

Your All Retirees Newsletter



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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

December 2022

As we move through the holiday season, I hope each of you has a memory of a Christmas/holiday that was especially meaningful. This is the time of year children wait with excited expectations of Christmas Eve. I'd like to share one of my memories with you. When we were children, the Creamland Milk delivery man would dress up as Santa and come around to his route just after dinner time (6:30-8pm)ish and tell any children at home they needed to get to bed so he could come back with their gifts. This one Christmas eve, our family from Texas was visiting and all of us children were excited and acting silly. There came a knock at the door and I raced to open it...There stood SANTA CLAUS! I screamed, turned to run and ran smack into the door and knocked myself out. I wasn't really hurt, but it scared me, scared Santa and the family of course. I know Santa recovered enough to bring our gifts back later, but kind of think that may have been the last year he made those early visits. And yes, I do get reminded at this time of year how I scared the starch out of old Santa.

As our families gather for celebrations, gift exchanging, large meals together and the sharing of love, please also remember that not everyone is celebrating with joy this year. I encourage each of you to reach out to someone you know that might be dealing with sadness, loneliness, or depression. Just knowing they are being thought about during this time, may help them to get through the holidays a bit easier.

May your Christmas be bright and full of warm wishes, and may the New Year be filled with peace and kindness to all.

Marilyn Montoya,
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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1. Ebenezer 2. Feliz Navidad 3. Kevin 4. White 5. St. Stephen's Day 6. Swans a-swimming 7. Norway 8. Capricorn 9. Dasher, Dancer, Pancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen 10. Gold, Frankincense, Myrrh

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

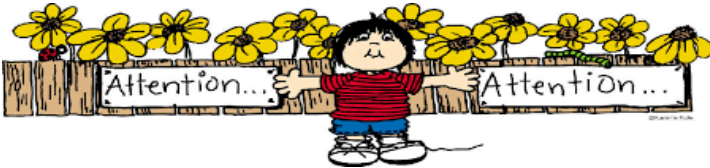
(Dues are Not tax deductible)

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December Program

Our program for Tuesday, December 13 is a double delight! Leading off will be Tom Swenk, Director of Human Resources City of Farmington, followed by Robyn Woodard & Amber Swenk with holiday music & sing along. 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



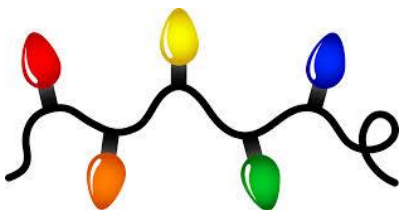
2022/2023 Membership Report

	AUTO	NMAER	SJAER
SEPTEMBER	9	13	23
OCTOBER	9	2	11
NOVEMBER	0	2	2
DECEMBER			
JANUARY			
FEBRUARY			
MARCH			
APRIL			
MAY			
TOTAL	18	17	36

See page 2 for 2022-2023 Membership form.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS	
Schmidt, Victoria P	12/3
Kittell, Wilda Janet	12/6
Gonzales, Mona G	12/12
Dragony, Jodi	12/18
Overlin, Zelith M	12/20
Cooper, Frances	12/21
Dye, Diann	12/21
Johnston, Joyce K.	12/23
Lasley, Teresa G	12/24
Weaver, Emma	12/25
Fisher, Suzanne M	12/26
Dunn, Nancy E	12/29



SJAER Executive Board Meeting 11-8-22

10:45 a.m. at No Worries Sports Bar and Grill

Board Members Present: President Marilyn Montoya, Vice President/Programs Karen Morrison, Membership Phyllis Meier, Treasurer Kathy Martin, Scholarship Jim Conyers.

Meeting was called to order by Marilyn Montoya. Agendas were provided.

Committee Reports

- **October 11, 2022 minutes were approved.**
- **Treasurer report:** Kathy Martin has had problems with current checking account. Looking into changing accounts.
- **Membership:** We have 24 paid members.
- **Scholarship:** Jim Conyers reported that we have now have \$80 for scholarship.

