

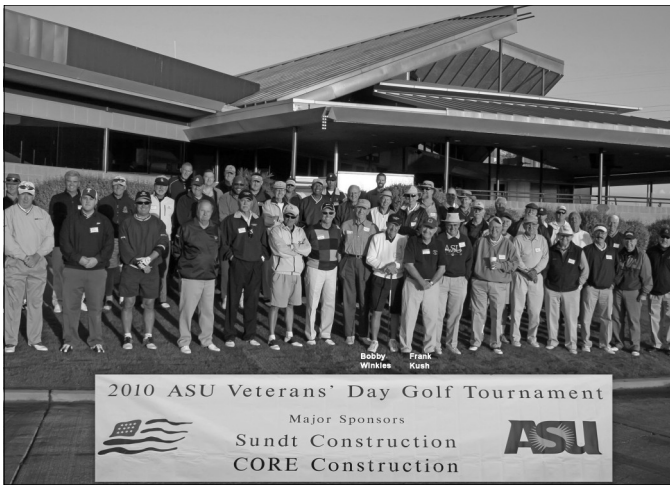
## Tee Time Success



by Dave Scheatzle

The fifth ASURA Veteran's Day Golf Tournament was held Thursday, November 11, 2010, at the ASU Karsten Golf Course with 64 golfers participating, including well-known ASU icons Frank Kush and Bobby Winkles.

The tournament raised \$4,000, with half of these proceeds shared with the Bobby and Ellie Winkles Scholarship Endowment. The ASURA Video History Project also is a beneficiary.



Major sponsors of the tournament were Sundt Construction and Core Construction. Tournament co-chairs were ASU retirees Dave Scheatzle and Mernoy Harrison. Others on the tournament committee were retirees Lonnie Ostrom, Don Dotts, Roger Detter and Linda Van Scoy. Bob Davies was the master of ceremonies at the awards luncheon.



(L. to R., Terry Coyle, Bobby Winkles, Frank Kush, Bob Davies)

## Retirees Day Features "Silence" and "Freaks of the Storm"

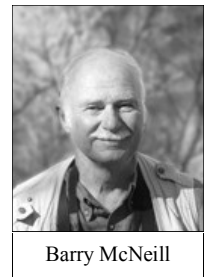
The annual ASURA Retirees Day provides members a half-day of learning combined with the opportunity to reunite with former faculty and staff colleagues.

Barry McNeill, chair of the 2011 Retirees Day Committee, has sought to combine fresh topics with long-time favorites to continue the tradition of an informative yet informal day of learning.

New this year is a change in the luncheon program. Instead of a speaker, attendees will learn about the history of jazz in Arizona while enjoying a live jazz performance by pianist Joel Goldenthal and vocalist Delphine Cortez from the Jazz in AZ community arts organization.

Breakout sessions address a range of topics from "Islam, Islamists and America" with Dr. M. Zuhrdi Jasser to "Ethical Challenges of Emerging Technologies, presented by Dr. Joseph R. Herkert."

Other sessions will cover: "The Impact of Alzheimer's Disease," Helle Brand, PA; "Seeking Silence," Prof. Max Underwood; "Illegal: Life and Death in Arizona's Immigration War Zone," Terry Greene Sterling; "History Detectives," Dr. Eduardo Pagan and Dr. Jeremy Rowe; "Freaks of the Storm," Dr. Randy Cerveny; and "Economic Recovery," Dr. Dennis Hoffman.



Barry McNeill



Delphine Cortez and Joel Goldenthal

A continental breakfast and opening remarks from the ASURA president start the event.

For full descriptions of these sessions and/or to register for this event, please visit [www.asura.asu.edu](http://www.asura.asu.edu).

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## **ASRS Report**

By Dick Jacob



As we emerge slowly from the current recession, things are looking up at the Arizona State Retirement System. The overall

ASRS fund value has followed the stock market on an upward trend, growing 42.2% from the nadir value of \$18.7B in March, 2009, to a present figure (12/31/2010) of \$26.6B. (The Dow has grown 75.6% in that time frame, but its fall had been much steeper than that of the ASRS fund.)

