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ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018

VISCOUNT SUITE HOTEL
4855 E BROADWAY
\$20.00 per person
GATHER AND NETWORKING
INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - 11:30 A.M.
LUNCH SERVED - 12:00 NOON
ENTERTAINMENT
DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS



RESERVATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 07, 2018

LUNCHEON RESERVATION, VISCOUNT SUITES HOTEL
4855 E BROADWAY
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018

LUNCHEON BUFFET - \$20.00 per person (A gourmet buffet is offered, complete with a generous display of mouthwatering desserts. Start 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 _____

MBR/GUEST _____ MBR/GUEST _____

NUMBER _____ X \$20.00 = \$ _____ MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO CTRA

Mail reservations and check to: TRINIE RIVERA, VICE CHAIR
806 E. BILBY, Tucson, AZ 85706 - Telephone (520) 294-7476
RESERVATION DEADLINE: **December 07, 2018**

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - Executive Board Meeting, Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. Randolph Therapeutic Center

MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST - FRIDAY, December 7, 2018, 8:30 a.m., Jerry Bob's on Oracle 7939 N Oracle Rd (Oracle & Magee)

GOLF ACTIVITY - Golf group meets each Tuesday of the month. Call Richard Wiley at 603-9712 if interested. Richard will

provide information on golf course and tee times. Dates: December 4, 11, 18 and 25.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

HORTENSIA FONTES (Armando) - Engineering
JEFFREY SELIGMAN - IT
DEBRA DARLING - Prosecutor's Office

NEW LIFETIME MEMBER

Congratulations to -

JAMES STUCK, who retired from Water in 1987.

GUILLERMO MIRANDA, who retired from Sanitation in 1997.

LOUIS SANCHEZ, who retired from Transportation in 2004.

MARTIN CHABRE, who retired from Water in 2001.

Happy 80th birthday to these loyal members, and thanks for their support of CTRA. These members are now qualified as a Lifetime Member and no longer are required to pay annual dues.

IN MEMORIAM

Lifetime Member, **CLARK SPENCER**, 11/23/18

Lifetime Member, **JANICE LAHR**, 11/18/18

Non-Member Deaths:

CHARLES TUCKER, 11/14/18

LARRY CASTANEDA, 11/10/18

DELIA HERRAN, 10/27/18

Condolences to loved ones who recently suffered the loss of a dear friend or family member. May fond memories help you through this difficult time.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Unfortunately, at the time of this publication, no contributions had been to a charitable organization. Watch next month's newsletter for more information.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

The annual CTRA Thanksgiving potluck was held on Wednesday, November 14th at the El Rio Neighborhood Center on Speedway. Good company and good food was shared by the all who attended. There were only about 55 attendees, so the turnout was less than expected. Thanks to all the members who brought vegetable dishes, salads and desserts to complement the turkey, and fixings provided by CTRA. However, this writer was somewhat disappointed at the turnout. It appears that our attendance at these events is dwindling more each year. Should we continue these events when fewer and fewer people are attending?

After lunch, a 50/50 raffle was held.

Special thanks to all the members who brought items for the Food Bank at the Potluck. We filled several boxes with food for those in our community needing assistance.

Before lunch we had several members setting up tables and decorations. After lunch we had a few volunteers who pitched in their muscles and energy to clean up the room in record time. Saying thanks is not enough, but please know we appreciated it. A special thank you goes to Ken Bolle for once again acting as M/C during the event. He always makes sure everyone has a great time.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT NEXT YEAR'S THANKSGIVING POTLUCK AND THE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON IN DECEMBER!

Merry Christmas from your Board!

We all wish you the happiest of holidays filled with good health and joy! We look forward to a New Year filled with surprises and fun times!

CTRA ANNUAL DUES REMINDER

We want to remind members that CTRA dues are based on calendar year.

To any member who pays their dues by check, one easy way to keep your dues current is to sign up for PAYROLL DEDUCTION. FIFTY CENTS is automatically deducted from your pension check each month. This way your dues are always current.

