

# prime times @ ASU

Arizona State University Retirees Association Newsletter

FALL 2017

## President's Message

submitted by Jeri Meeks, 2017-2018 ASURA President

Greetings ASU retiree association members, board members and volunteers!

As I start my first full year as your president I would like to say how impressed I am with our growing organization and feel privileged to be part of this fun, smart and engaging membership. I look forward to serving as your President this coming year and would like to thank our Executive Board for their excellent guidance and counsel this past year as well as the board members, office staff and volunteers who continue to make our organization successful.



We have a great year taking shape with instructive seminars, fun luncheons and local, state and international travel opportunities. ASURA will continue to serve the community with book sales, an adopt-a-family program and video history projects. We have our eye on reviving the golf tournament – stay tuned. Our membership continues to grow with the introduction of a free year for new retirees. Also, new for us this year, we have service advertisements on the last page of the *Prime Times*. Please take a look!

I am currently putting together our annual Tri-University Retirees Association meeting, which is scheduled for October 23rd this year. I look forward to meeting with the NAURA and UARA Presidents and representatives to discuss association successes, retiree concerns and how our associations, working together, can support our growing retiree community. The ASU Decision Theater in Tempe is hosting this year's meeting and Dave Cannella from ASRS will be presenting.

How would you like to be involved? Volunteering with ASURA is a great way to stay in touch with university colleagues and meet new people. We have opportunities in many of our standing committees and welcome your new ideas. I encourage you to expand your personal interests and passions by becoming involved in an ASURA committee. Please feel free to contact me personally at [jeri.meeks@asu.edu](mailto:jeri.meeks@asu.edu). I look forward to hearing from you!

Please be sure to look through this issue of the *Prime Times* as well as visit our website <https://asura.asu.edu> to keep current on what's happening this fall and next spring.

## Inside This Issue

Board of Directors & Other Volunteers	2
Welcome New ASURA Members	3
ASURA Office Updates	3
Volunteers Needed	3
Government Liaison's Report	4
Report on ASRS Board of Trustees Meeting—August 25, 2017	4-5

Healthcare Updates, - ASRS	5-6
Healthcare Updates - ADOA	6-8
ASURA Needs Your Old Books!	8
Video History Update - Fall 2017	9
Meet & Greet Pizza Party/Seminar	10
ASURA Fall 2017 - Spring 2018 Events	11
ASURA Board Nominations Due	11

Advertise Helpful Services	12
ASURA Obituaries	13-14
In Memory of Denis Kigin	15
In Memory of Donald Gieschen	15
Advertisements	16

## ASURA BOARD OFFICERS

### President

Jeri Meeks



### Vice President

Tara Roesler



### Secretary

Betty Landon



### Treasurer

Bill Moor



## ASURA Board of Directors

## ASURA Board Ex-Officio Members

### Terms Expire April 2018

Barry Bruns  
Bev Buddee  
Bob Francis  
Larry Mankin  
Connie McNeill

### Terms Expire April 2019

Tony Brazil  
Jay Q. Butler  
Jeri Meeks  
Tara Roesler  
David Schwalm

### Terms Expire April 2020

Betty Landon  
Bill Moor  
Don Nilsen  
Kathleen Renshaw  
Pat Schneider

### Ex-Officio Members

<b>Alumni Association:</b>	Rhonda McClintock
<b>Emeritus College Liaison:</b>	Don Nilsen
<b>Human Resources:</b>	Judy Cato
<b>University Club Liaison:</b>	Tara Roesler
<b>University Liaison:</b>	Stephanie Salazar
<b>University Senate:</b>	Tom Schildgen
<b>University Staff Council:</b>	Katie Aguilar

## ASURA Committees & Liaisons

## ASURA Office Staff

### **Community Outreach:**

#### Adopt-A-Family

Joan Leard

#### Scholarship

Sue Blumer,

Joy Shearman

#### Video History Project

David Scheatzle

### **Event Committees:**

#### Events Committee Chair

Barry McNeill

#### Luncheons & Special Events

Bonnie Scheall

#### Seminars

Bev Buddee

#### Pre-retirement Seminars

Trudy Perez

#### Travel

John Brock

### **Finance/Fundraising Committees:**

#### Finance

Bill Moor

#### Book Donations

Mary Stevens

### Golf Tournament

**To Be Determined**

### **Government & Health Insurance Liaisons:**

#### Government Liaison Council

Jeri Meeks (Legislative)

Dick Jacob (ASRS)

Larry Carlson (ADOA)

#### Health Insurance Liaison Council

Larry Carlson (ADOA)

Tara Roesler (ASRS)

### **Membership & Communications Committee:**

#### E-News

Barry McNeill

#### Membership

David Schwalm

#### Newsletter (*Prime Times*)

Jeannette Robson

#### Obituaries

Becky Reiss

#### Website & Database

Connie McNeill

**Phone:** (480) 965-7668 \*\*\*

**Fax:** (480) 965-7807

**Website:** <https://asura.asu.edu/>

**Location:** Community Services Building, 200 E. Curry Rd., Room 201B, Tempe, AZ

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

**Business Operations Manager:** Carolyn Minner

**Office Staff Coordinators:** Linda Van Scoy,  
Nancy Lesko

**Technology Manager:** Connie McNeill

### Office Hours: Fall 2017 thru Spring 2018

**Monday:** 9:00am - noon **need volunteer**

1:00pm - 4:00pm Jeannette Robson

**Tuesday:** 9:00am - noon Nancy Lesko

1:00pm - 4:00pm Linda VanScoy

**Wednesday:** 9:00 am-noon Tara Roesler

1:00pm - 4:00pm Bev Buddee

**Thursday:** 9:00 am-noon Bonnie Scheall

1:00pm - 4:00pm **need volunteer**

**Friday:** **Closed All Day** (year round)

**Subs:** Joan Leard, Dorothy Meunier, Helen Seaton,  
Linda Whatley

## FREE Identity Protection

ASU now offers **AllClear Identity Repair** — <https://cfo.asu.edu/allclear> — as a free service for all current and retired faculty and staff, as well as students, applicants and their parents. This new benefit gives you automatic identity repair assistance — no sign-up required — if you ever suspect that your identity has been stolen.

