

Your All Retirees Newsletter



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Greetings my little Peeps!

WE DID IT!!! We stayed together, active members of the San Juan Association of Educational Retirees. For nine long months we washed our hands, wore our masks, and kept our distance. We also met as a group both outside (once at Civitan Park) and inside (in our homes) using the Zoom platform as a meeting place. It wasn't easy, but we did it! During this past year, we got some new officers (Jackie, Connie, Kathy, Nancy, Chuck) and added a Website to our digital platform. We kept our Program person, (Marilyn) YARN editor (Trish) and our treasurer until February when Laura Busch said, "10 years is enough, I'm retiring." Our Membership and Scholarship chairs stayed onboard. (Thanks Phyllis and Joan!) We gained a new editor for the YARN, welcome Debbie Klein!

We enjoyed programs and presentations each month and learned some new things. We provided service in the community including writing and sending greeting cards to the residents at Namaste House. We kept track of our volunteer hours and sent them to Trish and got recognition at the State level, NMAER.

Our current Board agreed to stay on for another year until we can get back to some kind of "Normal" ...not the Normal printed on the knob on the dryer! The other one.

For all these things, we are thankful.

Our final meeting of this school year is currently scheduled for 11:30am May 11, at Civitan Park Pavilion on Butler. Lunch will be provided from The Spare Rib. If the current Yellow designation stays the same, limiting attendance to 10 people, we will look at meeting in the patio at Spare Rib. Stay tuned for more information as it is determined. Just thinking about that crispy catfish is making my mouth water...Jackie Golombowski is drooling, too!!! LOL We are both catfish lovers.

We have invited Liesl Dees from the San Juan College Encore Program to be our guest and do a brief presentation on the many classes for seniors available for the tuition fee of \$6.50!!! That's not a typo. It really is \$6.50 for those over the age of 65.

I'll be looking forward to seeing you there...wherever "there" is.

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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Karen Morrison

Volunteer Hours, 2020-2021

Month	Regular Volunteer	Care-giving	Total
August	96	85	181
September	120	85	205
October	114	45	159
November	99	86	185
December	113	87	200
January	112	85	197
February	117	85	202
March	131	90	221
April	116	104	220
Total	1018	752	1770

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!)

NMAER revised its rules for submitting volunteer hours. We no longer need to separate the "type" of hours. Just add up all your volunteer hours, whether it be with a community agency, service club, school, or even helping out a disabled person or doing childcare (something that someone would normally pay for that service). Please submit your hours now through August 31st. SJAER's report is due in early September for the State Convention. Your total hours should cover the year 09/01/20 to 08/31/21.

You may look at your old calendars to submit hours retrospectively. We will remind you again this August to submit hours you had not submitted yet.

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	0	1
Apr	1	0	1
May			0
TOTAL	23	30	59



May Guest Speaker

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 Meetings

SJAER meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. This month, our final meeting of this school year, will be May 11, 2021. It will be an in-person meeting!! Hooray!!

Currently, the picnic meeting, will be 11:30 a.m. at Civitan Park on Butler. Lunch will be catered by The Spare Rib Rib BBQ Company.

If the current Yellow designation stays the same, limiting attendance to 10 people, we will look at meeting in the patio at The Spare Rib. Stay tuned for more information.

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

POLSTON, LAVELLE	5/1
BUSCH, LAURA	5/1
BURNHAM, ROSALIE	5/5
REA, JANET	5/6
COY, PAMELA	5/7
HAMBLIN, LAVON	5/11
STANLEY, JANIS NAOMI	5/14
STEFFAN, MARTIN	5/14
JOHNSON, PATTY	5/16
MURPHY, PATRICIA	5/19
CONYERS, JAMES	5/24
HUNTER, REBECCA ATENCIO	5/24
CONOVER, MARLEE	5/25
SILVA, KATHRYN	5/26
BULLER, BETTYE	5/28



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

BRENNER, BARBARA	6/7
MEIER, KERRY	6/11
WALLACE, JANA	6/13
WOODERSON, LEE	6/13
SCRIVER, BILL	6/17
VAZQUEZ, MARQUITA	6/19
HOWEY, NORMAN	6/20
MOORE, PATRICIA	6/21
HOWEY, MARY	6/21
BILLINGSLEY, RUTH	6/24

JULY BIRTHDAYS

PETERSON, PATRICIA	7/1
GONZALES, HELENA	7/5
CONOVER, RODNEY	7/9
MONTOYA, MARILYN	7/9
ALLEY, CONNIE	7/11
BRIMHALL, MAX B	7/11
WEIGAND, EMANUEL	7/13
CHAVEZ, MARIE	7/17
CHRISTENSEN, SUE	7/19
CAYWOOD, VIRGINIA	7/24
POFF, ORAN	7/27
KLEIN, DEBBIE	7/29
MCFARLAND, LINDA	7/30
HACKNEY, BILLIE M	7/31



A-A-R-P! I wanna join the A-A-R-P!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

GOLOMBOWSKI, JACQUILINE	8/5
FELKNER, DORIS E HAINES	8/5
REA, JANET	8/7
CULPEPPER, JOANN	8/8
BEASLEY, SHIRLEY	8/9
PULTE, CANDY	8/11

AUGUST (Cont.)

