

Your All Retirees Newsletter



A Welcome From Your Association

Hello fellow educators!

The year 2020-21 has been a bumpy one, but here we are... soliciting your continuing membership dues to the San Juan Association of Educational Retirees. (SJAER)

Our members are a varied lot as anyone who is receiving a retirement check from the Educational Retirement Board (ERB) is eligible to be a member of our local unit as well as the State organization, NM Association of Educational Retirees (NMAER)

Local dues are a mere \$10 for the “school year.” The State dues are \$30 which you can pay annually or by deduction of \$2.50 a month from your retirement check. It couldn’t be any easier than that.

When you are a paid member, you have many extra benefits not available to others, like travel opportunities, long-term care insurance, and others shown on the State website, www.nmaer.com

SJAER also has a website with much valuable and timely information, including Board Officers, Committee Chairs, the current (and past) editions of our monthly newsletter, The YARN. Find us online at SJAER.ORG

We are busy looking at meeting sites, programs and speakers for the soon-to-be-upon-us 2021-22 year and hope you will join us. We will be looking forward to seeing you...

Karen Morrison
President





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.

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2021-2022 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**

Unit Sponsored by _____ **San Juan AER**

September Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker for the Tuesday, September 14 meeting will be Jessica Lazenby. She is the new volunteer coordinator for the City of Farmington and will talk about how the job has changed and about what her role is in getting/working with volunteers. The meeting will be at No Worries Sports Bar & Grill at the Farmington Airport.



SJAER Meetings

SJAER meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. This month, our first meeting of this school year, will be September 14, 2021. It will be an in-person meeting!! Hooray!! Currently, the meeting, will be 11:30 a.m. at No Worries Bar and Grill located at Farmington Airport. Each month, check your e-mail or the website (<http://www.sjaer.com>) for the latest details concerning location of SJAER meetings.



MISZKIEL, COLLEEN M	9/13
MARTIN, KATHLEEN	9/17
COLLINS, JALENE	9/21
GLASS, GORDON	9/21
COLLINS, JERRY	9/27

Join or Renew Your Membership



2020-2021 Membership Report

Month	Auto	NMAER	SJAER
Sept			
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			
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Feb			
March			
April			
May			
TOTAL			



SJAER-GENERAL MEETING 5-11-2021

Location: Civitan Park

Note: We did not have an executive board meeting this month.

Meeting was called to order by President Karen Morrison.

- **The Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.
- **24 people attended** the today's meeting.
- **Announcements:** We enjoyed a box lunch provided by Spare Rib. Thank you to all the members for staying with us this year and to the executive board for all their work.
- **Outstanding Member:** Our outstanding member this year went to Trish Murphy. Thank you for you many years of service, outstanding YARNs, and continued support. Congratulations.
- **Presentation:** Liesl Dees from San Juan College was our presenter.
 - **Encore Program:** It began in 2002 to help seniors keep an active mind, provide social engagement, wellness opportunities, and service. They provide an Encore catalog three times a year. Liesl passed out this April-July catalog. There are many classes to choose. You can attend classes or be a teacher presenting one of your own passions. Most classes cost \$5.00 for NM residents who are 65 and over.
 - **Kid's Kollege:** There are 30 classes available this summer. Children will have a choice of 20 classes on-line and 10 classes in-person. One of the classes available to adults and children is about Georgia O'Keefe.
 - **Birthday Party:** It is \$20.00 to join. Membership includes a lecture series and free concerts. The lecture series is on Wednesdays at 11:30 via zoom (you must register for each one).
 - **Offices:** Liesl is located in the 30th street Education Building on the 3rd floor. It is closed to the public right now. You can still contact her at (505) 566-3121.
- **Door Prizes:** Aztec Museum family tickets were won by Rebecca Hunter and Jackie Golombowski, a Bamboo Cutting board went to Kathy Martin, Karen Morrison won a pill box, and Carolyn McDonald received some lip balm.
- **Next General Meeting:** September 14th at 11:30am. Watch your e-mail for your invitation with all the details or check us out at www.SJAER.org.
- **Financial Report for April 2021 (Updated report unavailable at this time)**

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 Executive Board Meeting 6-29-21

Location: Artifacts

Members present: Karen Morrison, Connie Alley, Kathy Martin, Chuck Culpepper, Phyllis Meier, Marilyn Montoya, and Debbie Klein.

Meeting was called to order by Karen Morrison.

