

Your All Retirees Newsletter



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

February 2022

A survey completed in late 2021, showed that for many Americans Thanksgiving (81%) and Christmas (77%) are the most favored holidays. A different poll noted the most celebrated holiday around the World, is Valentine's Day!! Since it is almost February 14, I'll say a few words about this most loved holiday.

I first learned about Valentine's Day in second grade at Thomas Alva Edison Elementary in Long Beach, California. There was great excitement in my classroom when Miss Hall gave each of us a shoebox and set out red construction paper, crepe paper and thin see-through tissue and told us we would be making a Valentine Box for ourselves and greeting cards for our classmates. While we decorated our shoeboxes, the teacher decorated a large box for our classroom Valentine Mailbox. When we finished decorating our own shoebox, making it beautiful...and maybe a little bit messy, second graders you know, we began tearing, scissor cutting (with those dull, smooth nose scissors for kids) and otherwise ripping into our different papers to create hearts and other Valentine designs for our personal Valentine cards. We wrote our friends' names on each card with a Valentine wish and our own name on the bottom and placed them in the classroom box. Later, while we were out at recess, the teacher delivered all the valentines to our individual boxes to surprise us when we came back to the classroom. There were so many oohs and aahs as we looked through our Valentines and shared the joy that came with seeing how many friends we had.

These Valentine's Day traditions continued all through elementary school and I looked forward to this day even after my mom decided we could buy those big packages of Valentines already printed with sayings like "Be Mine" "Kiss Me Valentine," "I Am Sweet on You," and other typical sayings, and they came with small white envelopes, too! So special.

I'm certain that Hallmark Card Company loves Valentine's Day as it sold 131 million cards in 2016!!! From the folks at Flying Edna: Canadian humorist/writer Stephen Leacock teased about love: 'he flung himself on his horse & galloped off madly in all directions...'

Which is kind of how we think about Valentine's Day. Like so many of you, we have so much fun loving madly in all directions, that only one day for sweethearts seems a bit smaller than it needs to be...

How wide does your loving go? There are lovers & partners... friends & family... those with you & those who are gone now... There are the people that cross your path, even if only for a moment, as you go through your days...

What about your other favorite living creatures? Your dog or cat. Or the maple tree in the front yard. Or that pair of cardinals that shows up every now & then on the branches outside your window. There really is no end to the size of your love. It can hold them all.

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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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

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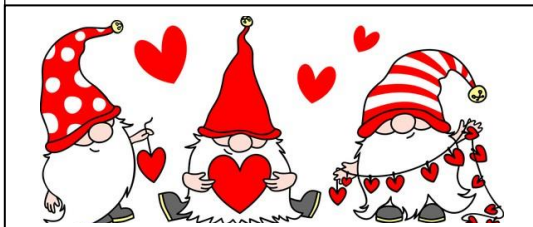
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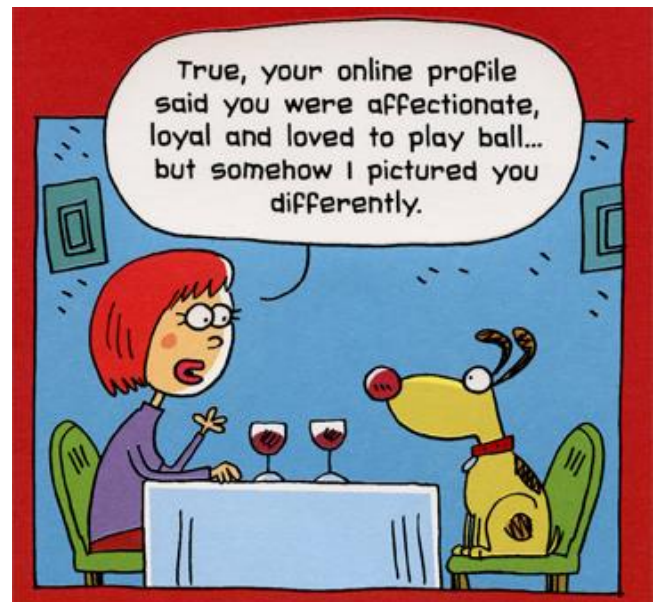
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February Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker for Tuesday, February 8 will be Patty Tharp from the San Juan County Historical Society. She will talk about her book, The Lost Communities of Navajo Dam.

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. Currently, we are meeting in-person! Hooray! The meetings will be 11:30 a.m. at No Worries Bar and Grill located at Farmington Airport. A couple of \$8 or \$10 specials will be available or members can order off the menu.