Signing up for Payroll Deduction is simple. Just submit a CTRA Membership Application (found at <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/finance/newctramembershipform612017.pdf>) with your name and complete the lower section of the form, including your signature, and mail. If you have any questions about your membership dues, including payroll deduction, please feel free to contact TRINIE RIVERA, at babblefish07@hotmail.com OR 294-7476.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

May the holidays fill your heart with warmth and love. This is the time for loving, giving and sharing.

We send warm wishes for happiness, love and peace always!

May your holidays be happy days filled with love and laughter.

And may each day bring joy your way in the year that follows after!

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)
JIM WYSOCKI, TSRS Retiree Rep. (749-9326)
CLAIRE BEAUBIEN, Newsletter Editor
AGATHA ANAYA Past Chair (889-3690)
JOHN O'HARE, TSRS Liaison (250-6003)

HAVE A SAFE, HAPPY AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON FROM ALL OF US.

NEW RETIREES

ERIN ARANA, Housing & Comm Dev.
WILLARD HERRINGTON, Water
DAVID NELSON, Water
NANCY KING, Library
JULIE NEWHOUSE, Water
CHRISTOPHER PICKETT, Water
GEORGE YANEZ,

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW RETIREES. Welcome to the world of Retirement. Check out CTRA - it's a great organization!



Did you know...?

Common entertainment included playing cards. However, there was a tax levied when purchasing playing cards but only applicable to the 'Ace of Spades.' To avoid paying the tax, people would purchase 51 cards instead. Yet, since most games require 52 cards, these people were thought to be stupid or dumb because they weren't 'playing with a full deck.'

This was info provided last year by the Benefits Office. I believe they have updated this information but it won't be available until next month.

*****A NOTE FROM THE PENSION/BENEFITS OFFICE*****

Employee Self Service (ESS) Security Upgrade

Effective immediately, the AMS Advantage ESS system is requiring all users to set-up a *password hint* for self-automated password resets in the future. Set up is easy and only takes a few minutes.

Current Users

Visit: <https://azcot-ess.hostams.com/webapp/PRDESS1X1/ES> > enter your User Name and Password > click on the **Change Password Hint** tab > fill in the required fields > click on the **Change Password Hint** button > you should receive a message that your "Password hint was successfully changed." if done correctly.

1st Time Users

Visit: <https://azcot-ess.hostams.com/webapp/PRDESS1X1/ES>. **User Name:** 6-digit employee ID number.

*If your ID is less than 6 digits, add the appropriate number of zeroes in front of it.

Password: MMDDSSN4; which is your 2-digit month of birth, 2-digit day of birth, and the last 4 digits of your SSN.

For more detailed instructions on the new Password Hint security feature or assistance logging in, contact the TSRS office at TSRS@tucsonaz.gov or 520-791-4598.

Q:What Christmas beverage is also known as "milk punch?"

A:Eggnog

Q:In the early 1800s, the first gingerbread houses were reportedly inspired by what famous fairy tale?

A:Hansel and Gretel

A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

It is with a heavy heart that I write this, my final, editor's column. This will be the last newsletter I produce as I have officially resigned as President of CTRA effective November 20, 2018. The resignation is due to personal issues with which I need to deal and I don't have the energy to continue as the leader of this group. Hopefully, whoever assumes the reins will have better luck in getting members interested in participating.

Unfortunately, I was not the person to generate much interest in the events your board planned in the few years I have been the leader. It appears that half of the Board will be leaving, as well, also for personal reasons, I am told. Trinie Rivera, Vice President, announced her resignation effective 12/31/18. Lydia Chacon, Board Secretary also is leaving at the end of this year. Membership Chair, Bill Lettmoden, has vacated his post since the only reason he became membership chair was because of me. So, it comes as no surprise that he is resigning as well.

On numerous occasions, we have requested others to step up and take a position on the Board but have had no volunteers. With four people leaving the Board, it is not clear how the organization will survive. If you are interested in participating, please contact John O'Hare at 250-6003 for more information.

Best wishes for Happy Holiday! Be safe.

