

### President's Message

by Jo Madonna,, 2014-2015 ASURA President

**Ahh! Yes, we've made it through the heat of the summer and are at the beginning of our "good weather."** I hope that you have an opportunity to get out and enjoy it. Please check out the many ASURA activities and events that are coming up. I am sure that you'll find one to your liking.



Recently I had the opportunity to travel to Kentucky, the part of the country where I grew up. The reason for the trip was to attend my 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion. I know that many of you have had the opportunity to celebrate this rite of passage also. Because I still have family in the area I do go back and visit Kentucky a couple of times a year but this trip had a different "feel" to it. I was reminded of the positive effect that some people have on our lives. Friends, peers and colleagues influence us in ways that are different and often beyond the impact of our families.

As I traveled back to Arizona and processed the experiences of my trip, I thought about how the importance of interacting with others exists beyond our formative years. Even as retirees that need still exists. I believe it keeps us mentally, emotionally and physically healthier if we make sure that we have some sort of connection with others. Taking advantage of the opportunities to join with others in an ASURA program, activity, or committee is one way to satisfy that need.

Based on the results of the recent ASURA survey that many of you took, fellow members have been working to develop programming that will respond to what we said is important and appealing to us. Watch for information about things to do in *Prime Times*, on the ASURA webpage and through e-mail announcements.

### Welcome New ASURA Members

Jane Carey	Patricia Mariella
T. Paul Espinosa	Judith McMullen
M. Cecilia Hook	Rhonda Phillips
Marta Joy	Marta Sanchez
Elizabeth Langland	Marilyn Ship
Sherrie Loomis	Thomas Vetterl
Darleen Mandt	Larry Woodruff

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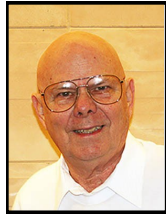
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**ASRS Health Liaison** - Open

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**Events** -  
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David Scheatzle

**Website & Data Base** -  
Connie McNeill

### ASURA Office Staff

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Tempe, Arizona

**\*\* Best to call beforehand**

**Business Operations Manager:** Carolyn Minner  
**Coordinator, Office Staff:** Carol Moore

**Monday:** Carol Berg - a.m.  
Jeannette Robson - p.m.

**Tuesday:** Carol Moore - a.m.  
Linda Van Scoy - p.m.

**Wednesday:** Nancy Lesko - a.m.  
Bev Buddee - p.m.

**Thursday:** Bonnie Scheall - a.m.  
Mary Williams - p.m.

**Friday:** Anna Marie Shivers - a.m.  
Open - p.m.

**Subs:** Joan Leard                      Dorothy Meunier  
Helen Seaton                      Maxine LaRoux

## Your Book Donation = Needed Scholarship

by Mary Stevens and Bill Moor

Now that you're settled (or still getting settled) in your retirement from ASU, you – like many of us – may find that you have more books in your home or office than you know what to do with. ASURA can help solve that problem and, in the process, help a deserving student complete his or her studies.



ASURA collects donated books and sells them online through an established vendor, who splits the sales proceeds with ASURA. Proceeds are put toward ASURA's annual scholarship, which currently is \$10,000. The student who is selected is either a returning student (one who has been away from higher education studies for a period of time) or to a community college student, based on financial and other criteria.



Donation books can be delivered to the ASURA office in the Community Services Building, Room 201B, 200 East Curry Road in Tempe. You will receive a gift tax receipt from the ASU Foundation, which administers ASURA's accounts.

### For more information contact:

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Bill Moor - [william.moor@asu.edu](mailto:william.moor@asu.edu) (480-838-8348)

## Arizona Health Insurance Program

by Art Ashton, ADOA Health Insurance Liaison

### ADOA:

The Benefits Services Division of the Arizona Department of Administration offers the Benefits Options program for State employees, retirees, their spouses and dependents. The Benefit Options program offers health, dental and vision plans for ASURA members and their families.



Information about these plans is available at 602-542-5008 or <http://benefitoptions.az.gov>. A newsletter for retirees will be published shortly where specifics will be presented and the 2015 enrollment dates will be announced.