Join or Renew Your Membership



2021/2022 Membership Report

	AUTO	NMAER	SJAER
SEPTEMBER	7	17	25
OCTOBER	9	9	18
NOVEMBER	1	2	5
DECEMBER	0	0	0
JANUARY	0	0	0
FEBRUARY	0	1	1
MARCH			
APRIL			
MAY			
TOTAL	17	29	49

See page 2 for 2021-2022 Membership form.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

GASTON, CHARLINE	2/2
JAEQUEZ, NICKY G	2/3
TYSON, NANCY K.	2/8
GONZALES, RUBEN E	2/10
THOMPSON, ANN L	2/15
ALEXANDER, LYNN K	2/19
KEITH, MARY	2/23



Our two treasurers report that we have a current balance of \$3549.41.

SJAER Executive Board Meeting 1-11-22
11:00 AM at No Worries

Executive Members Present: President-Karen Morrison, Secretary-Connie Alley, Membership-Phyllis Meier, Programs-Marilyn Montoya, YARN-Debbie Klein, Sunshine-Nancy Tyson, Treasurer-Kathy Martin, and Asst. Treasurer-Sandy Allred. **Absent:** Vice President-Jackie Golombowski, Legislative Rep./Webmaster Chuck Culpepper, and Scholarship-Joan Lewis

Meeting was called to order by Karen Morrison.

- **President:** Welcome.
- **Lunches:** We order off the regular menu.
- **Business:** Karen presented an overview of today's General Meeting. It's time to recruit new board members. She will ask for volunteers to be on the Nomination Committee.
- **Secretary report:** The minutes for 12-14-21 are printed in the YARN.
- **Treasurer report:** The monthly financial report is listed in the YARN.
- **YARN:** Thank you Debbie Klein for the YARN publication.
- **Programs:** Photography by Kerry Meier.

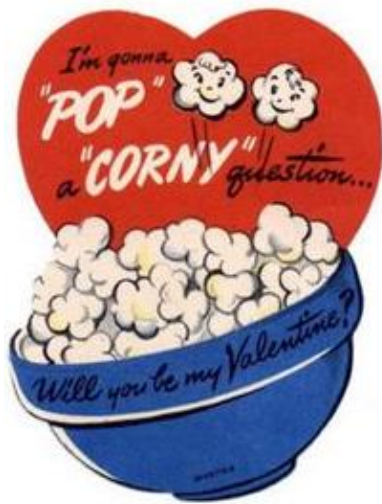
Next Executive meeting: 11:00 AM on February 8th at No Worries

SJAER-GENERAL MEETING 1-11-22
11:30 AM at No Worries
16 people attended the today's meeting.

Meeting was called to order by President Karen Morrison.

- **The Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Sandy Allred.
- **Lunch:** Members ordered off the menu as they arrived.
- **Executive Board Officers:** It's time to recruit new board members. We set up a nominating committee. Chairman – Sandy Allred; Committee members – Coleen Michel and Kathy Martin.
- **Members Needing Prayers:** Diana Thur sent us a thank you for our condolences. Gordon Glass is in Hospice at Namaste. (Since this meeting – Gordon passed on January 22nd.) Norman Howey is in rehab at the hospital. A card or thoughtful note help these families through tough times.
- **Legislative Report:** Read your New Mexico AER Newsletters and check our SJAER website.
- **Treasure's Report:** We have new checks. We have \$3,600.97 in our account.
- **Scholarship:** A basket is placed by the sign-in sheet for donations to our scholarship fund.
- **Programs:** Kerry Meier shared his wonderful photos and how to use your camera's settings to achieve them.
- **Up-Coming Programs:** Patti Tharp will present The Lost Communities of Navajo Dam in February. You can buy her book at the museum. Mayor Nate Duckett will be here in March.
- **Door Prize:** A deluxe pill container was won by Kerry Meier.

Next General Meeting: 11:30 AM on February 8th at No Worries



"Valentine's Day is a very important holiday. It reminds you to take down the Christmas decorations."

Vintage "punny" Valentine

SJAER PROJECTS

If you have ideas for possible meeting programs, 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

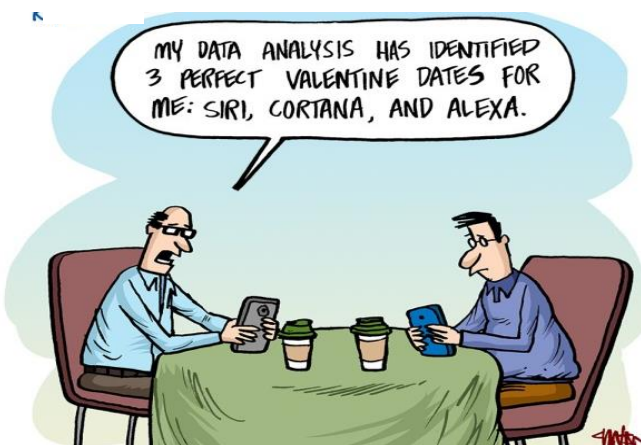
Sending Valentines - We are planning to write Valentine cards to residents of several nursing home/assisted living facilities during our meeting on Feb. 8. We will use room numbers instead of names. Ex. To the Valentine in room 23. Bring cards if you like. Karen is planning on buying some.

