

Your All Retirees Newsletter



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

September 2024

Where did the summer go? Students are back in school and we are resuming our monthly meetings. I didn't do anything special this summer. I did survive a bout with Covid about a month ago. I am grateful it was a relatively mild case.

I am looking forward to the coming year. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at No Worries at 11:30 AM. Our program committee is actively planning some great programs for the year. If you have any program suggestions, please contact Marilyn Montoya or Karen Morrison. They are always looking for new suggestions.

The state association, NMAER, has scheduled the annual convention for the end of September in Las Cruces. For various reasons, our unit will not be represented this year. Our Board of Directors has discussed the possibility of hosting the state convention in Farmington at some future date. We will keep you informed of any development on that subject.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our meeting on the 10th of September. Bring a friend who is an educational retiree. We are always looking for new members. See you on the 10th!

Yours Truly,

Jim Conyers, SJAER 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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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.

____ \$5.00 enclosed for **associate** dues.

Signature of Retiree

Date: _____

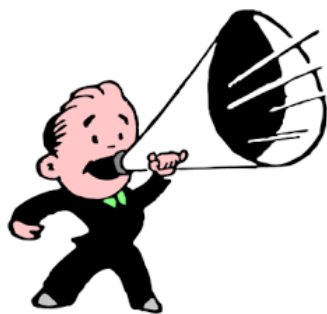
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PROGRAMS

September Program

Our program for Tuesday, September 10 will be "The Value of Visitation and Fellowship" along with a little "Magic" presented by Debbie Klein

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. Members can order off the menu when they arrive. The May meeting will be a picnic at a local park.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

HAMILTON, DELORES	9/11
MISZKIEL, COLLEEN M	9/13
MARTIN, KATHLEEN	9/17

Crabby Road

11-9-11



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Treasurer's Report

Our treasurer, Kathy Martin, reports a balance of \$2317.28 in our account and \$215 in our scholarship fund. Funds from monthly drawing go into the scholarship fund.

THANK YOU Volunteers

Volunteer Report Annual Volunteer Hour Report

Once again, members of our Unit have stepped up to the plate, and performed above and beyond expectations. We have accumulated an impressive amount of volunteer hours serving our community. Congratulations to all!

Our state organization requests a spreadsheet of all of our volunteers' names and hours (which has been done). All the state Units' hours will be presented at the September convention in Las Cruces. They present a certificate to the five people of each Unit who have the most hours, and also publish these in the State newsletter. Out of 23 members who reported hours, our top volunteers are: **Debbie Klein, Rebecca Hunter, Karen Morrison, Kathy Martin, and Marilyn Montoya.**

Later, NMAER accumulates all the volunteer hours of all the state Units, and present the statistics to the State legislature and Governor. It's amazing what the economic impact is when the hours are converted to a monetary value. This annual tradition reminds everyone (legislators) that retired educators have a tremendous impact in our communities. Volunteering not only spreads cheer and positive vibes, but also saves the government and organizations millions of dollars in services! Something to think about, and be proud of.

2023-2024 Volunteer Year	Volunteer Hours
September, 2023	315
October	191
November	431
December	298
January, 2024	276
February	761
March	230
April	310
May	292
Summer, and some annual reports	1606
Total	4710

SJAER Executive Board Meeting 8-13-24

11:00 am at No Worries

Board Members Present: President-Jim Conyers, Vice President-Marilyn Montoya, Secretary-Debbie Klein, Assistant Treasurer-Sandy Allred, Programs-Karen Morrison, Membership-Phyllis Meier, , YARN-Debbie Klein, Volunteer Hours/In Memoriam-Trish Murphy, Scholarship-Jim Conyers and Marilyn Montoya, SJRMC Rep.-Jim Conyers and Karen Morison, Sunshine-Nancy Tyson, **Absent:** Treasurer-Kathy Martin, Webmaster/Legislative Rep.-Chuck Culpepper,

