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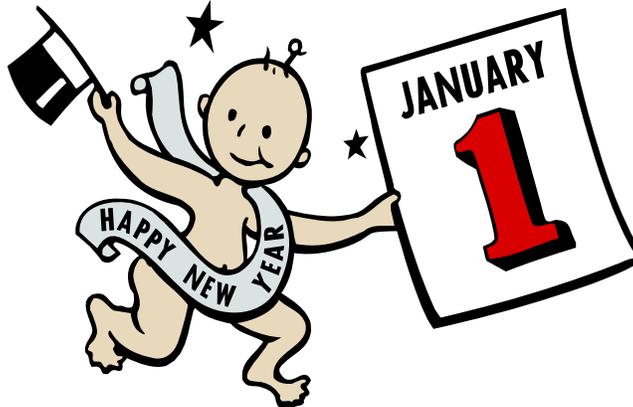
CITY OF TUCSON RETIREES ASSOCIATION

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As we bring this year to an end and the New Year begins, let us pray that it will be a year with New Peace, New Understanding and New happiness! **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



May each day of the year 2014 bring you little joys and simple surprises that will fill up each day with fun and happiness! **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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CTRA JANUARY LUNCHEON

**LA FUENTE
1749 NORTH ORACLE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014, 12:00 NOON**

La Fuente specializes in Mexican food.

La Fuente Restaurant is not only one of the largest and oldest Mexican restaurants in Tucson, but their menu features the greatest variety of Mexican cuisine to be found in all of Southern Arizona.

**ON WEEK DAYS A WONDERFUL LUNCHEON BUFFET IS SERVED
OR YOU CAN ORDER FROM THE REGULAR MENU**

A DRAWING WILL BE HELD FOR ONE FREE LUNCH (Members only) – MAX. OF \$15.00

JANUARY ACTIVITIES

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – Wednesday,
January 8, 2014, 2:30 p.m., at Parks and
Recreation Therapeutics Center, 1000 S.
Randolph Way.
MEMBERS WELCOME!**

**MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST – Thursday,
January 2, 2014, 8:30 a.m., VILLAGE INN, 6251 N.
Oracle Rd.**

**GOLF ACTIVITY – Golf group meets each
Tuesday of the month. Call Kirke Guild at 298-
5672 if you are interested. Kirke will provide
information on golf course and tee times. Golf
Dates: January 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2014.**

LUNCHEON SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY – MARCH 2014

(All RESTAURANT luncheons begin at NOON.)

**JANUARY 15, 2014 – LA FUENTE, 1749 N. Oracle
(Mexican Cuisine)**

**FEBRUARY 19, 2014 – MAMA LOUISA'S, 2041
South Craycroft (Italian Cuisine)**

**MARCH 19, 2014 – U-LIKE BUFFET, 330 SOUTH.
WILMOT ROAD (Chinese and American Cuisine)**

THE SELECTION OF
RESTAURANTS FOR CTRA'S 2014 MONTHLY LUNCHEONS
SHOWS SUPPORT FOR
LOCALLY OWNED RESTAURANTS!

**SPECIAL HAPPY NEW YEAR TO
CTRA CHARTER MEMBERS**

A special Happy New Year to CTRA's Charter Members:

**DOROTHY ARNOLD
CHESTER COULTER
HELEN FOSTER
EMELINE HELTEN
ANN HICKS
ELSIE HOBBS
RICHARD LINDENMUTH**

In 2013 we were privileged to have nine Charter Members with us. However, during 2013, two Charter Members passed away (JAMES MARR AND PROVIDENCE GENDLER) leaving seven surviving Charter Members going into 2014.

When CTRA was initially organized in 1983 there were 160 Charter Members. With the passing of time, today there are 7 surviving charter members. Our charter members are recognized for their foresight, untiring efforts and hard work getting CTRA organized and providing the leadership, dedication and loyalty to keep the Association alive and well.

Again this year we want to especially recognize ELSIE HOBBS for leading the effort, along with her husband, A. B. Hobbs, to organize CTRA and for providing leadership and support for over 20 years. Elsie also served as CTRA's first elected Chairperson.

All of these wonderful members are in our thoughts and prayers, and we send each one best wishes for a New Year filled with love, warmth, peace and cherished memories.

Thank you and Happy New Year!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO
CITY OF TUCSON
RETIREES**

Happy New Year to all City of Tucson retirees. New Year's is a time of celebration, of love, life and friendship. May this New Year bring you everlasting happiness and peace. May each day of the year 2014 bring you and yours little joys and simple surprises that will fill up each day with fun

and happiness.

To our membership, we thank you for being a supportive member of CTRA and wish that you are blessed with all that you desire in the year ahead. Happy New Year!

