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“Let’s strive to be better in September!”  
– **Charmaine J. Forde**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

***THE CTRA BOARD WILL MEET AGAIN ON WEDNESDAY,  
OCTOBER 13, 2021 AT 1:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM***

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### **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 this 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](mailto: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

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**NEW CTRA MEMBERS**

Marshall Gantt  
Joseph Gradillas, Jr.  
Margaret Pearson  
Ron LeDonne  
Wendy Ducote  
David Deibel  
Ralph Stubbs

**NEW LIFETIME CTRA MEMBERS**

Marshall Grant

The CTRA Board congratulates all Lifetime CTRA Members and recognizes the importance of years of service to the City of Tucson. May you continue to enjoy your retirement for many years! When it is safe again to meet; we look forward to seeing you at future CTRA Activities.

Mary G. Parker, CTRA President

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**TSRS RETIRED MEMBER'S REPRESENTATIVE  
REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2021**

Some personal business took me out of town at the time of the TSRS Board meeting and so I have nothing specific on which to report. However I did receive the meeting agenda, together with a full set of proposed business items (such as the year-to-date actual vs. expected budget expense report, lists of new retirees, housekeeping items, etc.) and some financial reports. All of this information shows a routine, business-as-usual operation, with no real news and nothing out of the ordinary to report. I'll have more specific information for next month's report. Meanwhile, stay safe!

Best Regards, Jim Wysocki, TSRS Retired Members Trustee

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**DEFERRED COMPENSATION REPORT  
SEPTEMBER 2021**

The City of Tucson Deferred Compensation (DC) Board held a special meeting Friday, September 10, 2021, to review the board rules and regulations and discuss the board size and composition.

The Board voted to increase the members from five to seven members. I have long thought this is appropriate, considering the DC Fund is now over \$300 million in assets with 4,000 participants, making it one of the larger municipal plans in the nation. Now there will be two board seats elected by employee participants and two seats elected by retired participants. The elected participant members will serve a four-year term, limited to two consecutive four-year terms. These changes to the Tucson Code will require approval of the Mayor and Council.

There are also two staff seats and a chairman appointed by the City Manager for a total of seven seats. Joe Barkenbush has indicated he will step down from the chair position after 43 years. We congratulate Joe and thank him for his many years of service.

The DC Board also discussed changes to the DC Rules and Regulations to make them consistent with the changes to the Tucson Code. Additional changes, will be voted upon by the DC Board, to make the rules and regulations more efficient and clearer.

John O'Hare, Deferred Compensation Board Member



**KAROL (CRUZ) ARAGONEZ' RESIGNATION OF VICE PRESIDENCY**

Many of you know, Karol (Cruz) Aragonez, who worked many years in Planning Department and later in the Development Services Department. Karol was the City of Tucson Retirees Association (CTRA) Vice-President, for one year and nine months. She recently resigned her position. She will soon be moving to another state to be closer to her children and grandchildren. It is with a heavy heart I accept her resignation as our CTRA Vice-President.

Even though most of her Vice-President tenor was during the COVID Pandemic, Karol participated actively and provided many very good ideas for the CTRA Organization. One of her ideas, was to provide a Facebook Group for our CTRA Members. She created the CTRA Facebook Group on September 29, 2020. Currently, there are eighty-one (81) CTRA Facebook Members. Among Karol's administrative duties, she also provides positive and humorous subject material for our members on Facebook.

This wonderful lady has volunteered to continue to manage and maintain the CTRA Facebook Group for us; even though she will not be located here in Tucson, Arizona.

I wish Karol many happy days with her family and new friends as she relocates to her new City. She will be leaving Tucson sometime this winter. Karol is currently

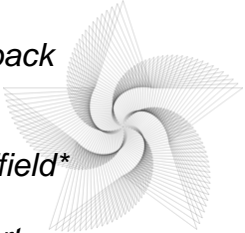
taking good care of herself with lots of physical therapy for a recent hip surgery. We wish her a very speedy recovery! Hopefully, she will come visit us, when she is back in Tucson.

Submitted by Mary G. Parker, CTRA President

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**IN MEMORIAM**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Ted Dorman*	11/15/2020
Joan Flood	06/12/2021
Jose R. Flores	06/06/2021
Robert Riechenback	06/19/2021
Reyes Yubeta*	06/13/2021
Laverne Risk	07/08/2021
Charles W. Sheffield*	07/07/2021
Dessie M. Hall	08/06/2021
William H. Holbert	08/18/2021
Don Madsen	08/04/2021
Katrina R. Moreno	08/16/2021
Fred V. Ormsby	08/03/2021
Ramona L. Romero	08/15/2021
Jean M. Wilson	08/13/2021



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

\*CTRA Members

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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>
Sandra L. Babcock	Police Department	06/04/2021
Benjamin E. Baeza	Information Technology	04/03/2021

William A. Burris	Water Utility	05/08/2021
Zelin Canchola	Transportation Department	04/02/2021
Lawrence M. Cassen	Environmental Services	03/13/2021
Jeanmarie Cook	Information Technology	06/02/2021
David L. Deibel	City Attorney	04/03/2021
Michael T. Givens	Parks & Recreation	04/10/2021
Denon S. Hildreth	Water Utility	05/15/2021
Christopher P. Honan	Business Services	06/02/2021
Laura A. Jestings	Business Services	04/03/2021
Santiago Leon	Transportation Department	04/17/2021
Ricardo M. Lopez	Water Utility	04/03/2021
Gregory V. McNeal	Information Technology	04/02/2021
Fernando Molina	Water Utility	05/08/2021
Maria G. Parmley	Water Utility	05/25/2021
Margaret A. Pearson	Business Services	05/29/2021
William F. Ricketts, III	Water Utility	06/05/2021
Mario A. Solis	City Courts	04/10/2021
John M. Coleman	Housing and Community Development	06/05/2021
Gregory M. Lugo	Information Technology	06/02/2021
Scott K. McIntyre	Water Utility	06/05/2021
Katherine J. Okurily	Business Services	06/05/2021
John F. Olson, Jr.	Parks & Recreation	06/05/2021
Kevin J. Heilman	Parks & Recreation	06/05/2021
Michael Pike	Environmental Services	07/17/2021

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### 2021 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

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 Vice-President (Vacant)  
 Claudia Buford, Treasurer (520)-909-5992  
 Marilyn Kalthoff, Secretary (520)-331-4096  
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 Kris Liberty, Membership Chair (520)-419-5983  
 Jim Wysocki, TSRS Retiree Representative. (520)-749-9326  
 John O'Hare, TSRS Liaison, (520)-250-6003  
 Deborah Corral, Newsletter Editor (520)-256-6963  
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