



# NEWSLETTER

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**Quote: “Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.”** By Melody Beattie

THE CTRA BOARD MEETING WILL MEET **DECEMBER 4, 2019**, THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER. (USUALLY BOARD MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.) LOCATION: PARKS AND RECREATION THERAPEUTICS CENTER  
1000 South Randolph Way, Tucson, AZ 85716  
All members are welcome at CTRA Board Meetings

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CTRA Breakfast Group Meets every First Friday of the month at Jerry Bob’s Restaurant, located at 7939 North Oracle Road, Tucson, AZ 85704. Next Breakfast scheduled on Friday, December 6, 2019, at 8:30 AM.

Call Richard Wiley at 520-603-9712 to play golf with other City of Tucson Retirees. Tee times are scheduled for every Tuesday in the early AM. Once you call, Mr. Wiley will let you know the tee time and the location of play.

Golfers rotate between the five Public Courses. Randolph North, Randolph South, (now called Randolph Dell Ulrich), El Rio, Fred Enke, and Silverbell Golf Courses.

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## Future CTRA Events

**Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at Noon**  
**Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch**  
**Donna R. Liggins Center (Formerly the Northwest Center)**  
**2160 North Sixth Avenue**  
**Tucson, AZ 85705**

(One block east of Stone Avenue, then two blocks south of Grant Road, on Sixth Avenue.)  
(Alternate Route: Take Speedway Blvd. to North Sixth Avenue and drive to two blocks south of Grant Road.)

The CTRA Organization will provide the Turkey, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Dressing, Rolls, Butter and Drinks. The drinks are Coffee, Ice Tea, and Water.

All CTRA Members and Guests are asked to bring a favorite Thanksgiving dish or dessert to complement the food provided by CTRA. **Please use your first initial of your last name, to decide whether you are to bring a side dish or a desert.** As an example, if your last name begins with **A thru I**, please bring a vegetable dish. If your last name begins with a **J thru P**, please bring salad or relish tray. If your last name begins with a **Q thru Z**, please bring a dessert.

Food donations will also be collected at our Thanksgiving Luncheon. So please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to our local Food Bank. All donations are appreciated.

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

*Wednesday, December 11, 2019, at Noon*  
*Annual Holiday Lunch—Annual Meeting*  
**The Viscount Suites**  
**4855 East Broadway**  
**Tucson, AZ 85711**

**Holiday Lunch Reservation**  
**December 11, 2019**  
**at Viscount Suites Hotel**  
**Time: Noon**  
**4855 East Broadway**  
**Tucson, AZ 85711**

**Luncheon Buffet - \$14.00 per person.**

(Traditional Holiday Buffet—Garden Salad, Fresh Fruit Salad, Hickory Smoked Ham, Oven Roasted Sliced Turkey, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Baked Yams with Butter & Brown Sugar, Green Bean Almandine, Herbed Cornbread Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Gourmet Rolls & Butter, Apple Pie, Pumpkin Pie, Ice Tea, Coffee & Water.)

CTRA Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Number \_\_\_\_\_ x \$14.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check Payable to CTRA

(City of Tucson Retirees Association)

Please mail reservations and check to Claudia Buford, Treasurer,  
7267 W. Citrus Ranch Pl., Tucson, AZ 85735.

**Reservation Deadline: Monday, December 2, 2019, by 5:00 PM.**

Holiday Lunch served at Noon, Entertainment, Door prizes drawings, and Annual Meeting in which the following **two items will be discussed and voted upon.**

**1. Change to amend the lifetime membership age requirement from 80 years to 75 years of CTRA Member. Approved by CTRA Board on May 8, 2019. Must be approved by members at annual meeting.**

*See the following proposed amendment to CTRA Bylaws, Article 2, Membership, Lifetime*

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CTRA BYLAWS, ARTICLE 2, MEMBERSHIP, LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP**

- The current requirement for lifetime membership is age 80, with previous 5 years of membership. Upon attainment of lifetime membership, the member is no longer required to pay annual dues of \$6.00.
- The proposed amendment would revise lifetime membership requirement to age 75, with no requirement for previous years of membership.

**Discussion:**

The proposed amendment is in recognition that many CTRA members who attain the age of 80 are, in many cases, facing mobility issues that prevent their attendance at many of CTRA activities, such as the annual barbecue, Thanksgiving Potluck, Annual Meeting, and monthly luncheons. The exemption from annual dues at age 80 provides little value to members who are not able to participate in CTRA Activities.

The proposed amendment to lifetime membership, to be given at 75, provides a financial benefit to members at an earlier age, and given important recognition to their years of service to the City of Tucson and support of CTRA.

**Financial Impact:**

If approved at the December, 2019 Annual Meeting, the amended lifetime membership requirement would be implemented in January 2020. The amendment would immediately benefit 136 members who were born between the years of 1940 and 1944. The financial impact from loss of 2020 dues is estimated at \$2,600.

The additional loss of dues revenue beyond 2020 will not have a significant impact on the financial assets of CTRA.

**2. Requirement for Approval of Bylaws Changes at Annual Meeting: Titles of positions changed from Chair to President, Vice-Vice-Chair to Vice-President. Approved at April 2018 CTRA Board Meeting.**

*Technically, we need approval of members at Annual December 2019 Holiday Annual Meeting.*

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*No Retirement or Death Notifications received from Pension Staff at this time.*

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New Elections to take place at our December 2019 Annual Meeting. Please consider volunteering for the position of President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Newsletter Editor for the CTRA Board. If you are interested, please contact one of the Board Members listed below. Your name will be brought forward at our Annual Meeting in December. Please plan on notifying one of us by December 4, 2019. The board will provided training and information to make this a successful transition.

### **2019 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS**

Mary G. Parker, President (520-403-0053)

VACANT Vice-President

Claudia Buford, Treasurer (520-909-5992)

Oralia Acuna, Secretary (520-889-8893)

Lois Rios, Outreach Chair (520-326-3021)

Kris Liberty, Membership Chair (520-419-5983)

Jim Wysocki, TSRS Retiree Representative. (520-749-9326)

John O'Hare, TSRS Liaison, (520-250-6003)

Mary G. Parker, Newsletter Editor (520-403-0053)

Agatha Anaya, Past-President (520-889-3690)