in good shape. Some volunteers are taking some well-deserved time off as we move to our summer schedule of staffing the office in the mornings only. We are open 9am-Noon Monday through Wednesday, 10am-1pm on Thursday and Closed on Fridays. This schedule is in effect through August 31. If you are planning to come by to drop off books, check your mail, or just to visit, please call first to make sure someone will be there: (480) 965-7668.



We are delighted to announce we have added a new office volunteer to our team, Linda Kuiper, who filled the Thursday afternoon shift a few months ago.



Linda Kuiper

Linda moved to Arizona from Wisconsin in 1993 and began working at ASU in what was the Office of the VP for Student Affairs. After 7 years in that office, she did a tour with the Dean of Engineering, then the VP for Research and Economic Development, eventually landing at the Global Institute of Sustainability and retired from there in 2017.

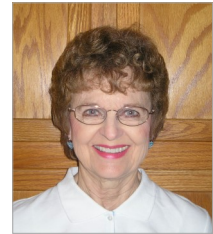


We so appreciate the help our office volunteers and substitutes provide to keep our organization running smoothly. So a big thank you to: Nanci Beardsley, Beverly Buddee, Linda Kuiper, Joan Leard, Nancy Lesko, Dorothy Meunier, Jeannette Robson, Tara Roesler, Bonnie Scheall, Helen Seaton, Linda Van Scoy and Linda Whatley.

2018-2019 ASURA Re-entry Scholarship Awarded

submitted by Joy Shearman, ASURA Scholarship Committee Chair

The Scholarship Committee, consisting of four retiree volunteers, and chaired by Joy Shearman, met the first week of May to determine who would be the 2018-2019 ASURA Scholarship recipient. Prior to this meeting each volunteer had individually reviewed all ten of the applications that met the criteria. After careful consideration and discussion, the decision was made, and Jennifer Beth Pelloni was selected to be the recipient of the 2018-2019 ASURA Re-entry Scholarship Award of \$10,000, with equal payments to be made at the beginning of each semester.



Ms. Pelloni resides in San Diego, Ca., is a single mom of young twin boys, and will be a full time online student at ASU. After graduating from high school at Red Mountain in Mesa, AZ., she moved to San Diego. Amidst her years of determining what she wanted to do with her life, she fell in love with American Sign Language, made the decision to become an interpreter, got her AA degree, and is certified as an Advanced American Sign Language (ALS) interpreter.

Jennifer's eleven years of working in various capacities for the Deaf Community Services of San Diego, Inc. were lauded in her recommendation letters from her supervisor and professor. Though she was successful and loved what she was doing, she had an inner desire to get her bachelor's Degree. When she heard about ASU's online program, there was no doubt as to what she would do, because her mother is an ASU alum, and would be so proud of her.

Graduating with a degree in Family and Human Development is her education goal. Beyond that, Jennifer plans on opening a child development center for Children who are Deaf and hard of hearing. She wants to "create a place where these children can learn and thrive in their natural language (ASL) and interact with others who are like them, as well as be around adult role models who use their language."

In the words of one of her recommenders, "Jennifer is committed to aligning the passions of her heart with action, and in particular, furthering her knowledge of child development."



Government Liaison's Report - Summer 2018

submitted by Gary Anderson & Jeri Meeks, Government Liaisons - Legislative

Retirement is not easy. There are three things we have to do: (1) sleep in, (2) attend ASURA activities, and (3) vote. The first one is every day, the second is 4-6 times a year and the last is every two years or so. Which one is most important? Thomas Jefferson (TJ) said, **“If the nation expects to be ignorant and free, it expects what never was and never will be.”**

Maybe you've heard that we have a couple of elections coming up this summer and fall. It is not a presidential election year but, nevertheless, it is a pretty big one. In the last Presidential election in 2016, 53% of registered women in Arizona voted. **Only 53%!** But, ladies, you know what? You beat the guys, again! **Only 50%** of registered males in Arizona voted in 2016. **50%!** This year our fall election is an 'off-year' election, i.e., we are not electing a President. Voter turnout tends to be lower in off-year elections. So, fewer people are going to select our leaders.

In 2014, an off-year election, 47.5% of registered voters picked our leaders. Look back up at what TJ said. Whoa, Nellie! Less than **HALF!**

On Tuesday, August 28 and on Tuesday, November 6, somebody is going to select every elected leader we have in the state of Arizona. Every one ... the Governor, the Treasurer, the Secretary of State, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, etc.

Also, someone is going to select every member of the U.S. House of Representatives ... all 495 of them, including all nine of ours from Arizona. In addition, we, or someone, is going to select at least one new Senator from Arizona, and possibly two. Are you and your family members making a plan for Arizona? Someone is. Someone is going to pick all these folks. You want to help? And maybe family members? And friends?

