

NAU Retirees FLASH

NAURA BBQ at FoxGlenn Park, Ramada #1

**Come out to our first "live" event in almost two years!
Tuesday, September 14, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**



Location: Foxglenn Park - Foxglenn St & Butler Ave

At Ramada #1 behind playground with parking on far side of baseball field. Easy access—sidewalks from parking lot to ramada.

Price: \$10.00 (Refundable if we are rained out or if health guidelines change)

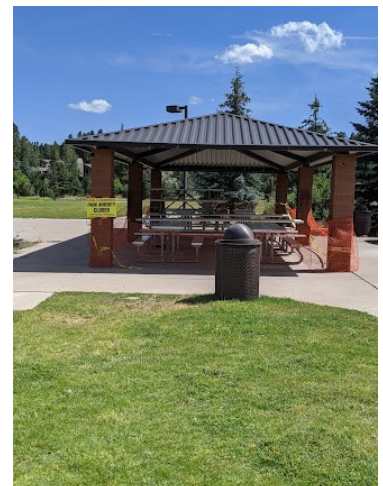
Catered by Bigfoot BBQ

Menu

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

Masks recommended per NAU mandates

* RSVP by Friday, September 3. Register online at nau.edu/naura/current-events/ or mail reservation form and check to:
Shannan Rice, PO Box 4094, Flagstaff, AZ 86011—4094



President's Corner

Fellow Retirees,

My last article in the Flash was in August 2020 as I was getting started in my role as president-elect. At that time, we were six months into the pandemic. Now, almost a year and half since the pandemic started, the hardships and sorrows of this time have touched all of us in some way. My heart goes out to all of you who have lost a loved one during this pandemic, whether it was to COVID-19, or due to another cause. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Even as the vaccines allow us to begin to return to some of our previous life activities, the difficulties continue. It seems we are all tapping our inner resilience and our precious support systems regularly to carry us through.

I know NAURA has a challenge ahead as we maintain a vigilant awareness that the pandemic is not over, and yet also reflect in our programming a renewed confidence that the vaccines can allow us to reengage in safe ways. One of our goals during this next year is to offer NAURA members the opportunity to transition safely back to some in-person activities as well as continue our on-line webinars.

If you haven't had a chance to attend a webinar over the last several months, I hope you will check the NAURA website for upcoming programs: <https://in.nau.edu/naura/current-events> We have been pleased with the turnout and the opportunity this presents for our out-of-town members to participate. A big thank you to Shannan Rice and our new activities chair, Jennifer Prior for coordinating these events! If you have ideas for future NAURA activities, both in person and virtual, or might be interested in offering a presentation or leading a workshop, please let us know.

As we keep an eye on the COVID-19 best practices health guidelines, we hope to offer an in-person outdoor picnic in early September. More information will be coming your way in the near future.

There is good news to share on the scholarship front. The executive committee recently approved a second scholarship. Starting next year NAURA will award two \$6,000 scholarships to deserving students. Thank you all for making this possible through your donations to the scholarship fund! In addition, please welcome our new scholarship chair, Carole Mandino. We are excited to have Carole join the executive committee!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rich Bowen for his leadership as NAURA President last year. Rich did an amazing job shepherding NAURA through the pandemic, and continued to advocate for retirees even though we couldn't meet in

person. To highlight one of the many accomplishments during Rich's presidency, the organization set up the on-line membership dues payment process for our members. We are very pleased to offer this option and I hope you had a chance to give it a try.

Our new president-elect, Kathi Zahl, has served on the executive committee as the membership chair and as a result, comes into her new role with a solid knowledge of NAURA already. You will have the opportunity to learn more about Kathi in her article later in this newsletter. Kathi is passionate about the potential for NAURA to serve our members and has already hit the ground running. I am thrilled to work with her this year!

We are also very excited to have John Nauman as our new membership chair! John has served as president-elect, president, and past-president of NAURA, and we are so fortunate he is going to continue on the executive committee in this new role.

I want to thank all of the executive committee members for their selfless volunteer service to NAURA, and many have done so for years. This group is always thinking about ways to better serve all NAU retirees. I feel privileged to work with them!

