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President's Message

by William C. Moor,
2012-2013 ASURA President



It's now time for my last President's message to the ASURA membership. I now know what bittersweet means in a case like this: it's been my pleasure to serve you and to work with a group of highly motivated, hard-working colleagues, although it has been challenging at times. I will miss the job but will be perfectly happy to become the *immediate* past president.

I believe everyone is aware that we had a dues increase this year which was intended to, at least partially, support an improvement in how we serve our members through data processing and handling. Connie McNeill spearheaded the analysis and selection of a system, Wild Apricot, that would do the job at as reasonable a cost as possible. Barry McNeill has taken over the implementation and training to use the new system. Speaking from the outside, I have used the system (with guidance) and found it to be everything claimed for it.

In November we hosted the annual Tri-University meeting, visiting with our colleagues from UA and NAU. It was an enjoyable and informative meeting which should help improve our services to you. One of the most interesting and valuable parts of the meeting was a presentation by Mr. Pat Klein, ASRS. He provided us with good insights into the health insurance available for retirees. In addition, he gave us a good comparison chart (non-contractual) for the ASRS and ADOA health insurance plans. This chart is available for your examination by checking into the ASURA home page, <http://asura.asu.edu>

Also this fall we conducted a thorough review of our bylaws. A committee composed of past presidents and chaired by Mary Stevens spent considerable time honing and refining the bylaws which were approved by the ASURA board. Final approval requires a positive vote from the members. I hope that each of you had the opportunity to review and cast your vote.

The video history project has taken on an expanded outlook and life. Through the efforts of Linda Van Scoy and David Scheatzle, additional space has been provided to ASURA which can be used for an interview studio, eliminating the need to lug expensive video equipment from site to site. In addition, we will have space for a small meeting room and possibly an archive. If you, or someone you know, has a back file of ASU directories or ASU Yearbooks, and would like to donate them to a new home, please contact Linda, David, me or any other officer of ASURA.

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(President's Message)

We are exploring ways to enhance acquiring members when they retire from ASU...stay tuned for future changes.

Retiree's Day is coming up on Saturday, February 23, in the Memorial Union on the ASU Tempe campus. The Retiree's Day committee, chaired by Barry McNeill, has put together a great program with something for everyone. The cost for the day is \$30 and that includes lunch. Of special interest is the duo of Stephanie R. DeLuse and Denise E. Bates, co-authors of a new book, *Arizona State University*, which will be for sale at the luncheon.

Speaking of history, a monograph on the second ten years of ASU is in preparation. A committee, guided by the principal editor, Val Peterson, has been working on the first draft and hopes to have the finished proof ready before the end of spring.

As I have said in previous columns, I hope you'll join us...on the ASURA Board or on a committee...as we need your ideas and new energy.

Happy New Year to all of you from ASURA!

Your Books = Needed Scholarship

by Mary Stevens



Now that you're settled (or still getting settled) in your retirement from ASU, you may, like many of us, find that you have more books in your home than you know what to do with. ASURA can help solve that problem and, in the process, help a student complete his or her studies.

ASURA will collect your books and sell them through an established vendor. Proceeds from these sales are put toward the association's scholarship program which provides a tuition scholarship each year to a returning student (one who has been away from higher education studies for a period of time) or to a community college student, based on financial need and other criteria.

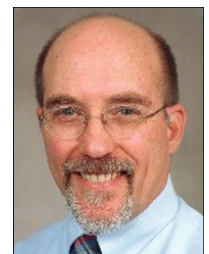
You will be provided with a gift tax receipt by the ASU Foundation, which administers ASURA accounts. For more information, please call Mary Stevens at 602-758-3750 or email her to marystevens0@gmail.com.

ASURA Fall 2012 Seminar Series

by Gary Kleemann

How Medicare Works Seminar

More than a dozen ASURA members attended this seminar presented by Mr. David Parra and Ms. Diane Sanders from AARP Arizona. Participants learned how Medicare works. They explained Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage (also called Part C) and how Medicare Parts A, B, and D work with each of the two options. Participants rated the session highly and many commented on how much they learned.



