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“If April showers should come your way, they bring the flowers that bloom in May.” – **Buddy de Sylva**

NEXT BOARD MEETING

THE CTRA BOARD WILL MEET AGAIN ON WEDNESDAY,

MAY 12, 2021 AT 1:00 P.M. ZOOM

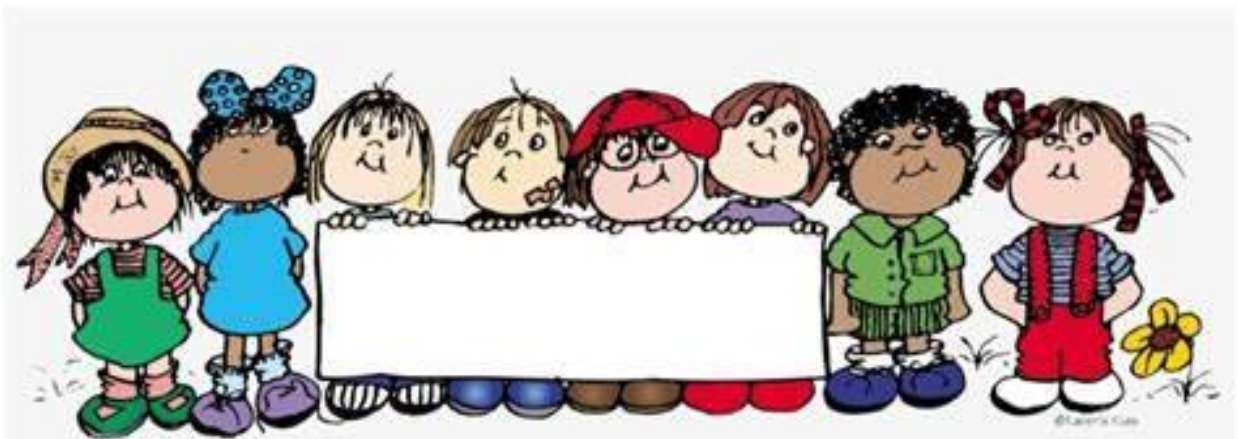
YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

BECOMING A CTRA MEMBER OR RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in becoming a CTRA Member or renewing your membership, please complete the application included in the newsletter.

CTRA dues are based on calendar year (January through December). Signing up for payroll deduction is the easiest way to take care of your dues permanently. Just complete the CTRA Membership Application, including the bottom portion "COMPLETE ONLY FOR PAYROLL DEDUCTION". Return to the address on the form. However, if you prefer to pay your dues by check, simply enclose your \$6 check with your application.

If you have any questions about your membership dues, please contact Kris Liberty, Membership Chair at 520-419-5983 or by email at kris_liberty@msn.com



CTRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
RENEWAL OR CHANGE FORM

___ New Membership ___ Renewal ___ Changes

DATE _____

NAME(s) _____

BIRTHDATE _____ COT EMP # _____ OR

LAST 4 DIGITS OF SSN: _____
(For Retirement Office Use Only)

Complete the following ONLY for NEW Membership OR Change:

ADDRESS _____

CITY ----- _____ STATE _____

ZIP _____ TELEPHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____

RETIREMENT DATE/DEPT _____

(COMPLETE FOLLOWING ONLY FOR PAYROLL DEDUCTION)

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

SIGNATURE _____

(Required for Payroll Deduction)

If you would rather send a check for your dues, please mark the box below. **Dues become due on January 1st each year.**

_____ Enclosed is \$6.00 for Annual Dues
(Make check payable to CTRA)

MAIL TO: Kris Liberty
2951 W. Alaska St.
Tucson, AZ 85746

TSRS RETIRED MEMBER’S REPRESENTATIVE: REPORT FOR APRIL 2021

There was no Board meeting this month, as happens occasionally during the year. There was no meeting because there were no developing issues to be dealt with nor policy decisions which had to be made. The routine business of authorizing pension payments to new retirees was done via an automatic process. No retiree has ever been refused a pension, and the monthly list of new retirees is always part of the consent agenda, approved unanimously by the Board.

If you've had both COVID vaccinations by now, then enjoy your newly-regained freedom of movement if you can.

