

## ASURA President's Message

*submitted by Kay Faris — ASURA President, 2023-2024*

Greetings, All!



Happy New Year! I have to say, I am having a wonderful time as President of ASURA. I can't believe my term is over in three months! I am constantly impressed with the number of people who volunteer and support this organization to help all retirees. It has been fun to reconnect with former co-workers and meet new friends.

Over the last few months, I have had several conversations with people about the benefits of maintaining membership in ASURA—past the introductory year. I have only been a member for two years, but here is what I have found through ASURA: there are benefits to me, personally, there are benefits I don't use but other members do, and there are benefits to ALL OF US because of the strength of our membership numbers.

As individuals, we have the opportunity to remain in contact with ASU, take part in educational seminars, social activities, travel, as well as all of the benefits ASU provides to us as retirees: <https://asura.asu.edu/benefits-and-discounts>.

But, what is truly remarkable--and the

reason ASURA was originally started—is that you and I are part of something bigger. We are part of an organization that advocates for all retirees regarding benefits, the retirement program, health plans, and other issues regarding retirees. We have representatives who attend retirement meetings and watch legislative bills that may affect us. Because of our numbers, when our lobbyists speak for us, they know that there are 800+ members behind them and our numbers carry a great deal of weight—there truly is strength in our numbers. This is because of YOU and all of us as individual members. As a large organization, we are also able to give our \$10,000 scholarship to a very deserving student every year and support the Adopt-a-Family program. Thank you for your membership which supports all of us and so many others.

As a member, I hope you find the benefits useful and appreciate what the organization does for all of us. As always, I would love to hear from you about your experience with ASURA. Also, this spring we are conducting a short survey of introductory members who did not choose to renew their memberships. We will keep you posted on those results.

As I mentioned earlier, it has been great to have the opportunity to serve as your President. Thank you for entrusting me with this role.

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**Happy New Year  
2024**



## ASURA Executive Board



**President**  
Kay Faris



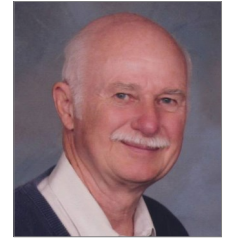
**Past President**  
William Stasi



**Vice President**  
Maria Hesse



**Secretary**  
Partha Dasgupta



**Treasurer**  
Barry McNeill

### Board of Directors

<p><b>Terms Expire April 2024</b></p> <p>Rojann Alpers Barry McNeill Helen Ossipov Tara Roesler</p>	<p><b>Terms Expire April 2025</b></p> <p>Jo Ellen Alberhasky Beverly Buddee Partha Dasgupta Terrie Ekin Kay Faris Will Stasi</p>	<p><b>Terms Expire April 2026</b></p> <p>Jeff Bush Carl Cross Don Dotts Maria Hesse Kathy Palmanteer</p>
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### Board Ex-Officio Members

<p><b>Alumni Association</b> <b>Emeritus College Liaison</b> <b>Human Resources</b> <b>University Club Liaison</b> <b>University Liaison</b> <b>University Senate</b> <b>University Staff Council</b></p>	<p>Tim Desch Mark Lussier Lynna Soller Tara Roesler Kendra Burton Greg Stone Shawn Banzhaf</p>
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## Committees

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

<p><b>Office Coordinator:</b> Linda Van Scoy</p> <p><b>Business Operations Managers:</b> Carolyn Minner, Terrie Ekin, Caroline Harrison &amp; Connie McNeill (backup)</p> <p><b>Phone:</b> 480-965-7668 <b>(please call before visiting the office)</b></p> <p><b>Subs:</b> Dorothy Meunier, Tara Roesler, Nancy Lesko</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ASURA Office Hours</b> <b>January 2024 through December 2024</b></p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"><b>Monday</b></td> <td style="width: 50%;"><b>CLOSED</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Tuesday</b></td> <td>Linda VanScoy 10am-1pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Wednesday</b></td> <td>Beverly Buddee &amp; Jan Thompson 10am-1pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Thursday</b></td> <td>Jeannette Robson 10am-1pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Friday</b></td> <td><b>CLOSED</b></td> </tr> </table>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	Linda VanScoy 10am-1pm	<b>Wednesday</b>	Beverly Buddee & Jan Thompson 10am-1pm	<b>Thursday</b>	Jeannette Robson 10am-1pm	<b>Friday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
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## Welcome New ASURA Members