ADOA & ASRS Health Insurance Open Enrollment Seminar

An overflow crowd of more than 60 ASURA members came to learn about their health care options at this seminar featuring representatives from both the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) and the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA). A lively discussion was held and information was shared but many questions remained at the end of the seminar. We will be rethinking how we present this seminar next year.



Fall 2012 Luncheon Events - Lots of Fun!

by Barbara Bradford Eschbach

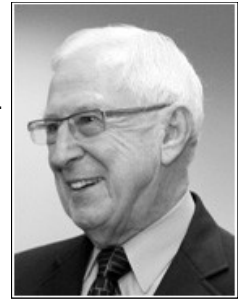


The ASURA Luncheons and Special Events Committee decided that we have been long overdue planning a luncheon to accommodate our many members who are residents of Friendship Village Tempe (FVT). So, on Friday, November 16th, we held a served luncheon for 48 attendees. Of the 48, 26 FVT residents walked from their cottage/apartment to the lovely Skirm Auditorium. The non-residents of FVT were able to park at the nearby Catholic church

and shuttle service to/from the parking lot to the Auditorium was provided by FVT management! The luncheon, which was excellent, was followed by a lively and entertaining 45-minute concert by the Tetra String Quartet. Members of Tetra are associate faculty of the ASU School of Music. The quartet performs widely throughout the Valley as well as touring nationally and internationally.

Sincere thanks is given to FVT resident and former ASURA president, Zeke Prust, for making most of the arrangements with FVT. In order to accommodate our ASURA members who reside at FVT, we received approval from the ASURA Board and the executive director of FVT always to hold future fall luncheons (e.g., every November) at this location. It was much fun for everyone!

The annual Holiday Potluck & Bake Sale was held at the Community Services Building on Thursday, December 13th. This was a colorful affair, between the folks who attended and the delicious dishes that everyone brought to share. The new twist to this year's potluck was a Bake Sale to raise funds for ASURA. The table was full of goodies of all sorts: cookies, candies, fudge, peanut brittle, ginger snaps, breads of many sorts, holiday decorations, etc. It was all good/healthy "stuff!" Thanks to contributors and buyers alike, we raised \$237 for ASURA! The best part of the event, aside from seeing longtime colleagues and friends, was the musical entertainment provided by Jan Thompson (pianist and professor of music), a recent retiree, and her fantastic violinist from the Phoenix Symphony, Robert Strava.



Zeke Prust



Tetra String Quartet



Amparing & Vin Yang; Anna Marie Shivers



Robert Strava and Jan Thompson

6th Annual ASURA Veterans' Day Golf Tournament

by The ASURA Golf Tournament Committee

(Gary McGrath, Gary Krahenbuhl, Mernoy Harrison, Jim Odenkirk, Dave Scheatzle and Chair Dave Schwalm)

After a year's hiatus, ASURA held its 6th annual Veteran's Day Golf Tournament on November 12, 2012, at ASU's Karsten Golf Course. Fifty-nine golfers turned out bright and early on a beautiful Arizona fall day for a round of golf and a hearty BBQ lunch, concluding with an awards ceremony emceed by Gary Krahenbuhl. ASURA again partnered with Bobby Winkles in holding the event to raise money to support the Bobby and Ellie Winkles Scholarship Endowment and several of ASURA's special projects, this year focusing on the

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(6th Annual ASURA Veterans' Day Golf Tournament)

ASURA Scholarship and the Video History Project. Although planning for the tournament started a little late this year, we want to thank Sun Devil Campus Stores, Arizona State Credit Union, Sundt Construction, and TIAA-CREF for their generous sponsorships at the last minute. Thanks also go to GolfSmith, the ASU Sign Shop (Kelli Nemec), and Fernando Morales for their additional support and to Jim Odenkirk for putting together the



tournament day raffle that proved to be very popular and profitable. Special mention is due to Golf Manager Daryl Crawford and his staff at Karsten Golf Course for ensuring that the day came off without a hitch. And, of course, the tournament simply would not have happened without the support of the ASURA Office Volunteers who handled the money and the pre-registrations, with a special shout out to Linda Van Scoy, Carol Berg, and Jack Sarrett who showed up on tournament day before sunrise to staff the registration and check-in desk, assemble the goody bags, and manage the prizes and anything else that needed managing.

