

## Education Activities

- A variety of seminars are held throughout the year. One recurring seminar is held each October to address questions and issues associated with health insurance open enrollment. The Spring 2020 seminar topics included “10 Things Nobody Tells You When You Age” and “Elder Law & Preparing for Passing”.
- The Annual Meeting in April features a key speaker on a topic of interest to our ASURA members.



### - January 2020 Seminar -

Elaine Poker-Yount, Visiting Angels East Valley (L) and Beverly Buddee, Chair, ASURA Seminars (R)

## Fundraising

Most of ASURA's operating funds come from annual membership and additional member donations. We also receive support from ASU through the Office of Human Resources and through various fundraising activities.

- ASURA collects book donations for on-line sales through the Friends of the Phoenix Public Library, a local non-profit organization. If you, or someone you know, have books to donate please contact the ASURA office and a member will respond with donation details.
- ASURA has also held golf tournaments, bake sales and arts/crafts sales.



## ASURA

### Board Officers

2020-2021

President  
Carl Cross

Vice President  
Larry Edmonds

Past President  
Jan Thompson

Secretary  
Jane Carey

Treasurer  
Jill Massara



### - Past ASURA Presidents -

Jeri Meeks (17-18), Doug Johnson (07-08), Connie McNeill (10-11), Hal White (90-91), Jo Madonna (14-15), Mary Stevens (09-10), Jim Formdwalt (15-16), Dave Scheatzle (04-05), Barry McNeill (13-14), and Elmer Gooding (05-06)

## How to Contact ASURA

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- Bill Stasi & Jeri Meeks -

## Who is ASURA

ASU Retirees Association (ASURA) is an all-volunteer organization of retirees: faculty, academic professionals, administrative and university staff. It was founded in the spring of 1991 and currently has over 800 members. ASURA advocates for retirees' interests, provides a scholarship for a returning ASU student, and offers events and seminars for its members. Besides allocating office space to ASURA and to our Video History Project, ASU also provides access to university facilities for its meetings and seminars. More information about our friendly and collegial organization can be found in this brochure.

## How to Join

All new ASU retirees are automatically enrolled in ASURA within three months of retirement. If you retired before **October 2016**, are either a former ASU employee or a retiree from another university, and wish to become a member, go to <https://asura.asu.edu> and choose “Join the ASURA” from the **Membership** menu. All new memberships are **FREE** through June 2021.



- Spring 2020 ASU Staff BBQ at West Campus -  
Trudy Perez and Barry Bruns representing ASURA

### Fun and Social Activities

- ASURA sponsors an annual “Meet & Greet Pizza Party,” a holiday potluck, luncheons with entertainment and speakers, and an array of other social events.
- ASURA also organizes local, state, national and international travel opportunities.



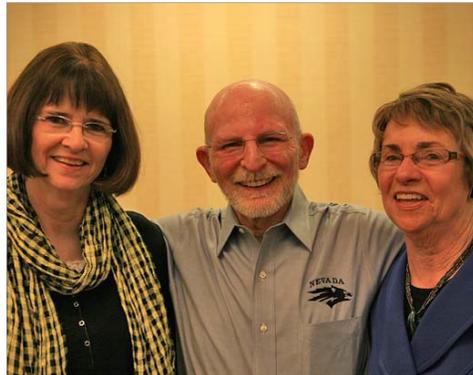
- Spring 2020, John Denver Tribute -  
(right-left) Joy Shearman, Marge Garrity, Betty Ludlow  
and Joy’s friend, Linda

### Monitoring Retirement Benefits and Health Insurance

- Representatives attend meetings of the Arizona State Retirement System and report back on changes which may impact retirees.
- ASURA lobbyists monitor proposed legislation that impacts our retirees and have also testified before legislative committees regarding pending bills.
- Committees review the provisions of the various health plans during open enrollment periods and hold a seminar for members to explain the plans.

### Preserving ASU History

The ASURA Video History Project conducts interviews with former ASU personnel. There are currently over 125 interviews which are available in a variety of formats: DVD, online from Hayden Library, or YouTube clips. See the ASURA website, <https://asura.asu.edu/VideoHistory>, for details.



- Dr. Milton Glick, VHP Interview -  
Linda Van Scoy (editor, Video History Project Chair),  
Dr. Milton Glick, and Ruth Jones (Interviewer)

### Community Outreach

- The “Adopt-a-Family” program assists needy families at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter and also provides school supplies to the children each school term.
- Scholarships are awarded to adult students returning to school.



- 2020-2021 ASURA -  
Scholarship Recipient:  
Monique Rodriguez

### Communication

- ASURA publishes a newsletter, *Prime Times*, which reports on current events and publishes articles of interest to our retirees. Past issues can be found at <https://asura.asu.edu/PrimeTimes>.
- Obituaries are monitored daily and those for people who have worked at ASU are then sent by e-mail to members who wish to receive this information.
- Members are notified by e-mail about current important topics and upcoming events in the monthly *Enews* publication.
- ASURA maintains a website, <https://asura.asu.edu>, with current information for members including member contact information.