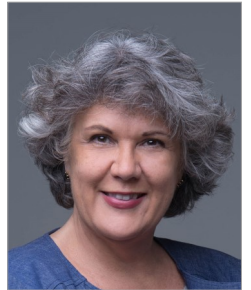
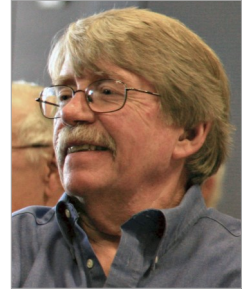
The 'good' news is that older voters are more likely to vote. Is that US? Voters 65 and older are most likely to vote. Voters 55-64 are next most likely to vote ... generally above a 50% turn out. Voters below age 45 (25-44) turn out at about mid- 30% level. Our eligible grandchildren, ages 18-24, turn out at about a low 20% level.

Elections are big deals talk to TJ

- Are you registered to vote? You can find out at the Arizona Secretary of State's website ... <https://azsos.gov/elections/voting-election/register-vote-or-update-your-current-voter-information>.
- Are you on the PEVL (Permanent Early Voting List)? It's very convenient to vote by mail. Use the same website listed above.
- Which AZ State Legislative District do you live in? You can find out at this website and then scroll down, down. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Representatives_and_Senators_of_Arizona_Legislature_by_Districts_\(2013%E2%80%932023\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Representatives_and_Senators_of_Arizona_Legislature_by_Districts_(2013%E2%80%932023))
- Who are your State Representatives? You can find out by using the same website above.
- How have they voted, who loves them, who funds them? Find out at Vote Smart (<http://votesmart.org>) entering the name and select what you want to know.
- Which Congressional District do you live in? You can find out by going to this website. https://ziplook.house.gov/htbin/findrep_house
- Who is your current US Representative? You can find out by using the above website.
- How has he/she voted, who loves them, who funds them? Find out by going to Vote Smart (<http://votesmart.org>) and entering their name and selecting what you want to know.

I find that the **Vote Smart website** (<http://votesmart.org>) has lots of objective information on just about every elected official in the nation - local to national. You get the facts and not the spin. It is a non-profit, free website with a very impressive Board of Directors. It is free but they will ask you to send money. On the site you can find information on your state senator, for example, or any candidate running for office. The major sections are: Biography, Votes, Positions, Ratings, Speeches and Funding. On Votes, you can find out how your candidate voted on a wide range of

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issues, e.g., education, guns, local control, women's rights, business support. You can also find out how they are rated by major interest groups like the Chamber of Commerce, the Sierra Club, Planned Parent, American Federation for Children, etc.

In addition to selecting LEADERS, we are also going to have the opportunity to vote on ballot measures. At this point in time there are three scheduled for the ballot. All three are important to us as education-related upstanding citizens, perhaps on a state retirement system. The following are the three measures, taken from Ballotpedia, which is an excellent source of information to help us do good stuff.

(https://ballotpedia.org/Arizona_2018_ballot_measures).

Type	Title	Subject	Description
VR	Proposition 305 (K-12 Vouchers)	Education	Upholds SB 1431, expanding Empowerment Scholarship Accounts program.
LRCA	Adjustments to Elected Officials' and Corrections Officer Retirement Plans Amendment	Pension	Allow for adjustments to the Elected Officials' Retirement Plan and Corrections Officer Retirement Plan.
LRSS	Unlawful Contributions from Clean Election Accounts and Commission Rulemaking Requirements Measure	Elections	Designates unlawful contributions from clean election accounts and removes commission exemption from rulemaking requirements.

As ASU retirees the second ballot measure is of special interest to us as it asks for the voters to allow the Arizona State Legislature to make adjustments to two retirement plans: the Elected Officials Retirement Plan (EORP) and Corrections Officers Retirement Plan (CORP). While these adjustments might be reasonable and necessary to sustain these retirement funds, there is concern that if this ballot measure is passed by the public it could have an eventual effect on ASRS. Something to think about, as you make your individual voting decisions.

Thomas Jefferson's buddy, James Madison said: **"A people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives."**

ASURA Needs Your Old Books!

submitted by Mary Stevens, Book Donations

Are your bookshelves too full? Are you downsizing your office or your home and don't have space for all of your books?

Donate your used books to us, and we will work with our partner, **Friends of the Phoenix Public Library**, to sell them. We'll use proceeds of the sale to support our programs. Half of the proceeds will be used for our **ASURA scholarship** that goes to an ASU student, and half will be used for our **Video History project**. The ASU Foundation, a separate nonprofit organization that exists to support ASU, will provide you with a gift receipt for tax purposes.



If you have books to donate, first box them up. If you need boxes, you can pick some up from our office. Be sure to call before coming to make sure we have boxes on hand and a volunteer in the office. When boxing your books, please do not overfill the boxes: leave sufficient room to cover or close each box.

