

Your All Retirees Newsletter



My dear retired friends:

What a year this is turning out to be. I read on a Facebook post “When we turned our clocks ahead an hour, we didn’t realize we were headed into the twilight zone.” But here we are.

Our meeting scheduled for April was canceled. Thank you, Eddie and staff, for the year and we will look forward to seeing you in September. Our May BBQ at the museum is canceled also. This brings us to the end of our meeting cycle for this year.

We do have some unfinished business: the election of officers. Earlier, Phyllis sent out an e-mail with the slate from our nominating committee, Darlene Foster. A big **THANK YOU** Darlene for doing this job!

President:	Karen Morrison
Vice-President:	Jackie Golombowski
Secretary:	Connie Alley
Treasurer:	Kathy Martin
Assistant Treasurer:	TBA
Legislative Contact:	Chuck Culpepper.
Programs:	Marilyn Montoya

There have not been any other volunteers for the positions, so I’d like to recommend we accept the slate as it is presented here and have an official vote when we meet in the fall. Additionally, three members have expressed an interest in helping out on committees: Pam Coy, Sandy Allred, and Ruth Billingsley.

As I look back on my three years as president, it has been an exceptional ride. Each month I am surrounded by so many familiar faces and have gotten to know so many new ones. Being able to socialize and to learn a little something from the programs has been the highlight of each meeting. **THANK YOU** to the officers: Treasurer-**Laura Busch** who monitored our money and let us know how we were doing; Membership-**Phyllis Meier** who took over the job from **Karen Ransom** and has done an excellent job; Secretary-**Marie Chavez** who for many years has kept a record of our meetings. She also did the YARN for numerous years before passing it on to **Trish Murphy**; Vice President-**Nancy Tyson** who graciously stepped in when I was not able to be at our meetings; **Joan Lewis** for chairing the Scholarship committee; **Rod Conover** for keeping us posted on what was happening with our benefits in Santa Fe with the legislature; and **Caroline McDonald** for sending out the many get well, thinking-of-you and sympathy cards to our membership.

Until we meet in September, Stay Safe, Stay In, and Stay Connected.

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NEWSLETTER

Trish Murphy

Normally, this page of the Y.A.R.N. newsletter is devoted to the SJAER luncheon procedures and a reminder about our community service projects. However, because this is an “e-mail only” newsletter, it can only go to current members, and you members already know the routine, so that information is not necessary with this edition of the Y.A.R.N.

As a reminder, though, it is important to mention that our group is part of a larger organization: the New Mexico Association of Educational Retirees. NMAER is the only agency in the State whose sole purpose is to promote the quality of life of retired educators, whether they be bus drivers, cafeteria workers, counselors, educational assistants, librarians, maintenance workers, nurses, principals, teachers, tech support personnel, -- any retired person who gets a monthly ERB “pay” check. NMAER keeps its members informed of state and national issues that affect us. It works tirelessly with the New Mexico legislators concerning retirement pay, health benefits, and educational issues for currently employed and retired educators. Therefore, if you know of any retiree (whether newly retired, or long-time retired) who is NOT a member, you might mention to that potential member the benefits of belonging to this great advocacy group. Having more members at the State level will make the State organization stronger, and having more members at the local level will make our organization more fun and vibrant, all the while enhancing members’ lives with new friends, educational/entertaining programming, delicious meals, and socialization. So, please be on the lookout for new members between now and September! Encourage them to join us!

At the present time, we expect to have our next meeting in September. You should be getting a letter or email with renewal information and meeting information sometime in the summer. In the meantime, you can make a note in your calendar with this tentative information:

Next Meeting

Expected Date:	Tuesday, September 8th
Reservation Deadline:	Noon, Monday, August 31
Cancellation Deadline:	9:00 am, Monday, September 7th



A Fun Quiz

(answers on page 6)

1. What North American landmark is constantly moving backwards?
2. What are the only 2 vegetables that are perennial—do not need to be replanted every year?
3. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest is finished.
4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
5. Name two of the only 3 words in standard English that start with “dw.”
6. What is the only fruit or vegetable that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked or in any form other than fresh.
7. Name 6 or more things that start with the letter “s” that you can wear on your feet.