## Welcome New ASURA Members

Harl Alley  
 Gillian Bailey  
 Kari Barlow  
 Tina Barrantey  
 Manuel Barrera  
 Kay Barror  
 Roger Berger  
 Peggy Bonds  
 Rosemarie Bradley  
 Daniel Brooks  
 Sarah Buel  
 Kenneth Carl  
 Linda Caterino Kulhavy  
 Gray Cavender  
 John Cesta  
 Elizabeth Chain  
 Patricia Chan  
 Douglas Chandler

Cristi Coursen  
 Katherine Crewe  
 Carole Dempsey  
 Anne Ecton  
 Ira Ellman  
 Cynthia Fark  
 Fumiko Foard  
 Meg Gallagher-Sanders  
 Carol Galluzzo-Knight  
 Dennis Golabiewski  
 Cory Hansen  
 Mary Hutchinson  
 Marcia Jasper  
 William Jenkins  
 Daren Kahus  
 Dean Kashiwagi  
 Ann Koblitz  
 Elizabeth Martos

Robert Marzke  
 Jill Massara  
 Kathleen McCoy  
 Jon McMorris  
 John Meraz  
 John Meunier  
 Gerald Miller  
 Barbara Miroballi  
 Monica Montalvo  
 Rachel Montoya  
 Frank Naley  
 Richard Nosky  
 Marlene Nunez  
 Robert Oldani  
 Simon Ortiz  
 Ernie Pacheco  
 Peggy Pate  
 John Pickens

Janice Pittsley  
 Consuelo Romero  
 Ann Ryan  
 Irma Sandercock  
 Janneane Siegel  
 Andrew Smith  
 Ann Stanton  
 Henry Stevens  
 Jean Stutz  
 Virginia Sylvester  
 Eric Thor  
 Diane Venrick  
 Richard Whitehouse  
 Laurence Winer  
 Nancy Winn  
 Carlton Yoshioka

## ASURA Office Updates

*submitted by Linda Van Scoy and Nancy Lesko, ASURA Office Coordinators*

With summer behind us, the office is back on its regular schedule, 9:00am – 12:00pm and 1:00pm – 4:00pm, Monday through Thursday and closed year-round on Fridays. Below is a schedule of our volunteers who staff the office. It is always good to call ahead, 480-965-7668, if you plan to visit the office.

Monday, 9:00am - 12:00pm	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Monday, 1:00pm - 4:00pm	Jeannette Robson
Tuesday, 9:00am - 12:00pm	Nancy Lesko
Tuesday, 1:00pm - 4:00pm	Linda Van Scoy
Wednesday, 9:00am - 12:00pm	Tara Roesler
Wednesday, 1:00pm - 4:00pm	Bev Buddee
Thursday, 9:00am - 12:00pm	Bonnie Scheall
Thursday, 1:00pm - 4:00pm	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Friday	<b>Closed Year-Round</b>



*Linda Van Scoy*



*Nancy Lesko*

We also have four standby volunteers ... Joan Leard, Dorothy Meunier, Helen Seaton and Linda Whatley ... who fill in when the regular staff are unavailable. As indicated above we need permanent volunteers for the two mentioned openings. If you would like to give it a try please call me or Nancy Lesko. We would also like to have some additional standby volunteers to call on when needed if that better suits your schedule. As always, if you have any questions, need any help registering for an event, please give us a call.

## Volunteers Needed

- Technology and Website Committee needs volunteers to help maintain ASURA's technology infrastructure. **Contact:** Connie McNeill, [ConnieMcNeill@outlook.com](mailto:ConnieMcNeill@outlook.com).
- Committee members needed for the Special Events Committee. **Contact:** Jeri Meeks, [jeri.meeks@asu.edu](mailto:jeri.meeks@asu.edu).
- Video History Project ... tech savvy people with ability to be video editors, use iMovie or Adobe Premiere. **Contact:** Dave Scheatzle, [david.scheatzle@asu.edu](mailto:david.scheatzle@asu.edu).
- Legislative Liaison group needs volunteers. **Contact:** Jeri Meeks, [jeri.meeks@asu.edu](mailto:jeri.meeks@asu.edu).
- Office staff needed. **Contact:** Linda Van Scoy, ([lvs@asu.edu](mailto:lvs@asu.edu)) or Nancy Lesko ([nclesko@asu.edu](mailto:nclesko@asu.edu)).
- Prime Times Editor/Publisher needed. **Contact:** Jeannette Robson, [jrobson@asu.edu](mailto:jrobson@asu.edu).

## Government Liaison's Report

submitted by Jeri Meeks (registered lobbyist)

This year's ASURA Legislative team - Jeri Meeks, Tara Roesler and Larry Mankin - is already talking about the upcoming Arizona Legislative session! With federal efforts to revise or reinvent our national health care structure being actively discussed and the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) and the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) health care system rate increases already announced, our team members have been very busy. We are working closely with ASURA ADOA Liaison Larry Carlson and ASRS Liaison Dick Jacob, along with representatives from Matt Salmon's office at ASU and ASRS representative Dave Cannella, to provide a comprehensive view of legislation affecting our retirees this year. Stay tuned!

The Tri-University meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2017. We look forward to discussing relevant retiree concerns with our partners at the Northern Arizona University Retiree Association and the University of Arizona Retiree Association. Also coming up is Dr. Crow's ASU Alumni Legislative Breakfast and ASU Capitol Day. Our team will continue to recruit speakers for the ASU Board meetings to keep our organization current on legislative issues. All ASURA members are welcome to attend the Board meetings.

