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## ASURA President's Message

submitted by Tara Roesler — 2018-2019 ASURA President



It's now time for my last President's message to the ASURA membership. It's been my pleasure to serve you and to work with a group of highly motivated, hard-working colleagues. I will miss the job but will be perfectly happy to become the immediate past president.

**TRI-UNIVERSITY COORDINATION:** In October we hosted the annual Tri-University meeting, visiting with our colleagues from UA and NAU as well as representatives from ASRS and the ASU Government Affairs intern to discuss our common organizational and legislative concerns. It was an enjoyable and informative meeting which should help improve our services to you. One topic of the meeting was retiree pay raises. We learned from the ASRS representative that our raises are dependent upon achieving a designated average rate of return over the most recent 10-year period. Unfortunately, the state has not achieved the designated rate of return and increases will not be occurring this year.

**MEMBERSHIP:** We are now beginning to see the benefit of last year's policy change which provided free introductory membership to all new retirees. Specifically, the number of members with 0 to 2 years of membership increased by 97% and the number of members with 3 to 5 years of membership increased by 48%.

**SEMINARS/EVENTS:** A big thanks to the Seminar Committee for the outstanding seminar series this year. There are two seminars left this spring – "Re-organizing & De-cluttering" and "Estate Planning". I encourage each of you to join us for these highly applicable seminars. I would also like to thank the Luncheon and Events Committee for a very successful Holiday Potluck and Bake Sale and for also organizing/inventorying the contents of the ASURA storage rooms. Be sure to check our website for details about the upcoming Spring Ice Cream Social and the Annual Meeting.

**ASURA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:** This committee is geared up to track upcoming legislative actions that could affect retirees and to relay that information to ASURA members either through e-News or our website. If you have specific legislative areas of concern, please contact committee chair, Jeri Meeks.

ASURA also continues to serve our community with book sales, an adopt-a-family program and video history projects. Please be sure to look through this issue of the *Prime Times* and visit our web site often ... <https://asura.asu.edu/> ... to keep current on seminars, events, travel and initiatives and get involved! It's a great way to stay in touch with university colleagues and meet new people.

Lastly, my compliments and thanks to our Board, Committee Chairs and Volunteers for all of their hard work this year ... our community thanks you! Happy New Year to all of you from the ASURA!

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## ASURA Executive Board



(top, left to right)

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**Vice President** Jan Thompson  
**Past President** Jeri Meeks  
**Secretary** Pat Schneider  
**Treasurer** Barry Bruns

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\* best to call beforehand

### Office Hours - Spring 2019

<b>Monday</b>	Nanci Beardsley	9:00am - noon
	Beverly Buddee	1:00-4:00pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Nancy Lesko	9:00am - noon
	Linda VanScoy	1:00-4:00pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Tara Roesler	9:00am - noon
	Jeannette Robson	1:00-4:00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Bonnie Scheall	9:00am - noon
	<b>Vacancy</b>	1:00-4:00pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Closed All Day</b>	

**Subs:** Gail Horney, Dorothy Meunier, Helen Seaton

## ASURA Board of Directors

**Terms Expire April 2019**

Tony Brazil  
 Jay Q. Butler  
 Jeri Meeks  
 Tara Roesler  
 David Schwalm

**Terms Expire April 2020**

Barry McNeill  
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 Don Nilsen  
 Pat Schneider  
 Bill Stasi

**Terms Expire April 2021**

Jeff Chapman  
 Jean Duncan  
 Jo Faldtz  
 Jo Madonna  
 Jan Thompson

## ASURA Board Ex-Officio Members

**Alumni Association**  
**Emeritus College Liaison**  
**Human Resources**  
**University Club Liaison**  
**University Liaison**

John Davis  
 Don Nilsen  
 Judy Cato  
 Carl Cross  
 Courtney Coolidge/  
 Cody Conrad  
*to be determined*  
 Katie Aguilar

**University Senate**  
**University Staff Council**

## ASURA Committees

### Community Outreach

**Adopt-A-Family**

Joan Leard

**Scholarship**

Joy Shearman/Marcia Jasper

**Video History Project**

David Scheatzle

### Events

**Events Committee Chair**

Barry McNeill

**Luncheons and Special**

**Events**

Bonnie Scheall/Jean Duncan

**Seminars**

Bev Buddee/Trudy Perez

**Pre-retirement Seminars**

Trudy Perez

**Travel**

John Brock

### Finance and Fundraising

**Finance**

Barry Bruns

**Book Donations**

Mary Stevens

**Fund Raising**

*to be determined*

### Government and Health Insurance Liaisons

**Government Liaisons**

Legislative - Jeri Meeks

ASRS - Dick Jacob

ADOA - Larry Carlson

**Health Insurance Liaisons**

ADOA - Larry Carlson

ASRS - Dick Jacob

### Membership and Communications

**E-News**

Barry McNeill

**Membership**

David Schwalm

**Newsletter (Prime Times)**

Jeannette Robson

**Obituaries**

Becky Reiss

**Website and Database**

Connie McNeill

## Welcome New ASURA Members

Lowell Avants  
Jacqueline Benhoff  
M. Bitner  
Loriann Bricchetto  
Patricia Brodt  
Dennis Brunning  
Carla Cassity  
Zbigniew Cichacz  
James Cook  
Michael Cozens  
Michael Crandall  
Lynn Crystal

