

# NAU Retirees FLASH

## Meeting with President José Luis Cruz Rivera—August 16

YOU are invited to join us for a special opportunity to meet our new NAU President, Dr. José Luis Cruz Rivera! President Cruz Rivera will be sharing with us the University's New Strategic Plan, [NAU 2025 – Elevating Excellence](#), as well as joining in casual conversation with our retiree group on the wonderful **patio at 1899 Bar and Grill**. President Cruz Rivera is excited to meet with our membership, and to continue to explore meaningful ways for us to stay connected with the university.



**Date:** Tuesday, August 16, 2022

**Time:** 2:30-4:30pm

**Location:** 1899 Bar and Grill patio in Flagstaff

**Register by August 2, 2022** at: [nau.edu/naura/](http://nau.edu/naura/)

**Parking** is free in the High Country Conference Center parking garage located on Dupont Avenue, right across the street from 1899. Your parking ticket will be validated at the event.

**Questions:** Contact Sara Aleman, NAURA Activities Chair, [sara.aleman@nau.edu](mailto:sara.aleman@nau.edu) or 928-225-0671.



Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be provided. Beer and wine will be available for purchase at the cash-only bar. See you soon!

Kathi Zahl

Giving Day with President Cruz Rivera with friends right in the middle of it. Summer is here and students know the best seat in Flagstaff is under a pine tree.



## President's Corner

Fellow Retirees,

As I begin my presidency, I want to thank Betsy Kerr, Shannan Rice and the entire executive board for their support and positive impact. It has been an interesting year for NAURA, and for all of us, with many changes and surprises, good news, and bad news. It has been energizing for me to be involved with NAURA in many different roles over the past two years. My hope is that this year will bring more positive changes to all our lives and to NAURA.

With COVID still looming over us, your executive board decided not to have our annual spring luncheon again. To keep the membership involved in the democratic process, we created an electronic ballot. Members were able to vote for executive positions, and significant changes to policies, online and by mail. This process was quite successful and may be continued even when we go back to in-person meetings and luncheons. See the results of the election here in your newsletter!

Get ready to put your "volunteer" hat on. NAURA needs members to be involved in the organization and help facilitate programs. If you have skills (as we all do) and a desire to give back to, or stay involved with NAU, then we would love to have you on the NAURA team. Please contact me at [koz1946@hotmail.com](mailto:koz1946@hotmail.com) or Shannan Rice at [Shannan.rice@nau.edu](mailto:Shannan.rice@nau.edu) for more information.

Your executive board has some motivating and simulating projects they are working on that will benefit the NAURA membership over the next year. Stay tuned for more information as we move forward with high hopes for our organization, community, country and the world.

Kathleen Olivia "Kathi" Zahl  
NAURA President 2022-2023  
[koz1946@hotmail.com](mailto:koz1946@hotmail.com)

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## Activities Committee Report

Sara Alemán, July 2022

This is an update on some of the activities that we have planned and some that are in the development stage.

Mark your calendars to join President Cruz Rivera at the 1899 Bar and Grill Patio on August 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:30.

We have other activities that are still in the planning stage. These include:

- A picnic at Foxglenn Park and we are looking at a possible September day
- We are checking with the Museum of Northern Arizona to set a day for a tour of the Easton Building
- We are also looking at a possible tour of the Student Athlete High Performance Center

We will continue to plan activities that are both safe and fun. If you have an idea or a resource that I can explore for our group, please let me know and thank you!

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## Membership Update

Greetings from your membership chair. Our fees were increased by vote of the membership from \$15 to \$30 for annual members and from \$225 to \$300 for life members. Our membership numbers are steady. In August 2021, we had 715 members and in July 2022, we have 731 members.

We still have several annual members who have yet to renew their annual dues for 22/23. Annual members can pay their annual dues online at: [nau.edu/naura/](http://nau.edu/naura/), which take you to the NAURA homepage. Scroll down to the yellow "Join/Renew NAU Membership" to pay with a credit card or bank account. If you want to pay annual dues with a check print out the "New Member/Annual Member Renewal Form" at: [Enrollment/Annual Dues Payment Form](#) .

