

ASURA President's Message

submitted by Will Stasi, ASURA President, 2022-2023

We made it through another hot summer in the desert. As the new academic year starts, I hop on the bus for another ride and find disappointment with still a few empty seats. The strength of an organization is in its volunteers. I am optimistic and would be more enthusiastic if more individuals got involved. My hope was that more or all Board Members attended our Meet and Greet event. Sometimes there are reasons for not attending but do understand the ability to meet the Board Members who steer the course for ASURA is important. The event was well attended with another in-person event successfully facilitated by Mary Stevens with support from Trudy Perez and Partha Dasgupta. My high expectations would be for others to follow in their footsteps with dual roles of Board Member combined with volunteering on a committee or being a Committee Chair.

Some changes in the organization have occurred. The open position of Membership Chair has been filled by Carl Cross. Carl will no longer be the University Club Liaison and Tara Roesler will now fill that role. The Website/Database Committee has been split into two groups ... Website Committee chaired by Connie McNeill and Database Committee chaired by Paul Harper.

We filled a gap with Larry Carlson as a backup second signer on the ASU Foundation account along with Business Operations Manager, Carolyn Minner. There is still an open position for Registered Lobbyist and Government Liaison Council Committee Chair. These roles can be filled by more than one individual. Being a committee member helps to develop an individual to eventually take on these roles. Volunteering to join this committee is a start and existing volunteer members are available to provide mentoring. If interested, please contact wstasi@asu.edu.



We are not too far off from selecting new board members as we have board members whose terms are due to expire in 2023. Tara Roesler will chair the Board Nomination Committee and has included an article in this newsletter explaining the nomination process. Along with new board members and a new year in 2023 comes the change in Board Secretary and Board Treasurer. A new Vice President will also be needed. Tara and I invite all members to submit names of individuals interested in wanting to become new Board Members.

Check out the “*ASURA Calendar of Events*” in this newsletter for the various upcoming seminars, local/international travel and luncheons/special events. Also, periodically check our website for any additional events that may have been added since this posting. Maintaining an active and filled number of events happens only by individuals volunteering to strengthen the organization. Hope you did not miss the 2023 Medicare-ASRS Open Enrollment Seminar on October 6 or will be able to participate in the Medicare-ADOA Open Enrollment Seminar on October 17.

A reminder as we start to travel to many places again: ASU has an Employee Discount Network available to retirees for no cost and discounted tickets at many venues. Check the ASURA website for more details. Also, if you need a new or replacement ASU Retirees Sun Card, they are available at no cost through ASU so please check the website, <https://asu.asu.edu/benefits-and-discounts>.

I end this with — why do insect ants not get Covid, Influenza, or other diseases? They were born with “Ant Bodies”.

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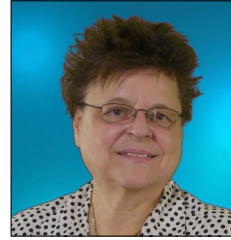
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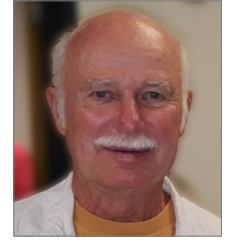
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Committees

<u>Community Outreach</u>	<u>Luncheons/Special Events:</u>	<u>Government/Health Insurance Liaisons</u>	<u>Membership/Communications Chairs</u>
Adopt-A-Family: Ginny Sylvester Scholarship: Jan Shore, Chair Video History Project: Barry McNeill <div style="text-align: center;"><u>Events</u></div> Trudy Perez, Coordinator Seminars: Patricia Schneider, Chair	Mary Stevens, Chair Pre-retirement Seminars: Trudy Perez, Chair Liz Badalamenti, Co-Chair Travel: John Brock, Chair <div style="text-align: center;"><u>Finance/ Fundraising</u></div> Finance: Barry McNeill Book Donations: Mary Stevens	Government Liaisons Legislature: Tara Roesler and Pat Schneider ASRS: Dick Jacob ADOA: Larry Carlson Health Insurance Liaisons ASRS: Dick Jacob ADOA: Larry Carlson	E-News: Barry McNeill Membership: Carl Cross Obituaries: Tara Roesler Prime Times Newsletter: Jeannette Robson Website Co-Chairs: Connie & Barry McNeill Database: Paul Harper

