

ASU Prime Times

Arizona State University Retirees Association Newsletter

Summer 2010

Former ASU President Looks to the Future

Dr. Lattie Coor, chairman and CEO of the Center for the Future of Arizona, was the featured speaker at the ASURA annual meeting in April.



Dr. Lattie Coor, featured speaker at the 2010 annual meeting

— Photo courtesy of Val Peterson

Dr. Coor, president of ASU from 1990–2002, first described the Center as a “do-tank” not a “think-tank,” with a concentrated focus on no more than three issues at a time, in order to complete a project swiftly and with success.

He then reviewed a longer-term project that came about because of the frailties of current goal-setting methods: most state-wide goals are based on political platforms and eight-year “visions.”

A more accurate method was needed and created: a Citizens Agenda with a framework that will work over time.

In the Center’s report, “The Arizona We Want,” are the results of a Gallup Poll that showed, among other things, that Arizonans:

- believe the land and its beauty are the state’s greatest assets,
- want jobs,
- have strong attachments to where they live,
- agree on more than they disagree, and
- do not have faith in their elected officials.

The Center wants to involve one million Arizona citizens online at least once in helping to achieve “The Arizona We Want.”

To participate in the poll and/or to learn more about the project, go to www.thearizonawewant.org.

Retirees Day “Highly Successful!”

More than 130 people attended the February ASURA Retirees Day at ASU’s Memorial Union.

While attendees had eight educational session choices, with topics ranging from “Social Barriers to Renewable Energy” and “Extreme Speech and Democracy,” the highlight of the program was the keynote luncheon speaker.

TV journalist and political commentator Hugh Downs spoke on “Older Then, But Younger Now,” which outlined some of his far-reaching experiences. He shared his philosophy on aging and also expressed concerns about the discrimination he sees exhibited toward senior citizens today.

Planning for next year’s Retirees Day will begin this fall. If you’d like to be a part of that process, please contact Mary Stevens or Connie McNeill.



Hugh Downs receives gifts from Mary Stevens at the conclusion of his keynote address at the 2010 Retirees Day luncheon

— Photo courtesy of Dave Scheatzle



Bob Ellis (original ASURA president), Hugh Downs (2010 Retirees Day speaker), and Mary Stevens (2009–10 ASURA president) are enjoying lunch at the 2010 Retirees Day

— Photo courtesy of Dave Scheatzle

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New Officers/New Board Members

Dick Jacob



Dick received his B.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Physics from the University of Utah. He joined the faculty at Arizona State in 1963 and retired as Professor Emeritus in 2001.

Dick taught physics at all levels and in most areas, emphasizing quantum physics, relativity, electrodynamics and mathematical physics. His avocational interests are music—he plays saxophone and clarinet—reading history and historical fiction, baseball and writing. He and his wife Jackie have four children, all of whom have ASU degrees, and thirteen grandchildren. Jackie is a retired elementary school teacher. They continue to reside in Tempe, appreciating the close proximity to Sky Harbor and, therefore, their family.

Doug Johnson



Doug, a Professor of Accountancy, joined Arizona State University in 1974. His primary teaching interests were in managerial and cost accounting. He earned his B.B.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of

Texas at Austin. He has been active in the development of graduate programs in the W.P. Carey School of Business. He is a past president of the Scottsdale Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants. Doug is also a past president of the Academic Senate and Assembly and has worked extensively to improve health insurance and retirement benefits for the university community. Doug's wife Peggy is a retired faculty member from Mesa Community College, and they have two daughters. Doug's other activities include golf, bicycling, hiking, and bridge.

Wilma Mathews



Wilma is the advisor for the ASU chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America and is a PR faculty associate in the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism & Mass Communication at ASU. She retired from ASU's Public Affairs in July 2008. Wilma is an avid mystery, biography and history reader. She enjoys travel and is the consummate tourist, tramping through zoos and old houses with equal aplomb. She is an unabashed fan for the University of North Carolina basketball team. She likes backgammon and Jeopardy and uses knitting, needlework and reading in lieu of tranquilizers. Her greatest moments in life include being a sponsor for a young boy in Indonesia. Among her greatest adventures is being attacked by a one-armed gibbon at an elephant camp in Thailand.

