

Your All Retirees Newsletter



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

March 2023

Top of the morning to you. Isn't March such a wonderful month? For me It means spring is on the way. Early blooming flowers start poking their little heads up, the hours of daylight are getting longer, being in the country, we see new life happening, goats, lambs, calves and St. Patrick's Day.

Each year I cook a big, corned beef and cabbage dinner for my family. When my dad was alive, he couldn't wait for that dinner. (Of the 3 girls I am the least talented in cooking) but my dad dearly loved my corned beef and cabbage dinner. Now as I cook and we eat I think of him and how he would enjoy this meal and when he couldn't take another bite, would smile and ask if there were any leftovers to take home. We'd laugh and of course there was always a "daddy bag" of left overs.

Friends, I hope each of you has a special memory that brings a smile to your heart and joy to your soul. On March 17th we all are a little Irish, so enjoy your corned beef dinner and look toward the coming of spring.

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

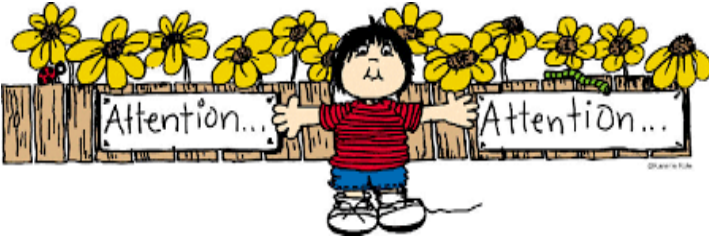
(Dues are Not tax deductible)

Sponsored by Phyllis Meier

Unit Sponsored by San Juan AER

March Program

Our program for Tuesday, March 14 will be Arvin Trujillo, CEO of Four Corners Economic Development Corporation. The meeting will be at No Worries Sports Bar & Grill at the Farmington Airport.



New SJAER Project

There are a surprising number of high school students living on their own or even homeless. A pantry has been set up to provide food, toiletries, and other basic needs for these students. Members are asked to support this project by bringing items to our meetings which will be given to the counselors running the pantry.

Nonperishable, easy fix, microwavable food items, hygiene items, feminine products, etc. are needed to support these students and keep them in school. Let's help them out!

See photo below.

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.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

SHAW, SHEILA D	3/2
MENAPACE, SARAH	3/4
McDONALD, CATHY	3/7
FLYNN, NORMA J.	3/8
ROWELL, VERNA	3/9
CHAVEZ, ROBERT L	3/10
ESTRADA, AIDA S	3/11
MILLER, SYLVIA A	3/20
McDONALD, CAROLINE R	3/23
BARFOOT, GAYLE	3/29
WOODERSON, JUDITH D	3/29
CORCORAN, DENISE	3/31
CULPEPPER, CHUCK	3/31



First collection of food for homeless students.

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	1	1	1
FEBRUARY	1	2	3
MARCH	0	1	2
APRIL			
MAY			
TOTAL	20	21	43

See page 2 for 2022-2023 Membership form.

SJAER Executive Board Meeting 2-14-23
10:45 am at No Worries Sports Bar and Grill

Board Members Present: President-Marilyn Montoya, Vice President/Programs-Karen Morrison, Secretary-Connie Alley, Asst. Treasurer-Sandy Allred and Kathy Martin, Membership-Phyllis Meier, Volunteer Hours/Memorandum-Trish Murphy, Scholarship/SJRM Rep.-James Conyer, and YARN-Debbie Klein

Absent: Sunshine-Nancy Tyson and Webmaster/Legislative Rep.-Chuck Culpepper

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

Committee Reports

- **January 10, 2023 minutes** were approved.
- **Treasurer report:** Taxes, 990 N is on-line (non-profit organizations with less than \$50,000). Karen completed our taxes last year and will have our EIN number. We paid \$350 for presenter lunches. We need to clarify that we only pay for the presenter's lunch and not their guests in the future. There is \$520 in the Scholarship Fund and \$2,537.47 in the checkbook.
- **Membership:** We have 41 paid members.
- **Programs:** Ron Price is our presenter today. There was a suggestion to have the counselor in charge of the FHS Student Pantry, Flo Trujillo from the Library, or "Citrus Pear" from Safeway as a presenter.
- **Scholarship:** We have \$520.00 in the Scholarship Fund. James has a meeting with the universities next month. Today you will get 1 free scholarship ticket if you are wearing red.
- **Sunshine:** Kathy McDonald's husband is in the hospital. Emma Weaver is in Crane's Roost.
- **YARN:** We decreased the hard copies of the YARN to 20 copies. YARNS left on the tables and any extras are taken to Central's office to be distributed to the schools.
- **Message from State/State Convention**
- **Legislation:** Phyllis will forward the messages from the state concerning the new bills to all the members.