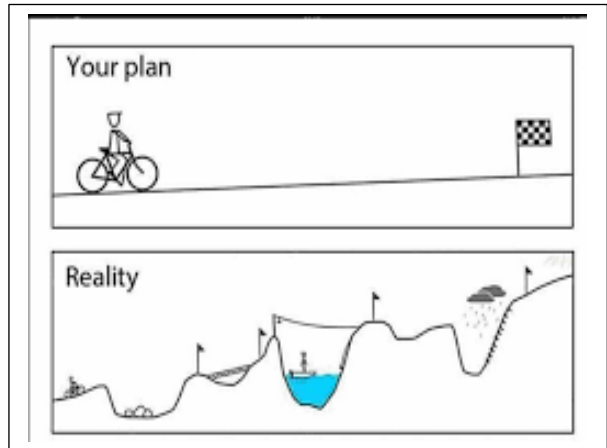
June –The Season for Weddings

(modern style)

Dearest Dad, I'm in love, and getting married in June. As you know, I live in Australia and my fiancé lives in Scotland. We met on a dating website, became friends on Facebook, and have had long chats on Whatsapp. He proposed on Skype, and now we've had a relationship on Viper for two whole months. So, my dear and beloved Dad, can you please help us out (\$\$\$) with the big wedding we have planned? Love, Your favorite daughter, Lilly

Dear Lilly, Like wow! Really? I suggest you get married on Twitter, have a honeymoon on Tango, buy your kids on Amazon, and pay for it all through PayPal. Then, when you get fed up with this new husband, sell him on eBay. Love, Your favorite Dad

Things Could Be Better....



MINUTES OF THE SJAER EXECUTIVE BOARD: March 3, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Nancy Tyson at 10:45. The minutes of the February meeting, as they appear on pages 4 and 5 of the March edition of the YARN, were approved after a motion to do so was made by Laura Busch and a second Marie Chavez. Additionally, the treasurer's report for February as shown on page 6 of the March YARN was approved after a motion by Trish Murphy and a second by Phyllis Meier.

Phyllis Meier reported one new retiree had signed up for membership making a total of 88 retirees who have paid local dues for the year.

Rod Conover reported information concerning legislation affecting retirees which appears on page 3 of the March YARN. He also reported everything is in place for our end-of-year potluck at the Gateway Museum.*

****THE POTLUCK HAS BEEN CANCELED DUE TO THE
STAY-AT-HOME ORDER BEING EXTENDED UNTIL MAY 15.***

Caroline McDonald reported sympathy cards had been sent to the families of Aldean Peck and Bob Erwin.

It was decided by the board, if a retiree brings a guest to the luncheon, the retiree needs to pay for the guest's meal.

Karen Morrison suggested that, come next fall, we send out post cards inviting retirees (newly retired or those who have been retired a while but haven't ever come or have quit coming) to join us for our luncheons.

MINUTES OF THE SJAER GENERAL MEETING: March 3, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Nancy Tyson at 11:25. The pledge was led by Nancy and a prayer offered by Rod Conover.

Shana Reeves, from the Farmington Parks and Recreation Department, presented updates on the various projects the department has in the works. Some of the projects are new, some are ongoing, while others are in the future. She stated the goals of the department are to provide safe and fun activities for our community and to promote the city as an inviting retirement community.

Rod Conover's name was drawn to receive the free lunch in April.

Court Street Catering provided a delicious meal of red chili posole, flat carnita enchiladas with a side of calabacitas, and a chocolate flan cake for dessert.