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When the books are in boxes: For books that are on an ASU campus, ask Facilities Management to pick them up and deliver them to us. To accomplish this, your department assistant can complete and submit a [FACMAN service request](#) on an on-line form. Facilities will schedule a pickup date with the office assistant. Advise the office assistant to provide your name and department to the FACMAN representative who picks up the books; OR

Bring the boxes of books to [our office](#). Parking is readily available by the building. We have a dolly you can use. There is a ramp into the building, and an elevator to the 2nd floor.

If you cannot box your books on your own or cannot bring them to us, please contact Mary Stevens, 602-758-3750 or marystevens0@gmail.com, or [contact our office](#). Provide your *name, e-mail address* if you have one, *telephone number* and the *approximate number of books* you would like to donate. Mary or another ASURA volunteer will work with you to get the books transferred.

Minutes: ASURA 2018 Annual Meeting

submitted by Patricia Schneider, ASURA Board Secretary

Prior to the beginning of the formal meeting, members in attendance enjoyed time for casual conversation and lunch.

Welcome Remarks and Association Overview - Jeri Meeks:

The meeting was formally opened on April 24, 2018 at 12:04 p.m. by President Meeks welcoming guests. She also recognized and thanked the Board members, committee and sub-committee chairs, and office staff volunteers. During opening remarks, President Meeks noted that she had completed a Masters degree in Liberal Studies with Masters Certificate in Museum Studies and an overriding theme of finding happiness. Contributing to a feeling of happiness are health, diet, and sustainability – spending time with others, developing relationships, cultivating a social network of healthy, happy friends who care about you, and finding pleasure, purpose and pride. One way to achieve a feeling of well-being and happiness is to volunteer.

Pursuing Our Passions Makes for Happy, Healthy Lives:

(Presenters were Nancy White from the Desert Botanical Gardens, Will Russell from the Arizona Site Steward Program and Kaela Hoskings from the Phoenix Art Museum.)

President Meeks introduced the 3 speakers: Nancy White from the Desert Botanical Gardens, Kaela Saenz Oriti Hoskings from the Phoenix Art Museum, and Will Russell from the Arizona Site Stewards Program.

Ms. White is the Program Director for Volunteer Services at the Desert Botanical Garden. In this position she is responsible for recruiting, training and overseeing the activities of 700 volunteers. She is certified in Nonprofit Management, a certified trainer for the National

Association of Interpretation, a Master Gardener, has a passion for environmental education and has been a volunteer all her life. Professionally, Ms. White has served as Executive Director of a Girl Scout Council in Ohio and, in Arizona, has worked for United Way and served as Director of Fund Development at Hospice of the Valley.

Ms. Hoskings is the Gerry Grout Education Director at the Phoenix Art Museum. Prior to joining the Phoenix Art Museum, she served as the Director of Education at Artspace San Antonio for 5 years, the Blanton Museum of Art at the University of Texas, Austin, the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, and the Mexic-Arte Museum in Austin. In 2014, Ms. Hoskings was awarded the Outstanding Art Educator, Museum Education Division of the Texas Art Education Association. She is a lifelong member of the Girl Scouts and currently serves as a fund developer for the World Foundation of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

Dr. Russell is the Cultural Resources Manager, State Parks archaeologist and tribal liaison for the Arizona State Parks and Trails and recently served as the Director of the Arizona Site Stewards Program. Dr. Russell has worked in Southwestern archaeology for over a decade. His research, focused on the Mimbres region of southwestern New Mexico and the Perry Mesa region in Central Arizona, examines the early development of social inequality through the lens of ritual practice.

The Phoenix Art Museum:

Brian Eno is quoted as saying, “stop thinking about art works as objects and start thinking about them as triggers for experiences.” With that in mind, Ms. Hoskings noted that the Phoenix Art Museum is moving in a new direction, wanting to reflect the community, to be full of life and experiences for its guests. The target audiences are families, teens, millennials, and seniors. To more successfully reach these target audiences, the museum has

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diversified programs and taken an interdisciplinary approach with non-traditional formats including performances, workshops, and more. Families are being defined as what we individually identify as our family versus the traditional 2 adults/2 kids unit. Teens ... a Teen Art Council has been created to develop programs that interest teens, e.g., a poetry night where teens write and read their poems before their peers. Millennials ... paid internships available; hiring education specialists who are hosting faculty nights to teach teachers about what's going on and how to build art into their programs. Seniors ... arts engagement programs and an Alzheimer program featuring a tactile learning experience. There is a monthly coffee and donut seminar, senior prom night the first Friday of each month with live music, and a mindfulness and slow art program. Ms. Hoskings also talked about the Lemon Art Research Library, the largest art library in the Southwest. With its outstanding special collections, it is a beautiful place to come and learn about art. Currently there are 150 docents who conduct tours on site and do community outreach, as well as community volunteers. The Phoenix Art Museum is always looking for docents and community volunteers and will work around your schedule. Ms. Hoskings invited the audience to consider volunteer opportunities at the Museum.