The rates and benefits again will remain stable in all programs. There will be some technical modification to comply with Federal requirements and some vision benefits will be enhanced. The fall open enrollment period allows members to make changes in their election for the 2015 plan year

Benefit Options continues to offer a more expensive PPO plan that provides out-of-network benefits that may be important to members seeking maximum out-of-town and/or out-of-network specialist flexibility. The more popular EPO plan provides the similar benefits in-network at a much lower cost.

If you are considering not participating in the ADOA plan it is recommended that you, at least, retain one of their dental plans because this keeps open the option of returning to the ADOA health insurance plans at future open enrollment periods.

### ASRS:

The Arizona State Retirement System offers a health insurance program. At this writing the bids are out and ASRS expect to have the 2015 insurance rates available by the end of September.

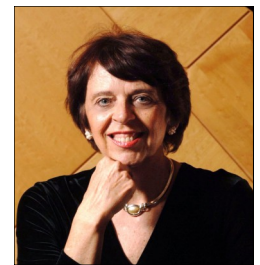
Enrollment will be in October. Information is available at 602-240-2000 or <http://www.azasrs.gov>.

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## Annual Health Care Seminar

by Jan Thompson

The annual Health Care Seminar will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in CSB 330. Independent insurance agent Brian Bilyeu will present an overview of Medicare and guide us through definitions and differences among Medicare supplement plans, Advantage plans, and prescription drug plans. Open enrollment specialists from ADOA and ASRS will then present their respective plans, highlighting any changes from last year and answering attendees' questions. Join us for another informative health care seminar during the open enrollment period.



## ASURA 2014-15 Reentry Scholarship Recipient

by Sue Blumer

Tara Pryts was chosen to receive the \$10,000 ASURA Reentry Scholarship for the 2014-15 academic year. She transferred from Scottsdale Community College after being awarded Associate degrees in Arts and Applied Sciences in Interior Design with Highest Distinction, a perfect record. She enters ASU as a junior in the School of Sustainability.



In her personal statement Tara described her academic and personal interests. She had moved from Oregon several years in order to attend ASU, but took advantage of our community college for her associates' degrees. She wrote about her passionate interest in interior design, but also her change of heart when she learned more about the materials used in the field and their deleterious effects. She realized that she "could have a positive impact on the Interior Design industry," and that she plans "to combine my knowledge of Interior Design with Sustainability principles in the hopes of revolutionizing the design industry." Her academic goal is a Bachelor of Arts in Sustainability with a minor in Urban Planning so that she "can help create our built environments with safe, healthy materials that fit naturally into surrounding ecosystems without causing undue harm."

Tara Pryts was selected from approximately forty applications, providing a very competitive choice with many outstanding candidates. The ASURA Scholarship Committee members spend long hours screening all of the applications that meet requirements, and then meet to narrow the list and reach consensus on a recipient for the following academic year. Members become aware of the changing interests and ideas of current students in this process. Deborah Elliott of the ASU Scholarship Office is very helpful in providing liaison and backup support for this project.

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## ASURA Office - UPDATE

by Linda VanScoy

### NEW CHAIR!

Good news ..... ASURA is one of 60 organizations/businesses nominated and selected to receive a brand new chair from Goodman's office furnishings. It is their 60th

anniversary and instead of throwing a party they decided to give back to the community and asked their employees to nominate an organization/business that helps the community in some way. So on Tuesday September 16 one of Goodman's representatives, Wael Soliman, arrived at the office to make the chair presentation. The chair in the photo is simply their "presentation" chair (and bow) and we were able to select the color of seat upholstery, back, arms, etc. It will be delivered in 4-5 weeks. This is a Herman Miller design chair and is extremely comfortable, adjustable and 99% recyclable (when that time comes!). It will be used at the front desk for all the office volunteers to enjoy. Wael Soliman learned of the good work ASURA does from Dave Scheatzle, his father-in-law.



