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Visit the website uara.arizona.edu and click on “Membership/join or rejoin”.
Or, contact the UARA office (see last page). Fees: $20 one year; $80 five years

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UARA OFFICE HAS MOVED TO THE BABCOCK BUILDING!
On the eve of our 35th Anniversary, our office has moved from the Sun Building to one of the most historical buildings on campus, the Babcock Building, 1717 E. Speedway Blvd., Room #3105. It’s a happy coincidence that we are commemorating our own history as we celebrate our anniversary this year. Just as exciting is knowing that the previous occupants were researchers from the Jane Goodall Research Foundation. The research team and office space were referred to as the “Chimpanzoo.” Parking is available with a Retiree sticker in the Zone 1 lot right outside the building, or the Zone 1 across the street (Helen Street/Campbell Avenue). We have discontinued our land line (325-4366). The phone number for UARA is (520) 982-7813 (call or text).

35th ANNIVERSARY SPRING LUNCHEON, MARCH 26, 2015

LODGE ON THE DESERT
You should have received a postcard and RSVP form in the mail announcing this special event at Lodge on the Dessert as UARA celebrates its 35th year! If you did not receive a postcard, please call the office right away. We would like to acknowledge that flower centerpieces for the luncheon have been arranged by Inglis Florists.

Our featured speaker is Dr. John P. Schaefer, University of Arizona President Emeritus and former head of the UA Department of Chemistry, and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts. After 11 years as UA president (1971-1982), Dr. Schaefer became the President of the Research Corporation for Science Advancement for 22 years, and then served on various community boards. He has remained active in photography, astronomy, solar energy, and, together with his wife Helen, the arts. While president, Dr. Schaefer encouraged the formation of the UARA and provided funding to get us started; he is a lifetime member of UARA. Two campus buildings are named after the Schaefers: The John P. Schaefer Center for Creative Photography; and the Helen S. Schaefer Building, which houses the Poetry Center.

Let’s celebrate together with laughs and good cheer!
President’s Message
by Rose Perrill, President, 2014-2015

We are excited to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of UARA during 2015! Two Anniversary luncheons are planned to mark this special occasion, one this Spring and the second this Fall.

As announced, UA President Emeritus, Dr. John Schaefer, will be the guest speaker at the Spring luncheon at Lodge on the Desert. As UA President in 1980, he was instrumental in supporting the establishment of UARA.

The Fall luncheon will be held at the Old Main Silver and Sage Room. Guided tours will also be arranged. Mr. Corky Poster, architect of the renovated Old Main, will be the guest speaker. I’m sure he’ll have many interesting stories about this historic building.

The Tanque Verde Ranch welcomed 90 UARA members and guests to another fabulous buffet on Jan. 29th. We hope to see you again next year, same place, same time, on Jan. 28, 2016!

We are currently working on the history of UARA to be included in the Fall Newsletter. If you have pertinent stories that you think could be included in the history, please contact Trudy Jacobson at the UARA office.

It has been an honor to serve as your UARA President. These past two years have been filled with new ideas and great programs. We are fortunate to have Ruth Eskesen as President for next year. She is enthusiastic and has great insight into what is necessary for UARA’s future.

I want to say a sincere thank you to the Executive Committee, especially Suzanne Van Ort, Advisory Council, and all committees for their help and support. Trudy Jacobson and Jane Dugas also deserve special mention for their work.

Please take care of yourself and those around you. Remember that UARA could not exist without our retirees. Get involved in UARA and be connected with your former colleagues in a way that is more relaxed than the work environment. UARA exists to serve retirees and we invite your participation!

Sincerely,
Rose Perrill, President

Monthly Advisory Council Meetings

The final Advisory Council meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, April 14, at the Himmel Library, 1035 N. Treat Avenue, 10:00-11:30 am. There is ample, free parking and accessibility. We hope you can plan to attend.

Batter Up with the Cats!

Please join us on Sunday, May 10, 6:00 pm at Hi Corbett Field for the Third Annual UARA Day at the Ballpark. Cheer on the Wildcats with us when they play Washington in a PAC-12 baseball game which will be televised.

General admission seats are $4.00 each with no limit, so feel free to bring friends, family and grandchildren. Checks must be received in the UARA office by Thursday, April 30. If you’re running late, call the office by that date to let us know you would like to attend.

Hi Corbett Field is in between Broadway and 22nd Street, at 3400 N. Camino Campestre. Enter on Randolph Way south from Broadway or north on 22nd st, about halfway between Country Club Rd. and Alvernon Way. Parking is free. The traditional baseball stadium cuisine of beer, nachos and hot dogs are available for purchase.

The Wildcats were NCAA National Champions in 2013, so let’s see if Coach Andy Lopez and the student-athletes can do it again!

