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Common Experience

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"Reaching Out From a Common Experience"

Greetings from a unique group of people - the retirees of the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). The Laboratory Retiree Group (LRG) is a non-profit corporation which seeks to maintain communications with and to serve the needs and interests of retirees from LANL.

LANL Benefits Updates Norman Delamater

The LRG annual meeting was held on May 17 this year in person at the Ehart Senior Center. We enjoyed a chicken enchilada meal and had guest speakers, Jacqui Gruninger (senior center director) and Konstance Kurrle of Lab Benefits group. We also voted several new members on the LRG Board of Directors. The full list of board members and contact information is given in this issue of Main Gate. Gina Lujan who works in Lab Benefits, and will be retiring soon, will be another excellent resource for us on any benefits issues. It was announced at the meeting by Konstance that they anticipate no changes in the benefits vendors for this year's open enrollment, but of course the premiums are subject to change for the 2025 plan year. This year there had been a number of issues with Empyrean, the retiree benefit administrator, and the Lab Benefit group is considering opening the Empyrean contract up for bid for the 2026 plan year. So we will have to wait and see what is decided about changing the retiree benefits administrator.

There is a new program sponsored by the Department of Energy and the City University of New York. The program offers free medical screening to former Energy Department employees (including retired Los Alamos employees) which includes early lung cancer detection with low dose CT scans. The DOE has an official news release, which is duplicated here for those who may not be aware. There was also an article in the Los Alamos Daily Post on this

new program.

The DOE news release states the following:

"DOE News:

Officials from the Department of Energy, the Worker Health Protection Program and several health-related organizations joined in Los Alamos last week to announce the expansion of medical screening and the addition of an early lung cancer detection program for former workers of Los Alamos and Sandia national laboratories.

Early lung cancer detection with low-dose CT scan will now be offered to former DOE workers at high risk of lung cancer, and medical screening exams are now available to all former DOE workers.

The DOE Former Worker Medical Screening Program (FWP) provides free medical screenings and evaluations for former DOE federal, contractor, and subcontractor workers to assess and address potential health risks and occupational diseases related to their work in the nuclear weapons complex.

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The newly offered early lung cancer detection program offers low dose CT scans to a subset of high-risk former workers. The FWP helps identify any work-related illnesses or conditions early, allowing for timely medical intervention and support.

The Los Alamos event followed a similar event held Wednesday, hosted by the New Mexico Building Trades Council's in Albuquerque, home of Sandia National Laboratory.

Among the speakers were Todd LaPointe, Director of DOE's Office of Environment, Health, Safety and Security, Dr. Steven Markowitz, co-director of the Worker Health Protection Program and Rebecca Trujillo of Española, a retired LANL employee and former outreach coordinator for the Former Worker Program in Española.

Trujillo retired from her position at LANL, where she worked on computers, and went to work for the FWP in 2000 opening the Española office the same year. She said she often sees clients when she's out and about who thank her for assisting them in finding the medical help needed to save or extend their lives. She retired from the program in March 2023.

Occupational health experts at the City University of New York and the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health independently administer the Worker Health Protection Program in New Mexico to provide objective medical evaluations, with funds provided by the DOE through a cooperative agreement.

The program offers medical evaluations to workers who may have been exposed to various chemical hazards and toxic substances and who may exhibit a range of adverse medical/health issues as a result of their past work in the nuclear weapons complex. Tests include medical and occupational history, comprehensive physical examinations, laboratory tests, a chest x-ray, breathing tests and hearing tests.

A beryllium blood test and a special reading of the chest x-ray for occupational lung diseases are included. All test results are reviewed, interpreted, and communicated by occupational medicine physicians, with a medical re-screening offered every three years. Those with additional risk-factors who meet program eligibility guidelines are offered annual low-dose CT scans, a method proven to detect lung cancers before

symptoms occur and treatment is likely to be successful.

For more information, visit the website at <http://www.worker-health.org>."