Office Volunteers

Office Coordinators: Linda Van Scoy & Nancy Lesko Business Operations Manager: Carolyn Minner Technology Manager: Connie McNeill Phone: 480-965-7668 (please call before visiting the office) Fax: (480) 965-7807 Subs: Martha Christiansen, Ann Ryan, Dorothy Meunier	ASURA Office Hours September 2022 through May 2023 <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">Monday</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">9am-noon</td> <td>Nanci Beardsley</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday</td> <td>10am-1pm</td> <td>Linda VanScoy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday</td> <td>10am-1pm</td> <td>Beverly Buddee/Tara Roesler</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday</td> <td>10am-1pm</td> <td>Jeannette Robson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday</td> <td>CLOSED</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Monday	9am-noon	Nanci Beardsley	Tuesday	10am-1pm	Linda VanScoy	Wednesday	10am-1pm	Beverly Buddee/Tara Roesler	Thursday	10am-1pm	Jeannette Robson	Friday	CLOSED	
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Welcome New ASURA Members

Marlin Addison	Cindy Coffman	Amy Holbrook	Martin Matustik	Roy Rice
Ronald Adrian	Kevin Corley	Elzbieta Jackiewicz	Jeffrey McMahon	Christian Ringhofer
Joyce Allen	John Craft	Diana Jacobson	Michael Meyer	Duane Roen
Laurel Anderson	Kimberly Davis	Brian Johnson	Keith Miller	Robert Rosenberg
Hans Armbruster	Loretta Doemland	John Jones	John Mitchell	Russell Ryan
Brad Armendt	Susan Draughn	Douglas Kelley	Hans Mittelmann	Delia Saenz
Catherine Bacon	Joseph Ewan	Sharon Kenyon	Michael Moffett	David Sampson
James Beadle	Steve Farmer	Deborah Kimball	James Morin	Pamela Stewart
Jacquelin Beals	Susan Flores	Maureen King	Susan Murphy	Robert Sturges
Jennifer Blake	Cynthia Garrett	Mark Klett	Leslie Namerow	Elizabeth Swadener
Irene Bloom	Maureen Goggin	Uday Kulkarni	Bunna Nhieu	Tri Tram
Barry Bozeman	Richard Gould	Pat Lauderdale	Clark Olson	Blanca Trujillo
Robert Bradley	Gisela Grant	Keith Lawrence	Katherine Osburn	Caryn Unterschuetz
Kenneth Brooks	Theresa Grant	Linda Lederman	Don Ownsby	Hans Van Der Mars
Daniel Buttry	Lee Gutkind	Yann-Hang Lee	Sandra Palaich	Elizabeth Wake
Gary Cabirac	Mark Hager	Richard Lerman	Valerie Patten	Kurt Weiser
Robert Caprisecca	Debra Hallock	Susan Lowry	Ker-Wei Pei	Robert Wood
Ray Carpenter	Karen Harris	Phyllis Lucie	William Petuskey	Tamera-Lyndon
Nancy Cassidy	Michelle Hegmon	Peter Lyberg	Teresa Ramirez	Wright
Sharon Chanley	Vanessa Hill	Ada Martin	Maria Restrepo	Suzanne Wurster
Tyna Chu	Christine Hoffman	Catherine Martin	Peter Rez	

IN MEMORY OF SUE BLUMER ... A LOYAL ASURA STALWART

Sue Blumer passed away on September 21, 2022. She will be sorely missed by those who knew her and who worked with her in ASURA. Her obituary appears on our website, where it can be read by those who would like to know something about her life (<https://asura.asu.edu/asu-obituaries>). This article focuses on her work with ASURA.

Sue joined the association in 1995 and was immediately recruited to be a member of the Board of Directors. Once on the Board, she agreed to serve as Board Secretary, a post she held for three years.

Shortly after this, she stepped forward to chair the Scholarship Committee, which is responsible for selecting a worthy returning student to receive the ASURA scholarship. This was a role that was both challenging and rewarding, but apparently the rewards outweighed the challenges, as Sue stayed in the role through 2017. In the later years she co-chaired the committee with Joy Shearman.



Pat McMahon and Sue Blumer - 2005

As if her service as Scholarship chair were not enough, Sue served three times as the chair or co-chair of the Retirees Day Committee: 2004, 2005, and 2007. Retirees Day was held in the spring, and consisted of a full day of seminars, and a lunch with a luncheon speaker. As you might imagine it was a big task to recruit the speakers and to make all the arrangements for the event, and the chair had to recruit and coordinate committee members who shared the work. One of my favorite pictures of Sue is from the 2005 Retirees Day, for which she had recruited popular local TV star Pat McMahon of “Wallace and Ladmo” fame to be the luncheon speaker.

Sue and her husband Maynard were a regular presence at almost every event that ASURA offered. I remember Maynard commenting to me at one of these that ASURA was very important to Sue. They were always interesting and enthusiastic conversationalists. I remember having a conversation with Sue about how much she benefited from doing yoga – she thought everyone should do it. It was a few years before I followed her lead on that!

Submitted by Connie McNeill

ASURA Office Updates ... Fall 2022

submitted by Linda Van Scoy and Nancy Lesko — ASURA Office Coordinators

Greetings all. I think we can all agree that it's nice to see the summer heat and Covid in our rear-view mirrors! Fall is officially here and almost everything is back to normal.