DEWEES, LARRY	8/12
GNAS, SUE ZAN	8/15
CAYWOOD, JAMES	8/17
HAMBLIN, NILA	8/22
KAVADAS, JANICE	8/22

SJAER Executive Board Meeting 4-13-21 A Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting was called to order by Karen Morrison.

- **Zoom:** Today's zoom meeting set up by Chuck Culpepper.
- **Secretary Report:** The 3-9-21 minutes were approved as listed in the YARN.
- **Treasurer report:** The treasurer report was approved as listed in the YARN.
- **President Notes:** Karen participated in the Unit President's Conference. Our unit was highlighted. Many units have not met since February of 2020. We were commended on our continued service, new innovations, and keeping things fun. Our success is contributed to our leaders that work well together, our newsletter that is full of information and fun ideas, development of a website that is updated monthly, e-mails to keep members involved, and the partnership with community members and businesses as presenters for our meetings.
- **May 11th Get-Together:** We are looking at Civitan Park for the May 11th get-together. Spare Rib will be catering ribs, sausage, catfish and potato salad. It will be a bring-your-own-beverage. We will have a door prize for the event.
 1. If changes need to take place as COVID restrictions require us to abandon Civitan Park, Marilyn will check out our options at Spare Rib's outside picnic area, Weck's has a private room, Los Rios has a room but it's not private, and No Worries.
 2. Spare Rib will provide the food. Karen will look into the cost to see if we can pay for the meals. Perhaps we will put out a donation basket.
 3. Debbie Klein will provide the door prize.
 4. Liesl Dees is going to be our speaker. She will discuss the opportunities San Juan College offers us through their Encore program.
 5. Phyllis will send invitations to the members for the May Get-Together. RSVP by May 4 will be on the invitations. Then we can let Spare Rib know how much food to provide.
 6. Karen will invite all the district superintendents and Sherri Birringer the SJC HR person in charge of retirees.
- **Membership:** Our association is open to librarians, nurses, secretaries, custodians, and all who are connected in the field of education. Karen will ask Cathy MacDonald to join. She is the FMS School Nurse Supervisor. There is an Associate Membership for \$5.00/year. We think this is designed for the spouse of a member. Trish will research this topic to make sure we are correct.
- **Outstanding Member:** Send suggestions to Marilyn. We have three recommendations at this time. We will need a bio on the winner.
- **YARN:** We welcome Debbie Klein to the board. She has accepted to co-chair YARN position with Trish Murphy.
- **2021-2022 Officers:** Suggestions for Treasurer's position is still open.
- **Programs:** Kathy Martin will introduce today's speaker, Phyllis Maestas from Ladera Del Norte Elementary, a Blue-Ribbon School.

Next Executive meeting: May 11th at 11:00am. We will meet at the Get-Together location.

Financial Report for April 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

No checks or deposits were made this past month. Balance of SJAER account remains at \$3144.67.

SJAER-GENERAL MEETING 4-13-2021 A Zoom Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Karen Morrison.

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 14 people attended the today's meeting by zoom.
- **Announcements:** Our traditional May Get-Together will be on May 11th. As of now it will be at Civitan Park. Spare Rib will cater a full meal. You will have to bring your own drink. We will have a donation basket available. Our speaker will be Liesl Dees from the SJC Encore Program. Remember as the COVID restrictions change so do our plans. Watch your e-mail and our web site for updates. We hope to see everyone there. Who knows, you may even win the door prize!
- **Presentation:** Phyllis Maestas from Ladera Del Norte Elementary, a Blue-Ribbon School. Farmington is the largest and most diverse community in the Four Corners area. In 2019 Ladera Del Norte received the Blue-Ribbon award. It was an extensive application process. The state nominates schools that have show success in closing the learning gap over a period of 3-5 years and the scoring for their educational plan. Phyllis gives credit to her whole staff for being highly professional, collaborative team that brings a wealth of professional knowledge to their goals around teaching and learning. They created a supportive environment where all students experience success: academically, emotionally, and socially. She also gave credit to standards-based system and the common core curriculum. Most important is the fact that every child is the responsibility of all the staff. It takes teamwork. Ladera is featured in an audio podcast at <https://nationalblueribbonschools.ed.gov/audio-overcoming-challenges-to-close-the-achievement-gap/> . Phyllis received the award in Washington DC. The students wore blue ribbons in recognition of their part in reaching this goal.
- **Aztec's Painted Pianos:** The painted pianos project combines art and music. May 8th is the kick off with piano concerts from noon to 6:00 pm. There will be sidewalk concerts throughout the season May 8 – October 2. Pianos in the Park concert will be from 2:00-6:00 on July 17. There are seven painted pianos throughout the town available for the public to play. For locations check out <http://www.aztecnm.com/aztec/pianos.html> . Check out the YARN for more fun things to do this summer.
- **Next General Meeting:** May 11th at 11:30am. Watch your e-mail for your invitation with all the details or check us out at www.SJAER.org .