### NEW VOLUNTEER!

ASURA welcomes Beverly (Bev) Buddee to the office staff volunteers. Bev will be working on the second Wednesday of each month in the afternoons. Bev received her B.S. in Accountancy from the School of Global Management at ASU's West campus and began her ASU career as a student worker in Department of Human Resources at ASU West. Following graduation, Bev joined the staff of the Office of the Vice President and Provost as Administrative Assistant to the Provost, eventually moving to the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost at the Tempe campus where she was the administrative assistant to the Vice President for Academic Personnel. Bev retired from ASU in 2013 after 18 years of service.

### BEST TO CALL FIRST:

While we always try to have the office staffed, we may be experiencing some down time due to some planned surgery recoveries. So it is best to call if you plan to come into the office 965-7668.



## New Look for ASURA Web Site & Photo Gallery

by Connie McNeill

Late last spring and over the summer, the ASURA website and photo gallery were moved from their previous locations to new hosts. In the process, both gained major makeovers in appearance and organization. Take a look – <http://asura.asu.edu>. The website has pretty much anything you might want to know about ASURA and also quite a bit of information useful to ASU retirees in general.

Here is an overview of what is available, organized by major topics that appear at the top of our website pages:

**Home** is the home page, which highlights upcoming events and other current ASURA topics.

**About Us** includes contact information and a contact form, information about our officers, committees, and office staff, access to Board of Directors meeting minutes and our Bylaws, and some organizational history and lists of past personnel. There is a link here to a gallery of photos of ASURA volunteers, past and present.

**Membership** tells you how to join or to renew your membership, update your contact information, and change communications you receive from ASURA. It includes a link to our membership directory, which is accessible only to current members and does require a login (using your e-mail address, not your ASURITE UserID). Here is also where you will find information about volunteering with ASURA and about discounts that are available to ASU retirees.

**Events** has links for registering for our own events and information about events to which we have been invited by other ASU organizations, particularly the Emeritus College. There is a link to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at ASU, which has many university-quality short courses and lectures for students 50+ years old. In addition there are links to stories and photos of past events, including a link to our entire digital photo collection.

**Projects** links to information about our ASURA Adopt-a-Family program, Book Drive fundraiser, golf tournament (which will not be held this year), scholarship support for an ASU student, and our ASU Video History project. Use this last link to get to video clips of people who have been interviewed – those clips are really interesting!

**Publications** has links to our ASURA publications:

Annual Reports, our two *Decade of Success* books, our “gateway” to useful information about health insurance and life care planning, obituaries for ASU faculty and staff, *Prime Times*, technology tips, and a report on the membership survey conducted by the Board last year. There is also a link here to the ASU Staff Council publication *Sparky’s Scoop*.

**Related Organizations** provides links to other organizations that serve retirees: ASU HR, ADOA and ASRS, Social Security Administration, the ASU Emeritus College and Staff Council, our sister retiree associations at NAU and UofA, for example.

**Search Site** allows you to find information of your choice within the ASURA website by typing a search term, name, word, etc.

Our digital photo collection is accessed via the Events menu of our website. It also has major topics along the top, to help you find the album you are interested in. We have photos of events and volunteers going back to around 1996. You can easily search the gallery to find any person or event – just put in a name or a topic in the search box and hit return.

My heartfelt thanks to Barry McNeill and Carolyn Minner for their hard work in helping to move the website and photo galleries to their new homes. I also had considerable help from the University Technology Office, especially Cameo Hill and Keith Waddel, in connection with using tools they provide for building and maintaining ASU-branded websites.

### Volunteer for the ASURA

ASURA is operated entirely by volunteers. If you think you might enjoy working with fellow retirees to support the organization and its activities, then look over the list of volunteer opportunities detailed on Page 2 of our Membership Application Form.

If interested, please contact the ASURA office at 480-965-7668.

## ASURA Survey

by Barry McNeill

In September 2013 the ASURA Board approved a survey for its members and potential members to collect data related to three strategic goals:

- (1) Increased Membership; (2) Better Service; and (3) Review the Community Outreach Portfolio

Over thirteen hundred SurveyMonkey® surveys were sent out. Forty-nine “Never Joined” surveys, sixty-one “Lapsed Member” surveys, and one hundred ninety-two “Member” surveys were returned. Data for cohorts consisting of females, males, those who retired before 2003, and those who retired after 2002 subsets were also generated. The average age of the members was 73 with an average retirement date of 2002.