- Monday Nanci Beardsley 9:00-12:00 PM
- Tuesday Linda VanScoy 10:00-1:00 PM
- Wednesday Beverly Buddee or Tara Roesler 10:00-1:00 PM
- Thursday Jeannette Robson 10:00-1:00 PM
- Friday **CLOSED YEAR ROUND**

If you need to visit outside of these hours just call the office and we will be happy to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet you. The office number is 480-965-7668. It's also a good idea to call if you plan to come by during the posted hours just to be sure a volunteer will be there.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Holiday Potluck. The date and venue will be announced soon.



Linda Van Scoy



Nancy Lesko

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. When you drop off your books, the office volunteer will give you a Gift in Kind form to complete and sign. The form is sent to the ASU Foundation, a separate nonprofit organization that exists to support ASU. The Foundation will provide you with a gift receipt for tax purposes.



You may drop off your books at the ASURA Office, Community Services Bldg., 200 E. Curry Road, room 201B, Tempe, AZ, 85281. Please call the office before you come to make sure there is a staff volunteer in the office (480-965-7668).

- 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 your books to [our office](#). We have 2 dollies for your use. Parking is readily available by the building with 3 ramps into the building and 2 elevators to the 2nd floor.

If you are unable to deliver your books to our office, please contact Mary Stevens at (602) 758-3750 or marystevens0@gmail.com or [contact our office](#). Provide your **name, e-mail address** (if you have one), **phone 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.



Thanks so much for your donation!

If Your Spouse Dies

submitted by Connie McNeill, compiler/editor

(This article is available on the [ASURA website](#), in the “Retiree Help” section.)

Getting through the loss of a spouse is hard, but you can get through it (and hopefully financially intact). Even if you weren't the spouse who paid the bills or handled savings, there's no reason you can't become that person now. The best thing you can do now is stay organized. Put one foot in front of the other.

As much as possible, take your time when making financial decisions after you lose a loved one. Before you make any decision, reflect on it and talk with your advisors, whether professionals or trusted people in your inner circle. Seek out other resources, too, so that you can gather as much knowledge as you can and move into the next phase of your life with a solid financial action plan. Most of all, take each day as it comes while you adjust to a new way of life.

Following are some specifics on areas you will have to deal with:

- **Email** - How to handle email accounts -- close or forward?
- **Notify** - A list of people and institutions you will need to notify.
- **Cancel** - A list of things that you will need to cancel or modify.
- **Legal** - A few of the legal and financial issues that need to be addressed.



EMAIL

If you and/or your executor wish, you can continue using your spouse's email accounts with banks, companies, etc. If it is more convenient, you can change the email associated with these accounts to your own.

ASU email address - If your spouse had an @asu.edu email address it will not be closed unless requested or if notification of the spouse's death is received. If you choose to leave it in place, you should redirect mail sent to that address to have it forwarded to your own email account. To do this, see the article on our website entitled, "[Your ASU E-mail Address](#)".

Automatic closure of email accounts:

- Most email accounts will stay open so long as they are active unless someone notifies the company that the account should be closed or that the holder is deceased.
- The account will be automatically closed or suspended when it meets the company's policy regarding inactivity.
- You can check the expiration policy for any email provider by searching on something like “when does my xxx account expire”, where xxx is the name of your email carrier, such as Google.

NOTIFY

To begin, obtain at least 5-10 certified copies of the death certificate, normally through the funeral home. You can also order them from the vital statistics office of the state or county where the death occurred, such as the [Arizona Department of Health Services](#) or [Maricopa County Vital Records](#). Each certificate will cost from \$20-40.

Government agencies:

- Report the death to the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213. If you are a surviving spouse, ask about eligibility for increased [personal benefits](#). If payments do not stop right away, you will have to deal with complicated repayment.
- Report the death to the IRS. Send the IRS a copy of the death certificate. Mail it to the office where the deceased would have normally filed his or her taxes. Once the document is received, officials at the IRS office

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will flag the account that the person is deceased.

- If your spouse was a veteran, contact the Veterans Administration at 1-800-827-1000. Veterans' pension and disability payments cease at death; amounts received after death must be returned to the VA. However, as surviving spouse you may be eligible to receive a portion of those benefits.

Financial institutions:

Report the death to the deceased's retirement plan(s), and/or to your own plan if the deceased was a beneficiary on your retirement plan.

- In the latter case, if your pension is through the Arizona State Retirement System, you may choose to rescind the Joint and Survivor option or name another beneficiary. No retroactive increases to your monthly pension benefits can be made to you if you delay this process,
- If payments do not stop right away, you will have to deal with complicated repayment.
- You will need the name and, if applicable, the number of the retirement plan, and probably your spouse's social security number when you make this contact. Ask about the death benefit.