If you change your email, phone number, or address please email updates to us at: [naura@nau.edu](mailto:naura@nau.edu) or use "Contact Us" on the NAURA webpage. We use your email to communicate with you, so please keep us up to date. Have a great rest of your summer!

John Nauman

### AN ARCHIVAL INVITATION

The Northern Arizona University Retirees Association Archives contain records of the business and meetings of the organization, legislation, other matters related to member interests, and the history of the association. The archives were compiled and organized primarily by Dr. Arnold S Brown, Professor Emeritus of Sociology, with contributions from other officers in the association. He served as archivist until retiring from that position in 2008. I was appointed as archivist by the NAURA Executive Committee that year, and I have continued to update the collection to the present.

As stated in the organization's constitution, NAURA was established in 1985 to foster the benefit, interests, and well-being of the NAU retired faculty and staff and their spouses or domestic partners through social, educational, and promotional activities, as well as to encourage continuing contact and support between retirees and the university and support between NAURA and other organizations. NAURA Archives provide a history but also a guide for directions that might be taken in the future.

The NAURA Collection is housed in the Cline Library Special Collections and Archives under the identification: NAU. ARC. R. G. 4.1.2. The arrangement continues as it was established by Dr. Brown, alphabetically by folder title. An invitation is always open to explore these original documents for research or to simply learn more about our organization.

Among the most popular items in the NAURA Collection is the [History of the Northern Arizona University Retirees Association, 1985-2005](#). It was written by Dr. Brown and Dr. William H. Lyon, Professor Emeritus of History. The first chapter was authored by Arnold Brown, and the final chapters were finished by Dr. Lyon in 2005, in time for the celebration of NAURA's first twenty years.

For all the years that have passed since NAURA began in 1985, there is one theme benefitting our organization, NAU, and individual students that stands out all the way into 2022. This was expressed by Bill Lyon, who stated in the closing chapter of the twenty-year history, "A consistent theme in NAURA's history is support and contribution to the NAU Foundation".

Archivist--Harlan Johnson, NAURA



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**It's time to renew your 2022-2023 membership. You can renew online at [nau.edu/naura](http://nau.edu/naura)**



## 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.

**Delores “Dotty” Mead** passed on January 2, 2020, Topeka, Kansas. Obituary not published.

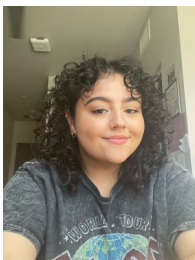
**Evangeline Parsons/Yazzie** (1953-2022). Evangeline was born in the Hardrock Chapter of the Navajo Nation, Arizona. She attended boarding school throughout her early life and into high school. Evangeline completed an M.S. of Arts degree in Bilingual Educational, and after that, a Doctorate in Education at Northern Arizona University. After serving for more than two-decades, at the University, she retired with the rank of Professor Emerita. Evangeline Parsons/Yazzie was the author of numerous scholarly works including a Navajo language book she wrote with Margaret Speas.

**Karl E. Webb** (3/12/38 – 5/29/2022) Karl was born in Lehi, Utah and grew up on a small farm. He graduated from Lehi High School in 1956, and served in the National Guard (1957-64). Karl earned a BA in German from Brigham Young University then an MA and PhD in Germanic Languages and Literatures from the University of Pennsylvania. He served as the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Northern Arizona University and completed his career as a professor of German Literature and Humanities until retirement in 2002. Karl is remembered for his abiding love for family, ability to listen and advise others, compassion for all, interest in other cultures, and great sense of humor.

## NAU Retiree Centennial Scholarship 2020

### Awardee: Guadalupe Reynoso Jimenez

I want to start by saying thank you and that I will be eternally grateful to NAURA for granting me this scholarship. It has lifted a huge weight off my shoulders for this upcoming school year.



I am a Senior currently studying criminology and criminal justice and minoring in law rights and justice. My passion for advocating for marginalized communities ignited in high school when I began to volunteer with different organizations in the Phoenix Metro area. During that time I realized the importance of education and the powerful impact it has specifically on first-generation students, first-generation Americans, and undocumented students. Being first-generation myself, I know of the obstacles present to us when seeking an education. I hope to use my degree from NAU to pursue a Master Degree in public policy in hopes to work with the community and lawmakers to ensure that education is accessible to everyone, but especially to those who have been historically neglected. My time at NAU has been filled with growth and learning. I have found a new community that supports me and is helping me make my dreams come to fruition.

