

NAU Retirees *FLASH*

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Fall 2019

Fall Picnic in the Park

Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019

Place: FoxGlenn Park (FoxGlenn St. & Butler Ave)

Program: Preview of Athletic Events at NAU

Bill Falk, Account Executive for Ticket Sales in the NAU Athletic Department, will be joining us for our September 4th picnic at Foxglen Park to share information about successes among the various athletic programs and a preview of some of the exciting times ahead for NAU athletics. Football and men's basketball are moving ahead under new head coaches. The volleyball team will be seeking another Big Sky championship, while swimming and diving carries on successful times in the WAC. The outstanding performances of track and field and cross country are legendary. Bill will be able to provide information on all NAU sports, including opportunities to attend many sporting events free of charge.
--**Harlan Johnson**, Athletics Department Liaison



We will have raffle and games such as ladder ball toss and corn hole toss along with frisbees to throw and walking in the park.

Bring: Sunscreen, hat (though the ramada has good shade), chair or pad for picnic table

Social Time: 11:30 AM

Lunch: Noon

Price: \$10 per person

Menu: Catered by Bigfoot BBQ:

Hickory Smoked Pulled Pork,
Hickory Smoked Pulled Chicken
Vegetarian-Vegan Option: Vegie-Que Barbecue
Green Garden Salad
Desserts
Drinks and water

Make picnic reservations by Tuesday, August 27, 2019. Enclosed with this newsletter is a reservation form for the Fall Picnic. Please fill out the form and enclose your check for **\$10 per person**. Your **reservation form** and **check must** be mailed in advance and received **no later than August 27, 2019**.

Mail your completed reservation form and check to:

Treasurer, NAURA

NAU Box 5601

Flagstaff AZ 86011-5601

A pre-paid reservation is required.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greeting to NAU Retirees!

It has been an unsettling few weeks in Flagstaff with the uncertainty of the Museum Fire's sudden tower of smoke, to the rapid response of fire resources dumping fire retardant on the fire and the huge ground crew. Now preparations for flooding in Sunnyside and adjacent areas with walls of sandbags and barriers that keep growing are prompting memories of the Schultz Fire and flooding and the Radio Fire of 1977.



Contrast this with remembering the hope of the Apollo 11 mission, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind". Flagstaff and NAU have close connections to these events that have brought us together. The NAURA also brings us together.

We are changing up the luncheon this fall and having a picnic instead of a formal luncheon. We will still have our highly anticipated Christmas Luncheon at the Double Tree in December. Foxglenn Park is a great place for an event where folks can mingle, renew old friendships and make new ones. The picnic will be catered by Bigfoot BBQ and we will bring some games for fun. There will also be a raffle to support our student scholarship fund and an update by NAU Athletics.

Many thanks to Shannan Rice for arranging the wonderful tour of the new Kitt Recital Hall, a beautiful much needed addition to the NAU campus. I would also like to express my sincere thanks to our outgoing president Kathe Shinham for her leadership this past year and for her efforts organizing the I-17 road cleanup by Ft. Tuthill, which went very well this past June. She has volunteered to continue coordination cleanup events with the next one coming this October 9th. Also, thanks to Jennifer Prior for organizing the raffles supporting the scholarship fund, to Rich Bowen for his willingness to serve as our president-elect, and to the rest of the Executive Committee for their service this past year. Please consider getting more involved in one of our two open volunteer positions, ASRS liaison or membership records.

I hope all of you are enjoying your retirement finding more time for family, friends, and enriching experiences. Please forward suggestions for events or programs or perhaps concerns you have to a member of the Executive Committee, contact information can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Enjoy the rest of summer and this fall. See you at the fall picnic!

John Nauman
NAURA President

NAURA INTEREST GROUPS

Membership has its privileges. As NAURA members, you have the opportunity to participate in various interest groups.

GALS' LUNCH GROUP

Meets the second Wednesday of each month at a variety of restaurants in Flagstaff.

Contacts:

Eudora Larson 928-774-0438

Or

Fay Allen 928-774-2449 or e-mail
rf@npgcable.com

Once on the list, you will receive either a phone call or e-mail, your choice, each month identifying the restaurant for 11:30 lunch.

STAG MEN'S LUNCH GROUP

Meets the second Wednesday of each month at a variety of restaurants in Flagstaff.

Contact:

Ernie Kurmes 928-526-6262
or e-mail ernest.kurmes@nau.edu

Once on the list, you will receive either a phone call or e-mail, your choice, each month identifying the restaurant for 11:30 lunch.

1st EVER...HAPPY HOUR

We will begin having happy hour the third Wednesday of each month at a variety of restaurants around town. Our first will be at 1899 Bar & Grill on August 21.

