

Your All Retirees Newsletter



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

October 2022

We are back to meeting again. It was so nice to see everyone and get to visit. Our October meeting will be October the 11th at No Worries Restaurant. It was suggested at our September meeting to come about 11:15 to get your food ordered before the meeting gets underway.

There is so much going on in our community it is hard to know about everything there is to do, so a big thank you to Trish and Debbi for our list in the YARN.

Some of our “traditions” got side lined with COVID, but we’d like to try to bring them back. There will be a green Halloween bucket set out when you sign in to contribute to our scholarship fund. So bring some CASH!!! Plus we will have a 50/50 raffle that will also benefit the scholarship fund. Again, bring some CASH.

Next, we’d like to start our food donations to ECHO. Please consider bringing nonperishable foods to the meeting.

I would also like to take this time to remind you that it is flu shot season and COVID booster time. I have had both of mine. Stay safe and healthy out there, folks.

Marilyn Montoya,
President



Happy 
Fall y'all 



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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2022-2023 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.

_____ \$5.00 enclosed for **associate** 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)

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September Program

Our program for Tuesday, October 11 is Tammy Riser - from educator to Encore Coffee Shop owner. Tammy is a former teacher with Farmington roots and is the owner of Encore Coffee on Auburn. We look forward to hosting Tammy and hearing about the differences between the classroom and the coffeehouse! 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. The meetings will be at No Worries Bar and Grill located at Farmington Airport. A couple of \$8 or \$10 specials may be available or members can order off the menu when they arrive.

Join or Renew Your Membership



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Crowley, Jana	10/7
Kavadas, Dennis	10/7
Cook, Betty	10/10
Gallegos, Dolores S.	10/14
McBee, James Weaver	10/18
Gilbertson, Patricia	10/19
Farley, Joann Marie	10/20
Foster, Darlene	10/20
Laurel, Dillard	10/23
Bell, Sandy	10/31

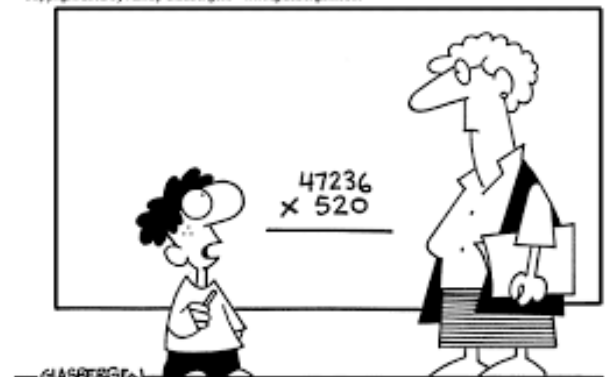


2022/2023 Membership Report

	AUTO	NMAER	SJAER
SEPTEMBER	2	1	4
OCTOBER	7	10	17
NOVEMBER			
DECEMBER			
JANUARY			
FEBRUARY			
MARCH			
APRIL			
MAY			
TOTAL	9	11	21

See page 2 for 2022-2023 Membership form.

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"Aren't there enough problems in the world already?"

MINUTES OF THE SJAER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: September 13, 2022

