

Your All Retirees Newsletter



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

May 2024

WOW! It's the last meeting of the year. This year has really rushed by and now our end of year Picnic is here. It is always a fun time with lots of good food and fellowship. This year it is being held at Kiwanis Park located on 30th street in Farmington.

This year, we are asking you to renew your membership at this May 14 meeting. This will allow us to begin our new year with a solid membership base. So bring your cash or checkbook so you can renew for next year. We plan to have updated membership forms available. As always, we ask that you help recruit new members for the upcoming year. More members means more strength in our voice with the politicians and more fun at our meetings.

Finally, I want to thank all the officers and members for making this a good year for me as your President. I couldn't have done it without everyone's help. I appreciate everyone's support and cooperation. Also, wishing everyone a fun and safe Summer!

Jim Conyers
President SJAER





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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2024-2025 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.

Signature of Retiree

Date: _____

Make checks payable to SJAER.

Mail to: SJAER Membership Chair, Phyllis Meier, 3305 N. Cochiti, Farmington, NM 87401 i

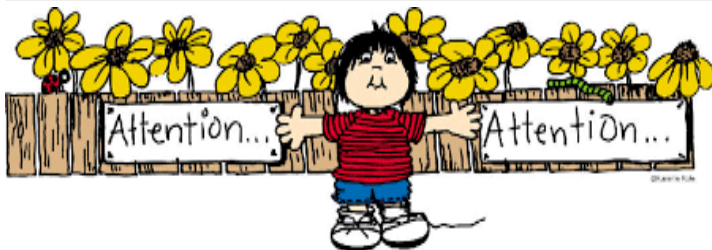
(Dues are Not tax deductible)

Sponsored by Phyllis Meier

Unit Sponsored by San Juan AER

May Program

May 14 will be our annual end of year Picnic. There will be a surprise program, (I hope!)! Join us and find out. Fried chicken will be provided. Members are asked to bring side dish and your own drink.



2022/2023 Membership Report

	AUTO	NMAER	SJAER
SEPTEMBER	10	4	16
OCTOBER	6	4	10
NOVEMBER	0	2	3
DECEMBER	0	0	0
JANUARY	0	0	0
FEBRUARY	2	0	2
MARCH	1	0	1
APRIL	0	0	0
MAY	0	0	0
TOTAL	19	10	32

SJRMH HOSPITAL CORPORATION REPORT

4/24/2024 Jim Conyers

The quarterly meeting of the San Juan Regional Medical Center Corporation Commission was held at the Farmington Civic Center on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 beginning at 6:00PM. Roberta Rogers, Director of Marketing, reported on a recent survey of community perceptions of the Medical Center. The survey indicates that the Hospital brand is trending upward.

The regular meeting was called to order by Shana Reeves, Chair of the Board of Directors. Several reports were then given.

The San Juan Health Partners Walk-in-Clinic is now open in Aztec, Monday through Thursday from 7:00am-4:00pm and is located at 120 Llano Street. Telephone is 505-334-3404. San Juan Regional Interventional Spine Clinic is offering new treatments for back pain. These include spinal cord stimulation and intracept procedures for vertebroplasty back pain.

SJRMH has received recognition as A Family Friendly Workplace.

DAISY award winners are nurses Raychel Stergelmeyer and Emma Vasquez

It was reported that SJRMH supports many community activities including Health & Safety Fairs, Riverfest, Aztec Night Out, Aztec Museum, San Juan County Fair, Shiprock Marathon, and many more.

The Hospital continues to maintain a strong financial status. It was mentioned that 52% of the patients are on Medicaid. Also mentioned that there have been more outpatients and fewer inpatients than expected,

The Auxiliary reported fundraising success with the Gift Market having sales of \$292,072 so far this year.

Vending has shown a profit of \$2,334 YTD. They will be awarding scholarships for a total of \$32,000 to 8 graduating teen volunteers. A total of 16 new volunteers have been recruited so far this year with 9 more in the process.

Focus on Farmington Coffee will be held in the Healing Garden at 9:00AM on May 31st.

