

Homecoming Activities

The ASURA is planning to participate in the ASU Homecoming Block Party on November 6. This year's celebration will be bigger and better than last year's and we plan to have a tent where retirees can congregate and socialize. There will be food and liquid refreshment from a number of food booths. We will be in operation from the end of the Homecoming Parade (along University Dr. between 11:30 and 12:30) until the ASU/Stanford Football game at 4:30 PM. If there is interest, we will arrange for a block of tickets for those who want to attend the game with fellow retirees, and do not have season tickets. Please mail in to us the enclosed request for game tickets with a check. Homecoming booths will be set up to the north of Old Main. More information on the event can be found on the website at www.asu.edu/homecoming. This will be a good chance to meet long lost friends and students as well as your retired colleagues. It should be a memorable event.



Past Presidents Luncheon

President Scheatzle invited Association Past Presidents, along with current Executive Board members, for a luncheon at the Karsten Golf Clubhouse on July 22. All twelve living past presidents were able to attend. Diane Regner, our 5th president (1995-96) died in 2003. President Scheatzle briefed the attendees on current issues and asked for advice on leading the Association forward. June Payne took this group photo of the past presidents.



Past Presidents and friends – left to right, first row: Dave Scheatzle, Bob Ellis, Bob Beeman, Ann Pittman, Madelyn Wright, Mat Betz. Back Row: Dennis Kigin, Don Gieschen, Don Dotts, Hal White, George Morrell, Floyd Land, Quentin Bogart, Zeke Prust, Dean Smith.

Visit to Friendship Village

On August 17, Dean Smith of Friendship Village arranged for a luncheon of fellow residents who are ASU retirees/spouses. Guests were President Dave Scheatzle and Founding President Bob Ellis. Attendees heard of current activities in the ASU Retirees Association and had questions about coming changes to the health care insurance. Those Friendship Village residents attending were: Ann Armstrong, Ardys Bradburg, Frieda Davidson, Joel Dauten, Virginia Deever, Vivienne Gardner, Ann Hardt, Hal Hubele, Gordon and Nan Inskeep, Marie Rice, Milton and Mary Jane Shaw, Jean and Dean Smith.

Veterans' Day Golf Benefit



Dave Scheatzle, Linda Vollstedt and Frank Kush meet to plan Veterans' Day Golf Benefit.

Recall the ASU employee's golf tournaments? It has been a few years since they have had one, so ASURA is planning one for Veterans' Day, November 11 at 7:30 AM. The format is being changed to include ASU retirees and some alumni. Both Frank Kush and Linda Vollstedt have been advising us and we have lined up Bobby Winkles, ASU's legendary former baseball coach of three NCAA championship teams, to participate. Other senior ASU administrators (VPs and Deans), notable alums and retirees, have committed to participate.

The tournament will be at Starfire (formerly Scottsdale CC). We are keeping player registration fees at cost -- \$65 -- that includes golf, cart and lunch. This will be a benefit for the ASU Retirees Association's ongoing Video History Project (video/oral histories of noted persons associated with ASU) and funds will be raised by sponsorships.

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Arizona State University Retirees Association

ASURA has a volunteer-staffed office in the ASU Visitor Information Center, Rural Rd. and Apache Blvd. (northwest corner) in Tempe, Arizona. Office hours are generally Monday through Friday, 9 AM to noon and 1 to 4 PM. Phone: 480-965-7668; Fax: 480-965-7807 ASURA Website:

<http://aspin.asu.edu/asura/index.htm>

The tournament format will be a "modified scramble." This means that each foursome will take the best drive of the four players; then everyone plays their own ball from there until sinking their putt. The best two balls are counted for team prize.

If you would like a tournament flyer with more details and a registration form, contact Dave Scheatzle scheatzle@asu.edu (480) 967 9224 or see our website at <http://aspin.asu.edu/asura/Golfers.htm>

New Legislative Liaison Co-chairs

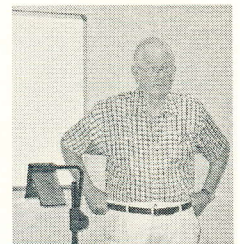
At the end of the 2004 Legislative Session Bob Mings and Alan Johnson "retired" as Legislative Liaison Co-chairs after 4 and 3 years, respectively, of dedicated and appreciated service. Although they will continue to work on the committee, taking their place as our liaison with the legislature are Jerry Aronson and Alan Matheson.