Adams, Gary  
 Anderson, Joel  
 Backhaus, Balbir  
 Barrett, Marianne  
 Beatty, Timothy  
 Boza, Elizabeth  
 Brayboy, Bryan  
 Bui, Hoang Quy  
 Carabajal, Chris  
 Chambers, Veronica  
 Chapin, William  
 Corte, Corinne  
 Cortez, E.L.  
 Davison, Dale  
 Day, Thomas  
 De Fato, Rosalinda  
 DeRosa, Lorraine  
 Dodd, Barbra  
 Dunwoody, D P  
 Elsasser, Linda  
 Ervin, Bonnie  
 Estill, Kary  
 Ferrara, Frank  
 Gant, Mindy  
 Garcia, Debbie  
 Garrett, Sean  
 Gaxiola, Roberto  
 Gilger, Kristin  
 Gillespie, Terri  
 Glenn, Bruce  
 Godinez, Gregorio  
 Gonzales, Jo Etta  
 Gower, Debra  
 Green, Douglas  
 Hall, Richard  
 Harley, Carolyn  
 Hoddy, Barbara  
 Hoffman-Ries, Marcia

Howell, Cindy  
 Hughes, Camille  
 Jacobs, Mark  
 Johnson, Julia  
 Johnson, Sandra  
 Juarez, Joseph  
 Kelley, Michael  
 Kennedy, Kristin  
 Lane, Wyetta  
 Lee, Hwa-Wei  
 Lin, Su  
 Lucas, Alexandra  
 Marlowe, Dana  
 Martin, Camille  
 Masles, Marisa  
 McCoy II, Roger  
 McDermott, Lauren  
 McFadden, Douglas  
 McKenna, Ann  
 Miller, Jon  
 Minjarez, Monica  
 Montana, Nora  
 Mossberger, Karen  
 Mulhollan, Marilyn  
 Nakagawa, Kathryn  
 Nakamura, Mutsumi  
 Niknam, Farnoosh  
 Noneman, Charles  
 O'Brien, Susana  
 Park, Pori  
 Patock-Peckham, Julie  
 Pedersen, Linda  
 Phillips, Lin  
 Richard, Thomas  
 Riddle, Julie  
 Robinette, Christiana  
 Robles, Frank  
 Rody, Joe

Romero-little, Eunice  
 Ryan, Patricia  
 Scichilone, Louis  
 Short, Alan  
 Skiba, Christopher  
 Skrbina, Duane  
 Smith, Deborah  
 Smith, James  
 Snitzer, Sean  
 Sprayberry, Carrie  
 Stuart, Gary  
 Swan, Joe  
 Swayze, William  
 Tamol, Susanna  
 Taylor, Katherine  
 Thatcher, Craig  
 Thede, Laura  
 Thede, Tye  
 Trowbridge, Stacey  
 Updegraff, Kimberly  
 Villalobos, Jesus  
 Wasson, Barnaby  
 Weiss, Karl  
 Wells, Dave  
 Wieth, Richard  
 Williams, Stephanie  
 Wojciechowski, Martin  
 Ye, Nong  
 Yost, William  
 Young, Jackie  
 Zapolska, Malgorzata

*submitted by:  
 Carolyn Minner*



### ASURA Board of Directors Election: Important Dates

February 1, 2024      Ballots will be e-mailed or mailed out to members  
 February 29, 2024      Ballots must be received in the ASURA office

## Adopt-A-Family Committee, 2023-2024 Report

*submitted by Ginny Sylvester — Chair, Adopt-A-Family committee; photos by Karen Burstein*

The Adopt-A-Family committee had yet another successful Christmas gift-giving event for two families — one from the Tempe School District and the other from ASU.

Henry Stevens and I did the shopping and were able to meet the clothing and household items wish lists of the families this year. Each family also received gift cards to purchase food for Thanksgiving and food for Christmas. Each was also given a gift card from the Olive Garden restaurant for a special meal out.

