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CTRA APRIL LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016, 12:00 Noon



VILLAGE INN – ON SPEEDWAY
4245 E SPEEDWAY

We're nearby all your favorite local destinations, so make us a regular part of your routine. If you're ready for Breakfast, so are we -- all day long. Breakfast is served All Day, Every Day.

Or, stop by for Lunch or Dinner whenever you're craving our popular favorites – from **Crush Burgers**, to our famous **Grown Up Grilled Cheese Sandwich**, to **Chicken-fried Steak**.

Speaking of Pie...

Village Inn serves The Best Pie in America® and the best part of any trip to Village Inn is standing in front of the pie case picking your favorites! Have a slice for dessert (or just come in for a slice, that's fun, too!) or order a whole pie to bring home, to work, or to your next party or gathering.

DRAWING FOR ONE FREE LUNCH (Everyone Included) – Maximum of \$15

APRIL ACTIVITIES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – Wednesday, April 13, 2016, 1:00 p.m., at Parks and Recreation Therapeutics Center, 1000 S. Randolph Way. MEMBERS WELCOME!

MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST – Thursday, April 7, 2016, 8:30 a.m., VILLAGE INN, 6251 N. Oracle Rd.

GOLF ACTIVITY – Golf group meets each Tuesday of the month. Call RICHARD WILEY at 603-9712 if you are interested. RICHARD will provide information on golf course and tee times. Golf Dates: April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2016.

SAVE THE DATE

Members and guests are invited to CTRA's
Thirty Third Annual meeting
MAY 18, 2016
TANQUE VERDE GUEST RANCH
14301 E SPEEDWAY

Enjoy entertainment by MR. SMOOTH and chances to win one of many door prizes. (Reservation form is included in this Newsletter on page 3.)

SINCE THE NEXT HARD COPY NEWSLETTER ISN'T PRINTED UNTIL JUNE, THE ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM IS INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE FOR MEMBER CONVENIENCE AND FOR MEMBERS WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A COMPUTER. (The form may be accessed on computer in both the March and April newsletters)

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE BENEFITS OFFICE ON PAGE 2 – CHECK IT OUT!

News from the Insurance Benefits Office

If you're in an urgent situation, the last thing you would want is to learn that a claim is being denied because a person you've enrolled as your dependent doesn't qualify to be on the plan.

To ensure that all enrolled dependents are eligible, the City will be conducting an audit of plan participants after this year's Open Enrollment.

Watch your mail after Open Enrollment!

If you're covering dependents, you'll receive instructions from the audit firm that is selected. The instructions will tell you what documents you need to submit, where to submit them, and the due date.

Don't ignore the request! To ensure continued coverage, the selected audit firm must receive the requested documentation by the deadline outlined in the communication that you'll receive.

Who Qualifies As a Dependent?

Current criteria are outlined in the Insurance Handbook at www.tucsonaz.gov/enroll. However, **dependent criteria are changing July 1st**. We encourage you to explore alternative options for insurance if you're covering a domestic partner or a former spouse through City insurance, as they will no longer be offered coverage through the City July 1st. Likewise, children of domestic partners and ex-spouses won't qualify (unless they are your children or if you have a Qualified Medical Child Support Order). Letters were mailed in December to those covering domestic partners and known former spouses; if you are covering a former spouse due to a requirement in your divorce decree and did not receive a letter, please contact the Benefits Office immediately at 791-4597 for details.

Thank you.

IN MEMORIAM



Our hearts and prayers are with the families of the retirees who passed away in February:

Jenise Lopez passed away 2/14/16
Dolores Baltazar passed away 2/14/16
Emeline Helten passed away 2/17/16
Nellie Bustillos, wife of member Rudy, passed away 3/19/16.

NEW LIFETIME MEMBER

Beginning this month, March, we will now report those members who became Lifetime Members for the quarter in the March, June, September and December newsletters. That way, everyone gets to see and possibly congratulate our newest Lifetime Members!

Congratulations to the following people who have qualified for the status of Lifetime Member:

**Carolyn Wildeboer
Roger Deeks
Frank Frisina
Len Johnson
Joseph Duarte**

NEW RETIREES

**Karen Brown – Library
Paula Qahwash – Transportation
Gary Keckonen – Information Technology
Clara Smith – Parks**

Congratulations to you all and welcome to the world of Retirement!

GET WELL WISHES

Lee Williams just had major surgery (kidney transplant). Lee retired from Procurement. I am sure he would appreciate any cards or visits to keep his spirits up.

**ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON
RESERVATION FORM**

**LUNCHEON RESERVATION
ANNUAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016, 11:30 A.M.
TANQUE VERDE GUEST RANCH
14301 E SPEEDWAY**

A gourmet buffet is spread out, complete with a generous display of mouthwatering desserts. Start off with a salad, move on to some fresh seasonal vegetables, and then indulge in entrees that are sure to fill you up and satisfy your taste buds.

