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**FEBRUARY LUNCHEON  
WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 19, 2014  
12:00 NOON**

**MAMA LOUISA’S ITALIAN RESTAURANT  
2041 SOUTH CRAYCROFT**

Since 1956, Mama Louisa’s Italian Restaurant has been serving the best in homemade Italian cuisine. Since then, Mama Louisa’s has been among one of the top restaurants in Tucson. The restaurant serves a luncheon special which includes **SOUP, SALAD, PASTA BAR AND BREADSTICKS**

“It’s an all you can eat lunch time feast for \$8.75.”

OR patrons may order from the diverse menu.

**A DRAWING WILL BE HELD FOR ONE FREE LUNCHEON (Max. of \$15.00)**

**FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING** – Wednesday, February 12, 2014, 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: February 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2014.

**BREAKFAST** – Thursday, February 6, 2014, 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!

**LUNCHEON SCHEDULE  
FOR MARCH 19, 2014**

**U-LIKE BUFFET, 330 SOUTH WILMOT ROAD**

(A huge variety of Asian and American Cuisine)

“An all you can eat buffet for \$7.29”

**RECENT RETIREES**

- J.B. CELEY III – Water Department
- STEVEN HENDERSON – General Services
- DAVE J. JOHNSTON – Planning & Development
- RAYMOND MAJUTA – Planning & Development
- MARIO E. PAUKER – Water Department
- ANN AUDREY – City Manager
- DANIEL CASEY – Information Technology
- STEPHANIE GIAMBRUNO – Finance Department

Recent Retirees Continued:

ANDREA IBANEZ – Housing & Com. Dev.  
VINCENT C. LAMAR – Parks and Recreation  
JESUS D. PEREZ – Fire Department  
JOE C. ROMO – Transportation Department

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

FRANK J. REYES (BEATRIZ) – Transportation  
STEVE POSTIL (LOIS) – Information Tech.  
RUDY A. ALMEIDA (FRANCES) – Operations  
ED HANSEN (JOLENE) – Human Resources  
BILLY E. BRANTLEY (ALICE) – Police Dept.  
PEDRO (SPARKY) GONZALES – Streets  
JIM WEISS (LINDA) – Police Department

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.”



CTRA Member, BARBARA HILLEGONDS LOPEZ, passed away January 12, 2014. Barbara retired from the City of Tucson Transportation Department in 1997.

CTRA member, LEWIS VOLIVA, passed away December 30, 2013. Lewis retired from General Services in 2004.

Other Retiree Deaths

JOYCE DONALDSON – January 4, 2014  
WANDA BECTOR – January 20, 2014  
ABELARDO PESQUERIRA – January 20, 2014

THANK YOU NOTES

The following thank you note was received from Don Strauch, Director of TMM Family Services:  
“We are extending a sincere thank you for your recent support, helping children who are less fortunate. On behalf of the employees and Board of TMM Family Services, we appreciate

your \$500 contribution.

Your generosity and support allowed us to serve a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner to sixteen (16) single mom families this year.”

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The Community Food Bank also expressed appreciation to CTRA members who donated 112 lbs. of food at the Thanksgiving Potluck.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY & GET WELL WISHES FOR ELSIE HOBBS

CTRA Charter Member ELsie HOBBS celebrated her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on January 4, 2014. A few days later, she suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized for several days. She is now at home recuperating.

Elsie 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. “Elsie, 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 Elsie a message or card, her address is: 250 N. Maguire, Villa 4 - #128, Tucson 85710.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO CTRA CHARTER MEMBER ANNE HICKS 100 YEARS YOUNG

On January 19, 2014, ANNE HARPER HICKS celebrated a milestone that most of us never achieve. She became 100 years old. For 100 years, she has brought immense happiness, love and joy to the lives of others.

We send our congratulations and best wishes and say “You are truly blessed — you have lived 100 years and have 10 decades of great

Anne Hicks continued:

memories. May your 100th birthday bring you more than all the joy, wisdom, hope and love you've always given away so freely. Happy 100th birthday!"

Special note: Anne's family had planned to celebrate her birthday by inviting some friends to drop by and say "hello." Unfortunately, that did not happen. On January 16<sup>th</sup>, Anne fell and suffered a broken hip. She had surgery and is now recovering. Anyone who would like to send Anne a Get Well card, please mail to Anne at: 4060 N. Swan Road, Tucson 85718.

Our thoughts and prayers are for Anne to have a speedy recovery!

DID YOU KNOW?

People who ride on roller coasters have a higher chance of having a blood clot in the brain.

People with blue eyes see better in the dark.

A tiny amount of liquor on a scorpion will make it go mad instantly and sting itself to death.

Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying.

*Money isn't made out of paper; it is made out of cotton.*

Wearing headphones for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times.

The animal responsible for the most human deaths world-wide is the mosquito.

Right handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people.

We exercise at least 30 muscles when we smile.

Our brain is more complex than the most powerful computer and has over 100 billion nerve cells.

When a person dies, hearing is usually the first sense to go.

German Shepherds bite humans more than any other breed of dog.

The reason honey is so easy to digest is that it's already been digested by a bee.

The only part of the body that has no blood supply is the cornea in the eye. It takes in oxygen directly from the air.

MY LIVING WILL

Last night, my kids and I were sitting in the living room, and I said to them "I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that happens, just pull the plug!"

They immediately got up, unplugged the computer and threw out my wine!

Those Little Devils !!!!



Valentine's Day is a time for thinking of those who are a special part of our lives and have a special place in our hearts.....

That's why it's such a perfect time for thinking of you?

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO ALL CITY RETIREES**

Mailing Annual Dues

**PLEASE DO NOT MAIL ANNUAL DUES PAYMENTS TO KRIS LIBERTY.**

**MAIL TO:** Claire Beaubien, CTRA  
Membership Chair, 11130 N. Waite Rd.,  
Marana, AZ 85653

**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](mailto: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

**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)

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  
OR RENEWAL FORM**

- New Membership**  
 **Renewal**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print Legibly)

BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_ COT Emp. ID #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(For Retirement Office Use Only)

Complete the following ONLY for NEW Memberships OR if there is a change:

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S Name \_\_\_\_\_

DATE/DEPT HIRED BY CITY \_\_\_\_\_

DATE/DEPT RETIRED \_\_\_\_\_

Did you know that if you sign up for payroll deduction,  
you NEVER have to worry about paying your dues again –  
it is automatic!

(COMPLETE ONLY FOR PAYROLL DEDUCTION)

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

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required for Payroll Deduction)

If you would rather send a check every year for your dues,  
please complete the following section: **(Please note: Dues  
become due on January 1 each year.)**

Enclosed is \$6.00 for Annual Dues  
(Make check to CTRA)

MAIL TO: CLAIRE BEAUBIEN, CTRA MEMBERSHIP CHAIR  
11130 N WAITE RD, MARANA, AZ 85653