- **State Conference:** The State Conference will be held via zoom on September 24. We can have four delegates attend. They will be voting for our state officers and approving the state budget. A ballot will be sent out prior to the zoom meeting by August 2. Delegates, be sure to add your name and sign the ballot when voting. Attending on our behalf will be Karen Morrison, Chuck Culpepper, Phyllis Meier, and Debbie Klein.
- **Compliments:** Once again we have been complimented as a local unit. We have continued to meet and have programs through a difficult year. Many other units have lost members due to inactivity.
- **Meetings for 2021-2022:**
Second Tuesday of the month. 11:00 for Board meetings. 11:30 for General meetings.
 1. We will resume meetings on September 14, 2021.
 2. Karen will contact the KATE center to see if it is available. Other locations could be the Scout Hut, the landing by the Overflow Free Store, the café by Pinion Hills Academy, or Los Rios. Location considerations are capacity, meal possibilities, prices for facility and food. Members will be notified by e-mail.
 3. Karen won't be there. The meeting will be led by our Vice President, Jackie Golombowski.
 4. The need for a US flag will depend on where we meet.
 5. Our program guest will be Jessica Lazen – City volunteers.
 6. Debbie or Karen will provide a door prize.
- **Membership:** Phyllis has the template and will make the necessary changes for 2021-2022. Karen will write the introduction letter.

SJAER PROJECTS

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 Nancy Tyson (ntyson@dives-2-little.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

Letter from NMAER - Our State Association

From: nmaer@cybermesa.com

Subject: NMAER Unit Presidents Update ----8/20/21 b2

Date: August 20, 2021 at 13:28:52 MDT

From Chief Investment Officer, an industry publication:

New Mexico Pension Posts Highest Returns in 36 Years

The Educational Retirement Board's portfolio gained 28.76%, or \$3.6 billion for the year.

The New Mexico Educational Retirement Board (NMERB) reported its best performance in 36 years, as its investment portfolio returned 28.76%, or \$3.6 billion, in fiscal 2021 to increase its asset value to \$15.8 billion. "Our investment staff did a terrific job of taking advantage of the opportunities presented by the marketplace while maintaining our low volatility asset allocation," Bob Jacksha, chief investment officer of the NMERB, said in a statement regarding the fiscal year ending June 30. "We feel that our investment results validate our long-term strategy of building a lower volatility portfolio."

The strong performance was led by the portfolio's private equity investments, which returned 51.7%, but fell just short of the benchmark's return of 52%. Non-US equity returned 35.2%, below its benchmark, which returned 35.7%, while emerging market equity earned 35.1%, and also missed its benchmark's return of 40.9%. The fund's real estate investments returned 28.7%, nearly quadrupling the benchmark's return of 7.4%, while its fixed-income investments returned 16.8%, compared with its benchmark's return of 17.1%.

Over the short and medium term, the fund reported three-, five-, and 10-year annualized returns of 11.01%, 10.62%, and 8.61%, respectively. And over the longer term, the ERB reported 15- and 20-year annualized returns of 7.35% and 6.97%, respectively, while returning 9.24% since its inception in July 1983.

The ERB portfolio's asset allocation is 43.9% in alternatives, which includes an 18.8% allocation to private equity; 22.8% in fixed income; 18.4% in US equity; 13.7% in non-US equity; and 1.2% in cash.

The fund, which provides retirement benefit services to more than 160,000 members, also said it paid out benefits totaling approximately \$1.2 billion to retired New Mexico educational employees during the year, while taking in contributions of approximately \$780 million.

"The fiscal year results are not only a benefit to our participants' retirement security but also benefit New Mexico taxpayers," Jacksha said. "Investment earnings make up more than half of each dollar of benefit payments. Without those gains, we would have to look elsewhere for benefit funding."

Bob Jacksha, CFA, CAIA, Chief Investment Officer, New Mexico Educational Retirement Board