Health Insurance Briefings

During August, Dick Murra conducted briefings for former Cigna insured members. These briefings were in great demand due to the need for all to re-enroll. Again in September and October he was advising persons regarding their Pacificare policies options. Dick is one of our most valuable resources. He has consistently made himself available to anyone with health insurance questions, both members and non-members.

Dick has been at ASU since 1971 when he came as an AF colonel to head the Air Force ROTC program. His 30 year career found him flying B-24s during WWII and later managing procurement and logistics activities at locations around the world. Upon retirement, he assumed a position at ASU directing employee benefits and later Director of HR.

Photo: Dick Murra briefing members on health care insurance changes.



Calendar of events

Homecoming Block Party/Football Game... Sat., Nov 6
 Mayo Clinic Luncheon (11am-1:30pm) Wed., Nov. 17
 Holiday Reception at
 Visitor Information Center (1-4pm) Tues., Dec. 14
 Memorial Union Holiday Coffee (9-11am). Wed., Dec. 1
 Retirees Day (8:45am-2pm) Sat., Feb. 19
 ASU Legislative Picnic (11:30am) Mon., Feb. 21
 Annual Meeting (1-4pm) Th., April 21

Staff Appreciation Luncheon



On June 22, Corrine Irvan Marilyn Wahl and Martha Waltemath organized a luncheon at the Landmark Restaurant to show appreciation for

the volunteers who spend a half day each week to keep our office in the Visitor Information Center operating. Those being honored were: Pat Skinner, Gale Richards, Carol Moore, Maxine LaRoux, Bob Beeman, Ed Scannel, Marilyn Wahl, Martha Waltemath. Doug Sanford the new Thursday afternoon volunteer started in August.

Fall Luncheon at Mayo Clinic



We have arranged a fall luncheon program at the Mayo Clinic on Shea Blvd. for Wednesday, November 17.

Association members are invited to a luncheon program at the Mayo Clinic's auditorium on Shea Blvd. on Wednesday,

November 17th. Brenda Scheatzle has been working with (our own) Susan Dolbert, Mayo Development Officer, on arrangements. Briefings by the Clinic's medical staff include: Dr. Richard Caselli, chair of the neurosciences department who will be discussing the "Ethics of Genetic Testing." Also, Dr. Rafael Fonseca, a physician-researcher, will present "What's Happening in Cancer Research."

A buffet lunch is included. Cost is \$8 if you arrange your own transportation and \$17 if you desire bus transportation from the Tempe Library. Space is limited. Reservations made by mailing in the reservation (see insert) form with your check.

Photo: Brenda Scheatzle and Susan Dolbert

Use of ASU Email Accounts

For those members who have asu.edu email addresses, they should not use them to contact their respective legislators Here is a website where you can acquire a free email account:

<http://billing.mail.yahoo.com/bm/MailReg?.v=8>

Want to be a writer?

We would like volunteers for the Prime Times editorial board. The board will meet periodically to discuss possible topics, then develop written pieces on subjects such as: member human interest, historical anecdotes, travel, volunteer activities, obituaries, etc. If you would like to contribute contact Dave Scheatzle at scheatzle@asu.edu or 480 967 9224.

ASURA Volunteerism

Three keys to health and happiness are:

1. Exercise
2. Diet
3. Staying connected

We all know about the first two – they have been publicized ad nauseum over the years – but researchers are stressing more and more the importance of social interaction in maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

And what easier avenue to stay connected with others and serve a useful purpose in our retirement years than through ASURA volunteerism. The environment is one we're already familiar with; we already have much in common with our co-volunteers; and there is something for everyone in the areas we serve.

Do you like helping those less fortunate? There's the Adopt-A-Family program. Do you like planning and effecting change? Perhaps one of the committees is the place for you.

Culture and art? The Art Museum and Gammage Auditorium use many volunteers. The Central Arizona Science Fair for 4th through 12th graders is hosted by ASU annually and needs help in all areas – set-up people through judges. Helpers will be needed at the upcoming ASU Veterans Day Benefit Golf Tournament. The opportunities are endless.