On another topic, June 15 was "Elder Abuse Awareness Day" and here are some tips from an article on Schwab.com

Here's how seniors can protect themselves:

- **Stay connected:** Keep in touch with loved ones and remain active in your community to reduce isolation and vulnerability.
- **Regularly review your finances:** If you have questions, seek assistance from a trusted family member, a financial advisor, or an attorney. Find out more about how to prepare at <https://www.schwab.com/schwabsafe/planning-for-diminished-capacity>
- **Know your rights:** Learn about your rights and the resources available to you. This includes understanding how to use legal tools like powers of attorney and wills. Check out our [Financial Caregiving 101](https://www.schwab.com/schwabsafe/financial-caregiving-101) article to learn more at <https://www.schwab.com/schwabsafe/financial-caregiving-101>
- **Add a trusted contact:** Designate a trusted contact to provide another layer of protection to help keep your financial accounts safe. You can find out more about trusted contacts by reading this article at <https://www.schwab.com/learn/story/why-you-should-establish-trusted-contacts>
- **Seek professional advice:** Consult with professionals when making significant decisions, especially those involving legal, financial, or health matters.
- **Protect your personal information:** Don't give out your Social Security, credit card, or bank account numbers over phone or email.

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For those retirees who are widows or widowers and live alone, some safety precautions might be taken. These could include daily checks with relatives and friends in case of falls or other medical emergencies which could arise at any time. Some may want to make a regular call to relatives just to say all is well. Technology like a smartphone may have apps which could call for help when needed. If any retiree needs to update their will or trust, the MetLife Legal plan will cover these matters and can save upward of \$2000 for estate planning documents. This may be a valuable benefit, but if you have not enrolled in the plan for this year, then you may have to wait until the next open enrollment in November.

Kiplinger magazine has an article on estimates for Medicare Premiums for Part B Medicare for 2025, which is of interest for prudent planning for next year.

Estimates by Medicare's trustees show the increase in Part B premium will be nearly double the rate of the COLA, climbing by \$10.30 per month in 2025 to \$185. For Lab retirees, our monthly Part B subsidy will remain at \$96. For those retirees subject to required minimum distributions from IRA and 403(b) or 401(k) accounts, your gross adjusted income for the tax year may increase in such a manner as to be subject to IRMAA or income related monthly adjustment amount. For 2025, the IRMAA of \$74 per month will be assessed for incomes greater than \$210,000 for married couples or \$105,000 for single. This amount will be in addition to the Part B Medicare monthly premium of \$185 in 2025. For incomes above \$262,000 or \$131,000 (single) there will be even greater adjustment amounts for the Medicare Part B premium. Prudent tax planning is advised.

Covid is still here and new variants are expected this summer as Covid is still highly transmissible. In the Fall, there may be updated Covid vaccines available which could mitigate any exposure to Covid. The latest CDC guidelines (as of 6/27/24) recommends everyone ages 6 months and older receive an updated 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine to protect against the potentially serious outcomes of COVID-19 this fall and winter whether or not they have ever previously been vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine. Updated COVID-19 vaccines will be available from Moderna, Novavax, and Pfizer later this

year. This recommendation will take effect as soon as the new vaccines are available. CDC also recommends Flu vaccination in September or October 2024 for the upcoming flu season. September and October remain the best times for most people to get vaccinated, according to the CDC. If you are over age 65, you may wish to receive the senior dose of the flu vaccine. Updated 2024-2025 flu vaccines will all be trivalent and will protect against an H1N1, H3N2 and a B/Victoria lineage virus. The composition of this season's vaccine compared to last has been updated with a new influenza A(H3N2) virus. The following statement was issued by the CDC director, Dr. Mandy Cohen, "Our top recommendation for protecting yourself and your loved ones from respiratory illness is to get vaccinated," said Mandy Cohen, M.D., M.P.H. "Make a plan now for you and your family to get both updated flu and COVID vaccines this fall, ahead of the respiratory virus season."

Finally, please enjoy the summer season and stay safe. Please email us if you encounter benefits issues we can help with.



LRG Annual Meeting on May 17th, 2024 at Los Alamos Senior Center — Joyce Wolff

With the threat of Covid somewhat diminished the Los Alamos Retiree Group (LRG) was again able to hold its annual meeting at the Betty Ehart Senior Center in Los Alamos. Retirees had time to socialize in the downstairs registration area before the meeting. 70 or so LRG members enjoyed a tasty chicken enchilada meal prepared by Chef Stephen Jakob in the newly remodeled kitchen at the Betty Ehart Senior Center.

Alan Wadlinger opened the meeting and welcomed LRG members. He stressed the need for new Board Members with new ideas and humorously and successfully found them in the audience. They are Coleen Meyer, Earl Hoffman, and Erika Spallitta, who we welcome as a returning Board Member. Board Members whose terms were up this year were reelected. A complete list of the LRG Board is found later in this newsletter.

