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CITY OF TUCSON RETIREES ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER 2009

CTRA'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY MEETING & LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 16, 2009



**TANQUE VERDE GUEST RANCH
14301 EAST SPEEDWAY**

**GATHER AND NETWORKING - 11:00 A.M.
INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS - 11:30 A.M.
LUNCH SERVED - 11:45 A.M.
ENTERTAINMENT: "MR. SMOOTH" JIM HEDRICK
DOOR PRIZE DRAWING
RESERVATION DEADLINE
DECEMBER 13, 2009**

LUNCHEON RESERVATION, TANQUE VERDE GUEST RANCH WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2009

**LUNCHEON BUFFET - \$16.00 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 \$16.00 = \$ _____ (Make check payable to CTRA)

**MAIL RESERVATIONS AND CHECK TO: RANDY SCHULER , CTRA TREASURER, P.O. BOX
41421, TUCSON , ARIZONA 85717 (Tel. 297-6938) Deadline DECEMBER 13, 2009**

DECEMBER EVENTS

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – Wednesday,
December 9, 2:30 p.m., Therapeutic Center,
1000 S. Randolph Way.
MEMBERS WELCOME!**

**MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST – Thursday,
December 3, 8:30 a.m., HOME TOWN BUFFET,
5101 N. Oracle Rd.**

**HOLIDAY LUNCHEON – December 16, See
information above.**

**GOLF ACTIVITY - Golf group meets each
Tuesday of the month. Want to Play? Call
KIRKE GUILD, 298-5672. Kirke will provide
information on golf course and tee times.
Golfing dates: December 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

**MAY THE JOYS OF THIS SEASON BE
WITH YOU AND YOURS THROUGHOUT
THE COMING YEAR!**



happy 
hanukkah

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

ROBERT DORAME – Retired from Community Services Department, August 2009.

EDNA GRANILLO – Retired from City Attorney, Civil Division, September 2008.

KAREN LARKIN – Retired from Parks and Recreation, August 2009.

TRINIE RIVERA – Retired from City Court, September 2008.

IN MEMORIAM

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of CTRA Lifetime member **ARTHUR V. URIAS** who passed away on November 6, 2009. Art retired from the Parks and Recreation Department 1989. He will be missed.

Our love and prayers go out to **WILLIS LUCAS** in the loss of his wife, **JUNE LUCAS**, who passed away on November 1, 2009. She and Willis were married for 63 years. We will always have fond memories of June and hope her family can find peace in this difficult time.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to **RANDY SCHULER** in the passing of his father, **LOUIS SCHULER**, on November 17th. Lou was a retired police officer. We wish Randy strength as he mourns the loss of his Dad.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES



A birthday is just the first day of another 365-day journey around the sun.
Enjoy the trip!
Wishing you a very warm Birthday!

Mike Acedo – 9th, Virginia Aguilar – 30th, Louis Allen – 13th, Frank Amparano – 6th, Agatha Anaya – 19th, Barbara Aragon – 15th, Khin Aung – 25th, Colleen Babcock – 17th, Patricia Bezila – 30th, Walter Berry – 27th, Rosemary Biglow – 3rd, Mike Bouchard – 15, Fernando Boyed – 28th, Al Bravo – 11th, George Bromley – 3rd, Petra Burchell – 20th, Gwena Burns – 10th, Cecilia Carrizosa – 31st, Sharon Clark – 20th, Laura Cruz – 6th, Barbara Dean – 16th, Merle Diggins – 12th, Vickey Dorman – 23rd. Lilly Douglas – 29th, Ladonna English – 9,

Sandra Ferns – 6th, Jean Ann Fisher – 16th, Morris Franks – 30th, Florencio Gallego – 2nd, Cecilia Gallego – 16th, Janet Garcia – 15, Francine Gisser – 30th, Salvador Godoy – 24th, Leilani Gomez – 1st, Refugio Gonzales – 14th, Barbara Grabosch – 9th, Jean Granillo – 2nd, Carol Greenawalt – 22, Jerry Gustafson – 20th, Luis Gutierrez – 24th, Sherry Haase – 31st, Robert Henry – 29th, Blas Herrera – 8th, Margaret Horn – 17th, Mabel Hornback – 13th, Jeff Josephsen – 6th, James Koshmider – 31st, Anne Kudas – 6th, Gilbert Larrinaga – 22, Kikuko Laurence – 21st, Victoria Leon – 3rd, Lizzie Lewis – 19th, Norval Loftus – 10th, Inosencia Lopez – 28, Juan R. Lopez – 22nd, Rudy Machado – 6th, Suzanne Machain – 26, Yolanda Molina – 14, Rovine Nordahl – 13th, Grace Ochoa – 17, Constance Olson – 20th, Robert Olson – 5th, James Patterson – 11th, Bonnie Pawlowski – 9, Rene Perez – 8th, Amelia Quinn – 13th, James Quinn – 19th, Delia Ramirez – 20th, Gabriel Ramirez – 27, Mary Frances Ramirez – 3rd, Roger Reid – 9th, Vincent Romero – 9th, Chris Ronstadt – 15th, Mary Ann Rosas – 6th, John Ross – 1st, Eunice Ruiz – 25th, Laura Ruiz – 3rd, Genita Salvagio – 29, Sally Santa Cruz – 26th, Ann Sakurai – 14, Ernest Silvas – 11th, Magda Siry – 7, James Singleton – 21st, Helen Smith – 31st, Pedro Soza – 20th, James Spain – 23rd, Mario Titone – 20th, Frances Valdez – 3rd, Berta Valenzuela – 24th, Thomas Vargas – 16th, Ken Vermillion – 11th, James Vigil – 20th, Ramona Villeneuve – 29th, Paul Wentzel – 28th, Anabelle Whipple – 28th, Juanita Williams – 10th, Lloyd Wisdom – 18th, William Witschi – 16th, and Enrique Yanez – 23rd.

