

NAU Retirees *FLASH*

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Spring 2019

SPRING LUNCHEON and Annual Business Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2019
Place: DoubleTree by Hilton
Program: Sustainability Plan—City of Flagstaff
Installation of New Officers
Social Time: 11:30 AM
Lunch: Noon
Price: \$20 per person



Menu Choices:

Buffet

Chicken Enchiladas

Vegetarian Option: Stuffed Green Peppers

Spring Mix Garden Salad

Santa Fe Rice and Refried Beans

Assorted cakes

Rolls and butter

Coffee, Tea, Water

Make luncheon reservations by Friday, March 29, 2019. Enclosed with this newsletter is a reservation form for the Spring Luncheon. Please fill out the form and enclose your check for **\$20 per person**. Your **reservation form and check must** be mailed in advance and received **no later than Friday, March 29, 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

Hello Retirees!

As I write this in mid-February, I am so thankful for the rain and snow we have had this winter. I am hopeful that the trend will continue and that it will mitigate our risk of wildfires this spring.

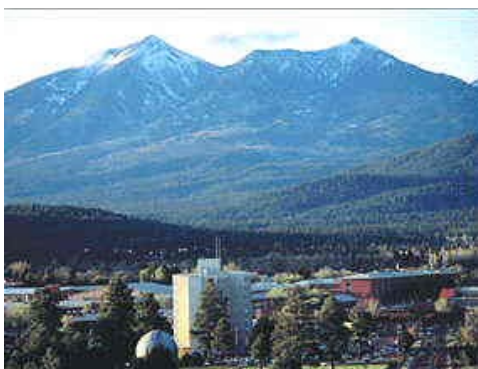
Some of our membership have been traveling this winter. Treasurer Greg Larkin toured Vietnam in January. President-Elect John Nauman hiked through the highlands of Ethiopia in February. My husband and I spent a week on the Sea of Cortez, snorkeling, hiking, whale watching and exploring tidal pools, inspired by John Steinbeck's Log from the Sea of Cortez. I hope you have also been enjoying the winter, whether you stayed close to home or traveled afar.

Shannan Rice has once again taken the initiative to plan an event for us. She has arranged a tour of the new Kitt Recital Hall on campus for March 28. Details are elsewhere in this newsletter, but please plan to attend. There has been a long term need for a facility like this on campus.

I look forward to seeing you at our Spring Luncheon on April 9th. I hope you can join us! Please contact any new retirees that you know and recruit them to attend also. Jennifer Prior, our new scholarship chair, promises an interesting raffle.

I have truly enjoyed my term as President of the NAU Retirees Association. Thank you for providing me the opportunity to serve you.

Kathe Shinham
NAURA President



NAURA INTEREST GROUPS

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

GAL'S 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.

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 in the fall. We had perfect weather and a great turnout.



Our next clean-up is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4 at 9:00.

Please contact Shannan Rice at (928) 523-3152 or Shannan.Rice@nau.edu if you would like to join us for two hours of moderate work in the beautiful outdoors. We need a minimum of 12 volunteers to make this event happen.

Continuing a Distinguished Tradition... Scholarship!

We will be having a scholarship raffle at the spring luncheon on April 9th with great prizes! Come ready to buy raffle tickets to support our scholarship fund. A few NAURA members have already donated prizes (theater tickets, a gift basket). 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



Betty Brown
Suzanne Daiss
JeanAnn Foley
Barbara (Lucy) Hegg
Kelly Lyn Madsen
Kamala Masihlall

Brent Melsel
James and Theresa Morgan
Nancy Pitz
Greg Prater
Enid Rossi

Graduation Pride



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.

Dr. Robert Fredrick Boothe, Sr, 94, passed away on December 5th, 2018, in Flagstaff, Arizona. Robert (Bob) was born August 30th, 1924 in Brush, Co. He graduated from Central Missouri State College with a B.S. in Mathematics in Education in 1950. He earned his M.Ed. & Ed.D. from University of Missouri in 1959. He became a distinguished professor of education at Northern Arizona University and served as Department Chair of the College's Educational Administration Department for 12 years. He was awarded Professor Emeritus after serving 30 years at Northern Arizona University. One of his strongest character traits was his ability to empathize with those he met. He was a very caring and compassionate person, humorist, champion of social consciousness and always put the needs of others before his own. He was a natural born leader. A proud patriot and U.S. Marine veteran. He was a cherished husband, beloved father, grandfather, and great grandfather as well as a great friend to many.

David Eagleburger passed away December 27, 2018. David earned both his undergraduate and master's degrees at NAU and worked with the Mesa School district, becoming the Associate Superintendent in one of the country's largest school districts.

Jay Ferguson and Vergie Ferguson. Vergie Rae Vest Ferguson, 89, passed away on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 in Phoenix, AZ, after a brave battle with leukemia. Her husband, Jay Edward Ferguson, 92, joined her in death twelve days later, Sunday, October 28. They met at U of A and were married in Safford, AZ on June 11, 1947. In 1968 they moved to Flagstaff and during the next 35 years, Jay worked for Black Mesa Pipeline Company and then NAU, as a pilot, and was active in the Kiwanis Club. Vergie was an administrative assistant in the Department of Music and later the Department of Modern Languages at NAU.

Charles Hirshouer passed away December 24, 2018, after a long battle with illness. Born in Columbus Ohio, Chuck moved to Tucson, AZ as a child. Eventually, Chuck moved to Flagstaff, AZ where he worked at NAU in Capital Assets, Transportation Services until his retirement.