Arizona Site Steward Program:

Dr. Russell noted that the Site Steward Program is charged with preserving and protecting Arizona's cultural resources. The program started in 1986 when Bruce Babbitt, then Governor of Arizona, recognized the need to protect Arizona's cultural resources. The Mission of the program is, (1) Site-monitoring. Volunteers are assigned sites to monitor - the most endangered - site visitation, evidence collection and recording; and reporting to land management and law enforcement; (2) Education and outreach; (3) Site mitigation and stabilization; (4) Program operation and support.

- **Mission (1)** - Site monitoring is to discourage damage to sites and to assist law enforcement when looting of burial sites is discovered. There are a wide variety of volunteer opportunities including administrative tasks, rafting and/or hiking trips to check on sites, etc. Crime scene management is an important part of what the program does where looting occurs. Volunteers are trained in the proper way to collect evidence, photograph boot and tire prints, etc. and have played an important role in catching some of the criminals. Desecration of burial sites is a federal offense.
- **Mission (2)** - Volunteers are also active in education and outreach programs for kids K-12 to teach respect, and to mountain biking and hiking groups on what to be mindful of when out in the wilderness.
- **Mission (3)** - Mitigation and stabilization – working with various groups to bring back sites to their original condition.

- **Mission (4)** - Program operation and support – working with various private, state, and federal agencies and organizations.

This **Arizona Site Steward Program** is recognized around the world and several programs across the country have been modeled after it. Volunteers develop life-long friendships and are passionate about archaeology and about giving back to future generations. 90% of the Arizona Site Steward Program are retirees. Dr. Wills invited the audience to consider this volunteer opportunity.

The Desert Botanical Garden:

Ms. White punned that the Desert Botanical Garden has grown healthy and happy volunteers for more than 70 years. Currently there are 800 volunteers who provide 65,000 hours of time, serving in 19 assignments. The Mission of the Garden reads ... “The Garden’s commitment to the community is to advance excellence in education, research, exhibition and conservation of desert plants of the world with emphasis on the Southwestern United States. We will ensure that the Garden is always a compelling attraction that brings to life the many wonders of the desert.” Volunteer opportunities abound in all areas of the Garden, including research and conservation, education, the herbarium, children’s education, interaction with visitors, school tours, selling memberships, conservation, taking care of visiting art exhibitions, photography, and more. Tools for happy volunteers include: clear expectations, matching the volunteer with their passion/interest; training to fit the job, from explicit to on-the-job; clear communication on a weekly basis using an online system; used in all phases of strategic planning; continuing education; reward and recognition programs.

Ms. White talked about the camaraderie that develops as volunteers from all age groups work together. As 80% of Garden volunteers are retirees, she extended the invitation to the audience to consider joining the fun at the Garden. Lively conversation followed the presentations with a Q&A period.

Remarks by Scholarship Recipient Stephanie Watson:

Scholarship Committee Chair Joy Shearman thanked the organization for making the scholarship possible and the members of the Scholarship Committee for their good work. She then introduced this year’s recipient, Stephani Renee Watson.

Ms. Watson again thanked the organization for the scholarship and the opportunity it afforded her to attend ASU. Raised in Folsom, California, and a member of the Choctaw Indian Tribe, she earned AA degrees while working in the corporate realm in her native California before transferring to ASU as a junior. Ms. Watson noted that the scholarship had been a source of motivation to keep going. She will graduate with honors this May with dual degrees - a B.S. in Political Science and a B.A. in

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Interdisciplinary Studies. Inducted into many honor societies for her high marks, she displayed many of the cords that she will wear at commencement. She also shared that she has been accepted into the ASU College of Law.

Video History Project Interview Clips:

Project Committee Chair Dave Scheatzle introduced the committee members and thanked them for their work. He then noted that the Video History Project began as an effort to record the history of ASU's development through the people who were part of it and has continued that process. He showed clips from interviews with Barry Bruns, Richard Peck, Walter Harris, Madelyn Wright, Brent Brown, and Clyde Parker.

Handing over Leadership and Introduction of New Board Members and Officers for the 2018-2019 Term:

President Meeks thanked outgoing Board members, Barry Bruns, Bev Buddee, Connie McNeill, Larry Mankin, and Bob Francis. She then welcomed new Board members Jean Duncan, Jeffrey Chapman, Jo Faldtz, Jo Madonna, and Jan Thompson. President Meeks then introduced incoming President Tara Fuchs Roesler and turned the meeting over to her.

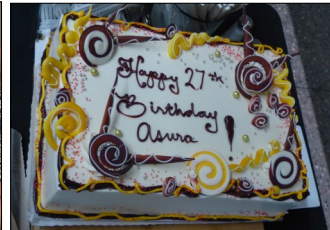
President Roesler thanked outgoing President Meeks for her work over the last 2 years and presented her with a

token of her appreciation. President Roesler welcomed the new Board members and introduced the incoming slate of officers ... Jan Thompson, Vice president; Bill Moor, Treasurer, Patricia Schneider, Secretary; and Jeri Meeks, Past President.