Once again, thank you so much.  
Warm regards, Guadalupe Reynoso Jimenez

### Awardee: Ashley Kent

I want to give a big thank you to the individuals that made it possible to be able to receive this amazing scholarship. I am honored to have been chosen amongst the select few. This will help me pay for my entire semesters worth of fees allowing me to focus more on succeeding in my classes and less time working outside of school to make up for the tuition fees.



I am working towards my Bachelors of Science in Managerial Business Administration (BSBA). My parents graduated from NAU with a Bachelors degree in Account Management and Finance and a Bachelors in Mechanical engineering (1994 and 1996).

I was born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona. - Both of my parents are NAU alumni's. -I am a member of Delta Sigma Pi. I have always wanted to attend NAU since I was little. I participated in Soccer, Track, and Cross Country lettering varsity.

Thank you again,  
Ashley

## Get Involved - HELP Wanted

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 three positions to be filled:

- \* ASRS Liaison
- \* Legislative Concerns
- \* Scholarship Chairperson



Each of these positions are vitally important to the association and its members. Please contact Kathi Zahl with questions and interest.

## Highway Clean up Report

On a brilliant day in May, the 18th to be exact, nine NAURA members met at the Peak View Market on Highway 180 for our semi-annual highway cleanup. In a little over two hours, we picked up 16 bags of trash, plus a number of non-baggable items. It was a good turnout and a great achievement by the group. We will have another cleanup day in late September or early October and look forward to an even larger group. An initial call for volunteers will be sent out in late August. The ADOT representative told me that our signs should be up on the segment by the next time we are out for the cleanup. This is a great outdoor adventure and a terrific way to make an immediate difference in our community. Come join us in September/October for the next opportunity!

Peak View Market was gracious enough to allow their lot to be used as the staging area and I put a thank you note in the mail to them.

J. Richard Coast

## Officer Elections

Our very first "virtual" election went well with 130 responses online and via mail. The results are as follows:

President Elect: Carole Mandino  
Secretary: Gae Johnson  
Treasurer: Greg Larkin

Dues Increase: \$30.00 annual, \$300 Life Membership (109 Yes - 21 No) Effective May 5, 2022

Scholarship Criteria Revision: 123 Yes – 7 No

Your responses are essential to the NAURA democratic process, and we appreciate you taking the time to submit your vote!

NAURA Executive Committee

## NAU Retirees FLASH Newsletter

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**Editor: Sherry Markel**

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.

**President-Elect: Carole Mandino**

I look forward to working with the NAU Retirees Association as President-elect this year. I am in hopes that we will be able to congregate together more frequently, but also to see each other over Zoom as not all retirees live in Flagstaff. I also hope that we can get together in the Phoenix area as many retirees have homes there.



I worked at NAU for 33 years, but have been associated with NAU since 1975 when I started my college education. While there have been many changes at NAU since 1975, it is still a place I like to frequent, see friends, and of course, I have very happy memories there; I met my husband, Dana, there in 1978 and we've been together since. He is still working on campus but plans to retire in the next couple of years. Our son, Ryan, attended NAU; our daughter, Danielle, was the traitor and attended ASU and the University of Phoenix—we are still proud of her! Of course, we have three adorable grandsons, who we hope to attend NAU someday.

I enjoy my retirement as much as I enjoyed working at NAU, okay, maybe a bit more as I can do things on my own schedule. I do still instruct an online course for NAU each semester and enjoy relating to the students in the course.

I hope your retirement is all you wished it would be!

Sincerely,  
Carole D. Mandino



Native American Cultural Center

**Submitted June 10, 2022**

**Chase Bank Balance: April 22, 2022**  
**\$25,190.87**

**Revenue:**  
Dues  
\$835.00 (24 memberships)  
  
(\$220 scholarships)  
Vanco\*  
\$3562.73

**Expenditures**  
Clean up equipment  
\$65.34

Flowers \$157.43

\*I will not show amounts from Vanco until they are actually recorded in a Chase statement. Vanco will be behind by roughly three weeks.