Most of ASURA's solicitations for assistance are via email. An appeal goes out and you have the option of replying or not. If you are not already on the volunteer list, consider dipping your toe in the waters by calling the office (965-7668) and asking for a volunteer opportunity list or emailing peggy.randolph@asu.edu and asking to be placed on the volunteer email list.

Our volunteers have found that the more active they are in the organization, the more interesting it becomes. The old saying, "You get out of it what you put into it" is never more appropriate than when applied to your ASU Retirees Association.

Peggy Randolph

Volunteer Opportunities Off Campus

There are so many ways to give back to our community and while you are probably well aware of the opportunities to volunteer within the ASU community thanks to the good work of ASURA's Volunteer Coordinator, Peggy Randolph, this column will address some of the many opportunities off campus. So, if you haven't found your niche yet at ASU and are thinking about volunteering, here are some other suggestions.

ASURA recently received a note from Fred Fehr who is acting as a contact for Pappas Schools. Fred is developing a mentoring program for homeless children. If you would be interested in this wonderful opportunity to make a difference in a child's life, please call Fred at (602) 840-1604 or email him at Fred.Fehr@asu.edu. Pappas Schools also give tours of their facilities for those interested. The Phoenix contact for those is Kay Ercius at (602) 452-4770. Fred would really like to hear from you. The Tempe Elementary Pappas School phone # is (480) 557-6211. The phone # for the Phoenix Elementary School is (602) 452-4750. The Junior High/Senior High School is (602) 452-4737.

Other volunteer options might include working at a local hospital, volunteering at a nearby elementary school (or junior high or high school); a museum, the zoo, or the Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity; Hospice or needs within your church. There are many volunteer positions for a specific event only; for example, the Jerry Lewis Telethon that just passed often has need for volunteers for one 4-hour shift during the telethon. Most hospital volunteer jobs want you to make a commitment to 4 hours per week. However, some may be willing to modify that based on the work you would be doing and the time you have to donate.

With a national election upon us now would be a wonderful time to volunteer for your chosen political party or your preferred candidate. All would welcome volunteers for many different tasks.

Because I volunteer at St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix, I am very aware of their need for volunteers in many different capacities. Their phone number is (602) 406-3020 and their Volunteer Coordinator is Erik Mindermann.

You can reach the Tempe Volunteer Office at (480) 350-5190. Their website is www.tempe.gov/volunteer. Phoenix has 18 different phone numbers listed in the phone book for different volunteer needs. The list is in the Blue Pages of the East Valley phone book. Mesa's

contact person is Shelia Byrne, Senior Human Resources Analyst. Her phone # is 480-644-5031.

There is a wonderful website, for those of you with computer web access: www.volunteermatch.org. It has a listing of 298 (on the day I checked) volunteer opportunities – everything from dog walking for Paw Placement; an art gallery aide (Mesa) sewing volunteers, Girl Scouts, the Red Cross, a need for help building a burrowing owl habitat tutors, etc. As you can see, if you have the time and the inclination there are no limits to the ways you can make a difference.

We will have volunteer materials in the office for those who are interested.

If you have other suggestions on where to volunteer or if you would like to write a short article about the place you volunteer we'd love to hear all about it. Please address it to the Prime Times Editor.

Brenda Scheatzle

What has ASURA done for you?

Our Retirees Association Serves

It would be hard to find an ASU-related association that has accomplished more for its members, for our university, and for Arizona higher education than has the ASU Retirees Association. In a little more than a decade, our members have achieved and surpassed the most ambitious goals set by those who brought ASURA into being.

Here are only a few of the association's accomplishments: Legislative Liaison: In concert with the retiree groups from our two sister universities, we have been successful in protecting the state retirement fund, winning cost of living increases for retirees, and supporting legislation favorable to Arizona higher education.

Retirees' Day: Our highly successful February event, produced by the Education Committee, has brought scores of speakers to the campus. Computer classes and seminars of several kinds are also sponsored by this active committee. Scholarships: ASURA provides aid for worthy students each year.

