MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

George Evanoff, president, The University of Arizona Retirees Association

Greetings and welcome to the 2010-2011 year. UARA plans to continue to provide a variety of exciting opportunities for its members.

Thank you for the honor of being reelected UARA president and for your support of UARA. We have an experienced and dedicated Executive Committee in place: Tom Rehm, vice president and treasurer, Rose Perrill, secretary, and Past President Suzanne Van Ort, who will continue to provide counsel and advice. Working with them will continue to be a productive and rewarding experience. We are fortunate to have such outstanding leadership.

The UARA Council is composed of committee chairs and other UARA members who provide guidance in planning activities and to the committees. We are fortunate to have such a knowledgeable and dedicated group. Jo Henry will continue to chair the membership committee and provide that invaluable service for us. Stardust Johnson will continue to chair the Scholarship Committee and oversee the awarding of the UARA Irving Yall Book Award and the T. R. Rehm Graduate Scholarship. Janice Murphy, UARA past-president, contributes a great deal of time and effort in her role as editor of Jubilación. The Education Committee will be ably chaired by Susan Green.

You are invited and urged to participate in the Council meetings. The Council meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 9-11 a.m., usually in the Vine Building located at 1125 N. Vine. Complimentary parking is available adjacent to the building. Please join us.

Roger Caldwell and the Communications Committee have made a review of UARA communications. We now have a new web page as a result of their hard work. Roger has an article about the web page in this issue. Please read it and take advantage of the Committee’s work. The web page is very important in our communication with you, our members. The Jubilación is published only three times annually and that is not enough to keep you up to date on current or immediate problems or programs. The web page is instant information and coupled with the Jubilación will provide a broad comprehensive information base. When you go to the web page, you will see what an outstanding job Roger and his Committee did.

Our first luncheon will be Saturday, October 30, at Skyline Country Club. We are fortunate to have Stephen MacCarthy, vice president for External Affairs, as our speaker. The January luncheon is on January 27 at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch. Our April luncheon will be held at the Tucson Country Club on Saturday, April 30. We have invited James Moore, president and chief executive officer of the University of Arizona Foundation, to be our speaker. Again, we have Linda Pace to thank for arranging these wonderful luncheons.

Two education programs have been scheduled. Lydia Baker, Pina Council on Aging, will conduct a program...
Our state has been on the receiving end of a lot of political commentary in recent months, much of it less than flattering. However, a really remarkable political feat occurred in Arizona this year, and the pundits have generally failed to note its significance.

Against long odds, the people of Arizona went to the polls in large numbers and voted by a two-to-one margin to approve a one-cent increase in the sales tax—via Proposition 100—to help shore up funding for education in our state. The vote flew in the face of stereotypes used to portray our state, and it spoke to the value that Arizona taxpayers place on education and the role it plays in shaping our state’s future.

Had Proposition 100 failed, the University of Arizona would have faced a $42 million budget cut on top of $100 million in cuts already taken. It would have been devastating and Arizona voters recognized that. In a period of challenging economics, deep budget cuts, and seemingly endless political acrimony, the people of this state made an important statement. Kudos to Arizonans for their vision!

Special thanks to all our retirees, who worked so hard to help people understand the importance of this measure. Thanks are also in order to everyone who stepped forward (and that includes many retirees) to support one of the most important programs ever initiated at the UA—Arizona Assurance. The Arizona Assurance scholarship program was launched two years ago to ensure that low-income students are able to pursue a college degree at the university.

Through a combination of grant and gift funds, along with income that students earn through on-campus jobs, the Arizona Assurance program covers the full cost of tuition, books, room, and board. Students are assigned a faculty mentor and we are proud to say UA faculty volunteered in stunning numbers. As a result, Arizona Assurance scholars have a better average retention rate than their classmates.

In its first year, the program brought almost 600 students to the UA, free of charge for their families. Last fall, we enrolled another 750 Arizona Assurance scholars, backing up our promise that family income will not be a barrier to a UA education. We anticipate the fall 2010 group of Arizona Assurance scholars could reach nearly 1,000 students. Supporting scholarships is not without its challenges. Raising money for the Arizona Assurance program continues to be our number one fund-raising priority.

