

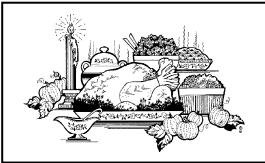


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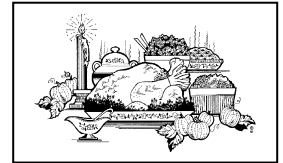
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CITY OF TUCSON RETIREES ASSOCIATION

October 2009



**ANNUAL THANKSGIVING POTLUCK
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2009 12:00 NOON
PARKS THERAPEUTIC CENTER
1000 SOUTH RANDOLPH WAY**



CTRA's annual potluck luncheon for members is Wednesday, November 18th. CTRA will provide TURKEY, GRAVY, POTATOES, DRESSING, BUTTER, ROLLS AND DRINKS (coffee and ice tea).

MEMBERS AND GUESTS ARE TO BRING FAVORITE THANKSGIVING DISH AND DESSERTS TO COMPLEMENT FOOD PROVIDED BY CTRA.

To insure a variety of food, use the food categories below. Determine what to bring by using first initial of LAST NAME. EXAMPLE: If last name begins with "W" bring a dessert. "A" a vegetable dish.

A – H - VEGETABLE DISH I - O - SALAD/RELISH TRAY P – Z - DESSERT

Traditionally the Thanksgiving Potluck is a great time for meeting and greeting CTRA members. Please join in celebrating Thanksgiving 2009 with your friends.

COMMUNITY FOOD BANK DONATION - Please bring nonperishable food items to be distributed to those in need during the holidays.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – Wednesday, November 11, 2:30 p.m., Therapeutic Center, 1000 S. Randolph Way. **MEMBERS WELCOME!**

MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST – Thursday, November 5, 8:30 a.m., HOME TOWN BUFFET, 5101 N. Oracle Rd.

CTRA ANNUAL THANKSGIVING POTLUCK
November 18th, 12:00 Noon. See information above.

GOLF ACTIVITY - Golf group meets each Tuesday of the month. Want to Play? Call KIRKE GUILD, 298-5672. Kirke will provide information on golf course and tee times.
Golfing dates: November 3, 10, 17, 24.

CTRA NEWSLETTER

The next hard copy of the CTRA Newsletter will be mailed January 2010.

Current and past CTRA Newsletters may be electronically accessed each month at:

www.ci.tucson.az.us/retirement2/

Activities for November and December 2009 and January 2010 activities appear in this newsletter.

For those interested in attending the Holiday Luncheon on December 16, 2009, reservation form is included on Page 4.

CHANGES TO CITY OF TUCSON MEDICARE GROUP PLANS

Message from Cindy Bezaury, Human Resources Director, City of Tucson

Vision update: For City of Tucson retirees who are not Medicare eligible and participating in Cigna plans, you will recall we eliminated the vision examination benefit. We have been completing the RFP process for selection of an individual plan vendor that will provide a plan to active employees only. This is consistent with our other individual insurance offerings. There are individual vision plans available on the competitive market today - we recommend retirees contact a local insurance broker, Pima Council on Aging, or search available plans on the internet.

Medicare group coverage changes: We have just completed rate renewal discussions with our current vendor, United Healthcare, who provides Medicare group coverage for eligible retirees. Premium rates will increase by 15.5% - a factor of rising costs and the nature of being a small, experienced rated group. The competitive market for Medicare coverage now offers comparable coverage at much more affordable rates - and our renewal changes will provide those options to retirees for the first time.

Currently the city carries two forms of group policies - a Medicare supplement and an advantage plan (HMO style coverage), and maintains the records and billing manually. Effective January 1, 2010, the city will carry only the Medicare supplement as a group policy and our vendor, United Healthcare, will offer a "Connector" service that bridges any of our retirees from group to guaranteed issue individual policies that they sponsor (several of which are AARP endorsed, both supplement and advantage plans). (In addition, City of Tucson PSPRS retirees will be able to participate in the ASRS group plans (Arizona State Retirement System)).

For illustrative purposes only, the following are estimated monthly premiums beginning January 1, 2010:

City of Tucson Senior Supplement group coverage with Rx, single: \$455.76
United Healthcare Connector individual coverage with Rx, single: \$255.00

Human Resources is finalizing open enrollment plans with the vendor at this time. Explanation letters will be mailed to all participating retirees, Pima Council on Aging has education sessions available that will be included with our mailing, our vendor will conduct education sessions during November, and our vendor will have staff on site to assist retirees with their enrollment elections.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

JAMES E. CARTER – Retired from Water Department, July 26, 1991.