Adopt-a-Family: Providing aid to a needy family each year warms everyone's hearts.

Keeping our retirees family together: With ASURA we have a home, and a means of keeping in touch with each other.

Providing a voice for ASU retirees in many areas: Without ASURA, retirees would have no means of making their wishes known. Our thousand members are listened to by those in power.

Dean Smith

New Members – “What I did when I retired”

Elmer Gooding

Immediately after beginning my retirement last May, my wife and I went on a study abroad program to Ireland. We both registered for and took a course in photography--one of my hobbies. We learned about how to take photos as well as how to edit them using Photoshop. The course lasted five weeks, so we had the opportunity not only to learn photography, but also to tour Ireland. It was a great experience.



Ralph Lockwood

Professor of Music Emeritus Ralph Lockwood has continued an active rôle as a freelance musician in the Phoenix area. He played French horn in the final concerts of Maestro Hermann Michael with the Phoenix Symphony, and decided it was a propitious time to “retire” himself from public performances as a horn player. However, he and his two-piano partner, Larry Loeber perform frequently, with recent recitals for The Spirit of the Senses, and at Friendship Village in Tempe.

The Phoenix Symphony has asked him to conduct members of the orchestra in a special gala concert - THE GLORY OF BRASS - at the Orpheum Theatre in March, 2005, and he will participate as harpsichordist in 8 performances of Händel’s ‘Messiah’ in December. He continues to conduct the ceremonial brass choir at ASU commencements, as he has done for over 20 years.”

Carol Grebel,

Retired from CAED and instead of gold watch she and husband, Don, received plane fare to NYC and tickets to the Lion King. Her report:

“The Lion King.” It’s not just for little kids. It’s for big kids, too. Amazing costumes, puppetry, music and atmosphere. Fun, fun, fun!

The next day, the “Show Biz” tour that was private as no one else signed up. First stop, the New Amsterdam Theater where we had seen Lion King. Saw the ready-to-go costumes in the tiny backstage wings where the actors change during performances. Listened to the history of the beautifully refurbished venue. And, of

course, heard about a ghost sighting--former Zigfield girl and Flo Zigfield girlfriend. Toured the art-deco Radio City Music Hall, had a photo op with a Rockette, and did the NBC studio tour. Wound up the day with an up-close and personal performance by the female lead from “Urban Cowboy,” a short-running musical from earlier this year. Saw “Chicago” that evening. Lots of fun music and dancing. Half-price tickets for the Sunday matinee of “Wonderful Town. Monday, we were part of those silly people outside the “Today Show.” Ann Curry autographed our New York City tour book and we shook hands with Al Roker. Then walked to Central Park. Decided that we could see the most for our short remaining time by taking the horse-drawn carriage ride. Topped it off with a pastrami sandwich at the Carnegie Deli. Then back to our hotel for the ride to the airport. Left with a good tired feeling.

Roger Carter

I borrowed a friend’s narrow boat “Ella Alexandra” and cruised into the heart of England. We sailed up the Thames from Weybridge through Henley and Windsor to Reading. At Reading, we turned off on to the Kennet and Avon canal and worked our way through Newbury to Hungerford. “Worked” is a very appropriate word here, because the K&A canal locks are very heavy and there are many swing and lift bridges to operate along the way. Unlike the Thames, there are no lock keepers or electric locks on the canals, all of the locks are manually operated by the boat crew.

Both the Thames and the Kennet are scenically gorgeous and historically fascinating. We passed Windsor Castle and visited the memorial gallery of the artist Stanley Spencer in Cookham.



Marjorie Lightfoot

After attending the Virginia Woolf Conference and presenting a paper in Bloomsbury, London, this summer, I saw lots of plays and museums and art galleries, as well as Woolf’s Monk’s House and Vanessa Bell’s Charleston. I relaxed on a week’s cruise on the Norfolk Broads with Sandra Nagy (WAC), Leslie Chilton (Writing Center) and an English friend, Diane Brooker. The speed limit was usually four mph! Now I’m taking a course on William Blake’s art and poetry with Tony Gully and Mark Lussier. Retirement is great.