Evans Davis  
Eileen Engle  
Joni Escobedo  
Lisa Frace  
Kim Hainline  
Kimberlee Hennis  
Terry Hinton  
Lisa Hudson  
Gail Jackson  
Charles Kennedy  
Teri Kennedy  
Joochul Kim

Cathy Kochert  
Candyce Lindsay  
Ruben Lopez  
Sally Manatt  
David McKee  
R. Minnifield  
Susan Pachello  
Kathleen Palmanteer  
Keli Palmer Greenhagen  
Diane Perry  
John Placencia  
Patricia Roundtree

Pamelee Santesteban  
Tammy Schwerman  
Dan Shunk  
Phillip Stafford  
Gayle Swenson  
Victoria Trotta  
Nadine Urista  
William Wells  
Vicki West  
Peiming Zhang  
Paz Zorita

## ASU Legislative News

submitted by William Stasi — Government Liaison Team

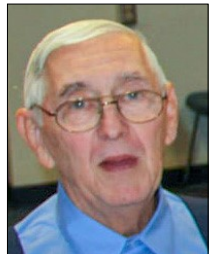
The New Year began with a number of ASU events. The first event was the ***Sun Devil Advocates Legislative Breakfast*** on January 15, 2019 sponsored by the Alumni Association and attended by some of our board members.

Dr. Michael Crow reviewed ASU's accomplishments during 2018 and our direction for 2019. He reflected on his past 16 years at the helm of ASU and how it has changed. He also discussed how a difference between the state legislator's references to education funding is for K-12 when it should include post secondary through lifelong learning. Funding should support students wherever they seek education ... trade school, 2-year and 4-year college or online.

ASU accomplishments in 2018 were (1) #1 in innovation by U.S. News and World Reports for the fourth consecutive year; (2) in the top-100 universities for research and teaching; and (3) 50 ASU degree programs. ASU continues to increase social economic diverse student population which is inclusive and not exclusive.

**The 2019 Legislative Agenda/ASU State Budget Request.** Overview of Resident Student Funding Model for 2019 averages \$15,796 with 50% of the costs at \$7,898. Current 34% state funding level is \$5,329 leaving a shortfall of \$2,569 per student. **Proposed changes to the retirement system** to allow some employees to pick between ASRS and (ORP) Optional Retirement plan. **Increased Health Insurance costs** to universities. Last is **Changes to Psychology Licensure**.

This event is followed by *ASU Day at the Capital* on February 19. Various ASU Departments will exhibit accomplishments/programs for state legislators highlighting that Arizona higher education funding should continue to be a funding priority.



The last two events are *Founders' Day* on March 20 and *Sun Devil 100* on April 29.

(Note: the full event, along with Dr. Crow's presentation, is available on video at: <https://president.asu.edu/updates/updates-from-president-crow-january-29-2016>)

## Volunteers Needed

- Office staff & substitutes needed. **Contact:** Linda Van Scoy, [lvs@asu.edu](mailto:lvs@asu.edu) or Nancy Lesko, [nclesko@asu.edu](mailto:nclesko@asu.edu).
- Prime Times Editor/Publisher needed. **Contact:** Jeannette Robson, [jrobson@asu.edu](mailto:jrobson@asu.edu).
- Chair of Adopt-a-Family Program needed. **Contact:** Jan Thompson, [jmt6000@gmail.com](mailto:jmt6000@gmail.com).
- Committee members needed for various ASURA Committees. **Contact:** Tara Roesler, [troes7718@msn.com](mailto:troes7718@msn.com).
- Technology and Website Committee needs volunteers to help maintain ASURA's technology infrastructure. **Contact:** Connie McNeill, [ConnieMcNeill@outlook.com](mailto:ConnieMcNeill@outlook.com).

## *ASURA Needs Your Old Books!*

*submitted by Mary Stevens, Book Donations*

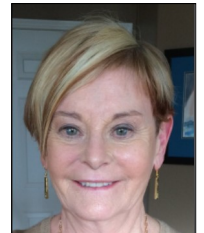
Are your bookshelves too full? Are you downsizing your office or your home and don't have space for all of your books? Donate your used books to us, and we will work with our partner, **Friends of the Phoenix Public Library**, to sell them. We'll use proceeds of the sale to support our programs. Half of the proceeds will be used for our **ASURA scholarship** that goes to an ASU student, and half will be used for our **Video History project**. The ASU Foundation, a separate nonprofit organization that exists to support ASU, will provide you with a gift receipt for tax purposes.