CTRA EXECUTIVE BOARD

IN MEMORIAM

CTRA member PHIL SEADER passed away December 7, 2013. Phil was two days shy of his 87th birthday. He worked as a Plans Examiner and retired from the City in July 2002. He is survived by Helen, his wife of 60 years, nine children, and 16 grandchildren. His daughter, Alexis, is also a CTRA member.

CTRA member JIMMIE McNIGHT passed away December 7, 2013. Jimmie worked for Fleet Services and retired in 1984.

CTRA member SANDRA FERNS passed away on October 5, 2013. Sandra worked for the Procurement Department (Mailroom) and retired in 2001.

"To the families of our deceased friends, please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. May knowing you're in the hearts and thoughts of others help you through this time of sorrow. Our departed friends will be greatly missed, forever cherished and always remembered."

NEW LIFETIME MEMBER

Congratulations to ROY SEES who has become a Lifetime Member. Roy retired from Inspections in 1984 and currently resides in Ohio.

**REORGANIZATION AT
CITY HALL**

In a recent City Hall reorganization, the RETIREMENT OFFICE and staff were placed under the administration of the FINANCE DEPARTMENT and have moved their offices to 5th Floor West of City Hall. Phone number remains the same 791-4598

Reorganization continued:

The **BENEFITS OFFICE** and staff remain under the administration of the HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT. The Benefits Office is located on the 3rd Floor East of City Hall. Phone number remains the same – 791-4597.

**IS YOUR BENEFICIARY
INFORMATION UP-TO-DATE FOR
THE \$7,500 CITY-PAID RETIREE
LIFE INSURANCE?**

Is your beneficiary information up-to-date for the \$7,500 City-paid Retiree Life Insurance? Please take a few minutes to check your record to ensure that this benefit will be paid in accordance with your wishes. To check your record and/or make changes:

1. Access the secure enrollment system via www.tucsonaz.gov/enroll under “I Want To... Enroll”
2. Follow the login instructions in the blue box.
3. Once you have logged into the secure system, click on “beneficiary designation” on the left side.
4. If you don’t see your beneficiary listed, click on “Add a Person (or Trust/Organization)” at the top.
5. Complete the following fields: Legal name, date of birth, gender and relationship - SSN is NOT required.
6. Continue adding individuals if you wish to designate more than one person/organization.
7. Make your percentage designations for primary, and if desired, secondary beneficiaries.
8. Return to your benefits Home Page to print a Confirmation Statement for your records.

Have questions? We are here to assist: benefitquestions@tucsonaz.gov or 520-791-4597. Thank you.

- Your Insurance Benefits Team -

BANK ACCOUNT

This is ... something we should all remember.

A 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud man, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with his hair fashionably combed and shaved perfectly, even though he is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today.

His wife of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, he smiled sweetly when told his room was ready.

As he maneuvered his walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of his tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on his window.

‘I love it,’ he stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

Mr. Jones, you haven't seen the room; just wait.. 'That doesn't have anything to do with it,' he replied.

Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time.

Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged .. it's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it.

It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice;

I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do.

Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away.. Just for this time in my life.

Bank Account continued

Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you've put in.

So, my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories!

Thank you for your part in filling my Memory Bank.

I am still depositing.

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less.

CTRA ANNUAL DUES

Message to members from Claire Beaubien,
CTRA Membership Chair

If you became a CTRA member in the last months of 2013, please remember that 2014 dues need to be paid in January, 2014.

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 (included in each monthly newsletter) with your name and complete the lower section of the form, including your signature, and mail to me.

If you have any questions about your membership dues, including payroll deduction, please feel free to contact me: Claire Beaubien, 575-8780 or e-mail at cbeaubien1@comcast.net

2014 DUES REMINDER
MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE
JANUARY 1, 2014
DON'T FORGET TO MAIL!

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
to maintain and protect
our Pension System!
BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!
CTRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
AND RENEWAL FORM

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 to CTRA)

(COMPLETE ONLY FOR PAYROLL DEDUCTION)

I authorize deduction of \$.50 per
month from pension check

SIGNATURE _____
(Required for Payroll Deduction)

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2013/14 CTRA EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Robin West – Chairperson (882-8635)
- Agatha Anaya – Vice Chair (889-3690)
- Claire Beaubien – Treasurer – 575-8780
- Trinie Rivera – Secretary – 294-7476
- Lois Rios – Outreach (326-3021)
- Claire Beaubien – Membership Chair (757-8780)
- John O’Hare – TSRS Retiree Representative – (881-2308)
- Jean Wilkins – Newsletter Editor (747-1044)
- Sharon McCusker – Past Chairperson (722-2325)