

Your All Retirees Newsletter



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

January 2023

New Year Greetings!

We are celebrating the start of another New Year. Each trip we make around the sun seems to take less time than the one before. As I think about all that has changed, I wonder what this year, 2023, will have in store.

Each year I love watching the Rose Parade. It was on my “bucket” list to see it in person. A few years ago, Pat and I did just that! It is different than watching it on tv, because you don’t really have a chance to see the floats in detail as they pass very quickly. After the parade, we were taken to the viewing station and allowed to walk around and look at each float up close. The floats are roped off and have an attendant to keep people from stripping the flowers off. When I asked if I could have a flower, I was told they could not take one off the float, but if one fell on the ground, I could have it. Yes, at that exact moment, a rose bud fell off and the gentleman kindly picked it up and handed to me. The most memorial part was the smell. Each of the floats gave off the most wonderful smell. Now when I watch the parade I think about that memory and smile.

I don’t make New Year’s resolutions any more. It always seemed like a good idea at the time, but like the majority of resolution makers, mine did not last. I like to think that each new year will bring me the opportunity to do something to be kind and helpful to other people instead of focusing on what promise I made to myself ie: the resolution.

As we step into this exciting new year, I extend to you a wish for all the best that the year can bring.

As always
Marilyn





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)

Sponsored by **Phyllis Meier**

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January Program

Our program for Tuesday, January 10 will be Professional artist and world traveler, Marilyn Taylor. While speaking, she will paint a picture that will be offered for sale. The meeting will be at No Worries Sports Bar & Grill at the Farmington Airport.



I AM "WONDER WOMAN"

I wonder where i left
my keys, i
wonder
where i
put my
purse, i
wonder where
my money went.



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.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

MILLER, JIMMY H.	1/2
DOERFERT, KIT	1/3
CHRISTENSEN, JEANETTA K.	1/6
ALLRED, SANDRA	1/7
PEARSON, VENEDA F.	1/10
WAGONER, CYNTHIS	1/13
LARSON, ANNELLE	1/19
MARTIN, DORIS	1/21
LAWLER, LYLA	1/24
BROWN, DOROTHY F	1/27
BATES, PAM	1/29

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	0	0	1
JANUARY			
FEBRUARY			
MARCH			
APRIL			
MAY			
TOTAL	18	17	37

See page 2 for 2022-2023 Membership form.



SJAER Executive Board & General Meeting 12-13-22

11:00 am at No Worries Sports Bar and Grill

15 members and 4 guests

Board Meeting was set up as a mingle and share the spirit of Christmas.

General Meeting was opened by Karen Morrison. Thoughts and prayers were given for Marilyn Montoya and Pat Montoya who have COVID, Emma Weaver is in the hospital, Trish Murphy was at the Mayo Clinic, Kathy McDonald's husband is home, Coleen Miskal has been ill and Caroline McDonald is in rehab.

Special Music – Amber Swenk sang Christmas songs for us. She was accompanied by Robyn Woodard on the electric keyboard. Their music was lovely and filled us with Christmas joy.

Guest Speaker – Tom Swenk, Director of Human Resources for the City of Farmington

- Tom received his masters at Highlands University.
- He does all of the hiring for the City of Farmington. There was a large drop in applications during COVID. That has picked up. There are about 30 job openings for people who meet the qualifications for the respective positions.
- Project Search – helps find people who have an interest in a career and provides them with the training they need. During the interviews some people show an interest in specific areas. Tom can inform them of openings that they may like. This creates a pairing that will be enjoyable for the employee and a career that will be long lasting. The city will continue to use job boards, job fairs, and internet searches along with Project Search as the workforce and job change needs arise.
- Farmington Police Department is transparent in their job through reports and social media.
- The Farmington Events page is a great place to see what is happening in Farmington.
- The Volunteer Program is run by Jessica Lazenby.
- We talked about the many benefits of living in Farmington and surrounding areas. Some of them were our weather, local recreation, public events, productions that are brought in, close facilities, few bugs, good schools, San Juan College, parks, library, and many more.
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Speaker Gifts – Tom received a floss cutter in the shape of a head with floss coming out of the mouth, Amber received a tray with a quote about holiday singing printed on it, and Robyn received keyboard designed suspenders.

Silent Auction – Beginning bids were \$100 for a framed photograph by Mr. Meier, \$9.00 for 3 scrubbies and \$12.00 for a water bottle. There will be another framed photograph to be auctioned off in May for \$150.

Next Meeting – 11:30 am Tuesday January 10, 2023 at No Worries Sports Bar and Grill.





In Memoriam 2022-2023



Lucile W. Armstrong, 3/14/22–11/24/22, Aztec, elementary school teacher, music teacher, and librarian, SJAER member.

Brant Alan Johnson, 10/23/54-11/28/22, Farmington, 46-year teaching career in Farmington, the Navajo Reservation in AZ. and the Blackfoot Reservation in MT.

Madge Horton, 10/2/33-12/13/22, Kirtland, taught Business at Wingate HS, 1969-1988.