If you have books to donate, first box them up. If you need boxes, you can pick some up from our office. Be sure to call before coming to make sure we have boxes on hand and a volunteer in the office. **When boxing your books, please do not overfill the boxes and leave sufficient room to cover or close each box.**

**When the books are in boxes:** For books that are on an ASU campus, ask Facilities Management to pick them up and deliver them to us. To accomplish this, your department assistant can complete and submit a [FACMAN service request](#) on an on-line form. Facilities will schedule a pickup date with the office assistant. Advise the office assistant to provide your name and department to the FACMAN representative who picks up the books; OR bring the boxes of books to [our office](#). Parking is readily available by the building. We have a dolly you can use. There is a ramp into the building, and an elevator to the 2nd floor.



**If you cannot box your books on your own or cannot bring them to us**, please contact Mary Stevens, 602-758-3750 or [marystevens0@gmail.com](mailto:marystevens0@gmail.com), or [contact our office](#). Provide your *name, e-mail address* if you have one, *telephone number* and the *approximate number of books* you would like to donate. Mary or another ASURA volunteer will work with you to get the books transferred.



## *ASURA Special Recognition and Thanks to Lisa Grabarec*

*submitted by Mary Stevens*

The Arizona State University Retirees Association extends a very special thank you to Lisa Grabarec, Academic Facilities Specialist Senior - College of Nursing and Health Innovation, for her extensive help in collecting book donations for our book donation program.

In 2018, Lisa spread the word in her college at the Downtown campus about ASURA'S book donation/sales program. She asked the college marketing team to post notices in the college's email newsletter two times a month for three months ... at the beginning of the spring semester and after final exams. She determined that this period could interest faculty and other employees who leave for the summer or are retiring and clearing out their offices.



Lisa provided boxes, located drop off locations for boxes in vacant offices on campus and arranged with ASU FACMAN to pick up the boxes and deliver them to our office. As a result of Lisa's efforts, ASU movers confirmed that they delivered over 60 boxes of donated books to ASURA! The proceeds from the sales of our donated books by the Friends of the Phoenix Public Library help support our annual student tuition scholarship and our Video History Program.

Our sincerest thanks to Lisa Grabarec for her time, energy, and persistence in collecting so many books for us. We really appreciate you Lisa!

## Get out the Vote! 2019 ASURA Board Members Election

submitted by Jeri Meeks, Past President & Chair of the ASURA Nominating Committee

Hello ASURA Members! It's that time again and we need to hear from **you**. This is an important process for our organization and it is always our goal to hear from every member. The Ballots have been distributed via email and mail and we need to hear from you by February 28, 2019.

If you have misplaced your ballot or email announcement you can vote as follows:

1. Download and complete a ballot from the ASURA website at <http://asura.wildapricot.org/resources/Ballots/BoardBallot.pdf>, or
2. Call the ASURA Office at 480-965-7668 and ask for a ballot to be sent, or
3. Email [asura@asu.edu](mailto:asura@asu.edu) with your vote. The email subject should be ASURA Board Ballot and the content should contain the names of the candidates for whom you are voting (up to five names) and your name.

Thank you for participating in this election process.

## University Club 2019

submitted by Carl Cross, University Club Liaison

Located in the historic building originally known as Science Hall, the University Club provides a convenient location for informal gatherings, weekday lunches and special events or meetings. Membership is comprised of current and retired faculty, staff, alumni, community and corporate members.

Open Monday through Friday from 7 am to 5 pm, with complimentary coffee and tea available to members in the Club Room until 4:30 pm. The Bistro offers University Club members an array of delectable food options for lunch from 11 am to 2 pm.

Member benefits include convenient parking during club use, free ASU wireless internet access, special member-only events throughout the year, including high teas, home football game tailgates, colloquiums, annual holiday party and more. Members attending a U Club tailgate party are also privileged to use the free parking, rather than paid parking at the stadium.



ASU retirees are eligible for reduced membership fees. A one-time fee of \$100 is waived for members who pay their dues of \$96 annually. Otherwise, monthly dues are \$8 after paying the one-time fee. For those in the Phoenix area, there are reciprocal benefits with the University Club of Phoenix.



## Video History - January 2019

submitted by Dave Scheatzle, Chair, Video History Project



The Video History Project team continues to work on preserving the memories of ASU retirees, building on the past 16 years of recordings. Elmer Gooding and Kathy Church, in conjunction with ASURA and the Emeritus College, are developing a list of the next candidates to be interviewed. If you would like to recommend a person to be interviewed, please send an email to Elmer Gooding ([elmer.gooding@asu.edu](mailto:elmer.gooding@asu.edu)) giving the name and a synopsis of why the person would be a worthy candidate.

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Our production crew stands ready to record a new round of interviews. The crew includes: John McIntosh (camera), Roger Carter (audio), Linda Van Scoy (producer) and Dave Scheatzle (director). Look for any of these names in February's Academy Awards. The video editing team consists of Linda Van Scoy, Elmer Gooding, Jeri Meeks, Tara Roesler, Roger Carter, John McIntosh, Barry McNeill and Dave Scheatzle. Barry McNeill and Carl Cross have refined the metadata requirements which will benefit those people interested in searching for topics related to ASU History.

