Bring Your Appetite! Winter Luncheon
by Jane Dugas, Luncheon Coordinator

Thursday, January 23, 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
We hope you will plan to join us at our winter luncheon, to be held at the ever-popular Tanque Verde Ranch. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. A delicious lunch buffet is being served at noon. The cost is still only $20.00 per person, all-inclusive. Maybe you will be the winner of one of our great door prizes! Ample parking is available for members and their guests. A reservation form is on page 7, or you may download the form through our website. We look forward to seeing you again!

Nominations for New UARA Officers
The Nominating Committee is considering nominees for President, President-elect, Secretary and Treasurer for the 2014-2015 year. UARA members are encouraged to submit nominees for each of the officer positions. If you have suggestions for nominees, please leave a message for Suzanne Van Ort, Nominating Committee Chair, at 325-4366, or email uara@arizona.edu by January 27, 2014. Ballots for elections will be in the Spring issue of UA Retiree News.

UARA Winter Educational Seminar (see announcement, next page.....)

VALLEY FEVER: PEOPLE AND PETS
Friday, February 7, 2014, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Tucson Medical Center, Marshall Conference Center, 5301 E. Grant Road

“Doing Better With Valley Fever: Where Do We Go From Here?”
JOHN GALGIANI, M.D.

“The Pet Connection: Valley Fever in Animals”
LISA F. SHUBITZ, D.V.M.

How to Join UARA!
Visit the website uara.arizona.edu and click on “Membership/join or rejoin”, or, contact the UARA office. Fees: $20 one year; $80 five years, or $250 Life Membership. If your mailing label says “Exp June 2013”, please mail in your dues as soon as possible.”
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Free, open to the public. Please RSVP

JOHN GALGIANI, M.D.
"Doing Better With Valley Fever: Where Do We Go From Here?"
Dr. Galgiani is an expert on Valley Fever and other infectious diseases, and is a Professor and Director of the Valley Fever Center for Excellence, UA College of Medicine. He is currently listed as one of the “Best Doctors in America.”

LISA F. SHUBITZ, D.V.M.
"The Pet Connection: Valley Fever in Animals"
Dr. Shubitz became involved in valley fever research under Dr. John Galgiani through The Valley Fever Center for Excellence and performs valley fever research involving vaccine development, immunology, and new drug testing. Dr. Shubitz also consults on valley fever cases in animals.

Program Sponsored by the University of Arizona Retirees Association, and Co-sponsored by Tucson Medical Center

To RSVP, please call TMC Senior Services Reservation Line at 324-4345.

For more information and directions, call 324-1960.

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Announcing New UARA Scholarship
by Betty Atwater, Scholarship Committee Chair

The number of scholarships that the UARA has available to award to University of Arizona students has been increased recently, with the addition of the **Van Ort UARA Undergraduate Scholarship**. The result of a generous donation by Suzanne Van Ort, UARA Past President, this award is designated for an upper division student planning a career in a health-related profession. The awardee should have an academic emphasis and career focus on healthy adult aging.

This scholarship joins the two UARA existing awards, the Irving Yall Book Scholarship (for a freshman or sophomore) and the T.R. Rehm Graduate Scholarship (for a student studying aging issues).

“I am pleased to fund the Van Ort UARA Undergraduate Scholarship for upper division students enrolled in a health-related major. Students whose career focus is on healthy adult aging deserve our financial support and encouragement to continue on their career path. Given the anticipated increases in the elderly population, preparing students to promote healthy aging is a wise investment for now and the future”.

- Suzanne Van Ort

The Scholarship Committee (Stardust Johnson, Tom Rehm, and myself) meets in May after the applications have been submitted. The Committee then reviews, discusses, and ranks the applicants, and makes its final recommendations of the most deserving recipients.

To donate to any of our Scholarships, please visit the UARA web page, [uara.arizona.edu](http://uara.arizona.edu), click on “Scholarships”, and then click on the donation form.

### Spring 2014 Luncheon, March 27
Our Spring luncheon is planned for Thursday, March 27th, at the **Lodge on the Desert**. We are excited that this new venue is on our lunch schedule for 2014!