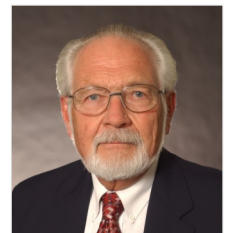


Would you like to be a Legislative Watchdog? Please consider joining the ASURA Government Liaison team and help us keep our membership involved in this year's legislative conversation. All are welcome – please email me with your interest ...  
[jeri.meeks@asu.edu](mailto:jeri.meeks@asu.edu).

## Report on ASRS Board of Trustees Meeting — August 25, 2017

submitted by Dick Jacob, ASRS Retirement & Health Insurance Liaison

The Board of Trustees of the Arizona State Retirement System met for only the second time in ten months with a legal quorum. Membership of the Board stands at 8, 5 of whom are newly appointed without prior Board experience. There remains one vacant position. Board Chair remains Kevin McCarthy, President of the Arizona Tax Research Association. Continuing on the Board are McCarthy, Tom Manos, retired Maricopa County Manager and Clark Partridge, State Comptroller with the Arizona Department of Administration. Backgrounds of new Trustees can be found on the web page <https://www.azasrs.gov/content/board-trustee-bios>. My initial impression is that the new Board is not tilted toward any particular point on the ideological compass and that its membership looks to enjoy the same cordial and cooperative relationship with each other and professionalism that had previously been the case.



Key items addressed in the agenda are as follows:

ASRS Chief Investment Officer Karl Polen reported that the Fund balance currently is hovering around \$37.9B. The FY 2017 Rate of Return (RoR) on investment is tentatively calculated to be 13.9%, higher than the Fund's target 8%. The final figure awaits further analysis.

ASRS Director Paul Matson presented an Investment Committee recommendation to adjust the Fund's Strategic Asset Allocation policy as follows: (a) Increase the Private Debt allocation from 10% to 12% within prescribed ranges and (b) Reduce the US High Yield Bond allocation from 4% to 2% within prescribed ranges. It was noted that a recently approved increase of the Private Debt allocation to 10% has been significantly successful in improving the Fund's performance. These recommendations were approved by the Board.

Representatives of the Fund's actuarial consultants, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Company, presented a detailed anal-

*(Continued on page 5)*

(Continued from page 4)

ysis of the Fund's performance in the context of the current assumed 8% RoR, as well as the Fund's liabilities. Motivated by more modest future earnings expectations, recommendations and options for reducing the RoR to 7.75% and 7.50% were presented along with their impacts on active member and employer contribution rates. The Board was tasked with studying the recommendations in preparation for action at the October 27 meeting.

Because of their potential impacts on employee paychecks and employer budgets, actions recommended in Item 3 are potentially among the most important considered recently by the Board of Trustees. It should be noted that, unless altered by legislation, the performance level that is key to Permanent Benefit Increases would remain at 8%.

- I. Having served as an ASRS Trustee 2013-2017, I have resumed my prior role as observer on behalf of ASURA. Along with Prof. Dennis Hoffman of ASU and two other members, I was recognized for my service at the May 26 meeting of the Board. It was communicated to us privately that Governor Ducey chose not to have university personnel on the Board, preferring representation from K-12. My replacement as the Educator representative is Michael Miller, retired music teacher and currently Fine Arts Academic Coordinator with the Scottsdale Unified School District. I have met with Mr. Miller and consider him to be a responsible choice as Trustee.
- II. Private Debt involves the lending of funds to private companies who may be unable to obtain adequate bank finance for various reasons, including constraints caused by banking regulations and policies. The investing is done through contracted managers who specialize in this type of investment. Private Debt involves the lending of funds to private companies who may be unable to obtain adequate bank financing for various reasons, including constraints caused by banking regulations and policies. The investing is done through contracted managers who specialize in this type of investment.

## Healthcare Updates

submitted by Tara Roesler, ASRA Healthcare Liaison

### 2018 ASRS Open Enrollment

**ENROLLMENT PERIOD: Wednesday, November 1 through Thursday, November 30, 2017**

The ASRS retiree health insurance program runs from Wednesday, November 1 through Thursday, November 30, 2017. The effective date of enrollment in, or changes to, your ASRS coverage is January 1, 2018.

**THIS IS A PASSIVE ENROLLMENT - If you are satisfied with your current ASRS coverage and do not wish to make any changes, no action is necessary.**

Your present coverage will simply roll over to the new plan year which begins January 1, 2018. For 2018, UnitedHealthcare continue to be the sole provider through the Arizona State Retirement System.

- **Medicare Plans:** The Medicare Advantage HMO plan benefits remain the same, there is a co-pay change to Specialist for the Senior Supplement plan; however, premiums are increasing.
- **Non-Medicare Plans:** This year we will continue the lower-cost premium options with slightly reduced benefits giving our non-Medicare retirees a total of six in-state plans and one out-of-state plan to choose from that best suit their needs and budget.

### New cost-saving features for both the Choice and Navigate plans:

#### **Choice Plans - Premium Program Tier 1**

Choice plans will offer a new tiered benefit plan design. A tiered plan design offers you the option of picking the contracted doctors of your choice, while giving the option of paying a lower co-payment when utilizing a Premium designated provider.

#### **Choice & Navigate Plans: Service Providers Program**

Using freestanding facilities for certain services can help drive additional cost savings. Choice and Navigate

(Continued on page 6)



(Continued from page 5)

members are encouraged to choose more cost-effective, freestanding network health care facilities (outpatient facility, diagnostic or ambulatory center, physician office or independent laboratory), instead of hospitals, for:

- Outpatient diagnostic services, • X-rays, • Independent lab work, • Scopic procedures, • Surgery.