The Pew Center on the States, in its recent report on public employee pension plans, frequently highlighted Arizona as a top performer in several categories. For example, it found that in fiscal year 2008, only Alaska, Arizona, Maine and North Dakota met their actuarially required contributions. For this high ranking in pension performance, we have to thank a dedicated and competent ASRS Board of Trustees and the superb leadership of the director, Paul Matson, and his corps of investment officers and consultants.

The bottom line is that retired members, both of the ASRS "System" and

"Plan," can feel secure in their pensions. They are actuarially sound, at least over the anticipated lifetimes of current retirees, and guaranteed by the Arizona State constitution as well as state and local contract law. In light of the recent State Attorney General's opinion regarding the "System" being protected on the same constitutional basis as the "Plan," both are almost equivalent in stability and reliability.

For active members (those still at work,) however, the situation is not quite as rosy. Those of us who were used to matching contribution rates of 7% or less during our employment years are taken aback to learn that the 2011 rate is 10.5% and projected to grow to 11% or 12% over the next few years before declining again. Indeed, if a switch to a Defined Contribution Plan (the current Plan is Defined Benefit) occurs, as some have suggested, the rate for current active members would be forced to unsustainable levels. This, in my opinion, is not likely to happen, but more realistic is the already occurring decrease in members and total contributions due to declining state employee numbers. This adds further to the contribution burden of existing active membership.

Another sour note is the disappearance of new Permanent Benefit Increases (PBI on your statements.) Many have mis-

takenly thought of this as a cost-of-living adjustment, similar to that which occurs in Social Security benefits. It is not that, but is rather the attempt through legislation to allow retired members to share the benefits of high returns in the ASRS investment portfolio. Because of the severe 2008 and 2009 downturns in performance, the threshold triggering PBI distributions, which depends upon a ten-year rolling index, will probably not be reached again for a decade or so.

Finally, as a cost savings measure, ASRS has ceased mailing monthly paper advisories of pension deposits. Members will receive an advisory by email if there are changes in their deductions or other details, but only an annual summary will be mailed to each retiree. Members may access their monthly deposit details by going to their account on line. Go to [www.azasrs.gov](http://www.azasrs.gov) and click on the "My ASRS" button. First time visitors will have to go through a registration process.

Further information and .pdf copies of my reports to the ASURA Board can be obtained by sending me an e-mail at [rjjacob@asu.edu](mailto:rjjacob@asu.edu). I am also happy to discuss with you issues you may have regarding the retirement system, but will quickly direct you to an expert at ASRS if your questions take me into deep waters.

## **Spring Luncheon 2011**



Put a "hold" on your calendar now for the upcoming ASURA Spring Luncheon, scheduled for Friday, April 8th, 11:30am -1:30pm. The luncheon will be held at the Shalimar Golf Clubhouse in Tempe. Details are still pending (e.g., menu options and cost) but our guest

speaker will be Dr. Jay Braun. Dr. Braun will make a presentation entitled: "Everything is REALLY all in your Head!"

Dr. Braun will trace briefly the history of the ideas of brain involvement in human behavior and experience. He will use a number of examples, some of them counterintuitive, to illustrate

his view. Examples will come from modern neurology and psychology.

Jay Braun is an Emeritus Professor of Psychology at ASU. He received a Ph.D. in Physiological Psychology from Ohio State University, specializing in Neuroscience. Dr. Braun began his career in 1965 at Yale University, where he studied recovery following brain damage, with emphasis on sensory and memory processes. Dr. Braun is one of the founding members of the ASU Emeritus College, which he has served for five years. Also, he creates community courses and talks about the brain and nervous system for various audiences throughout the Valley.

Further details and a registration form are forthcoming. So, keep your eyes open and your brain alert!

## Traveling Retirees Heading to Down Under



After taking 20 Chopsticks (ASURA travelers) to China for an incredible three-week adventure, the ASURA Travel Committee is planning to take 20 Boomerangs (also ASURA travelers) to Australia and New Zealand for an extended tour in August/September.

