

Your All Retirees Newsletter



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

May 2023

When I am asked what my favorite time of year is I answer “all of them”. I love spring, with its promise of new beginnings, the song of birds, the new growth of flowers and **May** is my favorite spring month.

Growing up in Farmington we learned not to plant flowers until after Mother’s Day. (and even then it was sometimes risky). But a Mother’s Day tradition was to get flowers and plant them on Mother’s Day, with my mom and sisters. After I married, my husband and I carried on this tradition of first helping my mom to plant her flowers and then coming home and planting my own garden/flowers.

May marks the end of the school year and the start of summer. Family vacations, backyard cook outs, camping trips, trips to the lake and snow cones. The 4th of July with parades, fireworks, and BBQ’s. All to soon it is August, time for the county fair, and back to school shopping then school itself. Soon followed by Fall, Thanksgiving and then Winter.

Each season brings its own kind of joy and sorrow. I hope as we move into the spring and summer seasons this year, you will treasure all the wonders of YOUR life; see sunshine and rainbows that have made you the person you are today.

I’ll look forward to seeing you in the fall and hope you have a wonderful spring and summer.

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

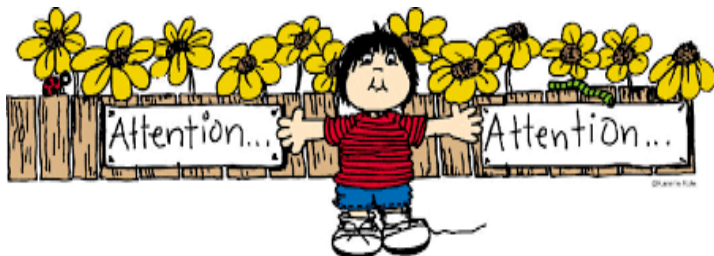
(Dues are Not tax deductible)

Sponsored by Phyllis Meier

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May Program

Our program for Tuesday, May 9 will be Friends, Fellowship, and Fun presented by the members of San Juan Association of Educational Retirees! For our last meeting of the year, we will enjoy a picnic lunch at Saddleback Park, 6300 Marseille Blvd. Turn at American Fence and go up the hill.



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!

SJAER Meetings

SJAER meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. All meetings except for May, 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. The May meeting will be a picnic at Saddleback Park.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

BUSCH, LAURA	1-May
POLSTON, LAVELLE	1-May
BURNHAM, ROSALIE	5-May
COY, PAMELA	7-May
HAMBLIN, LAVON	11-May
STANLEY, JANIS NAOMI	14-May
STEFFAN, MARTIN M	14-May
JOHNSON, PATTY LEE	16-May
MURPHY, PATRICIA	19-May
CONYERS, JAMES F	24-May
HUNTER, REBECCA ATENCIO	24-May
CONOVER, MARLEE	25-May
BULLER, BETTYE	28-May

Another New SJAER Project

Paul Pavlick with **Threads** is looking for donations and volunteers. **Threads** (the High School Pantry partner) collects clothes, toiletries, and laundry soap for students living on their own or homeless. It is located in the old Farmington Administration Building at 20th and Dustin. Donations may be dropped off during operating hours: Mon 11:45-1:30 and Thurs 3:00-4:30. They also need volunteers.

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	1	0	0
MAY	0	0	0
TOTAL	21	21	44

See page 2 for 2022-2023 Membership form.



SJAER Executive Board Meeting Minutes, April 11, 2023

Location: No Worries Sports Bar and Grill

Board members present: President Marilyn Montoya, Vice President/Programs/Hospital Representative Karen Morrison, Treasurer Kathy Martin, In Memoriam/Volunteer Hours/Secretary *Pro Tem* this month Trish Murphy, Membership Phyllis Meier, YARN Editor Debbie Klein, Sunshine Committee Nancy Tyson, Scholarship Chair/Hospital Representative Jim Conyers. **Board members absent:** Secretary Connie Alley, Assistant Treasurer Sandy Allred, Webmaster/Legislative Liaison Chuck Culpepper

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 by Marilyn Montoya. The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved. The agenda was presented, and was conducted as follows.

Committee Reports

Treasurer: The balance in the checking account is \$2,743.42.

Membership: One new member this month makes a total of 44 SJAER members this year.

Scholarship: The amount in the Scholarship fund is \$602.00, with expectation of more money to come. There was some discussion about when and to whom the award will be given. The final selection will be determined after reading the applications.

Sunshine: Nancy sent cards to members Emma Weaver and Caroline McDonald who both live at Crane's Roost Care Home. Members are encouraged to send them greeting cards at 104 S. Park Ave., Aztec, NM. 87410.