An additional co-payment or co-insurance is applied when a network hospital is used for these services in place of a freestanding facility.

**Dental Plans:** Sun Life Financial continues to be the sole provider offering two Indemnity plans and three Prepaid plan options. The plan benefits remain the same for all plan options. The premiums increased slightly for the Indemnity and remain the same for the Prepaid plans.

## 2018 Medical Plan Premiums

### **UnitedHealthcare Premiums - RETIREE-ONLY COVERAGE**

The chart shows the single coverage monthly premiums, effective January 1, 2018. Generally, family premiums remain twice the single rate. Note that most health insurance premiums will increase for the 2018 calendar year ... a reflection of the increased severity of claims and overall healthcare price inflation that has been experienced.

Please refer to the monthly medical premiums table in the Retiree Group Health Insurance Enrollment Guides for all options and premiums on the ASRS website Healthcare page.

#### **NON-MEDICARE PLANS**

Plan Name	2018 Monthly Premiums RETIREE ONLY
UHC Choice Plan 1	\$933.00
UHC Navigate 1	\$877.00
UHC Choice Plan 2	\$893.00
UHC Navigate 2	\$827.00
UHC Choice Plan 3	\$811.00
UHC Navigate 3	\$753.00
UHC Choice Plus PPO (out of state)	\$1,339.00

#### **MEDICARE PLANS**

Plan Name	2018 Monthly Premiums RETIREE ONLY
Senior Supplement + PDP	\$351.00
Medicare Advantage HMO	\$222.00

submitted by Larry Carlson, ADOA Healthcare Liaison

## 2018 ADOA Open Enrollment

**ENROLLMENT PERIOD: Monday, October 30 through Friday, November 17, 2017**

The ADOA retiree health insurance program runs from Monday, October 30 through Friday, November 17, 2017. The effective date of enrollment in, or changes to, your ADOA coverage is January 1, 2018.

**THIS IS AN ACTIVE ENROLLMENT. YOU MUST ACTIVELY ENROLL THIS YEAR** if you want to participate in the plan.

During Open Enrollment from October 30 through November 17 at 5 p.m. Arizona time, you **MUST** visit [yes.az.gov](http://yes.az.gov) and choose the coverage you want.

**IF YOU DO NOT ACTIVELY ENROLL, you will be dropped from your current coverages as of January 1, 2018 and you will no longer be eligible for ADOA coverage.**

### What is changing:

- **Premiums are increasing:** For the first time since 2011, there will be an increase in premiums. The charts below detail the premium changes for 2018.
- **Co-pays are increasing:** No co-pay changes have occurred since 2009. Increased co-pays for medical visits

(Continued on page 7)



(Continued from page 6)

and prescriptions are needed due to higher costs. The charts detail the co-pay changes for 2018. These costs can be managed by using generic drugs, visiting a primary care physician first instead of a specialist, and using urgent care instead of the emergency room when appropriate.

- **Routine preventive care at no cost to you:** As indicated below, the plan changes also include providing preventive care with no co-pay. This includes routine wellness exams, a wide range of screening tests, immunizations and preventive care medications.
- **Why are the increases necessary?** Rising healthcare costs have been a reality for the past decade. The state is self-insured, which means that employees, retirees and the State pay into the plan to cover the claims. This year, we have reached the point where we must ask our employees and retirees to share more of the costs to meet the plan's expenses.

**The good news:**

- **Dental:** Delta Dental will remain as our PPO dental provider at the same rates and same coverage. Our pre-paid dental plan is moving to Cigna with reduced rates.

**What is staying the same:**

- **Medical coverage and carriers:** The State is proud to offer retirees an excellent benefits package with a variety of medical carriers and plans to choose from. All medical carriers and coverage plans are staying the same.
- **Vision:** The coverage for this benefit will still be the same.
- **Hearing aids:** The coverage for this benefit will still be the same.
- **Health insurance subsidy:** There is no impact to subsidies from the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) or the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSRPS).

Premium Changes for 2018 – <u>Without Medicare</u>			
Plan Type	Tier	2017 Monthly Premium	2018 Monthly Premium
<b>Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO)</b> <i>Aetna, BCBSAZ, Cigna, UnitedHealthcare</i>	Retiree Only	\$593.00	\$652.30
	Retiree + One	\$1,387.00	\$1,525.70
	Family	\$1,869.00	\$2,055.90
<b>Preferred Provider Organization (PPO)</b> <i>Aetna, BCBSAZ, UnitedHealthcare</i>	Retiree Only	\$825.00	\$907.50
	Retiree + One	\$2,009.00	\$2,209.90
	Family	\$2,197.00	\$2,416.70

Premium Changes for 2018 – <u>With Medicare</u>			
Plan Type	Tier	2017 Monthly Premium	2018 Monthly Premium
<b>Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO)</b> <i>Aetna, BCBSAZ, Cigna, UnitedHealthcare</i>	Retiree Only	\$442.00	\$486.20
	Retiree + 1 (Both Medicare)	\$878.00	\$965.80
	Retiree + 1 (One Medicare)	\$1,024.00	\$1,126.40
	Family (Two Medicare)	\$1,166.00	\$1,282.60
<b>Preferred Provider Organization (PPO)</b> <i>Aetna, BCBSAZ, UnitedHealthcare</i>	Retiree Only	\$789.00	\$867.90
	Retiree + 1 (Both Medicare)	\$1,576.00	\$1,733.60
	Retiree + 1 (One Medicare)	\$1,740.00	\$1,914.00
	Family (Two Medicare)	\$1,980.00	\$2,178.00