The University that all of you helped to build is doing great things for Arizona. I am deeply grateful for your commitment and involvement with the UA. Your passion for our University helps us in so many ways, and I cannot begin to thank you enough for helping us make a difference in the lives of the people of our state.
SCHOLARSHIPS

Editor

Nabila Huq, the 2009/10 recipient of the UARA Irving Yall Book Scholarship said it “... has allowed me to see that any individual is capable of success if only he or she is allowed the time for it.” Nicole Wright said that “Thanks to the support of the T. R. Rehm Scholarship this past year, I have made tremendous accomplishments in terms of pursuing a doctoral degree in Epidemiology.”

These students have benefitted because of the donors and your generosity. It doesn’t take a large amount to make a real difference in a life. We encourage your contributions to these scholarships.

Contributions should be made payable to the University of Arizona Foundation, specifying either the UARA Irving Yall Book Scholarship Endowment or the UARA T.R. Rehm Graduate Scholarship Endowment (or both). Gifts may be mailed to the UARA Treasurer, University of Arizona Retirees Association, P.O. Box 42391, Tucson, AZ 85733, or they may be made online at http://www.uafoundation.org.

NOTICE: LUNCHEON SURVEY

Suzanne Van Ort, past president, UARA

Each year, UARA holds three luncheons at various locations in the Tucson area. In the past several years, the October luncheon has been held at Skyline Country Club, the January luncheon at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch, and the April luncheon at the Tucson Country Club. Linda Pace and her committee have done an excellent job arranging the luncheons, and attendees have expressed their enjoyment each time.

The UARA Executive Committee and the luncheon subcommittee are beginning to consider luncheon plans for the future. Before making a decision, we are inviting feedback from UARA members and UA retirees.

During the month of October, a brief survey will be posted on the UARA website for your input. The survey can be accessed at uara.arizona.edu/survey. Hard copies will be available in the UARA Office by calling (520) 325-4366 for those who prefer to respond by mail.

PLEASE TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO RESPOND TO THE SURVEY!

Thank you for your support of UARA.

ATTENTION LIFE MEMBERS

Editor

When the dues notices were sent, a computer glitch occurred and life members (those who originally paid $125 for lifetime dues to UARA) were erroneously included in the mailing. Thus, life members should ignore the dues notice UNLESS there has been a change of a home or email address, in which case the change should be sent to the office (325-4366, uara@dakotacom.net).

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Uwe Fink, chair, Legislative Committee

During the 2009/10 legislative session, the Legislature was preoccupied with budget issues. Nevertheless, it passed and the Governor signed HB 2389 - ASRS; plan design; refunds. (This began as an ASRS initiative. It was introduced as the above House Bill by Representative Tom Boone of District 4.) The Bill contains several important modifications to existing statutes. It applies only to members of ASRS whose membership commences on or after July 1, 2011, and is designed to help reduce future contributions to the Defined Benefit Plan by reducing its future liabilities. Among these modifications are the following:

• “Modifies one of the Normal Retirement Date definitions from 80 to 85 points (age plus years of service)
• “Modifies the Average Monthly Compensation used in a retiring member’s retirement benefit calculation from the average of the highest consecutive 36 months in the last 120 months to the average of the highest consecutive 60 months in the last 120 months.
• “Eliminates employer contribution refunds for a terminating member except for one who is terminated due to an Employer Reduction in Force or position elimination, in which case the terminated employee will receive a refund consistent with the current vesting schedule.”

*The wording is from the Arizona State Retirement System Bill Tracker, page one, published in Proceedings of the ASRS Board of Trustees Meeting of May 21, 2010.

University of Arizona Retirees Association 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.

Membership: open to University of Arizona retired faculty, appointed professionals, staff, and their spouses.
Keith Meredith, former chair, ASRS Board of Trustees

Today marks the completion of a very rewarding period in my life. My service as a Trustee for the Arizona State Retirement System was concluded in May of this year after serving more than seven years in that role. It was indeed an honor and a privilege to be able to serve on your behalf.

