A MESSAGE FROM UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA PRESIDENT EUGENE SANDER

I am pleased to write to you as the University of Arizona’s 20th president. After spending a quarter of a century here as a professor and administrator, I know that this University is one of Arizona’s treasures and I am honored to serve as its leader.

February 17 marked the beginning of a new era at the UA, when Ann Weaver Hart was named our 21st president. Dr. Hart brings to the UA a wealth of experience in leading universities. She understands the importance of our research mission and our commitment to serving our students and the state.

Currently, Dr. Hart is president of Temple University in Philadelphia, a public university similar in many respects to the University of Arizona. She has served as president of the University of New Hampshire and provost and vice president for academic affairs at Claremont Graduate University. Her prior appointments also include professor of educational leadership, dean of the Graduate School and special assistant to the president at the University of Utah.

I firmly believe that the UA is poised for a new era of excellence under the leadership of President Hart. Why? Because the University is experiencing a season of unparalleled achievement at the same time it has attracted an ideal person to lead the institution.

This year, the UA is breaking records: in enrollment, in the quality of our students (SAT scores of incoming freshmen were better than ever), in research performance, and in diversity. We have more national scholars than in years past and just were named one of the top producing institutions for Fulbright scholars. In addition, UA alumnus Brian Schmidt recently won the Nobel Prize in physics, the UA was selected to lead the largest research project in our history (OSIRIS-Rex) and construction began on a massive expansion to the UA College of Medicine-Phoenix.

When she begins her tenure July 1, President Hart will lead an institution that, by any measure, is one of the nation’s great public universities. Her impressive track record as president of two institutions, indicates that she is more than up to the task.

During her six-year tenure as president of Temple University - America’s 27th largest university and home to the Temple University Health System - Dr. Hart was responsible for taking Temple’s academic reputation to new heights. She significantly increased undergraduate and graduate applications while raising the academic qualifications of incoming students; produced an institutional record number of Fulbright scholars; improved the freshman retention rate and time to degree; increased research expenditures by nearly $40 million; fostered technology transfer and economic development efforts; and advanced Temple’s ranking seven spots with the National Science Foundation.

Her experience leading the University of New Hampshire will also serve her well. The University of New Hampshire is a research-extensive university with land, sea, and space grant university designations. It is also the flagship of the university system of New Hampshire. Hart was responsible for ensuring a first-class undergraduate and graduate education to students and fostering the university’s role as a major partner in research, development, and outreach in every county in the state.

President Hart and I will work closely to ensure a smooth and successful transition. Our students, employees, retirees, alumni and supporters deserve nothing less. Please join me in welcoming President Hart to southern Arizona.

UARA MISSION STATEMENT

Purpose: to foster the benefit, interests, and well-being of the retired faculty and staff of the University of Arizona through social, educational, and promotional activities, as well as to encourage continuing contact between retirees and the University.
A MESSAGE FROM
UARA PRESIDENT
George Evanoff, The University of Arizona
Retirees Association

It is time to thank those who have been involved with UARA this past year. An association runs well with good officers and we are fortunate to have a dedicated group who have advised me and could be counted on to help in special situations: Tom Rehm, treasurer, Rose Perrill, secretary and Suzanne Van Ort, past president. I am deeply indebted to them for their assistance.

It is hard to describe Office Manager Trudy Jacobson’s enthusiasm and upbeat personality. Membership responsibilities have been brought into the office and Trudy has developed a computerized membership base so that we have the information needed to maintain contact with members.

This is Jan Murphy’s last issue after nine years as editor of Jubilación. We can’t come close to writing what is necessary to thank her for her work. We will miss her and her handling of our news. Jan has been assisted by James Burke and Jean Discorfano.

Jane Dugas is the chair of our wonderful luncheon program. She is trying new venues. To influence her decisions, please complete the survey in this issue. Trudy Jacobson and Dianne Bret Harte help Jane with the program.

Communications chair Roger Caldwell is in charge of the web site which continues to expand and become more valuable. Check it out and stay in touch with UARA’s activities and information of interest to retirees.