As the Video History Program gears up to conduct interviews over the spring semester, **we could use extra help** to schedule the interviews. It involves notifying the candidate that they are invited to be interviewed, finding a date for the interview, coordinating with the Video History crew, follow up etc. It is mostly done by email and some phone contact. If you are interested let Linda Van Scoy ([lvs@asu.edu](mailto:lvs@asu.edu)) know. Training will be provided.

A complete listing of interviews conducted by the Video History Project is shown on the ASURA website at: <https://asura.asu.edu/VideoHistory>

You can view interviews on your home computer (those that have been edited) on the ASU 'Library's Digital Repository. The link is: <https://repository.asu.edu/collections/199>

The editors will be working on a *Prime Times* video presentation for the ASURA Annual Meeting in April.

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### *Spring 2019 Calendar of Events*

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Re-organizing and De-cluttering Seminar	Thursday, February 21
Ice Cream Social	Wednesday, March 6
Estate Planning Seminar	Thursday, March 21
Tovrea Castle Tour	Monday, April 1
ASURA Annual Meeting	April - <i>date to be determined</i>
2-day tour of southern Arizona	May - <i>date to be determined</i>
Back Roads of Iberia: Spanish Paradores/Portuguese Pousadas	May 13-28

Please put these dates on your calendars. As the events get closer, additional information will be available on our website, <https://asura.asu.edu>, and you will be able to register for the events. As we get more into the Spring and as new events are added, email notifications will be sent and updates noted in the monthly E-News blasts.

As a reminder, we are always open to any suggestions from our ASURA members as to what events or travel (local and international) you would like ASURA to consider.

#### **Scheduling Notes For Some ASURA Affiliated Events:**

- ◆ Emeritus College Short Talk Luncheons are on second Tuesday of the month
- ◆ Friends of ASU (old Faculty Wives) Monthly luncheon is on the second Monday of the Month
- ◆ The ASU Book Group meets on the last Wednesday of the month

## September 2018 Travel - Ancient Kingdoms: Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam

submitted by Gary Anderson (also provided photos)

A group of 14 ASURA members and their friends recently traveled to four nations in southeast Asia: Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam. Talk about a school day! Our heads are still hurting!



We traveled with OAT – Overseas Adventure Travel – a travel company first established by a retired teacher. Her belief was that travel should be educational, interactive with the people of the host country, have small groups, have a meal with a local family, and visit a school classroom. We did all of these. Hope we got an A!

We visited small villages in forests in Cambodia, watched and learned as the men and women did their daily chores. We walked into the jungle to watch as a woman prodded tarantulas out of their holes in the jungle floor with a stick, then remove their ‘stingers’ with tweezers. She washed them, deep fried them and sold them in the market for food ... \$.50 each. Some of us ate them. We also ate fried crickets, stuffed frogs and duck tongues. All this eating was optional. The real food was very, very good.

We also saw many bomb craters in the jungles from the Vietnam war, learned that there are still many mines and bombs buried in the jungle floor, still killing people if they don’t stay on the trail. We learned that the Viet Cong dug 130 miles of tunnels to hide from our bombing and to hide in wait to spring out and attack our troops. We walked, hunkered down, uncomfortably, through a tiny section of the tunnels. Unbelievable!

But, we also toured many incredible temples, mosques, and museums, especially, Angkor Wat, built in the jungle as a Hindu temple in the 12th century. It is about one mile around the outside wall, with every inch of the wall, several stories tall, covered in thousands of bas-reliefs representing important deities and figures in the Hindu and Buddhist religions. Talk about a school day! Wow!

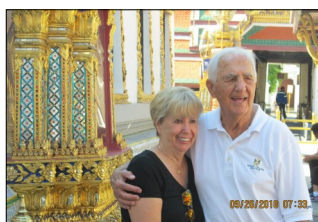
We also got up very early one morning to go out to the streets and feed the passing monks. We each held a small bucket of sticky rice as we stood along the curb. As the monks walked by, some as young as 10-12, in their long orange outfits, holding a small pail, we would roll up a ball of sticky rice and put it into the pail. They nodded a ‘thank you’ and kept walking. Many native people came out every morning to present food to the slowly walking monks, their only source of food.

Do you remember when Saigon was being evacuated by the US forces? The TV shots showed many, many people ... ambassadors, military commanders, regular citizens ... climbing a long ladder to get to the top of a tall building. US helicopters were flying back and forth, trying to evacuate as many people as possible. We stood there and looked at the building, recalling the scenes on TV.

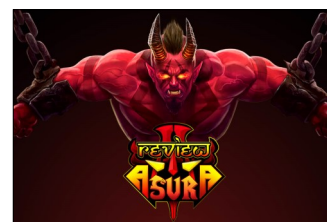


9 of the 14 travelers standing under a replica of the Arc de Triumph. L-R: Tracey Poulos, Kathy Haywood, Larry Kentera, Dan & Gail Austin, Nancy Morrow, Craig & Cathy Roberts, Jan Pflugfelder and the local guide, Hug.