➤ 10:45 am at No Worries Sports Bar and Grill

- Board members present: President Marilyn Montoya, Vice President/Programs/Hospital Representative Karen Morrison, Treasurer Kathy Martin, Assistant Treasurer Sandy Allred, Secretary *Pro Tem*/YARN contributor Trish Murphy, Membership Phyllis Meier, Webmaster/Legislative Liaison Chuck Culpepper, YARN Editor Debbie Klein, Sunshine Committee Jackie Golombowski, Scholarship/Hospital Representative Jim Conyers. Board members absent: Secretary Connie Alley, Sunshine Committee Nancy Tyson.
- Approval of the 8-3-22 minutes passed with one correction: on page 5 of the September YARN, under “Messages from State/Growing Membership,” Trish’s list of activities was changed to Debbie’s list of activities.
- **Committee Reports**
- **Treasurer:** Our checking account is now with the Sandia Laboratory Federal Credit Union. Discussion centered around several alternative online methods for members to pay dues. Several members will research and report back next meeting.
- **Membership:** Four members have renewed, with more expected at today’s meetings. Discussion centered around how to recruit more members. We will have an information table at the NMRHCA switch enrollment meeting 11-3-22 at San Juan College. Postcards were handed out for members to distribute, we will attempt to get school superintendents to be guest speakers hoping they will encourage schools to encourage associate memberships (teachers who are currently employed/not retired), and we can also use the old fashioned word-of-mouth method.
- **Scholarship:** Discussion centered around how to obtain more money. Should we increase our annual dues? Collect money at meetings? Encourage regular online payments? Have special fundraising events?
- **YARN:** SJAER received a letter purporting some of the printed graphics were infringing upon copyright laws. After careful research, it was determined that the letter and requested fine was a scam. The YARN will continue to display graphics.
- **Programs:** The program for the general meeting today will be an ice-breaker type “Let’s Get Re-Acquainted” activity based upon the Chinese zodiac. Next month will be a guest speaker, Tammy Riser, who is a retired teacher. She started her own business, Encore, a popular local coffeeshop.
- **Other Business**
- **Meal ordering:** Our goal is to have the process efficient and timely, so that meals aren’t served when the guest speaker is giving the presentation, which can be distracting for all. We may experiment with ordering ahead of time by email, having a pre-printed order sheet, asking members to come at 11:15, or other options to be determined. Also, Alycia, our permanent waitress, shared that we always meet on Tuesdays, and it is “Taco Tuesday” at No Worries, so any meal that has any kind of taco in it is automatically 25% off!
- **Annual NMAER Convention:** Nobody from SJAER will attend September 22-24, in Clovis. We expect that Phyllis Meier, our Outstanding Unit Member, will be recognized then.
- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:20 am.
- We can ask members in September if they prefer e-mail or hard copies of the YARN.
- We have \$200 left in meals for speakers from last year. A vote to transfer this amount to scholarship was made. Motioned made by Sandy, 2nd by Connie, Passed by the board.

Food Orders at the General Meetings

- Members can indicate their order as they arrive like last year. Connie will make the form.
- Marilyn will check to see if we can get daily specials for the form.

Message from State

- **Growing Membership:** Our registration form in the YARN was mentioned as an example of ways to reactivate members. List of activities was another example of ways to perk interest in new members. Karen will see if we can have a booth at the Farmer’s Market to grow our membership. Congratulations, we continue to be a highly recognized unit.

- **We Care Grant:** This is a grant for \$50. Marilyn will find out if we can still apply for 2021 and 2022. Our positive qualities are the YARN, zoom meetings, SJAER website, and continued activity through COVID restrictions.
- **State Convention:** The State Convention will be held in Clovis. The state covers your mileage. Marilyn will check to see if attendance is available on-line. She will contact Jana Wallace to see if she will go.

Other

- **Echo Food Bank:** We can collect canned food at each meeting. Sandy will deliver it to them.
- **First General Meeting:** 11:30am on Sept.13 at No Worries.

Next Executive meeting: 10:45am on Sept. 13 at No Worries

Meeting adjourned

MINUTES OF THE SJAER GENERAL MEETING: September 13, 2022

11:30 am at No Worries Sports Bar & Grill

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 by President Marilyn Montoya. She welcomed all the attendees back to this first meeting after the summer break. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sandy Allred. The prayer was led by Sandy Bell. Number of attendees: 24, including several guests

New Business

Membership: Because of the price of stamps and mailing material, SJAER attempts to communicate to members via email. If members don't have email access, they should notify Phyllis Meir, 505-320-7536, who will "snail mail" information, as needed. Marilyn mentioned the importance of recruiting new members because our State retiree benefits are directly tied to our membership. The dues that go to NMAER helps pay the salaries of our representatives at the State legislature. These representatives are very influential in obtaining, keeping and increasing many of our pension and health benefits.

