

Your All Retirees Newsletter



Greetings my little Peeps!

I'm writing this on Easter morning and thinking about how many deviled eggs I'll be making and eating this afternoon. Don't be discouraged that I'm not thinking about the real reason for the Easter celebration, I thought about that this morning, really, I did.

So, we made it through the Ides of March. Sorry Caesar, it didn't work out well for you!

Those sadly spoken words, "Et tu Bruté..." pointed out a real stab in the back from your dear friend. (Not funny, I know, but...)

I've been enjoying these warm sunny days after that short spurt of snowy, rainy, hail-ish days. In fact, I make a point of sitting outside on my patio every day. I have a fountain and tons of bird feeders and trust me those birds are hungry little creatures. I'm almost through the entire 40lb bag of seed I bought at Ace Hardware last weekend!!! I really do enjoy watching all the birds and my family of ring neck doves are special, as are the two Hairy Woodpeckers that scarf up the suet blocks. The doves prefer to ground feed, so I sprinkle some seed under the pear tree just for them...and all the little birds who have figured out that little trick.

After basking in the sun, the past couple of days, wearing shorts and a tee shirt, my legs look like toast from a broken appliance...brown in front and white in back!! Too much information?!? (Now you see why you need to find a new President, or at least someone to write the Welcome" article in the YARN! Any takers???)

Speaking of Peeps...did you see the dress that lady made entirely of Peeps of every color? It was beautiful, but what if she wears it out in the sun? Will that marshmallow stuff stick to her body? Eeeeeek! First world problems...

Tomorrow I'll be heading to the store to get some drastically marked down, post-Easter eggs and other stuff. First because I'm addicted to deviled eggs and second because I think those gold-wrapped Lindt chocolate bunnies might be on sale! I do love a good bargain!

Speaking now of bargains...you know the annual membership dues for your SJAER is a bargain at \$10! Have you paid your dues? Have you invited a colleague/friend/other retiree from an educational position to join us? Why not do it this month and invite them to our May Social Picnic in the Park. We'll be gathering Tuesday, May 11, 11:30 am, Civitan Park South Pavilion. There will be more information later about food...it's gonna be a surprise!!! Watch for more info on the website and an email which will be sent to all paid members...are you curious? Good!

Please take care and wash your hands, continue to wear your mask when out in public among strangers and get the vaccine...both injections! I look forward to seeing you soon, and maybe offering a real hug! ...or not! The choice will be yours!

Xoxo

Karen



Send in your dues now, or ask a friend to join. Enjoy monthly programs, and support activities that enhance the lives of San Juan County retirees who receive a pension check from the ERB.

SJAER BOARD

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2020-2021 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

Social Security # _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

County _____

Zip Code _____

Phone # _____

E-Mail Address _____

Birthday _____

Would you like to receive a reminder call before each meeting? NO YES

_____ I hereby authorize the Educational Retirement Board to deduct NMAER **state** dues from my retirement check in the amount of \$2.50 a month. I understand this authorization makes me a continuing member of the association and can be canceled only by a written notice from me.

_____ Already on **automatic state** dues.

_____ \$30.00 enclosed for annual **state** dues.

_____ \$10.00 enclosed for annual **local** dues.

Signature of Retiree

Date

Make checks payable to SJAER

Mail to: SJAER Membership Chair

Phyllis Meier

3305 N. Cochiti

Farmington, NM 87401

(505)-320-7536

(Dues are NOT tax deductible)

Sponsored by _____ **Phyllis Meier**

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SJAER Meetings

SJAER meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 am.

This month, April 13, 2021, will be a Zoom meeting. There are three ways to log into the meeting:

1. Go to our website (SJAER.org), click on the “*Meeting Dates and Locations*” link, and then click on the “*April 13*” link.
2. Click on the link below (or copy & paste it into your URL box). Then follow the instructions on the screen:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6767515138?pwd=YjIvRFJFWlh2QVFMWHhzRTBEeFFqZz09>
3. Log onto the Zoom website.
Meeting ID: 676 751 5138
Passcode: 007008

If you are uncertain how to navigate Zoom, an informative slideshow can be accessed on the SJAER website (SJAER.com) on the home page (just to the right of the SJAER logo).