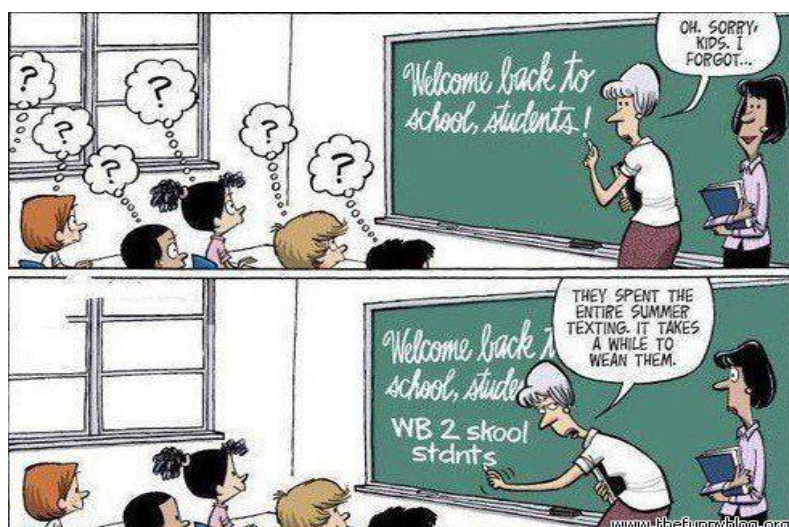
In Memoriam, 2021-2022

Name	Date	Name	Date
Elued Ortega	April 30	Jeanne Merritt	July 27
Marian Joppa	May 6	Marinelle Minium	July 29
Carolyn Velarde	May 14	Rick Greenaker	August 1
Lois Johnson	May 16	Annie Jo Krivokapich	August 1
David Garcia	May 21	Martin Wade	August 8
Beverly Higgins	May 22	Kathryn May Crandell	August 16
Janet Hamilton	May 31	Mary Lou Breckenridge	August 17
Leonard Mascarenas	June 5	Carolyn Bowra	August 21
Kerstin Emerson	July 5	Larry Dean Osborne	August 23
John William Rees	July 17	Rufina Jaramillo	September 2
Della Liebel	July 26		



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
Sept. 22	Wed.	6:00pm	Trivia Night; Subject-Football register on library Event Calendar; https://infoway.evanced.info/signup/	Farmington Library	Free
Ongoing	3 rd Wed.	2:00pm	Genealogy Workshop - Learn about vital information that you need to search genealogy records, and good places to start searching.	Farmington Library	Free
Sept. 9	Thurs	6:00pm	Reel Readers - Read the book, watch the movie. Bring brown dinner.	Farmington Library	Free
Sept. 14	Tues	1:00pm	Take and Make Craft Bag - Earring Stand Pick up bag while supplies last	Farmington Library	Free
Sept 28	Tues	6:00pm	Craft Night - Tassel Necklace - Seating is limited	Farmington Library	Free
Ongoing	24/7	24/7	San Juan College Choir End-of-Semester Student Showcase Concert "be Encouraged" sanjuancollege.edu/student-showcase	Facebook SanJuanCollege Ksje90.9	Free
Ongoing	Until June 7th	M-Sat. 10-5, Closed Sun	"All Dressed Up" exhibit of over 200 of Lola Fuhrman's hats (and more); 505-599-1174	Farmington Museum	Free
Aug. 27	Fri	8:30pm	AstroFriday - We will use the real night sky, in which the constellations will be explored, supplemented by live telescopic viewing.	Amphitheater in courtyard near Planetarium	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.	Free
6/3 to 10/28	Thurs	4:30 - dusk	Downtown Makers Market for locally made and grown treasures!	Orchard Park Farmington	Free entrance
Ongoing thru October	Tues. and Sat.	4 - 6:00 8 - Noon	Sale of locally grown produce and land based craft items	Farmington Museum	Free entrance





It's called **reading**.
It's how people install new
software into their brains.

A message from Trish . . . Congratulations, SJAER members! You did an outstanding job of volunteering your services to the community this year -- even during a pandemic! Your generosity and care shown like a bright star in the darkness. The total hours reported was **3,499!** NMAER requested names of the top five achievers (they might be announced at the State conference), they are: Kathleen Murphy, Larry DeWees, Marilyn Montoya, Trish Murphy, and Connie Alley.

MEETING DATES 2021-2022

Mark Your Calendars

September 14, 2021	No Worries - Farmington Airport Jessica Lazenby - Volunteer Coordinator - City of Farmington
October 12, 2021	TBA Gail Aspromonte - Haunted Hotel Ghosts of Aztec's Past
November 9, 2021	TBA
December 14, 2021	TBA
January 11, 2021	TBA
February 8, 2021	TBA
March 8, 2021	TBA
April 12, 2021	TBA
May 10, 2021	TBA Year End Barbeque

Volunteer Hours, 2021-2022

Month	Volunteer Hours	Total
September		
October		
November		
December		
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
Total		

The new year for submitting volunteer hours runs September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022. There are two ways to submit your hours. At our monthly meetings, you can enter your hours in the designated space on the sign sheet. Just enter the hours you volunteer from meeting to meeting. You may also submit your hours by emailing: trishshsh@live.com at any time. Please put the time frame that your hours cover, such as September 1 to October 22, or September 17 to January 3. Once you send your hours by email, please don't duplicate them – a running total will be kept until August 31, 2022. Thanks for all you do to make our community a better place to live for so many people.