ASURA 20th Retirees Day

by Barry McNeill



It was 20 years ago that Don Gieschen organized the first Retirees Day. There were two sessions, each with four presentations, and President Russ Nelson was the luncheon speaker.

This year, there will be three sessions, each with three presentations, and a luncheon program featuring Drs. Stephanie deLuse and Denise Bates, co-authors of *ASU History**, a pictorial history of the university.

The event on Saturday, February 23, will be held, as usual, at the ASU Memorial Union on the ASU Tempe Campus. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. on the second floor with the first session beginning at 9:30 a.m. There will be light refreshments and chit-chat in the Cochise Room before the sessions begin.

This year's program features the following presenters:

Professor Aaron Brown, Walter Cronkite Professor of Journalism

Professor Jay Braun, ASU Emeritus Professor of Psychology

Dr. Ed Finn, Director of the Center for Science and the Imagination with a joint appointment in the School of Arts, Media and Engineering, and the Department of English.

Dr. Lou-Ellen Finter, ASU Emeritus Professor of Music

Kimber Lanning, Executive Director of Local First Arizona

Dr. Neal Lester, ASU Foundation Professor of English and Associate VP for Humanities and Arts in the Office of Knowledge Enterprise Development

Professor Lee McPheters, Research Professor of Economics in the W. P. Carey School of Business at ASU, and Director of the school's JPMorgan Chase Economic Outlook Center

Dr. Steven Ruff, faculty research associate, School of Earth and Space Exploration

Mark Vinson, faculty associate in ASU's Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts and currently Tempe's City Architect and Design & Preservation Manager

For more details and registration forms visit the ASURA Web (asura.asu.edu) or call the ASURA Office at 480-965-7668.

**ASU History* will be on sale during Retirees Day for \$17 (cash and/or check only).

21 Video Clips Added to ASURA Video History Project

by Linda Van Scoy

While progress continues on interviews and editing (85 interviews completed), a new element has been added to the ASURA Video History Project web page: Twenty-one short (1-3 minute) video clips. These brief, fun-to-watch snippets give a viewer the flavor of the complete interview:

- The creation of the ASU East/Polytechnic campus is told by Provost Chuck Backus.
- Brent Brown reveals how approval to build ASU West was acquired by Legislative action **without** Board approval.
- Mayor Rudy Campbell describes his appointment to the Board of Regents.
- Troy Crowder relates what it was like working under three presidents.
- Dean James Elmore tells how the Rio Salado Project (Tempe Town Lake) was started.
- Provost Milt Glick talks about James Hamm (a convicted felon) being admitted to the ASU College of Law.
- Vice President Jack Kinsinger remembers putting a personal computer on every desk.
- Coach Frank Kush describes ASU in the 1975 Fiesta Bowl.
- Professor Eugene Lombardi reminisces about learning to play the violin.
- Executive Vice President Paige Mulhollan talks about the start-up of ASU West.
- Lonnie Ostrom, Director of Development and president of the ASU Foundation discusses the importance of fundraising.
- Clyde Parker, Technical Director of Gammage Auditorium, remembers “those special moments.”
- Dean Larry Penley relates the naming of the W. P. Carey School of Business.

- Professor Nick Salerno explains the little-known takeover of the ROTC building.
- Dean of Students Leon Shell talks about streaking at ASU.
- Diversity in early sports (1950s) is described by Dean Smith, Director of Sports Information.
- Madelyn Wright works with Frank Kush to insure the eligibility of a football player.

To access any of these, go to the VHP page, <http://asura.asu.edu/VideoHistory> and scroll down to the list of interviews. Those individuals with the words “video clip” following their information have a short clip you can view by clicking on the words “video clip.” When the video appears, click on the play arrow and enjoy. (For full screen click on the box that looks like this [] in the lower right-hand corner.)

To look at the full interview for these or other interviews, call 480-965-7668, stop by or email the office, and ask to check out one of the many DVDs available.