Scholarship: Discussion centered around methods of increasing our depleted funds for awarding our annual scholarship to a deserving future teacher. Suggestions included raising our annual dues, collecting cash money at each meeting, starting some kind of online payment system, or providing some kind of one-time payment fundraiser.

Meal ordering, payment and serving procedure: Members discussed with Alycia, our waitress, different ways to streamline the process so as not to interfere with the presentation of our guest speaker. We will try different ways to be efficient with this process.

Programs: The program next month will be guest speaker, Tammy Riser, who is a retired teacher. She started her own business, Encore, a popular local coffeeshop. Members were encouraged to either "be" a program themselves if they are involved in community activities, or to alert the Program Chair of possible interesting programs.

Sharing

1. Jim distributed a funny/eye-opening handout on homographs and heteronyms. No wonder our English language learners have such a difficult time learning English!
2. Marilyn gave an update on TAAP (Tibbetts All Abilities Park). Meetings on September 26 and 27 will show the public the design of the park. This project will require some fundraising, one of which will be a 2K walk/run/roll on October 15 at the Tibbetts track.
3. Debbie mentioned several events in Aztec on September 17: the painted piano festival, free admission to the Pioneer Village, and the old truck show and parade. It is difficult to print all the many San Juan County activities on just the one page of the YARN.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

The Program and Lunch

Karen Morrison set up the seating area according to the Chinese zodiac signs, encouraging members to sit with their fellow zodiac partners. Handouts of personality traits, as well as "ice-breaker" questions were provided, which resulted in some lively conversation.

Respectfully submitted, Trish Murphy, Secretary pro-tem

SJAER PROJECTS

If you know of community people, projects, or news that would make an interesting SJAER meeting program, please contact 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



In Memoriam 2022-2023



Jay Collins, 12/24/80 - 7/3/22, Farmington, coached at FHS

Matt Ashworth, 7/14/52 - 9/1/22, Farmington, FMS crosswalk guard

Leonard Perna, 11/23/52 - 9/7/22, Lubbock TX, Taught at SJC, FHS and Kirtland

Jana Ray Notah-Baney, 8/2/84 - 9/8/22, Tempe AZ, born in Farmington; worked at San Tan Valley Schools in Arizona

Judith Cumberworth, 1/26/42 - 9/14/22, Farmington, taught in Ohio, Albuquerque, Zuni

Victor Barney, 4/16/27 - 9/19/22, Shiprock

David Kelly, 8/30/32 - 9/20/22, Farmington, taught in Zuni and Flagstaff

SJAER Scholarship Guidelines

Jim Conyers, Chair of the Scholarship Committee

From time to time the San Juan Association of Educational Retirees will often financial assistance in the form of a monetary scholarship to help students meet financial needs during the time they are enrolled in student teaching/field experience.

Eligibility: The scholarship recipient should be enrolled in a student teaching/field experience in a regionally accredited college or university in New Mexico. This should be in a public school in San Juan County, New Mexico. The amount of the scholarship is \$700.

The scholarship is a onetime award and is not subject to renewal.

The scholarship may be awarded in either Spring or Fall semester or both if funds permit.

The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final. The committee consists of the current SJAER President and any other members appointed by the President

The scholarship fund needs donations. We currently have \$102 and the goal is \$700. So, we are asking everyone to bring a few dollars to add to the fund. There will be a green Halloween Treat bucket to receive the donations.





MEETING DATES 2022-2023	
No Worries Bar & Grill	
Mark your calendars!	
October 11, 2022	Tammy Riser – Educator to Encore Coffee Shop Owner
November 8, 2022	Cathy McDonald - 30 years of school nurse supervising & training
December 13, 2022	Tom Swenk, Director of Human Resources City of Farmington Robyn Woodard & Amber Swenk - holiday music & sing along
January 10, 2023	Marilyn Taylor - professional artist and world traveler - will paint while speaking and offer finished painting for sale
February 14, 2023	TBD
March 14, 2023	TBD
April 11, 2023	TBD
May 9, 2023 Location to be announced.	TBD

Month 2021-2022	Volunteer Hours
September	472
October	
November	
December	
January	
February	
March	
April	
Summer, etc	
Total	472

The new year for submitting volunteer hours begins September 1, 2022 and ends August 31, 2023. There are two ways to submit your hours. If you attend the monthly meetings, enter your hours in the designated space on the sign sheet at the meeting. You may also submit your hours by emailing: trishshsh@live.com at any time. Once you send in your hours, please don't duplicate them in your next report– a running total will be kept until August 31, 2023.