(for more photos, visit the ASURA Photo Gallery  
<http://asura.zenfolio.com/>)



Three-time ASURA travelers, Joann DeMassa & Larry Kentera



This is a demon in Buddhist history. Note the name.



A tarantula before being deep fried to eat or sell at the market



Dan & Gail Austin waiting for “tuk tuk” to take off.

## Government Liaison's Report - Spring 2019

submitted by the Government Liaison Team: Jeri Meeks and Tara Fuchs (registered lobbyists), Gary Anderson, Pat Schneider and William Stasi

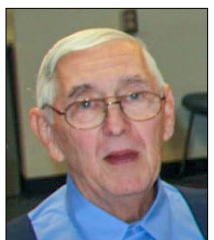
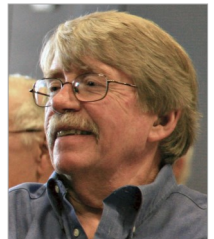
The 54<sup>th</sup> Legislature First Regular Session opened on January 14, 2019 and, per Governor Ducey's State of the State address, his priorities for this year are complex water reform, the repeal of legislative immunity, the return of his school safety plan to prevent gun violence in schools and implementing budget practices that boost the state's rainy-day fund. The governor's top priority, and his urgent call to action for lawmakers, is to act on a multi-state drought plan to address declining water levels in the Colorado River and avoid water shortages in the valley as soon as 2020.

Dr. Crow spoke about ASU's legislative priorities at the ASU Legislative Advocacy Breakfast on January 15, 2019. ASU continues to support a state funding model that promotes Arizona resident student growth. Dr. Crow also advocated for the university's ability to select its own health care plan providers, independent of the state systems. Please see William Stasi's article in this Prime Times issue.

ASURA Lobbyists Tara Roesler and Jeri Meeks have been invited to attend the Community and Legislative Partners in Aging meetings this legislative season. Sponsored by the Governor's Council on Aging, these meetings will bring together a caucus of Arizona Senators, Representatives and community partners to discuss challenges facing Arizona's seniors.

ASURA will also host a table at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual ASU Day at the Capitol on Tuesday February 19 at the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza. This is our chance to interact with our legislators, tout our accomplishments and thank our local elected officials for supporting ASU in past and the upcoming legislative sessions.

Bills introduced for consideration this legislative season have been posted on the Arizona State Legislature website and, as usual, there is much to decipher! We are pleased to have Pat Schneider joining our Government Liaison this year to help monitor the bills as they move through the legislative process. Dick Jacob will be attending the first ASRS Board meeting on January 25 and will keep the Board and our members informed on the ASRS legislation.



Here's an initial list of the bills that are worth watching:

- ◆ HB2422 – public retirement systems
- ◆ HB2007 – ASRS; political subdivision plans; adjustments
- ◆ SB1018 – ASRS; compensation; definition
- ◆ SB1079 – ASRS; long term disability program
- ◆ HB2373 – tax corrections act of 2019
- ◆ HB2003 – university employees; tenure; retirement eligibility
- ◆ HB2054 – electronic wills; requirements
- ◆ SB1016 – ASRS; ineligible contributions; unfunded liability
- ◆ SB1017 – ASRS; paying interest; authorization
- ◆ SB1010 – ASRS; waiting period; repeal
- ◆ HB2203 - appropriation; school facilities; building renewal
- ◆ HB2346 – retirement systems; investment fees; disclosures

Would you like to see what bills have been introduced? What legislative district you live in or who your Senator and Representatives are? The Arizona State Legislature website has all of that and more! Please visit <https://www.azleg.gov/>.

Also, would you like to be an ASURA legislative watchdog? We would love to have you! Please contact me with your interest at [jeri.meeks@asu.edu](mailto:jeri.meeks@asu.edu). Thank you!

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## References and Links:

1. Governor Ducey's 2019 Legislative Priorities per his State of the State address on January 14, 2019: <https://azcapitoltimes.com/news/2019/01/14/ducey-delivers-state-of-the-state-address-to-legislature/>
2. Arizona 54<sup>th</sup> Legislature First Regular Session Bill Query: <https://www.azleg.gov/bills/>
3. Legislative Districts by address: <https://azredistricting.org/districtlocator/>
4. Contact Information for State Representatives and Senators: <https://www.azleg.gov/memberroster/>

## ***ASURA Annual Holiday Potluck and Bake Sale - December 2018***

submitted by Jo Madonna

(photos by Dave Scheatzle and Elmer Gooding)

The ASURA Annual Holiday Potluck was held on Friday, December 14, 2018 in the Community Services Building on the ASU Tempe Campus. This event is traditionally popular with ASURA members and this year nearly 60 people attended. Members enjoy the chance to catch up with old friends and meet new ones and, of course, sample the various and delicious potluck items in a relaxed and festive atmosphere.

In addition to the Potluck a bake sale was held. The sale raised \$219.00 this year and these proceeds are used to help support ASURA's various programs and activities. Members enjoy the opportunity to purchase homemade treats that they can take home and add to their holiday tables.