Scholarship committee chair Stardust Johnson together with Tom Rehm and Suzanne Van Ort recommended outstanding recipients for scholarship awards. Remember, members can make tax deductible contributions to the funds (Irving Yall Book Scholarship - undergraduate - and the T. R. Rehm Graduate Scholarship) by donating to the U of A Foundation at any time or during the U of A Cares Campaign, designating either or both scholarships as recipients.

Ruth Eskesen, our Legislative Action Committee chair, kept the Council informed of the status of bills introduced in the legislative session and their impact on retirees. Susan Green, education chair, provided members with varied and interesting programs. Rose Perrill served as the UARA representative on the ASRS health insurance committee and kept the Council informed of ASRS activities. Corny Steelink chaired the Bylaws Committee consisting of Roger Caldwell, Helen Mautner, and Bob Sankey.
**Suzanne Van Ort** chaired the Nominating Committee with members **Rose Perrill** and **Trudy Jacobson**. You will see the outstanding job they did when you vote for our new officers.

Last, but not least, thanks to all of you for allowing me the privilege and honor of serving as the UARA president for the last three years.

**MEMBERSHIP YEAR CHANGES REMINDER**

George Evanoff, president

Your printed mailing address changed slightly with this issue. In addition to your name and address, there is a statement of when your current membership expires. For lifetime members it indicates LM. Free memberships for the FY 2011 retirees are indicated by Free 12, meaning your free membership as a new retiree expires June 30, 2012. For most other members it indicates Exp 12 (to indicate expiring June 30, 2012). In some cases, the date will be a year or two further into the future as some people paid for more than one year. All memberships expire on June 30 of the year stated. **Note:** I described this new address label in the January 2012 newsletter, but due to a mix-up in the mailing process, the member code was left off.

This renewal may seem like it came quickly this year - and it did. This is because our previous renewal period was in the fall of 2011, and the new one is in the spring of 2012 - both occurring in the same fiscal year. From now on, all renewals will be in the spring.

The membership year of UARA is the same as the UA's fiscal year - July 1 to June 30. This year changes were made in the member renewal process as to how and when members are contacted. In late Spring 2012, you will receive a renewal notice and a confirmation of your member status and address. Life members will receive a confirmation card, but not a renewal notice. Renewals must be made by June 30 to ensure you will receive the September Jubilación.

**UARA SCHOLARSHIP REPORTS**

**Mildred Gamez, Irving Yall Book Scholarship.** Being a first generation in college and coming from a low income family, obtaining a higher education has definitely been a challenge. However, I am already a sophomore at the U of A enrolled in the College of Education. Having been a recipient of this scholarship has helped me to cover the tuition cost for this academic year, especially during a moment where I was facing many economic hardships because I was the only employed member in my household. Moreover, it also enabled me to buy a laptop that would help me academically.

I want to take the time to thank this organization for having provided me the opportunity to keep pursuing my dream of being the first in my family to graduate college and I hope that they continue to provide financial help to other students.

**Jacqueline Parrado, Irving Yall Book Scholarship.** This scholarship has helped me to buy my books for each class. College is expensive and this scholarship helps me cover those expensive costs. It has helped me achieve my goals by allowing me to focus on my studies and not have to worry about the liabilities that may discontinue my schooling. As I am more focused on my studying I have received good grades, which helps me be a step closer to achieving my primary goal of being accepted into the college of my choice. As I come from a low income family, this scholarship has helped me to be able to continue to pursue my dream of becoming a nurse in labor and delivery.

I thank the University of Arizona Retirees Association extensively for giving me this opportunity to receive this scholarship and allowing me to continue my studies without a worry for book fees.

**Elizabeth Bukoski, T. R. Rehm Graduate Scholarship.** Scholarship money was used for tuition and fees not covered by the Department of Educational Psychology and teaching assistant benefits. Tuition coverage provided me the opportunity to work closely with my advisor developing a research plan fulfilling the requirements of my master’s thesis in Educational Psychology. Along with working on my research goals, I also took the required statistics and classroom learning classes to earn my degree.

The past fall semester focused on annotating research articles relevant to aging and group collaboration to form research questions. Using social support from other individuals to recall or remember information has been shown to be beneficial for older adults. Relying on group social support as individuals age, to compensate for cognitive decline due to aging, is one possible explanation for the benefit group collaboration has on recalling information. Another explanation is that both older and younger adults benefit from group collaboration because individuals working in groups can remind each other of the information one group member forgot.