Notify life insurance companies. If your spouse had life insurance, appropriate claim forms will need to be filed. You will need to provide the policy numbers and a death certificate. If the deceased was listed as a beneficiary on a policy, arrange to have the name removed.

Notify credit reporting agencies. To minimize the chance of identity theft, notify the three major firms — [Equifax](#), [Experian](#) and [TransUnion](#) — as soon as possible so the account is flagged. Contact one of the agencies by phone. They'll make a note on the account and give you specific instructions about how to go about filing a written notice. The company you contact will notify the other two.

CANCEL

Financial accounts:

Close credit card accounts if they are not joint. Call the customer service phone number on the credit card, monthly statement or issuer's website. Close bank accounts, if they are not joint (the executor should do this). Call the customer service number on the credit card, or on the website for the bank.

Stop or modify health insurance:

- If your spouse received Medicare, Social Security will inform the program of the death.
- If the deceased had been enrolled in a program for Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (Part D), a Medicare Advantage plan, a Medigap policy, or a supplement or had insurance that was not Medicare, notify the plan using the number provided on each plan membership card.
- If you do not have your own individual coverage, you will need to discuss options with the health insurance carrier.
- If your spouse was an ASRS retiree, you may elect to enroll in the ASRS medical and/or dental insurance plans if you are the dependent beneficiary of your spouse's pension benefit.

Utilities:

- If your spouse has a cell phone, close or modify the account.
- Check your utility and other bills to be sure all of them are in both of your names. Most companies require your name to be on the account before you are able to act as administrator of the service. Be aware that companies often have to shut the service down and then restart it in order to change the name on the account.

Identification:

- Cancel driver's license. Clearing the driver's license record will remove the deceased's name from the records of the department of motor vehicles and help prevent identity theft. Contact the [state department of motor vehicles](#)

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for exact instructions. You may have to visit a customer-service center or mail documentation. Either way, you'll need a copy of the death certificate.

- Cancel passport, if you wish. You may also keep it as a memento. See the [U.S. Passport Service guide](#) for information on options and how to cancel.

Social Media:

If your spouse has a Facebook account, you can [memorialize their account](#). This will let current friends continue to post and share memories but will keep anyone from logging into it in the future. You may also choose to close social media accounts, such as Twitter and Pinterest.

LEGAL

Probate attorney:

- The executor should choose a probate attorney.
- Getting recommendations from family or friends might be the best approach, but an [online search](#) can also be an efficient way to find an attorney.
- If there is a will, the executor named in it and the attorney will have the document admitted into probate court.
- If there isn't a will, the probate court judge will name an administrator in place of an executor.
- The probate process starts with an inventory of all assets (personal property, bank accounts, house, car, brokerage account, personal property, furniture, jewelry, etc.), which will need to be filed in the probate court.

Financial advisors, stockbrokers, etc.:

Determine the beneficiary listed on accounts and how the beneficiary may get access.

Estate plan, taxes:

- Update your estate plan and legal documents that named your spouse, such as wills and powers of attorney. You may not need to modify deeds, titles, etc. that indicated ownership as joint.
- Arrange to [file taxes appropriately](#) for your spouse.

ASRS/ADOA Health & Dental Insurance Updates

submitted by Tara Roesler (Government Liaison Acting Chairman) and Pat Schneider (Seminar Committee Chair)

ASRS Health & Dental Insurance Update

OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD: November 1 - November 30, 2022

PLEASE NOTE: No action necessary if you are satisfied with your current ASRS coverage and do not wish to make any changes. Your present coverage will automatically roll over to the new plan year, which begins January 1, 2023.

DENTAL Coverage: The dental benefit structures and monthly premiums remain unchanged for calendar year 2023.

Plan Name	2022	2023
Delta Dental High Plan Option (PPO)	\$35.75	\$35.75
Delta Dental Low Plan Option (PPO)	\$16.60	\$16.60
Cigna DHMO	\$9.75	\$9.75

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NOTE: Monthly premiums above do not reflect applicable monthly premium benefit.

MEDICAL Coverage:

Medicare — UnitedHealthcare Group Medicare Advantage Plans

The medical benefit structure remains unchanged for both Medicare Advantage plans. However, monthly premiums will increase in 2023 due to a year-over-year reduction in the Retrospective Rate Agreement funds available for premium reduction.

- Beginning in 2023, the fitness program will transition from SilverSneakers® to UHC Renew Active. The new UHC Renew Active program features an expanded network of fitness centers and fitness options.
- The programs and services following inpatient and skilled nursing facility discharges will continue to include home-delivered meals and, beginning in 2023, will include transportation and in-home personal care.