As we've done in the past, the committee gathered at my house in early December to wrap all the gifts...always a fun time. I was joined by Henry Stevens, Karen Burstein, and Linda Cravens. We missed the wonderful wrapping of Cecilia Hook who came down with the flu right before the wrap party.

We would like to extend a special thank you to all who have contributed to our Adopt-A-Family Program. Your generous donations have helped many families experience extra special Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations.



Ginny Sylvester



Karen Burstein



Linda Cravens, Henry Stevens, Ginny Sylvester

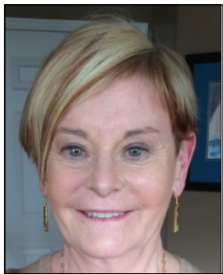


Some terrific gift wrapping going on here!!!

## 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. The proceeds from the sale of books are used to support the ASURA scholarship that goes to an ASU student and for the 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,

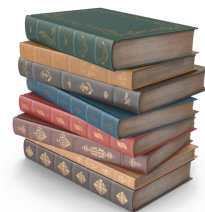
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room 201B, Tempe, AZ, 85281. Please call the office before you come to make sure there is a staff volunteer in the office (480-965-7668).

- For books that are on campus, Facilities Management will pick up your books at your department office for a service fee and deliver them to our office. Some departments have paid this fee in the past. ASURA does not have funds to cover the service fee. To arrange a pick-up and delivery, 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](mailto: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. Thank you so much for your donation!



## ASURA Board Meetings Use Hybrid Format

*submitted by Connie McNeill, Websites Co-Chair*

Since the end of the pandemic, ASURA Board meetings have had good attendance. This is partly because people can choose to attend either in-person or via Zoom.

The photo below shows a portion of the people who attended the January 9, 2024, meeting in person and also the screen that displays a gallery of those attending by Zoom. Attendees like the ability to get together in person when they can, but also like the flexibility of attending remotely when in-person is not practical. Those pictured in-person are, from left to right: Partha Dasgupta, Mark Lussier, Will Stasi, President Kay Faris.



ASURA's meeting technology includes a laptop computer, a projector, and a Meeting Owl. The latter sits on the table and displays the current in-person speaker to Zoom attendees, automatically focusing both picture and sound on someone when they begin speaking. A projector and screen in the room display a gallery of those attending remotely. It's not perfect, with remote attendees experiencing some loss of sound and delay in picture, but it does make it possible for everyone to see and hear whomever is speaking.

The equipment is fairly easy to set up. President Kay Faris has been following the step-by-step directions available and has had everything ready to go for each meeting. Congrats to her for braving the use of this unfamiliar technology.

## 2024 ASURA Annual Meeting: Save the Date!

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 — 1:00 p.m.  
Ability 360 – 5025 E. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ

### Guest Speaker



**Dr. Thom Reilly**

Election season is upon us as we are all gearing up for the 2024 races!

Join us at the 2024 ASURA Annual Meeting for an outstanding and timely presentation from this year’s guest speaker, renowned expert Dr. Thom Reilly. Dr. Reilly is a professor in the School of Public Affairs and Co-Director for the Center for an Independent and Sustainable Democracy at Arizona State University. He previously served as Director of the Morrison Institute for Public Policy at ASU. His presentation is titled “The rise of the independent voter and what this means for US democracy.”

Dr. Reilly is the former Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education and previously served as County Manager for Clark County Nevada (the Las Vegas Valley). He is also the author of the following books:

- ◆ *Rethinking Public Sector Compensation: What Ever Happened To The Public Interest?*
- ◆ *The Failure of Governance in Bell, California: Big Time Corruption in a Small Town.*
- ◆ *The Independent Voter* (2023) with Co-Authors Jacqueline Salit and Omar Ali.