Many of you know Shannan Rice, and if you do, you also know she is definitely our NAURA heart. Shannan works as *Assistant Director* in the *Office of Gift Planning* in the *NAU Foundation*. She has worked with NAURA for many years and does so with tremendous energy, commitment and love. Thank you so much, Shannan!

And last, but certainly not least, to everyone out there thinking about engaging in a new opportunity, NAURA is looking for members who are interested in becoming more involved in the organization. If you would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities please contact me at Betsy.Kerr@nau.edu or Shannan at Shannan.Rice@nau.edu Please always feel free to reach out to me, our executive committee, or Shannan at any time. We truly look forward to seeing you again in person soon, and until then, enjoy our beautiful Flagstaff summer and please take good care!

Betsy Kerr
NAURA President
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Centennial Scholarship 2021-2022

NAURA BOARD INCREASES SCHOLARSHIPS

The NAURA Executive Board is proud to announce that it has increased the impact of the Centennial Scholarship to two, \$6000 awards. This would not be possible without our NAURA members. NAURA has awarded over \$15,000 to 32 recipients since 1999.

Candi Lynn Running Bear

Candi Running Bear is from the capital of the Navajo Reservation, Window Rock, AZ. However, she also grew up in Utah, Colorado, Hawaii, and Kentucky. She is a single mother of a 10-year-old and they love to camp and do outdoor activities together such as visiting national monuments and parks.

Candi has over 12 years experience as an early childhood special educator, most of which have been on the Navajo Nation. She has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Brigham Young University, master's degree in Special Education from the University of Arizona and is currently a 3rd year C&I doctoral student at NAU.



Her research interests focus on sharing Navajo views of early childhood special education and discovering culturally relevant interventions to services Navajo preschoolers with disabilities. "I recognized that very little research in special education focused on the needs of Native American children with exceptional needs. I am now working toward giving a voice to historically marginalized populations in academic research through discovering interventions that best serve culturally and linguistically diverse young children with disabilities and their families. I want to use the experiences I have gained as a teacher to help drive my future research and share current research information with educators in tribal communities."

Continuing a Distinguished Tradition... Scholarships!

Change the lives of Lumberjacks, make a donation! Spread the word and consider making a donation to the NAURA Centennial Scholarship fund.

You can make a tax deductible donation online at our website at nau.edu/naura/scholarship.

You may also consider leaving you a gift through your estate plan by contacting Shannan Rice at shannan.rice@nau.edu.

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In Memory of our Beloved Members

Our condolences to the families of these NAU retirees, spouses, and faculty members 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 Sherry Markel: Sherry.Markel@nau.edu.

Dale Hoskins (Feb. 22, 2021) Dale was born March. 22, 1946 in Ft. Worth Texas. He earned degrees from Baylor, Texas Christian, and North Texas State University. Dale taught broadcasting and communications at NAU for over 30 years. He served as the Faculty Senate President (88-89) and was an active member of the Flagstaff community.

Jasper E. Jones (Feb. 20, 2021) obituary not found

Daniel Julien (Feb. 12, 2021) Daniel was born in Michigan in 1932. He was an educator and friend of Flagstaff for 50 years. Dr. Dan was Professor Emeritus at Northern Arizona University. He was a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Delta Kappa. Dan was a Silver Beaver recipient by the Boy Scouts of America. Dan was Santa in Christmas parades for several years riding a red sleigh provided by Flagstaff Fire Department. He and his late wife Dr. Jane Julien recorded an oral history housed in NAU's Cline Library Special Collections.

Gisela M. McCormick (Jan. 2, 2021) Gisela was born Nov. 12, 1930 in Stuttgart, Germany emigrating to Flagstaff in 1946. She worked as the Assistant to the Dean of Forestry at NAU for 31 years.

William H. Mullane (Jan. 6, 2021) William was born Oct 6, 1935 in San Angelo, Texas and died in Prescott, Arizona after living in Flagstaff and working at NAU for over 20 years.

Melvin King Neville (March 31, 2021) Melvin was born in 1939 in Tucson, Arizona. He earned degrees from CA Inst. Of Technology, Harvard, and Loyola in the fields of chemistry, anthropology and computer science. He taught for UC Davis (anthropology) and Loyola (anthropology) and retired as a computer science professor in 2004.

