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CTRA JUNE LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2016, 12:00 Noon



LAVERNA'S COFFEE SHOP & CAFE

The June, 2016 CTRA Luncheon will be held at LaVerna's Coffee Shop & Cafe located at
220 S Plumer
Tucson, AZ 85719

Have a craving for a giant pancake that is off the beaten track? Want Huevos Rancheros? Got a hankering for something else? Come to Laverna's Coffee Shop & Café. It's where it's at! Lots of great reviews and voted "Best Breakfast in Tucson" but they also serve lunch, as well. Get your hungry on! See you there!

DRAWING FOR ONE FREE LUNCH – Maximum of \$15

JUNE – SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – Wednesday,
September 14, 2016, 1:00 p.m., at Parks and Recreation
Therapeutics Center, 1000 S. Randolph Way.
MEMBERS WELCOME!**

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: June 7, 14, 21, 28; July 5, 12, 19, 26; August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2016.

BREAKFAST – First FRIDAY of the month, 8:30 a.m., at VILLAGE INN, 6251 N. Oracle Road. (Please note day change – now on Fridays, not Thursdays.)



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

No new members to report.

JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER LUNCHEONS

The July, 2016 CTRA Luncheon will be held at Yoly's Mexican Grande , 1025 E Benson Hwy. August, 2016 Luncheon will be at Cattletown Steakhouse, 3141 E Drexel Rd. September, 2016 Luncheon, TBA.

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

No new lifetime members to report.



IN MEMORIAM

“Our deepest sympathy to family members during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends of those who recently passed away.”

Lifetime Member:

Chester Coulter – May 12, 2016, General Svcs.

RECENT RETIREES

Congratulations to the newly retired City Employees listed below: Best wishes for a happy retirement life!

Jerry Crusa – Water

Carlos Melgoza – Environmental Services

Zermina Ziyae – Finance

Gilberto Robles – Environmental Services

Andrew Quigley – Environmental Services

Frank Yslas – Environmental Services

Susan Agrillo – City Attorney

2016/2017 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Four CTRA EXECUTIVE BOARD members were elected at the Annual Meeting this year for one year terms. The following members were presented as a slate of nominees to the membership for election on May 18, 2016 at the Annual Meeting at Tanque Verde Guest Ranch and were elected by unanimous vote.

CLAIRE BEAUBIEN – CHAIR Claire graduated from Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri. She began working for the City of Tucson in 2002 in the Finance Department and retired in 2011 from the Retirement Office in the Finance Department.

She had been an active CTRA member since retirement serving as Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, TSRS Liaison, and Membership. Claire completed three years as treasurer prior to this past year.

TRINIE RIVERA –VICE-CHAIR As a City Employee Trinie served the community from the Transportation Department, Tucson Police Department, City Court, City Clerk’s office and ultimately spent 15 years with Community Services Department until her retirement in 2008.

Trinie completed her third term as CTRA Secretary and is now in her second term as Vice Chair of the Association.

CLAUDIA BUFORD – TREASURER

Claudia recently retired from COT. She began her career with the City in the Budget and Research Department where she helped prepare the yearly budget. Her next position was with the Development Services Department where, as the Executive Assistant to the Director, her duties included doing payroll for 125+ employees, reconciling the P (credit) card and other financial duties. Claudia worked with an eclectic group of employees and customers and is looking forward to meeting new people and exploring her new duties.

LYDIA CHACON – NOMINATED FOR SECRETARY

Lydia worked for the City of Tucson for 32 years. She retired June 2005 from General Services. She worked for Director Ron Lewis for one year prior to retiring. Before that she was the Executive Assistant for Director Ron Meyersson.

Lydia is currently a Volunteer at GracePointe Christian Academy 5455 S. Westover Ave. where her grandson attends school. She helps out in the office and classroom as needed.

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY



What is a Father?

A father is a person who loves and respects you.

He is honest and he never neglects you.

He is the greatest that your eyes will ever see.

No other man like him will there ever be.

When you are in your bedroom and scared at night;

A father comes in to let you know that everything is alright.