Tentative plans for Australia include an exploration of Sydney and the world-famous Opera House; a walk around Uluru in the Outback; a cruise on the Yellow Waters Billabong in Kakadu; and a slow exploration of the Great Barrier Reef. In New Zealand, travelers will visit Auckland sites, learn about the

Maori culture and traditions in Rotorua; and view the glow-worms in the Waitomo Caves.

Informational meetings are scheduled for Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m., and Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. Meetings will be held in the Tempe Public Library (Connections Room). The library is on the southwest corner of Rural and Southern.

At each meeting, attendees will get a review of the itinerary and engage in a discussion of the trip. There also will be a question and answer session. This Down Under educational adventure is for ASURA members and their guests.

Questions? Contact trip organizer Gary Anderson at [gwander@asu.edu](mailto:gwander@asu.edu) or call the ASURA office at 480-965-7668.

## Honoring Dick Murra

The ASURA Board of Directors joined with past presidents to honor Dick Murra during a November luncheon in his honor. Dick has served the ASURA from the establishment of the organization in 1991/92 to the present, for 19 years of uninterrupted service, including three years as a member of the ASURA board.



Health insurance benefits have always been a concern to ASU retirees and it was this field that Dick chose to focus on in 1992, a position he held until last year.

Dick tracked legislation affecting health insurance and

changes to policy or plans and benefits implemented by the Arizona Department of Administration, which administers state health insurance plans for ASU employees and retirees.

In 2009, Dick, with Doug Johnson, offered to meet with members during the open enrollment period to answer questions and bring clarity to a confusing number of changes and decisions our members has to make. More than 120 members attended those meetings. Similar meetings also were held in 2010.

In Dean Smith's *A Decade of Success, an Illustrated History of the Arizona State Retirees Association*, the author said: "Murra, the chair has been the faithful foundation of information and assistance on health insurance from that time [1992] to this."

Eleven past presidents attended the luncheon, each speaking about Dick's contributions to the ASURA. Dick's wife Jan and their three daughters Barbara, Jo Ann and Tracy also attended the tribute.

## Annual Meeting — April 30, 2011

The Annual Meeting of the ASU Retirees Association celebrates the conclusion of each year, as called for in our Bylaws. The meeting provides an opportunity for us to recognize the activities and accomplishments of the organization and the contributions of our members.

The meeting typically features a light lunch, an interesting speaker, appearance and remarks by our 2009-2010 Scholarship recipient, Elizabeth Clarke, and other features or presentations highlighting accomplishments of our members and our organization. It may also include any business items that require discussion by the entire membership.

The meeting is normally held in the Alumni Lounge in the Memorial Union Building (MU 202) on the ASU Tempe Campus at 1:00 p.m. This location is chosen as the most central and/or

convenient for our membership.

At the meeting the President of the ASURA introduces newly elected and appointed Board Members, and introduces the Officers who will lead ASURA in the coming year. The meeting marks the official transfer of responsibility from the previous year's Board and officers to the new year's.

As with all ASURA events, this meeting is an opportunity to enjoy the company of good friends and to make new acquaintances.

The ASURA Annual Report is distributed at the meeting. This report summarizes the activities of ASURA for the year. Links to prior-year reports appear in the report on that year's Annual Meeting, which you can find listed along with other past ASURA events.



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## **Music Lovers Unite!**

The second ASURA Jam Session is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, 2:30 p.m. in the Skirm Auditorium at Friendship Village in Tempe. Registration is \$5/person and the event is open to ASURA members, family and friends.

ASU retiree Denis Kigin will be the resident host, assisted by Barbara Bradford Eschbach. Lead musicians for the jam session will be Sharon Aebi (piano) and Robert Coulson (standup bass). Aebi and Coulson are known in the East Valley for their

popular Sunday-night jam sessions at John Henry's Restaurant in Tempe. Attendees are invited – and encouraged – to bring their own voices and/or musical instruments to join in on the jam. Refreshments will be provided.