UARA Day at the Ballpark has become a yearly tradition and we cordially invite you to participate.

Free Stroke Check Clinic Offered at TMC

A free stroke check clinic will be held on Saturday, April 18, 8:00 am-noon, at Tucson Medical Center’s Marshall Conference Center, 5301 E. Grant Rd. No appointments are necessary, walk-in basis only. If you go, please arrive no later than 11:30 am, and allow 45 minutes for a screening. An 8-hour fast is recommended.

The clinic is sponsored by the American Heart Assoc., American Stroke Association, Tucson Medical Center, and Health South Rehabilitation Institute of Tucson. For more information, call 324-1960.
Attention: UARA Members Who Leave for the Summer:
If you leave town for the summer months, and who can blame you, please let us know the dates you are leaving and will return so we can update our mailing list. We send the newsletter bulk mail, which goes through the “National Change of Address” process. If you permanently move and file a change of address card at the Post Office, all mail will be forwarded. But if you file a temporary change, only first-class mail will be forwarded to you.

We don’t want you to miss your Fall newsletter, especially the next one, as we are celebrating our 35th anniversary. It will contain a pull-out short history of UARA, as well as an invitation to our Fall Luncheon at the Old Main Silver and Sage Room. Please write, call, or email with your “away dates” (contact information on back page).

UA NEWS—Optical Sciences Scholarships
President Hart announced that the UA College of Optical Sciences has successfully completed a groundbreaking campaign to raise $12.5 million for scholarships. In response to an incredibly generous challenge from the College’s founding dean and professor emeritus, Dr. James C. Wyant, over 270 donors raised $2.5 million, which Dr. Wyant matched at a 4 to 1 rate.

Calling All Artists—“On Our Own Time” Art Exhibit for UA Employees & Family Members
Participants must be an employee, retiree, volunteer or an immediate family member of an employee, retiree or volunteer of the UA. Sponsored by The National Arts Program® & UA Employee Recognition Committee. Contact: Claudia Arias 621-8051. Register by April 21st: http://www.nationalartsprogram.org/venues/university-of-arizona

UA Cares 2014 Campaign Report
UA retirees donated $2,140 to the UARA scholarship funds, and $4,655 through United Way to non-profits (including United Way itself). Here, Wilbur Wildcat helps out with the cooking during one of the campaign fundraising events.

To make a contribution to any or all three UARA scholarship funds, please see page 6.

Study on Faculty Retirement Transitions
by Roger Caldwell
The American Council on Education (ACE) partnered with the Sloan Foundation to study faculty career flexibility. In 2012 they focused on the transition to retirement and post-retirement. The purpose was to define “best practices” for this process. The study began by developing reports and identifying common themes among retirement transitions with 15 institutions from large/small and public/private institutions.

ACE now has a new study of six institutions, which includes the UA. The new study includes: Carleton College, Cornell University, UA, UCLA, University of Maryland (Baltimore County), and the University of Minnesota. This study will end in December 2015. A summary of retirement-related best practices of the 15 colleges is on the ACE website at www.acenet.edu/news-room/Pages/Faculty-Retirement-Transitions.aspx

There is a very good 260 page book on the results of the retirement studies titled “Faculty Retirement: Best Practices for Navigating the Transition”, published in 2014 through ACE. A book review is posted on the UARA website at uara.arizona.edu/books. In March 2015 two ACE representatives held two discussion sessions with UA faculty. The first session was for faculty that had retired relatively recently and the second was for faculty thinking of retiring in the near future. I attended both sessions as a representative of UARA and commented about UARA as well as some general retirement-related issues.

The key issues raised at the two UA meetings included: 1) what are the opportunities for those with emeritus status (e.g., office space, advising students, ability to get grants) and 2) the need for a single source for guidelines and options for faulty retirement – that are clear, current, and brief. There is a list of the issues raised at the UA discussion session posted on our website at uara.arizona.edu/reports.

FTC Consumer Information Webpages
http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0030-pass-it-on
Telemarketing scam stole money from older consumers: http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/04-telemarketing-scam-stole-money-older-consumers
Webpage with all their scam alerts: http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/scam-alerts

National Council on Aging/NCOA
Life in Alien Territory
Memories of Peace Corps Service in Mali
by Renate Schulz, Professor Emerita, Dept. of German Studies

THE BOOK
Dr. Schulz weaves the highs and lows of her life as a volunteer in Africa into her daily journal entries. Her personal struggles with the challenges of living in third-world conditions, particularly at her age, are woven into her real-life concerns about human rights in West Africa, particularly for women and children. Her time in Mali, with all its challenges and frustrations, are offset with her growing appreciation for this "alien" culture.

In this narrative, Dr. Schulz captures the spirit of the culture, education, and people of Mali. At the same time, she shows how you are never too old to have a life-changing adventure.