Programs: The program for today will be Debbie Klein from the Aztec Museum. The program for May will be Cynthia, Nutritional Health Coach, from Natural Grocers.

Legislative Update: Thanks to Phyllis Meier who has been forwarding emails from Russell Goff, the NMAER Executive Director and ERB Representative to the legislature. (Also, thanks to Chuck Culpepper who posted some legislative information on the SJAER website.)

Other Business

Outstanding Unit Member: NMAER is requesting our selection to be made and sent into the State by June 15. Marilyn nominated Debbie Klein and asked for other nominations. No other names were presented, and the Board voted unanimously to accept Debbie as a nominee. Other names will be requested at the General Meeting. Final voting will take place from the general membership.

Nominating Committee for 2023-24 Officers: The slate of officers was presented as follows. President, Jim Conyers; Vice President, Marilyn Montoya; Secretary, Connie Alley; Treasurer, Kathy Martin; Assistant Treasurer, Sandy Allred; Membership, Phyllis Meier; Programs, Karen Morrison and Marilyn Montoya; YARN newsletter editor, Debbie Klein; SJAER Website manager, Chuck Culpepper; Hospital Representative, Jim Conyers; Social Chair, Chuck Culpepper; There seemed to be some question as to who might be the Scholarship Chair. This slate of officers will be presented at the General Meeting for a vote of approval.

High School Food/Toiletry Donations: Piedra Vista and Threads do not accept food items, so all of our donations will go to FHS. Kathy Martin says FHS is so very, very grateful.

May Picnic: Marilyn did a lot of research exploring various venues and catering options. After some discussion, it was decided to have our May meeting/luncheon not at our usual No Worries Sports Bar & Grill, but at the Saddleback Park, located at 6300 Marseille, off East Main Street (just East of American Fence). Fried chicken, a fruit tray and water will be provided. Members are asked to bring a potluck dish (perhaps a salad, veggie, bread or dessert). Same time: 11:30 on Tuesday, May 9. Members may bring guests (potential members!).

Community Announcement: The Little Free Library located in Jaycee Park on the corner of Zuni and Mesa Verde Avenue was vandalized. It has since been repaired, but book donations are needed to restock it. Simply drop by and put your donations of children's and/or adult books in the little library.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:42 am.

Scholarship Fund Silent Auction

A framed photograph of an ancient Navajo Ruin near Gould Pass called the Citadel was donated by Kerry and Phyllis Meier to be auctioned off with proceeds going into the scholarship fund. The night picture features light painting and the Milky Way. The current bid is \$45 and the auction winner will be announced at the end of the May picnic. Bring your money or checkbook and bid on this beautiful photograph!

SJAER General Meeting Minutes, April 11, 2023

Location: No Worries Sports Bar & Grill

The meeting was called to order at 11:47 by President Marilyn Montoya. She also led the Pledge of Allegiance, the opening prayer, and a general welcome to all 20 attendees.

Business

Outstanding Unit Member: NMAER requested our selection be made and sent into the State by June 15. The Executive Board nominated Debbie Klein and Marilyn asked for other nominations. No other names were presented. The general membership voted by acclamation to award Debbie Klein as our outstanding member this year. Congratulations, Debbie!

Nominating Committee for 2023-24 Officers: The slate of officers as presented by the Board was as follows.

President, Jim Conyers; Vice President, Marilyn Montoya; Secretary, Connie Alley; Treasurer, Kathy Martin; Assistant Treasurer, Sandy Allred; Membership, Phyllis Meier; Programs, Karen Morrison and Marilyn Montoya; YARN newsletter editor, Debbie Klein; SJAER Website manager and Social Chair, Chuck Culpepper; and Hospital Representative, Jim Conyers. Hearing no other nominees, Marilyn asked to accept the slate. Debbie Klein moved, and Kerry Meier seconded it. The general membership vote by acclamation to accept the slate as presented. So, the above persons will be our officers for next year.

High School Food/Toiletry Donations: Piedra Vista and Threads do not accept food items, so all of our donations will go to FHS. Kathy Martin says FHS is so very, very grateful. Thank you to all who have donated to needy students.

May Picnic: The Board made a decision on SJAER's annual May potluck. It will be located at Saddleback Park, 6300 Marseille, off East Main Street (just East of American Fence, turn North). Fried chicken, a fruit tray and water will be provided. Members are asked to bring a potluck dish (perhaps a salad, veggie, bread or dessert). This will be our usual date and time: Tuesday, May 9 at 11:30 and will be our final meeting this academic year. We will meet again in September. By the way, please bring members to this potluck picnic – they may become future members!