Guest speakers for the meeting were, Jacci Gruniger, Executive Director of the Los Alamos Retired and Senior Organization (LARSO) and from the LANL Benefits Office, Konstance Kurrie, Regina Lujan, and Sandy Rodriguez.

Jacci, who has just ended her first year as Executive Director described the many benefits the Centers offer. LARSO operates both the Betty Ehart Senior Center on Bathtub Row and the Senior Center in White Rock. They offer a wide variety of activities and services, including lunch programs, day out, exercise classes, a monthly newsletter, and an informative Website. She explained how the Centers are funded and the ongoing need for more funding. She encouraged retirees to join, support, and take advantage of these excellent facilities.



LRG Vice President Alan Waldinger & Main Gate Editor David Janecky.



Jacci Gruniger welcomes LRG members & describes the many benefits of LARSO & the Senior Centers.

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The three guest speakers from the Benefits Office, described their roles as benefits advisors who are prepared to assist retirees with any problems they are experiencing. Several in the audience described serious problems with Empyrean. The three speakers readily acknowledged the existing displeasure with Empyrean and discussed measures that have been taken and will be taken to improve the service, including better communication and friendlier verbiage. They understand their task and are passionate to help retirees solve their benefits problems.



Regina Lujan, Konstance Kurrle, & Sandy Rodriguez, LANL Retirement Benefits Office, presenting to the LRG about assistance, opportunities, & recognized problems.



Returning Board Member, Erika Spallita, husband Joe, & former Board Member Richard Henderson.



Board Members, Norm Delamater & Bob Meier.



Board Members, Sheila Girard & Leigh House, welcoming & registering LRG members.

LANL Foundation, Los Alamos Employees' Scholarship Fund, & LANL Workforce Retirees' Endowed Scholarship Fund Recipient

Since 1998, LANL Foundation and the Los Alamos Employees' Scholarship Fund (LAESF) has awarded more than \$12 million in scholarships to over 2,500 students from northern New Mexico. This year, the Foundation received a record number of applications and, for the first time in the history of the program, awarded over \$1 million in scholarships! Scholarships range from \$1000 one-time awards up to \$20,000.

The LANL Workforce Retirees' Endowed Scholarship Fund was established in 2018 to support students from northern New Mexico who demonstrate high academic achievement and financial need, with preference given to students who are pursuing STEM degrees. LANL Workforce Retiree Scholarships are one-time \$1,000 awards that may be awarded concurrently with other LANL Foundation scholarships.

The 2024 LANL Workforce Retirees' Endowed Scholarship recipient is Ashley Vázquez of Tierra Encantada Charter School in Santa Fe.



Ashley, a first-generation college student, plans to attend the University of New Mexico this fall and pursue a degree in biology. Ashley has taken advantage of every opportunity available in her school and community to prepare herself for

college. She has participated in Breakthrough, a community-based academic enrichment and college readiness program for first-generation students, since the 7th grade. "A straight-A student who works 15-20 hours a week, plays soccer, babysits her little sister, and volunteers at Breakthrough...it's hard to understand where she finds her energy!" says Dieu Ho, Executive Director of Breakthrough Santa Fe. Ashley also participated in Model UN and graduated with a bilingual seal in Spanish and numerous dual-credit college courses under her belt. After earning her undergraduate degree, Ashley hopes to ultimately earn a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in the future.

These scholarships would not be possible without the generous support of community members like you. The LANL Foundation invites you to join us in supporting these inspiring and deserving students by making a contribution of any amount to the scholarship fund of your choice. To make a donation, visit:

<https://lanlfoundation.org/donate/>

You will have the option to select the "LANL Workforce Retirees' Scholarship Fund" or any other fund that reflects your charitable wishes. 100% of your donation will go directly to a deserving student from northern New Mexico. The LANL Foundation can also work with you to establish a named and endowed scholarship fund to honor a loved one or support students that embody the qualities, backgrounds, or ambitions you would like to acknowledge with your investment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mike Ammerman, LANL Foundation Scholarship Program Director, mike@lanlfoundation.org, 505-795-3778. If you would like to receive the LANL Foundation's Quarterly Newsletter, visit

<https://lanlfoundation.org/newsletter/>

to register or contact Mike Ammerman for assistance.