Marjorie Lightfoot

Professor Emeritus of English and Women's Studies

Obits

Volunteers, including Patty Kelly and Becky Reiss, regularly read obituary notices in the two local newspapers looking for items about retirees, their spouses, current ASU employees and ASU affiliates. In most cases the deceased is not known to them personally. Some may be missed because ASU is not mentioned in the article. Please call or write to us if you know of someone whose death should be reported in Prime Times. We would like to have name, age, city of residence, date of death, and ASU department and title. Survivors should include names of spouse and children, if possible. Even without all of that information, please send us whatever you have. Notices in this issue include all of those received since the last issue through mid October.

JoAnn Patten Allen, 72, Tempe, died May 24. Worked for Dr. G. Hamm in the Student Affairs Office.

Survived by husband Richard (of 54 years) and three daughters, 5 great-grandchildren, a sister and a brother..

Aletha Helen Ashley, 90, Tempe Friendship Village, died June 7.

Rayma Louise Bachmann Neeb, 102, Chandler, died June 26. She was married to Lewis S. Neeb (Neeb Hall) who taught at ASU and passed away in 1958. Founder and past president of the Tempe Women's City Club. Mrs. Neeb was a retired teacher and executive secretary for the State Board of Technical Registration. She is survived by daughter Rayma-Lew Craver of San Diego and son, Lewis S. Neeb II of Grand Terrace, CA; two grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Margaret Barkley, 87, Tempe, died June 9. She was professor of Home Economics Education and also affiliated with the College of Education. She is survived by her daughters, Marsha and Sharon, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Laurie E. Chase, 71 Mesa, died August 1. She was assistant to five ASU Presidents. She began her career at ASU as an assistant to Kathryn Gammage. She also worked for Presidents G. Homer Durham, John Schwada, and Russell Nelson, as well as acting President Harry K. Newburn. President J. Russell Nelson, the last ASU president she served said "she was a devoted worker who really dedicated her life to the Office of the President." Laurie was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1995. She had no close relatives and was buried beside her mother in the state of Maine.

John M. Cowley, 81, died May 18. Regents Professor Emeritus in the Department of Physics. See "In Memory" in the June 11, 2004 ASU Insight.

Elizabeth Craft, 61, died May 25. As an Adjunct Professor, she taught group communications and became the first instructional television coordinator at ASU's Interactive Instructional Television System. See "In Memory" in the June 11, 2004 ASU

Betty Joan Curby, 70, Mesa, died June 7. Employed for over 20 years at ASU. Betty is survived by her daughter Cathleen Weeks and husband Tony, and her son Christopher and his wife Brittney as well as her grandsons, Tyler, Conner, Tanner, CJ and McCade.

Roy Doyle, died August 22. Professor Doyle became principal of the Payne Training School in 1959. Later an Associate Dean in the College of Education, then for many years supervising student-teacher placement for the metropolitan Phoenix public schools. He had more than 50 years in serving the education profession.

Leona L. Dudek, 94, Phoenix Beatitudes, died April 25. Associate Professor of Education. She is survived by her daughter Ellen and son-in-law Robert Strickland, 3 grandsons and 3 great-grandsons.

Lola May Ellsworth, 99, Tempe Friendship Village, died September 25. Lola spent 35 years teaching Home Economics at the University, serving as chairman of the Clothing and Textile Department, then retiring in 1972. She is survived by 19 nephews and 20 nieces and numerous grand and great grand nephews and nieces. Lola was a loyal fan of ASU sports. Her favorite activity was attending thoroughbred racing.

John Ernst Freund, 83, Paradise Valley, died August 14. Born in Berlin, a professor in Probability and Statistics and a prolific author on the subject. His wife of 55 years survives him. A son, Douglas Eric (Tracy) lives in Jerome, AZ, and a second son, John Ernst Jr. lives in Seattle.

Melvin Jesse Frost, 83, in Utah. Retired as Professor of Geography in 1985. He is survived by his wife Maxine, children David (Sharon) Motry, Emalee (William) Brock, Susan (Larkin) Palmer, Luisa (William) Harper, Melvin (Heather) Frost, Robert (Claudia) Frost, Rita (Mark) Clair and Paul (Denise) Frost; 39 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and siblings, Willamelia Barton, Pearl Lewis and Kent Frost.