Each month check your e-mail or the website (<http://www.sjaer.com>) for the latest details concerning location/format of SJAER meetings.

April and May Guest Speakers

April

Our guest speaker for the Tuesday, April 13 Zoom meeting will be Phyllis Maestas, the Principal at Ladera Elementary School. Under her direction, that school earned the distinction of being a U.S. Blue Ribbon school. She will share her journey in this remarkable adventure.

Thank you, member Kathy Martin for arranging this program. Please share this information with your friends.



May

Our guest speaker for the Tuesday, May 11 in-person meeting at Civitan Park will be Liesl Dees of the SJC Encore program. She will enlighten the membership on all the benefits of belonging to Encore. Besides the greatly discounted college classes, there are free social and learning programs. Join us in May, to see how Encore can enhance your life!



SJAER Executive Board Meeting 3-9-21
A Zoom Meeting

Members present: Karen Morrison, Jackie Golombowski, Connie Alley, Chuck Culpepper, Phyllis Meier, Marilyn Montoya, Nancy Tyson, Trish Murphy. and Joan Lewis.

Meeting was called to order by Karen Morrison.

- **Zoom:** Today's zoom meeting set up by Chuck Culpepper.
- **Secretary Report:** The 2-9-21 minutes were approved as listed in the YARN.
- **Treasurer report:** The treasurer report was approved as listed in the YARN. Kathy had resigned the position of treasurer. Karen has the checkbook for now.
- **President Notes:** A big thank you to Chuck and Trish for all their work.
- **Website:**
- **Legislative Report:** Russell Goff had been keeping us up-to-date on the bills in session. The Legislative meets for one more week.
- **Programs:** Today's presenters are Russell Goff and Terra Rinderle. Send Marilyn suggestions for our Fall meeting.
- **Volunteer Hours:** Email your service and volunteer hours to Trish.
- **Scholarship:** We are looking for a student who will be student-teaching in the Fall or Spring. Marilyn will construct a letter to go out to the principals and Trish will proofread it.
- **Sunshine:** Nancy sent our 3 cards.
- **YARN:** Trish is resigning from putting together our Yarn at the end of this year.
- **2021-2022 Officers:** Suggestions for open positions are Debbie Klein for the Yarn and Jana Wallace for Treasurer. No one has heard from the Conovers/Social Committee. Everyone else is willing to remain on the board and committees for another year.
- **Social Committee/May Picnic:** Karen will reserve Civitan Park. Do we want an ice cream social or lunch? We're leaning toward a catered lunch. Send Karen two names of businesses that cater. She will check out their menus and availability.

Next Executive meeting: April 13th at 11:00am. The zoom code will be e-mailed to the board members.

SJAER-GENERAL MEETING 3-9-2021
A Zoom Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Karen Morrison.

- A flag was held by Sandy Allred as we said the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 17 people attended the meeting by zoom.
- **Presentations:**
 - **Russell Goff from the NMAER.** Russell commended us on taking the lead in our state. It is impressive how we have been able to set up a web site, have zoom meetings, and continue to be so active throughout the covid restrictions this year. There will be a two-hour mini workshop in April and the State Convention will be held in the Fall. The Legislative has one more week to meet and is working on the wording of State Bill 42.
 - **Terra Rinderle from NMAER Benefits.** Terra works with Russell at the state level. She deals with our benefits such as long-term care. AMBA is our link to her if we have any questions about out benefits. Chuck will but a link to her on our website.
 - **Drawing -** Karen Morrison won a \$25 gift card from the state.

Next General Meeting: April 13th at 11:30am. Connect by clicking on the meeting link at www.SJAER.org .

Financial Report for March 2021

DATE	Ck #	EXPLANATION	PURPOSE	EXPENSES	DEPOSIT	BALANCE
		Beginning Balance				3074.67
2/09/21	3257	NMAER	Dues	30.00		3044.67
3/10/21		Deposit	Dues		50.00	3094.67
3/26/21	3259	Farm. Parks & Rec	Civitan Pk.	20.00		3074.67
		TOTALS		50.00	50.00	3074.67
		Cash \$70.00				3144.67



APRIL BIRTHDAYS	
SPEELMAN, BETTY	4/1
GALLEGOS, SHARON	4/9
SCRIVER, JOAN	4/17
GUNNINK, PEGGY J	4/29



Volunteer Hours, 2020-2021

Month	Regular Volunteer	Care-giving	Total
August	89	83	172
September	113	83	196
October	107	43	150
November	89	83	172
December	105	84	189
January	105	83	188
February	100	81	181
March	84	86	170
Total	792	626	1418

Please submit your volunteer hours to:
trishshsh@live.com

(Please put SJAER in the subject line so it isn't accidentally mistaken for junk mail!)