Continued on page 8

Copay Changes for 2018 – All Plans (With and Without Medicare)		
SERVICES	2017	2018
Routine Preventive Health Care	\$15	\$0
Office Visit		
Primary Care Physician (PCP)	\$15	\$20
Mental Health Provider	\$15	\$20
OB/GYN	\$10	\$20
Specialists (all other)	\$30	\$40
*Chiropractor	\$15	\$40
*Therapist: Occupational, Physical, Respiratory, Speech	\$15	\$40
Emergency Room	\$125	\$200
Urgent Care	\$40	\$75
Radiology (CAT, MRI, PET)	\$0	\$100
Outpatient Surgery Copay	\$50	\$100
**Inpatient Hospital Admission	\$150	\$250
<i>*This provider is now included in the specialist category. **Not applicable for maternity.</i>		

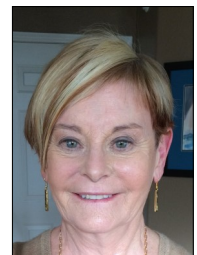
Pharmacy Copay Changes for 2018 – All Plans (With and Without Medicare)						
Amount	Generic		Preferred Brand Name		Non-Preferred Brand Name	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
Retail 30 Days	\$10	\$15	\$20	\$40	\$40	\$60
Retail 90 Days	\$25	\$37.50	\$50	\$100	\$100	\$150
Mail Order 90 Days	\$20	\$30	\$40	\$80	\$80	\$120

## ASURA Needs Your Old Books!

Are your bookshelves too full?

Are you downsizing your office or your home and don't have space for all of your books?

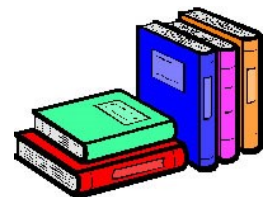
Donate your used books to us, and we will work with our partner, Friends of the Phoenix Public Library, to sell them. We will use proceeds of the sale to support our programs. The ASU Foundation, a separate nonprofit organization that exists to support ASU, will provide a gift receipt for tax purposes.



Half of the proceeds will be used for our ASURA scholarship that goes to an ASU student and half will be used for our Video History project.

If you have books you can donate, please visit our website at <https://asura.asu.edu/BookDrive> and print our donation form. Complete the form and either (1) scan and fax to 480-965-7807, (2) email to Mary Stevens, chair of the Book Drive project at [marystevens0@gmail.com](mailto:marystevens0@gmail.com), or (3) mail it directly to the ASURA office. For more information please contact me at 602-758-3750.

**NOTE:** If you need boxes, you can pick some up from our office. When boxing your books, please do not overfill the boxes: leave sufficient room to cover or close each box.

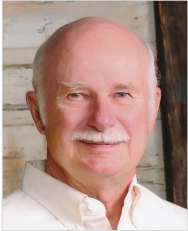


## Video History Project Update — Fall 2017

submitted by Barry McNeill & David Scheatzle

*The following is a synopsis by Barry McNeill of two interviews he edited recently and uploaded to the ASU Library Repository. Barry is one of our new Video Editors and these are his first works. You can view the interviews at the links shown below. Here is his report:*

.....



I recently completed the editing of the Connie McNeill and Marilyn Wurzburger video history interviews. I found both interviews to be interesting and informative. Who knows more about the growth of ASU computing and the introduction of personal computers than Connie McNeill? Who knows more about the building of the ASU Library's Special Collection than Marilyn Wurzburger?

The edited complete interviews are now available from the ASU Library website.

**Interviewee:** Connie McNeill

**Interviewer:** Elmer Gooding

**Interview Date:** February 29, 2012

**Website:** <https://repository.asu.edu/items/44639>



**Abstract:** Connie McNeill, Assistant Vice Provost for Information Technology, retired from ASU in the summer of 2006. Connie came to ASU in the summer of 1976 when she took a job as head of the payroll project. Connie eventually became Executive Director of computer services on the Tempe Campus and finally Assistant Vice Provost for Information Technology on the West Campus. The interview covers growing up in Pullman Washington, her role in developing computer services, both academic and administrative, on the Tempe and West Campuses.

Two special topics are the arrival of personal computers on the Tempe campus and the "Space Wars" & the Computing Commons. There is discussion of the Quality Movement and work with the ASU Retirees Association.

**Interviewee:** Marilyn Wurzburger

**Interviewer:** Richard Haefer

**Interview Date:** March 28, 2012

**Website:** <https://repository.asu.edu/items/44710>



**Abstract:** Marilyn Wurzburger was hired as an ASU Library cataloguer in 1960. She worked in both Matthews and Hayden Libraries eventually becoming Head of Special Collections. The early part of the interview covers growing up in Illinois, participating in the Pillsbury Bake Off and being a CBS tele-visitor reporter.

The interview then switches to working in Matthews and Hayden Libraries. Marilyn discusses the following six collections/collectors (see notes below for more details): Kelmscott Press, Basilisk Press, Doris & Marc Patten Herbal Books, Fritz Scholder, and Helmut Gernsheim. The interview wraps up with a discussion of some disappointments and highlights of Marilyn's career.

## 2017 Meet & Greet Pizza Party & Seminar

submitted by Bev Buddee and Barry McNeill; photos by Elmer Gooding and Dave Scheatzle

The first event of the year, the Meet and Greet Pizza Party, was well attended with over sixty attendees.

The pre-party seminar, “What I Wished I Had Known Before I Retired,” featured a panel consisting of Larry Carlson, Ruth Jones, and Bev Buddee. They discussed lessons learned on being retired. Audience participation was welcomed and informative. Once the session ended and the pizzas arrived Vlad Borovansky, Gretchen Hirni, Judy Heilala, and Barry McNeill sliced and served pizzas while Betty Landon kept the drink pitchers filled, and Hal White directed traffic in and out of the room. The event was successful on many levels:

- ◆ We got to meet a number of our new members — a quarter of those registered were Introductory Members;
- ◆ We got to chat with old friends;
- ◆ We got to introduce our committee chairs, who explained what their committees do;
- ◆ We successfully recruited volunteers for several of our committees;
- ◆ And finally, we all got to enjoy some great cookies.