Program

Debbie Klein, secretary of the **Aztec Museum Association**, gave a fascinating talk about all their activities in Aztec. There are too many to mention here, but some include free summer concerts, free summer movies, free chautauqua-like talks, a painted piano, walking tours and more. Debbie handed out brochures and flyers, but for more information, see their Facebook page, the Information Center behind the Blake's Hamburger, or log onto the Events page at: aztecnm.com

Concluding Announcements and Activities

Two Newcomers: We were so pleased to welcome Marquita Vasquez and Dorothy Gomez who joined us today. They gave a brief biography of their careers. We hope to see them again at future meetings.

Silent Auction: The beautifully framed and beautifully photographed art of Kerry Meier was once again on display for bidding. Final bidding will take place at the May potluck. Bring your money in case you are the lucky winner of this art fundraiser.

Another Donation Opportunity: The Little Free Library located in Jaycee Park on the corner of Zuni and Mesa Verde Ave. was vandalized and books destroyed. Book donations (both children's and adults) can be put in the newly repaired little library, at your convenience.

Raffle Winner: The winner of today's 50/50 raffle was Nancy Tyson, who took home \$45.00.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Trish Murphy, Substitute Secretary

In Memoriam 2022-2023



Kristen Heath Morris. 11/14/67 – 3/27/23. Farmington. Taught 3 years at Northeast Elementary in Farmington, as well as San Juan College and Highlands University in Farmington; prior to that, taught at ENMU and Portales High School.

Marlene Goertz. 8/14/31 – 3/28/23. Farmington. On SJAER old membership list.

Patsy Hill. 7/17/33 – 4/6/23. Aztec. Devoted most of her career to Aztec Municipal Schools and was awarded a Life Time Pass for outstanding contributions and support. Former SJAER member.

Angeles Lewis. 7/5/85 – 4/7/23. Farmington. Employed by San Juan College.

Dawn Ellen Smith. 2/7/58 – 4/15/23. Farmington. Taught math for 23 years at Farmington Municipal Schools.

Mona Jackson. 8/?/67 – 4/19/23. Bloomfield. Substitute teacher.

Coralie Ann Lee. 8/15/30 – 4/25/23. Kirtland. Taught for Central Consolidated Schools, and also for the American Indian School in Phoenix. Former SJAER member.

Randall Parker. 9/6/55 – 4/29/23. Farmington. Taught at San Juan College School of Energy.



Last Call!

This is your last chance to submit your volunteer hours for the year. If you haven't submitted any yet, you can submit them all at once. Submit all hours that you've volunteered from September 2022 through August 2023 (you may estimate your future hours). Not only do you include hours at registered, certified agencies, but also any help you give to friends, neighbors and family that goes "above and beyond" normal friendship/family activities. Submit hours to me at:

trishshsh@live.com

The deadline to submit is August 15.
Thank you, and thanks for all you do!
Trish Murphy

Month 2021-2022	Volunteer Hours
September	472
October	520
November	586
December	250
January	297
February	334
March	348
April	450
Summer, etc	
Total	3257

Treasurer's Report

Account Balance \$2713.42

Scholarship \$647.00

Bring cash and donate to the scholarship fund.



**SJAER does not meet in
the Summer!
See you in September!**



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

SAN JUAN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER MEETING April 26, 2023

The quarterly meeting was held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at the Farmington Civic Center. It began with an educational presentation about San Juan Interventional Spine Center. It is at a new location at 2500 North Farmington Avenue. It offers pain management specialists Dr. Dmitry Garmaev, Dr. Jonathan Jones, and Eric Griffin PA-C.

The San Juan Regional Brain and Spine Center has the services of Dr. Dominic Cannella, Dr. Paul Davis and Dr. Christopher Payne. They offer Spinal Surgery, Brain Surgery, Peripheral nerve surgery and trauma.

Sam Gonzales, Board Chair, announced that Jason Rounds is the new President/CEO of the Hospital. He was born in Roswell, New Mexico. He has a BS in Health Care from University of Texas, Galveston and MBA from Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana. He will begin work on May 1, 2023.

Esther Greyeyes was elected as a new member of the Hospital Board of Directors. She is a representative of the Desk and Derrick Club.

The Hospital is offering some new classes at no cost. They are Grandparenting 101 and Childbirth Education Crash Course.

Wendy Joe and Alicia McBee are the newest DAISY Award recipients.

The Hospital continues to be on a sound financial basis. There were fewer Covid cases than expected.

New Hospital staff include Aryn Tuin zeng, PA Emergency Department, Jeno Wilson Neon Kids Dental and Meghan Ritz, PA General Surgery.

The Cathy Lincoln Memorial Cancer Fund has served 41 women and assisted with \$33,485 in Medical expenses.

The Riley Men's Health Fund has served 67 men with \$54,073 in medical expenses.