The Cathy Lincoln Cancer Fund has served 62 women with \$16,608 for cancer related medical expenses. The Riley Man's Health Fund has served 138 men with \$52,175 for medical expenses. The corporation is raffling a RZR R4 Sport to benefit the Riley Men's Health Fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM.

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A Word Puzzle

Find a common word or phrase by the word and its position in the box.

Answer on Page 2

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Treasurer's Report

Kathy Martin reports an April balance of \$2224.36 in our checking account. The scholarship fund balance is \$175.00.



In Memoriam April 2024



Ruby Thomas. 2/15/29 – 3/28/24. Kirtland. School bus driver with Kirtland schools. SJAER member.
 Larry Wright. 7/25/41 – 3/31/24. Farmington. Activity school bus driver for Farmington schools.
 Everett Otto Brandenburg. 11/25/29 – 4/3/24. Aztec. Worked as a custodian with Ignacio Public Schools.
 Billie Jean Grisingher. 12/17/25 – 4/6/24. La Plata. Worked in California schools for 8 years.
 Barbara Mary Coleman. 1938 – 4/9/24. Farmington. Science teacher at Hermosa Junior High.
 Elvera Lucy Dibartolo. 11/28/31 – 4/14/24. Farmington. Teachers aide for special needs children for many years in NJ.
 Sharon “Shari” Farm. 11/17/36 – 4/15/24. Farmington. Taught 30+ years at various schools, including 4th grade in Bloomfield and 1st grade at Country Club Elementary. SJAER member.
 Marilyn Ann Poyer. 8/17/54 – 4/15/24. Kirtland. Master teacher at Central Consolidated Schools and Dzilh-Na-Dith-Hle.
 Twana “Tony” Drake. 10/13/42 – 4/16/24. Flora Vista. Among other careers, taught instrumentation, controls, and pipefitting theory at NMSU for 10 years.
 Cynthia McNealy. 2/10/57 – 4/18/24. Farmington. Ceramics instructor at SJC.
 Altha Colley. 7/12/39 – 4/25/24. Kirtland. She and her husband built and taught at Bible Baptist Shepherd School, Navajo Methodist Mission, and a kindergarten on Animas Street in Farmington, altogether 40 years.

Summer Birthdays

MAY BIRTHDAYS

BUSCH, LAURA	1-May
BURNHAM, ROSALIE	5-May
COY, PAMELA	7-May
HAMBLIN, LAVON	11-May
STANLEY, JANIS NAOMI	14-May
MURPHY, PATRICIA	19-May
CONYERS, JAMES F	24-May
HUNTER, REBECCA ATENCIO	24-May
CONOVER, MARLEE	25-May
BULLER, BETTYE	28-May

JULY BIRTHDAYS

PETERSON, PATRICIA	1-July
GONZALES, HELENA	5-July
CONOVER, RODNEY	9-July
MONTOYA, MARILYN	9-July
ALLEY, CONNIE	11-July
CHAVEZ, MARIE	17-July
KANNARD, SUSAN	17-July
KLEIN, DEBORAH	29-July

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
HOWEY, MARY SUE	23-Jun
BILLINGSLEY, RUTH A	24-Jun
STAVELY, JEANNE	26-Jun

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

GOLOMBOWSKI, JACQUILINE	5-Aug
FELKNER, DORIS E HAINES	5-Aug
RIGGIE, CONSTANCE	7-Aug
CULPEPPER, JOANN	8-Aug
BEASLEY, SHIRLEY	9-Aug
MURPHY, KATHLEEN	14-Aug
GNAS, SUE ZAN	15-Aug

San Juan Regional Auxiliary Corporation Report May 2024 by Karen Morrison

The last week of April, the hospital Auxiliary celebrated Volunteer Week. The culmination of the week was an Appreciation and Awards Luncheon at San Juan Country Club, with guest speaker Physical Therapist Kevin Rose. Many impressive statistics were shared at that event and later at the Teen Volunteer Awards and Appreciation gathering.

