



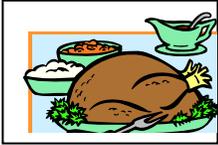
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CTRA ANNUAL THANKSGIVING POTLUCK
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013 - 12:00 NOON
UDALL REGIONAL CENTER , 7000 E. TANQUE VERDE ROAD
 (Please note location change)

Udall Recreation Center is located .2 miles east of the Sabino Canyon and Tanque Verde intersection on the right.

CTRA's annual potluck luncheon **FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS** is Wednesday, November 20TH. CTRA will provide **TURKEY, GRAVY, POTATOES, DRESSING, BUTTER, ROLLS AND DRINKS** (water, coffee and iced tea). **MEMBERS AND GUESTS ARE TO BRING A FAVORITE THANKSGIVING DISH OR DESSERT TO COMPLEMENT THE FOOD PROVIDED BY CTRA.**

To insure a variety of food is available, please use the food categories listed below for the type of dish to bring. Determine what to bring by using first initial of LAST NAME. EXAMPLE: If last name begins with "B" bring a Vegetable dish. "T" a Dessert.

A – H -VEGETABLE DISH I -- O –SALAD/RELISH TRAY P – Z - DESSERT

Traditionally the Thanksgiving Potluck is a great time for meeting and greeting CTRA members. Please join in celebrating Thanksgiving 2013 with your friends.

FOOD DONATION - Please bring to the Potluck non-perishable food items to be distributed to those in need during the holidays. **DONATIONS APPRECIATED!**

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – Wednesday, November 13, 2013, 2:30 p.m., at Parks and Recreation Therapeutics Center, 1000 South Randolph Way. **MEMBERS WELCOME!**

MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST – Thursday, November 7, 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: November 5, 12, 19, and 26.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

MARIE NEMERGUTH, retired 9/14/13 from Budget and Research.

ROSE GONZALES, retired 5/3/2013 from Communications/911.

RICHARD LOPEZ (MARY), retired 9/30/2008 from Water Department.

RECENT RETIREES

CHRISTOPHER FERKO – Information Tech.
GUILLERMO MINDOZA – Transportation Dept.
MARIE NEMERGUTH – Budget and Research
DANNY ROMERO – General Services
TERRY STEVENS – Planning & Development
BENNY YOUNG – Parks and Recreation
GARY LOWE - General Services
BILLY BRANTLEY – Police Department
BRUCE PLANK – City Manager's Office
WILLIAM F. HUDICK II – City Courts
JESSE D. WALLACE, JR. – Housing and Community Development

Recent Retirees continued:

GARY PIZZUTO- Water Department
JERALYN WARD – City Manager’s Office

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

Congratulations to EUGENE ARRINGTON and RON EATON for reaching the milestone that awards them a Lifetime Membership! Happy 80th birthday to Eugene and Ron. Thanks for your continuous support and service to CTRA!

IN MEMORIAM

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

CTRA MEMBER JAMES CARTER passed away on October 16, 2013. James retired from the Water Department.

BETTY KAY, wife of CTRA Lifetime Member, James Kay, Jr. passed away on September 22, 2013. Jim retired as City Finance Director.

CTRA MEMBER GEORGE E. PETERSON passed away July 3, 2013. He worked for the City as a golf starter and retired in 1988.

Other: JACQUELINA RAGAN passed away August 11, 2013. She is a City retiree; however, department is unknown.

UPDATE ON PROP 201 “SUSTAINABLE RETIREMENT BENEFITS ACT”

As you now know Proposition 201, “The Sustainable Retirement Benefits Act,” DID NOT MAKE THE NOVEMBER ELECTION BALLOT. The Arizona Court of Appeals overturned a lower court ruling and ordered an injunction blocking the Initiative to reform the City’s pension system from being placed on the November city election ballot. The Committee supporting the Initiative appealed to the Supreme Court filing a Petition for review, Motion for Stay and Motion to Accelerate decision.