Dave Scheatzle



Dave is Professor Emeritus at Arizona State University, College of Architecture and Environmental Design. There he served as Associate Dean and retired from full time teaching in May 2001. He has a B.S.

(Architecture) from Kent State University, a M.S. in Engineering from Arizona State University and an Arch.D. from The University of Michigan. Dave spent 20 years with the U.S. Air Force. Dave is from Akron, Ohio, and has been married for over 50 years to Brenda. They have 4 daughters and 16 grandchildren. After serving as President of the ASU Retirees Association in 2004–05, he was the editor of *Prime Times* for four years and is now active with the Living History Video Project.

David Schwalm



Dave earned his bachelor's degree in English at Carleton College and his Masters and Ph.D. in English at the University of Chicago. He came to Arizona State University Tempe in 1986 as Associate

Professor of English and Director of Composition. He was appointed Vice Provost for Academic Affairs at ASU West, named Vice Provost for Academic Programs and Services at ASU East, appointed as founding Dean of East College, and named as founding Dean of the School of Applied Arts and Sciences at ASU Poly. He retired from that position in June 2008. Dave and his wife Karen have been married for 42 years, and they have two adult children. Since David and Karen are both retired, they are now spending more time with their motorcycles.

Joy Shearman



Joy spent her first 62 years in rural Iowa raising her family and working in medical facilities. When her two children began college, so did she, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of

Iowa in 1974. Joy received her Master of Science Degree in 1991 from Boston University and moved to Arizona in 1992 to be near her widowed mother. The first three years she worked as a Nurse Manager at Maricopa Medical Center, Psychiatric Annex. In fall 1995, ASU called her to teach Psychiatric/Mental Health in the College of Nursing on the West campus, then in Tempe, and then at the downtown Phoenix campus. She finally ended the happiest years in her career, retiring from the now College of Nursing and Healthcare Innovation at 78 years old, after 13 years teaching at ASU.

A Scholar with a Mission

Speaking at the ASURA Annual Meeting was Elizabeth Clarke, this year's ASURA scholarship recipient.

Clarke, a student in the Barrett Honors College with a double major in psychology and sociology, started her career with a plan to be a professional ballet dancer. However, as a result of injuries, she shifted her plans to more academic and social pursuits.



Elizabeth Clarke, 2010
scholarship recipient

— Photo by Val Peterson

Clarke intends to pursue both master and doctorate degrees in counseling with a focus on children who are sexually exploited. Her honors thesis is focusing on the sexual slavery of children and the organization Street Light, www.streetlightphx.com.

Wanted: VIPs!

The ASU Volunteer in Police Service (VIPS) needs volunteer assistance at all four of the university's campuses. Jay Spradling, assistant chief of the ASU Police Department, explains that VIPS is a national program but still new at ASU.

Some of the volunteer positions available include: newsletter editor, photographer, records clerk, court liaison, display case manager, grant writer, lobby desk assistant and tour guide for the Tempe Campus Department Building.

Interested? Contact asupdvunteers@asu.edu for an application. All volunteers will require a background check and polygraph.

Welcoming New ASURA Members

ASU Human Resources, with help from HR's Rachel Montoya, has invited ASURA to send a representative to all pre-retirement meetings and make a short presentation to future retirees regarding the benefits of ASURA membership. She has arranged for ASURA to have a slide in the PowerPoint presentation used at these meetings.

ASURA board member Elmer Gooding has prepared a script and is seeking retiree volunteers to attend one or more of the HR retirement sessions and give the (very) brief presentation. Time required? No more than 15–20 minutes per session. Interested? Contact elmer.gooding@asu.edu.

Enchanted Journey

If you are a birder, cultural explorer, geologist, astronomer, poetry lover or just an "I'll travel anywhere" person, the ASURA Travel Committee has a trip for you.

You and your guest are invited to join in an eight-day tour of northwestern Mexico including a visit to the jewel of the Sierra Madre: Mexico's Copper Canyon.

