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FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MEETS EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY

February 13, 2019 at 1:00 PM

Parks and Recreation Therapeutics Center
1000 South Randolph Way, Tucson, AZ 85716
MEMBERS WELCOME!

CTRA BREAKFAST GROUP MEETS EVERY FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

JERRY BOB'S RESTAURANT

7939 NORTH ORACLE RD., TUCSON, AZ 85704
(ORACE & MAGEE AREA)

February 1, 2019 at 8:30 AM
March 1, 2019 at 8:30 AM
April 5, 2019 at 8:30 AM
May 3, 2019 at 8:30 AM

GOLF ACTIVITY - Golf group meets
Tuesday of every week. Call RICHARD WILEY at
603-9712, if interested. Mr. Wiley will provide
information on golf course location and tee
times.

Dates: Tee times scheduled every Tuesday early
AM.

According to Mr. Wiley, the group meets early in
the morning, usually 1/2 hour after sunrise to
play. This time of the year they usually start at
about 7:30 AM. In May the group starts playing
at about 5:00 AM. All golfers are welcomed to
come join the group. They rotate between the
five public golf courses. Randolph North,
Randolph South now called Randolph Dell Urich,
El Rio, Fred Enke, and Silverbell Golf Courses.
The group likes to play early, so they can get on
with their day by about 10:00 AM. Sounds like
fun! Mr. Wiley would like to encourage more
people to come out and play a round of golf.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you to the 2018 Executive Board
Members for their hard work this past year.
They provided lots of support and
leadership for the City of Tucson Retirees
Association (CTRA) Membership. Many of
these Board Members have done several
years of service.

Past President: Agatha Anaya
President for 2018: Claire Beaubien
Vice President for 2018: Trinie Rivera
Treasurer for 2018: Claudia Buford
Secretary for 2018: Lydia Chacon
Membership Chair for 2018: Bill Lettmoden
TSRS Retiree Rep for 2018: Jim Wysocki
TSRS Liaison for 2018: John O'Hare
Newsletter Editor for 2018: Claire
Beaubien

**PLEASE PAY YOUR
CTRA ANNUAL DUES**

CTRA LUNCHEONS FOR 2019

We want to remind members that CTRA dues are based on calendar year (January 2019 through December 2019). If you became a member in the last months of 2018, please remember that 2019 dues need to be paid in January 2019. Sign up for Payroll Deduction is simple. Just submit a CTRA Membership Application with your name and complete the lower section of the form, including your signature, then mail it. If you have any questions about your membership dues, please contact Kris Liberty Membership Chair at 520-419-5983

GOLDEN CORRAL BUFFET AND GRILL
 4380 East 22nd Street
 Tucson, AZ 85711
 Time: 12:00 PM (Noon)
Wednesday, February 20, 2019

CTRA DONATIONS

APPLICATION

CTRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, RENEWAL OR CHANGE FORM
 New Membership Renewal Changes

DATE _____

NAME(s) _____

BIRTHDATE _____

COT Emp. ID # or last 4 digits of SSN: _____
 (For Retirement Office Use Only)

Complete the following ONLY for NEW Memberships OR Change:

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____ TELEPHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

SPOUSE'S Name _____

DATE/DEPT RETIRED FROM _____

(COMPLETE 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 1 each year.

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

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

The CTRA EXECUTIVE BOARD APPROVED THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS AT THE DECEMBER 5, 2018 BOARD MEETING.

- \$250.00 Donated to St. Vincent de Paul
 - \$250.00 Donated to Marshall's Home for Men
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Asian Lantern Festival

Reid Park Zoo
 3400 Zoo Court
 Tucson, AZ 85716
 From 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
 Starting February 2, 2019 thru March 23, 2019
 \$18 for adults, \$16 for children (ages 2 to 16 years of age)
 Zoo Members get \$2 off of the fee.

TSRS INFORMATION & NEWS

A few months ago retirees asked the question pertaining to terms and conditions which would qualify retirees for the possibility of a 13th pension distribution check.

After considerable search through the archives, the new City of Tucson (COT) Pension and Benefits Administrator was able to locate the terms and conditions that would qualify retirees for a 13th distribution check. (My thanks to Mr. Art Cuaron for finding them.) They are contained in a document that's titled "Post Retirement Benefit Increase (PRBI) Payments", and it's a long and complicated document. The following is a summary. The triggering condition for the 13th pension check, would be that if a rolling 5-year average of investment returns exceeded the projected returns for those five years. Not all retirees would qualify: those who've been retired three years or less would be ineligible for a 13th check.

There are other limits. The extra payment could not cause COT employees' payroll deductions to increase. Nor could this payment cause the City's employer payments to increase, among other restrictions. All of these considerations are moot, since the excess investment returns didn't meet the trigger percentage amount. **In summary, there will be no "13th check" possibility for years into the future, and if it did we all probably would be complaining about the high inflation rate at that time.**

Now on to new developments. I am lobbying to change TSRS's governance structure in two ways. **First, by proposing an increase in the Board's size from 7 to 8 members.** The additional member would be an elected representative from retirees. This would recognize the fact that the number of retirees is now approximately equal to the number of active City Employees. The additional Board Member would bring the

number of elected representatives into alignment within the TSRS membership base. It would also force those on one side or the other of a policy issue dispute to better negotiate towards a mutually-acceptable resolution.