*article submitted by Kay Faris — ASURA President, 2023-2024*

## 2024 ASURA Calendar of Events - Save the Dates

EVENT	DATE
Yacht Rock - Silver Star Theatre (5:00pm)	February 24, 2024
Pre-Retirement Seminar: ASRS-Route 3, “Destination in Sight”	February 26, 2024
* International Trip: Costa Rica	March 11-24, 2024
Seminar: Caregivers and Caregiving	March 14, 2024
Pre-Retirement Seminar: Office of Human Resources	March 25, 2024
Pre-Retirement Seminar: Fidelity/TIAA	April 22, 2024
Seminar: Topic TBD	May date <b>TBD</b>
Pre-Retirement Seminar: Medicare	May 20, 2024
Pre-Retirement Seminar: Social Security	June 24, 2024
Pre-Retirement Seminar: Buck Financial	July 22, 2024
** Ultimate Africa: Botswana, Zambia & Zimbabwe SAFARI	July 28-Aug 13, 2024
Pre-Retirement Seminar: Panel	August 26, 2024
Fall Meet and Greet	September date <b>TBD</b>
Pre-Retirement Seminar: ASRS	September 23, 2024
Seminar: ASRS/ADOA & Medicare Open Enrollment	October date <b>TBD</b>
Pre-Retirement Seminar: Office of Human Resources	October 28, 2024
Pre-Retirement Seminar: Medicare	November 18, 2024
Pre-Retirement Seminar: Social Security	December 9, 2024
Holiday Potluck & Bake Sale	December date <b>TBD</b>

\* **Costa Rica trip:** for more information contact Joyce Hartman Diaz at [jaysea2022@gmail.com](mailto:jaysea2022@gmail.com)

\*\* **Ultimate Africa trip:** for more information, contact Gary Kleemann at [gary@asu.edu](mailto:gary@asu.edu) or 480-399-7704

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 at which time 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.

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](mailto:trudy.perez@asu.edu).



## Elvis and Friends on Stage at the Silver Star Theatre

*submitted by Tara Roesler, Past President & Travel Committee Member*

Eleven members of the ASU Retirees Association and their guests enjoyed an evening of great food and entertainment at the Silver Star Theatre in Mesa. Elvis and Friends featured a musical journey with the “King of Rock n' Roll” — Elvis Presley.

This awesome show featured Rick Lenzi and the Silver Star Band playing through a non-stop nostalgic party of Elvis' greatest performances, as well as hits from other artists from the '50s, '60s and '70s. Some of the most familiar songs included in the play list were: Suspicious Minds, Always on My Mind, In the Ghetto, Can't Help Falling in Love, Jailhouse Rock, A Little Less Conversation, Hound Dog, Burning Love, All Shook Up, It's Now or Never, The Wonder of You, Don't Be Cruel, Heartbreak Hotel and Love Me Tender.



Judith & Chuck Riden, Joy Shearman,  
Linda Salducci



Steve Harris & Karen Harris, Tara & Alan  
Roesler



Alan Roesler, Cathy Harrison, Phyllis  
Heltsley, Lisa Herrmann





## ASURA Seminar Committee Report — Spring 2024

submitted by Patricia Schneider — Chair, ASURA Seminars Committee

The Seminar Committee kicked off 2024 with its first seminar, “I’m Retired! Now What?”, held on Thursday, January 11, 2024. Tara Brown presented an excellent seminar on how we can achieve our dreams as we transition to the role of retiree. She started out by defining the “results formula” which is made up of three components that lead to results – thoughts cause feelings which cause actions which lead to results. She then went on to speak about doing a life assessment utilizing the four quadrants that typically influence our life – health and wellbeing, love and relationships, vocation or creativity and time and money freedom.



Tara presented us with a quote from C.S. Lewis – “You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.” From this she led us into discussion on three key elements for reaching our dream and/or goals. First, designing your dream. Looking back at the life assessment that we did, what is it that we would love to do? Next is deciding the dream – Where is it that you’re starting from and where do you want to end up? Making the decision to pursue that dream/goal. How you’re going to get there isn’t important at this time because the how will be revealed as you work toward the end. The third key element is to befriend your fear. How does fear and failure detour you from reaching your dream/goal? Tara reminded us that “fear and failures are pre-requisites for achieving great dreams.”

Tara concluded the seminar by summarizing what was covered. The key is to master your results.

- Expanding your awareness of the pattern for success increases your results.
- To change your results, change your thinking.
- The quality of your life is determined by the questions you ask.
- When designing your dream, the clearer your blueprint is, the more power you have.
- You decide for the thing you want, in the absence of knowing HOW to do it.
- Fear and failure are pre-requisites for your greatness and achieving your dreams.
- You are worthy of your dream and a life you love.