Contact Jennifer Prior if you would like to get on the list for updates on monthly locations:

Jennifer.prior@nau.edu



HIGHWAY CLEANUP

The NAU Retirees Association has participated in the Arizona Department of Transportation Adopt a Highway program since 1994.

Our I-17 highway pickup is a mile stretch near Flagstaff Pulliam Airport, south of Flagstaff twice a year. Our last adventure was on June 4. We had perfect weather and 9 hardworking volunteers.

Our next clean-up is scheduled for October 9 @ 9:00. Meet at Ft. Tuthill. Please contact Shannan Rice at (928) 523-3152 or Shannan.Rice@nau.edu if you would like to join us.

Continuing a Distinguished Tradition... Scholarship!

We will be having a scholarship raffle at the Fall picnic on Sept. 4 with great prizes! Come ready to buy raffle tickets to support our scholarship fund. If you have anything you would like to donate, such as gift cards, museum passes, gift items, etc., please contact Jennifer Prior at Jennifer.Prior@nau.edu or 928-266-5228.



NEW MEMBERS OF NAU RETIREES ASSOCIATION

Michael Blocher
 Bruce Bryant
 Dora Donovan
 David Elliott
 Verna Ellsworth
 Tim Fleming
 John Hagood
 Susan Hannon
 Stephanie Lopez

Kooros Mahmoudi
 Lynn McKeever
 Linn Montgomery
 Gregory Neal
 Robert Norton
 Garrett Roberts
 Larry Watkins
 Richard Wiggall

May Retirees

Mary Culver	Sherry Nahpi
Cassandra Dakan	Walter Nolan
Thomas Fetsco	Willard Ott
Rosalinda Haddon	Peggy Pollak
Stephen Holdeman	Enid Rossi

If we missed anyone who retired this past May please send it to my attention—Sherry.Markel@nau.edu

IN MEMORY

Compiled by Sherry Markel

Our condolences to the families of these NAU retirees, spouses, and faculty members who have recently passed away in 2018 –2019. (Information is from published obituaries except where noted.) If you know of a retiree or spouse who has died, please contact Sherry Markel : Sherry.Markel@nau.edu.

Donard Arganright 79, passed away August 25, 2018. He is survived by his beloved wife Jenine. Don had teaching and administrative positions at the University of California, Berkeley, the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and Northern Arizona University. He was elected as a Fellow of American Foresters in 2003. Don enjoyed a variety of activities during his lifetime, but being out of doors and camping were two of his greatest pleasures. He loved doing projects in his shop in the barn, watching sports, reading and cooking. He adored all his dogs. Don was a member of the San Antonio Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees for 12 years.

Andrew O'Dell. 70, Associate Professor of Physics and Astronomy, Emeritus, Northern Arizona University, passed away suddenly from a heart attack at the Golden Spike Celebration at Promontory, Utah on May 10, 2019, the exact date of the 150th anniversary of the joining of the rails that created the first Transcontinental Railroad. The author of many publications and lectures on astronomy and historic railroads, he was actively involved in astronomical research at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, and was affiliated with the University of Arizona and the Steward Observatory in Tucson.

Kenneth and Leanne Rumery

Leanne Elinore Rumery, age 81, passed away May 25, 2019. A resident of Flagstaff for 48 years, she first taught stringed instruments in the Flagstaff Public School System, and later played violin in the Flagstaff Symphony. In 1978 she began her career as an innovative senior instructor in the Northern Arizona University Speech and Communication Department, retiring as Division Chair in 2000. She did her doctoral studies at the University of Boulder, Co, and at NAU. She was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth Ray Rumery.

Kenneth Ray Rumery age 83, died June 16, 2016. He was born in Omaha, Nebraska . He received his Doctorate of Musical Arts from the University of Colorado in 1971 and joined the Music Department of Northern Arizona University from which he retired in 1999. He was principal French horn in the Flagstaff Symphony for 11 years, and was a member of the Arizona Woodwind Quintet, an ensemble of state musicians which performed at the Kennedy Center. He was a pioneer in computer use and technology. He created and directed the NAU Office of Arts and Communication Studies from 1992-1996, and established the NAU Arts Technology Center (CMC) in 1994.

Roger Thweatt 89, passed away June 4, 2019 peacefully while in Hospice in Grand Junction, Colorado. Roger was born in Shreveport, LA . He married Eunice Holland in 1950. He served 4 years in the Army as a First Lieutenant. He received a BA from the University of Denver, an MA from Montana State University and a Ph.D from Michigan State University. He holds the Diplomate in Psychology from the American Psychological Association and is listed in Who's Who in the West, Who's Who in American Education and American Men of Science. Roger taught at Western State College in Gunnison for two years then at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ for 26 years where he was Emeritus Professor of Psychology. In addition to his professional activities, he canoed a thousand miles of the Yukon River, hiked the Chilkoot Trail in Alaska, and hiked 1,200 miles in the Grand Canyon. He was a retired PSIA certified nordic and telemark ski instructor. He lived in Breckenridge with his wife, Alice, since 1989.

