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## MAY ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016

**TANQUE VERDE GUEST RANCH  
14301 E SPEEDWAY**

**\$18.00 PER PERSON**

**GATHER AND NETWORKING – 11:00 A.M.**

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – 11:30 A.M.**

**LUNCH SERVED – 11:45 A.M.**

**DOOR PRIZE DRAWING**



## MAY ACTIVITIES

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 1:00 p.m., at Parks and Recreation Therapeutics Center, 1000 S. Randolph Way. MEMBERS WELCOME!**

**MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST – Thursday, May 5, 2016, 8:30 a.m., VILLAGE INN, 6251 N. Oracle Rd.**

**GOLF ACTIVITY** – Golf group meets each Tuesday of the month. Call **RICHARD WILEY** at 603-9712 if you are interested. **RICHARD** will provide information on golf course and tee times. Golf Dates: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2016.

## SAVE THE DATE

Members and guests are invited to CTRA's Thirty Third Annual meeting  
**MAY 18, 2016**  
**TANQUE VERDE GUEST RANCH**  
**14301 E SPEEDWAY**

Enjoy chances to win one of many door prizes.

**A note from the editor:** It has been my pleasure to produce and distribute the CTRA Newsletter for the past year or so. I appreciate all the kind words from CTRA members about the quality and content. While I know I can't fill Jean Wilkin's shoes, I can assure you that I did my best. Beginning in September, the newsletter will be produced by Arlene Imoehl, with a little help from her friends. Please be as kind to her as you were to me. Thank you.



## **News from the Insurance Benefits Office**

If you're in an urgent situation, the last thing you would want is to learn that a claim is being denied because a person you've enrolled as your dependent doesn't qualify to be on the plan.

To ensure that all enrolled dependents are eligible, the City will be conducting an audit of plan participants after this year's Open Enrollment.

### **Watch your mail after Open Enrollment!**

If you're covering dependents, you'll receive instructions from the audit firm that is selected. The instructions will tell you what documents you need to submit, where to submit them, and the due date.

**Don't ignore the request!** To ensure continued coverage, the selected audit firm must receive the requested documentation by the deadline outlined in the communication that you'll receive.

### **Who Qualifies As a Dependent?**

Current criteria are outlined in the Insurance Handbook at [www.tucsonaz.gov/enroll](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/enroll). However, **dependent criteria are changing July 1<sup>st</sup>**. We encourage you to explore alternative options for insurance if you're covering a domestic partner or a former spouse through City insurance, as they will no longer be offered coverage through the City July 1<sup>st</sup>. Likewise, children of domestic partners and ex-spouses won't qualify (unless they are your children or if you have a Qualified Medical Child Support Order). Letters were mailed in December to those covering domestic partners and known former spouses; if you are covering a former spouse due to a requirement in your divorce decree and did not receive a letter, please contact the Benefits Office immediately at 791-4597 for details.

Thank you.

## **IN MEMORIAM**



**Our hearts and prayers are with the families of the retirees who passed away in this year.**

As of May 16, 2016, the following retirees have passed away:

### **Members:**

**Gabriel Ramirez, Env. Svcs., died 1/28/16**

**Thomas Vargas, Water, died 12/2/15**

### **Other Retirees:**

**Rafael Cavazos, died 4/3/16**

**Tony Cota, died 3/14/16**

**Carol Foss, died 4/12/16**

**Mildred Pallet, beneficiary, 4/10/16**

**Elbert Peckham, died 4/29/16**

## **NEW LIFETIME MEMBER**

**Congratulations to the following people who have qualified for the status of Lifetime Member:**

**Karen Bruning**

**Hurvie Davis**

**Robert Ball**

**Dave Lloyd**

## **NEW RETIREES**

**Alberto Robles, Jr. – Parks & Rec.**

**Cynthia Frank – Housing & Comm Dev.**

**Christine Rincon – Police Department**

**Philip Damgar – Parks & Rec.**

**Kenneth Snyder – Housing & Comm Dev.**

**Joanne Peacher – Library Department**

**Ruth Gavin – City Courts**

**Congratulations to you all and welcome to the world of Retirement!**

## **GET WELL WISHES**

**Lee Williams just had major surgery (kidney transplant). Lee retired from Procurement. I am sure he would appreciate any cards or visits to keep his spirits up.**

## CTRA ANNUAL DUES REMINDER

### WE NEED TO TALK!

Hello CTRA members, my name is Kris Liberty, and I am your current membership person. I have a **really big** favor to ask of you.

**As you know, membership dues are paid in January of each year.** For the majority of you who are on Payroll Deduction of your dues, THANK YOU SO MUCH! **For the other 165 members who have/will send me a \$6 check for your 2016 dues, WE NEED TO TALK.**

Each time you renew your membership by check, it takes you five minutes to fill out the renewal form, write the check, add in the check register, address the envelope (find stamps!), put in the mail, etc. On my end, it takes me 5 minutes to process each renewal (noting payment details on renewal form, updating data base, filing renewal). **So for you 165 members still paying by check, you and I are spending 27.5 hours a year renewing your CTRA membership.** Unfortunately, about 50 of the 165 members don't send in their dues, so I send a reminder email or letter to each of the 50 people; that's **another 16 hours of work for me.**

SO, HERE'S MY FAVOR, I CALL IT '**THE ONE AND DONE PROGRAM – PAYROLL DEDUCTION**' ... NO MORE 43 HOURS A YEAR RENEWING DUES ... A WIN/WIN FOR YOU AND ME!