This spring, I’m working on designing an experiment that tests if older and younger adults do in fact benefit from group collaboration due to social cuing and whether or not the benefits are long term. Also, I’d like to see if the benefits of group collaboration extend past laboratory experiments and could be useful in classrooms or realistic learning situations. My greatest research accomplishment has been working with my advisor on designing collaborative tasks that will work in a classroom outside of the laboratory but also yield experimental results.

**UARA Spring Luncheon**

April 28, 2011

11:30 a.m.

Manning House
There are three major changes in the website (uara.arizona.edu):

1) The sections on discussion forums and on voting opportunities have been removed. Despite notice in past issues of these features, no UARA members had made an entry; however, there were a few “junk mail” entries by commercial vendors wanting to sell a product.

2) The home page has been revised to prominently list announcements, including the guest speakers at the UARA Advisory Council monthly meetings.

3) Health Benefits has been expanded to add information on quality ratings of hospitals and comparisons of Medicare Advantage plans (and their difference from Medigap or basic Medicare plans).

Look on the UARA website home page right column under Health and Health Benefits for links.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Ruth Eskesen, chair, Legislative Committee, and James Burke

During the spring of each year, the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) publishes on its website the ASRS Bill Tracker, which contains descriptions of all retirement bills being processed by the Legislature. It is updated every week during the legislative session and may be accessed online by anyone interested in reading it. (No IDs or passwords required.) This is done by entering www.azasrs.gov in the address box in one’s web browser and hitting the return key. On the left side of the ASRS home page that appears after a few seconds, there is a column entitled “News” which contains links to other web pages. Clicking on the first link will bring up the ASRS 2012 Bill Tracker. It is currently about 23 printed pages long, beginning with bills sponsored by ASRS and continuing with bills sponsored by others. We shall look briefly at two bills, identifying them by the number and formal title used in the Bill Tracker.

H2088: RETIREMENT; ASRS; AMENDMENTS is an extensive array of amendments to the current statutes that define the mission of ASRS and how it is to be executed. Beginning with a one paragraph summary written by Arizona Capitol Reports, L.L.C., it continues with an ASRS Staff Summary consisting of a list of “bullet” items, each describing one of the many different things that the bill stipulates. Among other things, the bill makes changes in Service Purchase rules, the Health Benefit Supplement, and the Long-Term Disability Plan.

H2264: RETIREMENT; ASRS; EMPLOYEE; EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS; RATE

By statute, the total amount that must be contributed by employers and their employees, in order to fully fund the retirement fund, is determined each year by ASRS’s actuary. Historically the employers and their employees have each paid one-half of the total amount. Last year, against the advice of ASRS staff that it would be unconstitutional to change this 50/50 split, the legislature passed a bill making employees pay 53% of the total to ASRS, while employers paid 47% to ASRS and contributed the 3% they were thereby “saving” to the State’s General Fund. In a lawsuit brought by the AEA and other teacher unions, a superior court judge ruled that last year’s bill was unconstitutional.

H2264 brings back the 50/50 split and stipulates that employers will have to repay their employees for the 3% overcharge during FY2011/2012 no later than September 30, 2012.

If you have any problem finding the ASRS Bill Tracker, an email to Lesli Sorensen (leslis@azasrs.gov), ASRS’s legislative liaison, should resolve it.

HEALTH BILL CLARIFIED

Leonor Benitez, Benefits Information Chair

Confused about the federal health bill? There is a short, visual paperback that addresses the complex issues of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) using a cartoon medium: Health Care Reform - What it is, Why It's Necessary, How it Works 2011. The UARA office has two copies available for perusal of this easy to read, straightforward explanation of the ACA - the truth and the misconceptions regarding the Health Reform Law. The author is Dr. Jonathan Gruber, professor of Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Director of the Health Care Program at The National Bureau of Economic Research. He was a key architect of Massachusetts’ Health Reform and consulted extensively with the Obama administration and Congress during the development of the ACA.

SCHOLARSHIP UNIVERSE

Julie Norwood, UA Foundation

How many hours should a student spend searching for scholarships? Scholarship Universe, a web-based scholarship matching system, was developed to do the searching so students don’t have to. The system was developed at the UA exclusively for UA students in 2010. During the first year, over 14,000 UA students logged in and immediately recognized that Scholarship Universe was different. Aside from its unique appearance, Scholarship Universe was different. Scholarship Universe can accurately match any student to any scholarship, no matter how narrow or rare the scholarship requirements may be.