Medicare Advantage HMO Rates – United Healthcare

	2022	2023
Base Premium (per insured person)	\$80	\$75
Less RRA* Funds	(30)	(11)
Net Retiree Premium	\$50	\$64

Medicare Advantage PPO Rates – United Healthcare

	2022	2023
Base Premium (per insured person)	\$120	\$115
Less RRA* Funds	(50)	(12)
Net Retiree Premium	\$70	\$103

*RRA Retrospective Rate Agreement funds have been returned to ASRS by United Healthcare based on experience and returned in turn to members.

Non-Medicare — Single Coverage Monthly Premiums

The medical benefit structures and monthly premiums remain unchanged for calendar year 2023.

- Beginning in 2023, the fitness program will transition from SilverSneakers® to UHC One Pass. The new UHC One Pass program features an expanded network of fitness centers and fitness options.

	2022	2023
Premier	\$1,062	\$1,062
Value	\$886	\$886
Economy	\$775	\$775
Choice Plus PPO	\$1,361	\$1,361

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ADOA Health & Dental Insurance Update

ADOA continues to strive to provide state retirees with competitive and attractive benefits and wants to share some good news with you for the 2023 plan year.

OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD: October 31 – November 18, 2022

Update Your Contact Information: If necessary, please update your contact information on our YES portal. For instructions, please visit the following website — benefitoptions.az.gov/selfservice.

Medical: Premiums will stay the same for 2023. The State will absorb the 30.1% increase in healthcare costs. Plans and carriers will also stay the same.

Dental: We will have more information on the dental plan closer to Open Enrollment.

Vision: New Annual Billing Cycle for Avesis — The billing process will change from quarterly to **annual**, billed in January 2023. Premiums and plans will remain the same.

The Cold War and an ASU Veteran Who Served

submitted by Chris Gahan — ASU Retirees Association Member

What do you remember about the Cold War? Historically, it was a conflict between USSR and the democratically free nations from 1949 until 1992. Before retiring from ASU after 20 years at FAC-MAN, I served 24 years in Navy as a nuclear engineer in the submarine service. I am a Cold War Veteran. Are any of you also Cold War Veterans? Where and how did you serve? Cold War veterans from all the armed services are rarely recognized for their service during this arduous period. I served on three submarines during my naval career and have many Cold War related tales, this is one of them.



In the early morning hours of September 1, 1983, Korean Airlines Flight #7 was shot down by a Soviet Su-15 interceptor over Soviet air space. Another Cold War incident. Over the following weeks, intense allegations of intent and responsibility were thrown around by both USA and USSR. Both militaries were in the highest levels of alert and readiness. In the end, a modicum of wisdom emerged as both sides acknowledged failures that led to this tragic incident, and the Cold War returned to a simmer.

Once again, I was entangled in a Cold War incident, which placed the USS Patrick Henry (SSN 599) on a high level of alert and readiness for combat. At the time, I was the leading chief petty officer of the machinery division. How this event impacted me is an interesting mix of Cold War diplomacy and evolving submarine strategic flexibility.

In late spring of 1982, the Patrick Henry's homeport was switched from Pearl Harbor and transferred to Subbase Bangor near Silverdale, WA. A couple of years earlier, the Subbase Bangor had become the home port of the new OHIO class fleet ballistic missile submarines. As the Patrick Henry's crew settled into the new homeport, the Navy developed plans for utilizing the Patrick Henry's capabilities. The most innovative was the installation of a noise generating pod, attached topside on the missile deck. This device expanded the training and tactical capability of the ship. The noise pod generated sonar frequencies that masked the Patrick Henry's sonar signature and allowed it to mimic other submarines, both US and Soviet vessels.

The USSR had utilized highly electronic sophisticated surveillance vessels to monitor the US Navy's surface, air, and submarine activities throughout the Cold War. They called them fishing trawlers, yet nary a fishing net was ever deployed. When one of the OHIO class submarines deployed on a deterrent patrol, there was always a Russian trawler to greet them as they exited the Straits of Juan De Fuca. The Patrick Henry was assigned the shady task of mimicking either boomer with the sound pod and drawing the trawler away so they could depart in total secrecy. To the best of my

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recollection, the Patrick Henry performed this task many times flawlessly.

Earlier in the week prior to the September 1 incident, the Patrick Henry left Subbase Bangor for escort duty and to engage the on-station Russian trawler. One of the OHIO class boomers was heading out for deterrent patrol. Once the Patrick Henry was in the Pacific Ocean, it directly engaged in electronic and sonar surveillance while utilizing erroneous sonar generation activities with the Russian trawler. Later that week, news of KAL Flight 07 was broadcasted to the world. Suddenly our engagement with the Russian trawler became more precarious. Some trawlers were known to carry anti-submarine munitions and possibly torpedoes. The skipper placed his command in a high level of alert, and we became the hunter instead of the hunted. We continued to surveil and decoy the trawler throughout the entire KAL 07 incident. The Patrick Henry was released from tracking the trawler and gratefully returned to homeport once the Cold War returned to a simmer.