Closing Remarks by President Tara Roesler:

President Roesler thanked committee and sub-committee chairs for their past work and continuing service. She noted that good things are planned over the next year. While most of the committee chair positions are filled, there are a couple of opportunities to serve. In particular, President Roesler said she is looking for a fund raising chairman with the goal of generating enough funds to guarantee the ASURA scholarship in perpetuity. She reminded attendees that the ASU Retirees Association was established because of the need to lobby on behalf of retirees and retiree benefits with health insurance a big component. As such, there is a need for an individual to serve as the ASRS legislative liaison. Other goals for the upcoming term are growth in membership and establishing a mentorship program for new retirees to be paired with "old" retirees, the goals of which are to get and retain more members and increase new member participation in the organization.

President Roesler thanked the audience for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.



Left to Right: John McIntosh; Alan Roesler, Barbara Habig; Don Dotts, Kathy Church, Linda Van Scoy, Gary Kleemann; Birthday Cake!!!

(More pictures by Don Nilsen, Dave Scheatzle and Barry McNeill are available in the ASURA Photo Gallery, <http://asura.zenfolio.com/>.)

Welcome New ASURA Members

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ASURA Travel Committee Report

submitted by John Brock (chair) and his committee members: Joyce Hartman-Diaz, Judith Heilala, Gretchen Hirni, Gary Kleemann, Norm Perrill and Helen Seaton

The spring of 2018 turned out to be a fairly busy time for travel.

March 4 through March 21: Ten ASURA members made a very enjoyable journey to the **Patagonia region of Argentina and Chile**. The trip started in Buenos Aires and then went to Bariloche, Argentina. This is the northern part of the Patagonia region of South America and the national park *Nahuel Huapi* representing the forest, steppe and lake landscapes of the region. From there we travelled into Chile to Puerto Vargas, Chiloe Island (penguins) and to Punta Arenas (Magellan Strait). From Punta Arenas we went to *Parque Nacional Torres de Paine* (wonderful mountains and lakes). After a couple days of hiking and sight-seeing we travelled into Argentina to the town of Carafate. The main attraction there being *Los Glaciers* national park and the Moreno glacier. Before leaving Argentina and back in Buenos Aires, we explored the city (including the grave of Eva Peron) and the Tigre river delta.

April 6: Twelve ASURA members won the lottery selection for a tour of **Tovrea Castle at Carroro Heights**, “a jewel in the Sonoran Desert”, in Phoenix (the birthday cake house). This historic home is now managed by the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department. The house and grounds are included in the Phoenix Points of Pride, the Arizona Legacy Project and is also on the National Register of Historic Places. Tickets are difficult to secure for this attraction but the ASURA travel committee was fortunate to reserve a tour of the Tovrea Castle and grounds for April 4, 2019.

April 17: Thirty ASURA members did a day trip to **Canyon Lake**, the little town of **Tortilla Flat** and ride on the **Dolly Steamboat**. We left Tempe about 9 am ... either as a self-drive or in a van. We looked around the tourist town of Tortilla Flat and enjoyed a lunch at the local saloon. The main attraction is Canyon Lake and the Dolly Steamboat ride. The lake surface was very still that day and the canyon walls create great scenery. The air temperature was favorable as well. We saw desert big horn sheep and a bald eagle's nest with two fledgling eaglets. While the foothill paloverde trees were in flower, the dry winter of 2017-2018 did little to produce a nice wild flower display for us to see. We returned to Tempe about 5 pm, with plenty of pictures and memories from the outing.



ASURA Spring 2018 Luncheon

submitted by Bonnie Scheall (photos by Barry McNeill)

The first luncheon event for the new year was held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at Shalimar Country Club/Restaurant in Tempe.

The event speaker, Rob Spindler, is University Archivist at the ASU Library. Previous to that position, he was administrator of Archives and Special Collections and curator for the Arizona Collection from 1996-2017. Rob's presentation covered the changes he has seen take place during his 29 years with ASU and what to expect in the future.



Don Dotts, Ed Scannell, Jim Fordemwalt,
Judith Smith, Carl Cross



He also discussed the challenges of documenting President Crow's presidency, along with collecting papers of university faculty, incorporating the archival program started at Thunderbird and preserving on-line newspapers and university publications, along with much more. Rob answered questions from the audience and left everyone with a new perspective on "The Future of ASU's Past".



Bev Buddee, Jay Butler

(for more photos visit the ASURA Photo Gallery <http://asura.zenfolio.com/>)

ASURA Spring 2018 Seminar Report

submitted by Bev Buddee, Seminars Chair

Summary: Caregivers Seminar

The final seminar of the 2017-2018 FY was well attended. Jerry Waterworth, AARP Community Volunteer, encouraged audience participation as he shared valuable information on “Preparing to Care: A Planning Guide for Families.”