Internationally famous, this Mexican National Treasure is still very rustic but equipped with modern conveniences. You'll enjoy "rolling lectures" of the historical and cultural communities with a native guide. Additionally, you'll:

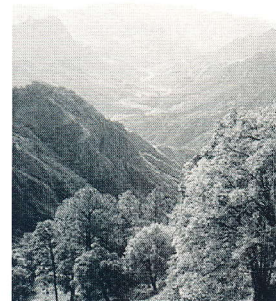
- encounter the mysterious Tarahumara Indians, widely regarded as the most culturally intact native peoples in North America;
- enjoy a ride on the Chihuahua al Pacifico Railroad for the ascension to the Sierra Madre Mountains, from sea level to over 7,500 feet;
- visit the only cultured black pearl farm in the Western Hemisphere;
- explore the historic Alamos, a Spanish colonial town that flourished in the eighteenth century from the nearby silver deposits;
- stay in the village of Mata Ortize and learn about its unique pottery from local artists and potters; and
- visit the archeological site of Paquime where you will walk the ruins and visit the museum to better understand this ancient culture.

The trip is October 16–23, 2010. For more information and registration, check out our web site at asura.asu.edu/CopperCanyon and download a registration form or contact the ASURA office, 480-965-7668, for times and location of informational meetings.

ASURA members are encouraged to sign up early for this trip as it will be limited to 20–25 people.

U.S. Passport Office at ASU

If you need a new or renewed passport before heading off to Copper Canyon, you only have to go to the Tempe campus for help with that process. A U.S. Passport Office is located in the Mill Avenue Tempe Center by the Ceramics Museum. This office is staffed by ASU employees who will answer your questions while providing both required paperwork and visa photos.



Copper Canyon

Spring Fling

Thirty-eight ASURA members and guests enjoyed the spring day trip to the Olive Mill in Queen Creek and the Dolly Steamboat ride on Canyon Lake.

The first stop was at the Olive Mill, with a tour of the facility where olive oil is milled and bottled. Following the tour and talk about the interesting history of olive oil, guests were served a gourmet lunch and wine tasting, while sitting outside under the olive trees.

The next stop was at Canyon Lake, to board the famed Dolly Steamboat. The boat ride was fun, with lots of time for visiting and enjoying the views, especially one of mountain sheep scrambling atop one of the cliffs.



Picnic at the Olive Mill
— Photo courtesy of Bill Stasi



John Bells (son and father), Aileen and Barbara Bell enjoy riding the Dolly Steamboat at Canyon Lake

— Photo courtesy of Bill Stasi

Many participants commented very positively about the day, with statements such as “I really enjoy doing things with the ASURA group” and “ASURA trips are very enjoyable.”

Additional day trips are being planned for 2010–2011.

— Ruth Ludemann
Travel Committee

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Contact: *Prime Times*, ASU Retirees Association, PO Box 873308, Tempe, Arizona 85287-3308.

Arizona State University Retirees Association

ASURA has a volunteer-staffed office in the Community Service 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 before you stop by the office to insure that it will be open and staffed.

Phone: 480-965-7668; Fax: 480-965-7807;

Web site: asura.asu.edu

ASURA Living History Project Update

Five interviews were completed this fall for the ASURA Living History Video Project. Now archived for the project are Hugh Burgess, Milton Glick, Jack Kinsinger, William Lewis and Joseph Schabacker, bringing the total of completed interviews to 57.

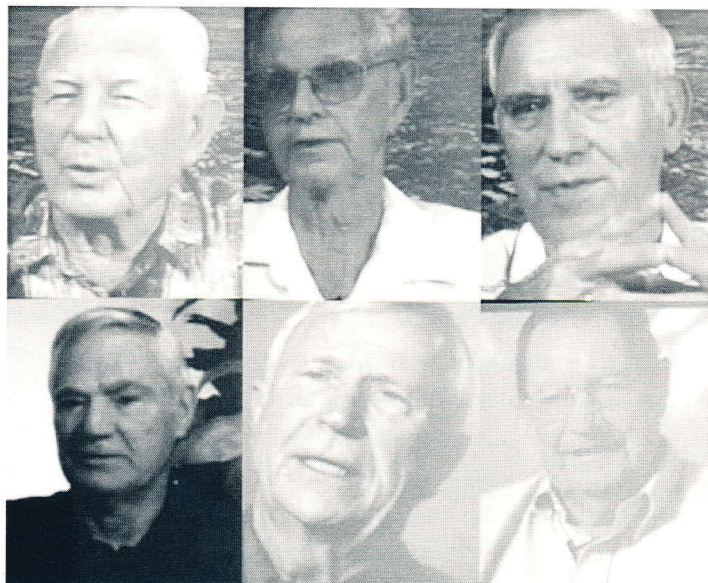
An additional six to eight interviews are planned for the summer.