Registration forms will be mailed and also posted on the ASURA website: <http://asura.asu.edu>.

Friendship Village is located at 2645 East Southern Avenue, Tempe, Arizona, 85282.



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## **Help Support ASURA Programs by Cleaning Out Your Home Library**

The ASURA Finance Committee has been looking at the long-range economic health of our organization, including the need for fundraising to continue our Living Video History Project, scholarships and Adopt-A-Family, as well as potential future projects.

The Committee is exploring a potential excellent opportunity to sell donated books on-line through Friends of the Phoenix Public Library, a local non-profit that has enjoyed great success and has a warehouse for book storage and an established operation. Profits on sales of our donated books would be shared with ASURA and Friends of the Phoenix Public Library.

Book collections by members of higher education are especially coveted because these are the types of books that sell!

Books that will be accepted for this project include: newer textbooks, non-fiction, first editions, classics, Pulitzer prize winners, books by famous authors who have recently died, very current fiction like the Twilight or Steig Larson series and fiction that is less than three or four years old. Academic publications from publishers like Oxford, Cambridge, ASU and UofA may sell as well.

Books that don't sell and will not be accepted include books published before 1970 (they do not have an ISBN number which is required), old fiction, encyclopedias, coffee table books, World Books or similar book sets, best sellers like romance novels by Nora Roberts and mysteries, and NO *National Geographic* or *Arizona Highways* magazines.

Books that don't sell will be donated or disposed of by the Friends of the Phoenix Public Library.

ASURA members who accept communications through e-mail will receive a survey from the Committee to gather information on whether we can collect a sufficient number of books to participate in the on-line sales program. We strongly encourage you to complete the survey. If you do not receive ASURA communications by email but have books you would donate, please call the ASURA office and leave word with the office staff volunteer with your name, telephone number, types and estimated number of books you have to donate. The office number is 480-965-7668.

Depending on the results of the survey, we will set a week-long period for delivery of books to the Community Services Building, 200 E. Curry Road, and notify potential donors of dates and times.

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## **Judges Needed for K-12 Science Fair**

Hundreds of students from throughout Arizona will bring their entries in the 2011 Arizona Science & Engineering Fair to the Phoenix Convention Center April 11-13, with the hopes that their project will be good enough to advance to the next level of competition.

Phil Huebner, director of the AzSEF, relies heavily on volunteer judges to provide students with the critical feedback that will help these young minds continue their interest in science and engineering. Huebner is especially hopeful that retired ASU faculty and staff will bring their expertise to the fair.

Volunteer judges are needed for just one day to help make this educational event a success. While a background in a specific science or engineering area is a boon, it is not essential. The 18 judging categories range from animal science to chemistry, computer sciences to bioengineering and mathematical to plant sciences.

For more information and/or to sign up as a judge, go to <http://azsef.org/register/judge.shtml>.

## ASURA Video History

The ASURA Video History committee is pleased to report the editing studio is set up and volunteer staff have begun editing and copying the DVD interviews. The studio is located within the ASURA office in the Community Service Building. We plan to have clips of several key interviews for upcoming events and to also have these available on the ASURA web site. Several more interviews have been conducted this fall and we anticipate 10-12 more to be completed this spring and early summer.

Any ASURA member can view these videos one of 3 ways:

- View on one of the computers in the ASURA office.
- Come to the ASURA office to check out video(s).
- Order by mail: Call, email or write us requesting a specific DVD you would like to view. We will send the requested DVD to you via US Mail. Enclosed with each DVD will be a label with the ASURA return address on it. After you are finished with it, simply put the DVD back in the mailer in which you received it, affix the enclosed new label to the

front (over your address), add postage and drop it in the mail. Use the same amount of postage as we did to send it to you. We request that you return the DVD within two weeks of receipt.

