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**MARCH LUNCHEON
WEDNESDAY
MARCH 18, 2015
12:00 NOON**

**O'MALLEY'S ON 4TH
247 NORTH 4TH AVE**

Taking bar food to a whole new level. Enjoy a Hand-Pressed Burger, Cool Crisp Salad, Artisan Sandwich or our twist on a Bar Favorite (light hot wings).

Tucson Weekly reports: For a roaring good time and some pretty darn good food, this longtime Fourth Avenue spot is a great choice. You'll find lots of tasty sandwiches, juicy burgers and big salads. The appetizers are certainly big enough to eat as a stand-alone meal. We especially liked the tempura rellenos, a nifty take on that traditional dish. This is bar food as it was meant to be.

Keep the St Patrick's Day Celebration going with lunch @ O'Malley's on 4th! Come join the fun!

A DRAWING WILL BE HELD FOR ONE FREE LUNCHEON (spouses and guests included) (Max. of \$15.00)

MARCH ACTIVITIES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., at Parks and Recreation Therapeutic Center, 1000 S. Randolph Way. **MEMBERS WELCOME!**

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: March 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2015.

BREAKFAST – Thursday, March 5, 2015, 8:30 a.m., VILLAGE INN, 6251 N. Oracle Road.

MONTHLY LUNCHEONS

CTRA monthly luncheons have been drawing

good participation. So those of you who are not attending are encouraged to come out and enjoy a great lunch and good conversation with your retiree friends.

You could be the winner of a \$15.00 drawing!

Come out to the monthly luncheon, join in the fun, and you could be a winner too!

A note about February's scheduled luncheon: Due to a vast Mardi Gras celebration, the scheduled site, The Parish, was unavailable. They typically close the day after Mardi Gras to clean up after the celebration. We were unaware of this until we arrived at the site. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused any member. An alternate location was found and enjoyed.

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**LUNCHEON SCHEDULE
FOR APRIL 15, 2015**

April luncheon will be held at LA
PARILLA SUIZA, 5602 East
Speedway.

RECENT RETIREES

JOHN CARLSON – FINANCE
FREDERICK ERDMAN – POLICE
D R GREGORY – GENERAL SERVICES
TIMOTHY JACOBS – WATER
JESUS LUCERO – PARKS & RECREATION
AUGUSTINE ROMO – GENERAL SERVICES
SUSAN SHANKLES - POLICE

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

LYNN GREENAWALT – HUMAN RESOURCES

IN MEMORIAM

“Deepest Sympathy to the families of our dear friends who recently passed away. We know no amount of time can prepare us for loss, and no one can fully understand their sorrow – But many hearts are with the families hoping they will have the strength needed to get through this difficult time.”



Lifetime Member JOHN LUNDBERG,
November 25, 2014
GABRIEL G. QUIROZ, January 22, 2015
Lifetime Member CRESSWORTH LANDER,
February 7, 2015
Lifetime Member CHARLES FULTON, February
7, 2015

Other Retiree Deaths

Lucy Gonzales, November 20, 2014
Marjorie Ann McKnight, January 4, 2015
James Doty, January 6, 2015
Lorene Stuart, January 19, 2015

**GET WELL
WISHES FOR
JEAN WILKINS (update)**

CTRA Lifetime Member JEAN WILKINS is still recuperating from a lengthy illness and needs your prayers and support during the period of recovery. She is now in an assisted living facility called Emeritus at Pantano.

Jean is a very special person who has given so much to others throughout her lifetime, and we love her very much and wish her a speedy recovery. “Jean, we send our love and prayers to you and hope that every day in every way, you are feeling better and better.”

For those who wish to send Jean a message or card, her address is: 8161 E Speedway, Apt. 221, Tucson, AZ 85710. Her phone is 747-1044.



**SEEKING RESTAURANT
SUGGESTIONS FOR CTRA
MONTHLY LUNCHEONS**

The CTRA Executive Board is asking CTRA members to share with us the names of your favorite restaurants.

Over the past few years, our policy has been to support locally owned restaurants, if possible. This has worked well, in most instances, but not so much in others.

The Board now plans to open restaurant choices to include a wider variety in the Tucson area and will appreciate your ideas. Also, it has been suggested that a committee be formed of members not on the Board, from various parts of Tucson and surrounding areas, in order to get a broader perspective of available restaurants. Your ideas on this concept would be appreciated.

Please send your suggestions to Agatha Anaya, CTRA Vice-Chair, who has the responsibility of scheduling the CTRA monthly luncheons. You may email her at: alpanaya@aol.com or call her at (520) 445-2379.

**SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR
2015/2016
CTRA ELECTION OF OFFICERS
"YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE"**

CTRA Officers will be elected at the Annual Meeting on May 20, 2015.

Four CTRA EXECUTIVE BOARD members will be elected to provide leadership and support to the City of Tucson Retirees Association.

The momentum of any organization is powered by the energy and dedication of its members. The moving force behind the success of CTRA since the beginning in 1983 is volunteers providing leadership.

Members are encouraged to step up and volunteer your skills and a few hours of time each month to support the goals of the Association. The Executive Board meets each month, except June, July and August, on the third Wednesday of the month at the Parks and Recreation Therapeutic Center, 1000 S. Randolph Way, at 2:30 p.m.

CTRA MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO VOLUNTEER TO SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

CTRA's By-Laws provide for an Executive Board consisting of nine members: Four elected members (Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary), immediate past Chair, TSRS Retiree Representative and appointed Chairs of standing committees (Membership, Newsletter and Outreach).

Officers are elected for one-year terms. An ELECTED officer is limited to serving three one-year terms in the same elected position.

Each year, a Nominating Committee recommends a slate of candidates to run for the following elected positions:

Chair	Vice-Chair
Treasurer	Secretary

Volunteer candidates are needed to fill these four positions. Brief examples of duties and responsibilities for each position are listed below:

CHAIR - Provides leadership to the Executive Board and partners with the Executive Board in achieving organizational goals. The chair presides over Executive Board meetings, preparing monthly Board meeting agenda. The Chair appoints committee Chairs in consultation with other Board members, as needed. He/She helps guide Board actions with respect to CTRA's priorities.

VICE-CHAIR -Plans eight monthly CTRA luncheons and four special events (Annual meeting, Annual BBQ, Annual Thanksgiving Potluck and Annual Christmas luncheon). Performs other duties as assigned by the Board. The Vice-Chair stands in for the Chair when Chair is not available. He/She works closely with the Chair and other Executive Board members.

TREASURER - In general, the volunteer treasurer is responsible for keeping track of all the money that passes through CTRA and all the money it has at any given time. The Treasurer keeps track of deposits to and withdrawals from the Association's credit union account. The Treasurer prepares monthly financial reports for Executive Board meeting. The Treasurer also prepares annual financial report for CTRA's annual membership meeting. The Treasurer administers CTRA's Liability Insurance contracts. The Treasurer takes reservations for the two Annual Luncheons (May and December) for which members pay a reservation fee.

SECRETARY - Takes and transcribes minutes of Board meetings. Ensures minutes are distributed to Board. Maintains records of the Board meetings and ensures effective management of Association records.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR (non-elected position) - Due to illness of the newsletter editor, a temporary replacement is in place. However, if any member would like to give editing the CTRA newsletter a try, please let Claire Beaubien know and she will be glad to work with you to effect the transition.

MEMBERSHIP (non-elected position) - The Membership Chair is responsible for the Membership Database, keeping it updated and accurate. If any member is interested in assuming the duties of the Membership Chair, please notify Claire Beaubien. Database experience is a plus.

If interested in becoming a candidate or in a non-elected position, please contact **CLAIRE BEAUBIEN, NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR - 575-8780**. You may call or email me at cbeaubien1@comcast.net no later than **3/17/2015**.

Current Executive Board

2014/15 CTRA EXECUTIVE BOARD

Robin West – Chairperson (882-8635)
Agatha Anaya – Vice Chair (889-3690)
Claire Beaubien – Treasurer – 575-8780 (final term)
Trinie Rivera – Secretary – 294-7476 (final term)
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)



Fun Facts About St Patrick's Day

1. It used to be a dry holiday in Ireland because it was a religious holiday and bars closed for the holiday – until 1970 when the holiday was converted to a national holiday and bars could stay open.
2. It's the thought that counts – not every city has a long parade for St Patrick's Day. Hot Springs, Arkansas holds the worlds shortest parade of 98 feet (between pubs).
3. The world runs up quite a bar tab on St Patrick's Day! A 2012 estimate pegged the total amount spent on beer for St Patrick's day was \$245 million, before tips.
4. It could have been St. Maewyn's Day - According to Irish legend, Saint Patrick wasn't originally called Patrick. His birth name was Maewyn Succat, but he changed his name to Patricius after becoming a priest.
5. St Patrick was British, born of Roman parents in Wales or Scotland in the late 4th century.

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MAIL MEMBERSHIP FORM AND PAYMENT TO: Claire Beaubien, CTRA Membership Chair, 11130 N. Waite Rd., Marana, AZ 85653