To nominate a retired ASU employee to be interviewed for the Video History Project, send your nomination by email to lvs@asu.edu or write to:

ASU Retirees Association
Video History Project
P. O. Box 873308
Tempe, AZ 85287-3308



(Video History Crew Members, pictured l. to r., Dave Scheatzle, Linda Van Scoy, John McIntosh, & Roger Carter)



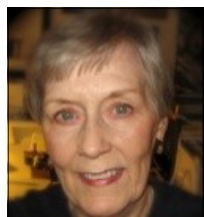
Call for Old Directories

The ASURA Office could use old ASU Phone Directories for reference purposes.

If you have any of the missing years below and you would be willing to part with them please call the ASURA office at 965-7668 and let us know. We will make arrangements to pick them up or if you can drop them off, even better.

Most preferred years would be **any pre-2000 directories and 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05.**





Obituaries: October 1, 2012 - January 24, 2013

by Becky Reiss, Membership & Communications Committee

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

Name	Date of Death	ASU Affiliation
Baker, Robert Lee	November 15, 2012	Professor, Educational Psychology
Bell, Charles Reid (Charlie)	November 7, 2012	Member, Advisory Committee to the School of Agribusiness
Brack, Jr., O M "Skip"	November 8, 2012	Emeritus Professor, Department of English
Cohen, Neil V.	December 8, 2012	ASU Grad & son of David Cohen, Professor of Music (deceased)
Driscoll, Michael F.	November 9, 2012	Emeritus Professor, Department of Mathematics
Durrenberger, Robert W.	October 20, 2012	Professor of Geography
Ferrall, Eleanor	October 26, 2012	Hayden Library
Frederick, Barbara J.	November 27, 2012	Human Resources
Gerth, Donald Harlan	December 13, 2012	Facilities Services Supervisor
Hardie, Nita (Heard)	September 23, 2012	Supported Archaeological Field School & funded a fellowship in Women & Gender Studies program
Hooper, K. C.	December 12, 2012	Technical & Lighting Director, Dance Department
Knowlton, John	October 13, 2012	Professor of Spanish Literature
Koonce, Donald Ray (Don)	January 7, 2013	Photography Department
Kosisky, Gerard	January 8, 2013	Taught Logic
Langley, Todd H.	January 15 2013	Member of Leadership Council, Lodestar Center for Philanthropy & Nonprofit Innovation, College of Public Programs
Levy, I. Harrison	January 1, 2013	President, Law Society, College of Law
Loewen, Ruby Gladys	October 3, 2012	Admissions Clerk
Mahoney, Jeanette (Jan)	December 22, 2012	Administrative Assistant
Manson, Thomas "Bull" Wallace	2013 (specific date unknown)	Founder, American Humanics Chapter
Mason, Betty M.	January 20, 2013	Wife of Jerry Mason (now deceased) who worked in Facility Management Air Conditioning Shop & mother of Tommy Mason who works in Facility Management
Minter, Marshall R.	October 22, 2012	Professor Emeritus, Department, Industrial Design & Technology
Murphy, Yolanda Ruiz	September 30, 2012	Graduate Student Administrator/Advisor - Engineering & Science Departments & Cronkite School of Journalism
Neeb, Lewis S.	October 3, 2012	Son of Dr. Lewis Neeb, Dean of the Industrial Arts Department in the 1930s & for whom Neeb Hall is named
Northey, William Thomas Jr.	December 27, 2012	Professor, Microbiology and Immunology

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Olson, John	December 13, 2012	ASU Sports Stats Crew
Partridge, Evelyn Frances	October 12, 2012	Gerontology
Phillips, Donald R.	November 1, 2012	Facilities Management
Pratt, Tom	December 4, 2012	Baseball Coaching Assistant
Prust, Mary Ann	December 15, 2012	Wife of Zenas "Zeke" Prust, Faculty, College of Engineering & Applied Sciences & ASURA Board member & Past President
Ridge, Joyce	January 5, 2013	College of Education
Schust, Peter B.	November 18, 2012	Member of Foundation Board, Lifetime member of the President's Club & Sun Angel
Sehested, Colene Rebecca	November 8, 2012	Emerita Professor, College of Nursing & Health Innovation
Taysom, Elvin David	October 6, 2012	Professor of Agriculture & assisted with the ASU farm for the students
Turley, Don L.	January 5, 2013	ASU Cotton Center
Wallace, Jocelyn Marshall	Exact date unknown	Funded scientific research
Yehle, Lawrence C.	January 18, 2013	Human Resources Placement Office

Office Volunteers in Learning Mode

by Carol Moore, ASURA Office Coordinator

Over the past eight months, the ASURA office staff has encountered several new learning challenges.