Please separate the type of volunteering you do between “Regular” volunteering with a service club, community group, or church organization, and “Caregiving” which can even include helping out family, friends and neighbors. You may submit your hours at any time, but it is preferable to submit them monthly, so this monthly chart in the YARN will show our monthly progress. SJAER’s report, due in August for the State Convention, covers the year 08/01/20 to 07/31/21. You may look at your old calendars to submit hours retrospectively.

Thank you!

2020-2021 Membership Report

Month	Auto	NMAER	SJAER
Oct	13	22	40
Nov	2	6	8
Dec	6	1	7
Jan	0	0	1
Feb	0	1	1
Mar	1		1
Apr	1		
May			
TOTAL	23	30	58

Legislative Report, submitted by Chuck Culpepper, SJAER Legislative Chair

Legislative Updates for the 2021 Legislative Session:

These are brief descriptions of what happened with each of our “pet” bills during the session. To more detailed information, click on the name of the bill, which will take you to the NMLEGIS.gov bill tracker for that bill.

1. [General Budget Appropriation \(HB2\)](#)-Passed
2. [Proposal to exempt Social Security from Income Tax \(HB49\)](#)-Died in Committee
3. [Amends Retiree Health Care Act \(SB21\)](#)-Passed
4. [Increases Ed Retirement Contributions \(SB42\)](#)-Passed
5. [Changing Employer Contribution for Group Health Insurance \(SB110\)](#)-Died in Committee
6. [Changes Ed Retirement Board Membership \(SB303\)](#)-Passed
7. [Educational Retirees Returning to Work \(SB390\)](#)-Died in Committee
8. [GRT & Permanent Fund for LEDA Projects \(HB11\)](#)-Passed
9. [Cannabis Regulations Act \(HB12\)](#)-Died in Committee; Passed in Special Session
10. [Daylight Savings Time \(SB102\)](#)-Died in Committee

In Memoriam, 2020-2021



Lila Mae Archuleta	04/02/2020	Daniel Atencio	10/17/2020
Ronald Maas	05/12/2020	Christine Ann Carter	11/02/2020
Cheryl Maness	05/27/2020	Robert Armendariz	12/22/2020
Millard I. Glass	07/11/2020	Delfin Tito Ulibarri	01/26/2021
Louis Rodriguez	08/02/2020	Mary Steinkamp	01/26/2021
Donita Woolfolk	08/06/2020	Debra L. Serrano Walstedter	02/25/2021
James Williams	08/15/2020	Lee Czajkowski	02/27/2021
Leroy Ransom	10/12/2020		



SJAER PROJECTS

Attention! Outstanding Unit Member of the Year Award

It's time to vote! This distinctive honor goes to somebody who has served SJAER above and beyond normal expectations. Think of someone who has provided years of remarkable service. Send your nominations to President Karen (klm3@earthlink.net) by May 4th. At the next meeting (May 11th), the membership will vote for SJAER's Outstanding Unit Member of the Year. The awardee will also be recognized at the NMAER State Convention.

Keep in Touch

Turn to page 9 (last page) of this newsletter for important information about our May meeting. RSVP!

If you know of community people, projects, or news that would make an interesting SJAER meeting program, please contact Marilyn Montoya (Marilyn_montoya@yahoo.com) or Karen Morrison (klm3@earthlink.net).

If you have ideas for a future permanent meeting place for SJAER meetings, contact President Karen (klm3@earthlink.net).

If you have "numbers" or "financial accounting" skills (or if you know somebody who does!), please contact President Karen (klm3@earthlink.net) for SJAER's open Treasurer position. It will be a bucket of fun to join the Executive Board.

If you know of members who have been ill or have experienced the loss of a loved one, please contact Courtesy/Sunshine Chair Marilyn (Marilyn_montoya@yahoo.com). SJAER will send a greeting card.