LANL to WIPP First To Ship on March 25, 1999

By STANLEY (STAN) KOSIEWICZ

Special Projects Manager

LANL Retiree, Class of 2005



Truck with TRUPACTs leaving LANL on March 25, 1999 to begin the historic 315 mile journey to WIPP ... the first of many thousands. Courtesy LANL

Remembering First Shipment To WIPP On 25th Anniversary. This is an abbreviation of the original article that was published in the Los Alamos Daily Post on March 21, 2024.

Many Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) personnel worked together to make the first shipment to open the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) a reality. They designed a commemorative T-shirt that states, "As a team we made it happen." Only a small fraction of the team is named in this article. My technical files were recycled during my nearly 20 years of retirement. Consequently, I am depending upon my memory to a large extent. There may be some omissions in the story line. This article recounts my memories surrounding that significant event.

Prologue:

On March 25, 1999, LANL sent the first shipment of transuranic (TRU) waste in TRUPACT-II canisters to WIPP. **Figure 1** shows the truck with three TRUPACTs (#126, #131, and #128) inside the loading facility waiting to begin its historic journey to WIPP.

For 25 years DOE had been embroiled in a bitter battle for TRU waste disposal. At times, the situation seemed so complex that it appeared to be analogous to the fabled Gordian Knot. This was a knot in Greek mythology that was so intricate that an oracle proclaimed that whoever could undo it would rule all of Asia. The legend said that Alexander the Great severed the knot with a single blow from his sword. With the ruling of one federal judge, the WIPP Gordian Knot was severed and LANL quickly sent a shipment of TRU waste to get WIPP open.

Years earlier, DOE had proposed performing a test underground to prove the suitability of disposal of TRU waste in the bedded salt layers 2,150 feet below the earth's surface. DOE initially proposed that a large number of drums of TRU waste were needed for the test. This was approximately the entire TRU waste inventory in the DOE Complex! This proposal was met with vehement opposition.

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Some of the opponents included Environmental Evaluation Group (EEG), Director Bob Neill, his Deputy Director, Lokesh Chaturvedi, and others like Greg Mello, Los Alamos Study Group. Bob Neill organized the EEG in order to provide oversight of WIPP for the State of New Mexico

Eventually, the DOE requested a Red Team to be organized to determine if an alternative to the test could be proposed. LANL employees, Phil Thullen and Deborah Bennett, organized and led a team of national class technical experts in different disciplines. I was the TRU waste management expert on this Red Team.

In 1993, this Red Team proposed to Secretary of Energy Hazel O'Leary that the desired information could be better obtained from above ground DOE sites. Secretary O'Leary accepted this important recommendation. For this accomplishment the LANL Red Team was given a Distinguished Performance Award while Sig Hecker was the LANL Director.

Then, DOE waste sites began to prepare for characterizing and certifying their stored TRU wastes. Idaho National Engineering Lab (INEL) received the lion's share of funding because DOE had entered what was called the Governor's Agreement wherein fuel rods from Navy submarines would be stored at INEL but only if INEL removed certain amounts of its TRU waste inventory by certain dates. LANL had no similar mandate to ship. So its funding level was much smaller in comparison.

At that time, WIPP was permitted to receive only non-mixed waste. Non-mixed waste does not contain heavy metals, nor organic constituents regulated by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

LANL had identified a non-mixed TRU waste stream. While many LANL personnel worked on other vital parts of the TRU waste characterization project, I led a team to prove the non-mixed status of the waste we wanted to ship to open WIPP.

Shipping Week Narrative:

March 22, 1999 (Monday) A federal judge accepted the non-mixed waste status of the waste and lifted the injunction that had prohibited shipping of the waste.

March 23, 1999 (Tuesday) TRU waste drums were loaded into the TRUPACT canisters, #126, #131, and #128. (picture)

March 24, 1999 (Wednesday) Final testing of the TRUPACT canisters is done and we were poised to send the trailer to WIPP.

March 25, 1999 (Thursday – 12:05 a.m.) The truck moved out of the loading facility and into the parking lot. However, there was a dense fog enveloping the road around Santa Rosa, so a decision was made to try to ship later in the day.