Old Business

- **Auction of Kerry Meier's Pictures and other items:** It was suggested that we start the bid lower.
- **FHS Student Pantry:** Food donations are collected will be taken to the FHS councilor.

New Business

- **Nominating Committee for 2023-2024 Officers:** Marilyn and Phyllis volunteered to be on the committee. Marilyn will be moving into the past president position. The president position was offered to James Conyer. If he accepts the nomination, we will need someone to fill the Scholarship position.

Community Announcements

- **Pour & Explore:** February 17 dinner and wine tasting at the Farmington Museum to raise money for the museum. Purchase tickets on-line.
- **Caliente's Broadway Production:** February 18 at Piedra Vista Commons, Purchase tickets from Karen and Debbie today.

Next Meeting – 10:45 am Tuesday March 14, 2023 at No Worries Sports Bar and Grill.



General Meeting 2-14-23

11:30 am at No Worries Sports Bar and Grill

22 members and 3 guests

General Meeting: Opening - Marilyn Montoya, Pledge – Sandy Allred, Prayer - Marilyn Montoya.

Business:

- **Welcome to our four new members and guests today.**
- **Executive Report:** Information we receive on Legislative bills in session right now will be forwarded to the members.
- **Ill members:** Emma Weaver is in the Crane's Roost. Kathy McDonald's husband is in the hospital.
- **Scholarship Share the Bucket:** Tickets are 7/\$5 and 1 free ticket if you wore red today.
- **YARN:** Thank you, Debbie for her work on the YARN. Feel free to take one home as you leave. We encourage you to take your copy to fellow school employees and other districts. YARNs left on the tables will be distributed to the teacher lounges around Farmington. Our web site <http://sjaer.org/> has a copy of the YARN for anyone to read.
- **FHS Student Food Pantry:** Thank you everyone for your donations today. Kathy Martin will take them to the counselor. We will continue to collect food items each month at the meetings.
- **Clothes Closet:** Clothing and toiletries may be dropped off at the old administration building on the corner of 20th and Dustin. (We will check to see if Piedra Vista or Rosinante have food pantries.)

Community Announcements

- **Pour & Explore:** February 17, 6:00 pm, Come to dinner and wine tasting at the Farmington Museum to raise money for the museum. Purchase tickets are \$80/person.
- **Caliente's Broadway Production:** February 18 at Piedra Vista Commons, Come have brunch, bid on silent auction items, and enjoy the show. Purchase tickets for \$20/person from Karen and Debbie today.
- **Trip to Egypt:** Rebecca Hunter shared information and has a flyer if anyone is interested it going to Egypt.
- **SJC Encore Classes:** The Encore classes are available for the Spring. Check them out on-line at <https://www.sanjuancollege.edu/continuingeducation/>.

Guest Speaker: Ron Price

- Ron has written three books on relationships and how to prevent conflict.
- He express the importance of looking for the good in people and giving compliments.

Winners: Leona Lewis won the 50/50 bucket. Phyllis Meier won a water bottle, door prize.

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In Memoriam 2022-2023



Colleen Smith, 9/8/32 – 9/10/22, Farmington, taught in Shiprock & Cortez, and then taught business classes at Farmington High School until 1991; former SJAER member.

George Head, 3/16/58 – 2/19/23, Farmington, educator in Kirtland and Farmington schools as well as adjunct professor at SJC; former SJAER member.

Charline Marie Gaston, 2/2/32 – 2/22/23 at 91 years of age, Aztec, teacher and principal at Lydia Rippey, and then worked as the District Test Coordinator after she “retired;” former SJAER member



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	Ron Price - Equipping People to Play Nice in Their Sandbox
March 14, 2023	Arvin Trujillo – CEO of Four Corners Economic Development Corporation
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	297
February	334
March	
April	
Summer, etc	
Total	2459

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.

Treasurer's Report
 Account Balance \$ 2537.42
 Scholarship \$572.00
 Bring cash and donate to the scholarship fund.

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

Legislative Update

Russell Goff has been keeping us apprised of all the goings on at the Round House, but here are a few that deal specifically with education.

>**SM 16, STUDY DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION**, sponsored by Sen Bill Tallman resurfaced twice on the Senate Rules Committee agenda. In both occasions the memorial was not heard. On Friday, after our lobbyists, myself and others met with the Senator he agreed to pull the legislation. We will continue to watch to be sure it doesn't resurface.