*Dave Scheatzle, Barbara Eschbach*



*Karen Wagner, Jan Stanley*



*Joe Schultz, Doug Johnson*



*Arlene Westgard, Lois Fischer*



*Tim & Lib Wong*



*Virginia Haley, Kathy Sweeney,  
Roger Carter, Connie McNeill*



*Tony Brazel, Sue & Ig Tong, Joyce  
Hartman Diaz, Roger Lurie*



*Linda Van Scoy, John Brock, Dave  
& Karen Schwalm, Bill Stasi*



*Jo & Matt Madonna, Joe Schultz,  
Doug Johnson, Judy Riden*



*Betty Ludlow, Joy Shearman, Rudy  
& Bev Buddee, Cecilia Hook*



*Helen & Walter Seaton, Marilyn  
Wurzbarger, Diane Moore*



*Sue Blumer, Brenda & Dave  
Scheatzle, Maynard Blumer*

(for more photos, visit the ASURA Photo Gallery <http://asura.zenfolio.com/>)

## October 2018 - Fall Luncheon

submitted by Bonnie Scheall  
(photos by Gary Kleeman and Don Nilsen&

Nearly 50 members and guests attended the ASURA Fall Luncheon on October 30, 2018 at Friendship Village in Tempe.

Those lucky enough to attend were treated to a delightful hour of updates and information from Colleen Jennings Roggensack, Vice President of Cultural Affairs and Executive Director of ASU Gammage. Colleen brought everyone up-to-date on the non-NCAA activities she has undertaken at Sun Devil Stadium, among many other venues at ASU. Her video presentation addressed upcoming events at ASU Gammage, with many personal remarks about each one. Colleen has been at ASU since 1992 and has witnessed and participated in many of the remarkable changes we all have seen.



Bonnie Scheall, Colleen Jennings-Roggensack, Bobbie Lee



Gary and Vina Kleemann



Karen and Dave Schwalm



Hal White, Joyce Hartman Diaz



Marge Garrity, Joy Shearman, Betty Ludlow



Jean and Leo Stengle, Jan Pfulgfelder



Marilyn Wurzburger, Alleen and Don Nilsen



Jo and Matt Madonna

(for more photos, visit the ASURA Photo Gallery <http://asura.zenfolio.com/>)

## Biodesign Building Tour, Tempe Campus - November 2018

submitted by John Brock, Chair, Travel Committee  
(photos by John Brock and Barry McNeill)

On Thursday November 15, thirty-eight ASU Retirees and their guests participated in a tour of programs on what we called ASU "East" facilities. The buildings east of McCallister Street, along Rural Road on the ASU Tempe Campus house programs and research that many of us retirees did not know existed.



First we visited the **School of Earth and Space Exploration (SEASE)** and were treated to a 3-D video of earth, neighboring planets and satellites in near space in the Marston Theater. We were then given a lobby tour and informed on the development of a satellite being built solely at the School to be launched in 2020 to explore a large asteroid near Jupiter. A model of that satellite will soon be on display in the lobby of **SEASE**. Being a public university, just stop by the building and see the displays.

We then met with persons representing research and projects in Biodesign buildings A, B and C. We saw a video, which is available to visitors in the lobby of Biodesign-B that explains ongoing research into designer vaccines, use of genetic information for disease treatment and biological mechanisms for cancer treatment, vaccines for Ebola, and enhancing the productivity of photosynthesis.

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After a catered lunch at Charlie's Café in a nearby park-like area, we saw another video in **Biodesign-B** and moved to the new building designated as **Biodesign-C**, which opened just before the end of the fall semester of 2018. There we were given tours of two labs. One lab features brain research dealing with dementia and Alzheimer's disease. The other lab we saw is housed in the basement of **Biodesign-C**. This lab will house a laser machine that will help define the chemical structure of molecules like proteins.

ASURA members who made this tour were amazed at the scientific contributions being made to the ASU Community and the nation and world. Based on actions in **SEASE** and **Biodesign**, combined with work in other parts of ASU, it becomes clear why ASU is being given awards for **innovation**.



The new Biodesign Institute building



Model of laser-based machine which will function as an atomic acceleration device.

(for more photos, visit the ASURA Photo Gallery <http://asura.zenfolio.com/>)

## ASU Staff Council BBQ - October 31, 2018

submitted by Jan Thompson  
(photos by Barry McNeill, Elmer Gooding & Don Nilsen)

Halloween was in full swing during the ASU Staff Council's barbecue luncheon at the Polytechnic Campus on October 31. Many of the attendees visited ASURA's display table, where Jan Thompson and Bonnie Scheall encouraged those nearing retirement to become active members in our thriving organization.

Membership is free for your first year and you can join **BEFORE** retiring!

(for more photos, visit the ASURA Photo Gallery <http://asura.zenfolio.com/>)



Bonnie Scheall and Jan Thompson getting ready to hand out some goodies

## Container Gardening Seminar - January 2019

submitted by Bev Buddee, Events Committee - Seminars

Ryan Jerrell, owner of Dig It Gardens in downtown Phoenix, presented valuable information for the crowd that attended the Container Gardening Seminar. After sharing his journey to Master Gardener, Ryan launched into sharing his expertise with us. Container garden considerations include sun exposure, container selection, soil blend, plant selection and water.