Were you aware of an initiative to build a Cold War Monument in Phoenix? Did you know that this monument is utilizing parts of the decommissioned USS Phoenix (SSN-702)? The USS Phoenix Cold War Monument Foundation is promoting this effort. Please visit the website (www.ussphoenixmonument.org) where further information on the monument project can be acquired. Your support and partnership would be greatly appreciated.

ASURA Meet and Greet—Fall 2022

Submitted by Barry McNeill, Event Photographer

After an absence of two years, Mary Stevens and her committee of Partha Dasgupta and Trudy Perez put on the Meet and Greet Pizza Party. We had 57 registered — a few did not show but some others came so we ended up with somewhere over 40 attendees. The party started at 11:00 am with the pizza arriving on the dot at 11:30 am. It took a little effort from Trudy to get the pizza line started as there was more interest in meeting and greeting than in eating.

ASURA Board President Will Stasi opened the post-eating portion of the event with a joke about raffling off a dead horse and then moved on to introduce the Board Members and Committee Chairs present. As each chair was introduced, Will asked them to each say a little about what their committee does and whether they needed more volunteers. These presentations were quite successful since several attendees expressed an interest in volunteering for one or more of the committees.

Midway through our pizza party, my camera's battery died and I had forgotten to bring along my spare battery. Up to that point though I had still taken quite a few photos which can all be viewed on the ASURA Photo Gallery website — <https://asura.zenfolio.com/p420827493>.

It's safe to say everyone had a wonderful time and were very glad to get back to in-person events.

left to right:

- Will Stasi, Joy Shearman, Barbara Eschbach;
- Connie McNeill-Margot Monroe-Katie Aguilar-Jeanette (Trudy Perez's sister);
- Elmer Gooding, Sandy & Joe Schultz;
- Will Stasi, Partha Dasgupta;



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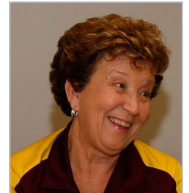
- Carl Cross, Kay Faris, Mary Stevens.
- Asta Caltagirone, Cindy Bukowy, Connie McNeill;
- Henry Stevens, Mary Hyduke;
- Marilyn Wurzburger, Judith Smith, Carl Cross.



ASURA Calendar of Events: Fall 2022 and Spring 2023

EVENT	DATE
2023 Medicare-AARP-ASRS Open Enrollment Seminar - ZOOM	October 6, 2022: 9:50am-12:30pm
2023 Medicare-ADOA Open Enrollment Seminar - ZOOM	October 17, 2022: 11:00am-12 noon
Pre-retirement Seminar: Office of Human Resources - ZOOM	October 17, 2022: 12 Noon -1:00pm
2022 Fall Arizona Road Trip: (various Northeast AZ locations)	November 1 – November 3, 2022
Pre-retirement Seminar: (Medicare) - ZOOM	November 14, 2022: 12 noon -1:00pm
Special Holiday Event	December 2022 – date TBA
Pre-retirement Seminar: Emily Swartz (“How to stop fighting about money”) - ZOOM	December 12, 2022: 12 noon -1:00pm
International Trip to Costa Rica (currently in the planning stage)	2023 or possibly 2024
Seminar: Melissa Elliott (“Area Agency on Aging”) - ZOOM	January 12, 2023
Seminar: Duane Roen (“Family Tree/History”) - ZOOM	February 9, 2023
Special Spring Event	February or March 2023 – date TBA
Seminar: Billie Ens (“Memory & Executive Functions & Brain Health - ZOOM	March 9, 2023
ANNUAL MEETING	April 2023 – date TBA
Seminar: Noah Arenson (“Exercise and Sleep”) - ZOOM	May 11, 2023

Please put these dates on your calendars. When the events get closer, additional information will be available on our website, <https://asura.asu.edu> and the monthly E-News and you will be able to register for the events. Also, as we get more into the Fall and Spring and new events are added, you will be notified by email and updates noted in the monthly E-News blasts. 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. Please share your ideas with Trudy Perez, Events Coordinator at trudy.perez@asu.edu.



Committee Reports and Updates

Pat Schneider - Chair, Seminar Committee Report

The Seminar Committee has finalized the schedule of seminar offerings for 2022-2023. The first seminar “2023 Medicare-ADOA-ASRS Open Enrollment Seminar”, was held on October 6 and covered the open enrollment options for health care for 2023. Representatives from AARP and ASRS presented on the Medicare and health care options for 2023. ADOA was unable to present at this seminar. However, a special seminar with just ADOA presenting has been scheduled for October 17. A video recording of both seminars, along with links to slide decks and handouts from the presenters can be found on the ASURA web page (<https://asura.asu.edu/>) under Events/Event Reports/Seminars.