The DVDs may be borrowed from, or viewed in, the ASURA office; each has an average run time of one to one-and-a-half hours.

The Video Project Committee includes Elmer Gooding, John McIntosh (video crew), June Payne, David Scheatzle (video crew), Linda Van Scoy (chairman) and Hal White. The committee is editing the DVDs to produce highlights that will eventually be available on the ASURA web site.

If you have nominations for retired faculty and staff who should be candidates for being interviewed, please email that information to lvs@asu.edu or send it to:

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Living History Video Clips presentation by Dave Scheatzle at 2010 annual meeting. Top row: George Morrell, Dean Smith, and Bob Ellis. Bottom row: Frank Kush, Lattie Coor, and Bobby Winkles.

— Photo courtesy of Val Peterson

List of Obituaries: December 1, 2009 Through July 15, 2010

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

Name	Date of Death	ASU Affiliation
Almendinger, Mary Jo	December 12, 2009	Department/College Unknown
Baker, Ann J.	March 20, 2010	Assistant Director of Admissions
Baughman, Marie Dorothy	June 22, 2010	Secretary, Cancer Research Institute
Burstein, David	December 26, 2009	Retired Professor of Astronomy and Astrophysics
Carson, Edward Mansfield	March 12, 2010	ASU graduate, philanthropist and supporter of ASU
Cook, Arthur Paul	February 25, 2010	Supt. of Dairy, ASU Laboratory Farm
Copple, Leonard	May 17, 2010	College of Law
Cronin, John Read	June 30, 2010	Professor of Biochemistry
Dagleish, Donald Douglas	July 7, 2010	Professor of Political Science
Debenport, Sylvia	December 10, 2009	Professor of Music and Assoc. Dir. of Lyric Opera Theater
Dotts, F. Annis (Jones)	July 13, 2010	Alumni Association (wife of Don Dotts, former exec. director of ASU Alumni Association and former president of ASURA)
Drake, Jackson M.	June 10, 2010	Professor Emeritus, College of Education
Gacula, Maximo Calo	May 5, 2010	Adjunct Professor
Gardner, Vivienne Elizabeth (McGaughy)	December 3, 2009	Gammage Auditorium and ASU Public Events
Gerrard, Dorothy	June 10, 2010	Guest Lecturer, College of Nursing
Hackett, Patricia A.	December 14, 2009	Student Health Center
Hallade, Ellinor Lillian	April 7, 2010	Secretary for Director of Nurses/Health Service; also in the Residency Office
Isabell, Jacqueline Ruth (Jackie)	March 10, 2010	Research Librarian, Medical Arts
Jacobson, Arthur	June 10, 2010	Professor Emeritus, Art Department
Joya, Leo M. "Nanie"	April 26, 2010	Grounds Maintenance Department
Kajikawa, William	February 15, 2010	Former football, baseball, basketball coach
Kotfila, Ronald Peter	May 24, 2010	School of Engineering Advisory Board
Lawton, Madeleine	March 30, 2010	Department/College Unknown
Lindbergh, Ronald Patrick	February 8, 2010	Police Department
Melichar, Dudley W.	December 12, 2009	Assoc. Dean, College of Public Programs
Miller, Joan	May 8, 2010	Computer programmer/data processing manager
Miller, Peter	May 30, 2010	Professor of Business
Morrell, Patricia Cook	December 4, 2009	Part-time Alumni House (wife of deceased George Morrell, Director of Purchasing)
Plotkin, Rabbi Albert	February 3, 2010	Jewish Studies Program, Center for the Humanities
Procaccini, James Francis	May 3, 2010	English Department
Riggs, Thomas E.	December 24, 2009	American Sign Language Faculty
Sackton, Frank J.	February 14, 2010	Professor of Public Affairs, founding Dean of the College of Public Programs, V. P. for Business Affairs, and Director of Strategic Planning
Schoolitz, Harry	December 26, 2009	Instructor, Law
Smith, Betty Jo	June 14, 2010	RN, Student Health
Strange, Richard	December 22, 2009	Professor of Music and Director of Bands, Emeritus

