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CTRA APRIL LUNCHEON



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018, 12:00 Noon

LIN'S GRAND BUFFET 1068 EAST TUCSON MARKETPLACE

A buffet with more than 100 delicious freshly daily dishes for you to choose from. You buffet includes all you can eat Sushi, Cantonese Dishes, Steaks and our Mongolian Grill. A friendly and Beautiful location great for Birthday or Business gatherings. Stop by today!

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

APRIL ACTIVITIES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 1:00 p.m., at Parks and Recreation Therapeutics Center, 1000 S. Randolph Way. MEMBERS WELCOME!

MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST - Friday, April 6, 2018, 8:30 a.m., IHOP, 4187 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 3, 10, 17, 24, 2018.

SAVE THE DATE

Members and guests are invited to CTRA's
**NEW MAY EVENT
MAY 16, 2018
WILD HORSE PASS
HOTEL & CASINO**

(Reservation form is included in this Newsletter on page 4.)

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE BENEFITS OFFICE ON PAGE 3-4 - CHECK IT OUT!

SINCE THE NEXT HARD COPY NEWSLETTER ISN'T PRINTED UNTIL JUNE, THE MAY EVENT 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 the February, March and April newsletters)

IN MEMORIAM



Our hearts and prayers are with the families of the retirees who passed away in January, February and March, 2018:

ALLEAN BRANN, JANUARY 5, 2018
GERYL MANN, FEBRUARY 3, 2018
WILLIAM MOHR, FEBRUARY 5, 2018
FERN BRANUM, FEBRUARY 8, 2018
JAMES ALLEN, FEBRUARY 9, 2018
JANICE CAIN, FEBRUARY 16, 2018
MACEDONIO CAPISTRAN, MARCH 3, 2018

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

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 for January, February or March:

JESUS BORJORQUES
PAT DORLAC
DANIEL JACOBS
JANE VOLIVA
DAN LOWE
ROMELIA VALENCIA
JOE SANCHEZ
FRANK FRENCH
GARY GORSUCH

NEW RETIREES – JAN. – MARCH, 2018

TAMELA CZECHOWSKI - Police
PATRICIA GEHLEN - Planning & Dev.
MICHAEL KATZ - Transportation
MONICA LOPEZ - Police
JILL LUKE - City Attorney
VERONICA MUNOZ - Human Resources
OSCAR OMELAS - Housing & Comm. Dev.
FRANK POWELL - Police

JESSE REYES - Planning & Dev.
IRMA SALAZAR - Water
RONALD SCHULL - Water
JACALYN STEELE - Police
THOMAS TOVAR - Water
DAVID ZEIGLER - Water
MARK BRAZIL - Water
CHARLES ERVIN - Parks & Rec.
BAIRD GREENE - City Attorney
DAVID HOOD - City Courts
ANDREW MCGOVERN - Transportation
FRANCES ROBSON - Public Safety Comm.
LINDA STONEHOCKER - Police
Anthony Aeits - Police
Maria Felix - General Services
Michael Greene - Parks & Recreation
Marquita Lopez - Finance
Marco Quinonez - Parks & Recreation
Robert Rich - Water
Kathy Roberson - Parks & Recreation
Lawrence Romero - Water

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

NEW MEMBERS

Following is a list of new members for January, February and March, 2018:

FRANK CARA (Debbie)
VICTORIA CONTRERAS (Ernesto)
MARY LAUCKS
CHRISTINE O'CONNOR
DEBRA OLGUIN (Steve)
JESUS SANCHEZ (Emma)
DAVID RUDOLPH - Reinstated, Spouse of Deceased Member
SANDRA BROSE (Don)



CTRA ANNUAL DUES REMINDER

WE NEED TO TALK!

Hello CTRA members, my name is Bill Lettmoden, 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 1XX members who have/will send me a \$6 check for your 2018 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 100+ members still paying by check, you and I are spending 27.5 hours a year renewing your CTRA membership.** Unfortunately, about 50 of the 100+ 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 2018 dues, please sign up for payroll deduction on the form included in each monthly newsletter. Dues not paid by May 15th are considered delinquent. 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 2018 dues check, remember this 'WE NEED TO TALK' article next year and sign up then.