Oscar Joe Garduno, 57, Mesa, died May 5. A dedicated ASU employee before his illness of the last nine years. He is survived by Mary Lou, his wife of 37 years, daughters, Joanna Garduno, Anna Marie Saldana, Nancy Garduno and son Albert, 13 grand-children and 1 great-grandchild.

Mary Sabel Girard, 90, Peoria, died April 6. After a long career in personnel and counseling she taught ASU courses in Sun City during 83-87.

Denise Anne Jackson, 46, Tempe, died June 2004. Was executive assistant in the Department of Physics and Astronomy. Survived by mother Mary and father Floyd, brothers, Thomas and Timothy. Donations accepted in her name at Hospice of the Valley.

Toby Radasky Kornreich, 52, Paradise Valley, died May 25. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Michael Kornreich and their children, Leslie, Marley, and Jay, and her brother David of Prairie Village, Kansas. She was a longtime Senior Research Analyst for the Morrison Institute for Public

Policy. Served as legislative liaison both in the US Congress and for Governor Bruce Babbitt. She was the daughter of Holocaust survivors. Donations to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raul Wallenberg Place, SW, Washington, D.C. 20024.

James G. Landis, 74, Mesa, died June 30. After a 20 year career in the Air Force, he retired from maintenance in 1992 after 24 years of service. He is survived by his wife Georgia Ann; daughter Joni Akehurst; sons, Robert C. (Jeanette), Timothy P. (Beverly) Landis; one granddaughter and two great grandsons.

Paul E. Livermore, 75 Mesa, died July 4. Graduated from Arizona State Teachers College in 1951. Taught mathematics at ASU before moving to Phoenix College. Paul is survived by his wife Betty Jo, his daughters Janet Whalen and Vivian Wolf and by his son Matthew Livermore. Also survived by 11 grandchildren and one niece.

Duff Stuart MacDougall, 46, Phoenix, died June 12. He worked in the Maricopa Room at the MU for over 15 years. Duff was a guest speaker for every introduction to the Education of Exceptional Children Class at ASU since 1971.

John Daniel Magee, 88, Phoenix, died August 18. Worked in Facilities Management as a carpenter. Survived by his son Barry of phoenix, sister Barbara Rossman of Reading, Pa. and two grandsons.

Steven John Patterson, 56, Phoenix, died July 28. Head basketball coach at Arizona State University from 1985-89. Played on three NCAA basketball championship teams at UCLA. Played 5 seasons in the NBA. After leaving ASU, he founded the Grand Canyon State Games and was President of the Super Bowl XXX Host Committee while operating a sports marketing firm. He is survived by his wife Charlotte; by his children, John of San Francisco; Brent of Los Altos; Amanda, Sara, and Makena of Phoenix; his mother, Jean Patterson; and his brothers Robert and Tim. Donations can be made to Steve's sports ministry, in his name at the website "thegoal.com."

Mary V. Perez, died August 20. Born in Tempe and retired after working as a cook for 20 years. She is survived by 1 son Charlie V. Perez Jr. and 1 daughter Rose Aarroyo; 9 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Barbara Joan Pizzicaroli, 71, Tempe, died August 7. She was a docent at the ASU Art Museum. She is survived by her husband Joseph of 50 years, sons Joseph C. and John A. and two grandchildren. Donations: Hospice of the Valley.

Richard Duke Pryle, 81, Tempe, died in August. Employed in the maintenance department.

I. Gayle Shuman, 71, Tempe, died June 8. Retired Associate Professor and director of Justice Studies. Former career in the FBI. Received PhD from ASU. Also served as director of ASU housing and campus security. He is survived by his wife Barbara Shuman of Tempe, brother Don Shuman of Annandale, Va., sister Suzy Hessman of Sun Lakes.

Carol Waters, 62, formerly a resident of Mesa and a long-time employee with the Information Technology Department at ASU, died June 20, 2004, at her residence in Aiken, South Carolina. Services were held July 11 at her residence, with her brother, Tom Blank of Oakdale, Minnesota officiating. Ms. Waters was an active member of Master Gardeners and the Nature Conservancy. In addition to her brother, she is survived by her mother, Julia Blank, and her sister, Marilyn Miller of Vero Beach, Florida. She was predeceased by husband Gene Waters, who had been an adjunct faculty member teaching computer science classes, as well as an employee of Garrett Air Research of Phoenix. Memorial contributions may be made to the Nature Conservancy, P.O. Box 5476, Columbia, SC 29250 or to the Republican Party.