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*Three TRUPACTs with TRU waste waiting to leave for WIPP.
Courtesy LANL*

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March 25, 1999 (Thursday – 7:50 p.m.) There was no fog at this time. LANL employee, George Vigil, gave the signal and the gate was opened, and the truck began its historic 315 mile journey to WIPP. It headed west for about a hundred yards and made a sharp hairpin turn to the left onto Pajarito road.

That evening, Leroy Sanchez, LANL photographer, was photographing the event. John Bass, LANL Public Affairs, and I were standing on a hill videotaping the truck as it accelerated downhill. As the truck passed us, the driver blasted the horn, and we listened to the beautiful Doppler affect as it roared past into the darkness.

Just outside of Santa Fe, protesters were beating on drums and wailing at the truck as it passed by. Near Lamy, a white Yugo was parked in the middle of the road in an attempt to block the truck. The Yugo was pushed off the road and the waste truck sped past to its WIPP destination.

March 26, 1999 (Friday) The waste was delivered to WIPP with resounding cheers from

the waiting crowd. It was quickly emplaced down hole to be entombed in the bedded salt forever. History had been made!

The truck driver, Randy, said the trip was nerve wracking but went faster than he expected.

DOE and WIPP stated that LANL shipped its first TRU waste on March 25-26, 1999. A more accurate statement was that LANL had shipped on March 25, 1999 – and that WIPP received the shipment on March 26, 1999.

Epilogue:

LANL continued to ship TRU waste to WIPP until Nov. 27, 1999. The 17th and last shipment used the last of the non-mixed waste stream. Then, there was a two-year hiatus in shipments. During this time, LANL took the necessary steps to build a more robust infrastructure to work off its TRU waste inventory.

On April 19, 2001 LANL resumed shipments to WIPP.

At the grand opening celebration on April 17, 1999, Secretary Richardson let me attach a large commemorative pin to his coat lapel just before he met with the media. It was quite visible!



Then Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson and Stan Kosiewicz at WIPP Grand Opening celebration on April 17, 1999. Photo by Amy Anderson

Laboratory Retiree Benefits websites & resources:

Empyrean: 1-844-805-0002, www.lanlbenefits.com
Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Mexico: 1-877-878-5265, www.bcbsnm.com/lanl
BCBS Behavioral Health Unit 1-888-898-0070
Express Scripts: 1-800-838-4590, www.express-scripts.com
Delta Dental of New Mexico: 1-877-395-9420, www.deltadentalnm.com
Davis Vision: 1-800-999-5431, www.davisvision.com/members
MetLife Legal Plans: 1-800-821-6400, www.members.legalplans.com
Norton LifeLock ID Theft: 1-900-607-9174, www.my.norton.com
Medicare: 1-800-MEDICARE or 1-800-633-4427, www.medicare.gov
Laboratory Retiree Group www.lalrg.org
LANL Pension Center for LANS/Triad defined pension plan,
TCP1 pensions, AonHewitt: 1-866-370-7301,
<https://pension.hewitt.com/losalamos>
University of California Retirement Plan, UC Retirement Administration Service Center at UCnet:
1-866-682-7787
<https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/contacts/rasc.html>
California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPers):
1-888-225-7377, <https://www.calpers.ca.gov/page/retirees>
Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program:
1-866-888-3322, <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/owcp/energy>
<https://www.energy.gov/ehss/energy-employees-occupational-illness-compensation-program>

LRG News

David Schiferl — acting LRG President for July 1 to December 31, 2024!

Morris Pongratz — acting LRG Vice President as of July 1 to December 31, 2024,
then acting President for the following 6 months!

Leigh House: thank you for his service handling necessary document submissions for the LRG &
leading reviews of the LRG By-Laws!

Treasurer Sheila Girard explains that the address label on your Main Gate indicates your dues
status. The date on the label indicates the date for which your dues have been paid.

Laboratory Retiree Group Directory As a service to current LRG members the LRG Directory,
mailed each February, contains the names and available information for every present and past
LRG member, whether that member is in good standing or not. Some listed in the Directory have
passed away or experienced life changing events: marriage or change of contact information. It's
important to update your profile with the LRG so we can better serve you. Or if you know of a life
change of a fellow retiree in the Directory please update us. Information update form is on page 13.

The next Annual Meeting is planned for May 2025 at the Los Alamos Senior Center,
with lunch provided (see future announcements, cards & emails)

**LRG Board meetings are held on the
third Wednesday of each month,
hosted by Dave Schiferl
on Zoom**

We will continue to meet on Zoom
until further notice.
Please contact us if you are interested in
attending.