**Chase Bank Account: June 10, 2022**  
**\$29,365.83**

**Edward Jones Account Balance:**  
**April 22, 2022 \$81,706.16**

**Revenue and/or expenditures/losses**  
\$450.00 (2 memberships)  
**Loss in Account Value**  
(\$1,695.66)

**Edward Jones, June 10, 2022**  
**\$80,460.50**

**Total in both accounts, June 10, 2022**  
**\$109,826.33**

**\*Scholarship Donations April 1-June 2, 2022**  
**\$1010.00**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Greg Larkin  
Treasurer

# WELCOME NEW RETIREES



Acker, Thomas L.

Amos, Judith A.

Anderson, Matthew D.

Brown, Christina C.

Budzinski, Lauren M.

Butcher, Rebecca S.

Carr, Michael C.

Darby, Timothy L.

Foster, Dennis L.

Gallegos, Mark A.

Gillman, Elane

Hague, Stanley

Horn, Kelly A.

Jacobson, Roxane L.

Martin, Boyce R.

Okoli, Daniel T.

Okoli, Grace

Pavich, Matthew J.

Penna, Vicki B.

Ramirez, Jesus

Reynolds, Lori Ann

Schwartz, Anna L.

Stearns, Diane M.

Vance, Sean

Whisler, L. Ruth

Williams, Sara

## Parking Passes

Qualified **NAURA members**, are eligible for a retiree parking pass. **Life members** qualify for a retiree permanent parking pass (only one sign-up is needed.) **Annual Members** must renew their parking pass every year. Parking Services will confirm your retirement status in PeopleSoft and your membership status with NAURA. The NAU parking pass uses a [License Plate Recognition](#) (LPR) system so you can park your car, only one vehicle at a time, on campus in **employee lots only**. Parking stickers are no longer used.

**To register your vehicle(s) with Parking Services you have three options:**

1. Send your NAURA payment receipt to [ask.parking@nau.edu](mailto:ask.parking@nau.edu) and your status will be changed to retiree so you can then go online and order your parking pass.
2. Go to the Parking Services office with your NAURA payment receipt. You can then order your pass online in their office if you need assistance.
3. Send your payment receipt to [ask.parking@nau.edu](mailto:ask.parking@nau.edu) and request they order the annual retiree permit for you.

\*\*\*A retiree parking pass *must be replaced* with a purchased employee parking pass if the retiree is working at NAU more than 10 hours per week, teaching more than 3 hours, or enrolling in more than one class\*\*\*

Any other questions pertaining to Parking Services policy for NAURA members should be directed to Parking Services at [ask.parking@nau.edu](mailto:ask.parking@nau.edu) or by calling [928-523-6623](tel:928-523-6623).

## NAURA Executive Committee Directory 2022- 2023

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>E-MAIL</b>
<b><u>ELECTED:</u></b>		
<b>President</b>	Kathi Zahl	koz1946@hotmail.com
<b>President-Elect</b>	Carole Mandino	cmmandino@gmail.com
<b>Past President</b>	Betsy Kerr	betsy.kerr@nau.edu
<b>Secretary</b>	Gae Johnson	gae.johnson@nau.edu
<b>Treasurer</b>	Greg Larkin	greg.larkin@nau.edu

### **APPOINTED:**

<b>Activities Chair</b>	Sara Aleman	sara.aleman@nau.edu
<b>Archivist</b>	Harlan Johnson	harlan.johnson@nau.edu
<b>Athletics Dept. Liaison</b>	Harlan Johnson	harlan.johnson@nau.edu
<b>Benefits Rep</b>	Betsy Kerr	betsy.kerr@nau.edu
<b>Legislative Concerns</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	
<b>ASRS Liaison</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	
<b>Member Records</b>	John Nauman	johnknauman@gmail.com
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Sherry Markel	sherry.markel@nau.edu
<b>Scholarship Chair</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	
<b>Web Master</b>	Leslie Mathews	Leslie.mathews@hotmail.com
<b>Admin. Support</b>	Shannan Rice	shannan.rice@nau.edu

### **NAURA PAST PRESIDENT LIST**

1985 - Chair	Organizing Comm.-Glennnda 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	Betsy Kerr