Respectfully submitted:
Marie Chavez



**MEETING
MINUTES**



Financial Report for March/April/May 2020
Laura Busch, Treasurer

DATE	CK#	EXPLANATION	PURPOSE	EXPENSES	DEPOSIT	BALANCE
		Beginning balance				\$3777.23
4/27/20	3242	Court St Catering	Lunch	350.00		3427.23
4/29/20	3244	NMAER	Dues	30.00		3397.23
4/27/20		Deposit	Lunch		276.00	3673.23
4/27/20		Deposit	Scholarship		34.00	3707.23
4/27/20		Deposit	Back packs		25.00	3732.23
		TOTALS		\$380.00	\$335.00	
		Cash \$70.00				\$3802.23

Your Donations

Month	Scholarship	Backpack
September	\$30.00	\$24.00
October	25.00	22.00
November	24.00	20.00
December	16.00	15.00
January	36.00	30.00
February	30.00	26.00
March	34.00	25.00
Total	195.00	162.00

Membership Report

Month	Paid State	Paid Local
September	15	31
October	5	4
November	4	1
December		2
January	2	2
February	1	3
March		1
August	13	44
Total	40	88



In Remembrance

Prepared by Karen Ransom, Membership Co-chair



Member Name	Date of Passing	Member Name	Date of Passing
Viola Utton	05/23/19	Delories Coffey	10/22/19
Alexis Lubchenco	05/28/19	Raymond Horvath	11/02/19
Wendall Hendricks	06/15/19	Sandra Young	11/02/19
Elizabeth Taylor	06/27/19	Marjorie Smith	11/17/19
Michael Casselberry	07/15/19	Helen Martin	11/24/19
Gene Hamilton	07/25/19	Barbara Tucker	01/??/20
Philomena Abeyta	08/10/19	Rosa Aldean Pullen Peck	02/03/20
Woody Lee	08/25/19	Kathryn Hamilton	02/20/20
John Hobaugh	08/26/19	Buddy Shaw	02/21/20
Robert Hokom	08/31/19	Bob Erwin	02/27/20
Helen Ann Smith	10/17/19	Lila Mae Archuleta	04/2/20
Alfrio Maestas	10/20/19	Arthur J. Ulibarri	04/8/20

Answers to Quiz on Page 3

1. Niagara Falls. The rim is worn down about 2 and 1/2 feet each year because of water erosion.
2. Asparagus and rhubarb.
3. Boxing.
4. Strawberries.
5. Dwell, dwarf, and dwindle.
6. Lettuce.
7. Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts.

Proverbs

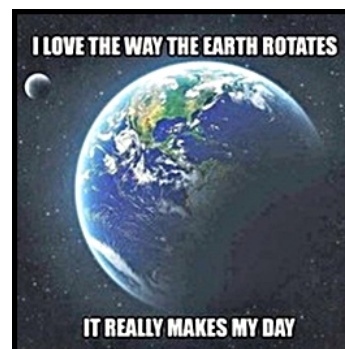
(as proclaimed by children)

I don't know if this is true or not, but supposedly these proverbs were completed by elementary school children as a class assignment.

1. Don't change horses until they stop running.
2. It's always darkest before Daylight Savings Time.
3. Strike while the bug is close.
4. Don't bite the hand that looks dirty.
5. The pen is mightier than the pigs.
6. An idle mind is the best way to relax.
7. Where there's smoke, there's pollution.
8. A penny saved is not much.
9. If at first you don't succeed, get new batteries.
10. Children should be seen and not spanked or grounded.

“Life is what we make it, always has been, always will be.” (Grandma Moses)

On the Lighter Side



Bob loved the outdoors. Wound up with quite a collection.

Editor Note:

You may have noticed that there hasn't been much reference to the COVID-19 pandemic in this newsletter (except indirectly—and now in this little box).

I figure there is enough in the media: TV coverage, newspaper, magazines, and social media. However, by the time of our next edition (September?), you may have stories you want to share: perhaps inspirational, humorous, or even sad. If you have stories to share, email or text me. I will try to include what I think will make good information for the newsletter (no guarantees!) because there will be extra space due to no minutes and regular reports (no meetings!), and because we are in this together and want to share in each others' lives. Thank you!

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If you know people on this list, please wish them a “Happy Birthday!” They may be socially isolated or quarantined, and not able to celebrate with family and friends. A phone call, text or e-mail from you will be welcomed and appreciated on their special day, especially during these most exceptional times!