See the list below for interviews on DVD that are currently available for viewing. **Please Note: Those with an asterisk were recently completed and DVD is forthcoming.**

Nominations for retired faculty and staff as candidates for inclusion in the Living History Video Project are always welcome. Persons wishing to nominate an individual or to serve on the committee are asked to call the office at 480-965-7668 or send nominations to: ASU Living History Video Project, ASURA, PO Box 873308, Tempe, AZ 85287-3308 ; or email to Linda Van Scoy at [lvs@asu.edu](mailto:lvs@asu.edu).



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<b>Bob Ellis</b> (KAET-TV)	<b>*Jack Kinsinger</b> (Provost)	<b>Dick Murra</b> (Human Resources)	<b>Wilma Schwada</b> (former ASU first lady)	



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## Holiday Luncheon and Art & Crafts Sale

On December 16, 2010, about 50 ASURA members and guests attended the annual Christmas Potluck Lunch. As always, the food was varied and delicious! The company was most convivial. It is always a treat to get together in this informal social setting. The ambiance was enhanced by music played by Barbara Bradford Eschbach, who also chaired the committee that organized the event.

This year we had a new feature -- an Arts and Crafts Sale, featuring arts and crafts made by members and guests. Our luncheon committee creatively displayed the items on the walls and tables, adding greatly to the festive atmosphere. You will be able to see some of the work



in the photos below, particularly the beautiful quilts made by Sarah Lesperance and the stuffed "Joy" hangings made by Linda Van Scoy. Paintings by Joy Shearman were admired by all, as was the work by Carolyn Lanners and Sylvia Snell. *Start now* on arts and crafts that you would like to display and/or sell next year! This year's sale netted over \$80 for ASURA, which took 20% of sales as a donation by the artists and crafters.

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## One-Day Travel Opportunities

The ASURA Travel Committee has lined up two one-day adventures for ASURA members.

- Because the first visit was so popular, a second trip is planned to the Musical Instrument Museum on Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Check out the ASURA web site or contact the ASURA office (480-965-7668) to sign up and do it quickly as this one sells out fast!
- On April 12<sup>th</sup> you can enjoy a trip to the Boyce Thompson Arboretum. It's the perfect time of year for this popular destination. An email notice will be arriving soon and information is on the ASURA website.

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## Copper Canyon: Perspectives from Judith Smith

The Mexican, says essayist and poet Octavio Paz, "shuts himself away to protect himself: his face is a mask and so is his smile."

Fortunately, the words that Paz penned in his book did not seem to apply on the recent trip to Mexico sponsored by the ASU Retirees Association.

Nineteen ASU retirees and guests joined South of the Border Tours for a jam-packed eight-day tour of Sonora and Chihuahua, Mexico, with a spectacular train ride through the fabled Copper Canyon.

From the first stop to the last, we were treated more as friends than *turistas*.

South of the Border Tours is owned by Steve and Debby Bernier of Tucson. Steve drives the motor coach and talks about



Mexico (which he obviously loves) as he drives. On this trip, guide Greg Scott, a native of Yuma and retired bilingual teacher, offered most of the commentary from his front-row seat, pa-

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tiently explaining the difference between saguaro and organ pipe cacti, trying to point out unusual birds (difficult from a moving bus) and recounting the history of the places we passed through.

The most frequently-asked question at the pre-trip tour was about safety: are you sure we won't get robbed on the Copper Canyon train?

Steve and Greg assured us that Mexico is safe, and that they would not take their own families there if it weren't. (In fact, Steve and his wife, Debby, own a home in Alamos.)

So off we went, from our meeting point in front of the Tempe Library on a beautiful Saturday morning. We stopped in Tucson to pick up two more passengers, and then headed for the border at Nogales.

After a long drive, we arrived at our first destination, the Hotel Playa, just in time for sunset, and a margarita reception at the sea wall in the hotel's expansive gardens.

The next day, we were treated to a presentation on how pearls are "farmed" at the Mar de Cortez factory, and then the opportunity to buy jewelry made of the farm's signature silvery, iridescent pearls.

Alamos was the next stop. Our hotels, both restored haciendas, were a short walk from the Plaza de las Armas, and we enjoyed more margaritas, and a concert by a group of young musicians, the Estudiantina de Alamos.