LEONARD CASTRO – Retired from City Clerk's Office, July 2007.

ELAINE DECKER – Retired from Parks and Recreation, May 31, 2003.

SHARON WRIGHT – Retired from Information Technology, May 8, 2009.

IN MEMORIAM

Our condolences and sadness on hearing of the death of ERNESTINE CHILTON who passed away on August 29, 2009. She was a CTRA Charter Member and Lifetime member. She was a special person and will be missed. Thoughts and prayers are with her family.

SUSAN LAWRENCE – Community Services
 BRENDA TARKET – Finance Department
 JAMES BEAMAN - Transportation Dept.
 BETTY BOURQUIN – Finance Department
 JACQUELINE FORD – Library
 ROBERT KASIK – Water Department
 LORENE STUART – Police Department
 BARBARA D. WALKER – City Court
 MARY ALVAZIAN – City Attorney
 ROBERT DORAME- Community Services
 ALAN METCALFE – City Public Defender
 CYNTHIA RUTHERFORD – Library
 KATHERINE LYON – Library
 ELBERT CARDIEL – General Service
 HELEN GUTRIDGE - Parks & Recreation
 DONNA MADDEN – Finance Department
 (End of Service Program)

VICTORIA ARNOLD – General Services
 CAROLYN AUSTIN – Finance Department
 KATHY DIXON – Mayor and Council
 PAMELA EVANS – Police Department
 ROBIN FREIDINGER – Development Services
 ALFRED RAMIREZ – Golf Enterprise
 JESSE RIALMO, JR. – Golf Enterprise
 STEVEN ROSENTHAL – Operations
 JOHN F. VANCE, JR. – Operations
 JUDITH ZACARIAS – Community Services
 ENRIQUE DURAZO – Development Services
 SHERRIE DISHROON – Information Tech.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES



A simple celebration, a gathering of friends; here is wishing you great happiness, a joy that never ends!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Catherine Addison – 21st, Carmen Almazan – 8th, Abe Aragon – 10th, Margret Aros – 15th, Ron Aros – 15th, Oakie Bailey – 28th, Ruth Bollenberg – 25th, Loretta Brevaire – 23, Manuel Canales, Sr. – 23rd, Vincent Catalano – 23, Martin Chabre – 24th, Manual Chavez – 29, Barbara Chavez – 2, Lorenzo Clark – 28th, Ernesto Contreras – 22, Richard Couture – 30th, Mary Alice Curiel – 7th, JoAnn Daniels – 11th, Charles Deaubl – 9th, Joe Douglas – 17th, Richard Ducote – 16th, Elva Duke – 11th, Nora Dunn – 16th, Yolanda Escalante – 21, Leon Fausher – 12th, Wilma Ferry – 17th, Mary Jean Forry – 11th, Harold Hacker – 17th, Patricia Hacker – 21st, Page Hamner – 16th, Helen Hanson - 21st, Derald Hentrich – 12th, Marlene Hornfeck – 6th, Doris Howard – 7th, Margot Hurst – 20th, Lynne Ingalls – 22nd, Kathy Irwin – 26th, Connie Jayme – 29th, Nancy

Josephsen – 3rd, James Kay – 30th, Nedra Kayner – 11th, Diana Keplar – 21st, Allan King – 21st, Peter Kosanke – 13th, Joseph Leininger – 20th, Lee Levin – 29th, Gloria Leyva – 13th, Lee Linares – 10th, Raymond Little – 24, Alex Lopez – 21, Penny Lowe – 30th, Marilyn Ludwig – 8th, William Lumm – 18th, Francisco Madril – 17th, Lyle Marcks – 28th, Roberto Martinez – 10th, Rosemary Martinez – 7th, Matthew Mastriano – 25th, Beverly Medina – 28th, Robert Melzer – 22nd, Rhonda Meyer – 5, John McVay – 29th, Don Miller – 5th, Chuck Milne – 8th, Mary Miner - 11th, Guillermo Miranda – 8th, Manny Moreno – 11th, Lola Newton – 30th, Mary Alice Otero – 21st, Kay Pachnowski – 5th, Mary Pavone – 2nd, Donald Pawlowske – 6th, Don Pawlowsske, Jr. – 24, Robert Pfister – 4th, Connie Pintonzoi - 29, Manny Ramos – 17th, Jack Redavid – 8, Joan Richards – 17th, Elva Rodriguez – 11th, Sylvia Romero – 20th; Margaret Ross – 2nd, Ann Rowland – 14th, Aline Rushing – 23rd, Graceila Salazar – 1st, Amalia Salazar – 12th, Louis Sanchez – 18th, Roy Sees – 15th, Barbara Shockey – 10th, Rosemary Shoemaker – 12th, Mike Siegneri – 13th, Vicki Soetaert – 28th, Frances Sroka – 21st, Mary Stewart – 23rd, Marvin Stokes – 3rd, James Stuck – 5th, Delores Sutter – 2nd, Bob Thompson – 27th, Christina Thomure – 4, Nancy Tomlinson – 7th, Francisco Tona – 18th, Lucille Valdez – 22nd, Linda Vanderburg – 8th, Sue Varney – 20th, Frank Vega – 26th, Lewis Voliva – 26th, Florence Waugh -13th, Andrea Welch – 11, 11th, Lila Wentzel – 4th, Elizabeth Whipple – 17th, Richard Wiley – 1st, Donna Witschi – 28th, Michael Wood – 29th, and Larry Wren.