Betty Spellman	Apr 01
Sharon Gallegos	Apr 09
Leroy A Ransom	Apr 15
Joan Scriver	Apr 17
Peggy J Gunnink	Apr 29
Lavelle Polston	May 01
Rosalie Burnham	May 05
Karen A Ransom	May 06
Pam Coy	May 07
Shirley Beasley	May 09
Lavon Hamblin	May 11
Janis Naomi Stanley	May 14
Martin M Steffan	May 14
Patty Lee Johnson	May 16
Trish Murphy	May 19
James F Conyers	May 24
Rebecca Atencio Hunter	May 24
Marlee Conover	May 25
Kathryn Silva	May 26
Bettye Buller	May 28
Barbara Brenner	June 07
Kerry Meier	June 11
Jana R Wallace	June 13
Bill Scriver	June 17
Marquita Vazquez	June 19
Norman G Howey	June 20

Patricia June Moore	June 21
Mary Sue Howey	June 23
Ruth A Billingsley	June 24
Patricia Peterson	July 01
Helena Gonzales	July 05
Rod Conover	July 09
Marilyn Montoya	July 09
Connie Alley	July 11
Max B Brimhall	July 11
Emanuel Weigand	July 13
Marie Chavez	July 17
Sue Christensen	July 19
Virginia Caywood	July 24
Oran Poff	July 27
Linda McFarland	July 30
Billie M Hackney	July 21
Jacqueline Golombowski	Aug 05
Doris Ee Haines Felkner	Aug 05
Janet Rea	Aug 07
Joann Culpepper	Aug 08
Candy Pulte	Aug 11
Larry A DeWees	Aug 12
Sue Zan Gnas	Aug 15
James E Caywood	Aug 17
Nila Hamblin	Aug 22
Janice Kavadas	Aug 22

The great thing about getting older is that you don't lose all the other ages you've been. (M. L'Engle)

No wise man ever wished to be younger. (Jonathan Swift)

After the first hundred years, life's a breeze. (Andrea Garney)

The secret of life is enjoying the passage of time. (James Taylor)



What's Happening?



Not much! But, someday things will start hopping again. When venues start to open, you can check out their schedules at these websites. Fortunately, with an online email such as this, all you have to do is click on the link (or copy & paste it to your URL/address box).

City of Farmington	https://farmingtonnm.org/events
San Juan College	https://sanjuancollege.edu/news-and-events/events-calendar/
Farmington Museums	http://www.fmtn.org/248/Farmington-Museum-at-Gateway-Park
Farmington Public Library	http://infoway.evanced.info/signup/Calendar
McGee Park	(Google it. The link messes up here.)
San Juan County Fair	https://sanjuancountyfair.net
Aztec Ruins	https://www.nps.gov/azru/planyourvisit/calendar.htm
TEA (Theater Ensemble Arts)	https://theater-ensemble-arts.square.site
Sun Ray Park & Casino	https://www.sunraygaming.com/entertainment
Wines of the San Juan	https://www.winesofthesanjuan.com/events

Until you can actually go out and enjoy community events in person, you may want to travel virtually. Here are a few suggestions.

National Park Tours	https://www.nationalparks.org/connect/blog/take-virtual-visit-national-park
More National Park Tours	https://www.travelandleisure.com/trip-ideas/national-parks/virtual-national-parks-tours
12 Famous Museum Tours	https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours
Zoos, Theme Parks, and Museums	https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/travel/a31784720/best-virtual-tours/
Castles and Palaces	https://www.townandcountrymag.com/leisure/g32023037/virtually-tour-iconic-castles-palaces/
New Mexico! Great site!	https://www.newmexico.org/virtual-tours/
Many more	Just Google: Virtual Tours

And if you feel like having a special celebration in your home, check out these websites to find something to celebrate on any given day. Rejoice and be glad on this and every day!

Many celebrations each day	http://holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/index.htm
Today in history	https://www.historynet.com/today-in-history
Special days each day of the month	https://nationaltoday.com/national-day-calendar/