Best Regards, Jim Wysocki, TSRS Retired Members Trustee

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**BUFFALO SOLDIERS MEMORIAL PLAZA CELEBRATION
MONDAY, MAY 3, at 10 a.m.**

You are invited to join City of Tucson Ward 5 Council Member Richard Fimbres, the Greater Southern Arizona Area Chapter (GSAAC) of the Buffalo Soldiers, and Tucson Parks and Recreation in a celebration of the completion of the Buffalo Soldiers Memorial Plaza. This memorial plaza is the first voter-approved, one-of-its-kind, honoring the contributions of Black Americans in defense of the nation and settling Southern Arizona.

This project has been in the works since 2015, when Fimbres and members of the GSAAC began to pursue public funding for the memorial. Originally slated in the Pima County bond program that year, it subsequently was not approved by voters.

"This is a great accomplishment for our community," Fimbres said. "Tucson will be the first in the nation to have a voter-approved Buffalo Soldiers Memorial Project. The good citizens of Tucson approved Proposition 407, and this project was completed in record time."

In 2018, Tucson Marble and Granite was awarded a contract to design the granite memorial monument to be placed at the Quincie Douglas Center, 1575 E. 36th St. The GSAAC membership voted to fund the memorial monument with a sizable donation from its treasury, members, and through fundraising efforts

"At the start of this project, there were no memorials in Tucson that recognized or honored the contributions of Black Americans in the growth and defense of the nation," said Trooper Jon Covington, GSAAC Memorial Project co-chair. "This is about to change!"

Council Member Fimbres continued to lobby for funding for the memorial and was able to get the project into the Tucson Delivers Great Parks + Strong Connections, Proposition 407 bond program, which was successfully approved by voters in November 2018. The City hired Wheat Design Group (WDG) in 2019 to begin planning and design. In 2020, the project team finalized the plans for the Buffalo Soldiers Memorial Plaza, hired M. Anderson Construction as the contractor, and held a groundbreaking on Oct. 29, 2020. The project consists of a new shaded plaza in front of the center with a granite monument, seating, and six information plaques with the history of the Buffalo Soldiers.

The memorial is funded through donations to the GSAAC of the Buffalo Soldiers and funds from Tucson Delivers Parks + Connections.

For more information on the rich history of the GSAAC of the Buffalo Soldiers, visit their [website](#).

Date: Monday, May 3, at 10 a.m.

Location: Quincie Douglas Center, 1575 E. 36th St.

- Masks and physical distancing will be required.
- Or view livestream on [Tucson Parks and Recreation Facebook](#) page

Contact:

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 Tucson Parks and Recreation
Sierra.Boyer@tucsonaz.gov
 (520) 275-9032

(Information Obtained from Parks and Recreation Newsletter)

IN MEMORIAM

<u>Name</u>		<u>Date</u>
Mary H. Alvarez		03/23/2021
Ernestine G. Bracamonte		04/06/2021
J. B. Celey		03/25/2021
Ydalia R. Cuestas		04/07/2021
Robert C. Jefferies		03/27/2021
Gussie J. Maxwell		03/21/2021
Patricia A. Sommer		03/08/2021

MAY OUR PAST COLLEAGUES REST IN PEACE! OUR CONDOLENCES TO THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.



Congratulations to the following City of Tucson's newest retirees. We hope you live a long and happy retirement.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Date</u>
Joyce M. Alcantar	Housing and Community Development	01/06/2021
Robert H. Boumis, Jr.	Water Utility	02/02/2021
Clarissa K. Carranza	Transportation Department	03/05/2021
Nick G. Carranza	Water Utility	02/02/2021
Albert F. Elias	City Manager	01/05/2021
Maria L. Espinoza	Business Services	03/02/2121
Joyce K. Garland	City Manager	02/13/2021
Eugene B. Myers	Information Technology	03/02/2021
Albert A. Pacheco	Water Utility	03/02/2021
Michael F. Ross	Water Utility	03/02/2021
Steven H. Shields	Planning & Development Services	01/09/2021
Dick L. Thompson	Water Utility	03/06/2021

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NEW, REINSTATED AND LIFETIME CTRA MEMBERS

New Members

Dan Falkner
 Mary Beaubien
 Rebecca L. Wade
 Donna L. Nervik
 Armando Y. Molina
 Terry Anderson
 Robert Kulze
 Michael Letcher
 Selma Sandate
 David Galaz
 Michael Molina
 Bruce M. Prior

Reinstated Members

Margo Hurst

New Lifetime Members

Margo Hurst
 Nieves Ortiz Jr.
 Ramona Aviles

2021 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

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