The first University of Arizona retirees newsletter was published in April 1980, under the name “Jubilación” (Spanish for “retirement”), by the University of Arizona Department of Personnel; the subtitle was “Retiree Newsletter”. It was a product of the “Retired Faculty Committee”, which was established in 1978 by the Committee on Gerontology.

The newsletter predates a formal retirees association, which was officially formed as the University of Arizona Retirees Association (UARA), with the encouragement of President John Schaefer, in September 1980. The Association was assigned space in the Student Union Building. The Jubilación newsletter was continued to be published by the Personnel Department unit until 1991 when the department was renamed Human Resources. The new department continued publishing the newsletter until 1999, and a two year gap followed with no newsletters. In 2003 the newsletter was published by UARA and that continues today.

UARA TALK was published from March 1990 to April 1998 was 2 page to 4 pages (when using a survey, lunch notice, or dues notice) and published between regular newsletter dates. This was published through the Department of Personnel/Human Resources

The size, look, and content of the newsletter has changed over the years, as experience was gained and new technology became available. The first two issues were four pages and published twice a year, with a fairly simplistic look. Part way through that first year, the pages increased to 8 and the look was slightly modified. In the second year, the pages varied between four and eight pages with four issues per year. By the 4th year the format had essentially stabilized at eight pages with four issues per year.

In 1999 there was a major restructuring of the entire format in the 21st year – representing a move to professional looking newsletter from one that had been done on a word processor; this include a new masthead, a shift to two columns for interior pages and one column on page one (previously all pages had a single column).

In 2002 there was another significant restructuring and in 2009 the UARA logo was used the first time.

In 2003 there was a change in pages and issues per year. The front page was one column with an adjacent table of contents and one column on interior pages. In this 24th year the newsletter was 12 and 16 pages and began three issues per year. The masthead changed several times, with inclusion of the UA Block A and University of Arizona in the 10th year.

In 2009 there was another change, with the addition of a new subtitle (News from the University of Arizona Retirees Association) and a shift of the UARA logo from the left side to the right side; there also a shift to three columns on all pages (except for tabular material such as listing of legislators or deceased retirees).

In 2012, for January and April three columns were used. In September, beginning the 34th year, there was another significant change.

To review, the size, look, and content of the newsletter has changed over the years, as experience was gained and new technologies became available. The size changed from 4 pages, to 8, to 12, to 16, back to 12, and for September 2012 it was back to 8 pages. The
frequency included two issues per year to four to and to three, where it has remained for several years.

Over the years, the title “Jubilación” remained but the subtitle changed:
- 1990-1999 – All UA Retirees’ Newsletter
- 1999-2000 – A Newsletter for University of Arizona Retirees
- 2000-2002 – (no newsletter published)
- 2002-2011 – A UARA Publication for Retirees
- 2011- 2012 – News from the University of Arizona Retirees Association

In 2012 another major restructuring of the newsletter occurred. The change process benefited by a more broadly based review, including the UARA Communications Committee and three committee consultants (unpaid) that were writers or designers at the UA and two design specialists (one outside the UA). In addition, for the last 9 years the newsletter had included an annual evaluation survey for the newsletter and for UARA activities and this information was used to gather user feedback. Finally, a number of newsletters from other retiree organizations were evaluated.

The final changes included two items requested by the Executive Committee – change to one color of ink (plus black) and reduce the pages to 8 (for financial reasons but also more representative of other retiree organizations). Other changes were a new name (UA Retiree News) and a new subtitle (A Newsletter from the University of the Arizona Retirees Association), and movement of the logo to the page that included the return address and mailing information.

Additional changes were the use of more pictures, changes in headline and text fonts, format of table of contents, and some new types of articles. In addition a new “Newsletter Editorial Board” was established, with the three members representing the Editor, Layout, and Chair of the Communications Committee. The board provided advice for content and structure and served as an ombudsman for member concerns or suggestions and as a quality check for content. The new design was evaluated by the UARA Advisory Council and minor modifications made before the formal beginning with the September 2012 issue.

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