The SJMF is raffling a RZR vehicle. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. The drawing will be August 13, 2023.

Texas 4000 is a group riding bicycles for Cancer. They are riding from Austin Texas to Anchorage, Alaska.

Host families are needed. They will be in Farmington on June 3, 2023.

Teen volunteers received scholarships totaling \$16,000. There were 5 teen volunteer winners.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS	
BRENNER, BARBARA	7-Jun
MEIER, KERRY	11-Jun
WALLACE, JANA R	13-Jun
SCRIVER, BILL	17-Jun
VAZQUEZ, MARQUITA	19-Jun
HOWEY, NORMAN G.	20-Jun
MOORE, PATRICIA	21-Jun
JUNE	
HOWEY, MARY SUE	23-Jun
BILLINGSLEY, RUTH A	24-Jun
STAVELY, JEANNE	26-Jun

JULY BIRTHDAYS	
PETERSON, PATRICIA	1-Jul
GONZALES, HELENA	5-Jul
CONOVER, RODNEY	9-Jul
MONTOYA, MARILYN	9-Jul
ALLEY, CONNIE	11-Jul
BRIMHALL, MAX B	11-Jul
WEIGAND, EMANUEL	13-Jul
CHAVEZ, MARIE	17-Jul
KANNARD, SUSAN	17-Jul
CHRISTENSEN, SUE	19-Jul
CAYWOOD, VIRGINIA	24-Jul
POFF, ORAN	27-Jul
KLEIN, DEBORAH	29-Jul
McFARLAND, LINDA	30-Jul

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS	
GOLOMBOWSKI, JACQUINE	5-Aug
FELKNER, DORIS E HAINES	5-Aug
REA, JANET	7-Aug
RIGGIE, CONSTANCE	7-Aug
CULPEPPER, JOANN	8-Aug
BEASLEY, SHIRLEY	9-Aug
PULTE, CANDY	11-Aug
DeWEES, LARRY A	12-Aug
MURPHY, KATHLEEN	14-Aug
GNAS, SUE ZAN	15-Aug
CAYWOOD, JAMES E	17-Aug
HAMBLIN, NILA	22-Aug

EVENTS

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Cost
Ongoing through May 31	Every Wednesday	2:00pm	Untangled Threads - Bring your knitting, crochet, embroidery, cross stitch, or more and join to chat with others who also enjoy crafts.	Farmington Library	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
May 12	Friday	4:30pm-7:00pm	Locke Street Eats Dog Show - show-off your favorite four-legged friend in various contests.	Locke Ave. & Main	Free Entry Food for sale
May 12	Friday	6:00pm - 10:00pm	Karaoke Night at Locke St. Eats powered by DJ Microband!! Bring family and friends.	Locke Ave. & Main	Free Entry Food for sale
May 12	Friday	7:00pm	Free Concert at the Aztec Museum – Willow Blue Trio - acoustic Americana & bluegrass	Enter back gate on Park Ave.	Free Entry Concession available
May 13	Saturday	9:00am – 5:00pm	Arts & Crafts Fair - Shop the beautiful work of regional artisans	Northern Edge Casino	Free Entry
May 13	Saturday	10:00am – 4:00pm	Wine, Dine, and Craft Fair Time - Bring Mom out to pick the perfect Mother's Day gift from local vendors.	SunRay Park and Casino	Free Entry
May 13	Saturday	7:30pm	Thomas Jefferson & John Adams Debate – centering on topics relevant to their day and to ours – hosted in part by Rio del Sol Kiwanis	Farmington Civic Center	\$14-\$18
May 14	Sunday	12:00pm - 5:00pm	Mother's Day Spring Fling Festival - enjoy a day of live music, award-winning wine, great food, games and art!	Wines of the San Juan	Free Entry
May 20	Saturday	10:30am - 12:30pm	KSJE Zero Mile Fun Run - All proceeds benefit community-supported KSJE 90.9 FM.	SJC Leaning Commons Plaza	\$15 online \$20 day of event
May 20	Saturday	2:00pm - 4:00pm	Cinematheque Series presents Disney-Pixar's Lightyear.	Gotsch Theatre	Free
May 21	Sunday	2:00pm	Family Concert : Movie Music - San Juan Symphony presents a family concert of popular movie music! Instrument petting zoo before.	Henderson Fine Arts Center	All tickets \$5
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	Free Entry
May 27	Saturday	9:00am & 11:00am	Old Aztec Walking Tour - including part of Main Street and nearby historic neighborhood.	Aztec Museum	Adults - \$10 Youth - \$6

Too many events to include on one page! Visit <https://farmingtonnm.org/events> for more fun things to do!