Everett Walter passed away at his home in Flagstaff Arizona on April 22, 2019. Everett was born in Rensselaer Indiana. He married Imogene in December of 1951 and together they raised four sons. In 1962 Everett received his PhD degree in Mathematics from New Mexico State University which allowed him to pursue his career as Professor of Mathematics at Northern Arizona University. He retired from the University in the spring of 1994. Everett had a true passion for his teaching and mathematics to the point of naming the family boat, the "AfterMath". He loved to go boating, fishing and exploring Lake Powell with family and friends. He also enjoyed family gatherings where he loved to share and tell stories. He was an avid walker and hiker, where he would enjoy his thoughts and love of nature. Everett was an Army veteran and a 50 year member of Kiwanis.

An Opportunity to Get Involved

Our NAU Retirees Association has some of the most talented and interesting people. We tend to be hard working and responsible with a sense of purpose. This is a call to YOU. The association needs two positions to be filled. These are vitally important to the association and its members.

Please contact John Nauman or Shannan Rice with questions and interest.

1. Arizona State Retirement Liaison (Legislative concerns and ADOA already covered)

NEW POSITION TITLE	VACANT	
ADOA Liaison, ASRS Liason and Legislative Concerns		
<p>ASRA Liaison:</p> <p>General: The primary function of the ASRS Liaison is to represent the Northern Arizona University Retirees Association (NAURA) to the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) for any issues that would require the ASRS to make a decision that would affect ASRS Retirees and their families. Feedback should be given back to the NAURA regarding any decisions made by the ASRS.</p> <p>Specific: Serve on the ASRS Health Insurance Advisory Committee, when the committee is in session. This occurs every five years for the renewal of both the health insurance and dental insurance that the ASRS provides for the ASRS retirees; If asked, assist the agency staff in the evaluation of the retiree medical or dental bids when they are received by the ASRS; Attend necessary meetings. At least two meetings are required to discuss and compare the proposals. A final meeting might be necessary to finalize the process to decide which medical or dental provider will service the medical or dental needs of the ASRS retirees and their families. This process occurs every five years to decide the provider for medical coverage and every five years to decide the provider for dental coverage, but not on the same year; If the ASRS Liaison is asked to assist in this process, then feedback should be given back to the Northern Arizona University Retirees Association (NAURA).</p>		

2. Membership

Membership Records	
<p>Specific: Maintain the Master List of all NAU Retirees; Publish an abbreviated form of the Master List periodically for the Executive Committee’s use; Work with Newsletter Editor for inclusion articles in the FLASH newsletter; Maintain email address in the NAURA Listserve; Provide Administrative Assistant with mailing lists Maintain “Courtesy List” of persons to receive FLASH newsletter; Maintain the record of deceased retirees and retirees’ spouses. Furnish NAU Parking Services lists of NAURA members; Respond to requests for special demographic data.</p>	

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The FLASH is published as determined by the Executive Committee. Special editions are published as needed.

The newsletters are mailed ONLY to **paid** NAURA members and **first-year** retirees.

Material for publication is welcome, subject to Executive Committee approval.

Send articles to the editor at the above address or e-mail: sherry.markel@nau.edu

GETTING TO KNOW WHO IS BEHIND THE SCENES

Introducing those worker bees “behind the scenes” as appointed/elected members of the NAURA Executive Committee :

Rich Bowen, President-Elect

I grew up in Fort Defiance, AZ on the Navajo Reservation. My parents were school teachers at the public school district so I have a great love for the Navajo people and still stay involved on the reservation with friends and associates. My parents got their masters degrees from NAU so I spent a fair amount of summers living in the dorms long before I attended and graduated from NAU with a civil engineering degree in 1980.

My wife Marisa and I have two children. Our son Blake is a NAU Alum and works for the Washington State Department of Emergency Management in Tacoma, WA. He and his wife Brittany have four kids and of course we spend a lot of time boating Puget Sound and traveling with the grandkids. Our daughter Bethany has a masters degree from ASU in social work and just moved to Salt Lake City with her husband Josh who just graduated from medical school in Michigan and is doing his residency at the University of Utah Health Sciences Center.