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Taylor, Jacqueline J.	July 4, 2010	Professor of Psychiatric Nursing
Troxel, Lois	April 6, 2010	Secretary and Administrative Assistant, Zoology Department
Villa, Guadalupe (Lupe) Shaw	March 11, 2010	Chef
Voss, Harold Glenn	March 29, 2010	Professor and Chair, Physics Department
Wearly, William L.	April 30, 2010	Served on Council of Emeritus Advisors, College of Business
Wilson, Merylee "Mimi"	June 27, 2010	College of Education
Wolf, Donald	?	Associate Professor, Department of Political Science
Zuzich, Paul	May 8, 2010	Provost's Office

Jamming at the Village!

The inaugural ASURA Musical Jam Session took place April 13 at Friendship Village in Tempe.

Developed and led by ASU retiree Barbara Bradford, the session featured anchor musicians Sharon Aebi and Robert Coulson of the Aebi-Coulson Duo, who perform at many venues in the East Valley.

Also participating was Gerry Whalen, retiree from the University Technology Office.



— Becky Reiss
Membership &
Communications Committee

President's Message



Greetings! It is an honor to be serving as your President this year. I am taking on this responsibility at a time when our organization is in very good shape, thanks in no small part to the efforts of last year's president, Mary Stevens. Mary is still putting lots of energy into the ASURA, including chairing our Finance Committee for the coming year. She has set the bar high for presidential performance!

Our organization is important in several ways. I am especially proud of our efforts to protect the interests of ASU retirees through liaison and lobbying activities with the Legislature, the Arizona State Retirement System, and the ADOA retiree health program. I am equally proud of our program to collect and preserve ASU's history through our Living History Video project, and to support deserving students through our scholarship program.

I find it very satisfying to serve alongside my fellow ASURA volunteers. It is a talented and companionable group! We welcome new volunteers with open arms, so let us know if you're interested. Contact information is on the next page of this newsletter as well as on page 2. If you've expressed interest via the 2010–2011 Membership Enrollment form, you will most likely be contacted by a committee chair sometime in the next 2–4 months.

I hope that, if you have not enrolled with us for 2010–2011, you will do so soon. Our membership letters and forms went out in May. If you've lost your form, you can print it from our web site, or you can wait for a reminder letter from us later this summer. Our effectiveness is greatest if we have strong membership numbers. We truly appreciate the generosity that many of you have shown by contributing beyond the basic membership donation. Our support from ASU is quite limited, so we have to fund our programs mainly through other means.

Please do take advantage of the many interesting events we have planned and will be planning for this coming year. The events are enjoyable, and fellow ASURA attendees even more so! Our web site, asura.asu.edu, is usually up-to-date about any planned events and has lots of photos of past events so you can check things out before signing up.

I hope you are all enjoying your summer and are looking forward to whatever you have planned in the coming months. Summer plans and family obligations for our volunteer editor has made this issue a little later than usual, but I hope you enjoy it anyway!

— Connie McNeill
President 2010–2011



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Special Offer for Retired ASU Staff Members

You've written countless proposals, reviews, letters but what about that novel you've always wanted to write or the poetry you know is in you?

The ASU Emeritus College is inviting retired ASU staff members to participate in their Fall Creative Writing Workshop at a special Emeritus College member reduced fee of \$135 for the 10-week program.

Each weekly two-hour workshop session is led by an advanced MFA student or other experienced author, chosen for their writing ability as well as their teaching experience.

Workshop groups are limited to five members each, which provide a supportive, constructive environment. The workshops begin Monday, September 27, and Tuesday, September 28.

For more information, contact Dick Jacob at rjjacob@asu.edu.