First, Kathy Sobelman, Cannon Client Education Specialist, conducted two training sessions on operating the office's newly leased Cannon Image Runner 1730 photocopier machine. This technological wonder replaced the old fax machine and the jam-prone photocopier.

Second, after Barry McNeill's two-part, step-by-step instruction sessions, most of the office staff became versed in Wild Apricot, a service to manage ASURA membership records and event registrations. The group gained experience in handling several fall event registrations including a seminar, the Fall Luncheon and the Holiday Pot Luck and Bake Sale. Finally...in January...the registration process began for the Wild West Adventure day trip and the 2013 Retirees Day.

The ASURA welcomes two new volunteers: Dorothy Meunier, a substitute and winter visitor, and Ralph Lockwood, the Wednesday afternoon staffer, who will work from January through April.



Pictured, L to R: Linda Van Scoy, Bill Wootten, Carol Moore, Carol Berg, Nancy Lesko, Joan Leard, Helen Seaton, Carolyn Minner. (Not Pictured: Jeannette Robson, Ralph Lockwood, Maxine LaRoux, Mary Williams, Anna Marie Shivers, Jack Sarrett, Dorothy Meunier).



Volunteer for the ASURA

ASURA is operated entirely by volunteers. If you think you might enjoy working with fellow retirees to support the organization and its activities, please look over the list of volunteer opportunities detailed on Page 2 of our Membership Application Form. If you have an interest, please contact the ASURA office.

Upcoming Events

by Barry McNeill & the Events Committee



The *Prime Times* Calendar of Events shows a number of planned events for the upcoming months. A brief summary of these events follows. You can find more detailed information and/or register for these (and any future added) events by visiting the ASURA Web (<http://asura.asu.edu>) and clicking on “Calendar of Events”. Alternatively you can call the ASURA Office at 480-965-7668.

Retirees Day

Date: Saturday, February 23, 8:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Location: ASU Memorial Union (second floor)

Cost: \$30/person

Registration: will begin in mid-January and run through February 15.

This will be the 20th ASURA Retirees Day and we hope you will all celebrate this milestone with us. See the accompanying Retirees Day write-up for more details.

Behavioral Finance Seminar

Date: Wednesday, March 20, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: ASU Community Services Bldg., Rm. 330

Cost: Free

Registration: late February through March 19

Mr. John O’Shea will be giving a seminar on Behavioral Finance for Retirees. Mr. O’Shea is Director, Wealth Planning Strategies at TIAA-CREF. He is an estate and tax attorney by trade but he takes a consultative approach providing retirement planning, estate and tax information and objective suggestions. John is a frequent lecturer and the author of many articles on financial planning, retirement planning, tax and estate planning issues. This is NOT a promotion for TIAA-CREF but rather an informative presentation about things retirees need and want to know about financial issues in retirement.

Annual Meeting

Date: Saturday, April 20, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Alumni Lounge, ASU Memorial Union

Cost: Free

Registration: late March through April 17

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 begins with beverages, desserts and your colleagues' company to enjoy.

Spring Fashion Show & Brunch

Date: Thursday, May 9, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Location: TBD

Cost: TBD

Registration: mid-April through May 6

Great Rivers of Europe

Date: August 6 – 21, 2013

Location: Rhine, Main, & Danube Rivers

Cost: \$5,245

Registration: ongoing (contact Gary Kleemann at gary@asu.edu)

Our August 2013 trip begins in beautiful Amsterdam, continues on through Germany and ends up in Vienna, Austria. Along the way on our river cruise ship we will see many castles, sample some good Rhine wine, go through 66 locks, taste some really good German beer, pretzels, and sausage, visit some really interesting towns and meet many different wonderful people. And you only have to unpack once!