New Members

Per A. Aannestad	Physics/Astronomy
George Henry Bell	Noble Library
Wendle R. Bertelsen	Architecture
James P. Birk	Chem/Biochem
J. Jay Braun	Psychology
Sandra J. Bray	Libraries
Roger Carter	Distance Learning
Patricia Cluff	Speech/Hearing (Spouse)
Donald W. Collins	Mech/Mfg (ASU East)
Thomas B. Domagala	Garage
Barbara Durand	Nursing
Bob Francis	Student Development
Isabelle Goveia	AZ Prevention Resource
Carol Grebel	Architecture and Envir. Design
James L. Grono	Facility Management (ASU East)
Arthur J. Haley	Recr Mgt/Tourism
Kathryn M. Harris	English
Judith Heilala	MBA Program Office
William L. Hendricksen	Language and Lit
Michael Kroelinger	Architecture and Envir. Design
Marjorie Lightfoot	English
Ralph Lockwood	Music
Wanda Loveless	Development
Lawrence Mankin	Public Affairs
Mary Marzke	Anthropology
Joe Matt	Institutional Analysis
Patrick J. McGowan	Political Science
Edward Nelsen	Education
Kathryn L. Odle	Library
Robert Pangrazi	Kinesiology
Beverly Reinhart	Counseling and Consultation
Harvey Sager	Library
Doug Sanford	Facilities Management (ASU East)
Helen J. Seaton	Noble Science Library
Judith Smith	Public Relations
S. Daniel Swaim	Music
Christy G. Turner	Anthropology
George Umberson	Music
L. Teresa Valdivieso	Language and Lit
David C. Vining	Theatre
Reba Wilson	Physics/Astronomy

President's message

First let me thank those persons who have served our Association with great dedication and who have now passed their responsibilities on to the next "generation." Both Legislative Liaison Chairs, Alan Johnson, who served for 5 years (three years as co-chair), and Bob Mings, who served 7 years (four years as co-chair), have done a great job. We are fortunate to have able replacements -- Jerry Aronson and Alan Matheson. Another person to whom we owe a great deal of thanks for dedicated service is Rocky Macky, our Prime Times Editor for the past 3 years. She brought a new style with more photos that probably made it the best newsletter among the three State universities.

Also, I want to thank Tom Dezelsky for his work with the Activities Committee, particularly in his help with organizing the Christmas Luncheon. Stepping in to lead the Activities Committee, with some ambitious plans for the coming year, are co-chairs Stan Brown and Mike Lupnacca.

I have recently returned from my 50th High School reunion in Akron, OH. It reminded me of how things change and that nothing is certain. Akron was once the "Rubber Capital of the World," as the signs proclaimed when you entered the city limits. Now the signs read

"Home of LeBron James." Of the "big four" tire companies, only Goodyear remains, and tires are no longer manufactured in the town. Most of my classmates are retired and I heard some disturbing retirement stories. Buyouts and financial difficulties of Corporations make once sure-thing pensions questionable. Persons near retirement from once solid large corporations are considering taking their retirement benefits as a cash buyout rather than taking the risk of their pension checks stopping. One person's father, who had retired some time ago from a steel company, received a letter saying that his pension was ending the next month. The Ohio teachers' retirement benefits program, once a model for the US, has suffered because of Enron investments. Their health care benefits are no longer free. So my trip made me realize how fortunate we are to have a financially stable retirement fund for our state employees. We owe this in part to the specific work our organization (and that of the other two state university retirement associations) has done to protect the State retirement funds from legislative manipulation and to provide cost of living adjustments. Our legislative liaison committee will continue to push for relief from the rising cost of health care. Since our influence in the legislature is related to our membership numbers, we will continually emphasize recruiting. Although nothing is certain, those of us in the State retirement system can have a positive outlook.

Dave Scheatzle



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