2021-2022 Meeting Dates and Programs

Feb. 8, 2022	Patty Tharp San Juan County Historical Society
Mar. 8, 2022	Nate Duckett Mayor of Farmington
Apr. 12, 2022	TBA
May 10, 2022	Year End Barbeque

Volunteer Hours

Month	Volunteer Hours
September	105
October	132
November	57
December	278
January	596
February	
March	
April	
May	
Total	1168



You may submit your volunteer hours at each meeting when you sign in or by emailing them to Trish: trishshsh@live.com

In Memoriam, November 2021--January 2021

	Date	Name	Date
Lee Wooderson	Nov 4	Roberta "Bobbie" Graham	Dec 13
Ernest Natonabah	Nov 5	Norman Chavez	Dec 15
Bonnie Crawford	Nov 7	Randy Manning	Dec 19
Alan Begay	Nov 14	Donald Wayne Abbott	Dec 24
Lois Smith	Nov 22	Vanessa Atencio	Jan 1
Anita Bryant	Nov 24	Max Maestas	Jan 2
Tiffany Keaton	Nov 26	Brenda Sue Birchfield	Jan 3
Delores McKnight	Nov 27	Vera Jack	Jan 3
Nancy Henley	Nov 28	Linda Hogue	Jan 9
Norman Grange	Nov 29	Marlene McGee	Jan 19
Cheryl Walker	Dec 6	Gordon Glass	Jan 22
Betty Tingey	Dec 8		



*Always Loved,
Never Forgotten,
Forever Missed*

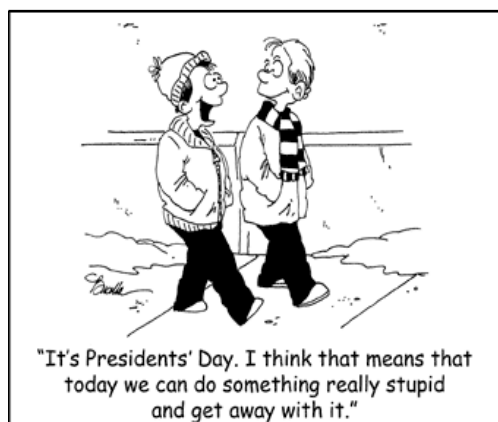
Legislative Report

The Second Session of the 55th Legislature runs through February 17. We are planning to have a complete Legislative Report in the March Issue of the YARN.