**Column 1:** Elmer Gooding, Richard Whitehouse, Ignatius Tsong, Ginny Sylvester, Jacob Fuchs.

**Column 2:** Barry McNeill, Jill Massara, Carl Cross, Jane Humble, Carol Shell.

**Column 3:** Dave Scheatzle, Sue & Maynard Blumer, Ted Cary, Bonnie Scheall, Cecilia Hook.

**Column 4:** Jeannine Dahl, Murray Siegel, Sylvia Sharma, Judith Smith, Bob Backus & Vlad Borovansky.

(Note: To view more photos from the Annual Meeting and all other ASURA events, please visit the ASURA Photo Gallery web site at <http://asura.zenfolio.com>)

## ASURA Fall 2017 - Spring 2018 Events

Event	Date	Cost
<b>Seminar:</b> Medicare-ADOA-ASRS Open Enrollment	Thursday, October 26	Free
<b>Day Trip:</b> ASU Polytechnic Campus tour — Tentative	Late October	Free
<b>Day Trip:</b> MIM (Musical Instrument Museum) — Tentative	Sunday, November 12	TBD
<b>Board Meeting</b>	Tuesday, November 14	Free
<b>Board Meeting</b>	Tuesday, December 12	Free
<b>Social Event:</b> Holiday Potluck & Bake Sale	Wednesday, December 14	Free
<b>Social Event:</b> Phoenicians Barbershop Chorus Christmas Show	Saturday, December 16 or 23	TBD
<b>Seminar:</b> Stress Reduction (CSB330, 10am-noon, speaker TBD)	Thursday, January 18	Free
<b>Seminar:</b> Fraud & Scams (CSB330, 10am-noon, Terri Alexon, Fraud Watch)	Thursday, February 15	Free
<b>Seminar:</b> Emergency Preparedness (CSB330, 10am-noon, speaker TBD)	Thursday, March 15	Free
<b>Day Trip:</b> Tovrea Castle Tour (one time slot only)	Friday, April 6	TBD
<b>Seminar:</b> Caregivers (CSB330, 10am-noon, speaker TBD)	Thursday, April 19	Free

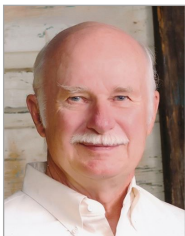
Please put these dates on your calendars. As the events get closer, additional information will be available on our website, <https://asura.asu.edu>, and you will be able to register for the events. As we get more into the Fall and Spring and as new events are added, email notifications will be sent and updates noted in the monthly E-News blasts.

As a reminder, we are always open to any suggestions from our ASURA members as to what events or travel (local and international) you would like ASURA to consider.

## ASURA Board Nominations Due January 15, 2018

During February of 2018, the ASURA will be holding elections for five members of the ASURA Board of Directors. The Board manages the affairs of the Association and establishes policies as needed to carry out its mission. Members of the Board are elected for a term of three years and meet monthly during the academic year.

You may offer the name of a current ASURA member or your own name as a potential Board member. To be sure that your nominee's name gets on the ballot, you can submit a petition of nomination bearing the signatures of at least ten current ASURA members. [All nominating petitions must be received by January 15, 2018.](#)



**Send names and/or nominating petitions to:**

Barry McNeill, Chair  
 2018 ASURA Board Nominating Committee  
 P.O. Box 873308  
 Tempe, AZ 85287-33078  
 Email: [barry\\_mcneill@outlook.com](mailto:barry_mcneill@outlook.com)

## Advertise Helpful Services in the *Prime Times*

(as published on the ASURA website, <https://asura.asu.edu/PrimeTimesAdvertising>)

Do you offer or know of a service that you think our members might find useful? If so, share the information via a small ad in our [Prime Times newsletter](#) which comes out three times a year. To submit an ad, send it to the [Prime Times editor](#) (the Newsletter Committee Chair), or mail it to our [office](#). Include a note that specifies both how long you would like the ad to run (how many issues) and, if yours is a for-fee service, what discount you will offer to those who mention your ad.

The following guidelines apply to ads that we publish in *Prime Times*:

1. Advertisements must be for services. This excludes ads for goods, restaurants, or events. Examples of services that would be approved for advertisement are home computer services, housing services, living support services, insurance, financial and estate planning services, etc.
2. Advertisements will be grouped in a section that is marked "Advertisements". The size and location of the section is at the *Prime Times* editor's discretion. The section will include the following disclaimer:

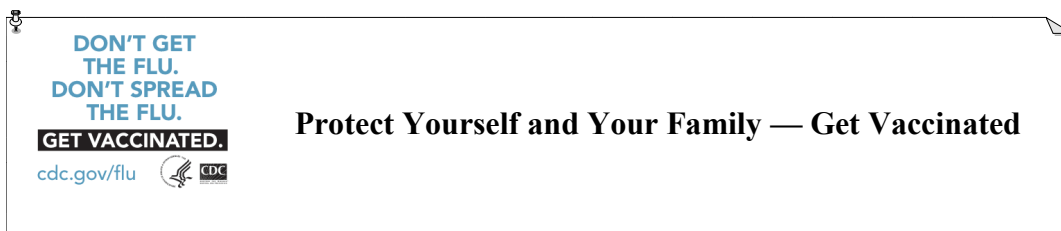
"These listings are not endorsements or ratings of the services provided. Information is based only on material received from service providers."


The section will also include information on where to find our policy on advertisements (this web page) and how to submit for publication.