Mary Clugston, 4/3/39-12/15/22, Farmington?, Central Consolidated Schools: teacher, counselor and assistant principal

Diana Jacquez, 1948-12/20/22, Blanco, 30 years at Blanco Elementary.

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



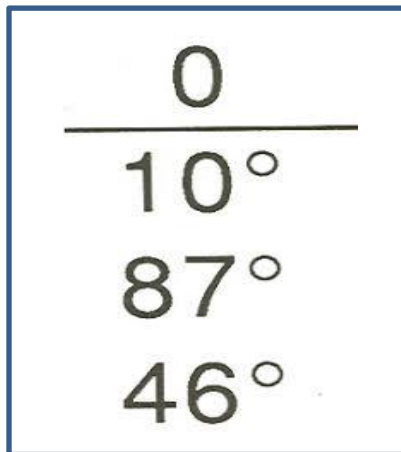
Month 2021-2022	Volunteer Hours
September	472
October	520
November	586
December	250
January	
February	
March	
April	
Summer, etc	
Total	1828

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.



A Winter Wuzzle
(Word Puzzle)



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@sjrmc.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@sjrmc.net

Manager of Volunteer Services
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Click on this link for our volunteer application:

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



EVENTS

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Cost
Jan. 10	Tuesday	5:30pm	Caliente Community Chorus Spring Semester Registration - a non-auditioned, volunteer ensemble that performs throughout the region.	San Juan College Choir Room	\$60/semester
Jan. 12	Thursday	6:00pm	Craft Night – Decoupage glass bottles – All necessary materials supplied	Farmington Library	Free
Jan. 12 through Mar. 23	Thursday	5:30pm	The Potting Shed - offering a 6-part educational series on horticultural fundamentals of micro-farming, homesteading, self-sustaining, and survival practices.	Sycamore Park Community Center	\$50/class or All 6 for \$250
Jan. 19	Thursday	6:00pm	TRIVIA NIGHT - theme is GANGSTERS AND PROHIBITION – Chance to show off your knowledge of prohibition and win a prize.	Farmington Library	Free
Jan. 20- Jan 22	Friday Saturday Sunday	8:00am-5:00pm	Four Corners Gymnastics Invitational – Gymnasts, ages 5 years & up, from New Mexico and surrounding states will be here to compete	McGee Park	\$10
Jan. 20	Friday	6:00pm-11:00pm	Keshjee' (Navajo Shoe Game) celebration – A night of fun and song shareing Navajo culture and winter night stories.	Farmington Indian Center	Free
Jan. 24	Tuesday	6:00pm	Code Talker, Peter Macdonald - shares growing up on the reservation and his role as a Code Talker in WWII and leader to the Navajo Nation.	Farmington Library	Free
Jan. 24	Tuesday	On-line	Founding Day – Online panel discussion commemorating the founding of Aztec Ruins as a National Monument in 1023 https://m.facebook.com/AztecRuinsNM www.nps.gov/azru/index.htm	Aztec Ruins	Free
Jan. 25	Wednesday	7:00pm	BYU Living Legends present a vibrant spectacle of energy, music, costume, and dance from North & South America & the South Pacific.	Henderson Fine Arts Center	\$20-\$25
Jan. 26	Thursday	6:00pm	Reel Readers – Read the poem, Homer's <i>The Odyssey</i> then come watch the movie adaptation <i>O Brother, Where Art Thou?</i> Bring brown dinner.	Farmington Library	Free
Jan. 27	Friday	6:00pm-7:30pm	Open Mike Night – Feat of Clay Artists Co-op Gallery	107 S. Main Aztec	Free
Feb. 9	Thursday	6:00pm	Craft Night – Car Charms - Make cute wooden car charms! Assemble, paint, and do the macramé bottom.	Farmington Library	Free
Feb. 11	Saturday	7:30pm	Our Planet Live in Concert - Emmy Award®-winning Netflix series that took the world by storm is now a live concert event	Farmington Civic Center	\$14-\$18



WINTER WORD SEARCH

BOOTS	HOT COCOA
MITTENS	HAT
ICICLE	SCARF
SNOWMAN	SNOWFLAKE
JACKET	FROZEN
PENGUIN	WINTER
SKIING	FIREPLACE
SLEDDING	SWEATER

Search the puzzle below to find the 16 winter related words.

J H I O E Z V V O H D D Y V J
X O F Q D M V F K J H S D F O
B T G G F I R E P L A C E R M
O C E V R I P G P X P A Z O F
O O S K I I N G R A E R H Z S
T C F C Z D M W Q Z N F A E L
S O L O L G P D D N G N T N E
P A F K M Y W W H W U R S V D
W Q U X U C U V D Y I S W R D
I S N O W F L A K E N N E J I
N C T Q T L K O P H K O A A N
T I I P W G X X R J F W T C G
E G E C M I T T E N S M E K O
R G E X L K Q G S Z T A R E P
H U D X G E W C Q H L N Z T N



WORD SCRAMBLE

Try and unscramble the 5 winter related words below.

RADIBZZL _____

OWROSSNTM _____

GNIEREFZ _____

OHT ETOCCOHAL _____

ODLC _____