Meeting was called to order by Jim Conyers. Agendas were approved and provided

Old Business

- **Secretary Position** – Unable to be filled. Debbie Klein volunteered. It was moved and seconded to elect Debbie Klein as Secretary for 24-25 year. Motion carried.
- **Membership Renewals** – Phyllis reported 11 renewals from the May picnic. Ideas to recruit new members were discussed. Continue putting meetings in the Tri-City Record, posting on Facebook, Free picnic for new retirees.
- **NMAER Convention** – It is the 81th convention. The convention will be held in Las Cruces on September 26-28, 2024. We are allowed 4 voting delegates. James Conyer will not be able to attend this year. Karen Morrison had planned to attend, but has a conflict with a speaking engagement with which she is committed. No one else volunteered so SJAER will not be sending any representatives.
- **NMAER Convention in Farmington** – Discussion ensued to determine if we wanted to host a future convention. It was decided to gather more information and then decide.

Committee Reports

- **Treasurer report:** Balance \$2317.28 in our account and \$215 in scholarship. Report was accepted
- **Membership:** We had 44 paid members last year. The membership form will be printed in the YARN again this year. The free recruiting picnic was planned for Thursday, Sept. 26 at 6:00pm. Debbie will reserve a park pavilion and Marilyn will design a flyer to be distributed to school district HR departments, posted on Facebook, etc.
- **Programs:** Karen and Marilyn will develop a schedule of speakers for the entire year. Suggestions were taken from the group. The list will be published in the YARN to encourage and improve attendance. Debbie suggested we have a speaker for the New Retirees Picnic. Jim suggested the YoYo guy.
- **Volunteer Hours:** Trish Murphy will be sending our volunteer hours and the names of our top 5 volunteers in to the state the end of August. She is still accepting hours including summer hours.
- **Scholarship:** It was decided to not award a scholarship this fall, but to wait until the scholarship fund has more money.

Next Board Meeting – 10:45 am on September 10, 2024 at No Worries Sports Bar and Grill.

General Meeting – 11:30 am on September 10, 2024 at No Worries Sports Bar and Grill.

No minutes are available for the May General Meeting as no business was conducted at the pot luck picnic.

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"Looks aren't everything. It's what's inside you that really matters. A biology teacher told me that."



"They call it the 'Three R's,' and then say we can't spell!"



In Memoriam 2024-2025



Julie Ann Davis. 4/3/42 – 4/5/24. Farmington. Organized the Casa Montessori School.

James Preminger. 9/17/61 – 4/27/24. Farmington. Public information officer for a school district; high school teacher.

Catherine Anderson. 7/31/57 – 5/16/24. Kirtland. Teaching was one of the many chapters in her book of life.

Dana Nelson. 10/20/58 – 5/18/24. Kirtland. Kindergarten and first grade teacher for 25 years at Ruth N. Bond Elementary in Kirtland.

Norman Forest Tucker. 2/19/53 – 5/20/24. Farmington. Coached track and field for 14 years in Idaho and Colorado.

Norma Jean Brack. 1/16/36 – 5/22/24. Farmington. Spent most of her career working in Student Support Services at San Juan College.

Jennifer Shoemake. 1/8/73 – 5/22/24. Farmington. Preschool teacher's assistant.

James Willis Brown. 12/5/49 – 5/24/24. Farmington. After 20 years in the Army, taught electronics and medical equipment repair at St. Philips College in San Antonio before returning to Farmington.

Melvin Tony. 3/17/35 – 5/26/24. Crownpoint. Cook/foreman at the Crownpoint Boarding School.

Sandra Sue Schrantz. 10/43/47 – 5/26/24. Bloomfield. English and History teacher for over 35 years in Bloomfield.

Donald Green. 10/18/40 – 6/1/24. Farmington. Professor at NM Junior College for 30 years; after retirement, worked at Navajo Prep and San Juan College. SJAER member.

Sallyann Freeman. 1944? – 6/1/24. Farmington. School counselor at Piedra Vista High School; before that, taught high school ESL in California and Arizona.

Vadna Mae Nix. 5/10/51 – 6/17/24. Farmington. Worked in the cafeterias of Aztec Public Schools nurturing students with food and kindness.