Following is the schedule for 2023. More information on each seminar will follow on the ASURA events web page as well as through direct announcements to the ASURA membership. The topics selected were based on feedback received from past seminar attendees and other ASURA members. We hope you can join us!

- **January 12, 2023:** Area Agency on Aging (Melissa Elliott)
- **February 9, 2023:** Family Tree/History (Duane Roen)
- **March 9, 2023:** Memory and Executive Functions and Brain Health (Billie Ens)
- **May 11, 2023:** Exercise and Sleep (Noah Arenson)

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John Brock - Chair, ASURA Travel Committee
Activities being planned for Fall 2022 through the end of 2023

- **Tovrea Castle:** Thursday October 13, morning tour – 12 persons by lottery.
- **Four – Corners trip:** 13 ASURA members are signed up for this 2022 Arizona Fall Road Trip, November 1-3, with Detours. Antelope Canyon, Monument Valley and Canyon de Chelly plus several other stops are on the agenda.
- **Iceland trip:** Organized by Overseas Adventures Travel. Departs September 30 and returns October 12. Seven persons affiliated with ASURA signed up. On September 21, the travelers had a “getting to know you dinner” at Euro Café in Gilbert.
- **Costa Rica:** Maybe spring 2023, with Overseas Adventure Travel. Tours are filling fast, a later 2023 or 2024 date may be needed. We will also compare costs, etc., with Mayflower Travel.
- **Local activities** to be developed as per committee or ASURA members suggestions.



William Stasi, ASURA President

Report: ASU Staff/President BBQ - ASU Polytechnic Campus - September 19, 2022

Partha Dasgupta, Kay Faris, John Brock and myself attended the re-energized, in person ASU Staff/President BBQ at the ASU Polytechnic Campus. It was well attended by Faculty and staff with Dr. Michael Crow giving an update on what is happening at ASU. ASURA was provided a table to promote our ASURA membership with the opportunity to also toot our horn.

Another upcoming ASU campus event will be the ASU Benefits Expo at Tempe Campus on November 3, 2022. Volunteers are always needed to join us at a table to help promote our membership. Contact wstasi@asu.edu if you would like to volunteer for this event. Parking will be paid by ASURA and just a few hours of your time is needed.

The Membership Committee Chair, Carl Cross, is always looking for current members to help “meet and greet” those who stop at our table so please contact Carl at carl.cross@asu.edu if you are interested in participating with us at some of these events.



ASURA Board Nominations Due January 13, 2023

submitted by Tara Roesler — Past President, ASURA Board of Directors

Each year in February, ASURA holds an election for five new members of the ASURA Board of Directors. The Board manages the affairs of the Association and establishes policies as needed to carry out its mission. Members of the Board are elected for a term of three years and meet monthly during the academic year.

You may offer the name of a current ASURA member or your own name as a potential Board member by notifying the Nominating Committee chair of your nomination. To be **sure** that your nominee’s name gets on the ballot, you can (as mandated by ASURA Bylaws) submit a petition of nomination bearing the signatures of at least ten current ASURA members.

All nominating petitions must be received by January 13, 2023. Please send names and/or nominating petitions to:



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Obituary Notifications: January 1, 2022 to April 30, 2022



submitted by Tara Roesler

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

Name	Date of Death	ASU Affiliation/Years
Abel, John Miles	June 8, 2022	Custodian/years unknown
Adams-Kirts, Dr. Donna Ann	February 18, 2022	College of Nursing/20 years
Akers, Dr. Lex A.	June 3, 2022	Engineering/years unknown
Bader, Elaine Fern	July 26, 2022	ASU Library/years unknown
Barbanell, Alexander	July 17, 2022	CLAS Dean's Council/years unknown
Bettger, Kathryn Lee	June 23, 2022	Foreign Languages French/years unknown
Birkner, Sally Jane	July 29, 2022	Infirmery/years unknown
Blumer, Cynthia Sue	September 21, 2022	College of Public Programs and English Department/years unknown
Boylan, Patricia Marie	July 17, 2022	College unknown/years unknown
Bretting, Karen	May 23, 2022	School of Nursing/1986-unknown
Brower, Dr. Clayton R.	June 30, 2022	President of ASU Library Associates/years unknown
Chapman, Dr. Jeffrey Warren	April 19, 2022	School of Public Affairs/1999-2013
Chausow, Eugene	September 10, 2022	Department of Music/years unknown
Collins, Carol Ann	August 5, 2022	Wife of ASU Biology Department Chairman James Collins/years unknown
Collins, Mary Kathleen (Kitty)	September 1, 2022	ASU Foundation President's Club, ASU Women in Philanthropy and Gammage Center/years unknown
Davis, Dr. Susan Shibe	August 4, 2022	College unknown/years unknown
DeJong, John Arlo	April 21, 2022	History/1959-1968
Dixon, Dr. Joe Boris	August 31, 2022	Research Sabbatical learning to apply electron microscopy/year unknown