Marilyn Kostka passed away in Austin, Tx, February 14, 2019. Marilyn earned her undergraduate, master's and doctorate degrees in music at UT, Austin. She married Stefan Kostka in 1962. In 1993 Marilyn moved to Flagstaff, Arizona, as a professor of music education at Northern Arizona University until her retirement in 2008. She became deeply involved in research and writing in the field of music education. She was published frequently and recognized nationally for her contributions to the field of music education and pedagogy, particularly in the area of elementary music education, one of her deepest passions.

IN MEMORY continued.....

Philip Swanson passed away November 30, 2018, in Tucson, AZ. Philip had an extensive career as a professional orchestral flutist, university professor, solo and chamber music performer, private and masterclass teacher/clinician and as a university music/fine arts administrator. His teaching and administrative career in higher education included full-time appointments at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, the University of Arizona, the Eastman School of Music, the University of Redlands and Northern Arizona University. As an orchestral flutist, Philip held positions as principal flutist with the North Carolina Symphony, Tucson Symphony Orchestra, Arizona Chamber Orchestra, Arizona Opera Company Orchestra, Flagstaff Summer Festival Orchestra, Flagstaff Symphony, Redlands Symphony Orchestra, Riverside County Philharmonic, Lake Arrowhead Festival Orchestra and the Desert Symphony. In addition, he held positions as piccoloist/flutist with the San Antonio Symphony Orchestra and the Santa Fe Opera Orchestra. Philip was one of the founders of the National Flute Association, where he served as its first treasurer, co-chair of the program committee for the first convention and a member of the board of directors for many years.

Harry “Gene” Westerhaus longtime Flagstaff resident and NAURA member, passed away at the age of 87 in Phoenix, December 5, 2018.

John Wettaw passed away December 16, 2018. John moved to Flagstaff in 1967 and taught chemistry at NAU for 47 years before he retired in 2014. In recognition of his services to the university, where he is said to have taught more than 15,000 students, the NAU Biology and Biochemistry building was named after him in 1999. During his time teaching, John also became the longest-serving Republican state legislator in Arizona history, serving 20 years in the Arizona House of Representatives and eight in the senate. He advocated for higher education and improvements to the state’s physical infrastructure, while also securing funding for NAU’s biochemistry building and the Walkup Skydome .

George Williams passed away December 5, 2018 at his second home in Baja, Mexico. George was born September 1, 1929 in Morrill, Nebraska. George retired from Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona, in 1992, where he had been a purchasing agent. He was a member of the NAU Retirees Association and served as its president. He later moved to Lakeside, Arizona, and at the age of 87 he built a new home which included his “dream workshop”. Anyone who knew George can attest to his sunny disposition, his positive outlook on life, and his love of friends and family. He was always willing to pitch in and help out.

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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 members of the NAURA Executive Committee :

Jennifer Prior, Scholarship Chair

Jennifer was born in upstate New York . Her family lived in Dallas, TX for a few years and then moved to Phoenix in 1972. She is a two-time NAU graduate, with a Bachelors degree in Early Childhood Education and a Masters degree in Elementary Education. She taught elementary school for 12 years (Grades K, 1, 2, 3, and 6) and then decided she wanted to inspire people to be great teachers. She got her PhD in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Early Literacy from Arizona State University in 2003 and was hired at NAU right after graduation. She was a professor in the department of Teaching and Learning in the College of Education for 15 years where she



coordinated the early childhood and reading programs.



Jennifer and her husband, John have been married for 22 years. They have 3 furry children—2 cats (Mary and Chad) and a Boston Terrier

named Monica. Jennifer and her husband are both musicians. Jennifer sings in the worship band at Grace Community Church along with her husband who plays drums and bass guitar. She is a big fan of her husband’s band, The Magnificent Day Drinkers, that can be described as playing country music on a high dose of caffeine. (Check out their local shows on Facebook.)

She recently became a surrogate grandma to a beautiful two-year-old girl (adopted by her nephew and family), who calls her Gamma-ma-ma. Since retirement at the end of 2017, Jennifer has been teaching online classes for NAU and continues her freelance



business, writing teacher resource materials, which she has been doing for the past 20 years. She also serves as the professor emeritus member of the selection committee for the President's Distinguished Teaching Fellows at NAU.

While still keeping somewhat busy with work responsibilities, she loves having more time for cooking, crafting, exercise, and spending time with family and friends.



Upcoming Events Tour of Kitt Recital Hall



Join us as Todd Sullivan, School of Music Director, gives us a behind the scene tour of the new Kitt Recital Hall. This modern, beautifully designed performance space opened in January and is the newest addition to NAU’s auditoria.

Space is limited—you won’t want to miss this!

Please email Shannan.rice@nau.edu by **March 20** to reserve your spot on this insightful tour.

When: Thursday, March 28, 2:00 pm

Where: School of Music next to Ardrey Memorial Auditorium

TREASURER'S REPORT February 20, 2019

Starting Chase Bank Balance: October 15, 2018	\$30,252.94
Revenue:	
Dues	\$135.00
Lunches	\$1375.00
Edward Jones	\$270.56
Expenditures:	
Carolers	\$300.00
Lunch	\$1797.41
Total in Chase Bank Account, January 16, 2019	\$29,936.09
Edward Jones Account Balance: October 15, 2018	\$57,140.08
Revenue:	
Three Lifetime Memberships	\$675.00
Loss in Account Value	(\$406.21)
Transferred to Chase in 2018	(946.12)
Total in Edward Jones, January 16, 2019	\$56,462.84
Total in both accounts January 16, 2019	\$86,398.93

Respectfully Submitted— Greg Larkin, Treasurer

NAURA Executive Committee Directory 2018 - 2019

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