Ken E. Nicolls (Feb. 28, 2021) Ken was born in 1936 in Raton, New Mexico. He earned a BS in forestry, a master's degree in biology and a Ph.D in anatomy and physiology. Ken taught anatomy and physiology for 22 years at NAU before retiring in 2000.

Dean Pickett (Oct. 13, 2020) Dean was born in 1949 in Casper, Wyoming. He earned a bachelor's degree from NAU in 1971 and completed his law degree from U of A, 1974. He became an expert on educational law and served many school districts, community colleges and NAU. He loved the Flagstaff community and served on many prominent boards.

Raymond P. Tamppari (Oct. 13, 2020) was born on Oct. 5, 1932 in Ishpeming, Mich. After graduating from Eastern Michigan University he was drafted to serve as a combat medic during the Korean Conflict. After this TDY he earned his Master's degree from the University of Michigan and became a high school science teacher. He earned a Ph.D. in biology from the University of Michigan and went on to become a professor of biology until his retirement in 1994.

Jean West (Nov. 30, 2020) Wife of Del West, Jean was born Oct. 20, 1936 in Iowa. She earned a teaching degree from Northeast Missouri College in 1960 and completed her M.Ed. In 1980 from NAU. Jean was a reading specialist, music teacher and 4th grade teacher at Killip Elementary in Flagstaff.

12th NAU President (1979—1993) Passing



With thanks and appreciation....

March 10, 2021

Dr. Eugene “Gene” Morgan Hughes was born April 3, 1934 in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. He earned three degrees in mathematics from Chadron State Teacher’s College, Kansas State College of Agriculture and Applied Science and a Ph.D from George Peabody College for Teachers of Vanderbilt

University. Gene met NAU President J. Lawrence Walkup at a conference in Chicago in the late 60’s. He was invited to apply for the position of Dean of Arts and Sciences and after accepting the position, he was promoted to Academic Vice President and then President in 1979.

He was instrumental in the establishment of the Center for Excellence in Education, the School of Hotel Restaurant Management, statewide sites located on Arizona’s community college campuses (Yuma was the first), implementation of distance learning initiatives and technologies, honorary doctorate award to the Arizona Teacher of the Year, and he was a builder. Dr. Hughes had more than 20 new buildings added to the mountain campus, included among these were the Natatorium. In 1993, he left NAU to become the president of Wichita State University in Kansas. When he retired from that position he returned to Flagstaff and became an active member of the NAURA and Flagstaff community. Dr. Hughes’ contributions to NAU are everywhere you look.

NEWS! You now have the option of paying membership dues online

NAURA now accepts electronic payments! We are happy to announce NAURA is now accepting electronic payments for dues, events, and scholarship donations. Members may still pay by check if they choose, but the new online system makes it quicker and easier for our members that wish to pay online. Access the online payment portal on our website at <https://nau.edu/naura>.

ZOOM WEBINARS

NAURA is excited to offer monthly Zoom webinars. Watch your email for upcoming webinars or visit our website at nau.edu/naura/current-events.

August—Hiking Trails in Eastern Arizona, presented by Nick Lund

September—Climate Change, presented by Dr. Rod Parnell

We want to hear from YOU!

Interested in sharing your knowledge and experience? Have a topic you’d like to learn more about?

Let us know! Email Jennifer Prior at jennifer.prior@nau.edu.

Behind the Scenes

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

Kathleen (Kathi) Olivia Zahl President-Elect

I am the eldest of seven children: six girls and one boy. Originally from Tacoma, Washington, my mother, and stepfather (who was in the navy) moved us to Long Beach, California in 1957 and Concord, California in 1960. I graduated from Mt. Diablo HS in 1964.



Not one for letting moss grow on me, I have since lived in Reno, Nevada; Valparaiso, Indiana; Flagstaff, Arizona (over 30 years); Tucson, Arizona and currently Las Vegas, Nevada. I have one daughter who is a prison guard near Kingman, Arizona, six fabulous, super-smart grandchildren, one great granddaughter and a great grandson on the way.