**Sun exposure:** The first thing a gardener must do is consider the orientation of the space to be used in relation to sun exposure. The east side of your space has an ideal exposure as your plants will always get the morning sun. The south side gets plenty of "winter" sun. Be careful to adjust water as the sun moves. The west side of your space gets the sun at the hottest part of the day. Soil blend and watering are crucial for success here. The north side gets summer sun all day and shade in the winter months. This is the most difficult side of your space for successful plant growing.



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**Container selection:** Consider material composition. Choices include

- ◆ Terra Cotta – porous material, but limited style and color selection;
- ◆ Concrete – high end custom options available, can be dyed or painted;
- ◆ Ceramic – endless style and color selection, but can retain heat and moisture;
- ◆ Fiberglass/clay fiber – lightweight, lots of style and color options, not proven to hold up in the heat.

The size of the container is also a consideration. With large containers, soil blend is crucial as drainage can become an issue. Small containers tend to dry out quickly. Pots must have holes in the base for good drainage. If there are no drainage holes, consider layering the bottom of the container with a layer of pumice, perlite or coco coir and not repotting the plant but setting it in the container in its “grow” container.

**Soil:** Not all soil is the same! Ryan suggested a 50-50 mix of potting soil and cactus mix. Other amendments include perlite, pumice, or coco coir. He recommends Dr. Earth products for fertilizer, to be used once a month from March through October.

**Plant selection:** There is a wide variety from which to choose in several different categories. Here are just some of the choices available.

- ◆ Edible plants:
  - Mediterranean Herbs – basil, oregano, rosemary, sage, thyme
  - Dwarf Citrus and Fruit Varieties – Bonanza Peach, Mexican Lime
- ◆ Flowering:
  - Annual or Perennial
  - Native or Desert Adapted
- ◆ Succulents (all cacti are succulents, but not all succulents are cacti):
  - Haworthia and Gasteria varieties
  - Aloe varieties
  - Mammillaria varieties
- ◆ Heavy shade:
  - Sansevieria varieties

**Water:** The most important consideration is drainage. It is critical to successful container gardening. Early morning is ideal as it allows for evaporation to occur. Avoid nighttime watering. As to frequency, there is no perfect answer; it will change throughout the year. A moisture meter can assist in determining when to water as it can reach the bottom of a container to determine soil moisture.

A period of question and answer followed the presentation. Ryan and his staff of plant experts are available to assist gardeners of all levels of expertise to success. Dig It Gardens is located at 3015 North 16 Street in Phoenix. Class schedules can be found on their website at <https://www.digphx.com/>.

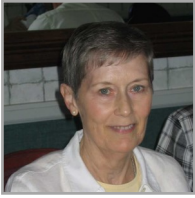
### ***In-Home Personal Fitness Training***

ASURA would like to introduce a new advertiser to our “**Service Directory**” listed in the *Prime Times*. His name is Robert Wise, a Certified Personal Trainer, and someone wanting to help any of our members fulfill one of their New Year’s resolutions — a healthier 2019.

With 15-years experience, Mr. Wise is Certified through ACE (American Council on Exercise) and also owns **Fitness At Home** (<http://myfitnessathome.com>). He specializes in clients over 50 years of age and welcomes those with special needs. Some of his areas of expertise include flexibility instruction and nutritional counseling.

To contact Mr. Wise, please reference his business card shown on page 16 of the *Prime Times*.

## Obituary Notifications: September 17, 2018 - January 19, 2019



Please note that all obituary notices and photos, when available, are on our website at <https://asura.asu.edu/obituaries>.

*submitted by Becky Reiss*

<i><b>Name</b></i>	<i><b>Date of Death</b></i>	<i><b>ASU Affiliation</b></i>
Acker, Kathleen “Katie” Florence	December 11, 2018	Wife of Jim Acker, faculty; college/department affiliation unknown
Atkinson, George William (Bill)	September 7, 2018	Maintenance electrician
Austin, Christine Ann (Palfy)	December 5, 2017	Coordinator of Development Operations, Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts
Bedworth, David	January 6, 2019	Professor, Industrial Engineering
Berney, Robert Edward	November 27, 2018	Professor, Economics Department
Boutell, George	September 16, 2018	Men’s Golf Coach
Brandt, Frederick A.	October 23, 2018	Professor; department/college affiliation unknown
Burawa, Aslaug (Adda)	December 23, 2018	ASU Art Museum Docent
Cohn, Sanford J.	November 19, 2018	Professor, Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
Colucci, Kim	December 20, 2018	Associate Director, Human Resources, Fulton School of Engineering
Cox, James J.	October 9, 2018	Psychology Professor
Crowder, Troy	October 29, 2018	Professor Emeritus, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism; Special Assistant to Presidents Newburn, Schwada, Nelson
Dorsey, Luene (Armstrong) (Welch)	October 12, 2018	Reference Librarian
Duckworth, Robert Hunt “Bob”	November 7, 2018	Treasurer, Sun Angel Foundation; ASU Foundation Board member; College of Business Council 100 member
Evans, John Xavier	December 1, 2018	English Professor
Fanning, Ron R.	October 1, 2018	Professor, College affiliation unknown
Finley, Richard O. “Dick”	September 4, 2018	Executive Manager, Associated Students
Fong, Yaa-Yin (Meng)	November 28, 2018	Chief Operating Officer, Biodesign Institute; wife of Peter Crouch, former dean of Fulton College of Engineering
Gardner, Joseph Vincent	October 19, 2018	Professor, College affiliation unknown