The recording of this seminar, along with a link to the seminar slide deck, can be found on the ASURA website at: [January 2024 - I'm Retired! Now What? Seminar | ASU Retirees Association](#)

**Note:** If anyone is interested in helping with the Seminar Committee, or has any suggestions for possible future seminars, please contact Pat Schneider, Seminar Committee Chair, [pms0627@gmail.com](mailto:pms0627@gmail.com).

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### Upcoming Seminars

- February 8, 2024: Area Agency on Aging - Agency Overview
- March 14, 2024: Area Agency on Aging - Caregiver Resources
- May, 2024: Looking at possibly having another writing-type seminar.

## Spring 2024 Upcoming Emeritus College Events

Tuesday, **February 13** — **Short Talks Luncheon:** Friendship Village (2645 E. Southern Ave.), 12:30-2:00 PM, **RSVP required**

Tuesday, **February 20** — **Writers Group:** Hybrid (Old Main 110 and Zoom), 1:00-3:00 PM

Tuesday, **February 27** — **Emeritus College Meeting:** Hybrid (Old Main 130 and Zoom), 10:30-11:30 AM

Wednesday, **February 28** — **Book Club:** Hybrid (Old Main 110 and Zoom), 10:00-11:30 AM

Tuesday, **March 5** — **Writers Group:** Hybrid (Old Main 110 and Zoom), 1:00-3:00 PM

Tuesday, **March 12** — **Short Talk Luncheon:** Friendship Village (2645 E. Southern Ave.), 12:30-2:00 PM, **RSVP required**

Tuesday, **March 19** — **Writers Group:** Hybrid (Old Main 110 and Zoom), 1:00-3:00 PM

Tuesday, **March 26** — **Emeritus College Meeting:** Hybrid (Old Main 130 and Zoom), 10:30-11:30 AM

Wednesday, **March 27** — **Book Club:** Hybrid (Old Main 110 and Zoom), 10:00-11:30 AM

Tuesday, **April 2** — **Writers Group:** Hybrid (Old Main 110 and Zoom), 1:00-3:00 PM

Thursday, **April 4** — **“Four Seasons” Lecture Series:** (Mirabella, 3:00-4:30 PM ) Meenakshi Wadwha, “Transdisciplinary Approaches to Exploration of Earth, Solar System and Universe”

Tuesday, **April 9** — **Short Talk Luncheon:** Friendship Village (2645 E. Southern Ave.), 12:30-2:00 PM, **RSVP required**

Tuesday, **April 16** — **Writers Group:** Hybrid (Old Main 110 and Zoom), 1:00-3:00 PM

Tuesday, **April 23** — **Emeritus College Meeting:** Hybrid (Old Main 130 and Zoom), 10:30-11:30 AM

Wednesday, **April 24** — **Book Club:** Hybrid (Old Main 110 and Zoom), 10:00-11:30 AM

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**Note:** *Anyone interested in giving a “Short-Talks” presentation should contact the program’s director, Ed Stump at [ed.stump@asu.edu](mailto:ed.stump@asu.edu). Short-Talk subjects are often related to the speakers’ current interest and activities rather than their professional work.*

### Wild Apricot Mobile App for Members

Wild Apricot has a mobile app for both Android and iOS mobile devices. There are a number of things you can do with the app, for example:

- See a list of upcoming events and register for them.
- View the details of events you’ve registered for, and
- Find other members and contact them.

You can download and install the app (Wild Apricot for Members) from the Google Play store or the Mac App store.

## December 2023 — Holiday Potluck

Article submitted by Barry McNeill — Websites Co-Chair, E-News Publisher & Treasurer-ASURA

(photos by Don Doerres and Barry McNeill)

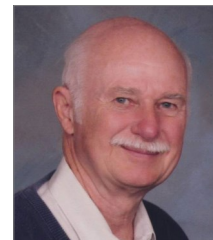
A smallish but festive group, which included several new members, gathered at Ability 360 to celebrate the holidays with the annual potluck, our longest running social event. Mary Stevens and her crew of merry elves had the tables decorated and the room arranged for the food.