My memories are vivid from the very beginning of this period of service. An example is one of the earliest Board meetings in which I participated. Listed on the agenda was a presentation which was to address the fiduciary responsibilities of a Trustee. As the presentation began, I remember looking forward to an informative and, hopefully, interesting dialogue. Minutes later, I suspect that I had the proverbial look of a “deer in headlights” as it was being made abundantly clear what the moral, ethical, and legal obligations being assumed by a Trustee truly are.

I emerged from that meeting one and a half hours later with a new, enlightened appreciation for the tasks ahead and the ultimate and singular responsibility that a Trustee has to all ASRS members. If you follow the agendas of the Board, you will notice that this agenda presentation is repeated annually with different presenters as a constant reminder of what the purpose of the Board is and what you, as members, should expect of your Board.

This presentation set the tone for the many experiences that followed. The experiences were challenging, educational, sometimes frustrating, but always rewarding. Each experience brought new perspectives to light, perspectives held by different members and member groups, perspectives held by the governor, legislators, and the attorney general of this state, and employers, unions, teachers, etc. It soon became clear that almost everyone had opinions about pension funds, their purpose, and who controlled them both within the state and across the nation. It also became clear that each person, group and entity brought their own experience and agenda to the formation of those opinions. Obviously, all of these opinions, agendas, and experiences will sometimes clash. The guiding principle in the resolution of these clashes was and should always be: What will be in the best interest of all ASRS members?

Based on my observations as a Trustee, I have concluded the following:

• The ASRS agency is staffed by professionals who are highly competent and dedicated to achieving the highest standards of pension management. The agency continues to grow in stature and reputation both within Arizona and in the nation and is considered a model of pension management by its peers.
• We are fortunate to have the administrative leadership that is currently guiding the ASRS and should strive to maintain this leadership into the future.
• The Board of Trustees is a committed group of professionals who share the same singular purpose of serving the best interests of the members as the Board deliberates and establishes policy.
• The Trust Funds have weathered some of the most severe economic stresses experienced in decades and, yet, stand strong and secure for providing future benefits for all ASRS members.

I will conclude by expressing my deepest appreciation to the ASRS members across the state and to the university community. Hopefully, we will continue to engage in the lively exchange of opinions, ideas, thoughts, and experiences into the future that were so valued over the past years.

Roger Caldwell, webmaster

The website went through a major revision and expansion in spring 2010, as announced in the April Jubilación. It has been further expanded in content and simplified in organization in response to UARA member suggestions and with the assistance of various UA departments or faculty and staff.

The internet address (url) is uara.arizona.edu—the entire site is searchable by key word or combination of words. The types of information include book reviews, reports from state and federal agencies, as well as organizations and universities, and places to find more information on specific topics of interest to retirees. There are links to Medicare related information, Social Security, and the Arizona Department of Insurance (where you can find consumer complaints about companies offering Arizona health insurance and car insurance). In addition, it has information about the UARA—how it works, the role of the Advisory Council, goals, and meeting dates. The home page includes the following six major categories, plus highlights of upcoming meetings and events:

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• About Us (UARA) and How to Contact Us
• Other University Retiree Associations (UA Peers)
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QUESTION #5 UARA exists through the good will of volunteers. Would you be willing to contribute 1-5 hours to UARA? 5 names were submitted but are not listed on this summary.

QUESTION #6 What “interest groups” would interest you?
- UA tours (10), travel shows/discussions (8), legislation (6), gourmet or ethnic dining (6), insurance (5), gardening/landscaping (4), book discussion (5), adopt a family/projects (1), watch and discuss old movies (1)

SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY

Roger Caldwell, professor emeritus, Agriculture

Each year in the April Jubilación there is a survey to receive member feedback. This year there were 30 responses. The Jubilación mailing was to about 900 members. Full results of this and previous surveys are located on the UARA website at http://uara.arizona.edu. A summary follows:

QUESTION #1 UARA would be more effective if
- luncheons should be at a variety of places, not just clubs
- more retirees participated; we would get more involved
- offer more services that retirees are actively interested in
- more educational programs

QUESTION #2 Jubilación would be more useful if
- maybe more profiles of people from the past and present
- more articles on key issues—such as health care, living wills, IRA’s—including both sides when subjects are controversial
- articles were more concise—if I want detailed information, I’ll go online