Next up it was the Hotel Rio Vista in El Fuerte, a hotel that is perched on the cliff overlooking the Rio El Fuerte, and which afforded us a beautiful night view, and the crow of many roosters who served as alarm clocks the next morning.

Then came the anticipated train ride in the Copper Canyon, a canyon that is much larger than the Grand Canyon and spectacular in its own way. The train is comfortable, clean and well tended, and there were, indeed, security guards occasionally strolling through the cars.

The Mansion Tarahumara Hotel, built on the rim of the canyon, required climbing several sets of stone stairways, but the view was worth all the effort. The Copper Canyon at sunrise was particularly breathtaking, with low-lying watercolor clouds slowly giving way to the light.

The next hotel, the Sierra Lodge in Cusarare, owned by the Tarahumara Indians, was a real adventure to the "modern" Americans on the trip. The rooms were lighted by kerosene lamps and heated with wood stoves.

We spent our last night in the Hotel Adobe in Mata Ortiz, the village known for its wood-fired pottery. Before going on this

trip, I thought Mata Ortiz was a woman who made pottery but I learned that it's a village where nearly everyone is a ceramist, from the smallest children to the adults.

Then we were treated to a demonstration of the firing process in the back yard of the master potter Juan Quezada, whose work started the whole tradition in the 1960s and 70s.

We also had many opportunities to buy pots ranging in price from \$1 to several hundred. It seemed that the whole village turned out to show us their wares. And there were a lot of wares, because tourism evidently has been down drastically in Mexico because of fears of violence.

At the various stops, we enjoyed a variety of activities such as taking a ride on a newly installed aerial tram in the Copper Canyon (it was manufactured by a Swiss company), having a lakeside picnic, visiting museums, enjoying lunch in the backyard of an American family who live in the former home of silent film star Mary Astor, meeting many Tarahumara Indians and buying their baskets and wood carvings and much more.

And then there was the food: Carne asada, chicken enchiladas, tortilla soup, homemade tortillas, flan, and more homemade tortillas. It was all delicious.

The people, of course, were warm, friendly, helpful and polite. Our guide for a third of the trip, Gustavo Lozano and his son Julio sprang into action when my husband discovered that he had left his camera on the train. The Acosta family – Sara, Denise, Diana and Sara's mother, opened their living quarters in the old Hacienda San Diego, which they are hoping to restore, for us to see, and Diana was our tour guide for the museum at the Paquime ruins.

The shopkeepers, waiters, restaurant owners, museum staff and other we encountered also were friendly and helpful – as were our bus driver and faithful guide. Hasta la vista, Mexico. We had a wonderful time and we'll be back.



(For another perspective on the Copper Canyon trip, see the article by Bill Stasi that is on our Web site at: <http://asura.asu.edu/CopperCanyon>).



**Obituaries: Published After October 15, 2010** *(pages 10 & 11)*

Please note that all obituary notices and photos (when available) are on our web site: <http://asura.asu.edu/obituaries>

(Becky Reiss, Membership & Communications Committee)