In addition to reviewing response percentages and weighted averages an effectiveness measure was calculated to quantify the difference between the importance and performance of survey items. Activities where performance lagged significantly behind importance were given an **orange** effectiveness to suggest that further discussion might be appropriate. The data is available on the ASURA website, <http://asura.asu.edu>, see the “2014 Survey” in the Projects menu.

The amount of data collected is overwhelming and the number of conclusions that can be drawn from the data is almost endless; the Board has just started reviewing and discussing this data. Following are conclusions taken from the Executive Summary of *A Report on ASURA Spring 2014 Survey*, available from the ASURA website.

- **Members give ASURA a thumbs up:** Taken as a whole, the members have rated most of what ASURA does highly. They seem pleased with the activities and projects and with the type of information being provided. Many of the response averages for importance and performance are at or above 4.0 where 4 corresponds to a rating of “important” or (done) “well”. There is nothing in the survey responses to suggest the members might feel some activity should be removed. Even the golf tournament which received lower assessments than all other activities still managed to have a response average for importance just under 3 at 2.87, i.e., a response a bit less than neutral.
- **ASURA members are busy:** That members are busy was apparent directly or indirectly throughout the survey. Being busy is cited for not joining or for dropping membership. Interest in getting information about how to volunteer for ASURA was far

down in the list of things members thought were important to know. Members expressed almost no interest in any new social /educational activities.

- **Members are getting old:** About half the ASURA membership retired before 2003. The average age of the survey takers who retired before 2003 is 79. The data from the Lapsed Membership survey clearly shows that members are dropping out because they can no longer take advantage of what ASURA has to offer.
- **Members in the newer retirees’ cohort differ from those in the older cohort:** For the most part there are only minor differences in the responses of the two retirement date cohorts. But there are a few exceptions. The newer retirees appear less concerned about the ASURA advocacy efforts when they joined. Only 50% of the newer retirees listed the advocacy work as a reason to join ASURA as compared to 75% for the older cohort. There are significantly more new retirees who know people who left ASU unhappy or people who are just too busy to join. The newer retirees assessed the importance of getting health insurance information higher, a response rating of almost 4.5 compared to 4.0 for the older cohort. Not surprisingly the newer retirees are more “tuned in” to electronic communication methods, giving high marks to the importance of emails and the website. Almost 90% of those in the newer cohort reported receiving ASURA e-mails versus 65% for the older cohort.
- **There is very little difference in gender responses:** There is little difference between the female and male responses. It does appear that women are a bit more comfortable with e-mail and rate its importance higher than their male colleagues.
- **Advocacy efforts are important but need review:** It is very clear that members view ASURA’s advocacy efforts both in terms of retirement plans and health insurance monitoring as the most important activity that ASURA does. No one thought these activities were unimportant. The members also assessed the performance in carrying out these tasks as being done a bit above “well”. However the difference between the assessments for importance and performance was one of the largest of all the activities reviewed which earned these activities an **orange** effectiveness ratings suggesting that these activities be reviewed. The newer retirees rated advocacy performance noticea-

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bly lower than members of the older retirement date cohort.

- **Cost, Transportation, and Location are not barriers to attending events:** When asked what factors dissuade you from attending social events, “Transportation is difficult” and “The cost is too high” were at the bottom of the list receiving ratings below the minimum threshold to be considered worthwhile to consider. The only response above neutral was “I cannot participate”. Location also did not seem to resonate with members. There were very neutral level responses to suggestions of spreading the events around the ASU campus or focusing on the Tempe campus.
- **Members rate seminars as important:** While none of the events reviewed, seminars, luncheons, and travel, were viewed as one of the more important ASURA activities, seminars were rated as more important than the other two activities and did just make it into the top five of important activities. The current seminar effort appears to be a good balance between importance and performance. Seminars had the best, i.e., smallest, EDM value of all the events.
- **Community Outreach Projects are doing just fine:** While the awareness of the outreach programs is toward the bottom of the activity / project awareness table, all three projects are ranked in the top half the activity / project performance table. The members rated the importance of the scholarship and video history project as the third and fourth most important ASURA activity.