The website is accessible to any UA student, including incoming freshmen, transfer, graduate, and international students. Students can log in to the system as soon as they are admitted and acquire their UA NetID. This means current high school seniors can get admitted to the UA in the fall and be matched to scholarships that they could potentially win for their freshman year of college. Again, no search-
ing is required. The only thing students have to do is log in and answer a series of questions, which takes fifteen minutes or less to complete. All the answers are stored in the student’s profile, which is used to continually match the student to scholarships throughout the year. Students can also edit their profile at any time.

Ultimately, Scholarship Universe is a tool to help students and so far the signs are very positive that it is doing just that. Since the program’s launch, students self-reported having won an excess of $2.4 million. Scholarship University is only in its infancy so the future is very bright for its users.

NEW BRAIN CELLS - FREE NOW!
Susan Green, College of Education, retiree

The mini-classes offered by the Tucson OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) campus in the summer (May-June) are absolutely FREE for the taking. Study groups, which are held at 9:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., happen on Tuesdays from May 8 through June 12. Some last the full six weeks, others are shorter.

The line-up this year includes: Tucson: Then and Now; Fiction-Writing Workshop; Documentaries to Make You Think; National Security Topics; Music: Thinking with Sound; and Challenges for our Planet (video series). Instructors include experienced OLLI presenters, community experts, and UA faculty. Tucson OLLI study groups are held in the east building of the University Services Annex, 220 W. 6th Street (the former TEP building). Go to olli@arizona.edu to find the website.

The Marana campus will not be offering a summer program, but Green Valley will, from June 4 - June 29, at a cost of $50. Tucson class listings will be posted by April 3 and online registration will open on April 10. Green Valley classes will be listed by May 5 and be open for registration on May 14. Please contact Carol Stewart by email at castewart@email.arizona.edu for instructions on how to register.

TYPES OF PROGRESSIVE DEMENTIA
Part 2 of a 3-part series by Rosemary Browne, MD, Geriatrics, AZ Center on Aging

People commonly refer to all dementias as Alzheimer’s disease (AD). And while AD is the most common type of dementia seen in older adults, several other dementia syndromes exist. It is often difficult to distinguish these syndromes clinically during life (most dementia diagnoses are confirmed only at autopsy), but it is important to do so because therapy can be different. This article will review the distinguishing features of several progressive dementia syndromes.

Dementia currently affects about five million people in the US, and this number is expected to double over the next few years. The prevalence of dementia for people at age 60 is 1%, and this doubles every 5 years, reaching over 30% by age 80. Research shows that over 50% of cases remain undiagnosed, even at the time of nursing home admission.

AD is the most common type of dementia seen worldwide, afflicting 60 - 80% of the US population with dementia. Classically, AD develops after age 60, and is characterized by short term memory loss, with distant memory remaining intact. Every day speech and social interactions remain normal, and so often dementia is only noticed when factual information is requested. As AD progresses, people lose their ability to communicate and to recognize their loved ones. Ultimately they stop eating and drinking. AD is characterized pathologically by beta-amyloid plaques and tau protein tangles.

After AD, the next most common dementia is vascular dementia (VD). VD results from loss of brain function related to loss of blood flow, from recurrent strokes, TIAs, or even from the effect of years of hypertension, elevated cholesterol, or diabetes mellitus. As VD is often associated with strokes, the dementia can be more stepwise, rather than gradual, in progression. VD can be seen alone, or in combination with AD – this is the most common type of “mixed dementia” where more than one pathological process exists.

The next most common dementia is called dementia with Lewy Bodies (DLB). DLB is a dementia with memory problems similar to AD, but people also experience hallucinations. DLB is associated with movement problems, such as rigidity and tremor. This dementia is named after the characteristic proteins found at autopsy, clumps of alpha-synuclein called Lewy bodies.

Parkinson related dementia (PD) occurs in patients who already have Parkinson’s disease. Lewy bodies are also found at autopsy, and it is thought that DLB and PD are related. PD occurs late in the course of Parkinson’s disease, and is very similar to AD in presentation.