Ultimate Africa Trip

Date: March 23 – April 13, 2014

Location: Botswana, Zambia & Zimbabwe/South Africa post trip

Cost: \$6,918/\$8113 if take post trip

Registration: ongoing (contact Gary Anderson at gwander@asu.edu)

On this incredible trip we are going to visit Botswana, Zambia & Zimbabwe. It will be a 17 day adventure trip. We are going on safari, we are going to see wild animals, visit native villages and we are going to visit Victoria Falls, the world’s largest sheet of falling water, that hiss and roar as if possessed and rumble and crash like thunder.

ASURA EVENTS | 2012-2013 CALENDAR

12 Noon-2:00pm
MEET & GREET Pizza Party:
Kick-off year's activities with ASURA Board & Committee chairs

21 1:30-3:00pm
SEMINAR: Genealogy presented by Mesa Regional Family History Center staff.

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20 1:30-3:00pm
SEMINAR: Behavioral Finance - informative presentation about things retirees need and want to know about financial issues in retirement.

4 2:00-4:00pm
SEMINAR: How Medicare Works (AARP)

25 2:00-4:00pm
SEMINAR: Health Benefits & Open Enrollment

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2nd Week 2:00-4:00pm
SEMINAR: Topic TBD

20 1:00-3:00pm
ANNUAL MEETING: Annual ASURA activities report to members.

12 7:30am-2:00pm
GOLF TOURNAMENT:
Scramble format fund raiser.

16 11:30am-1:30pm
FALL LUNCHEON: Lunch, including music, at Friendship Village.

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9 9:30-11:30am
SPRING FASHION SHOW & BRUNCH: ASURA members model summer fashions. Brunch included.

3rd Week 2:00-4:00pm
SEMINAR: Topic TBD

13 11:30am-1:30pm
HOLIDAY POTLUCK: Music, food & fellowship, including ASURA fund raiser bake sale.

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No Planned Events

7 10:00am - 4:30pm
DAY TRIP: Superstition Mountain Museum, lunch at Mining Camp & lecture by Jeremy Rowe

23 8:45am-2:00pm
RETIRES DAY: Education & Entertainment

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6-21 16-day excursion
THE GREAT RIVERS OF EUROPE TRIP: Amsterdam to Vienna seen from the Rhine, Main & Danube Rivers.

Enhancing ASURA Membership and Service to Retirees

by Elmer Gooding



A review of our membership indicates that many new ASU retirees are becoming members of ASURA. However, there are some who have not taken the opportunity to become involved with the organization that represents their interests with the Legislature, the Arizona State Retirement System, health care insurance providers and the university. ASURA also provides educational and travel opportunities to its members as well as scholarships and other service projects. Since some of our retirees from ASU have not joined ASURA, we are embarking on a new program to expose those who are not members to this wonderful organization.

At a recent Council meeting, a program was approved to reach out to additional prospective members. Effective immediately, all new retirees from ASU will be given a free one-year membership to introduce them to ASURA. They will also receive three free issues of Prime Times, our quarterly newsletter. To activate their membership for the free first year, all they have to do is fill out the membership application form and return it to the ASURA office. We hope that exposing prospective new members to the organization will demonstrate the benefits of becoming actively involved with ASURA.

Post-April Fools' Day Humor Conference

ASURA members are invited to a mini-conference on humor and its place in Arizona politics – both past and present!

The event is on Tuesday, April 2, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the Tempe Historical Society Community Room, at Southern and Rural. There is no charge for the program, parking and access are convenient, and refreshments will be served.

The keynote presenter is John Morreall, a well-known speaker on issues dealing with humor. A professor of philosophy at William and Mary University in Virginia, Morreall recently published *Comic Relief: A Comprehensive Philosophy of Humor*



Don and Eileen Nilsen will open the event with a Power Point illustrating the part that humor has played in Arizona's history since frontier days.

Prime Times is issued three times annually by the Arizona State University Retirees Association with special editions as needed. Articles welcome, subject to Board approval.

Mailing Address: Prime Times, ASU Retirees Association, PO Box 873308, Tempe, AZ 85287-3308

Arizona State University Retirees Association: ASURA has a volunteer-staffed office in the Community Services Building, 200 E. Curry Rd., Room 201B in Tempe, Arizona. Office hours are generally Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. It is best to call beforehand.

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