If you would like to read more download the report from the ASURA website.

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## Video History Report - Fall 2014

by Dave Scheatzle, Video History Project Chair



Our video crew has just returned from their summer travels. Our interviewee selection committee will gather shortly to identify possible candidates for this new season, then we will invite those individuals and hope that they will agree to be interviewed. If any member wants to propose a name to be considered by the committee, they are welcome to do so. I will be happy to receive names at my

email address – [scheatzle@asu.edu](mailto:scheatzle@asu.edu)

Two interviews have been conducted since the last Prime Times report – Louis Olivas and Suzanne Steadman. This brings the total of interviews to 103.

Our archives have become extensive and we are in the process of uploading our files to the ASU Library Archive server for secure backup. And shortly, interviews will start to become viewable on the ASU Library Archive Repository Website. This will eliminate the need to produce DVDs. Stay tuned.

In the meantime, Connie McNeill has developed the ASURA Video History Web page, guiding us through the process to add brief clips of interviews to the web page. Linda has posted over 40 video clips for public viewing. See <https://asura.asu.edu/VideoHistory>

We have an editing backlog. Anyone who has an interest and maybe a little experience in video editing is invited to visit our studio. We use the iMovie software on MAC computers; we have two workstations.



Suzanne Steadman was interviewed by Leon Shell in June of this year. Suzanne retired as Director of the International Students Program in 2010. Suzanne tells some very interesting stories.

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## September 10 Meet & Greet a Big Success!

by Barbara Bradford, Luncheons & Special Events

Nearly 80 folks attended the first ASURA Luncheon/Pizza Party! Aside from swapping stories of "what I did on my summer vacation," the attendees were introduced to the Board members for 2014/15. Committee chairs spoke briefly on plans that are already in place for this year, and an invitation to all to become an active participant in the Association.



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The photos you see here just scratch the surface with respect to how much fun all attendees had — which included previous as well as new members of the ASURA.

(Please visit <http://asura.zenfolio.com/2014meetandgreet> to view more photos from this event)



(Alan Johnson, Roy Miller, Jeff Chapman, and Marcia Bell)



(Dick & Ruth Kingsley and Les Hendrickson)



(Tony Brazel, Ignatius Tsong, and Vladimir Borovansky)

## Retirees Day Retired

by Barry McNeill

As you may remember Retirees Day was cancelled last year's due to a lack of registration. On March 19, 2014 the Retirees Day, Seminar, and Luncheon committees met to discuss the future of Retirees Day. A review of the data from the ASURA survey and from the ASURA database showed that:

- recent retirees were not attending this event and did not rank Retirees Day in the top half of things that ASURA does

- a decreasing percentage of those who retired before 2001 were attending the event, and
- recent retirees were supporting seminars both in attendance and their sense of the importance for ASURA to do seminars.

The group felt that the social aspects of Retirees Day are supplied via other ASURA events, e.g., Meet & Greet, Holiday Potluck, luncheons, and travel. It was also pointed out that that other organizations put on educational events that our members could attend. The group unanimously agreed to recommend that Retirees Day be retired. The Board approved the recommendation at its September meeting.

## On the road again ... with your ASURA Travel Committee

Your Travel Committee has some exciting events planned, and others in the works. The ASURA website is a great source of details of our trips, or, if that is not convenient for you, call the office at 480-965-7668, and we will mail the information to you.

### Where are we going this year?

**On October 10** we are going to tour Tovrea Castle, that castle high on the hill on your right as you drive west on I-10 towards Phoenix. At this point it looks like both of the tour sessions are filled.

**The week of Nov 17** we will be taking a group to MIM, the Musical Instrument Museum in north Phoenix. If you haven't been yet, you need to go. What an incredible experience of history, culture and music around the world.

Additional local and state trips will be planned for this year.