ANNUAL CTRA BARBECUE WORDS TO SAY THANK YOU

The following members are recognized for their individual and collective contributions in making the “2009 Barbecue” a day of happy memories on October 21st.

Harry and Shirley Patterson
Bob and Sharon McCusker
Arlene and Ralph Imoehl
Dwight and Carla Eller
Louie & Jeanne Allen

Rudy Aros	Ken Bolle
Paul Miner	Robert Trujillo
Randy Schuler	Jeanine Domicone
Kathy Rowland	Jenefer Carlin
Bob Melzer	Agatha Anaya
Lois Rios	Jean Wilkins

Now that the work is done for another year, we want to thank these volunteers with a grateful heart for their dedication and hard

work to make the barbecue a huge success for 139 guests. We could have never asked for more committed volunteers. Words can never express how they are appreciated! THANK YOU!!!!

TSRS UPDATE

While the economy has gained some stability and showing signs of growth, recovery of losses experienced by the Tucson Supplemental Retirement System in FY 2009 is a slow process.

The System's Actuary reports the fair market value of the System's assets decreased from \$650 million to \$484.6 in FY 2009.

The Funded ratio for the year decreased from 79.1% to 77.4% (this is comparable to the 2005 funded ratio of 77.6%).

The good news as of November 17, 2009 is TSRS assets were \$540.4 million.

Other factors reported in the Actuarial report include:

Contribution Rates: The Retirement System is supported by member contributions, City contributions and investment earnings from retirement system assets.

The City financed portion of the contribution rate for FY 2010 is 18.02% of member payroll. This represents a contribution increase of 1.18%.

Pensions being paid June 30, 2009 – 2,365
Annual Pension Payroll ----- \$50.8 Million

Average age of New Retirants during 2009 – 60.2 years of age, as compared to 58.7 years of age in 2008.

Average pension for new retirants in 2009 is \$32,388.

Active members in the System on June 30, 2009 was 3,175.



RECENT RETIREES

- RODNEY ARMSTRONG – General Services
- WILSON HUGHES – Environmental Services
- MARGARET RICHIE – City Attorney's Office
- BOBBY SWEET – Information Technology
- DOROTHY RUELAS – City Court (End of Service Program)
- MARY BUCKWICH – Police Department
- MAJORIE KING – General Services.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

This year, as past years, participations at the Thanksgiving Potluck for CTRA members was a huge success. About 100 guests shared in the annual event and celebrated the day with good friends, old and new.

Planning and executing this event required a lot of work on the part of volunteers. Appreciation and thanks to the following volunteers for making the day a great day!

CTRA Executive Board: Agatha Anaya, Sharon McCusker, Randy Schuler, Jeanine Domicone, Arlene Imoehl, Lois Rios and Jean Wilkins.

Robert McCusker	Jenefer Carlin
Kris Liberty	Ken Bolle

A big "thank you" to members who brought their favorite side dish and helped with folding tables and chairs when the potluck was over.

A special thanks to Parks and Recreation Theapeutic Center Staff for set-up of tables and chairs.

CTRA members took this opportunity to donate 106 pounds of food to the Community Food Bank along with \$51 in cash to purchase additional food items for distribution to needy families at this holiday season.



2010 ANNUAL CTRA DUES
Time to pay 2010 dues! Due By
January 1, 2009.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
and ANNUAL RENEWAL FORM
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!
Call JEAN WILKINS, 747-1044
Membership Chair, if you have questions

*DATE _____
*NAME _____
BIRTHDATE _____
*ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____ TELEPHONE _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS _____
SPOUSE _____ BIRTHDATE _____
DATE HIRED BY CITY OF TUCSON _____
DEPARTMENT _____
DATE RETIRED _____
DEPARTMENT _____
INTERESTS _____

* _____ 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)

MAIL TO: JEAN WILKINS
CTRA Membership
510 S. Harvard
Tucson. Arizona 85710

HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHO TO MARRY?
(Written by kids)

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming. - **Alan, age 10**

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. - **Kristen, age 10**

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HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF TWO PEOPLE ARE MARRIED? You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids. - **Derrick, age 8**

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MOM AND DAD HAVE IN COMMON? Both don't want any more kids. - **Lori, age 8**

WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE? Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough. - **Lynnette, age 8**

On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date. - **Martin, age 10**

WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE? When they're rich. - **Pam, age 7**

The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that. - **Curt, age 7**

The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do. - **Howard, age 8**

IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED? It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them. - **Anita, age 9**

HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK? Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a truck hit her. - **Ricky, Age 10**

FRIENDSHIP

FRIENDSHIP ISN'T ABOUT WHOM YOU HAVE KNOWN THE LONGEST TIME, BUT ABOUT WHO CAME AND NEVER LEFT YOUR SIDE!