Invite a friend to join SJAER.

Greeting Cards

Please take time out to send a cheerful greeting card to a resident at Namaste House, a local assisted living facility which we have "adopted" for the time being. You may address your card as follows:

Namaste House, Resident 800 W. 30th Street. Farmington, NM. 87401

DO YOU KNOW?

When you fill out the Membership Form every year to renew your membership, you have the option of joining the local SJAER unit only, the State NMAER only, or both SJAER & NMAER. There are advantages to belonging to both organizations. Locally, you have the privilege and honor of attending luncheon meetings, socializing with friends and colleagues, and keeping informed about local events, people and issues through SJAER's interesting programming. At the State level, there are more benefits. NMAER has partnered with Association Member Benefits Advisors (AMBA) which provides reasonably priced benefits for retirees, which includes such things as home health care insurance, long term care insurance, Medicare supplement plans, cancer/heart/stroke insurance, final expense life insurance and more. It also offers nationwide discounts on computers, household items, entertainment, dining, travel (even Road Scholar trips), hotels, cruises, and more. For more information, call: 877-698-2710, or email our March guest speaker, Terra Rinderle (Terra.Rinderle@amba.info) (FYI)



LAUGHTER is a Master Key to success.
It helps you spread joy, connect with people, remove tensions, learn joyfully, heal diseases, and conquer adversaries.

As we continue to battle all the difficulties and restrictions of our current situation, it would behoove us to find those things that make us laugh! Here are a few!



"THE TEACHER TOLD US TO BRING A PENCIL TO CLASS TOMORROW. WHAT'S A PENCIL?"

NEW TEACHER?

Mia: I think we need a new teacher.
Mum: Why is that?
Mia: Our teacher doesn't know anything!
.... she keeps asking us for the answers.



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EVENTS

Special Event! Please RSVP! SJAER May 11 End-of-Year Meeting! Please RSVP

Our last meeting of the year will NOT be Zoom! It will be in-person, at Civitan Park, at the south pavilion. It will be a free, catered affair. You don't need to bring food, and you don't have to pay! Just bring yourself, and a friend if you wish. (This could be a sly way of enticing new members to join us!) PLEASE contact President Karen (klm3@earthlink.net) if you plan to join us, because she needs a head count for the food order! **Deadline to RSVP: May 4.** See you there – it will be a blast!

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Cost
Ongoing	24/7	24/7	Caliente Community Choir's "Cabaret" as well as "Broadway for Brunch."	YouTube and Facebook	Free
Ongoing	Every Thur	6:00 pm	Trivia Night; Each night is a different subject; register on library Event Calendar; https://infoway.evanced.info/signup/	Farmington Library: Zoom	Free
Ongoing	24/7	24/7	Virtual Programs on Demand; online; https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2CIhGpCkTRTdAH	Farmington Library YouTube Channel	Free
Ongoing	Until June 7th	10-5, M, Th, F, Sat; Noon-5, Sun	"All Dressed Up" exhibit of over 200 of Lola Furman's hats (and more); 505-599-1174	Farmington Museum	free
4/14	Wed	11:30	Encore's Brown Bag Lunch: Georgia O'Keeffe; 505-566-3214	Zoom	free
4/16	Fri	6:30 AND 7:30	AstroFriday: Apollo 13, Houston We Have a Problem; 505-566-3361	Zoom (from SJC Planetarium)	free
4/23 to 5/30	Fri Sat Sun	2:15 post time	Live horse racing; 505-566-1200	SunRay Park & Casino	Free to watch
4/24	Sat	9 am - 4 pm	"Independent Bookstore Day;" special goodies and prizes at this national event; 505-327-4647	Amy's Bookcase	Items for sale
5/1	Sat	4 pm - 8 pm	Historic Walk with special entertainment by Sallyanne Bachman and Sheldon Pickering at Artifacts Gallery - Rio del Sol Kiwanis (tickets at Howard's Cleaners and Artifacts – hurry – they sell out fast); 505-325-5931; 505-860-5165	Downtown Farmington	\$15.00
5/9	Sun	Noon - 5 pm	Spring Fling: art and food vendors, live music, and more; 573-482-0152	Wines of the San Juan, 233 Hwy 511	Free entrance

Have a great month! Enjoy!