### Two big international trips are planned for later this academic year, and next year!

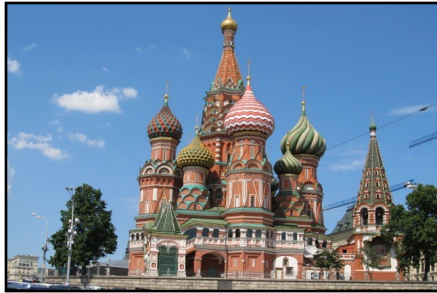
**On May 19, 2015** 20 of us will board the plane at Sky Harbor for 21 days in China. We will walk on the Great Wall, tour the Temple of Heaven and the Forbidden City, look down on the Terracotta Warriors in Xian, cruise for four days on the Yangtze River through the Three Gorges and watch the pandas in Chongqing. And, we will become VERY good at using chopsticks! You can get a complete itinerary at the ASURA website or by calling the office.

**On September 17, 2015** 16 well-behaved Sun Devil retirees and friends will begin a wonderful tour of the

heartland of Italy. You will tour the grape vineyards, mosey through the olive orchards, explore Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance, and ancient rustic villages along the Tuscan coast. Both pre- and post-trips are available for booking. Informational sessions on this trip have already been scheduled for the Tempe Public Library. Call Gary Kleemann (trip organizer) at 480-839-8190 for a list of those meeting dates.

**And where have we been?**

Just this past May, 15 ASURA Retirees went to Russia and had 15 days of eye-opening, mind-boggling learning. We toured St Petersburg, learning about the Czars and their influence on Russian history. We then cruised in our riverboat on the Volga for roughly 1,000 miles, stopping to visit villages, churches and museums enroute to Moscow. There we visited Red Square, learned what a Kremlin really is and toured many cathedrals and palaces. Every day is a school day!



Do you have any questions about trips or suggestions about travel? Contact Gary Anderson, Chair, Travel Committee, at [gwander@asu.edu](mailto:gwander@asu.edu) or phone 480-839-3542.

**Upcoming Events**

*by Barry McNeill*

The table below contains information about upcoming events that you may be interested in attending, some sponsored by ASURA, some sponsored by affiliated organizations. Except for the three highlighted events, which are described below, the table gives only a title, date, and cost of the event. For more details visit the ASURA website, <https://asura.asu.edu>, and click on the “Events” menu where you will see links to ASURA Events, Affiliated Events, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute as well as links to our picture gallery and past events. If you don’t have access to the web please call the ASURA Office at 480-965-7668; the Office Staff will be glad to help you out.

**Emeritus College Symposium (Affiliated Event)**

The Emeritus College has invited **all ASURA members** to attend their Symposium on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. The theme is Digital Communi-

cation: Personal, Social, and Professional, but there will also be sessions on other topics. The two keynote speakers - James Paul Gee and Thomas Schildgen - are nationally known for their wit, as well as their expertise. Check the ASURA website for details on how to register. Note: the Emeritus College has also extended an invitation to **all ASURA members** to attend their monthly colloquiums.

**Medicare & Health Insurance Seminar (ASURA Event)**

The annual Health Care Seminar will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in CSB 330. Independent insurance agent Brian Bilyeu will present an overview of Medicare and guide us through definitions and differences among Medicare supplement plans, Advantage plans, and prescription drug plans. Open enrollment specialists from ADOA and ASRS will then present their respective plans, highlighting any changes from last year and answering attendees' questions. Join us for another informative health care seminar during the open enrollment period.

**Volunteerism Fair**

Representatives from ASU Public Events and ASU Art Museum, Desert Botanical Gardens, Tempe Library and Historical Museum, Experience Corps (Public schools), Arizona Humane Society, local food banks, Call 12 for Action, and other valley groups will describe the important role of volunteers to their organizations. Brief presentations, followed by opportunities to meet one-on-one with organizations of interest to you.