Message from State: Recommended each unit Adopt a Legislator to write and communicate with before and during the upcoming session.

New Business:

- Marilyn reported on “Higbee & Associates”. They are scammers. Marilyn has contacted the Attorney General’s office and has an appointment with the FBI.
- QR square for donating to scholarship fund and paying for dues. Marilyn can set up a square. There may be a fee 2.9% for each transaction plus .10 to swipe.
- Have a silent action for the scholarship funds. Bring items to the December meeting.

Old Business:

- Scholarship 50/50 “share the pot” has been successful. Kerry will bring a picture in December to action.

Next Meeting: 10:45 a.m. Tuesday December 13, 2022 at No Worries Bar and Grill

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30



SJAER General Meeting 11-8-22

11:30 a.m. at No Worries Sports Bar and Grill

Mingle: Member sign-in, record of volunteer hours, donation and selling tickets for Scholarship Fund.

Meeting was called to order by Marilyn Montoya at 11:35

Pledge, prayer, and welcome to new and returning guests were recognized.

Announcements:

- **November 11 Veterans Day** wear your poppy. Thank you to all veterans for your service.
- **Check our activities in the YARN.**
- **November 29 Caliente Choir concert at First Presbyterian Church**
- **When using Amazon Prime you can click on Amazon Smile and donate to All Abilities Park.**

Guest Speak: Cathy McDonald

- Shared stories from her 30 years of school nursing, supervising and training. It was enjoyed by all.

Next Meeting: 11:30 a.m. December 13, 2022 at No Worries Sports Bar and Grill. Come and enjoy Robyn Woodard & Amber Swenk – holiday music and sing along.



In Memoriam 2022-2023



Rita Hasenbalg, 1/7/40 – 11/8/22. Farmington. Member of SJAER.
Laurel Busch, 9/7/40 – 11/10/22. Kirtland. Teacher for Central Consolidated Schools.
James Weaver McBee, 10/18/27 – 11/18/22. La Plata. Teacher at Swinburne, Principal at Ladera and McCormick, Coach. Member of SJAER.



Month 2021-2022	Volunteer Hours
September	472
October	520
November	586
December	
January	
February	
March	
April	
Summer, etc	
Total	1578

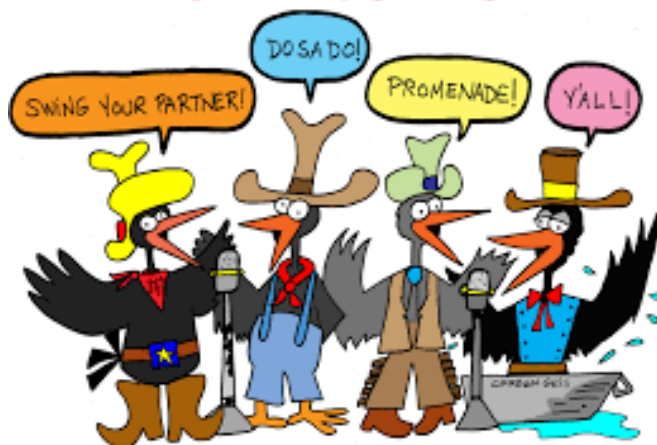
MEETING DATES 2022-2023	
No Worries Bar & Grill	
Mark your calendars!	
October 11, 2022	Tammy Riser – Educator to Encore Coffee Shop Owner
November 8, 2022	Cathy McDonald - 30 years of school nurse supervising & training
December 13, 2022	Tom Swenk, Director of Human Resources City of Farmington Robyn 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	Arvin Trujillo CEO Four Corners Economic Development
March 14, 2023	TBD
April 11, 2023	TBD
May 9, 2023 Location to be announced.	TBD

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. Let's keep up the good work this year. Thanks.



On the 4th Day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...



FOUR CALLING BIRDS?



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

Used Coat Drive – See email below from Teresa Becker

From: "Becker, Teresa" <tbecker@sirmc.net>

Subject: Used Coat Drive - Urgent need!