First Tuesday Breakfasts
LRG members and guests who are fully vaccinated are
welcome. Coffee is provided by the LRG.



Muy Salsas Restaurant
1315 Trinity Drive
8:30—10:30

Details announced each month
by email, Facebook, & word of mouth

Stay Informed

A list of resources on page 13 can keep you informed of happenings in Los Alamos, in the LANL Community, and more broadly.

Additional websites that are full of information include

LANL Bradbury Museum website, lanl.gov/museum

National Atomic Testing Museum in Las Vegas, NV nationalatomictestingmuseum.org

Manhattan Project National Historic Park www.nps.gov/mapr/index.htm

Project Oppenheimer resources lacnm.com/oppie

Los Alamos Oppenheimer Festival in August 10-31, 2024

<https://sala.losalamos.com/oppenheimer-festival-2024/>

Explore a blend of films (old & new), documentaries, lectures, activities, and historic tours.

Information, history, & personal reminisces: If the Main Gate newsletter generates thoughts and/or a article that is of interest, please contact us at maingate@lalrg.org

Historic photographs note: if you have photograph collections, please consider donating them to the Los Alamos History Archives www.losalamoshistory.org & archives@losalamoshistory.org along with notes and other descriptive materials to put your photographs in context

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LANL In Memoriam

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The preceding names have not been listed in LANL Memorium before.
An obituary can frequently be found in Google by entering the individual's name,
followed by Los Alamos.

The LRG and the community are grateful to Carol Clark, Publisher of the *LA Daily Post*,
for printing obituaries at no cost.

Stay Informed

Los Alamos news on line with the *Los Alamos Daily Post* and the *Los Alamos Reporter*
LANL news and more at: discover.lanl.gov
Bradbury Science Museum news with their monthly online newsletter: @theBradbury
LANL Foundation Scholarship news monthly email newsletter at: lanlfoundation.org
Laboratory Retiree Group (LRG) at: www.lalrg.org
Los Alamos Chamber of Commerce at: losalamoschamber.com
Plan a trip with UC Retirees: ucretireestravel@gmail.com
LLNL retiree website: www.livermorelabretirees.org
LBNL retiree website: retirement.berkeley.edu/ex-ls

LABORATORY RETIREE GROUP (LRG) Working to Protect Retiree Benefits & Information Sharing

Membership in the Los Alamos Laboratory Retiree Group, Inc. (LRG) is open to any person age 50 or older who currently receives or expects to receive an ongoing financial benefit (health or other insurance, retirement income, or other forms of remuneration) from having worked or having an association with someone who worked for the prime contractor of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Active Members, as described above, pay annual dues of \$20 per household, have voting privileges at Annual Meetings, and may serve as LRG Officers and/or Board Members. Active members receive the annual LRG Directory of members and The Main Gate newsletter 3 times a year. Spouses of deceased Active Members remain members as long as yearly dues are paid.

Friends are persons who support LRG. Friends pay dues of \$20 per year to cover the cost of printing and mailing The Main Gate. Friends may not vote, hold office, or receive the LRG Directory.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION or RENEWAL FORM

THE LABORATORY RETIREE GROUP, INC. (LRG)

☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal ☐ Friend ☐ Change of Address

☐ Check here if requested information remains unchanged (including phone no. and e-mail)

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Active Member _____
Last Name First Name Middle

LANL Retiree? Yes No Year ____ System: UCRS PERS LANS TRIAD OTHER (circle as needed)

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Last Name First Name Middle

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Payment: Please mail this completed form plus \$20 per year dues payment by check to:
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The Workforce Retirees' Scholarship Fund is an endowed component of the Los Alamos Employees' Scholarship Fund (LAESF) funded by contributions from Laboratory retirees, including Laboratory Retiree Group (LRG) members.

The LAESF Advisory Committee awards a \$1,000 Workforce Retirees' scholarship to a deserving student each year based on both scholarship and financial need.

To donate go to the LANL Foundation website:

lanlfoundation.org

**Mike Ammerman is the scholarship program manager
& can be contacted directly at**

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The mailing address is:

LANL Foundation (LAESF), 1112 Plaza del Norte, Española, New Mexico 87532

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