In 1984 I began my career at NAU as a secretary in the Arizona Center for Vocational/Technical Education in the old women’s gym. From there I had the opportunity to work at Telecom, the Institute for Future Workforce Development and Advancement/Development before retiring early in 2005. Along the way I graduated from NAU with my BS degree in Public Relations and Speech Communication. In 2006 I was hired by Coconino Community College in the Facilities Management Department and promoted to the Advancement/Foundation Office. I retired in

2012 from the ASRS and have been enjoying it so far.

The desert climate of Las Vegas seems to agree with me, most of the time. I never have to shovel snow and there is so much more to do and see beyond the famous strip. There are numerous museums, theaters with live performances, hiking at Red Rock, and being close to a reliable airport whenever I want to make a quick exit. These days I volunteer, swim (weather permitting), read, cook, travel, and relax.

My NAURA life began in 2020, although I have been a life member since 2005. As the Membership Chair, I started modernizing the membership records and learning how to update the NAURA website. Membership is now in the capable hands of John Nauman, a recent past-president (2019-2020). I have worked with the Executive Committee on projects like our on-line payments program and we have started some great “virtual” events and hope to expand these programs over the next few months.

I enjoy staying busy and hope to be a part of the NAURA membership’s visions for the next few years. It is an exciting time of learning, supporting, creating new adventures, and developing NAURA into a more participatory organization in which our retirees want to be involved.

Kathleen (Kathi) Olivia Zahl
President-Elect NAURA 2021
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Parking Pass Recap

It’s time to renew your parking pass. **Annual members**, you have three convenient options:

- Send your payment receipt to ask.parking@nau.edu, your status will be changed to retiree and you can go online and order.
- You can go into the Parking Services office with your payment receipt. You can then order online in their office if you need assistance.
- Send your payment receipt to ask.parking@nau.edu and request they order you the annual retiree permit.

“Payment receipt” refers to the membership card that is mailed to you if you paid by check or the payment receipt that is automatically generated when you pay your dues online.

Parking no longer has decals you place in your widow, it’s all electronic.

Welcome New Retirees



Anderson, George
Anderson, Mary E.
Austin, Gary W.
Cling, Harrison
Cody Begaye, Gloria
Collier, Ann D.
Copley, Edith A.
Dietrich, Susan L.
Downum, Chris E.
Frank, Kathleen

Good, Danny R.
Hagen, Stephen E.
Hanks, Suzanne L.
Harris, Susan M.
Ingram, Ann V.
Jackson, Sharon D.
Laird, Kristin T.
Mathews, Leslie A.
Montfort, Lela B.
Morrissette, Christine

Negri, Mary Q.
Nittmann, Nydia C,
Olszewski, Teena L.
Ross, Karen P.
Russell, David
Sharber, John
Weathersby, Geneice
Woody, Jr, Roger

Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT: Submitted July 27, 2021

Starting Chase Bank Balance: May 24, 2021	\$33,204.14
Revenue:	
Dues	\$1,485.00 (99 memberships)
Scholarship Donations	\$175.00
Edward Jones	\$270.56
Vanco*	\$2,599.07
Expenditures:	
Scholarship	\$6,000.00
Reimbursement for Jennifer Prior	\$55.23
Total in Chase Bank Account, July 27, 2021	\$31,678.54
Edward Jones Account Balance: May 24, 2021	\$78,850.30
Revenue:	
Four Lifetime Memberships	\$900.00
Gain in Account Value	\$520.96
Total in Edward Jones, July 27, 2021	\$80,271.26
Total in both accounts, July 27, 2021	\$111,949.80

Respectfully Submitted Greg Larkin, Treasurer

NAURA Executive Committee Directory 2021- 2022

POSITION	NAME	E-MAIL
<u>ELECTED:</u>		
President	Betsy Kerr	betsy.kerr@nau.edu
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Past President	John Nauman	johnknauman@gmail.com
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Treasurer	Greg Larkin	greg.larkin@nau.edu
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Scholarship Chair		
Web Master	Kathi Zahl	koz1946@hotmail.com
Admin. Support	Shannan Rice	shannan.rice@nau.edu

NAURA PRESIDENT LIST

1985 - Chair	Organizing Comm.-Glenn Lake	2003-2004	Rosemary Gray
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	2019-2020	John Nauman
		2020-2021	Rich Bowen
		2021-2022	Elizabeth (Betsy) Kerr