GET WELL WISHES

JACK REDAVID is recovering from recent surgery. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jack and pray each day brings him renewed strength and brighter times. “Jack as you rest and heal, know that you are thought of warmly and wished a quick recovery. If knowing that someone cares helps the healing process.....then you should be feeling better already. Hope You feel better Soon!”

JEANE ALLEN, wife of Louie Allen, is recovering at home from recent spine surgery. Jeane, get well soon, our prayers are with you for a speedy recovery!



2010 ANNUAL CTRA DUES
 Time to pay 2010 dues! Due By
 January 1, 2009.

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

December 3, 2009 - MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST-
8:30 a.m., Home Town Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle.

December 9, 2009 - Executive Board meeting,
2:30 p.m., Therapeutic Center, 1000 S. Randolph.

December GOLF – DATES: December 1, 8, 15, 22,
and 29. Call Kirke Guild, 298-5672, for course/tee
time.

December 16, 2009 – Holiday Luncheon,
DECEMBER 16th, Tanque Verde Ranch.
Reservation information and form BELOW.

JANUARY ACTIVITIES

January 7, 2010 - MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST-
8:30 a.m., Home Town Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle.

January 13, 2010 - Executive Board meeting,
2:30 p.m., Therapeutic Center, 1000 S. Randolph.

January GOLF – DATES: January 5, 12, 19 and
26. Call Kirke Guild, 298-5672, for course/tee
time.

JANUARY 20,- LUNCHEON – GUILLERMO'S
Dbl. LL Mexican Restaurant, 1830 S. 4th Avenue.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION and ANNUAL RENEWAL FORM TO ALL CITY OF TUCSON RETIREES

The voice of CTRA is most effective when it serves
as the voice of many especially when the
Association pursues increased pension benefits.

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

Call JEAN WILKINS, 747-1044

Membership Chair, if you have questions

*DATE _____

*NAME _____

BIRTHDATE _____

*ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____ TELEPHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

SPOUSE _____ BIRTHDATE _____

DATE HIRED BY CITY OF TUCSON _____

DEPARTMENT _____

DATE RETIRED _____

DEPARTMENT _____

INTERESTS _____

* _____ Enclosed is \$6 for Annual Dues
(Make check to CTRA)

* COMPLETE ONLY FOR PAYROLL DEDUCTION

_____ I authorize deduction of \$.50 per
month from pension check

*SIGNATURE _____

(Required for Payroll Deduction)

MAIL TO: JEAN WILKINS
CTRA Membership
510 S. Harvard
Tucson, Arizona 85710

CTRA'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY MEETING & LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 16, 2009

TANQUE VERDE GUEST RANCH
14301 EAST SPEEDWAY

GATHER AND NETWORKING - 11:00 A.M.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS –
11:30 A.M.

LUNCH SERVED - 11:45 A.M.

ENTERTAINMENT: "MR. SMOOTH" JIM HEDRICK

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING

RESERVATION DEADLINE – DECEMBER 13, 2009



LUNCHEON RESERVATION, TANQUE VERDE GUEST RANCH WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2009

LUNCHEON BUFFET - \$16.00 per person (Price includes gratuity and tax)

Variety of hot entrees (meats, soups and vegetables), selection of salads, pastry table
with Chef's specialty deserts and choice of beverage.

MEMBER _____ GUEST: _____

Number _____ X \$16.00 = \$ _____ (Make check payable to CTRA)

MAIL RESERVATIONS AND CHECK TO: **RANDY SCHULER , CTRA TREASURER, P.O. BOX**
41421, TUCSON , ARIZONA 85717 (Tel. 297-6938) Deadline DECEMBER 13, 2009