LET'S GET 'ONE AND DONE' TOGETHER

THANK YOU

Bill Lettmoden

CTRA Membership

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION CAN BE FOUND ONLINE www.tucsonaz.gov/retirement OR CALL BILL LETTMODEN AT 575-8780 FOR A FORM.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM BENEFITS:

City of Tucson open enrollment will take place in late May for the plan year that will begin July 1. If you are eligible for insurance coverage through the City (medical, dental, vision and/or retiree life), please watch your mail in late April/early May for important information. We will also post information at www.tucsonaz.gov/insurance as it becomes available. Here are a few reminders:

- **Dependents are subject to audit.** The City contracts with an independent audit firm to verify eligibility of all participants in the City's various insurance programs. If you have added a spouse or child since last year's audit, expect to receive a notice regarding how and when you will need to verify the individual's eligibility. Individuals whose eligibility is not verified through the audit process are removed from the City's insurance. You won't need to re-verify eligibility any individuals who were verified during the 2016 or 2017 audit process.
- **Retiree dental and vision require maintenance of continuous coverage.** If you request to add yourself and/or a spouse/child to dental and/or vision, proof of continuous coverage must be supplied. Watch your open enrollment mailing for details.
- **Is your life insurance beneficiary up-to-date?** If you have any doubt, log in via the link at www.tucsonaz.gov/insurance to confirm.
- **If you're the retiree, and you're enrolled in City medical and receiving Social Security Disability payments, you may qualify for Medicare even if you're not yet age 65.** If this is the case, you may be eligible for a reduced premium with Cigna because Medicare is your primary insurance, and Cigna is secondary. *You must enroll in both Medicare A & B.* Contact the Benefits Office to discuss your situation.
- **If you're the spouse or child of a retiree, and you're enrolled in City medical and receiving Social Security Disability payments, you must notify the Benefits team as soon as you qualify for Medicare.** You will lose eligibility under the City's

medical program as soon as your Medicare eligibility begins, even if you are under age 65 and even if you choose not to enroll in Medicare. Because City eligibility depends on whether you *qualify* for Medicare, regardless of whether or not you *enroll* in it, it's important that you make arrangements for other insurance so that you don't have gaps in your coverage. Please contact the Benefits Office for details.

Thank you.
 Your City of Tucson Insurance Benefits Team
 Email: benefitquestions@tucsonaz.gov

CURRENT EXECUTIVE BOARD

2017/2018 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

CLAIRE BEAUBIEN, Chairperson (575-8780)
 TRINIE RIVERA, Vice Chairperson (294-7476)
 CLAUDIA BUFORD, Treasurer (909-5992)
 LYDIA CHACON, Secretary (889-7932)
 LOIS RIOS, Outreach (326-3021)
 BILL LETTMODEN, Membership (575-8780)
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 CLAIRE BEAUBIEN, Newsletter Editor (575-8780)
 AGATHA ANAYA Past Chair (889-3690)
 JOHN O'HARE, TSRS Liaison



**MAY EVENT
 RESERVATION FORM**



**LUNCHEON RESERVATION
 TRIP TO WILD HORSE CASINO WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2018, 11:30 A.M.
 WILD HORSE HOTEL & CASINO
 CHANDLER, AZ**

Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino has exciting gaming action to suit everyone. 100,000 square foot casino Over 1,000 slots including a premium high limit area 38 table games including Blackjack Live Poker You'll always find something new and exciting at Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino.

MEMBER _____ MEMBER/GUEST _____

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NUMBER OF ATTENDEES _____ X \$15.00 = \$ _____ MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO CTRA

Mail reservations and check to: TRINIE RIVERA, CTRA VICE CHAIR,
 806 E BILBY, Tucson, AZ 85706 - Telephone (520) 294-7476

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS - FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2018
*****NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 4th*****

Please include this form with your payment.

Bus pickup points are as follows: 22nd & Alvernon (Fry's) and Cortaro at I-10 (McDonalds)