There are 4 kinds of people: (1) those who have been caregivers, (2) those who are currently caregivers, (3) those who will be caregivers, and (4) those who need caregivers.

Essential to have in place before a caregiver is needed is a thorough, well thought-out caregivers plan. There are 5 steps to consider when preparing the plan: (1) Start a conversation, (2) Form your team, (3) Make a plan, (4) Find support, and (5) Care for yourself.

The information for this presentation was taken extensively from the AARP *Prepare to Care* booklet that can be found at <https://www.aarp.org/caregiving/>. Additionally, this website contains a wealth of information on caregiving basics, care at home, health (navigating physical and emotional health issues, insurance, doctor’s visits, and more), financial and legal information, caregiver life balance, and MORE. When you visit this site, also be sure to find and download the Phoenix Metro Caregiver Resource Guide.

Summary: Emergency Preparedness

Dawn Hermanson and Ernie Paquette, co-leaders of the Tempe Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, and Brent Olsen, Manager of the City of Scottsdale’s Office of Emergency Preparedness, shared about the CERT program and how it educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills. Seminar attendees were encouraged to attend the next CERT training program, offered by the City of Scottsdale in Spring 2019. Interested folks can sign up through the <http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/emergency> website. In lieu of the training program, the CERT training manual can be reviewed at the FEMA [website](#).

The following information, taken directly from the “Ready Maricopa County” brochure on preparing for emergencies best sums up the information shared at this seminar.

Being prepared for any emergency – whether a house fire, power outage, flood, or terrorist attack – is as easy as 1, 2, 3. Step 1, take the time to work out a disaster plan. Step 2, gather supplies to keep in your home. Step 3, put together

a Go Bag. A few simple steps can go a long way should disaster strike.

During the discussion about a communication plan, the speakers noted additional information of importance.

- Home telephone landline. In an emergency, use your landline to call 911 as the 911 operators can easily identify your location. The telephone instrument should plug directly into the telephone wall outlet and not rely on electricity since a power outage would render that unit useless.
- Cell phones. In a disaster situation, the text option may work faster than the audio options. Register your cell phones with the Community Emergency Notification System. This system is designed to rapidly notify an affected area of an emergency by sending a recorded message through the telephone system.
- Alternative communication devices would include ham radios (must have a license to use, there are 3 levels of licensure) and satellite phones.

While it may take a little work to gather the items needed for a disaster kit or Go Bag, there is nothing like the peace of mind it can bring.

Summary: Scams and Fraud Seminar

The Fraud and Schemes Seminar was successfully held in mid-February. Rob Foster, a volunteer Community Educator from AARP, spoke about the techniques used by scam artists and current scams of which to be aware. Rob talked about the 13 ways con artists can steal your money via identity theft, investment fraud, and other common scams. Prevention tips included:

- Protect your Social Security Number and personal information;
- Monitor your bills and financial accounts;
- Monitor your credit reports;
- Protect personal identification numbers (PINS) and passwords;
- Protect your information online;
- Protect your mail, and
- Be cautious of scams and frauds.

Terri Alexon, Investor Education Coordinator for the Securities Division of the Arizona Corporation Commission, spoke to common tactics used in investment fraud. Common tactics include:

- The “Phantom Riches” Tactic – dangling the prospect of wealth, enticing you with something you want but cannot have.
- The “Source Credibility” Tactic – trying to build

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credibility by claiming to be with a reputable firm, or to have a special credential or experience.

- The “Social Consensus” Tactic – leading you to believe that other savvy investors have already invested.
- The “Reciprocity” Tactic – offering to do a small favor for you in return for a big favor.
- The “Scarcity” Tactic – creating a false sense of urgency by claiming limited supply

Terri also talked about how to protect yourself from investment fraud:

- End the conversation: Simply tell the person, “I am sorry, I am not interested.” Or tell anyone who pressures you, “I never make investment decisions without first consulting my ___>” Fill in the blank with whomever you choose. Then hang up the phone. And don’t worry about missing out – real deals will still be there tomorrow.

- Turn the tables and ask questions: Before you give out information about yourself or sign on the dotted line, ask “Are you a licensed broker? Is that investment registered?” Then check out the seller and the investment using available reliable resources.
- Talk to someone first: Even if the seller and the investment are registered, it’s always a good idea to discuss these sorts of decisions with family or a trusted financial professional.