My second proposal is to remove the term limits on elected representatives, since the ex-officio and appointed board members have none. This would go far to resolve a problem where, just about the time elected board representatives get really good at their jobs, they're term-limited out at two consecutive terms in office.

These two proposals are designed to alter the characteristics of board memberships and to bring a parity among the elected (two employees, one retiree), ex-officio (HR Director, Finance Director), and appointed (one by the Mayor, one by the City Manager) Board members. If adopted, I believe that this pair of changes would result in a stronger and more proficient governing body. The two proposals are scheduled to be voted on in the February TSRS Board meeting.

Feel free to contact me if you would like more details on any of these topics.

Jim Wysocki, TSRS Retiree Representative
Telephone: 520-749-9326

**RETIRES FROM OCTOBER 2018 THRU
DECEMBER 2018**

DOUGLAS L. LIVINGSTON,
10/02/2018, BUSINESS SERVICES

TONY M. RIVERA 10/02/2018, GENERAL
SERVICES DEPARTMENT

THOMAS F. CROFT 10/05/2018,
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

SERGIO A. CORDOVA 10/06/2018,
BUSINESS SERVICES

ERIN F. ARANA, 10/06/2018, HOUSING AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

LINDSAY S. DOBBIE, 10/06/2018, FIRE
DEPARTMENT

STEVEN J. RITTER, 10/06/2018, WATER
UTILITY

JEFFREY M. SELIGMAN, 10/09/2018,
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

GEOFF GONZALES, 10/10/2018, HOUSING
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WILLARD J. HERRINGTON, 10/13/2018,
WATER UTILITY

DAVID B. NELSON, 10/27/2018, WATER
UTILITY

JULIE M. NEWHOUSE, 11/02/2018, WATER
UTILITY

CHRISTOPHER H. PICKETT, 11/03/2018,
WATER UTILITY

GEORGE YANEZ, 11/03/2018, GENERAL
SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SHARILEE E. HENSLEY, 11/24/2018, POLICE
DEPARTMENT

MARIA D. FELIX, 11/29/2018, WATER
UTILITY

GARRY P. SYMES, 12/02/2018, PARK &
RECREATION

WHITNEY K. DRIVER, 12/04/2018, POLICE
DEPARTMENT

RACHEL M. MARQUIS, 12/08/2018, POLICE
DEPARTMENT

GORDON M. CRISSMAN, 12/08/2018,
GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

***Congratulations to all our new retirees!
Now is the time to sit back and relax.
When you come up for air, come join CTRA
and stay informed and involved with your
former workmates!***

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

**January 2019: Richard Domingue
James Turner**

**Thanks to all current Lifetime Members for
your continuous support and service to
CTRA!**

IN MEMORIAM

CTRA LIFETIME MEMBER—DELORES J. LAMBERT
 passed away on December 15, 2018. Delores retired from the Operations Department.

OTHER CTRA MEMBERS

BLAS A. HERRERA	10/27/2018
HELEN A. MILNE	11/24/2018
DALE N. BROWN	12/23/2018
HELEN I. SMITH	12/27/2018

OTHER CITY OF TUCSON RETIREES/EMPLOYEES

DELIA HERRAN	10/27/2018
LARRY CASTANEDA	11/10/2018
CHARLES TUCKER	11/14/2018
JANICE LAHR	11/18/2018
CLARK D. SPENCER	11/23/2018
DAVIEL M. JARRETT	11/26/2018
MERLE L. JONES	11/28/2018
GENE P. SCOTT	12/05/2018
RACHEL ORTIZ	12/07/2018
VERA M. CALVERT	12/10/2018
ALICE D. RICE	12/11/2018
BENNE ALVAREZ	12/12/2018
FRANK M. FELIX	12/13/2018
ROY R. ALVAREZ	12/13/2018
MARLENE P. HORNFECK	12/17/2018
WILLIAM E. CLINE	12/22/2018
LAURENCE R. LOPEZ	12/29/2018
DAVID HARTIG	01/11/2019
ROGOBERTO PARKDES	01/17/2019
JOLENE HANSEN	01/18/2019

May our past colleagues rest in peace! Our condolences to their families and friends.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO ALL MEMBERS

“We’re all a little weird, and life’s a little weird. And when we find someone whose weirdness is compatible with ours, we join up with them and fall in mutual weirdness and call it love.”

—————**Dr. Seuss**

“The opposite of love is not hate, it’s indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it’s indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it’s indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it’s indifference.”

—————**Ellie Wiesel**

“There are two basic motivating forces: fear and love. When we are afraid, we pull back from life. When we are in love, we open to all that life has to offer with passion, excitement, and acceptance. We need to learn to love ourselves first, in all our glory and our imperfections. If we cannot love ourselves, we cannot fully open to our ability to love others or our potential to create. Evolution and all hopes for a better world rest in the fearlessness and open-hearted vision of people who embrace life.”

—————**John Lennon**

2019 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

AGATHA ANAYA Past President (889-3690)

MARY G. PARKER, President (403-0053)
 TRINIE RIVERA, Vice President (294-7476)
 CLAUDIA BUFORD, Treasurer (909-5992)
 ORALIA ACUNA, Secretary (889-8893)
 LOIS RIOS, Outreach Chair (326-3021)
 KRIS LIBERTY, Membership Chair (419-5983)
 JIM WYSOCKI, TSRS Retiree Rep. (749-9326)
 JOHN O’HARE, TSRS Liaison, (250-6003)

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