**If you haven't yet paid your 2016 dues, please sign up for payroll deduction on the form included in each monthly newsletter. Just complete the payroll deduction section of the renewal form with your signature and COT Employee # or last 4 digits of your SSN. If you have already sent me your 2016 dues check, remember this 'WE NEED TO TALK' article next year and sign up then.**

#### LET'S GET 'ONE AND DONE' TOGETHER

THANK YOU  
Kris Liberty  
CTRA Membership

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT [www.tucsonaz.gov/retirement](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/retirement)

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

### NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2016 - 2017

CTRA Officers will be elected for 2016/2017 at the Annual Meeting on May 18, 2016.

Each year a Nominating Committee recommends a slate of candidates to run for the four positions. The candidates recommended are presented to the membership and elected into office at the Annual Meeting.

The Nominating Committee's recommended slate of candidates for election is listed below.

#### Proposed Slate of Candidates for 2016-2017 Officers

Claire Beaubien – Chair  
Trinie Rivera – Vice Chair  
Claudia Buford – Treasurer  
Lydia Chacon – Secretary  
Aggie Anaya – Immediate Past Chair

**Appointed Committee Heads**

Kris Liberty – Membership  
Arlene Imoehl – Newsletter  
Lois Rios – Outreach  
John O'Hare – TSRS Retiree Rep – Elected  
Claire Beaubien – TSRS Liaison

#### Current Executive Board

#### 2015/16 CTRA EXECUTIVE BOARD

Agatha Anaya – Chair – 889-3690  
Trinie Rivera – Vice Chair – 294-7476  
Randy Schuler – Treasurer – 906-7767  
Lydia Chacon – Secretary – 889-7932  
Lois Rios – Outreach – 326-3021  
Kris Liberty – Membership – 883-7883  
John O'Hare – TSRS Retiree Representative – 881-2308  
Claire Beaubien – TSRS Liaison  
Claire Beaubien – Newsletter Editor – 575-8780  
Robin West – Past Chairperson 882-8635

## A Bit of Humor –

**A funeral service** is being held in a church for a woman who has just passed away. At the end of the service, the pallbearers carrying the casket accidentally bump into a wall jarring the casket. They hear a faint moan. They open the casket and find that the woman is actually alive. She lives for 10 more years and then dies. A ceremony is again held at the same church and at the end the pallbearers are again carrying the casket out. As they are walking, the husband calls out, "Watch out for the wall!"

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt."

His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

**A preacher was completing a temperance sermon.** With great expression he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river!" The congregation nodded their approval. With even greater emphasis he added, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river, too!" The people clapped and were saying "Amen." And then finally, he concluded, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river!"

As he sat down, the song leader then stood up quite cautiously and announced, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn #365: "Shall We Gather at the River.

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

**Claudia Buford, retired February 2016 from Planning**  
**Sylvia Cuen, retired January 2016 from Water**  
**Joseph Jakoby, retired December 2011 from Info. Tech.**  
**Lynn Jung, retired February 2016 from TPD**  
**Ronald Koenig, retired January 2016 from Housing**  
**Erin Morales, retired January 2016 from Planning**  
**Jessie Sanders, retired February 2016 from Transportation**  
**Henry Vimislik, retired August 2015 from Env. Svcs.**  
**Patrick Whiddon, retired August 2014 from Transportation**

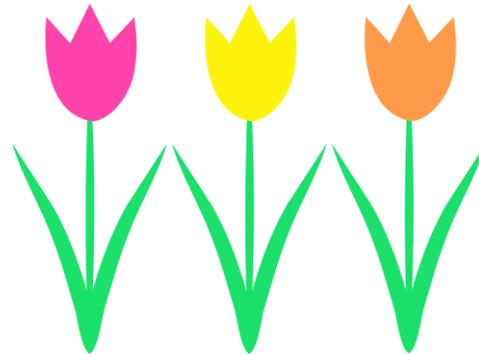
**Welcome to all of our new members. We are glad to have you aboard! We hope to see you at a luncheon or two.**



## MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30, 2016

**On Memorial Day, we remember and honor the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. Memorial Day should be about memories. But in today's world, it is also about remembering our men and women in uniform serving so gallantly in dangerous places all around the world to protect our freedom.**

**As we gather with family and friends on Memorial Day, please celebrate the blessings of our hard-won freedom and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice and those who serve today to keep us safe and free.**



### **TSRS has a new Administrator!**

Mike Hermanson, former TSRS Pension Administrator recently retired and the City scoured high and low for someone to replace him. Last month, Neil Gillasi was hired as Pension Administrator. Neil comes from Heinfeld and Meech, former auditors for the City of Tucson Finance Department and Pension Office. He will attend the CTRA Annual Meeting this month to introduce himself.