THE AUTHOR
Renate A. Schulz, PhD, has published widely on the learning and teaching of foreign languages and has received numerous awards. She has served in the US Peace Corps in Nigeria, Mali, and Mexico where she taught English and French, and trained foreign language teachers.

Available from Amazon.com and all major online book retailers. Proceeds from the sale of this book will be donated to support Peace Corps projects in West Africa. You are invited to check out the website and blog devoted to this publication at: http://renateschulz.wordpress.com

Elder Mistreatment
by Trudy Jacobson, Editor

The UARA Spring Seminar (Guarding Your Wallet), held at TMC’s Senior Services on Feb. 12, brought to light some very important information.

Elder Mistreatment is defined as elder abuse, elder neglect and financial exploitation. It is a very underreported crime; only one in 14 victims reported them. In 2010, a total of $2.9 billion was lost by victims, a 12% increase from 2008. Older adults are reluctant to report or admit they have been victimized. In almost all the cases, there were power imbalances in relationships between the victim and perpetrator.

What makes people vulnerable? It’s not age alone, but physical and cognitive capabilities, lack of economic and educational resources, personal family experiences, and internalization (lack of outside support). Dependency on others can make one vulnerable. In many cases, the perpetrator is a family member or paid worker.

There are ways to protect yourself, including: reducing isolation, cultivating a network of trusted and trustworthy others; watching your financial records carefully; being cautious in assigning financial responsibility to anyone; and insisting on time to make decisions.

In addition, understand that you (as a victim) are not at fault and need to step over any embarrassment or shame you might feel. This is a common reason this crime is underreported. Don’t let anyone (such as a phone solicitor) talk you into a quick decision. Insist on time to make decisions. Employ a fast “no” and a slow “yes.”

Speakers at the seminar were Linda Phillips, PhD, Professor Emeritus and Professor at the UA College of Nursing and Professor Emeritus and Research Professor at the UCLA School of Nursing; and John R. Evans, JD, Assistant US Attorney with the District of Arizona.

Some helpful phone numbers provided by the US Department of Justice are:

(877) 767-2385 Contact Adult Protective Services, if reasonable suspicion of abuse
(520) 790-7262 Pima Council on Aging
(602) 542-4446 State Long Term Care Ombudsman
(520) 566-1919—Elder shelter project, domestic violence, and support groups for older women, and crisis line
911— for emergency or danger

Did You Know We’re on the Web?
This newsletter and many previous issues are posted on our website in full color. To view, visit our website uara.arizona.edu, click “Newsletter”, scroll down to the desired issue, and click. The website has many useful links to retirement & aging matters. You can email us from the website, or to uara@arizona.edu
The 52nd Arizona Legislature opened its 1st regular session on 1/12/15. To date, 468 bills and 36 memorials and resolutions have been introduced in the Senate. House members have proposed 670 bills and 42 memorials and resolutions. Seven pieces of legislation have been signed by the Governor. Tuesday, 4/12/15 is the 100th day of the legislative session which, theoretically, is the date the Legislature is supposed to adjourn (rarely happens). Unlike legislative sessions in 2013 and 2014, no legislation was introduced this year that would ask Arizona voters to approve amending the Arizona Constitution (Article 29) to allow the legislature to increase ASRS member contributions and/or reduce benefits.

### ASRS 2015 LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES
ASRS proposed seven pieces of legislation this session for consideration by the Arizona Legislature. If passed, relatively minor changes would be made to statutes governing ASRS. Status of those bills as of 3/8/15 is as follows:

**S1065: ASRS; Community Colleges Optional Retirement Plans:**
Summary: Employees of a community college district who are ASRS members could only elect to participate in an optional retirement plan established by the community college district if they are a NON-RETIRED member of ASRS. Stated rational -ASRS has no way to transfer a member's contributions to another plan once that member begins receiving benefits. Bill Status: 2/9/15 Passed Senate (29-o-1); received a 'do pass' recommendation from House Gov-Higher Educ. on 3/3/15.

**H2338: ASRS; Disability Program:**
Summary: Removes the word 'total' when it precedes the word 'disability' in A.R.S 38.797.07. Removing the work 'total' would clarify the statute for members so they wouldn't believe that they had to be totally disabled or incapacitated to qualify for disability benefits. Bill Status: 2/19/15 Passed House (57-o-3); received a 'do pass' recommendation from Senate Finance on 3/4/15.

**S1097: ASRS; Health Insurance Benefits:**
Summary: Changes ASRS statutes to conform to Internal Revenue Code section 401(a). If an ASRS member who is eligible for health insurance premium assistance forfeits his/her interest in the account before termination of ASRS, an amount equal to the forfeiture must be applied as soon as possible to reduce employer contributions to fund premium assistance benefits. Retroactive to 7/1/13. Bill Status: 2/9/15 Passed Senate (29-o-1); received a 'do pass' recommendation from House Gov-Higher Educ. on 3/5/15.