NOTE: The above articles are abridged versions of Bev Buddee’s full articles located at:

Caregivers (<https://asura.asu.edu/2018Seminar4>)

Emergency Preparedness (<https://asura.asu.edu/2018Seminar3>)

Scams and Frauds - <https://asura.asu.edu/2018Seminar2>



2018-2019 ASURA Calendar of Events

Event	Date
Social Event: Meet & Greet Pizza Party & “What I Wish I’d Known Before I Retired”	Tuesday, September 11, 2018
* International Trip: Ancient Kingdoms - Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam	September 24, 2018 (3 weeks)
Seminar: Healthcare Open Enrollment and Medicare	Thursday, October 4, 2018
Social Event: Fall Luncheon	Tuesday, October 30, 2018
Possible Local Travel Event	November 2018 - date TBD
Social Event: Holiday Potluck & Bake Sale	December 2018 - date TBD
Seminar: Container Gardening	Thursday, January 17, 2019
Possible Local Travel Event	January 2019 - date TBD
Seminar: Spring Cleaning/Downsizing	Thursday, February 21, 2019
Seminar: Elder Law/Financial Plan	Thursday, March 21, 2019
Social Event: Spring Luncheon	March 2019- date TBD
Seminar: Nutrition @ ASU Food Labs	Thursday, April 18, 2019
Social Event: Annual Meeting	April 2019- date TBD
Possible Local or 2-day Travel Event	May 2019- date TBD
International Trip: Back Roads of Iberia - Spain and Portugal	May 13-28, 2019

Please put these dates on your calendars. As the events get closer, additional information will be available on our website, <https://asura.asu.edu>, and you will be able to register for the events. As we get more into the Summer and Fall and as new events are added, email notifications will be sent and updates noted in the monthly E-News blasts.

(* 15 ASURA members are going on this trip. The countries to be visited include: Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and the southern part of Vietnam.)

ASURA is Traveling to Spain and Portugal

submitted by Gary Kleemann, ASURA Travel Committee

On this trip you will chart your own course for discovery in these ancient lands while staying in intimate Portuguese pousadas and Spanish paradors, restored historic inns – from castles and convents to manor homes and monasteries – that evoke the glory of an earlier era. You'll also dine with a Spanish family in their home, sip Portuguese wine at an 18th century wine estate, and learn about the history of bullfighting at a ranch in Ronda, a medieval town perched high above a plunging gorge.

This trip is designed for people who want a different kind of travel experience. It emphasizes active exploration and close cultural contact. We seek out unusual experiences, in out-of-the-way places where ordinary tours often don't go. To get the most out of this trip, you should have a healthy sense of curiosity, an adventurous spirit, and

a flexible attitude about the unpredictable nature of travel.

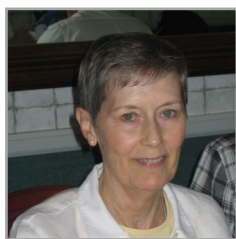
An optional pre-trip (May 8 – 13, 2019) to Porto: Northern Portugal's Romanesque Gem is also available.



This trip is limited to the first 16 travelers to sign up. The pre-trip is limited to the first eight. Also, by reserving your spot now you can take advantage of the best buy plan and save up to 6% off the cost of your adventure. This tour is run by [Overseas Adventure Travel](#).

For more information just email Gary Kleemann at gary@asu.edu or phone him (480) 839-8190 or (480) 399-7704.

Obituary Notifications: January 2018 - June 2018



Please note that all obituary notices and photos, when available, are on our website at <https://asura.asu.edu/obituaries>.

submitted by Becky Reiss

Name	Date of Death	ASU Affiliation
Abbadessa, Virginia	April 16, 2018	Department affiliation unknown
Anderson, Jacqueline "Jackie"	March 25, 2018	Archeology Department lab
Barratt, George Albert, Jr.	February 28, 2018	Chairman, Dean's Advisory Council, College of Business Administration
Bedient, Barbara Stone	January 20, 2018	Wife of Jack D. Bedient, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics and Statistics
Bothwell, George William (Bill)	January 19, 2018	Involved in Center for Advanced Procurement Strategy (CAPS), WP Carey College of Business
Bria, Janet Louise	January 7, 2018	Faculty, English Literature
Burke, Jr., William F.	May 31, 2018	Professor Emeritus, School of Life Sciences
Burt, Maria Verso "Toni"	May 24, 2018	ASU Health Services, wife of Donald Burt, Geology Professor, School of Earth and Space Exploration
Bustamante, Bernardo "Benny" L.	March 7, 2018	Residence Hall Services
Butterfield, Stephen (Steve) Fred	April 16, 2018	Co-chairman, Sun Devil Club Stadium Fundraising
Carey, Gerald Robert	May 22, 2018	Public Events and Theater Department
Carter, Barry	January 19, 2018	Head Coach, Men's and Women's Rugby Teams