William J. Childress. 9/15/28 – 6/29/24. Aztec. An educator in NM from 1962-1988 as a teacher or principal at several elementary schools; Director of Instruction for Farmington elementary schools for 15 years; also taught in Texas for 10 years prior to coming to NM. SJAER member.

Linda McFarland. 7/30/37 – 7/1/24. Aztec. Payroll Manager at Central Consolidated Schools. SJAER member.

Annie Lewis. 11/30/48 – 7/1/24. Shiprock. Library Technician at Dine College for almost 47 years.

Shelley Lou McKinney. 5/10/54 – 7/2/24. Aztec. Lunch aide at McKinley Elementary in Farmington.

Margo Jacquez. 3/2/53 – 7/14/24. Bloomfield. Art teacher at Heights Middle School, retiring in 2019; SJAER members Sarah, Dana and Trish knew her well.

Irvin Ashley. 6/28/43 – 7/15/24. Shiprock. Bureau of Indian Affairs education instructor.

Billie L. Neff. 1939? – 7/24/24. Belen. Worked for Albuquerque Public Schools for over 25 years; formed the Albuquerque Secretarial/Clerical Association. SJAER member.

Evelyn Anderson. 4/10/43 – 8/27/24. Farmington. Taught kindergarten for approximately 26 years, mostly in Aztec.

Doris Martin. 1/21/44 – 9/2/24. Aztec. Teacher's aide for 30 years at McCoy Elementary in Aztec. SJAER member.

SAN JUAN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER CORPORATION REPORT

Wednesday, July 31, 2024 by Jim Conyers.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Board Chair Shanna Reeves. She presented a plaque of appreciation to Sam Gonzales, retiring Board member and chair. He was elected to the San Juan County Commission this past November.

The minutes of the previous meeting was approved.

Various committee reports were presented. The Finance Committee reported that the hospital has 262 days of cash on hand.

The Community Involvement Committee reports support for San Juan Symphony, Aztec High School Athletic Training, and San Juan United Way.

The total invested for FY 24 was \$126, 464.

Recipients of the DAISY Awards for nursing were Alissa Florez and Anh Nguyen. Alissa is an ICU nurse and Anh is in the Medical Unit.

The Centers Childbirth Center offers “Grandparenting 101” and “Just for Dads” classes tailored for new grandparents and new fathers.

The financial state of the Hospital remains strong. ER visits were 1.5% above projection. At the time of the meeting, the Auditor was completing the annual audit.

The SJRMC Auxiliary has been active. There have been 23 new volunteers placed in 2024 and 17 others are in progress.

The Cathy Lincoln Memorial Cancer Fund has served 86 women with \$28,738. The Riley Men’s Health Fund helped 145 Men with \$106, 257.

The 44th Annual Walkathon is scheduled for Saturday, September 21, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

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

Threads

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.

Pantry

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.

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. In Aztec, libraries are located at 107 N. Mesa Verde and between City Hall and the Splashpad. Books can be delivered at any of the libraries.

2024 – 2025 Meeting Programs

Marilyn Montoya and Karen Morrison are working on scheduling our programs for the entire year. The list of possible speakers include: Terri Fortner County Commissioner, Jack Fortner Attorney, Ron Price Humorist Roberta Rogers SJRMC Marketing, George Sharpe Oil Industry, Megan Cullip travel Mexico/USA, Laura Argotsinger San Juan Symphony, Natalie Spruell Parks & Rec, Thomas H & Meghan Z SJ Symphony, Dana Reed San Juan Masonic Lodge Dyslexia Remediation Program, Margaret Cheasebro, Martha Bradley San Juan County Realators, Mike Easterling Reporter, Nancy Shepherd Project Graduation Coach, Someone from Cite Stewards (monitor archeological cites), SJC 3-D Lab, and someone from the Tri-City Record.



May 2024 End of Year Picnic

A good time, with music by Four Corners Harmony and an overabundance of food, was enjoyed by all who attended our May picnic at Kiwanis Park. Plans are being made for a New Retirees Picnic at Kiwanis Park on Thursday, September 26 at 6:00pm. Invite any new retirees that you may know.