Frontotemporal dementia occurs at a younger age. It is often characterized by a change in behavior and personality, and difficulty with language. An older term for this dementia is Pick’s disease. There is no autopsy finding that is specific to this disease.

Other types of dementia include Jacob-Creutzfeldt Disease, dementia seen with repeated head trauma, and the reversible dementias mentioned previously – that of thyroid disease, vitamin deficiencies, normal pressure hydrocephalus, infections, and bleeding. The next article will discuss treatment and prevention.

STAY CONNECTED!

UARA dues for the year 2012/13 are due by July 1, 2012. At $10, membership is a bargain. To renew, send your check made payable to UARA to the UARA office, P.O. Box 42391, Tucson, Arizona 85733.
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Jubilación

Financial exploitation costs the United States approximately $2.6 billion every year. Criminals engaging in financial exploitation schemes are very good at what they do - they are smart, creative, and manipulative. They do not discriminate by age, gender, education, or socioeconomic level. They know just what to say to make someone feel pressured to make a snap decision, or feel as though dire consequences will occur by saying “no.”

The top four scams occurring in Tucson targeting its older population:

**Lottery scam**: You receive a phone call or letter offering congratulations on winning a large sum of money - to claim the prize, only taxes/fees must be paid. A phone number may even be provided for their agency/police department to prove their authenticity. They will continue to call to try to obtain as much personal information about you as possible, trying to trick you into revealing small bits of information, such as: marital status, address, employment, birth date, bank information. Victims often don’t realize how much personal information they have revealed.

**TIPS**: 1) NEVER give out personal information, especially bank information or Social Security number. 2) If a phone number is provided, do not call it, call your local police instead - they will help you verify if it is legitimate. 3) If it seems too good to be true, it is, you will not win a lottery you did not enter!

**Bank scam**: You receive a phone call from a “bank examiner or a law enforcement agent” informing you there is a problem with your bank account, or they are investigating your bank and/or a certain teller. You are instructed to withdraw a large sum of cash and meet the “examiner or agent” in a nearby parking lot. They will tell you exactly what to say. The victim is often tricked into revealing account information. After your parking lot meeting you are thanked for your service, and advised that you will be kept informed of the investigation.

**TIPS**: 1) Remember: scammers are very manipulative - they will pressure you “to do the right thing.” 2) Bank and law enforcement will NEVER use a private citizen in an undercover operation.

**Yard work/home repair scam**: Someone knocks on your door, asks if you need any work/repairs done. If you verbally approve the work, they will charge an extremely high rate and may not even complete the job. Another variation is that they complete the work without your permission, then demand to be paid.

**TIPS**: 1) Do not open the door to anyone you don’t know. 2) ALWAYS get a written estimate/contract. 3) Call 911 if they refuse to leave your property.

**Grandchild scam**: This is a high pressure/fear scam. You receive a phone call, often late at night, advising that your grandchild or other relative is in trouble (arrested, in hospital, in car accident in Mexico, in jail in Mexico). They need cash immediately to help your relative or the situation will get worse.

**TIPS**: 1) Try to contact the relative in question - if you can’t reach him/her, inform other family members/friends to help verify his/her safety/whereabouts. 2) NEVER give out personal information over the phone - including names of other family members. Remember: scammers are trying to get as much information out of you as possible. 3) NEVER wire money to anyone you don’t know personally.

Detective Kimberly Bay, Tucson Police Department, Fraud/Elder Abuse Unit, says the best protection anyone has against these scams is to make sure you talk to someone else (family, friends, bank representatives) before you make any kind of financial decision - NEVER feel pressured to make a decision on the spot!

For assistance, contact: non-emergency Tucson Police Department (520)791-4444; non-emergency Pima County Sheriff’s Office (520)351-4900.

**DISABILITY SIGNS AND CAUSES**

Kenney Hegland, J.E. Rodgers professor emeritus, Law Instruction

You’re not a doctor and, as far as I know, you don’t even play one on TV. Neither do I. That said, there are things you probably know but might have forgotten. The main error we all make is to assume that the problems of aging are inevitable and that nothing can be done. Most conditions can be improved, or at least accommodated.

