

# NAU Retirees *FLASH*

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## Holiday LUNCHEON

Date: Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Place: DoubleTree by Hilton

Program: ACDA Carolers, NAU's Music Department

Social Time: 11:30 AM

Lunch: Noon

Price: \$25 per person

### Menu Choices:

#### Turkey Buffet

Roasted Turkey with Stuffing

Mashed Potatoes with Gravy

Fresh Spring Green Mix Salad with Dressing

Seasonal Steamed Vegetables

Pumpkin Pie or Pecan Pie

Rolls and butter

Coffee ,Tea, Water

#### Vegetarian Option

Includes Stuffed Portobello Mushroom in lieu of Turkey



**Make luncheon reservations by Monday, November 26 2018.** Enclosed with this newsletter is a reservation form for the Fall Luncheon. Please fill out the form and enclose your check for **\$25. per person**. Your **reservation form and check must** be mailed in advance and received **no later than Monday, November 26, 2018**.

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!

This fall has been quite different than most in Flagstaff with the cold, rain, and snow. I hope you are doing well.

Although attendance at our September luncheon was smaller than average, it was a great event. John Nauman, our president-elect, gave an interesting and excellent presentation on water issues facing Flagstaff. Thank you, John! We also enjoyed meeting NAU VP for Athletics Mike Marlow, who shared his vision for athletics. He encouraged everyone to be his guest at any upcoming athletic event.

Thanks also to Shannan Rice for organizing and Jason Hess for hosting the tour of the Tozan Kiln and Teahouse in September. This event was well attended and is described in greater detail elsewhere in the Flash.

Shannan and I attended two separate meetings with the leadership of the ASU and U of A retiree associations, along with representatives from ASRS. By now you should have received information from both ASRS and ADOA regarding health insurance. ASRS has worked hard to offer some new options this year. Please review the options carefully. Shannan will forward to NAURA members invitations to attend events and travel with our sister organizations. They have encouraged us to participate with them.

Our I-17 highway pickup, relocated to a mile stretch near Flagstaff Pulliam Airport, has proven challenging due to heavy rains, flooding, and snow. However, we should all be thankful for the additional moisture.

I look forward to seeing you at our Holiday Luncheon on December 5<sup>th</sup>. I hope you can join us!

### NAURA President

***Kathe Shinham***

### **Arizona State Retirement System Liaison Wanted:**

The primary function of the ASRS Liaison is to represent the 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.

#### Meetings?

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.

Contact Shannan Rice at [Shannan.Rice@nau.edu](mailto:Shannan.Rice@nau.edu) or call at 928-523-3152



### 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](mailto: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.kermes@nau.edu](mailto:ernest.kermes@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.



## **Tozan Kilns and Japanese Teahouse Tour**

By Laura Theimer

My anticipation of the Tozan Kilns and Japanese Teahouse tour was well rewarded. Shannan, a gracious host and Jason, our tour guide, had so much information to share with all of us. Standing under the roof, watching a small stream flow down the dirt steps as rain and hail played on the roof while we awaited Jason's arrival added a touch more magic for me. Learning about the kilns was of interest to me as I had visited the ceramic studio several times a few years back when one of the students I worked closely with had her work on display. To learn more of the process of her work, of which I have several pieces, gives her work even more meaning. I sip my morning tea from her cup with even more gratitude now. It is daunting to consider the time and attention it takes to fire up the largest kiln. The amount of wood it takes just to fire up the smaller wood kilns is quite remarkable. The new Train kiln invented by one of Jason's graduate assistants ties the old ways to new innovation. That there is access to three types of kilns – the wood kilns, the natural gas and the electric kilns – is quite a remarkable gift to the NAU and Flagstaff communities.

While I knew of the Tozan Kilns, I did not know NAU had a Japanese Teahouse until I received Shannan's invitation. I have experienced two Japanese tea ceremonies in Denver and was surprised to learn that the traditions here at NAU's teahouse were just a bit different. One of the goals of the College of Education during my time there was to teach and model life-long learning. Thank you, Shannan, for providing us NAU retirees with opportunities to do just that!

### **Chairperson Needed for Scholarship Committee!**

NAURA is looking for a new chairperson for the Scholarship Committee. This position has the potential to change lives. Primarily you are responsible for raising funds to add to the scholarship fund. The traditional method is to organize raffles at the luncheons held 3-4 times per year. Some local establishments are dependable donors of raffle items such as Bearizona, the Radisson Hotel and Pat Hall. Feel free to expand these resources and/or explore new ideas; creativity is encouraged. Secondly you are responsible for delivering the monies to the NAU Foundation offices. A full job description is available on the NAURA website. Check it out! Contact Kathe Shinham - [Kathe.Shinham@nau.edu](mailto:Kathe.Shinham@nau.edu) or Shannan Rice (523-3152, [shannan.rice@nau.edu](mailto:shannan.rice@nau.edu)) with your interest.

