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**ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON  
 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2013  
 TANQUE VERDE GUEST RANCH  
 \$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.  
 ENTERTAINMENT  
 DOOR PRIZE DRAWING  
 RESERVATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 14, 2013**



**LUNCHEON RESERVATION, TANQUE VERDE GUEST RANCH  
 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2013**

**LUNCHEON BUFFET** - \$18.00 per person (Price includes gratuity and tax). Variety of hot entrees (meats, soups and vegetables), selection of salads, pastry table with Chef's specialty deserts and choice of beverage.

MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ GUEST \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ X \$18.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO CTRA

Mail reservations and check to: **CLAIRE BEAUBIEN, CTRA TREASURER,**  
 11130 N. Waite Rd., Marana, AZ 85653 - Telephone (520)575-8780

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: December 14, 2013**

**DECEMBER ACTIVITIES**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING** – Wednesday, December 11, 2013, 2:30 p.m., at Parks and Recreation Therapeutics Center, 1000 South Randolph Way. MEMBERS WELCOME!

**MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST** – Thursday, December 5, 2013, 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 interested. Kirke will provide information on golf course and tee times. Dates: December 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER**

**JANET NICKELL (JACOB)** retired from Finance.  
**MANNY VINDIOLA**

**RECENT RETIREES**

**TIMOTHY ASPER** – Information Technology  
**GARY CAVIGILA** – General Services  
**LUIS GONZALES** – Transportation Department  
**JOHN NEELEY** – Police Department

## NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

Congratulations to the following members who have reached the milestone that awards them a CTRA Lifetime Membership!

ANNABELLE WHIPPLE  
JAMES PATTERSON  
FERNANDO BOYED  
RAMONA VILLENEUVE  
ERNEST GAUNA  
MANNY RAMOS

Thanks to each member for your faithful and continuous support of CTRA!

## IN MEMORIAM

Condolences to loved ones who recently suffered the loss of a dear friend or family member. May fond memories help you through this difficult time.

CTRA MEMBER JOSE CUESTAS passed away October 30, 2013. He worked for the Parks and Recreation Department most of his adult life and retired August 1999.

MARILYN LANE passed away October 10, 2013. Marilyn retired from Information Technology in November 2002.

HENRY (HANK) LEON passed away November 3, 2013. Hank worked for the Water Department as a Field Engineer and retired September 2000.

RALPH IMOEHL, husband of CTRA member Arlene Imoehl, passed away on November 4, 2013. Ralph loved attending CTRA events, and he will be remembered for the many contributions he made to the Association.

NAOMI BALL, wife of CTRA member Robert Ball, passed away on November 6, 2013.

JULIA CORAL SOTO, mother of CTRA member Theresa Soto, passed away November 8, 2013. Julia worked at El Rio Health Clinic for over 30 years as Director of Patient Services.

Heartfelt condolences are extended to CTRA member TRINIE RIVERIA who recently suffered the loss of a sister and a brother within weeks of one another.

Other Retirees:

KENNETH MORSE passed away October 26, 2013. Ken retired from Urban Design & Planning.

AMANDA HARRINGTON passed away October 23, 2013. She retired from General Services.

## CTRA ANNUAL THANKSGIVING POTLUCK



Thanks to everyone who helped plan and execute the Annual Thanksgiving Potluck. The event was held at Udall Park. Attendance was less than in past years, but those who attended had a great time!

Special thanks to AGATHA ANAYA and JEANINE DOMICONE for all the effort they gave to planning and ensuring that all attendees enjoyed themselves. Another group of volunteers who are greatly appreciated for their assistance includes:

Robin West  
Mike Hughes  
Kris and Chuck Liberty  
Sharon and Robert McCusker  
Jackie Walton  
Claire Beaubien

THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

## CHARITY DONATION

One half of the money collected each year from the 50/50 drawing is designated as a "Charity Fund" and in November the CTRA Executive Board votes to make a donation to a worthy charity.