Name	Date of Death	ASU Affiliation
Bell, Shirley Kay	November 12, 2010	College of Nursing
Combs, Libby (Alma Elizabeth)	November 26, 2010	Worked during semester registrations
Curry, Robert Scott	October 22, 2010	Registrar's Office and Art Museum
Dellis, H. A. "Hoss"	November 10, 2010	College of Education, adjunct professor
Diehl, James Edward, Sr.	December 14, 2010	Police Officer
Fairfax, Betty Harriet	November 7, 2010	Consultant, Del Webb School of Construction
Fjeld, Margorie Mae	October 15, 2010	Unknown
Grebles, Barent Leroy "Roy"	October 19, 2010	Evening Instructor, Ctr for Executive Development, College of Business
Heier, William D. "Bill"	October 29, 2010	Professor Emeritus, College of Business
Hughes, Georgia Ann	December 27, 2010	College of Business, Marketing Department
Jones, Hazel Burniece	January 11, 2011	Food service worker
Karnes, Thomas Lindas	December 11, 2010	Chairman, History Department
Karnes, Virginia Perry	October 28, 2010	Wife of Thomas Karnes, Professor Emeritus of History
Kelly, John B.	December 27, 2010	Professor of Mathematics
Kemper, Leon W.	November 29, 2010	Budget Director, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Director of Summer Sessions
Kush, Frances Marie	November 21, 2010	Wife of Frank Kush, Head Football Coach 1958-1979
Larrington, Alice	November 5, 2010	Administrative Associate, Information Technology
Lister, James Dutch	December 16, 2010	ASU Police Department
Locke, Donald Cuthbert	December 6, 2010	Artist in Residence 1979-1990
McAllister, James Stewart	December 9, 2010	Associate Faculty Member, College of Education
McCabe, Maureen Kay	December 28, 2010	Account Specialist, Student Aid
McCord, Robert K.	November 13, 2010	Board member, major contributor, supporter, scholarship endower to W.P. Carey School of Business plus funding for collaborative research
Miller, Donald Shedlin	October 28, 2010	Professor, Computer Science
Rosner, John "Jack" Christopher	October 24, 2010	College of Engineering

Self, Vera Mae	November 10, 2010	Department unknown
Sommers, Shi	November 11, 2010	Career Services
Soza, Hortenzia Velasco	November 20, 2010	Head cook, Memorial Union
Stevens, Patricia G.	November 1, 2010	Lab Technician
Van Kirk, Carol Elaine	November 13, 2010	Department unsure; possibly Human Resources
Vollstedt, Lyle Milton	December 28, 2010	Father of Linda Vollstedt, Women's Golf Coach 1980-2001
Winter, Lewis S., Jr.	November 23, 2010	Student Health Center
Wochner, Karl Edward	October 22, 2010	Past president of Alumni Association
Wootton, Richard T.	November 2, 2010	Professor of Education

## **President's Message**

I am very pleased to announce that over the next few months we will begin offering informative seminars to our members on issues related to retirement and aging. Among them will be an enhanced version of the session(s) we have normally offered in the fall on State of Arizona health programs. In addition, there will be sessions on topics such as:

- Elder-care options, including independent living, assisted living, selecting and dealing with hospice service organizations, and so forth.
- Retirement tips – what ASU retirees may not realize about how things work and what resources are available to them. For example, many ASU retirees do not know whether they are in the ASRS or ADOA retirement program and what that means in terms of health insurance options, including premium payment options.
- Financial management for retirees.
- Technology use. Examples: How to buy a computer; how to use e-mail; how to avoid getting caught in scams like phishing; how/why to use Facebook and other social networking options.

These sessions will usually be one to two hours in length, and each will be on a specific single topic. They may be offered by our own members or by other people or agencies that we invite based on their expertise.

The seminar topics will be selected by our new Seminars Committee, which will also make all of the arrangements for presenters, place and time. Dick Jacob has very generously agreed to chair the committee and two or three others have agreed to serve. The committee would welcome any other individuals who would like to contribute their time and expertise to this effort. As is always true in our all-volunteer organization, the quality of our offerings depends entirely on the dedication of the members who volunteer. You can make your interest in serving known by contacting Dick at [rijacob@asu.edu](mailto:rijacob@asu.edu), or let us know by contacting the office at 480-965-7668.



As should be obvious from the articles in this issue of Prime Times, all of our existing committees have been working extremely diligently. I believe this may be one of the most active years for the association ever! I am continuously awed and impressed by the imagination, energy, and organizational skill that our volunteers bring to bear in serving you. Most of us volunteer because it is fun, because we enjoy working with our colleagues, and because it helps keep us interested, sharp, and contributing. If you have an interest in volunteering and either did not express it on your Membership Enrollment form or did not get contacted -- call the office at 480-965-7668 to say in which area you'd like to help. We will get back to you!

— (Connie McNeill, 2010-2011 ASURA President)

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