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Name	Date of Death	ASU Affiliation
Cline, Donald E.	March 3, 2018	Member, ASU Council of 100
Coyne, Richard William	April 5, 2018	Faculty, Math Department
Dixon, Helen Y.	February 24, 2018	Librarian, Mathews Library
Driscoll, John E.	January 15, 2018	Faculty, English
Dyer, Timothy J.	April 12, 2018	Professor, College of Education; Director, Division of Psychology in Education
Fetterhoff, Marjorie	April 19, 2018	Wife of Willard M. Fetterhoff, former ASU faculty; college/department affiliation unknown
Flores, Laura Jane	January 11, 2018	College of Education
Goo, Ben	December 30, 2017	Professor Emeritus, Sculpture, School of Art
Haigh, Jennifer L.	April 14, 2018	Assistant Women's Soccer Coach
Halle, Bruce T.	January 4, 2018	Generous Supporter of ASU
Halstead, Celia Ann Jarrett	January 14, 2018	Faculty, School of Social Work
Henson, Nancy P.	May 1, 2018	Clearinghouse Coordinator for Arizona Prevention Resource Center
Herring, Leah C.	April 12, 2018	Wife of Edward Herring, Campus Pastor
Hirsch, Harvey	May 20, 2018	College/department affiliation unknown
Hoover, Helene M.	May 11, 2018	Professor, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences
Hull, George Edward	February 11, 2018	Horticulture Courses
Jacobs, Richard West	March 1, 2018	Faculty, Math Department
Johnson, Rosemary	January 3, 2018	Professor Emeritus, College of Nursing
Joyce, Carole Jean	February, 27, 2018	Adjunct Faculty, College of Nursing
Kallaus, Alberta "Berta"	April 3, 2018	Wife of Norman Kallaus, College of Business faculty
Kennedy, Thomas Daniel	May 13, 2018	Professor of Psychology; Director, School of Justice Studies
Kimble, Dr. Donald "Don" Garold	April 30, 2018	Donation to Department of Chemical, Bio and Materials Engineering
Korrick, Edgar (Ed) Lawrence	March 3, 2018	Established Ed and Helen Professorship Endowment, School of Earth and Space Exploration
Krosnick, Evelyn Regina	March 3, 2018	Patron of arts
Kruczynski, Paul J.	March 27, 2018	College/department affiliation unknown
Kuhn, Warren B.	February 19, 2018	ASU Libraries, Assistant Director
Lehrer, Leonard	May 8, 2018	Chair, Art Department; Founding Director of School of Art; Director of Print Research Facility and Director of Visual Arts Research Institute

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Lowe, Richard Wayne “Dick”	January 25, 2018	Poultry teacher, ASU Farm
McCook, Ronald Reed, Sr.	April 9, 2018	LDS Bishop of Young Single Adult Congregation
McDonald, John F.	April 26, 2018	Master Electrician
Mowrer, Donald Eugene	January 23, 2018	Associate Professor, Speech Pathology
Nebeker, Helen Elizabeth	January 15, 2018	Emeritus Professor, English
Nevin, Ann Irene	January 30, 2018	Professor Emerita, Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
O’Connell, Joel Lenzi	June 1, 2018	Coach, Sun Devils Diving Team; wife of Ward O’Connell, ASU Diving Coach (deceased)
Ohmart, Robert D. “Dr. O”	January 14, 2018	Professor, School of Life Sciences
Patterson, Shirley L.	April 10, 2018	Professor, School of Social Work
Peskin, Harvey	April 21, 2018	Father of Victor Peskin, Associate Professor, School of Politics and Global Studies
Plunkett, Paul	March 19, 2018	Professor, Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law
Randell, Randy James	February 7, 2018	ASU West, College/department affiliation unknown
Ricci-Borski, Marilyn	March 10, 2018	Faculty, College of Nursing
Richards, Philip Edward	April 29, 2018	Sun Devil football stat crew member
Richardson, Julia Kmetko	January 26, 2018	College/department affiliation unknown
Schlar, Edward	March 30, 2018	Business Instructor
Schrimsher, Max L.	May 1, 2018	Sun Angel Foundation Board Member
Sigler, Mary Elizabeth	June 9, 2018	Professor, Associate Dean, Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law
Smith, McDonald	December 16, 2012	Assistant Professor, Art History
Srinivas, Tracey L.	February 14, 2018	College/department affiliation unknown
Tathwell, Shirley Mae	April 7, 2018	College of Nursing Faculty
Unger, Frederick Richard	January 20, 2018	Mentor, ASU Entrepreneurship Program
Varela, Carmen Jimenez	June 3, 2018	Head Chef, Cafeteria
Votichenko, Helen T.	May 4, 2018	Faculty, French; wife of T. Alexander Votichenko, ASU Professor Emeritus of Philosophy (deceased)
Wagoner, Phyllis Patricia	April 2, 2011	Teaching Assistant, Art Department
Wellons, Pat Blankenship	April 7, 2018	Wife of Kennard Wellons, former assistant professor of Social Work
Wood, Betty	February 16, 2018	Secretary, School of Social Work
Woods, Joe	March 9, 2018	ASU East Board of Directors
Young, Ben “Mac” McCoy	May 3, 2018	Parking Administration Department
Young, Sharon Portwood	April 22, 2018	HR Data Consultant

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