QUESTION #3 What types of seminar speakers or educational programs do you suggest?
- health insurance issues and options
- update on UA retirement funds and senior related investments, elder law topics, estate taxes
- mix in some travelogues and history of UA and Tucson with the “heavy” stuff

QUESTION #4 Volunteer activities in the community or UA
- professional organizations, service clubs, elder oriented or retirement
- museums such as Arizona Historical society, historical research trips to historical locations
- UA Cancer Center’s neighborhood association activities
- public advocacy organizations

THE CENTER FOR CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY

Jovan Erfan, Media Relations, CCP

The Center for Creative Photography collects, preserves, interprets, and makes available materials that are essential to the understanding of photography and its history. Founded in 1975 by photographer Ansel Adams and then University President John P. Schaefer, the Center retains the world’s largest collection of exhibition photographs by 20th-century masters. The 50 plus archives, including those of Ansel Adams, Edward Weston, Harry Callahan, Aaron Siskind, Frederick Sommer, Lola Alvarez Bravo, W. Eugene Smith, Rosalind Solomon, Louise Dahl-Wolfe, and Garry Winogrand, are available for researchers, curators, photographers, and art enthusiasts to study. The facility includes a research center, library, and gallery where we present exhibitions sharing photographs from our collection of 90,000 fine prints alongside our archival collection of correspondence, negatives, photographic equipment, journals, working notes, news clippings and other documents, numbering nearly four million items.

This fall, we are excited to host The Edge of Vision: Abstraction in Contemporary Photography, an exhibition organized by the Aperture Foundation in New York. From the beginning, abstraction has been intrinsic to photography, and its persistent popularity reveals much about the medium. The exhibition, curated by Lyle Rexer, showcases the work of more than twenty contemporary photographers who base their practice in some form of abstraction. Rexer defines abstraction as “a departure from or the eliding of an immediately apprehensible subject.” Within this broad definition, a host of approaches explores aspects of the photographic experience, including the chemistry of traditional photography, the mediation of lenses, the direct capture of light without a camera, temporal extensions, digital sampling of found images, radical cropping, and various deliberate destabilizations of photographic reference.

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In addition to the exhibition programming, scheduling an appointment with our print study department allows visitors free and unprecedented access to one of the world’s largest photography collections. During the scheduled viewing, visitors may select and view photographs from the Center’s collection. Each year, scholars, authors, and students conduct research at the Center for a wide range of projects including books, bibliographies, films and dissertations focusing on American photography, as well as cultural studies, environmental history, music, and many other areas. Appointments are available Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Contact Cass Fey at 520-621-6273 or email: www.calmesl@ccp.library.arizona.edu to schedule an appointment.

IT’S A GREAT TIME TO BE AGING

Anne Morrison, director of education, Arizona Center on Aging

Are you looking forward to aging—or dreading it? Well, no matter how you feel about it—everyone is aging. And, since we all have to age, you should know that it’s a GREAT time to be aging in Arizona. The Arizona Center on Aging (ACOA) is working to promote long, healthy, functional lives for adults as they age, through programs in education, research and clinical care. Here are just a few of the exciting programs that are making a difference.

The $2 million, 5-year grant, received in July, will continue our Arizona Geriatric Education Center (AzGEC). It will ensure that community providers, faculty and students in medicine, nursing, pharmacy, public health and social work receive education about specific issues related to aging—and that aging adults have increased access to evidence-based geriatric health care services, enabling them to remain independent and productive for as long as possible. Now in its eighth year, AzGEC takes this education to classrooms, hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, and other locations in urban and rural areas around the state. Our newest AzGEC program matches health professions students with older adults in a Senior/Mentor program that gives students opportunities for one-on-one experiences with active older adults.

Cutting edge research is being done at an ACOA Research Laboratories by Janko Nikolich, MD, PhD, head of the Department of Immunobiology, and co-director with Mindy J. Fain, MD, of the Arizona Center on Aging. This research looks at the age-related problems of inflammation and immunity, and their impact upon infection, bone, muscle and fat biology. These may manifest as heart and vascular diseases, diabetes, obesity or osteoporosis—common problems associated with aging. Once we understand how to intervene to reduce the development and consequences of these illnesses we may be able to, not only lengthen the lifespan, but reduce and eventually eliminate chronic diseases that often plague the last part of life. Are you interested in being a part of this research study? Dr. Nikolich is currently recruiting volunteers to study why the strength of the immune system decreases with age.