After a corporate career, I went to NAU in August of 1997 as a Director in Facility Services. Over my career at NAU I served a number of roles including Executive Director of Facility Services, Assistant VP, Associate VP, Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration, Associate Vice President for Biomedical Initiatives, Sustainability, and Economic Development in the Office of the President, Associate Vice President, Franke College of Business and Interim Vice President for Capital Planning and Campus Operations. I was loaned to the community to serve as the CEO and President of the Economic Collaborative of Northern Arizona (ECoNA) and also was instrumental in working with the City of Flagstaff in developing and building the Northern Arizona Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology (NACET). I also served on the executive committee that developed the Phoenix Biomedical Campus in downtown Phoenix. I am most proud of being part of a team that helped NAU grow its physical infrastructure with a number of new high profile buildings including the Applied Research and Development (ARD building), Franke College of Business, Phoenix Bio-Medical Campus, and the High Country Conference Center.

I am still involved in a number of local non-profit boards such as the Boys and Girls Club of Northern Arizona and United Way. Also, I am on statewide boards such as the Flinn Foundation. I look forward to working with all of the wonderful NAU retirees in the NAURA who dedicated so much of their time and career to bettering Arizona, a great group still making a difference. For now, at least, between consulting, golf, traveling, and board service I am staying busy.



Upcoming Events



Parking lot and entrance to FoxGlenn Park—the site of our Fall Picnic on September 4, catered by Big Foot Barbecue.



Fall Highway Clean up October 9 @ 9:00 AM.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Submitted June 30, 2019

Starting Chase Bank Balance: January 16, 2019 \$29,936.09

Revenue:

Dues \$3950.00

Expenditures

Lunch \$995.89

Total in Chase Bank Account, June 30, 2019 \$32,890.02

Edward Jones Account Balance: January 16, 2019 \$56,462.84

Revenue:

Seven Lifetime Memberships \$1575.00

Gain in Account Value \$2343.22

Total in Edward Jones, June 30, 2019 \$60,381.06

Total in both accounts June 30, 2019 \$93,271.08

Respectfully Submitted

Greg Larkin, Treasurer

*****Virtual Parking Permit – Going Live at NAU*** Procedure for Lifetime Retiree Members who have not ordered their lifetime parking permits. Erin.Stam@nau.edu, Director, University Transit Service**

New this year we are using “**License Plate Recognition**.” Your license plate acts as your permit. Therefore, the car must be parked so that the license plate faces the drive aisle. A supplemental parking plate is available for those wishing to back into parking spaces. This can be ordered online after your primary permit order is complete. Simply go back to “get Permit” and select the supplemental front plate.

Step 1: Beginning August 8, retirees must call our office at **928-523-6623** before ordering the permit so that we can activate that option for you. This option will be effective until midnight on the date modified. Please be advised that only the retiree may call or order the permit.

Step 2: We offer two options to ensure a fast and convenient permit ordering experience:

Retirees with internet access may order their permit online.

Retirees without internet access may call our office to place their order.

Retirees with internet access simply visit the Parking and Shuttle Services webpage and log into “Manage My Parking” using Internet Explorer or Firefox. If you have forgotten your faculty or staff login information, you may call the ITS helpdesk at 928-523-1511. Once logged in, simply follow the steps to “Purchase Permit.” You should be offered the “Lifetime Retiree” permit for \$0. The permit will be mailed to you as we still have physical stickers available. Please note, your license plate will be used as your permit for the LPR system.

NAURA Executive Committee Directory 2019 - 2020

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NAURA PRESIDENT LIST

	2003-2004	Rosemary Gray
1985 - Chair Organizing Comm.-Glenda Lake	2004-2005	Don Riggs
1985-1987 Clayton Chance	2005-2006	Harlan Johnson
1987-1989 Joe Rolle	2006-2007	Ben Zinnecker
1989-1990 J. Lawrence Walkup	2007-2008	Charles Barnes
1990-1991 Bob Wooldridge	2008-2009	William Nietmann
1991-1992 Persis Fuller	2009-2010	Zinnecker, Barnes, Nietmann
1992-1993 Bill Lyon	2010-2011	Walter "Hoppy" Hopkins
1993-1994 Ray Hagelberg	2011-2012	Don McCallum
1994-1995 Jim Fredrick	2012-2013	David Best
1995-1996 Chuck Baldwin	2013-2014	David Best
1996-1997 Dan Julien	2014-2015	David McKell
1997-1998 Chuck Aurand	2015-2016	Warren Johnson
1998-1999 George Williams	2016-2017	Toni Fox
1999-2000 Ken Bean	2017-2018	Norman Bertram
2000-2001 Ernest Kurmes	2018-2019	Kathe Shinham
2001-2002 Richard Neville	2019-2020	John Nauman
2002-2003 Don Gilbert		