MEMBER _____ MEMBER/GUEST _____

MEMBER _____ MEMBER/GUEST _____

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES _____ X \$18.00 = \$ _____ MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO CTRA

Mail reservations and check to: **RANDY SCHULER, CTRA TREASURER,
2620 W Camino Llano, Tucson, AZ 85741 - Telephone (520) 906-7767**

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS – FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2016
NO RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 13th**

Please include this form with your payment.

CTRA ANNUAL DUES REMINDER

WE NEED TO TALK!

Hello CTRA members, my name is Kris Liberty, and I am your current membership person. I have a **really big** favor to ask of you.

As you know, membership dues are paid in January of each year. For the majority of you who are on Payroll Deduction of your dues, THANK YOU SO MUCH! **For the other 165 members who have/will send me a \$6 check for your 2016 dues, WE NEED TO TALK.**

Each time you renew your membership by check, it takes you five minutes to fill out the renewal form, write the check, add in the check register, address the envelope (find stamps!), put in the mail, etc. On my end, it takes me 5 minutes to process each renewal (noting payment details on renewal form, updating data base, filing renewal). So for you 165 members still paying by check, you and I are spending 27.5 hours a year renewing your CTRA membership. Unfortunately, about 50 of the 165

members don't send in their dues, so I send a reminder email or letter to each of the 50 people; that's **another 16 hours of work for me.**

SO, HERE'S MY FAVOR, I CALL IT 'THE ONE AND DONE PROGRAM – PAYROLL DEDUCTION' ... NO MORE 43 HOURS A YEAR RENEWING DUES ... A WIN/WIN FOR YOU AND ME!

If you haven't yet paid your 2016 dues, please sign up for payroll deduction on the form included in each monthly newsletter. Just complete the payroll deduction section of the renewal form with your signature and COT Employee # or last 4 digits of your SSN. If you have already sent me your 2016 dues check, remember this 'WE NEED TO TALK' article next year and sign up then.

LET'S GET 'ONE AND DONE' TOGETHER
THANK YOU
Kris Liberty
CTRA Membership

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT www.tucsonaz.gov/retirement

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

WE WANT YOU!!

STEP RIGHT UP AND HELP US OUT!

CTRA Officers will be elected for 2016/2017 at the Annual Meeting on May 18, 2016.

Four CTRA EXECUTIVE BOARD positions are up for election: Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

CTRA Officers are elected for one year terms. An ELECTED officer is limited to serving three terms in the same elected position.

Each year a Nominating Committee recommends a slate of candidates to run for the four positions. The candidates recommended are presented to the membership and elected into office at the Annual Meeting.

The Nominating Committee's recommended slate of candidates for election will be reported in the April newsletter.

The following appointed positions are also available: TSRS Board Liaison and CTRA Newsletter Editor. Please contact Aggie Anaya no later than April 15, if you are interested.

If interested in becoming a candidate, contact **AGATHA ANAYA, NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR – 889-3690 OR E-Mail – alpanaya@aol.com**

Current Executive Board

2015/16 CTRA EXECUTIVE BOARD

Agatha Anaya – Chairperson – 889-3690
Trinie Rivera – Vice Chairperson – 294-7476
Randy Schuler – Treasurer – 906-7767
Lydia Chacon – Secretary – 889-7932
Lois Rios – Outreach – 326-3021
Kris Liberty – Membership Chair – 883-7883
John O'Hare – TSRS Retiree Representative – 881-2308
Claire Beaubien – TSRS Liaison
Claire Beaubien – Newsletter Editor – 575-8780
Robin West – Past Chairperson 882-8635



CTRA Board Spotlight – Kris Liberty

Kris Liberty is the current CTRA Membership person, and has been on the CTRA Board since her retirement, holding the positions of Vice Chair and a former period as Membership. Kris retired from the Procurement Department in July of 2004. She had a 30+ year career with the City of Tucson, starting in 1972 in Police Records. She also worked in the Comprehensive Employment and Training Department (federal employment program), as well as the Arts Commission Office. She made her final stop in Procurement in 1989, where she was a Management Assistant until her retirement.

Kris met her husband, Chuck, through work; Chuck retired from Operations/Fleet Services in 2006. They have been together for over 30 years. Kris and Chuck are active in the Green Valley Chapter of the Goldwing Road Riders Association. Most of their travel is done riding their Goldwing motorcycle; they have made 4 motorcycle trips to Alaska over the years, as well as travelling extensively in the states. Kris also enjoys reading, crafts and her two miniature dachshunds, Snickers and Ariel.

Kris would also like members to read her short article in this newsletter about the benefits of paying annual CTRA dues through payroll deduction.