**Note: Due to the earlier date in March, before the Spring Newsletter is printed, members will receive a reservation notification via postcard to mail in.**

A three-course plated lunch will be offered that includes a salad, fresh assorted rolls, lemon mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables, beverages, all with a choice of entrée: (1) Grilled Chicken Cutlets with white wine and mushroom sauce, or (2) Organic Grilled Salmon with vanilla pineapple reduction, or (3) Chef’s Whim Vegetarian option. Fresh sorbet with fruit salsa will be served for dessert. Sound good? The cost is $25.00 per person. We hope you can join us! Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. in the Palm Room.

**Fall Luncheon, October 23, 2014**
We are also pleased to announce another new venue for our October luncheon next year. It will be at the beautiful Hacienda del Sol Guest Ranch. More information to come in a forthcoming newsletter. While Skyline Country Club offers us many amenities, we felt it was time for a change.

### UA Visitor Center, Shuttle Tour of University, Tuesday, March 18, 10:00-noon
Join us for a shuttle tour of the UA, presented by the UA Visitor Center. Cost is $10.00 per person — includes parking and two-hour tour. Park in the Tyndall Garage and meet us on the sidewalk facing the University Services Building (look for the UARA sign). Parking voucher is valid until 2:00 p.m., so participants may walk around Main Gate Square after the tour to shop, dine, and socialize. Please mail check to the UARA office at P.O. Box 42391, Tucson AZ 85733 (by March 1) to reserve your seats.

**Post-Fall 2013 Luncheon…**
**A Jolly Ole Time at Skyline**
The Fall luncheon in October was held at the scenic Skyline Country Club. Choice meals of orange roughy, steak, or vegetarian polenta, with salad, and gourmet cookies were served. Dr. Andrew Comrie, Senior VP for Academic Affairs and Provost at the UA was the guest speaker. Dr. Comrie presented an informative talk about Higher Education, answering questions from the audience. Door prizes were given away to several lucky winners. Trudy Jacobson, our UARA Office Manager extraordinaire, was presented with a thank-you gift. The brand new Van Ort UARA Undergraduate scholarship was introduced (see article to the left).
Greetings from Rose
by Rose Perrill, UARA President 2013-2014

It is our hope that each and every one of you had a very blessed Thanksgiving and enjoyed a wonderful holiday season, Christmas and New Year.

Your UARA has been working hard over the past six months. During that time, we have forged a partnership with Tucson Medical Center Senior Services (TMCSS) and Pima Council on Aging (PCOA) for programs and a place to present special seminars. Our UARA “Speakers of the Month” have been great, and those planned for this year should be especially informative.

The Fall Educational Seminar was a great success, and we are proud of the accomplishments thus far. We have incorporated most of your survey suggestions into our organizational programming. Besides providing excellent speakers, we have managed to keep the luncheon costs as low as possible considering today’s economy.

The UARA “Speaker of the Month Series” is presented for all members to attend. So far, speakers have addressed the subject “Living Well with Hearing Loss” and presenting information about the Pima Air and Space Museum/Titan Missile Museum. The UARA “Speaker of the Month Series” is available for all members and is presented on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 10:15-11:00 a.m. in the Vine Building, Room 102. We have a brief social time with refreshments before the speaker’s talk from 10:00-10:15 a.m. Free parking is available around the building.

As you think about your calendars for the new year, we hope you will plan to attend the 2nd Tuesday of January through April for your time to experience what your organization is doing. The issues discussed are timely and topic friendly for UARA retirees. Also, don’t forget that our Winter Educational Seminar (see page 3) will be on Friday, February 7th, at TMC. You might want to mark your calendar now for this special seminar.