**Bad meds.** Wrong dosages and wrong drugs lead to a host of problems. Take the medication bottles, including over-the-counter meds and vitamins to the pharmacist to check for bad interactions. Be leery of vitamins. Balanced diets provide most of what you need. Recent studies suggest that many vitamins are worthless or even harmful (despite aging starlets pushing them).

**Hearing loss.** Don’t put off hearing tests. If you get used to partial deafness, it’s harder to correct. Some studies suggest that it accelerates dementia. A recent development called a “hearing loop” will change lives. Installed in theaters and museums, a thin copper wire transmits words and music directly to a hearing aid with no background noise at all.

Hearing aids are pricey and aren’t covered by Medicare. Perhaps a Medicare HMO does. For informa-
Doctors have a dog in the fight. Docs might want to focus on something they can cure to avoid talking about what they cannot and trained to “do something,” they may want to try something heroic. And there are financial aspects. Few doctors consciously run up the bill but “a person’s interest far often distorts his judgment than corrupts his heart.” Ask about benefits and risks. Alternatives? Rehab? Quality of life? How many have lived? Died? What’s the prognosis without surgery?

Re-hospitalization. Hospital stays may not be the end of it; there is a high rate of readmission. A relative, not the patient, should insist on understanding what needs to be done to prevent relapse. It will probably be confusing, involving several medications and several doctors. Most hospitals have social workers who can make recommendations.

Now you know as much as House, who does play doctor on TV.

Professor Hegland, with Tucson elder law lawyer Robert Fleming is the author of New Times, New Challenges: Law and Advice for Savvy Seniors and Their Families.

EMAIL ACCOUNT CHANGES COMING
Roger Caldwell, UARA Webmaster

Final evaluation processes for the new email system are beginning this month and will involve some retirees (selected from the College of Fine Arts and UA Information Technology Services - UITs). The remaining retirees will be added to the new system this summer. Those retirees that are selected for the initial evaluations will be contacted by their current email address during April.

This new system is called UAConnect and applies only to retired or active employees that use the central email system (email.arizona.edu or u.arizona.edu). The current UA webmail will be discontinued. UITS will send more information directly to retiree accounts as changes occur. If you want to get a preview of what is coming - go to uits.arizona.edu/faq/uaconnect.

Bad lighting. Fascinating research suggests that memory loss, slower reaction time, insomnia, and even depression, are made worse by aging eyes. The aging eye filters out blue light, affecting circadian rhythm which has adverse health impacts. Just how is too complicated for me to understand, but, consider exposure to bright sunlight (20 minutes max - the sun can do damage as well) or bright indoor lighting. Skylights? Extra fluorescent lights? Arizona?

Depression. Depression is not a disease of circumstance; it is a disease of chemicals. While events (death of spouse or friends) can trigger episodes of depression, if they do not lift within, say, six months, you are dealing with brain chemistry gone amuck. Treatment can be 80% successful. Women are more likely to become depressed and a vitamin B12 deficiency has been linked to it.

Alcoholism, drug addiction, and smoking. Drug addiction is becoming a major problem, not only because many left their hearts (and good sense) in San Francisco, but also because of addictive prescription drugs. Alcohol remains a problem. You can’t process it as you did in your heyday. Red wine? The National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism recommends not more than one drink a day. (It doesn’t say how big.) As to smoking “What the hell, why quit now? I’ll wait until I burn the house down.” Treatments are available. If a doctor recommends inpatient treatment, Medicare may cover most of the cost.

Surgery. Nearly one in three Medicare patients had surgery the last year of their life, one in five in the last month, and one in ten in the last week. The numbers do not reflect how many folks had surgery and lived - still, they give one pause.
WHATEVER HAPPENED TO… PAUL ROSENBLATT
Susan Green, editor, College of Education, retiree

The mesquites hang quietly outside the second floor window of Paul Rosenblatt’s study as he - former Dean of the College of Liberal Arts - bends to the task of finishing his fourth novel by the end of the month. *Suite for a Borrowed Lady* will follow an earlier novel published this year, *The Emperor of San Francisco and the Territory Beyond*. Both are in print and e-book form. This is his retirement, in his airy home tucked high at the edge of Catalina National Forest: writing, reading whatever he feels like, “taking better care of myself.” His wife, clinical psychologist Joan Rosenblatt, continues her practice.