Dues are due!

Please complete the membership form on page 2 and turn in to Phyllis Meier.

2023/2024 Membership Report

	AUTO	NMAER	SJAER
SEPTEMBER	9	2	11
OCTOBER			
NOVEMBER			
DECEMBER			
JANUARY			
FEBRUARY			
MARCH			
APRIL			
MAY			
TOTAL	9	2	11



EVENTS

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Cost
Ongoing	Every Wednesday	4:00pm	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	Every Wednesday	6:00pm	Romance Readers Book Group – Read books with the same theme and share with group.	Farmington Library	Free
Sept. 6 – Sept 27	Monday - Friday	10:00am - 5:00pm	Unique Visions: Celebrating the Unusual Watercolors of things found, old, rusty, decayed, and forgotten by Kathryn Whitson	Henderson Fine Arts Gallery	Free
Through Sept. 28	Monday – Saturday	10:00am-5:00pm	Sherlock Holmes: The Exhibition – interactive experience combining science & history.	Farmington Museum	13 & up \$15 6 - 12 \$10
Sept 12 – Sept 14	Thursday Friday, Sat.	All Day	Four Corners Film Festival - 3 days of independent films. Schedule-farmingtonnm.org	Totah Theatre	All Access Pass \$20
Sept 13	Friday	7:00pm	Free Concert – Hoyle Osborne & Jane Voss performing Americana Music	Aztec Museum	Free
Sept 14	Saturday	9:00am – 4:00pm	BeeHive Homes' 9th Annual Fundraiser & Craft Fair - home décor, art etc. Food & games	BeeHive Homes	Free Entry
Sept 15	Sunday	9:00am – 3:00pm	Four Corners Old Car Club – Car Show with cars from 1900 to 2024.	Brookside Park	Free for spectators
Sept 21 Sept 22	Friday Saturday	8:00am – 5:00pm	American Truck Historical Society San Juan Chapter Truck Show	Riverside Park - Aztec	Free
Sept. 21	Saturday	10:00pm - 4:00pm	Smithsonian's Free Museum Day at Aztec Museum & Pioneer Village –Program-2:00pm Lost Communities of Navajo Dam	Aztec Museum	Free Entry
Sept..27 Sept. 28 Sept 29	Friday Saturday Sunday	Times vary per event	Four Corners Balloon Rally – Locations & Times https://farmingtonnm.org/events/four-corners-balloon-rally	Lake, SJC, Piedra Vista Downtown	Balloon Events Free
Sept. 27 Sept 28	Friday Saturday	1pm-7pm 8am-5pm	Four Corners Antique Power & Tractor Show – Silent Auction, Arts & Crafts, Tractor Pulls	Riverside Nature Center	Free
Sept. 28 Sept 29	Saturday Sunday	10:00am-6:00pm	Harvest Wine Festival - 2 days of fun featuring local artists, kid's activities, live music, local food, beer, and wine!	Wines of the San Juan	Adults \$20 Children Free
Oct 4 Oct 5	Friday Saturday	3pm=8pm 10am-4pm	Southwest Apple & Chili Fest – Makers Market Art Walk, Children's Activities, Chili Cook-off https://farmingtonnm.org/events	Downtown Farmington	Free Fee for Chile
Oct. 4	Friday	5:00pm-8:00pm	Downtown Stroll & Art Walk - celebrate local artisans and businesses as you shop and peruse the Art Walk!	Downtown Farmington	Free
Oct 4	Friday	7:00pm	Jesús Muñoz Flamenco - a bold transcendence of ancient rhythm and tradition	Henderson Fine Arts	Tickets \$10 - \$25
Oct 5	Saturday	9:00am – 2:00pm	Fall Craft Fair - get a jump on your Christmas Shopping!	Bethany Christian Chur.	Free Entry
Oct. 5 Oct. 6	Saturday Sunday	9:00am-6:00pm	Aztec Highland Games & Celtic Music Festival https://farmingtonnm.org/events	Aztec Riverside Park	\$20 for the weekend Sr Discounts

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