

# NAU Retirees *FLASH*

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Spring 2017

## SPRING LUNCHEON AND ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, April 4, 2017  
**Place:** Doubletree by Hilton  
**Program:** Rick Barrett, Flagstaff City Engineer  
NAU Alumni  
**Social Time:** 11:30 AM  
**Lunch:** Noon  
**Price:** \$17 per person  
**Menu Choices:**



### **Buffet**

Beef Stroganoff on a Bed of Noodles  
Chef's Vegetables  
Green Salad with Dressings  
Rolls and Butter  
Assorted Desserts  
Coffee, Tea and water

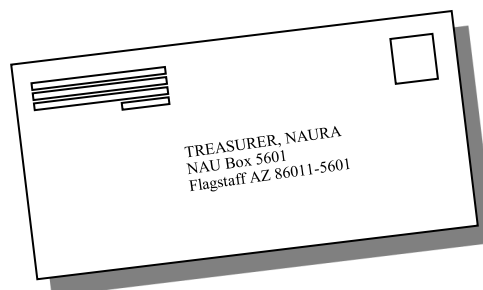
**Make luncheon reservations by Tuesday, March 28th, 2017.** Enclosed with this newsletter is a reservation form for the Spring Luncheon. Please fill out the form and enclose your check for **\$17 per person**. Your **reservation form and check must** be mailed in advance and received **no later than Tuesday March 28th, 2017**.

Mail your completed reservation form and check to:

Treasurer, NAURA  
NAU Box 5601  
Flagstaff AZ 86011-5601

A pre-paid reservation is required.

***If you must cancel your reservation, please notify Kristina Milligan no later than Tuesday, March 28, 2017. She can be reached at 928-523-6360 or by e-mail at [kristina.milligan@nau.edu](mailto:kristina.milligan@nau.edu)***



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Spring is in the air and just around the corner! We had an amazing winter and hope no one overextended themselves while shoveling all the snow.

Recapping the busy months that have passed by since our last FLASH – one, we are still without a FLASH editor, so thank you Shannan Rice and Kristina Milligan for being amazing troopers and pulling this all together, again.

NAURA celebrated Lucy Walkup's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday during our December 6<sup>th</sup> Holiday luncheon held at the High Country Conference Center 1899 Ballroom. The ACDA Choralers sang beautiful holiday songs and Dr. Cheng presented a lovely speech in honor of Lucy. Pat Hall and her committee out did themselves with all the great raffle gifts in support of the NAURA scholarship.

This has been a wonderful year as NAURA's President – Dr. Cheng met with the Executive Committee in July for lunch and welcomed an open dialog about the future of NAURA and retirees in general at NAU. Shannan drew in excellent volunteers for the highway clean-up – another clean-up will be scheduled for this summer. The Tri-University meeting in Phoenix was more informative than expected and I'm looking forward to attending next year with Norm Bertram at the helm of our great organization.

I am confident that when my time comes in April to swear in the new leadership, I will do it with such self-assurance having the past year getting to know the NAURA's Executive Committee – we will be in outstanding hands .

### NAURA PRESIDENT

*Toni Fox*



## AGENDA – APRIL 4 NAURA LUNCHEON & BUSINESS MEETING

Toni Fox, Outgoing President,  
Presiding at  
The Doubletree Hotel by Hilton,

### (1) Opening Remarks

### (2) Election of Officers

The following two positions are elected positions for the NAURA Executive Committee: President Elect and Secretary. Names placed in nomination the Nominating Committee are:

**President Elect – Kathe Shinham**  
**Secretary – Gae Johnson**

### (3) Norm– Election of Officers (Nominations from floor to follow)

**Call for Norm Bertram to nominate the President-Elect.**

**Toni will call for second to motion and call for vote**

**Call for Norm to nominate the Secretary**

**Toni will call for second to motion and call for vote**

### (4) Toni – Induction of newly Elected Officers

### (5) Passing of the Gavel to Norm Bertram

### (6) Norm – Call for Old

### (7) Pat Hall will do the Scholarship Fund raising raffles.

### (8) Norm – Announcements and Adjournment

## NEW MEMBERS OF NAU RETIREES ASSOCIATION

Karen Appleby  
 Delaine Brannen  
 Bruce Bryant  
 Edward Cahall  
 Thomas Carpenter  
 Richard Carroll  
 Robert Chavez  
 Stan Clark  
 Linda Gardner  
 Laura Cook  
 Patrick Deegan  
 Vickie Derryberry  
 Rosa Dierks  
 Wilma Ennenga  
 Charleene Fell  
 Claudia Fornwalt  
 Wayne Fox  
 Martin Glassburn  
 Elizabeth Grobsmith  
 Jonathan Hales  
 Janet Heinrichs  
 Diana Hernandez



James Jackson  
 Peter Larkin  
 Judith LeFevre  
 John Leung  
 Sandra Lubarsky  
 Prudencia Maestas  
 Mary McGroarty  
 Marcia Metcalf  
 Sue Michels  
 John Nauman  
 Karen Plager  
 Joyce Richards  
 Kathryn Rose  
 Susan Rose  
 Barbara Tomlinson  
 Greg Van Gorp  
 Valerie Wells  
 Wendy Wetzel  
 Jamie Whelan  
 Allen Woodman  
 Donna Zimmerman

On October 1<sup>st</sup> retiree volunteers helped with the NAURA highway cleanup. It was wonderful to see the outpouring of support we had to keep the highway cleanup project alive. This project was Ken Bean's pride and joy so I'm glad we can continue to keep his passion for the highway cleanup going. Twice a year we clean a two mile section of Interstate I-17 at the Rocky Park exit south of Flagstaff. Keep your eyes out for an upcoming volunteer opportunity in May.

**We are looking for a volunteer to help coordinate this event.** This position takes very little time and is extremely rewarding. If you're interested in helping the Association coordinate the highway cleanup, please contact Shannan Rice, (928) 523-3152 or [Shannan.rice@nau.edu](mailto:Shannan.rice@nau.edu).



## NEW AND SOON TO BE NAU RETIREES

Karla Brewster  
 Jennus Burton  
 Karen Busch  
 Sandy Castro  
 Daniel Fahey  
 Bruce Greco  
 Anthony Heal  
 Mehrdad Khatibi  
 Jane Kirkley  
 Cynthia Roth

Harper Johnson  
 Lyn Johnson  
 Wayne Johnson  
 Kathleen Mitchell  
 Cindy Thompson  
 Pamela Torbico  
 Diane Tully

# TREASURER'S REPORT December 31, 2016

Bank Balance, July 1, 2016		\$23,496.75
Revenue:		
Dues	\$ 1,455.00	
Luncheons	2,363.00	
Chase Cash Redemption	70.49	
Edward Jones deposits	<u>828.07</u>	
Total Income	\$4,716.56	
Total Revenue		\$28,213.31
Expenditures:		
Double Tree (Fall Luncheon)	\$1,231.93	
ACDA Carolers	0.00	
NAU Foundation (postage)	57.23	
Chase Withdrawal	262.27	
Reimbursements	<u>42.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:	\$1,593.43	
Bank Balance December 31, 2016		\$26,619.88
Edward Jones Investments Value as of December 31, 2016		<u>\$45,420.82</u>
Total Funds, December 31, 2016		\$72,040.70

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Candace Aubrey*  
Treasurer



## FLASH SENT E-MAIL

If you have not signed up to receive **FLASH** via e-mail, all that you need to do is send your e-mail address to Kristina Milligan <kristina.milligan@nau.edu> with a message to put you on the list to receive **FLASH** via e-mail.

To open **FLASH** sent via e-mail, you need to have Adobe Acrobat Reader so you can read .pdf files. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat Reader installed, you may download the free reader at [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com).