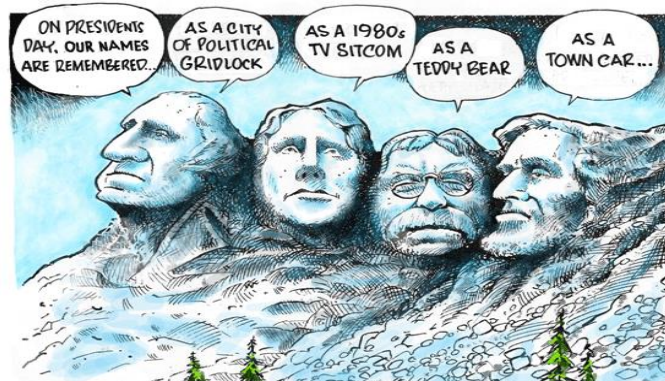
EVENTS

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Cost
Feb. 8	Tuesday	11:00am - 7:00pm	Take and Make Craft - Quilling Paper Card - an art form that involves the use of strips of paper that are rolled, shaped, and glued together to create decorative designs.	Pick up at Farmington Library	Free Only 40 available
Feb. 8	Tuesday	7:30pm - 9:00pm	The Queen's Cartoonists - perform music from cartoons synchronized to projected films.	Farmington Civic Center	\$14.00 - \$18.00
Feb. 9	Wednesday	4:00pm & 7:00pm	Jordan World Circus - North America's #1 choice for family entertainment - one of North America's premier traveling circuses	McGee Park	\$9 - \$30 Discount tickets available in stores
Feb. 11	Friday	11:30am-1:00pm	Valentine's Day Lunch - special holiday celebration and lunch	Bonnie Dallas Senior Center	60+ - \$3.00 Under 60 - \$6.00
Feb. 11	Friday	8:00am - 9:00am	Join the Farmington Chamber of Commerce for a cup of coffee and get to know your community!	Encore Coffee	Free
Feb. 11	Friday	6:30pm-8:30pm	Family Bingo & Pizza Night - lots of fun prizes for all the lucky winners! -space limited	Farmington Rec Center	\$5.00
Feb. 12	Saturday	1:00pm-4:00pm	Earth Science Day - Look at & have rocks identified, tour a gas & oil well, learn about petroleum geology, volcanoes, fossils, & Earth Science careers	Riverside Nature Center	Free

Feb. 12	Saturday	6:00pm - 9:00pm	Reel Readers: Read the Book! See the Movie! - " <u>Every Day</u> " Bring a brown bag dinner to enjoy before the 7:00pm movie.	Farmington Library	Free
Feb. 12	Saturday	1:00pm- 3:00pm	Midnight at the Masquerade - an unforgettable murder mystery dinner event for 21+	Sun Ray Park & Casino	Free
Feb. 12	Saturday	6:00pm - 9:00pm	Dance Night with live music - Otis & the Rhythm	Bonnie Dallas Senior Center	Free???
Feb. 13	Sunday	10:00am - 5:00pm	Valentine Craft Show - Buy gifts from 50+ vendors - jewelers/crafters/bakers/potters, etc.	Farmington Civic Center	Free admission
Feb. 18, 19 & 20	Friday, Saturday, Sunday	7:30pm Sun. at 2:00pm	Theater Ensemble Arts presents "Sherlock Holmes and the Sinister Trio"	Connie Gotsch Theater - SJC	\$10 - \$12
Feb. 19	Saturday	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Dancing with the Farmington Stars! A professional is paired with local contestants dancing to iconic music	Farmington Civic Center	\$14 - \$18
Feb. 19	Saturday	7:30pm	San Juan Symphony-Experience the charisma of the 20th century through three distinct composers - Pre-concert lecture at 6:30pm	Henderson Performance Hall - SJC	\$8 - \$90
Feb. 21	Monday	7:30pm	The Ten Tenors - singing some of the most popular feel-good love songs and wedding first dance songs of all time. .	Farmington Civic Center	\$30-\$34
Feb. 22	Tuesday	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Craft Night: Paper Quilling - an art form that involves the use of strips of paper that are rolled, shaped, and glued together to create decorative designs.	Farmington Library	Free
Feb. 26	Saturday	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Stars and Stories - Moonlight Walk - learn winter stars, constellations, and myths on a stroll through Animas Park.	Riverside Nature Center	Free
Mar. 2 - April 11	Tuesday - Saturday Sunday	9:00am- 5:00pm 1:00 - 4:00	Riverside Nature Center Photo Show - view pictures of scenery, people, wildlife and activities taken in the river parks	McGee Park	Not Available at this time
March 7	Monday.	7:30pm	Todd Oliver & Irving the Talking Dog - America's funniest canine, Irving and his partner, comedian/ventriloquist Todd Oliver	Farmington Civic Center	\$14 - \$18
March 8	Tuesday	11:00am- 7:00pm	Take and Make Craft - Macrame Key Chain - Supplies are limited	Farmington Library	Free Limited Supplies



February 21 is Presidents' Day!





Valentine's day

TRIVIA

ANSWER THE VALENTINE'S DAY RELATED QUESTIONS BELOW. THE PERSON WITH THE MOST CORRECT ANSWERS WINS!

1. Who first declared February 14th as Valentine's Day?
a. Julius Caesar b. Pope Gelasius c. Saint Valentine
2. Approximately how many Valentine's cards are swapped each year?
a. 1 million b. 100 million c. 150 million
3. What percentage of people will dine out on Valentine's Day?
a. 10% b. 35% c. 55%
4. What is the top candy purchased on Valentine's Day?
a. Chocolates b. Mentos c. Conversation hearts
5. The first-known Valentine's love letter was written in...?
a. French b. Latin c. English
6. According to legend, what liquid does Cupid use when wetting his arrows?
a. wine b. blood c. tomato juice
7. What fruit is also known as the "love apple"?
a. strawberry b. grape c. tomato
8. In Japan, what do women give men on Valentine's day?
a. balloons b. new clothes c. chocolates
9. Venus, the goddess of love, was born from...?
a. morning dew b. sea-foam c. rain drops

Total correct: _____