**S1096: ASRS; Actuarial Valuation Method:**
Summary: Will allow ASRS to change statutorily required Projected Unit Credit (PUC) Actuarial Valuation Method to the Entry Age Normal (EAN) method required by the Governmental Standards Board for use by all pension plans to calculate funded status. If ASRS changes to the EAN method, a reduction in contribution rates by about 50 basis points would result. Bill Status: 2/9/15 Passed Senate (29-o-1); amended and received a 'do pass' from House Gov-Higher Educ. on 3/5/15.

**H2339: ASRS; Rules:**
Summary: Removes language requiring rules from two ASRS statutes that now require rules (1) what constitutes an acceptable Social Security 218 agreement which is in the sole purview of the Social Security Administration and (2) the form in which statements should be provided to members which does not need rules for implementation. Bill Status: 2/19/15 Passed House (57-o-3); received a 'do pass' recommendation from Senate Finance on 3/4/15.

**H2340: ASRS; LTD Program; Liability:**
Summary: Would have provided ASRS with protection from legal claims against the agency and the LTD Program relating to the denial of benefits (similar to protection afforded to private retirement plans by the 1974 Employment Retirement Income Security Act. Bill Status: Dead as a free standing bill for this legislative session.

### OTHER RETIREMENT RELATED BILLS
**S1121: ASRS; Participation Opt-out; Continuation:**
Summary: Would make it permanent for individuals 65 years of age or older to opt out of ASRS membership as long as they have not previously held ASRS membership. As originally passed in 2012, the opt-out option was to expire July 1, 2015. Bill Status: 2/9/15 Passed Senate (29-o-1); hearing in House Gov-Higher Ed on 3/12/15.

**H2137: ASRS; Employer Termination Incentive Program:**
Summary: To stem salary spiking, the threshold wherein an employer is required to pay the unfunded liability to ASRS would be reduced from 30% to 15% for salary increases excluding promotions. Promotion is defined as a true change in job duties, job title and position held. Bill Status: Not heard by House Gov-Higher Ed. by deadline date and is dead as a stand-alone bill for this session.

### NON-RETIREMENT BILLS OF INTEREST
**H2320: Firearms; Permit Holders; Public Places:**
Summary: Would allow persons with concealed weapons permits to bring a weapon into public buildings. Does not apply to public buildings with screening devices, Arizona State Hospital facilities, educational institutions, community college districts and universities under the jurisdiction of ABOR. Fiscal note indicates there could be significant fiscal impact on state and local governments choosing to impose limitations. Bill Status: 3/2/15 House COW approved amended version.

**H2484: Income; Licensing; Patents; Repeat:**
Summary: Repeals statute requiring ASU to distribute income from licensing and patents on specified drugs. Bill Status: 3/3/15 Passed House (56-4); 3/4/15 Referred to Senate Education and Commerce/Workforce Development committees.

### HOW TO ACCESS ASRS BILL TRACKING
Step 1. Go to azasrs.gov
Step 2. Page down to section "Legislation Statutes Rules"
Step 3. Click on 'Legislation'
Step 4. Click on 'ASRS Bill Tracking'
Irving Yall Book Scholarship
This scholarship is awarded for the purchase of books to an undergraduate student with demonstrated financial need.

Van Ort UARA Undergraduate Scholarship
This scholarship is awarded to an upper division undergraduate student who is currently enrolled full time in a health-related major and who has a career focus on healthy adult aging.

The UARA T. R. Rehm Graduate Scholarship
This scholarship is awarded to a graduate student who is admitted to a graduate program and who is pursuing study related to aging issues.

Donations qualify as charitable contributions and are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law (checks must be made out to the UA Foundation). Retirees are encouraged to make contributions to any or all of the funds. Assisting students in their endeavors to pursue undergraduate and graduate study is a positive way to have a continuing impact on the institution with which we, as retirees, were and continue to be associated. Your contribution could be made in honor or memory of a loved one.

Checks should be made payable to The University of Arizona Foundation, specifying the UARA Irving Yall Book Scholarship Endowment, the Van Ort UARA Undergraduate Scholarship Endowment or the UARA T. R. Rehm Graduate Scholarship Endowment. Complete the form below and mail your gift to the UARA Treasurer, University of Arizona Retirees Association, P.O. Box 42391, Tucson, AZ 85733.

Gifts may also be made online at http://uafoundation.org/ (Click on “Find a Gift Opportunity,” then click on "Giving Search," then type YALL, VAN ORT or REHM, in the designation space, then complete the form).

UARA Scholarship Contribution form
Name: _____________________________________________________________________________
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