As usual the offerings were tasty and, since extra-large plates were provided, everyone could have all they could eat on a single trip through the line. There was a pot of soup this year which I don't remember from previous years and it was good.

The gathering was casual and members were able to move around talking with a variety of other members. And, since the room was large, there was little interference with neighboring table conversations, a treat for those of us who have a hard time filtering out background "noise".

Jared Swerzenski, Director of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at ASU, gave a short presentation about the institute. I think many of the attendees knew little or nothing about the institute and were interested in learning about the number of different topics available and that the classes were also offered at a number of different locations around the valley. Some of the courses are by Zoom.

If you missed this year's event, too bad but you are in luck — the potluck, as did the Phoenix, will rise up again next year.



Barry McNeill



Don Doerres

**Note:** Below are photos from the 2023 Holiday Potluck. More photos can be viewed on page 12 of this publication and also in the ASURA "Photo Gallery" on our website at <https://asura.zenfolio.com/p452009561>.



Kathy Church, Linda Van Scoy, Connie McNeill



Mary Stevens, Maria Hesse



Craig Thatcher, Shelly Marsh, Partha Dasgupta



Jared Swerzenski, Kay Faris, Craig Thatcher



John Brock, Joyce Hartman Diaz



Alan & Tara Roesler, Rudy & Bev Buddee



Sylvia Myers, Maria Hesse, and Pam Stewart



Paul Harper, Barry McNeill, Kathy Church



Denise Link, Marilyn Wurzburger, Diane Moore, and Lind Cravens



Stacey Trowbridge, Stephanie Birdsall



Will Stasi heading back with a full plate



Mary Stevens, Don Doerres, & Ms Y



Diane Moore, Linda Cravens, Will Stasi, Denise Link



Paul Harper and Barry McNeill enjoy a good laugh



Barry McNeill, Bev & Rudy Buddee, John Brock

## ASURA Volunteers Needed

### **Office Staff & Substitutes:**

Volunteers needed to work one, 3-hour shift per week beginning Spring 2024.

**Contact** - Linda Van Scoy,  
[lvs@asu.edu](mailto:lvs@asu.edu)

### **Websites Committee:**

Help maintain the content on our websites and the platforms that our websites run on.

**Contact** - Connie McNeill,  
[connie.mcneill@outlook.com](mailto:connie.mcneill@outlook.com)

### **Video History Project:**

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

**Contact** - Don Doerres  
[don@azlaborlaw.com](mailto:don@azlaborlaw.com)

### **Committee, Government Liaisons & Lobbyist**

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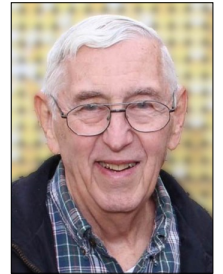
## ASURA New Board Nominations for 2024-2027

*submitted by Will Stasi — ASURA Past President & Nomination Committee Chair*

Help shape the future of ASU Retirees Association. Every year new volunteer board members are elected. You will receive a ballot by e-mail or mail to select five new board members. Your vote counts and makes a difference. These individuals have volunteered to spend time advocating and making a positive difference to the university benefiting all members. The greater the size of the group the louder the voice. Show them overwhelming support.

You could be on the next ballot by letting the ASURA President know you have an interest. Obligation is 1 ½ hour meetings once a month during the academic year helping to shape policy and focus of events. Volunteers are the engine that makes ASURA a success.

Hoping to get an awesome turnout knowing Arizona does not have snow blizzards, sub-zero temps, and very little rain. The internet is up and running, phone lines are open and postal service delivers every day but Sunday. You can even hand deliver your vote to the ASURA office — 200 E. Curry Rd., Room 201B in Tempe, near Mill Avenue. If there is no one in the office to receive your ballot, you can slide it through the mail slot located in the locked door marked “Room 201B”.



If you have not received a ballot (paper or email) you should call the ASURA office (480-965-7668) to get a ballot. If no answer you can leave a message. A ballot will be sent out. The ballot explains the different ways on how to cast your ballot.

## ASURA Office Update

*submitted by Linda Van Scoy — ASURA Office Coordinator*

Time races by and the older you get the faster it goes, right?! So here we are with spring just around the corner and it seems winter was a flash in the pan. Hoping our members had great holidays and are healthy and enjoying life.