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Send articles to the editor at the above address or e-mail: [kristina.milligan@nau.edu](mailto:kristina.milligan@nau.edu)

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## IN MEMORY

Compiled by Kristina Milligan

**Our condolences to the families of these NAU retirees, spouses, faculty members and staff who have recently passed away.** (Information is from published obituaries except where noted. If you know of a retiree or spouse who has died, please contact Kristina Milligan, e-mail address or phone listed else where in this Newsletter.)

Ken Bean , age 88, died on August 11th, 2016 in Flagstaff, AZ. He was a professor of Chemistry at NAU from 1962 until 1993. Ken, then became very involved in the Retiree Association, as well as many local organizations that serviced the community. He is survived by his daughters and grandson .

Samuel Bliss, age 89, died on August 31st, 2016 at his home in Lake Placid, Florida. He was a professor at NAU for 19 years. During his tenure he helped establish the Research and Development Center and the doctoral program at the College of Education. He is survived by his wife Margaret, his children, and grandchildren.

William Gibson, age 75, died November 22nd, 2016 in Flagstaff, AZ. William started out as an assistant professor for the NAU Psychology department in 1970, by the time he retired he was a full professor and one of the most beloved mentors in the Psychology department. He is survived by his wife Sheryll, two daughter, and two grandsons.

Richard Henderson, age 89, died on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Yuma, AZ. Richard was born in Eberman, Texas and is survived by his wife of many years, Barbara Henderson. Richard was an electrician employed by Northern Arizona University. Barbara would appreciate hearing from her many NAU friends. She will continue to reside at 3590 Glacier Avenue, Yuma, AZ 85365. She plans to continue her NAURA connection.

Shirley Hiestand, age 76, died on November 25th, 2016 in Kingman, AZ. She worked as an Administrative Assistant for NAU at the Mohave Community College Campus in Kingman until her retirement. She is survived by her husband, Laird, children, and grandchildren.

Judy Lorenz, age 74, died on May 14th, 2016. Judy was born in Adrian, Michigan and is survived by her husband and NAURA member, Dave, her two daughters, and grandson. She spent her life in service to high school education and philanthropic work such as the Linus blanket project.

Rufus Mullen Jr., age 65, died on September 6th, 2016 in Flagstaff, AZ. He came to Flagstaff to play football for NAU and was then employed by UPS until he retired from NAU in 2015. He is survived by his life partner, Rosalie Gallardo, five sons, and 13 grandchildren.

Edgar Stone age 85, died on September 27th, 2016 in Grapevine, Texas. Dr. Stone spent 23 years at NAU, attaining full professorship and Faculty Emeritus status on his retirement. He is survived by his three children, eleven grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

## LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Legislative action this session is amending bills already enacted. The Senate is working on two bills; SB1178 and 1053. The House four in play; HB 2166,2167, 2168 and 2169. The standout is HB 2166 concerning a retired member coming back to work at another ASRS agency and employer contribution. Details of the bills may be viewed at Legiscan.com, Arizona Retirement search.

### LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

*Joan Brundige-Baker*



## GETTING TO KNOW WHO IS BEHIND THE SCENES

### NORM BERTRAM



I was born in Hammond, Indiana in 1942 to German decedents. I attended Indiana University, but later transferred to Chicago Technical College where I graduated with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Architectural Engineering. I

then worked for various architectural firms until 1983, when I secured a position at NAU as the first Construction Management Project Manager.

After sixteen years in my position, I retired from NAU in 1999 to pursue a life-long goal of starting my own business, as an Independent Contractor in Project Management.

I was first hired by Coconino County Facilities as Project Manager on the new S.O.P.D. Facility in Flagstaff. Subsequently, I served as Project manager on numerous other ongoing projects for Coconino County, as I remain a part-time employee for the Coconino County Facilities.

I am a Life Long Member of the Scottsdale Elks Organization dedicated to the bettering of communities through our mission of, " To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share".

In my spare time, I indulge in my hobbies of fishing, hunting, and being a "Mr. Fixer" of things in general. I am looking forward to an exciting and prosperous year as your next NAU Retirement Association President.