This year \$32,000 in Scholarship money was awarded to 8 graduating teen volunteers.

Currently there are 143 volunteers including "Associate Members" who pay dues but may not be actively involved. In the first four months this year, 16 new volunteers have been brought on board with 9 more in the process, which includes HIPPA compliance training, fingerprinting and a background check. The largest category of volunteers is Teens with 52. Twenty teens will be graduating in May and include students from all the County schools. In the last 7 years, 50 teen volunteers have applied for and been awarded scholarships totaling \$124,000!

So, you can appreciate the behind the scenes work of volunteers, here are some statistics to ponder. Volunteers have served 11,000 hours this year!

Those working the Information Desk at the hospital entrance have provided 917 deliveries (lots of flowers), transported 2,445 patients in wheelchairs (did you know to do a wheelchair transport, a training session must be successfully completed by the volunteer), escorted 3,985 visitors and others to their destination to any of the 5 floors in the hospital, and assisted with 932 patient discharges often to waiting family members in the parking lot.

A small group of creative crafters provide stuffed "critters" for children to calm them when confronted with hospitalization or other trauma events. This year 85 critters have been sewn. Police cars often carry a bagged of the stuffed animals to use when they come across scenes where children are present. Other crafts provided include 83 stockings during December for newborns, 146 cancer bags and 510 eye pillows. Crafters don't have to leave their home to create items. Once trained in the items, patterns and fabric are provided and the work can be done in the seamstress' home.

The Gift Market is staffed by 2 employees and a group of friendly volunteers at the sales counter. This year the Market has recorded \$423,360 in gross sales. In the last 6 years, the Gift Market's total sales is a whopping \$1,814,504...that's almost 2 million dollars!!! Most of the funds earned from market sales go to Educational Assistance for employees wishing to improve their skills with additional classes and certifications, also purchasing equipment that might be needed in a department that wasn't included in the yearly budget. In the past several years, 96 employees received funding totaling \$652,78! In the past 10 years the total of equipment purchased is \$598,571 which includes a recent purchase of \$54,000 for sofas for the Pediatrics Department to allow parents to stay closer to their children in the ward 24 hours as needed.

Being a hospital volunteer is a service that pays with hugs and blessings. It's a service that anyone can provide and current volunteers range in age from 14 to 85!! You can do it, too! Many more volunteer opportunities are available in the hospital. To apply got to the website and look for volunteer services and you can apply right online.

Service is the rent we pay for the space we take up on the earth.

SJAER Executive Board Meeting 4-9-24

10:45 am at No Worries, Sports Bar & Grill

Board Members Working for You

Present: President/SJRMCM-Jim Conyers, Vice President/Scholarship-Marilyn Montoya, Assistant Treasurer-Sandy Allred, Secretary-Connie Alley, Membership-Phyllis Meier, Programs/SJRMCM Rep -Karen Morrison, YARN-Debbie Klein, Volunteer Hours/In Memoriam-Trish Murphy

Absent: Treasurer-Kathy Martin, Sunshine-Nancy Tyson, and Webmaster/Legislative Rep.-Chuck Culpepper
Meeting was called to order by Jim Conyers.

- Today's agenda is approved.
- Previous meetings minutes are approved.

New Business:

- Phyllis updated our membership form. It will be available in May.
- Jim and Debbie plan to have a zoom meeting with Russel to discuss sponsoring the 2025 NMAER Annual Convention in Farmington.

Old Business:

- Erica James is our Spring Scholarship recipient. She is student teaching at Animas Elementary. Marilyn will invite her to our May picnic.
- It is time to vote for our Unit member of the Year. Trish wrote a letter highlighting everything that Chuck Culpepper has done for our organization over the last few years. She will nominate him at our general meeting.
- Our Spring picnic will be held on May 14 at Kiwanis. The meat will be provided. A sign-up sheet for sides will be passed around at the general meeting today.
- Officers for next year: Secretary – TBA. Russel will be our Legislative Representative liaison. He sends out a newsletter to all state members. All other positions will be renewed for 2024-2025.
- We have an EIN number. That requires us to file with the IRS. Debbie will look into the process.