### **NEW MEMBERS OF NAU RETIREES ASSOCIATION**

Richard Bowen  
Marisa Bowen  
Richard Fernandez  
Julie Hammond  
Leslie Hempleman  
Steven Hempleman  
Rich Howey



Betsy Kerr  
Philip Misna  
Olga Misna  
Leslie Moss  
Susan Parish  
Patricia Shanholtzer  
Michael Talbot  
Robert Wilson

TREASURER'S REPORT: Submitted October 15, 2018

Starting Chase Bank Balance: July 24, 2018	\$29,164.82
Revenue:	
Dues	\$750.00
Lunches	\$720.00
Edward Jones	\$675.56
Expenditures	\$72.20
Lunch	\$985.24
Total in Chase Bank Account, October 15, 2018	\$30,252.94
Edward Jones Account Balance: July 24, 2018	\$56,398.58
Revenue:	
Six Lifetime Memberships	\$1350.00
Loss in Account Value	(\$608.50)
Total in Edward Jones, October 15, 2018	\$57,140.08
Total in both accounts      October 15, 2018	\$87,393.02

Respectfully Submitted  
 Greg Larkin  
 Treasurer

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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](mailto:sherry.markel@nau.edu)

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## IN MEMORY

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

**Dennis E. (Denny) Mitchem (1931-2018)** Denny was born in Nebraska. After serving in the military he joined Arthur Andersen and Company as an Accountant, Auditor, and Consultant in 1952 and had a distinguished 40 year career as an accountant and consultant. He transferred with the firm to Phoenix in 1958 and opened Andersen's Phoenix office. He is a past chairman of the Arizona Society of Certified Public Accountants.

After working with the United States Agency for International Development in Moscow and then the director of Valley of the Sun Habitat Housing for low-income families, Denny joined Northern Arizona University as Director of Corporate Relations, located in Phoenix in 1998. Denny spearheaded NAU's corporate development activities reaching out to Arizona business leaders to assist the university in formulating objectives and securing resources necessary to achieve them. He retired in 2010 but continued to serve as a volunteer.



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### Back Roads of Iberia: Spanish Paradores & Portuguese Pousadas

NAU Retirees are cordially invited to join ASU Retirees on this travel adventure:

#### *Back Roads of Iberia: Spanish Paradores & Portuguese Pousadas*

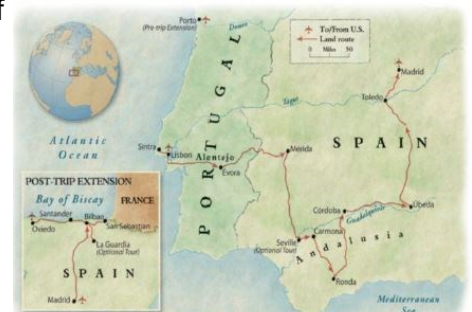
**Main Tour: May 13 – May 28, 2019**

**Pre-Tour (Porto): May 8 – May 13, 2019**

The tour, *Back Roads of Iberia: Spanish Paradores & Portuguese Pousadas* is run by Overseas Adventure Travel. The main tour runs from May 13th thru May 28th, 2019. There is an optional pre-tour (Porto) which runs from May 8th thru May 13th. We would love to have you join us as we explore the back roads of Portugal and Spain and stay in Portuguese pousadas and Spanish paradors along the way.

If you would like to learn more about this adventure, please contact **Gary Kleemann at [Gary@asu.edu](mailto:Gary@asu.edu)** or call 480-839-8190 and visit: <https://www.oattravel.com/wps2019>.

This trip is designed for people who want a different kind of travel experience. It emphasizes active exploration and close cultural contact. We seek out unusual experiences, in out-of-the-way places where ordinary tours often don't go. To get the most of this trip, you should have a healthy sense of curiosity, an adventurous spirit, and a flexible attitude about the unpredictable nature of travel.



## GETTING TO KNOW WHO IS BEHIND THE SCENES

Introducing those worker bees “behind the scenes” as appointed members of the NAURA Executive Committee this Flash newsletter is pleased to present:



**Greg Larkin**  
Treasurer

Greg Larkin grew up in Texas, New York, and northern California, so from an early age always enjoyed traveling. Still does. Greg and his wife, Paula, travel the world, so far including India, Turkey, Ireland, Belgium, Croatia, Italy, France, Romania, Tanzania, Portugal,

Macedonia, Albania, Viet Nam, and Cambodia. Lots more planned—he claims they have to do it before they become too feeble (in body and mind).

Greg is an amateur photographer. You can see his work online at ([yessy.com/gregorylarkin](http://yessy.com/gregorylarkin)), or at the Red Curry Vegan (downtown Flagstaff), or in the Bursar’s office on the NAU north campus.