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Garrison, Evan	September 13, 2018	TA, Research Assistant, Physics
Hammond, Susann Tomek	December 8, 2018	Academic Advisor to Student Athletes
Harris, Carol	December 2, 2018	Faculty, Nurse Practitioner Program
Hilding, Ronald F.	October 23, 2018	Professor; department/college affiliation unknown
Iniguez, Gloria Frances	December 15, 2018	Hispanic Mother Daughter Program
Jeffries, Douglas Lynn	October 28, 2018	Visiting Assitant Professor & Director of Central Arizona Science and Engineering Fair
Johnson, George Wesley, Jr.	November 16, 2018	Professor, College affiliation unknown
Jones, Charles Edward (Bud)	December 20, 2018	Adjunct Professor, College of Law
Lewis, Patricia Louise	November 13, 2018	Professor, School of Architecture
Mata, Alberto Guardiola, Jr.	December 22, 2018	Professor of Sociology
Milstein, Stanley	Obit published November 15, 2018	Taught the History of Medicine
Switzer, Charles Duval	August 19, 2018	Father of Heather Switzer, Assistant Professor of Women and Gender Studies
Takiguchi, Masako	June 25, 2018	Member, ASU West Provost's Club
Tilden, Lois Mae (Brown)	August 18, 2018	Secretary to a Dean
Tobey, Sr., Stephen Winter,	August 13, 2018	Professor of Chemistry
Valles, Isidro (Chilo)	July 11, 2018	Director of Financial Aid
Walters, Virginia (Ginny)	July 20, 2018	Comptroller's Office
Webster, Arliss Anne	July 14, 2018	Adjunct Faculty Member, College affiliation unknown
Nea, Fred D.	January 30, 2018	Advisor to Del E. Webb School of Construction technology programs; founding member, CREATE (Construction Research and Education for Advanced Technology Environments)
Pastor, The Honorable Edward Lopez	November 27, 2018	Spearheaded ASU's Pastor Center for Politics & Public Service
Poe, Carol Jo	November 25, 2018	Wife of Jerry Poe, Professor Emeritus Finance
Register, Barbara Jean	December 28, 2018	College of Nursing
Ridley, Dale Scott	October 22, 2018	Associate Dean, Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College

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Routzahn, Allen Riddell	November 25, 2018	Member, President's Club
Rowley, James R.	September 22, 2018	Associate Professor, Graphic Design
Sands, Dolores	October 22, 2018	Professor, College of Nursing
Sands, Kathleen Marie (Kay)	December 25, 2018	Professor, English Department
Smith, Martha Straley	September 15, 2018	Wife of Marion W. Smith, former Voice Professor
Spina, Yolanda Eclipse	November 14, 2018	Secretary, University Library
Spracle, Helen Louise	September 14, 2018	Civil Services Department
Starcher, Ronald Roscoe	November 17, 2018	Adjunct Faculty, College affiliation unknown
Stewart, Donald George	November 29, 2018	Professor, Mathematics
Talley, Shirley A.	September 29, 2018	OSHER Foundation
Theisen, Marissa Roche	September 22, 2018	Faculty Associate, Lodestar Center for Philanthropy and Non-profit Innovation
Thomson, June Marilyn Tucker	November 3, 2018	Wife of Tom Radford Thomson, Professor, Organic Chemistry
Wallace-Jones, Martha	September 26, 2018	Wife of Alan Jones, Mathematics Faculty
Welch, Patricia (Pat) Irene	December 27, 2018	Office Manager, Management Department, College of Business
Wellington, Jim	November 20, 2018	Member, ASU Advanced Public Executive Program Advisory Board; Chairman, ASU Center for Executive Development
Wineberg, Ruth E.	December 25, 2018	College of Extended Education

***In Memory of Ruth Wineberg***

Ruth E. Wineberg, 91, a member of ASURA and Board member from 1997-2001, passed away December 25, 2018. She received her undergraduate degree at Augustana University in Sioux Falls and later received her master's degree from the University of Michigan. Prior to going to graduate school she lived in New York City working as an executive secretary at Union Carbide and also spent a year working in Greece. Upon completion of her master's degree she began her teaching career at Georgetown University in Washington DC. In the late 1970's she served as Director of the English Skills Program (ESL) in the College of Extended Education. Ruth retired from ASU in 1992.



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