Date: November 30, 2022 at 08:43:12 MST

Hi all,

We are already seeing an incredible amount of people coming in for medical assistance who do not have coats. Many are those being seen in the E.D. and some are admitted.

If you can check your closets and feel comfortable donating coats you no longer use, please bring them to the Information Desk and we will get them to the appropriate department.

Thank you for your help as temperatures continue to drop.

Teresa Becker, CAVS

tbecker@sirmc.net

Manager of Volunteer Services
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(505) 609-6126 Fax

Click on this link for our volunteer application:

<https://www.volgistics.com/appform/1178705077>



SJAER is moving up in technology! In order to offer options for our members to pay dues and make donations to SJAER scholarship fund and projects, Chuck has secured a QR code to take members directly to the website where Marilyn will set up a Square account to accept payments and donations. There have been some issues with our bank account, so when those issues are resolved, Marilyn will launch the on-line payment service.



A Little Christmas Trivia

1. What is the first name of Scrooge in the novel A Christmas Carol?
2. How do you say Merry Christmas in Spanish?
3. What is the name of Macaulay Culkin's character in Home Alone?
4. What color are the berries on mistletoe?
5. 26th December is also known as which saint's day?
6. On the seventh day of Christmas, what does my true love give to me?
7. Which country gives Britain a Christmas tree each year as a thank you for support during World War II?
8. If you have your birthday on Christmas Day, what is your star sign?
9. Name 4 of Santa's 8 original reindeer.
10. What gifts were given by the Three Wise Men to Baby Jesus?

Answers on page 2.



EVENTS

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Cost
Dec. 15	Thursday	6:00pm	Craft Night – Winter Garden Cross Stitch – All necessary materials supplied	Farmington Library	Free
Dec. 16	Friday	10:30am – 1:00pm	Christmas Lunch – Seniors and their families will enjoy a free fresh cooked meal. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there, too.	Bonnie Dallas Senior Center	Donations accepted
Dec. 16	Friday	7:00pm	San Juan College African Drumming Ensemble- Enjoy an evening of world music.	SJC Connie Gotsch Theatre	Adults \$8 Students \$6 Seniors \$6
Dec. 16 Dec. 17	Friday Saturday	7:00pm 1:00pm	Mann Dance Academy presents the 14 th annual magical journey of “The Nutcracker”.	Henderson Fine Arts Center	Adult \$14 Children \$12 Seniors \$12
Dec. 17	Saturday	8:30am – 3:30pm	Audubon Christmas Bird Count - enjoy an afternoon along the Animas River trails, as you take part in the annual Audubon bird census!	Riverside Nature Center	Free
Dec. 17	Saturday	4:30pm	Mann Dance Academy presents the 2 nd annual Christmas Spectacular featuring hip hop, jazz, tap, lyrical and children’s combination classes in fun holiday dances.	Henderson Fine Arts Center	Adult \$14 Children \$12 Seniors \$12
Dec. 17	Saturday	7:01pm	Barbershoppers Holiday Concert.	Eastside Church of Christ	??
Dec. 20- Dec. 23	Tuesday - Friday	11:00am- 4:00pm	Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus - meet and visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Professional photographer on site or take photos with personal devices.	Locke St. Eats	Free Professional photos vary
Dec. 21	Wednesday	11:00am	Winter Solstice Celebration – Performance by Heartwood Drummers & Native American Flutist Frederick Aragon.	Farmington Library	Free
Dec. 21	Wednesday	7:00pm	Memorial for the Unclaimed - honoring those in who have died in isolation or without next of kin. Featuring music, poetry readings, a brief message, and the reading of the names.	Artifacts Gallery	Free
Dec. 22	Thursday	6:00pm – 8:00pm	Live Navajo Nativity – drive by live nativity using traditional Navajo clothing and live animals. Donations and canned goods will be accepted.	Four Corners Home for Children	Free
Dec. 23	Friday	7:30pm	Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol - A powerful story of redemption,	Farmington Civic Center	\$14 - \$18

Sometimes the
magic
of Christmas is found in the
simple things.