Education is important so stay in school hanging out on the streets is not so cool.

Listen to me son, so the day you become a man.

Like me you will do everything you can.

A father is like no other man around

Another man like him can never be found.



TRIBUTE TO THE 4th OF JULY, 2015

In honor of those brave men and women who fought for our Independence throughout history, I offer this salute. Without their dedication and bravery, we would not be celebrating the 4th of July. This was written by a former Vietnam POW but it applies to everyone!

We toast our hearty comrades who have fallen from the skies, and were gently caught by God's own hands to be with him on high.

To dwell among the soaring clouds they've known so well before, from victory roll to tail chase at heavens very door.

And as we fly among them there we're sure to hear their plea, "Take care my friend, watch your six, and do one more roll for me."

2016 DUES REMINDER
MEMBERSHIP DUES WERE DUE
JANUARY 1, 2016
DID YOU FORGET TO MAIL CHECK
TODAY OR
SIGN UP FOR PAYROLL
DEDUCTION??



IF ON PAYROLL DEDUCTION, DEDUCTIONS WILL AUTOMATICALLY CONTINUE.

LIFETIME MEMBERS DO NOT PAY DUES

TO ALL CITY OF TUCSON RETIREES
The voice of CTRA is most effective
when it serves as the voice of many ...
especially when the Association works
to maintain and protect our Pension
System

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

CTRA MEMBERSHIP:

____ **APPLICATION** ____ **RENEWAL**

DATE _____

NAME _____

BIRTHDATE _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____ **TELEPHONE** _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

SPOUSE _____ **BIRTHDATE** _____

DATE HIRED BY CITY _____

DEPARTMENT _____

DATE RETIRED _____

DEPARTMENT _____

____ **Enclosed is \$6 for Annual Dues**

(Make check payable to CTRA)

COMPLETE ONLY FOR PAYROLL DEDUCTION

____ **I authorize deduction of \$.50 per**
month

from pension check

COT EMPLOYEE # OR LAST 4 DIGITS OF
SOCIAL SECURITY # _____

REQUIRED by City Pension Office

SIGNATURE _____

(Required for Payroll

Deduction)

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEW CHAIR

Thank you to all attendees at the 33rd Annual meeting held May 18, 2016 at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch. Our attendance was up again, which is a positive sign. Thank you, too, for your support. I know there was no one else who wanted the job, but thank you for the support, nonetheless.

First, there were a few remarks made at the meeting that need to be clarified so that there is no misunderstanding. The Board has not definitively locked in Tanque Verde for the December Christmas/Holiday Luncheon but it IS on our list of vendors. Since the cost of the luncheon is unknown at this time, we are unable to know whether this organization will be able to contract with them for their services. It appears from the attendance that the membership is in favor of having the December luncheon at Tanque Verde but more research is necessary before we actually commit. The cost of the luncheon at Tanque Verde has risen substantially over the years. As you were told at the meeting, the Board elected to subsidize the cost of the luncheon in May so that the Membership would not have to pay more than in previous years. We will **attempt** to continue this effort in order to make the luncheon affordable to all members.

Secondly, Randy Schuler had voiced interest in becoming BBQ Chair earlier in the month and prior to the annual meeting. I officially appointed him BBQ as my first official act after being elected Chair. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused but I am sure Randy is capable of handling anything that comes his way and is already working on making the BBQ in October the best one yet.

Watch for updates here.

Your Board is currently seeking ideas about education or entertainment that would induce you to attend one of our monthly luncheons. We are open to suggestions and are willing to consider your suggestions. This IS your organization. Own it! Come join us at the monthly meetings.

Things to Ponder...

Now that I'm older, here's what I've discovered:

1. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
2. My wild oats are mostly enjoyed with prunes and all-bran.
3. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
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5. If all is not lost, then where the heck is it?
6. It was a whole lot easier to get older, than it was to get wiser.
7. Some days, you're the top dog, some days you're the hydrant.
8. I wish the buck really did stop here; I sure could use a few of them.
9. Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
10. Accidents in the back seat cause kids.