Since body systems change as we age, care for older adults requires physicians who are knowledgeable in the management of these changes. As Chief of the College of Medicine Section of Geriatrics, Dr. Fain oversees physicians who have received this specialized education. You can make an appointment to see our geriatricians at University Medical Center, University Physicians Hospital, or UMC Wilmot Clinic by calling 694-8888.

The Arizona Center on Aging educators also give educational presentations for community groups on topics including: overcoming the perils of hospitalization, optimal nutrition, healthy aging and more. We also schedule lunch/tours of our Research Laboratories. We invite you to join the Arizona Center on Aging to help improve the lives of aging adults in Arizona. Please visit http://www.aging.arizona.edu to find out more about us or call Anne at 627-5803 to schedule a presentation, request a tour, join a research study or just find out how you can be a part of this worthwhile endeavor.

RETIREE SPECIAL

Jody Liller, Coordinator, Public Relations, Campus Recreation

Benefit from a free workout at the new 55,000 sq. ft. UA Student Rec Center expansion during Retiree Wellness Week, September 9-12 and October 21-24, 2010.

Whether you are fat-burning or muscle-strengthening, the Campus Recreation facility provides everything your body needs. According to the www.healthierus.gov/exercise web site, “Being active for 30-60 minutes on most days can help you build strength and fitness, relax and reduce stress, gain more energy, and improve your sleep. These benefits all add up to decreasing your risk of heart disease and other conditions, such as colon cancer, diabetes, osteoporosis, and high blood pressure.”

Enjoy working out on the new cardiovascular equipment, as you catch up on the latest news on your personal TV monitor. Build bone density in our new weight room with our new state-of-the-art strength training equipment, where you no longer have to wait in line. Or, take a leisurely swim in the Olympic-sized pool. For even more fun, bring the grandkids along for a family weekend swim Saturdays and Sundays ($3 per child under 18).
What are you waiting for? For less than 69¢ per day (based on the special membership pricing of $247.50 during Wellness Week), you can start building a healthier lifestyle. Take advantage of the special pricing on annual memberships during Retiree Wellness Week, September 9-12 and October 21-24.

For more information about Wellness Week and membership, please call 621-8715 or visit http://campusrec.arizona.edu/. The Student Rec Center is located at 1400 E. 6th Street and Highland Avenue.

DEALING WITH DOCTORS

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

In Oscar Wilde’s The Importance of Being Earnest, Earnest dies. “What happened?” “The doctors told him he had only a few weeks to live.” “He seems to have had great confidence in the opinion of his physicians.”

In dealing with doctors, first, be candid (better to be well even if embarrassed); second, help them get the diagnosis right (by asking a few questions and being a tad pushy); and, finally, in dire situations, insist on a prognosis, even if it isn’t favorable.

All symptoms aren’t polite—the retirement city “Sun City” is known by residents as “Sin City.” Don’t waive off problems as “getting older.” Weight loss is particularly troubling.

It may be difficult to get all your symptoms stated—starting with a sore throat you never get to the pain in your back. Your doctor has jumped in “Sore throat? Let me take a look.” A study indicated that doctors wait 18 seconds before taking command. Sometimes it will be necessary for you to break in “And not only that . . . .” It is a good idea to make lists of 1) what you want to discuss, 2) all of your meds, even over-the-counter ones. Strange interactions are possible.

Say it’s flu season. You wake up with the classic signs: fever, cough, aches and pains. What do you conclude? Flu. Most probably, your doctor would too. “A lot of that is going around.” Both of you might be wrong. In a terrific new book How Doctors Think, Dr. Groopman warns that doctors often misdiagnose, perhaps one out of 10 times. Like us, they jump to conclusions. Dr. Groopman recommends three questions: 1) What else could it be? (“Well, it could be . . .”); 2) Is there anything in the exam or tests that don’t fit? (“Well, your fever isn’t typical”); 3) Is it possible I have more than one problem? (“Well, sometimes folks get the flu because they are already sick with . . .”)