EVENT	DATE	COST
Emeritus College Colloquium	Wed., Oct. 15	Free
Medical/Health Insurance Seminar	Wed., Oct. 22	Free
The School of Nutrition & Health Promotion’s 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Food & Thought Speaker Series	Sat., Oct. 25	\$35
Emeritus College Symposium	Sat., Nov. 1	\$35
Fall Luncheon at Friendship Village	Fri., Nov. 14	TBD
Tour: Musical Instrument Museum	3rd week/Nov. Tentative	TBD
Emeritus College Colloquium	Wed., Nov 19	Free
Holiday Potluck & Bake Sale	Thur., Dec. 18	Free
Volunteerism Fair	Thu., Jan. 22	Free
The Brain – ASURA Seminar	Thu., Feb. 12	Free
Financial Concerns for Retirees – Seminar	Thu., Mar. 19	Free



**Obituaries: January 18, 2014 - May 20, 2014**

*by Becky Reiss*

Please note that all obituary notices and photos, when available, are on our web site:  
<http://asura.asu.edu/obituaries>

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>	<b>ASU Affiliation</b>
Akins, Eleanor Marian	August 4, 2014	Foreign Language Department
Benner, Roy J.	July 18, 2014	Supervisor, Custodial Service
Breckenridge, Jack	Mar 23, 2014	Professor Emeritus of Art
Comfort, Patricia Kennedy	August 22, 2014	Research-oriented position
Dickinson, Beatrice Dorian	Jul 8, 2014	Taught in the College of Nursing
Fouquette, Martin John "Jack"	August 28, 2014	Professor Emeritus, Zoology
Headington, Mary Kmetich	August 1, 2014	Wife of Robert Headington, ASU professor (deceased)
Johnson, Karl Bernard	May 22, 2014	Head, Special Collections Division, Hayden Library
Jones, Marion	Apr 4, 2014	Professor Emeritus, Dance
Kear, Flora Irene	Jun 15, 2014	Custodian
Kelley, Nancy A.	August 10, 2014	College of Nursing
Kemp, Paul Clement	July 26, 2014	Football coach
Lewis, Elizabeth Bruening	Jun 7, 2014	Professor, Humanities
Lindgren, Donald Arthur	Jun 19, 2014	Assistant Professor, College of Business
Mason, Charles L.	August 1, 2014	Resident Architect
One Feather, Sr., Gerald Lloyd	August 21, 2014	Vista Training Center faculty member
O'Sullivan, Elizabethann	April 16, 2014	Center of Public Affairs
Rosenburgh, Carleton F.	Jul 7, 2014	Walter Cronkite School of Journalism Board Member
Silberman, Philip Larry	August 29, 2014	Adjunct Professor

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Name	Date of Death	ASU Affiliation
Skibo, Edward Bernard	Jun 24, 2014	Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
Smith, Laura	August 15, 2014	Part-time secretary
Sunkett, Mark Ellis	Jun 26, 2014	Professor, School of Music
Sweeney, Sister Mary Clare	Jul 8, 2014	English Instructor, Faculty Computer Consultant, Professor Emerita
Terman, Sallie Lee	Jul 2, 2014	Taught Public Relations
Tice, Cynthia S. "Cyndy"	Jun 8, 2014	College of Nursing
Webb, Helen	July 16, 2014	Registrar's Office
Wood, Stephen Allen	September 8, 2014	Member, Board of Directors, Sun Angel Foundation

## A Tribute to Dick Murra

**ASURA Board Member,  
Retirement Systems Liaison, and  
Chair of the Health Insurance Committee**

Dick Murra passed away on September 22, 2014 at age 92. He was a person who served his fellow man. He flew B-25s during WWII, then spending most of his career as a procurement officer. His last Air Force assignment was Chair and Professor of Aerospace Studies, (AF ROTC) at ASU (1972-74), retiring as Colonel with 33 years of service.

He remained at ASU as Manager of Compensation and Benefits and later, Director of Personnel, a position he held at time of retirement in 1984. He participated with the Department of Administration, State of AZ, on their benefit advisory board during his tenure with ASU and subsequently until 2007.

Since the beginnings of ASURA, he voluntarily assisted in AZ State Retiree Benefits issues including the annual Open Enrollment Guide. As a member of the ASU Retirees Association, he gave assistance to Arizona State University Retiree Association members on health and dental programs offered by the State. Dick stepped down as the ASURA Health Insurance Liaison in 2010.

In November 2010, eleven of ASURA Past-Presidents and its Board members gathered at a luncheon to give tribute to Dick. It was attended by his wife and three daughters.

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