### CANDACE AWBREY

I am a third-generation Arizonan and grew up in the Casa Grande valley in a family of cotton farmers and mining engineers. At nine, I was weighing cotton trailers and adding tickets for farmer allocations.

A couple of things I learned about money:

- The bank does not return the same money you deposit in your savings account. I was six and cried when the bank gave me paper money and not the exact coins I had deposited.
- I bought Coke stock in 7<sup>th</sup> grade because my friends and I loved to drink cherry cokes at the Rexall drug store, NOT for growth or dividends.

My BS is from Arizona State University and I got married the day after graduation. My husband, Frank, and I have been married 42 years. We moved to Flagstaff in 1986 for his work with the Department of Public Safety. We have three grown children and five grandchildren (and counting).

After 21 years at NAU, I retired in January 2014 as Director of Administration at Capital Assets and Services. My entire career was spent in the same department (which had a few name changes and mergers including Facilities Development, Facility Services, etc.). A few of my primary responsibilities included the University Capital Improvement Plans, University Capital Development Plans, NAU building inventory and valuations, ABOR approval procedures, and capital construction procurement and contracting. I served on Tri-university committees working with ASU and UA to standardize construction procedures and contracts. It was very fulfilling to see visions become physical reality. I am proud of the NAU campus, its buildings and its growth.

It is now my pleasure to belong to the NAU retirees organization with all of you!





## Retiree Opportunities

Fellow NAU Retirees:

As a retiree do you find that you have a little extra time on your hands? Are you looking for a way to continue to contribute to the growth and development of young people in our county? I am excited to share with you an immediate need I recently learned about right here in Coconino County. Thousands of children in Arizona's



foster care system need a consistent, caring adult to speak up for them in court and in the community and a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) is the person to

do just that. As a highly educated adult who has worked for a regional university, who better than you to do the job? Volunteering as a CASA for a neglected or abused child in Coconino County gives you the opportunity to have a lifelong impact on children currently living in foster care.

Volunteers with the Court Appointed Special Advocates Program are everyday people appointed by a judge to review a case of abuse or neglect in our County. These volunteers meet with the children involved monthly and become a regular and trusted presence in their life. CASA volunteers report back to the judge in the case with vital information and remain involved until the court case ends.

Children with a CASA volunteer assigned to them are more likely to receive services and resources; twice as likely to find a safe, permanent home; and half as likely to re-enter the foster care system. Unfortunately very few children get the support of a CASA volunteer because we just don't have enough volunteers.

There is a record number of kids in foster care in Arizona right now and the professionals handling these cases cannot do it alone. Becoming a CASA volunteer is an excellent way to get involved in the system and help make a difference for these children.

CASA volunteers must be 25 years of age or older, pass a thorough background check and complete 30 hours of pre-service training (provided at no cost.) I have been a CASA volunteer for less than a year and have put in an

average of 5-10 hours a month meeting with the child assigned to me, interviewing members of his support system and writing reports to the Judge. I am his voice in court, concerned only with what is best for him. After deeply caring about individual students at NAU for so many years, I have found this to be an excellent way to continue to give to our community. It provides for the children, but it also provides me with a sense of purpose, achievement, and satisfaction knowing that my time and contribution is truly changing the life of a young person.

Recently, I have taken a grant-funded part-time role with CASA in Coconino County to recruit more CASA volunteers because I am not okay with the fact that there are over 150 children needing CASA representation and 40 CASAs in our County to do that work. Do you have spare time each month that you could devote to improving the life of a child in the foster care system? Would you like more information about CASA work?

Excellent information, and the on-line application can be found at <http://www.azcourts.gov/casaofcoconinocounty/> and <http://www.azcourts.gov/casaofcoconinocounty/Apply-Now>. Please, contact me at 928-226-5433 or [LPayne@courts.az.gov](mailto:LPayne@courts.az.gov) if you have questions not answered on the web site. I hope that you will read the material and apply as a CASA. I would love to work with you in this important endeavor.

Blessings,  
Cindy Payne  
NAU Retiree



## NAURA Executive Committee 2016-2017

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