This project of our State organization is one of our signature projects, bringing attention to our legislature the value of retirees in New Mexico. That has helped the legislators know how important we are in contributing (for free!) to the well-being our fellow citizens. Thanks for all you do, and let's keep up the good work this year.



EVENTS

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Cost
Sept. 30 through Oct. 29	Ongoing	Tues-Fri 9:00-5:00 Sat. 9 - 3	Unhooked Again – The Decorated Bra Show This exhibit brings awareness to the seriousness of breast cancer affecting all ages and ethnicities.	Artifacts Gallery	Free
Oct. 10	Begins Monday	10:00am-5:00pm	Retrospective: K.K. Walling - includes a variety of mediums and covers 70 years of K.K. Walling's artwork, starting at age 10.	Henderson Fine Arts Gallery SJC	Free
Oct. 13	Thurs.	6:00pm 7:30pm	Craft Night – Simple Macramé wall hanging - Seating is limited	Farmington Library	Free
Oct. 13 Oct. 20 Nov. 3	Thurs	3:30pm	Drop-In Tech Help – Get help with computers, setting up new cell phone, downloading games, etc.	Farmington Library	Free
Oct. 15	Saturday	9:00am to 9:00pm	Aztec Oktoberfest Downtown Block Party and Car Show - Shop on Main Avenue plus 50+ vendors inter-twined throughout the beer gardens and car show. Visit Aztec Museum for German display.	Downtown Aztec	Free
Oct. 15	Saturday	12-12:30 & 1-1:30	Hawks Aloft – Learn about these amazing birds with a presentation including live hawks	Farmington Museum	Free
Oct. 20 - 22 Oct. 27 - 29	Thursday Friday Saturday	7:30pm	Sweeny Todd, The Demon Barber of Fleet Street Presented by Four Corners Musical Theatre with local talent.	Farmington Civic Center	\$16-\$20
Oct. 23 & Oct. 30	Sunday	2:00pm	Sweeny Todd, The Demon Barber of Fleet Street Special Matinee performances	Farmington Civic Center	\$16-\$20
Oct. 21	Friday	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Bavarian Germanfest – German buffet catered by Red Lobster – Classics Combo Floor Show of traditional music with dance performances.	Farmington Civic Center	Buffet \$20 Purchase in advanced
Oct. 22	Saturday	10:00pm-Noon	Buddy Walk - 4Corners Down Syndrome Network - promotes acceptance and inclusion of people with Down Syndrome. Music, Food, and fun	Kiwanis Park	\$5/walker \$20/family(6)
Nov. 5	Saturday	8:00am – 2:00pm	Calvary Chapel Fall Craft Fair - stock up on holiday items and help support small businesses in our community! Get an early start on holiday shopping	Calvary Chapel 6925 E. Main	Free
Nov. 5	Saturday	8:30am-2:30pm	Christmas Craft Fair - Start your Christmas shopping early. There will be lots of crafts, hourly prize giveaways, and great holiday cheer!	Farmington Rec. Center	Free
Nov. 5	Saturday	10:00am-5:00pm	Grandparents Day - Grandparents get in FREE to the Wild Kratts exhibit with a paying grandchild and can help your grandchild make a bat house!	Farmington Museum	Grandparents Free Kids \$10
Nov. 5	Friday	7:30pm	Majesty of Mozart – San Juan Symphony with Durango Coral Society, Caliente Chorus, Fort Lewis Chamber Choir performing Mozart's Requiem Mass.	Henderson Fine Arts Center SJC	Student \$10 Seniors \$23 Adults \$30