On November 13<sup>th</sup>, the Board voted to donate \$500 to TMM Family Services to provide Thanksgiving Dinner to mothers and children residing in TMM Transitional Housing (The Family Journey Program).

**THANKS FOR A JOB WELL  
DONE!**

**THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO  
OUTGOING CTRA BOARD MEMBER  
KRIS LIBERTY**

On behalf of the CTRA membership, the Executive Board takes this opportunity to express our deep appreciation to Kris for her dedication and commitment to the City of Tucson Retirees Association.

Kris has resigned her position as CTRA Membership Chair effective January 1, 2014.

Kris previously served as CTRA's Vice Chair and for the past four years has diligently filled the position of Membership Chair, which is one of the most demanding and time consuming positions on the Executive Board. She also has always been there to volunteer when needed for special events.

Thank you, Kris, for your outstanding service and priceless contributions to CTRA and our members!



**CTRA NEW MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

CLAIRE BEAUBIEN has been appointed to serve as MEMBERSHIP CHAIR. Claire's contact information has been added to the Membership Application and Renewal Form.

**TSRS EDUCATIONAL TOWN HALL  
DECEMBER 17, 2013**

To: All TSRS Plan Members – Active and Retired

In response to plan member requests, the TSRS Board has formed an education committee that is sponsoring a town hall on December 17, 2013.

All interested City of Tucson active employees and retirees are welcome to attend. The town hall will provide an overview of the Tucson

Supplemental Retirement System (TSRS) pension plan, discuss the most recent initiative seeking pension reform and answer questions from plan members. Specific information regarding the Town Hall:

Date: Tuesday, December 17, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Location: Joel D. Valdez Library  
101 North Stone

Room: Lower Level Meeting Room

Parking is free for the first hour in the underground Library Parking Garage. (Enter by turning left off of Alameda Street, west of Stone Avenue but before Church Avenue).

**PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN KNOWING  
THE TYPE OF QUESTIONS FREQUENTLY  
ASKED WITH RESPONSES FROM THE  
RETIREMENT OFFICE, PLEASE GO TO  
THE RETIREMENT WEBSITE:**

[www.tucsonaz.gov/government](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/government)  
Click on article highlighted in yellow!

**TSRS ACTUARIAL VALUATION  
AS OF JUNE 30, 2013**

At the end of the FY, there were 2,719 retirees and 2,750 active City employees. The market value of TSRS assets earned 14.29%, while the actuarial value of assets earned 4.09%, as compared to the assumed rate of 7.75%. The recommended City financed portion of the contribution rate, blended across tiers, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 is 26.95%. This compares to the blended rate of 27.09% for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013. The recommended contribution rate will be voted on at a future TSRS Board of Trustees meeting.

The funding ratio decreased from 63.5% to 63.3%. Funding Assets at June 30, 2013, were \$600,330,066. Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability was \$348,232,387.

(Source of information: City of Tucson Supplemental Retirement System, Actuarial Valuation as of June 30, 2013, performed by Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company)

**LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE**

Life is not the way it's supposed to be. It's the way it is. The way we cope with it is what makes the difference!

A wise person once said... There comes a time in life, when you walk away from all the drama and people who create it.

You surround yourself with people who make you laugh, forget the bad, and focus on the good.

So love the people who treat you right, pray for the ones who don't.

Life is too short to be anything but happy.

Falling down is a part of life, getting back up is living.

**CTRA ANNUAL DUES REMINDER**

We want to remind members that CTRA dues are based on calendar year.

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 with your name and complete the lower section of the form, including your signature, and mail. If you have any questions about your membership dues, including payroll deduction, please feel free to contact CLAIRE BEAUBIEN, [cbeaubien1@comcast.net](mailto:cbeaubien1@comcast.net), OR 575- 8780 .



**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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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

May the holidays fill your heart with warmth and love. This is the time for loving, giving and sharing.

We send warm wishes for happiness, love and peace always!

May your holidays be happy days filled with love and laughter.

And may each day bring joy your way in the year that follows after!