For those of us who did not question authority in our youth, it might be difficult to challenge the doctor. It is always important to take someone with you to be there, not necessarily during the examination, but when the doctor discusses findings and treatment. Aunt Lil can always press the doctor and, as you may be distracted and confused, hear clearly what is said. (Misunderstanding is a major medical problem: many Medicare patients are readmitted to the hospital shortly after their release, often for new illnesses, simply because they or their families misunderstood what medications, when.)

Doctors assume patients simply want the treatment they prescribe. But maybe, if you knew the side effects and the chances of full recovery, you wouldn’t. Raise the topic. “Have you considered whether I want to get the treatment or not?”

“Am I dying?” “Is my mother dying?” Don’t expect your doctors to volunteer the information. In A Death Foretold, Dr. Christakis tells us that doctors shy away from a terminal prognosis. Why? For one, it undercuts their belief that they can cure most anything. And they fear self-fulfilling prophecies. You will need to know. As long as everyone is in denial, intensive care treatment continues. Dr. Christakis writes: “The great majority of Americans die in institutions rather than at home as many would prefer; most die in pain being in the care of health providers; many die alone; and many have deaths that are financially devastating for their families.”

Avoiding a bad death is not our only concern. We want a good death, a natural death, not connected to noisy machines, among strangers. Hospices can do that, providing medical help (doctors, nurses, and pain medications) as well as grief counseling. Services can be at one’s home or at a hospice facility. Medicare picks up almost all of the costs and will do so for up to six months. What is needed is a physician’s letter stating that death is expected within six months. If no one brings it up, you or a loved one may suffer needlessly.

For advice on other topics, go to http://heglandlaw.com or see Hegland and Fleming, New Times, New Challenges, Law and Advice for Savvy Seniors and Their Families.
CATCARDS AND RETIREEES

Nancy Shiley, director of operations, Purchasing, retired

CatCards are good forever according to Diane C. Tatterfield, assistant director, CatCard Services. However, when the card holder retires, the card loses its electronic power and cannot be used to open doors. Retirees may continue to receive cash if their CatCard is linked to a Wells Fargo checking account. Retirees are entitled to their first CatCard at no charge once they’ve retired. If a retiree needs to have his/her CatCard replaced, there will be a $25 charge. The office is located in the Student Union Memorial Center, room 278. The hours are 8-5 Monday through Friday, except Wednesdays when the office opens at 9:30 a.m. The phone number is 626-9162. The 2nd Street garage is the closest parking.

Why would you want a CatCard? It can be used to obtain UA Library services, an email account, a 10% discount at the ASUA Bookstore and other campus locations, and at several businesses in Tucson including: See’s Candies on Broadway, Dunn Edwards paint stores and several of the Sparkle Cleaners. As we learn of others, they will be published in future issues of Jubilación. The CatCard may also be used to obtain $15 “back of the house” tickets to many UA Presents concerts, but not all of them.

On the UA Presents brochures and website, the ticket prices listed for Faculty/Staff/Students apply to retirees. UA Presents tickets may be purchased in person at the Centennial Hall Box Office (10-6 weekdays, 12-4 Saturdays and Sundays from September through May) or either of the “A” stores (UA Bookstores) in Tucson and Park Mall. If you order by phone (621-3341) there is a $10 booking fee. Major credit cards are accepted.

HUMANITIES FALL SEMINARS

Kerstin Miller, Coordinator, Humanities Seminars Program

Intriguing subjects will be explored in art, literature, music and politics for members of the Tucson community this fall. All seminars will be led by UA faculty members and are ten weeks in length. The course titles and professor(s) are

- The Dream of Reason Produces Monsters: Goya and the Modern Dilemma (Malcolm Compitello);
- “My God! I’d rather go to Paris than Heaven”: French Art 1780-1886 (Sarah Moore);
- The Rise and Fall of the Hero: War, Blood and Humanity in the Heroic Epic (Albrecht Classen);
- Theatres of Song: Lieder of Schubert and Schumann (Peter Medine and Paula Fan);
- Rebellious Men, Revolutionary Women: Twentieth Century Ireland (Ann Weekes);

UPCOMING EVENTS

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NB: Council meetings are at 9 a.m., 1125 N. Vine (west of the Poetry Center)

These daytime courses take place in the Dorothy Rubel Room in the Helen S. Schaefer Building at 1508 E. Helen Street, one block north of Speedway and three blocks west of Campbell. There is convenient parking in the Highland Garage across the street from the classroom.