3. Ads must be business-card size, i.e., 3.5 inches wide and 2 inches high, and must look satisfactory in black and white, as we do not print them in color. The *Prime Times* editor will not edit or change the text submitted for advertisement. If the editor, with input from the ASURA President and/or Board of Directors, finds that the text is not suitable for publication, the advertiser will be notified and the ad will not be printed unless corrected.
4. There will be no fee for printing advertisements in *Prime Times*. However, if services advertised are provided for a fee, the provider must certify that they will give a discount to anyone who mentions the *Prime Times* ad. The discount should be at least 5%.
5. Advertisements will be run in at least two consecutive issues, if the advertiser desires. They may be run indefinitely so long as there is space. If space becomes an issue, the oldest ad(s) will be "bumped" and those bumped must wait at least two issues to be reinstated.

Advertising of any kind is not permitted at our events, via our e-mail list, or on our website. Exceptions: our own events, affiliated events, presenters at our seminars, and e-mails specifically allowed by our [E-mail Notices Policy](#).

(These guidelines were approved by the [ASURA Board](#) in the December 14, 2016 meeting.)



**DON'T GET  
THE FLU.  
DON'T SPREAD  
THE FLU.**  
**GET VACCINATED.**  
cdc.gov/flu 

**Protect Yourself and Your Family — Get Vaccinated**

## Obituary Notifications: May 2017 - September 2017



*submitted by Becky Reiss*

(please note that all obituary notices and photos, when available, are on our website: <https://asura.asu.edu/obituaries>)

Name	Date of Death	ASU Affiliation
Ballantyne, Janet	August 30, 2017	Consultant
Benes, Elinor Simson	July 18, 2017	Volunteer, ASU Extension
Bernal, Ernesto Marroquin	September 1, 2017	Director, Center for Bilingual Education and Research
Bloemendaal, Nancy Lee	August 29, 2017	Professor, Music Department; Designer-Tech Dir., Lyric Opera Theatre
Bredenhoft, Theodore "Ted" Cornell	May 20, 2017	Wrestling Coach and Assistant Athletic Director
Brogan, Deborah A.	July 31, 2017	Eating Disorders Team Psychiatrist
Buckley, Father Gerald Albert	August 15, 2017	Campus Ministry
Carney, Eliza Singleton "Tink" Macaulay	June 27, 2017	Academic Advisor, College of Nursing
Carney, James Donald	June 20, 2017	Emeritus Professor of Philosophy
Cheng, Lorna Lok Ping	September 9, 2017	Instructor, Computer Science
Clark, Robert Cameron	August 23, 2017	Professor Emeritus, School of Music
Comprone, Joseph J.	May 1, 2017	Dean, Arts and Sciences at ASU West
Cox, Marilyn Ann	July 6, 2017	Secretary
Duplissis, John	May 12, 2017	Custodian, Health Services
Fausel, Donald	June 12, 2017	Professor Emeritus, College of Public Programs
Ferrell, Donald Miller	August 1, 2017	Professor of Journalism
Finerd, Ralph James (Jim)	July 25, 2017	College/department affiliation unknown
Fink, Edna	June 18, 2017	Registrar's Office
Flanagan, Kathleen Elizabeth	September 1, 2017	Secretary, ASU West
Gamboa, Hilda Varela	July 4, 2017	Housing Department Supervisor
Garver, George Gaylin	July 26, 2017	Dean, College of Education, ASU West
Gieschen, Donald Werner	July, 2017	Professor Emeritus, Philosophy; ASURA President 1996-1997
Hall, Norma Jean	June 9, 2017	College/department affiliation unknown
Jacquette, Francis Lee	August 4, 2017	Part-time faculty member; College/department affiliation unknown
Johnson, Zeno Martel	August 20, 2017	Professor, Philosophy

*Obituaries continued on page 14*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>	<b>ASU Affiliation</b>
Kigin, Denis John	August 24, 2017	Dean Emeritus
Knight II, John Costain (Jack)	September 5, 2017	Associate Professor; Manager, Mass Spectrometry Facility
Kush, Frank Joseph	June 22, 2017	Assistant Football Coach; Head Football Coach; Assistant to Athletic Director
LaFoe, Lorin George	July 14, 2017	Volunteer, Date Palm Farm
Lewis, Robert Roe	August 28, 2017	Member, Advisory Board, School of Social Work; Adjunct Instructor
Martin, Cecilia Mary	July 15, 2017	Secretary
Migliorisi, Emanuel L.	June 2, 2017	University bookstore, Sun Devil Stadium, Wells Fargo Arena
Montemayor, Joel Joaquin	August 10, 2017	Diversity Training
Moyer, Joan E.	August 27, 2017	Professor, College of Education
Ney, James W.	May 30, 2017	Professor Emeritus, English Department
Noble, Laura Ellen	July 31, 2017	Horticultural specialist
O’Gorman, Patrick William	July 6, 2017	Assistant Irrigation Manager, Karsten Golf Course
Pai, Ammembal Lakshman “Alex”	June 2, 2017	Professor, Computer Science
Parra, Yolanda Aguirre	June 28, 2017	Specific job unknown
Petersen, Russell James	August 28, 2017	Chair, School of Accountancy
Pinkava, Donald J.	July 25, 2017	Emeritus Professor, Life Sciences
Platt, Emmett K.	June 3, 2017	Head, Computer Literacy Program
Prather, William F.	June 15, 2017	Adjunct Professor, Speech and Hearing Science
Rodriguez, Elaine	May 11, 2017	Mother of Rick Rodriguez, Professor, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication
Schaefer, William C. (Bill)	August 3, 2017	President, Sun Devil Club; President and Lifetime Board Member, Sun Angel Foundation; Lifetime Member, ASU President’s Club; Benefactor of Bill and Judy Schaefer Sports Hall of Fame, Sun Devil Stadium
Sommerfeld, Milton	May 16, 2017	Chair, Department of Botany and Microbiology; Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Schlinsog, George W.	August 28, 2017	Professor, College of Education
Simmons, Douglas J.	April 7, 2017	Professor, Foreign Language Department
Solheim, Nellie Louise Crozier	July 8, 2017	Recipient of Honorary Doctorate degree and Regents Award for Outstanding Service to Higher Education
Stowe, Gwendolyn Joyce	January 7, 2010	Assistant Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Underwood, Enos Edwin	August 31, 2017	Registrar
Vick, Sr., Richard Snead	July 20, 2017	Stadium broadcast announcer for Sun Devil football games
Winkles, Elinor “Ellie”	September 7, 2017	Wife of Bobby Winkles, former ASU baseball coach
Wright, Catherine Madeline	June 21, 2017	Student Recreation Facility Coordinator