We are a unique organization because we are all retirees from the University of Arizona. Each State educational institution in Arizona has its own retiree association. We are the oldest (34 years) and the largest. ASURA is 20 years old, and NAURA is 24 years old. Our membership is approximately 700 people.
AUTHORS AMONG US—“UNFINISHED BUSINESS”
A BIOLOGIST IN THE LATTER HALF OF THE 20TH CENTURY”
Joseph T. Bagnara, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus

The main title of my memoir, “Unfinished Business,” reflects experiences of many who have long been active in research: namely, that many projects of importance are abandoned in favor of other distractions. It was my intention to record these as a legacy to former students, associates and colleagues. In doing so, I realized that the more than fifty years of my professional life took place in a unique period that followed World War II. When I joined the faculty of the University of Arizona in 1956, the teaching role of universities had rapidly begun to include a research component that was fed by strong extra-mural support. I took advantage of this support to develop a successful research program that in turn led to a most fulfilling life.

I was able to develop a passion for my work, to travel extensively, to make lasting friendships, and to earn international recognition. By taking advantage of several sabbatical leaves, especially in France and Italy, I came to appreciate those countries, their cultures and languages. A series of visiting investigators from Japan led to deep ties with that country. Not all of my travel was science related. In fact, in later years my wife and I made almost annual trips to Italy and France simply for pleasure. Some readers might enjoy reading about these extensive travels.

I came to the University to teach developmental biology, and while this was essentially bench science, I was also able to nourish side interests in field biology, especially ornithology and herpetology. I tell about this in a long chapter on the vicarious enjoyment of field biology. Tales of my friendship with our ornithologist, Joe T. Marshall, are especially amusing.

Altogether this book is a recounting of my scientific and cultural adventures over a fifty-year career. Through my words, the reader can witness some of the profound changes that occurred in academia following World War II. The road is winding with many detours and a few trails abandoned. These remain for future generations to rediscover and explore.

A Special Good-Bye to Pat Williamson
Pat Williamson, former UARA office manager, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 1, at the age of 89. Pat, a retiree from the UA Theatre Arts Department, was a member of the UARA Advisory Council at the time of her passing. Born on March 17th, 1924, St. Patrick’s Day, she received the name of Patricia. UARA was a big part of Pat’s life and the organization benefitted very much under her care.

90-Up!
by Trudy Jacobson, Editor

Alice Miller, 92
“Life is a gift, Live it!” says Alice, who has lived an interesting life by taking time to smell the roses. She likes to do volunteer work, reading, hiking (in the past and now walking), and gardening. Her secret to longevity? “Good health, being active, doing what you like to do,” she says. She also goes to church, and has two church families: one in Ohio and one in Tucson. “Family and friends are very important. Do for others, and have fun,” she adds.

Ewen Whitaker, 91
Being 90 is “not for sissies!” he says. Those are the words of Jack Kittle, owner of a bicycle shop on East Speedway many years ago. But those words are very true, says Ewen. His chief hobby is repairing old clocks. He also collects old books and maps pertaining to the Moon, and has been collecting those since 1951. His favorite tip for aging well? “During my formative years in London, England, I can still hear my parents saying ‘Everything in moderation.’ My addition to that is: occasional splurges are OK” Ewen says, “I have been retired from the UA for 26 years now, where I had the unique privilege of working with Prof. Gerard Kuiper and subsequent Directors of the Lunar and Planetary Lab. We pioneered lunar photographic and research programs for all of NASA’s lunar missions. Those were such exciting and satisfying years, and historically important too!”

Material for the UARA Newsletter is always welcome, subject to Executive Committee approval, and we encourage you to send your articles to the editor. The UARA Newsletter is published three times a year, in the Fall, Winter, and Spring. The newsletter is mailed only to paid UARA members.
Legislative Update  
by Ruth Eskesen, Legislative Committee Chair

The 2nd Regular Session of the 51st Arizona State Legislature will convene on Monday, January 13, 2014. The last day for introduction of bills will be February 3rd in the Senate and February 10th in the House.

Potential ASRS 2014 Legislative Initiatives
Proposed changes to state statutes governing the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) are relatively limited for the upcoming legislative session compared to those initiatives passed during the 2013 1st Regular Session in SB 1170. While the bill is still in the drafting phase, possible changes being reviewed and discussed by ASRS are as follows:

**Administrative changes ...**

- Would permit the ASRS director to conduct criminal background of current and prospective employees as well as credit checks for investment, accounting, and other finance related positions.