> **SB 20a, CHANGES TO ERB**, sponsored by Sen Gay Kernan. This bill would allow eligible employees of the Southeast New Mexico College in Carlsbad to participate in the Alternative Retirement Plan. SB 20 received a DO PASS in House Labor and Senate Finance Committee. It passed the Senate floor on a 34-0 vote and awaits a hearing in House Labor on March 7, 2023. **SUPPORT**

> **HB 189a, EDUCATIONAL RETIREMENT CHANGES**, sponsored by Rep Cathyrnn Brown. This is the companion bill to SB 20. This week HB 189 was heard in House Education Committee and amended to remove section one having to do with the extension of contracts. HB 189a received a DO PASS in the House Education Committee and the House Appropriations Committee. This bill awaits a hearing on the House floor. **SUPPORT**

> **SB 492, EDUCATIONAL RETURN TO WORK CHANGES**, sponsored by Sen George Munoz. This bill would extend the new 90-day layout law, passed in 2022, from a 36-month sunset to 60-months. SB 492 received a unanimous DO PASS in Senate Education Committee and is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Finance Committee on March 6, 2023. **SUPPORT**

> ****SB 193, RETIREE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY**, sponsored by Sen Mimi Stewart. This is the companion bill to SB 150. SB 193 was heard in the Senate Health & Public Affairs Committee and received a DO PASS on a 6-0 vote. It awaits a hearing in the Senate Finance Committee. **SUPPORT-HIGH PRIORITY.**

>**HB 126, SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**, sponsored by Rep G. Andres Romero & T. Ryan Lane. This bill removes Algebra II and a foreign language from graduation requirements for students entering the ninth grade in the 2024-25 school year and drops the number of credits needed for graduation from 24 to 22 units. HB 126 received a DO PASS in the House Commerce & Economic Development Committee and in the House Education Committee. This bill was approved on the House floor on a 64-3 vote. It was given a DO PASS in Senate Education and awaits a hearing on the Senate floor.

EVENTS

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Cost
Feb. 15 through April 26	Every Wednesday	2:00pm	Untangled Threads - Bring your knitting, crochet, embroidery, cross stitch, or more and join us for a chance to chat with others who also like doing crafts.	Farmington Library Main Video Wall	Free Bring your own crafts
Ongoing through May 25	Every Thursday	3:00pm	Drop in Tech Help – Get help with all things computer	Farmington Library	Free
Ongoing through April. 26	Monday-Saturday	10:00am 5:00pm	Tyrannosaurs Meet the Family - The exhibition explores the ‘most feared and revered’ of all dinosaurs in new and different ways.	Farmington Museum	\$10
Mar. 16	Thursday	6:00pm	TRIVIA NIGHT theme: “Stranger Things” - Chance to show off knowledge and win a prize.	Farmington Library	Free
Mar14-18 and Mar21-25	Tuesday through Saturday	10:00am to 4:00pm	Aztec Museum & Pioneer Village – open for NM and CO Spring breaks. Step back in time and experience pioneer life in the old Southwest. Free stamping craft activity.	125 N. Main Ave. Aztec, NM	Adults \$5 Students \$3 Under 6 - Free
Mar. 16	Thursday	8:00pm	American Ballet Theatre Studio Company - perform masterworks of the classical and neoclassical and contemporary & new works!	Henderson Fine Arts Center	Adults \$25 Seniors \$20 Students \$5
Mar. 18 + April 1 – June 17	First 3 Saturdays each month	8:00am-1:00pm	Locke Street Eats - Flea Market and/or entertainment most Saturdays of the month. Interested in vending, link to register is located at: https://farmingtonnm.org/events/locke-street-eats-flea-market	Food Truck Park at Locke Ave. & Main Farmington	Free Entry
. Mar. 18	Saturday	7:00pm-10:00pm	Total Lounge Music Series –The Sandstoners will sing songs about "People and Places" Seats 50 people 21+	Total Theatre	\$5 Buy Online fmrn.org/shows
Mar. 23	Thursday	6:00pm	Reel Readers – Read the book <i>Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde</i> by Robert Louis Stevenson then watch the movie “Nutty Professor” for a different take on transformation. Bring dinner.	Farmington Library	Free
Mar23-26 and Mar30-April 2	Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday	7:30pm 7:30pm 7:30pm 2:00pm	Four Corners Musical Theatre Company presents “Celebrate Sondheim” a musical revue of Sondheim classics.	Farmington Civic Center	Adults \$18 Seniors & Students \$14
Mar. 28	Tuesday	6:00pm	Friend Book Club – They will be meeting to discuss their most recent book.	Farmington Library	Free
March 3 – March 31	Every Friday	6:30pm-8:30pm	Family Bingo & Pizza Night - Seating is limited, so please sign up early. Win prizes!	Farmington Rec. Center	\$6 in advance \$8 at the door
April 4	Tuesday	1:00pm	TCM Book Club – Tuesday Club Mysteries will be discussing their most recent book.	Farmington Library	Free
April 7 April 8	Friday Saturday	12-6pm 8am-6	Home & Garden Expo - explore the best home products and services the 4 Corners	Farmington Civic Center	Free Entry
April 7	Friday	5:00pm-8:00pm	Downtown Friday Artwalk – Local artists, vendors, music and more!	Downtown Farmington	Free