In the 1970s and early ’80s, while he served as dean, he was in the thick of things, with 49% of the University’s academic activities under his enthusiastic sway. He taught English, chaired committees, won awards, directed and taught the Italy program, served on state and national boards.

It had all started in New York City. Rosenblatt received his bachelor and master degrees from Brooklyn College in the 1950s and Ph.D. in English and Comparative Literature from Columbia in 1960. “I never thought I would leave New York,” he muses. Nevertheless, while working toward that doctorate he came under the contagious excitement of his friend and colleague Cecil Robinson. “Come out to Arizona!” he exclaimed, “We’re building a great university!”

So Rosenblatt packed his bags for the West, where President Richard Harvill was laying the faculty groundwork for a major research university in the midst of the Arizona desert. A decade later the Rosenblatts were in Brazil, where he was the Regent Fulbright-Hays Professor of North American Literature at Rio de Janeiro. During their South American odyssey he also held a Fulbright Inter-Commission lectureship in Argentina.

When he returned to the UA, John Schaefer was president, the push for quality was on, and Rosenblatt was asked to take over Romance Languages “for a limited time.” Before long the deanship in Liberal Arts opened up, and though Rosenblatt loved teaching and was not a candidate, the search committee invited him to “come give us some advice.” He became dean in 1975.

“I loved every minute of it. Undergraduate education - it can have such impact, on such a grand scale. We were trying to develop citizens of the mind.” At this time, the college contained the arts and letters, sciences, and social sciences. For a humanist-at-soul, as Rosenblatt is, with a deep belief in the Jeffersonian conviction that public education must be at the heart of a democracy, leading Liberal Arts was a passion. “And for those departments who wanted to turn the corner into sunlight and glory, I’d help take them there.”

He initiated a seminar series, where student reps from each department met with him weekly, over coffee and cookies, to discuss a range of questions. What should comprise a liberal arts curriculum? How does one approach a problem from the humanities, from science, from social science? “They were wonderful discussions,” he says, “We were open to the variousness of life and thought.”

As the University grew, matters of structure became paramount, and Rosenblatt became involved in administrative planning. In 1996, President Pacheco appointed Celestino Fernandez to head a new ABOR-mandated teaching-intensive liberal arts college with an international slant. Two years later, President Likins asked Rosenblatt to lead it, then called the Arizona International College, upon Fernandez’ retirement. It was a good fit; he was chairing the Office of International Affairs at the time.

He was ready for retirement, though. His first two novels, *The Sun in Capricorn* and *A Constant Lover*, had been published (Watermark Press) and well-reviewed. He left AIC (which had been joined to the UA and would later close) after two years and retired at the age of 73. And what does he remember most fondly? “The great generosity of faculty and staff to serve when called upon.” It should be said of Paul Rosenblatt.

FROM THE EDITOR
This is my last issue as editor of Jubilación. I had hoped to have the name of the new editor so I could welcome him/her to this enjoyable enterprise. I can only hope that when the new person is selected, he/she will have as good an experience as I have had. My heartfelt thanks to all the contributors - each person’s time and expertise is valuable - and to those most important people without whom this would be in vain, the readers. Your comments make a difference. I hope you will take a few minutes and complete the ballot that is attached. We do listen and we try to meet your expectations.

The volunteer editor position is open. Jubilación is published three times a year with current due dates of August 15 (publication in September); November 15 (January) and March 15 (April). If you have an interest and would like more information, please call George Evanoff at 325-4366 or email: uara@dakotacom.net by June 1, 2012.
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The luncheon buffet includes a mixed green salad with garden vegetables and dressings; grilled Santa Fe chicken breast, pan seared white fish, chef’s selection for vegetarians - seasoned orzo pasta; seasonal vegetables; and for dessert, angel lemon parfait and New York cheesecake. Coffee, tea and rolls complete the menu. Invite a friend!

SPEAKER:  JIM TURNER
U OF A IN THE EARLY DAYS: A BRIEF ANECDOTAL HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY

Many stories have circulated about our Great Desert University over the decades and some of them are actually true. Jim Turner, author of Arizona: Celebration of the Grand Canyon State, wrote history articles for Lo Que Pasa in the late 1990s before going to work for the Arizona Historical Society.

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