- Proposes technical changes to the ASRS Defined Benefits and Defined Contribution plans.

- Provides that a percentage of the ASRS operating budget be non-lapping for five years following the fiscal year in which funds were appropriated.

**ASRS Membership Eligibility Requirements ...**

- Would eliminate the ASRS eligibility requirement that employees must be covered by an employer’s Agreement.

- Provides additional exclusionary language for classes of positions currently ineligible for ASRS membership (i.e., a person performing services for a school, college or university in Arizona at which that person is enrolled as a student and regularly attends classes).

**Plan Design Changes ...**

- Would permit an ASRS member who has reached a normal retirement age to continue to receive their pension benefit without a termination of employment if the member is at least 62 years of age.

- Proposes changes in early retirement payment amounts (applies only to those becoming members on or after July 1, 2011)

**Long Term Disability ...**

- Would clarify compensation definitions to resolve conflicting sections in ASRS statutes.

- Proposes to reduce the income replacement percentage to 60% for a person who is disabled from performing any job after the member has been disabled for 30 months

**Potential non-ASRS proposals that could impact ASRS ...**

- Introduction of legislation focusing on defined contribution and/or hybrid retirement plans

- Employer withdrawal from ASRS

- Police and fire membership in ASRS

- Initiative to tie government spending to retirement plan funding

If you are interested in following ASRS and other retirement related legislation during the upcoming legislative session, excellent information is available via the ASRS website (www.azasrs.gov), under ‘administration,’ click on ‘legislative update’. To track bills during the upcoming legislative session, click on ‘Bill Tracker.’ The information is updated weekly on Fridays. This web page also provides a summary of ASRS legislation passed in recent sessions and offers a presentation entitled ‘How a Bill Becomes Law’ (in Arizona).

**UA Cares**

Participating in a UA Cares Campaign fundraiser, Jamie U. and Angie V. serve a barbecue lunch to Camille A. All three work at the UA Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid. Every UA retiree should have received UA Cares Pledge letter last September. If you didn’t receive a letter, please contact the UARA office. A report on the 2013 UA Cares Campaign will be published in the spring UA Retiree News.
RESERVATION FORM for UARA WINTER 2014 LUNCHEON BUFFET
AT TANQUE VERDE RANCH - JANUARY 23, 2014

Please write your name as you would like it printed on the nametag.

Retiree/Surviving Spouse ____________________________________________________________

Former Department ________________________________________________________________

Telephone: __________________________ Email ____________________________________________

Guest Name #1 __________________________ Guest Name #2 ____________________________

THE LUNCHEON IS A SELF-SERVE BUFFET OF VARIED ENTREES, VEGETABLES, SALADS,
BREADS, AND BEVERAGES, AND INCLUDES A GENEROUS ASSORTMENT OF DESSERTS.
(GUESTS ARE OTO FOR BEER AND WINE ORDERS.)

Enclosed is a check for $_________ made payable to UARA ($20.00 per person). Mail
your check to UARA, PO Box 42391, Tucson AZ 85733, Attention: Trudy Jacobson

UARA WINTER LUNCHEON BUFFET
Thursday, January 23, 2014
Tanque Verde Ranch in the Kiva Dining Room
14301 East Speedway

Directions - Proceed to the east end of Speedway Blvd. Allow 20 minutes from Wilmot Road. At the end
of Speedway, you will see a sign announcing TANQUE VERDE RANCH. Turn left and continue to the
parking area. Follow the crowd to the dining area. Stop at the registration desk (first building) if you need
assistance. Phone: 520-296-6275

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. — Lunch begins at Noon

PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR RESERVATION BEFORE JANUARY 21, 2014

Your check ($20.00 per person) guarantees your reservation.
No portion of this cost is tax deductible.
No refund is possible unless the cancellation request is received 3 days prior to the event.
Questions, attendance issues/cancellation requests, contact Trudy Jacobson at 325-4366.

We look forward to seeing you. Bring a friend!