Committee Reports

- **Treasurer report:** Approved as printed in the April YARN
- **Membership:** We have 32 paid members.
- **Sunshine:** There are two birthdays this month.
- **Programs:** Joan Monninger is our presenter today. She will share experiences and events happening at the Pioneer Village in Aztec. Marilyn and Karen are working on next year's programs.
- **Legislation/Website:** There is nothing to report at this time.
- **YARN:** Thank you, Debbie.
- **SJRMCM Rep.:** The next meeting will be in the end of April.
- **In Memoriam/Volunteer:** Three educators passed away in March. Our prayers go out to their families and friends. They are listed in the April YARN.
- **Scholarship:** We will present one scholarship in the Spring next year. We have seven Share the Bucket tickets for \$5.00
- **Door Prizes:** none

Next Board Meeting – TBA in the Fall check your email in August.

Volunteering During the Summer

Many of you volunteer during the summer. Hours can easily be submitted throughout the summer, until August 15. You may email each month, or tally up all your hours by August 15 (estimating your hours through August 30) Email Trish Murphy at: trishshsh@live.com Our final report will go to the State at the end of August. Thank you for your loyalty to this statewide project. It makes us look good at NMAER!

“The world is hugged by the faithful arms of volunteers.” (Terri Guillemets)

2023-2024 Month	Volunteer Hours
September	315
October	191
November	431
December	298
January	276
February	761
March	230
April	310
May	
Summer	
Total	2812

General Meeting 4-9-24

11:30 am at No Worries, Sports Bar and Grill

12 members and 1 guest

Welcome/Opening – Jim Conyers, **US Pledge** – Sandy Allred, **NM Pledge** – Connie Alley, **Prayer** – Marilyn Montoya

Business:

- **Welcome members and guests.**
- **Business:**
 - Slate of returning officers was accepted, with secretary – TBA.
 - Erica James, a student teacher at Animas, is our Spring Scholarship recipient.
 - Our Spring picnic will be held at Kiwanis Park on May 14. The meat will be provided by the organization. A sign-up sheet was passed around for members to sign up to bring a side dish. Thank you all for sharing in the meal preparations.
 - Chuck Culpepper was nominated. Trish read her letter highlighting everything that Chuck has done for our organization. He set up our website, kept it updated and much more. The floor was opened for other nominees. A silent vote was taken. Chuck is our new outstanding member. Thank you for all your service and Congratulations.
- **Continued Projects:**
 - We have four SJAER Projects: Greeting Cards for Namaste House, Thread & Pantry for homeless students, and the Little Free Libraries. Details are listed on page 5 of the April 2024 YARN. Check your YARN next Fall to see if these will be continued and if new ones are added.

Guest Speaker: **Joan Monninger, Executive Director of the Aztec Museum & Pioneer Village**

- This is the museums 60th anniversary.
- Joan presented a slide show of events for the upcoming season.
- She highlighted community events such as crafts and egg hunts. The museum is available to rent for weddings and other occasions.
- Free events happen throughout the summer. Seating provided for concerts but you can bring your own chairs if you prefer. Blankets and chairs are a must for our free movies. Bring a basket or bag to shop at the Fall Market on October 24.
- The museum is opened Tuesday - Saturday at 10:00am - 4:00pm from April 30 - October 31. It is opened again on December 14, for Aztec Sparkles: crafts, hot cocoa, a parade, and the tree lighting.
- The 2024 Spring & Summer events are posted in the YARN on p.4 and on distributed post cards.

Prize Winners:

- Share the Bucket raised \$25 for our Scholarship Fund and Sandy Allred won \$25.
- Next General Meeting** – TBA in the Fall, check your email 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@dive-2-little.com). SJAER will send a card.

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

Little Free Libraries

Donate books at Little Free Libraries located in Jaycee Park on the corner of Zuni and Mesa Verde Avenue and Mossman Gladden Park 1100 block of N. Buena Vista Ave and in Karen Morrison’s front yard at 805 E. 25th Street. In Aztec, libraries are located at 107 N. Mesa Verde and between City Hall and the Splashpad. Take a Book or Leave a Book – that’s the LFL motto!