The Supreme court denied the motions to Stay and to Accelerate Decision. They did order that the Committee’s Petition for Review be continued. The Supreme Court may consider in future.

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

The failed effort by outside sources to reform the City’s pension plan has created many questions among active and retired members of the Tucson Supplemental Retirement System. In the event of another challenge to the TSRS system in the future, plan members are attempting to learn as much as they can about the current system.

In response to the many questions and desire to learn more about the TSRS Plan, an educational meeting was held on October 23rd with 49 plan members attending. Many questions were asked and answered; however, there is a strong interest to learn more and get additional plan members involved.

In response, the TSRS Board has formed an Educational Committee, and an Educational Town Hall is scheduled for December 17, 2013, inviting all active and retired members of the City’s Pension System to participate.

TSRS EDUCATIONAL TOWN HALL

To: All TSRS Plan Members

In response to plan member requests, the TSRS Board has formed an education committee that will be 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

CTRA ANNUAL BARBECUE



145 retirees and guests attended the annual barbecue at Reid Park. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed visiting with old and dear friends.

This event is a huge undertaking, and planning and executing this event required much work and effort by a great group of volunteers. The following members are recognized for their individual contributions in making this day a happy memory.

Agatha Anaya (BBQ Committee Chair)
Harry and Shirley Patterson
Bob and Sharon McCusker
Jeanine Domicone
Rudy Aros
Arlene Imoehl
Robin West
Mike Hughes
Dwight and Carla Eller
Claire Beaubien
Randy Schuler
Kris and Chuck Liberty
Margorie Gorski
Jim Sutter
Frances Ramirez
Robert Melzer

Thanks to all who assisted in making this event so much fun.

DECEMBER LUNCHEON

CTRA'S HOLIDAY LUNCHEON will be held at Tanque Verde Guest Ranch, 14301 East Speedway on Wednesday, December 19, 2013. Reservation deadline is December 15th. The reservation form was included in the September CTRA Newsletter mailed to each retiree and is also posted on-line. Please get your reservation in early. This is a beautiful time of year ... so come out and celebrate with your fellow retirees!

CTRA LUNCHEONS FOR 2014

The CTRA Executive Board is preparing the 2014 LUNCHEON SCHEDULE. We are seeking suggestions from our members as to which

restaurants you would like considered for the schedule. Agatha Anaya, CTRA Vice Chair, has the responsibility to develop the schedule. Please e-mail Agatha at:

alpanaya@aol.com,

let her know your suggested restaurants. All suggestions are welcome and appreciated.

The Board is also interested in knowing if you would like to continue the Annual Meeting and December luncheons at the Tanque Verde Ranch, or would like to change to another location? If you prefer a change, please suggest another location. Please let Agatha know.

CTRA ANNUAL DUES REMINDER

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

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 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 Kris Liberty, 520-883-7883, Kris_liberty @msn.com



Deadline
NOVEMBER 5, 2013

CITY ELECTIIION

**DON'T FORGET
TO VOTE!**

**EVERY VOTE
COUNTS!**

MAIL BALLOT TODAY!

**NEW DEFINITIONS FOR
OLD WORDS!**

Hope you enjoy these new definitions!

ADULT

A person who has stopped growing
at both ends
and is now growing in the middle.

BEAUTY PARLOR

A place where women curl up and dye.

CHICKENS

The only animals you eat before they
are born and after they are dead.

COMMITTEE

A body that keeps minutes and wastes
hours.

MOSQUITO

An insect that makes you like flies better.

SECRET

Something you tell to one person at a time.

TOOTHACHE

The pain that drives you to distraction.

TOMORROW

One of the greatest labor saving devices
of today.

AND MY PERSONAL FAVORITE

WRINKLES

**SOMETHING OTHER PEOPLE HAVE,
SIMILAR TO MY CHARACTER LINES.**



**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
pursues increased pension benefits.

**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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