Greg Larkin joined the English Department at NAU in 1981 and retired in 2015. During this time he taught professional and technical writing, and for many years directed the Northern Arizona Writing Project, which served teachers and schools all over Arizona, as well as delivered many writing workshops to faculty and staff on campus. Greg was also instrumental in the creation of the Martin-Springer Institute on the NAU campus. Throughout Greg’s academic career, his work took him to a great many companies and government agencies, always working with writing skills in these places, such as proposals, specifications, procedures, and other documents typical of the working world. Clients included any oil company you can name, all branches of the military, as well as banks, aerospace companies, NASA, USGS, and many others, in nearly every state in the United States, as well as in Canada, and in Europe.

Greg likes to stay busy, so he exercises every morning, rides his bicycle many afternoons, plays the piano, and of course deposits all the checks NAU retirees send in every year. Keep those checks coming! Greg loved his career at NAU, but likes retirement even better.



If you would like to donate something to the Christmas raffle please contact  
Kathe Shinham at [Kathe.Shinham@nau.edu](mailto:Kathe.Shinham@nau.edu)

## Upcoming Events:

The Cline Library’s Special Collections and Archives recently opened a new exhibit, “**Splendor and Spectacle: The 100 Year Journey of the Grand Canyon National Park**”. Archivist, Sean Evans will be giving us a personal tour and taking us into the hidden vault that contains decades of NAU’s secret treasurers.

When: Wednesday, November 14 - 1:00 pm

Where: Cline Library’s Special Collections and Archives

If you’re interested in joining us for this unique, behind the scenes tour, please RSVP to Shannan Rice at (928) 523-3152 or [Shannan.rice@nau.edu](mailto:Shannan.rice@nau.edu) before November 9.

## Fall in Flagstaff:



## Performances Coming Your Way!

We are proud to announce that the Theater Department is offering \$10 tickets to NAURA members for the following upcoming performances:

### **All in the Timing by David Ives**

**Thursday, November 29**

David Ives renowned wit shines radiantly in his critically acclaimed, award-winning evening of comedy shorts that combine intelligent satire, concentration of thought, precision and poetry. An evening of hilarious fun that the New York Times called, "Theatre that aerobicizes the brain and tickles the heart."

Don't miss, *All in the Timing* – a masterpiece by the "phenomenal word master" David Ives! ~~

### **The Effect by Lucy Prebble**

**Thursday, February 28**

*The Effect*, called "a clinical romance" Tells the story of two young volunteers who agree to take part in a clinical drug trial, but as love would have it, they succumb to the pull love which throws the research off and frustrates the researchers and clinicians involved in the study. *The Effect* is a funny, moving and vibrant story – a theatrical exploration into the human brain via the heart.

The Daily News called Prebble's play. "[a] crackling good play about love, medicine and morals..."~~

### **Mr. Burns, A Post-Electric Play by Anne Washburn**

**Thursday, April 25**

The USA has experienced a widespread and catastrophic nuclear-plant failure that has destroyed the country and its electrical grid. After the disaster, a group of five survivors gather around a fire and recount the episode entitled "Cape Feare" from *The Simpsons*. As the survivors attempt to remember the events of the episode, they discover that memory is unreliable, disagreeing over who said what and how significant punch lines were worded. "What will endure when the cataclysm arrives—when the grid fails, society crumbles, and we're faced with the task of rebuilding?" Playwright, Ann Washburn asks why and how stories are told, and how they mutate over time. *Mr. Burns*, an imaginative, dark comedy takes us on an animated exploration of how the pop culture of one era might evolve into the mythology of another.

*Mr. Burns a Post-Electric Play* is a dark game of "telephone" with mythic proportions. ~~

To get your discounted tickets, visit the Central Ticketing Office and let them know you're a member of the NAURA.

**NAURA Executive Committee Directory 2018 - 2019**

POSITION	NAME	E-MAIL	PHONE
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**NAURA PRESIDENTS LIST**

1985 - Chair	Organizing Comm.-Glenda 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		





# NAURA HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



December 5, 2018  
 Doubletree by Hilton Hotel  
 Registration/Socializing 11:30 a.m.  
 Buffet Lunch 12 Noon

Buffet

- Roasted Turkey with Stuffing
- Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- Green Salad with Dressing
- Steamed Vegetables
- Rolls
- Pumpkin or Pecan Pie
- Coffee, Tea, Water

Vegetarian Option

Includes Stuffed Portobello Mushroom in lieu of Turkey

*\$25 per person*



*Program: ACDA Carolers from NAU's Music Department*

*Please bring mittens/gloves and/or hats/scarves for children's tree to be donated to children's agency.*

Your reservation form and check must be received no later than Monday, November 26, 2018. A prepaid reservation is required. Mail completed reservation form and check to: **Treasurer, NAURA, NAU Box 5601, Flagstaff AZ 86011-5601**

If you must cancel your reservation, please notify Shannan Rice no later than Wednesday, November 30. She can be reached at 928-523-3152 or by e-mail at **Shannan.Rice@nau.edu**



I/we plan to attend the NAURA HOLIDAY LUNCHEON on Wednesday, December 5, 2018, at Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Flagstaff.

NAME(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_  Turkey Buffet  Vegetarian Option