Letter from NMAER - Our State Association

April 27, 2021

To: NMAER Unit Presidents

From: Michael Torrez, President

H. Russell Goff, Executive Director

On Thursday, April 8, 2021, the NMAER Executive Board held its regularly scheduled meeting virtually to review recommendations from the Executive Committee on how to return safely to some form of normalcy in a time that is foreign to all of us. The following recommendations were approved by Executive Board to help guide NMAER in 2021:

- NMAER Units and Committees are urged to consider using a virtual platform until they can meet safely in person. The NMAER State Office and AMBA representatives have been providing assistance and Zoom training to Units wanting to meet virtually.
- The NMAER Scholarship program will be postponed for 2021. In its place NMAER will donate \$2000 to the Dr. Karen Trujillo Scholarship Fund for new teachers at NMSU. Dr.

Trujillo is the former Superintendent of the Las Cruces Public Schools who died tragically earlier this year.

- The in-person State Convention scheduled for September 2021 in Curry County will be POSTPONED and, in its place, a virtual mini-Conference hosted by the State Office will be scheduled for September 24, 2021. More information on this conference will be available in the summer newsletter.
- The Curry (Clovis) County AER has agreed to host the in-person NMAER State Convention in September 2022.
- The Delegate Assembly vote on the 2021 budget, slate of officers and any amendments will be by a mail-in ballot to each delegate. The new officers, budget and any amendments for 2022 will also be elected by a mail-in ballot. The new officers for 2022 will be sworn in during the virtual mini-Conference on September 24, 2021. In May, each Unit will receive a letter from the NMAER State Office providing instructions and the number of delegates who will be allowed to vote for each Unit.
- The Community Service hours and the Outstanding Unit Member programs will be continuing in 2021 with some alterations.
 - a. Community Service Hours: The Executive Board approved a September 1, 2020 through August 2021 period of time to collect volunteer hours and will use only one category of Community Service under which all service hours will be compiled. Results from these programs will be announced in the autumn Newsletter. Linda Carr at 575 442-1801 or lcarr9@hotmail.com will be communicating with you regarding Community Service Hours.
 - b. Outstanding Unit Member. Pauline Rindone at 505 603-2259 or polarr1964@hotmail.com will be communicating with you regarding the Outstanding Unit Member and asking for your selection of an Outstanding Unit Member to be sent to her by June 18, 2021.
- NMAER will continue to provide three Newsletters in April, August and October.
- NMAER will continue to recruit new members. This year's focus will be on recruiting Associate members. We also hope to send the names of retirees and the district that they retire from to each Unit. The information provided will not include the address of the retiree. As I indicated during our first virtual Conference on Friday, April 9, 2021, this was our first attempt to hold such a conference and it turned out to be very successful. The theme for the Conference was "A Return to Some Form of Normalcy." We had sixteen units and members of the NMAER Executive Board represented in the Conference with a total attendance of 36.

We are thankful that so many were able to join us and support this Unit Presidents Conference.

WE ASK YOU TO SAVE THE DATE OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2021 FOR THE VIRTUAL STATE CONFERENCE.

With so much uncertainty ahead, the recommendations approved by the NMAER Executive Board in April were the best efforts to assist the association in a Return to Normalcy. Our priority is to move forward safely. We appreciate everyone's efforts to stay safe and stay strong.

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 Serrano Walstedter	02/25/2021
James Williams	08/15/2020	Lee Czajkowski	02/27/2021
Leroy Ransom	10/12/2020	Peggy Ann Lee	04/16/2021



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.

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

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 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 card.

Take a copy of the YARN and use it to 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



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 Fuhrman's hats (and more); 505-599-1174	Farmington Museum	Free
Ongoing	May 8 to Oct 2	10-5 M-Sat	Aztec Painted Pianos on display around Aztec. Everyone invited to play. Sidewalk concerts on some Saturdays.	Aztec Main Ave. and Vanilla Moose	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
5/4	24/7	24/7	San Juan College Choir End-of-Semester Student Showcase Concert "be 8ncouraged" sanjuancollege.edu/student-showcase	Facebook SanJuanCollege Ksje90.9	Free
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
5/21	Fri	6:30-8:30	AstroFriday	SJC Rm1723 Planetarium	Free
6/3 to 10/28	Thurs	4:30-7:30	Downtown Makers Market for locally made and grown treasures!	Orchard Park Farmington	Free entrance
7/17	Sat	1:00 to 6:00	Pianos in the Park Concert - Dueling Pianos with Hoyle Osborne and Sheldon Pickering - Other musical performances.	Minium Park in Aztec	Free
7/17	Sat	10:00 to 6:00	Free admission day at the Aztec Museum and Pioneer Village.	125 N. Main Aztec, NM	Free



Have a great month and summer!