The ASURA Office is happy to help our members in many ways, most importantly processing your payments for a variety of events and membership renewals. You all can help us by making sure your checks are made out to **ASU FOUNDATION/ASURA**. If you list ASURA first or just ASURA we have to ask you to send us a new check, so to save postage and time, **please list the ASU Foundation first**. It would be greatly appreciated. We are happy to take your reservation requests for events over the phone and e-mail you a confirmation.

As you know, the office is open Tuesday-Thursday from 10:00am-1:00pm. However, we are certainly able to accommodate alternative days and times if you need to visit the office outside of the posted schedule. Or if you would like to reserve one of our two conference rooms for meetings, we can schedule that for you too. Just phone our office (480-965-7668) and we can assist you.

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The current office volunteers are Linda Van Scoy (Tuesday), Bev Buddee & Jan Thompson (Wednesday), and Jeannette Robson (Thursday). We are always on the lookout for additional help in the office to work a three-hour shift each week and/or substitute to help out when vacancies occur.

If you have not read any of the three “decade of success” books about ASURA’s history, you will find them most interesting. The first book, “A Decade of Success”, “A Second Decade of Success”, and “A Third Decade of Success” are all available (free to members) in the ASURA office. You will learn how we got started as an official ASU organization and the volunteers who are responsible for our success. Stop by and pick up one (or two or three)!

For more information, please email me at [lvs@asu.edu](mailto:lvs@asu.edu).

### Obituary Notifications: September 10, 2023 through December 22, 2023



*submitted by Tara E. 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
Ackerman, Robert Burdette	November 7, 2023	Labor Relations and Compensation/Years Unknown
Adams, John Wayne	October 13, 2023	College Unknown/Years Unknown
Bolivar, Jo Anne Marie	October 18, 2023	Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College/Years Unknown
Branch, Dr. Teresa Shirlene	November 10, 2023	Clinical Psychologist/Years Unknown
Carmack, Dr. Robert Marquess	October 20, 2023	Anthropology/1965-1966
Casaus, Deacon Luis Eli	November 15, 2023	Education Department/Years Unknown
Clark-Curtiss, Josephine Elliot	November 6, 2023	Biodesign Institute Center/2004-2015
Cordova, Randy Richard	November 29, 2023	Cronkite School of Journalism/Years Unknown

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>	<b>ASU Affiliation</b>
Couch, Professor Sanford Cary	October 20, 2023	Russian Language Professor/1962-Unknown
Fearon, Dr. Harold Edward	October 21, 2023	WP Carey Management Department and Supply Chain Management/1966-1989
Flores, Susan Carol Mustaine	November 27, 2023	English - 35 Years
French, Dr. Eleanor Christine	September 10, 2023	Public Administration/Years Unknown
Fritz, Karen K.	November 8, 2023	Nursing/Years Unknown
Hodge, David Alexander	October 20, 2023	Football Video Department/2012-2023
Jacobs, Major Arthur D. (USAF Retired)	November 20, 2023	WP Cary School of Business/Years Unknown
Jenkins, Mary Morrell	October 9, 2023	ASU Student Health Center/Years Unknown
Killeen, Mary Lee	December 2, 2023	Nursing/Years Unknown
Linderman, Dr. Earl	November 1, 2023	Art Department - 27 Years
Miller, Dr. Robert Leo	December 5, 2023	Forestry/Years Unknown
Mitchell, Dolinda Elena Grace Bauer	December 22, 2023	International Student Admissions/Years Unknown
Russell, Dr. Fred Donald	October 17, 2023	Engineering/Unknown-1962
Saline, Ronald Jay	December 9, 2023	Maintenance Department - 12 Years
Schwada, Wilma Webster	October 14, 2023	Wife of 1971-1981 ASU President, John W. Schwada
Sorenson, Denis Stanley	December 19, 2023	Affiliation Unknown/Years Unknown
Wilkinson, Dr. Joseph Wythe	December 22, 2023	Accountancy/1964-1996
Wulff, Dr. Keith	December 10, 2023	Sociology/Years Unknown

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