For more information about these courses or the Humanities Seminars Program, go to http://hsp.arizona.edu; or, call Program Coordinator Kerstin Miller at 520-626-7845.

Jubilación = HOO-BEE-LAH-SEEOWN
OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE (OLLI)

Susan Green, editor, College of Education, Retiree

Retirees and, especially, new retirees! Welcome to the world of Doing-What-You-Feel-Like—and if you feel like exploring new interests and meeting like-minded new friends, you just might like to join OLLI, a UA-affiliated, membership-based educational opportunity for seniors. OLLI has campuses in Tucson, Green Valley, and Marana, with daytime study groups that last a single day, several weeks, or a full semester. Topics include literature, art, theater, film, sciences, history, politics, philosophy, economics, and law. Classes are informal and peer-taught, supplemented by community experts and UA faculty. Social activities throughout the year enhance the comradeship and fun that OLLI members enjoy.

Take a look at the website: http://www.olli.arizona.edu or call Penny at 626-9039.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO . . . JIMMYE HILLMAN?

Susan Green, editor, College of Education, retiree

When Jimmye Hillman arrived at the University of Arizona in 1950, it would be the start of an academic journey that would take him to 70 countries, where he would lead efforts in international agricultural development. He would direct research on farm programs under President Johnson and consult for other U.S. Presidents on America’s agricultural and trade policies, head his department for 30 years, serve as president of the American Agricultural Economics Association, and enjoy a year as a research fellow at Jesus College, Oxford. He finally turned in his office keys in 2009, after almost 60 years.

Hillman points out that Arizona’s farm problems and his students always came first. Yet, he was instrumental in widening the horizons of his colleagues, by initiating the first course in international agriculture and by spearheading a decade-long project in northeastern Brazil, cosponsored by the UA and USAID. This work led to an Honorary Degree from the Federal University of Ceará. He went on to obtain projects in Portugal and Cape Verde and to work in other countries, activities that brought considerable monies in foreign contracts to the UA.

Though Jimmye went “off the payroll” in 1993, he has remained active in his field. In 1995 he was a Fulbright Fellow at Lincoln University in Christchurch, New Zealand, and in 2000 organized a mini symposium on Genetically Modified Organisms and Technical Barriers to Trade at an international conference in Berlin.

The journey from 1950, however, is no more remarkable than the journey leading up to his arrival here. Jimmye was born in rural southern Mississippi in 1923. He was raised in the poverty of the 1930s, working the family farm as a child. But the South would not hold him. In his own words, “At 15, I escaped from a one-mule subsistence farm in Greene County, Mississippi, . . . , got on the train at State Line, off to seek my fortune at Mississippi State and ultimately to Berkeley and the West.” He has captured these times in a vivid memoir, “What We Ate Back Then,” published in Gastronomic last year. It is a chapter in his book Hogs, Mules and Yellow Dogs. Since retiring, he writes regularly.

He lives with his wife Helen on Alamo Wash on the eastside. Their three children include a son who holds a deanship at Rutgers University, another working for the federal Social Security Administration, and a daughter, Brenda Hillman, who is a leading contemporary poet. She is married to former U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Hass. Jimmye has written his own share of poetry and was an important force in helping the UA Poetry Center raise the funds for its new building, no easy task. The Odeum, the outdoor seating area used for informal poetry readings, is named in the Hillmans’ honor.

Jimmye has a keen perspective on the evolution of American agricultural policy, from the 1794 Whiskey Rebellion through the era of lucrative tariffs to the negotiations of the World Trade Organization. He says, “The policy question we need to be asking now is how do we make decisions for the collective benefit?” He sees the future as one of cooperation. “It will be a totally different world, but I’m not pessimistic. This is a great country, and, as FDR said, ‘we have nothing to fear but fear itself’”—a challenging, but hopeful, vision for their brand new great grandson!