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Name	Date of Death	ASU Affiliation
Dobler, Paula Marie	May 30, 2022	EHS Administration/years unknown
Dominguez, Dr. Majel Arthun	July 1, 2022	Sociology/years unknown
Filipsky, Alan	March 15, 2022	Mathematics Faculty Associate/1977-1983; Biodesign Ctr for Evolutionary Medicine and Informatics/2001-2014
Flickinger, Dale L.	June 21, 2022	Head Volleyball Coach/1977-1983
Fredette, Geraldine (Gerri)	May 11, 2022	ASU Department of Education Early Childhood Education/40 years
Geiser, Major George James "Jim"	August 30, 2022	ASU School of Civil Engineering Technical Advisory Council/years unknown
George, Mary Elizabeth	April 22, 2022	Grounds Maintenance/unknown-2013
Green, Charles Ronald	August 29, 2022	Teaching Assistantship in Guidance and Counseling/years unknown and Head Coach of the ASU wrestling team/years unknown
Guzzetti, Dr. Barbara	May 21, 2022	New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences/years unknown
Hancock, Julia	August 31, 2022	College unknown, years unknown
Hegeman, Nelson W.	May 2, 2022	Art Department/years unknown
Hernandez, Benny	May 6, 2022	ASU Housing Department/years unknown
Herrendorf, Dr. Berthold	July 2022	Economics Department/2003-2022
Johnson, Alan Potter	April 29, 2022	English/1967-1996 and Arizona State University Retirees Association/1996-2022
Kimbel, Dr. William H.	April 17, 2022	Director of the Institute of Human Origins/1985-2021
Kinsinger, Jack Burl	April 23, 2022	Vice President for Academic Affairs/1982-1987
Linder, Dr. Darwyn	February 24, 2022	Psychology Department/1972-2006
Lovdahl, Mary Anne	June 13, 2022	Temporary Secretarial Pool/years unknown
Martel, Dr. Carol Marie	July 14, 2022	History/years unknown
McGaughey, Dr. Robert William	July 29, 2022	Zoology Department/1971-2004

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McGrath, Kitty	May 20, 2022	ASU Career Services and ASU's Business Career Center at the W.P. Carey School of Business/years unknown
Meise, Jr., John C. D.	July 19, 2022	ASU Events Staff/years unknown
Mendez, Carmen S.	August 29, 2022	Administrative Assistant Physics Department/years unknown
Miranda, Janet Sue	July 1, 2022	College unknown/years unknown
Morrison, Kathryn Claire	December 20, 2021	Bookstore/years unknown
Napoli, Dr. Maria	June 5, 2022	School of Social Work/1996-2019
Ostrom, Lonnie	July 4, 2022	W.P. Carey School of Business (professor of marketing and associate dean) then ASU Foundation/1955-2005
Price, Mary Jane	May 22, 2022	Grant Administrator/years unknown
Quinn, JD, Terence R.	July 4, 2022	Lecturer ASU School of Law/years unknown
Savage, Dr. Marilyn Dew	May 10, 2022	Geology/early 1970's-1976
Sawyer, Alicegean	August 24, 2022	Secretary Department unknown/years unknown
Shaw, William "Bill"	September 10, 2022	Director of Facilities/1987-2012
Shore, Gordon Grant	May 24, 2022	ASU Print Shop/27 years
Snyder, Patrick	September 1, 2022	ASU Mary Lou Fulton Teacher College and the Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law/years unknown
Stanko, Richard 'Rich'	May 1, 2022	Engineering/years unknown
Starikoff, Dr. Loraine Carole	June 10, 2022	Teaching Composition and Literature/1981-1996
Stevenson, Corey Lynn	July 10, 2022	Admissions/years unknown
Surbeck, Dr. Elaine	August 3, 2022	Early Childhood Education/28 years
Tovar, Leigh Ann	June 7, 2022	Nursing/years unknown
Trapuzzano, Michael Patrick	June 15, 2022	Mathematics Instructor/years unknown
Wall, Dana	May 17, 2022	ASU Lifelong Learning Academy
Winkler, Donna	April 13, 2022	Department of Foreign Languages/years unknown
Zimiles, Herb	August 5, 2022	Professor of Psychology/over 20 years

Volunteers Needed

Video History Project:

Volunteers needed to view collection interviews, then update with abstracts, table of contents, etc.

Contact - Barry McNeill,
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Websites Committee:

Help maintain the platforms that our websites run on.

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Office Staff & Substitutes:

Volunteers needed to work one, 3-hour shift per week beginning Fall 2022.

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or Nancy Lesko, nclesko@asu.edu

Chair, Government Liaisons & Lobbyist:

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