EVENTS

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Cost
Ongoing	Every Thursday	3:00pm-6:00pm	Drop in Tech Help – get help with smartphones, tablets, laptops and more! Bring your device and your questions.	Farmington Library Rotunda	Free
Ongoing	Every Wednesday	4:00pm	Untangled Threads - Bring your knitting, crochet, embroidery, cross stitch, or more and join to chat with others who enjoy crafts.	Farmington Library	Free Bring your own crafts
May 6 - May 31	Monday-Friday	10:00am - 5:00pm	A Garden of Imagination – Spring Student Art Show - Matthew Bahe – a variety of mediums,	Henderson Fine Arts Center Gallery	Free
May 19	Sunday	2:00pm	<i>Lemony Snicket Investigates!</i> a Family Concert performance by the San Juan Symphony.	Henderson Performance Hall	Gen. Public.\$30 Sr & Military \$23 Students \$10
May 17	Friday	7:00pm	Music at the Aztec Museum – Lone Piñon, New Mexican string band from Sante Fe	Aztec Pioneer Village	Free
May 18	Saturday	Noon-5:00pm	"Survivor Voices - Stories of Descendants of the Long Walk" an opportunity to preserve Navajo voices & stories for future generations.	Aztec Museum & Pioneer Village	Free
May 24 May 25 May 26	Friday Saturday Sunday	5pm – 9pm 6am – 8pm 9am – 5pm	Riverfest - Area rivers are celebrated with a festival of music, food, activities and entertainment. Go to farmingtonnm.org/events	Berg and Animas Parks	Free Entry
May 24 – May 27	Friday - Monday	10:00am-7:00pm	"Flags of Remembrance Healing Fields" to honor those men and women who sacrifice their time, talents, and lives for freedom, society, and to better the lives of others.	Farmington Boys & Girls Club	Free
May 31	Saturday Sunday	9:00am-10:30am	Focus on Farmington Coffee - highlights all of the activities and events in our community..	SJRMC Healing Garden	Free
June 1 June 2	Saturday	9am - 4pm 10-2:30pm	Regenerative Agricultural practices in the nation at SOS: Superheroes of Sustainability Save the Family Farm! Numerous speakers.	Wines of the San Juan	Free
June 1 – Aug. 31	Every Sat. Except 7/20	6:00-7:30pm	Summer Terrace Concert Series - local live entertainment see farmingtonnm.org/events	Farmington Museum Terrace	Free – Bring blankets/chairs
June 6 – Sept 26	Every Thursday	3:00pm - dusk	Makers Market - local makers and growers selling fresh produce, baked goods, jams and jellies, handmade leather goods, art, re-purposed items, and much more!	Orchard Park	Free Admssion
June 7	Friday	Leave 6am depart to return 3pm	Visit to Monument Valley with friends from the Bonnie Dallas Senior Center – Vans depart form the BDSC.	Bonnie Dallas Senior Center	\$5 + \$9 Park Entry Fee
June 7	Friday	5:00pm-8:00pm	Downtown Stroll & Art Walk - celebrate local artisans and businesses as you shop and peruse the Art Walk!	Various Businesses Downtown Farmington	Free
June 8	Saturday	6:00pm-10:00pm	Aztec Chamber's Bootlegger's Ball - Dress up in 20's inspired attire and join in on the fun: dinner, photo booth, pool tournament, cash bar and more! .Dance music by Twisted Rebel	Aztec Senior Center Must be over 21 Tickets at aztecchamber.com	Members \$50 Gen.Public \$60
June 10- June 28	Monday-Friday	10:00am - 5:00pm	Stained Glass Renaissance - Artwork by SJC Encore Students windows, lamps, boxes, etc.	Henderson Fine Arts Center Gallery	Free

Visit <https://farmingtonnm.org/events> and aztecnm.com for more!