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RECOLLECTIONS OF JIMMYE HILLMAN, PART 1*

Jimmye Hillman, professor emeritus, Agriculture

I drove with my family into Tucson from Berkeley one evening in the late fall of 1950, and registered at the El Sol Motel ($4 per night) on what would later be dubbed “Miracle Mile.” I had been hired sight-unseen. My contract was signed by President J. Byron McCormick and called for employment at the University of Arizona the next day at a twelve-month salary of $4,700. A few months ago, I closed my office, almost sixty years later, off the payroll, but not “retired.” The current vicissitudes of the University touch my heart and I fully understand. I received only a $100 raise during my first two years. It was rumored that Richard Harvill, then the new University president, was offered a $1,500 raise in 1952, but refused it when the faculty was being given nothing.

There were no benefits--oops!--my name was printed on a private parking spot (inviolate!) located where the Marvel Building now stands. Zero retirement funds and our health plan was the southern Arizona desert air. (Bill Matthews, editor of the *Arizona Daily Star* at the time, with tongue-in-cheek irony, claimed that simply living in Tucson was worth an annual $2,000 benefit!) I believe there was no Social Security deduction when the State of Arizona refused to appropriate matching money. There was a collection among the faculty to assist the widow of a deceased colleague (unnameable here) with his burial expenses.

University tuition was about $50 per semester for instaters. We in the Agricultural College worked six days a week and kept strict office hours, Monday-Friday from 8-5 and Saturdays 8-12. Classes ran from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Every freshman and sophomore had to take one Saturday class. Every professor had to teach a Saturday class. Space was that tight.

Tell me about tough times! In my first twenty-five years at the University, we operated almost entirely (85 - 90%) on state and federal appropriations. I took on administrative duties to make another thousand dollars annually. The public support of the budget is today only around 25%; student tuition has soared, and admission is more limited. In the 1950s an alert assistant professor might know almost every person in the faculty. President Harvill’s twice-annual faculty gatherings helped to assess the powerful and the lowly. Harvill was a no-nonsense administrator, and from his office window in the northwest corner of what became the Nugent Building, he ground his teeth and warily watched faculty as they drifted to the Commons coffee shop, twice daily. (Coffee making in one’s office was verboten because of the cost and fire danger, but smoking was okay.) I can still see old Bill Pistor looking up at that window as if to stick out his tongue.

From the beginning, however, I was optimistic about the University and Tucson, and have proven to be correct in my judgment to cast my lot here for six decades. Just as well, because when offers arose for a variety of enticing jobs elsewhere, my wife Helen always gave me the green light saying, “Please feel free to go, but I like the sun, the Old Pueblo, and the University Artist Series.” The University has been very generous to me and, I trust, I to the University. That tenure of 59 years should call for a special story, at least one book, and lots of appearances on Bill Buckmaster’s *Arizona Illustrated*.

There are dozens of professors and staff whose names go unspoken and are little recorded. They helped build the University, those whose contribution was principally in their toil (my short list stops at 1960). I muse: Madame Eleanor Altman, Theophil Buehrer, Peter Marroney, Patricia Paylore, Matthew R. Schneck (“the seventh smartest man in the world” he said of himself), G.E.P. Smith, Ned Spicer, J.J. Thornbur, and the recently demised Steve Fazio. Their rewards and the pay of hundreds of my colleagues often came only in the form of a student’s “Thank you.”

We live in the days of multibillion dollar private grantsmanship and mega-sport complexes and six-figure salaries for administrators and many in the faculty. Names on buildings in those early years were limited to those of the Indian Tribes. They can now be politely negotiated with potential donors.

I reflect on the University of Arizona’s origins and success and warm my heart with memories of those colleagues who served so selflessly.

*Part 2, a more in-depth reminiscence of some of the faculty mentioned above will be printed in the January issue of Jubilación.

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12:00 NOON, no-host cash bar at 11:30 a.m.

- **Menu A:** Seared top sirloin topped with sautéed onion straws, mushrooms, and roasted garlic glace
- **Menu B:** Orange roughy with a pecan-lime, white wine sauce
- **Menu C:** Mushroom and cauliflower strudel

Meals served with a romaine and watercress salad, pecan rolls and croissants and beverage (coffee or tea)

Dessert: Crème brûlée cheesecake with fresh berry garnish

**SPEAKER: STEPHEN J. MacCARTHY**

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