## In Memory of Denis Kigin

*submitted by Hal White*

On August 24, 2017, Denis Kigin, the first elected president of the Arizona State University Retirees Association, passed away. A friend to all. He was ninety-four.

Denny joined the ASU faculty in 1958 as Associate Professor with the Division of Technology in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. Following a two year absence in the 1960s, he returned as an administrator, ultimately as Dean of Continuing Education, Director of Summer Sessions and Coordinator of Commencement. He retired in 1988 as Dean Emeritus.

During his tenure at ASU, Denny held numerous national leadership positions including program consultant to the President's Conference on Occupational Safety and planning committees for the National Safety Conference. He served on the National Commission on Safety Education and also the Board of Directors for the National Safety Council. He was a leader for the North Central Conference and Western Association of Summer Session Administrators and the Council on Extension and Continuing Education of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges.

Denny served as a U.S. Marine pilot in both World War II and the Korean conflict and was honorably discharged at the rank of captain. He later earned a BS degree from Mankato State College (now Minnesota State University) and attended the University of Wisconsin-Stout and the University of Missouri at Columbia, earning a Masters and Ed.D. In later years, as a resident of Friendship Village retirement community, he was asked to share his experiences and credited the GI Bill with making his education

possible.

As an avid volunteer in the community, he chaired the Arizona Heart Ball and was president of the Tempe Kiwanis. He was active in his Catholic church in Tempe both at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and The Church of the Resurrection parishes serving as Eucharistic Minister and in delivering meals for the Society of St. Vincent dePaul.

Denny was the first elected President of the ASU Retirees Association (1992-1993) and, until 2006, continued to serve in various ways. Under Denny's leadership, numerous programs of the Association — the Adopt-a-Family program for one — were created and have endured to the present. Whenever a retiree commented they were not going to a particular Retirees program because of a lack of interest in the topic, Denny would say that he had gone to a program or two when he was not interested. When asked, "Why?" he said, "To support the Association." His interview by the ASURA Video History Project is available online.

Denny was preceded in death by his wife of sixty-nine years, Helen Harty Kigin, who passed away in 2016 and by two brothers. He is survived by four children and five grandchildren.

When the final Board meeting of his term as Retirees president concluded, he was rewarded with a standing ovation. For those who knew Denny, they are reminded of his warmth. For those who may not have known him, if they listen closely, they can still hear the applause.



## In Memory of Donald Gieschen

Donald Werner Gieschen, 93, passed away in July 2017. Don joined the US Navy in 1943, became a Naval Aviator, eventually a Torpedo Bomber pilot and remained in the Navy until Fall of 1946 serving with the occupying forces in Japan. Upon his discharge, he returned to college where he earned his BS in Philosophy in 1950 from Northwestern University. Don earned a Masters in 1953 followed by a PhD in 1962 from the University of Minnesota. He was hired by ASU in 1959 where he spent 30 years teaching philosophy. He published numerous papers and wrote the book, "An Uncommon Conversation." After retiring Professor Emeritus, the ASU philosophy library was named after him.

Don was president of ASURA from 1996-1997 and was instrumental in implementing Retirees Day, his pet

project, and also the ASURA scholarship endowment fund. Legislative relations had always been one of Don's major interests ever since he joined ASURA. He served as the ASURA Legislative Liaison from 1997-2003 and, along with other members, represented ASURA in the coalition of state university retirees' associations to plan strategies for action in the legislature.



Don was a kind and gentle soul who never spoke unkindly of others. He valued peace and love and his family spoke of how he kept his sense of humor and continued to smile to the end. He will sincerely be missed by his family and friends.

Prime Times is issued three times annually by the Arizona State University Retirees Association and offers special editions, as needed. It is compiled and published by Jeannette Robson, printed by AlphaGraphics, and mailed through ASU Mail Services. Articles are always welcome, subject to Board approval.

**Mailing Address:**

Prime Times, ASU Retirees Association  
PO Box 873308  
Tempe, AZ 85287-3308

**Arizona State University Retirees Association:**

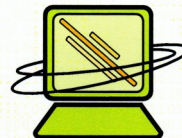
ASURA has a volunteer-staffed office in the Community Services Building, 200 E. Curry Rd., Room 201B in Tempe, Arizona.

Phone: (480) 965-7668  
Fax: (480) 965-7807  
Website: <https://asura.asu.edu>

## ADVERTISEMENTS

**Rick Wall**

Owner and Service  
Provider



**Zonal Technology Service**

Computer, AudioVisual, Internet, Software Support

1645 E Grand Canyon Drive  
Chandler AZ 85249

480-518-2892

Rick.Wall@asu.edu  
[www.zonalmusicgroup.com](http://www.zonalmusicgroup.com)

These listings are not endorsements or ratings of the services or products provided. Information is based only on material received from service providers.

For detailed information on the ASURA advertisement policy and how to submit an advertisement, please visit <https://asura.asu.edu/PrimeTimesAdvertising>.

Note that if you charge a fee you must offer a discount of at least 5% to anyone who mentions your ad placed here.