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CITY OF TUCSON RETIREES ASSOCIATION

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## MAY ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

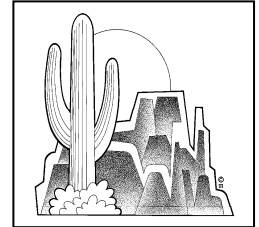
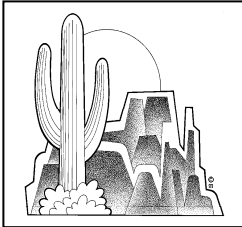
MAY 20, 2009 – 12:00 NOON

TANQUE VERDE GUEST RANCH

14301 EAST SPEEDWAY

ENTERTAINMENT

JIM HENDRICKS, ONE MAN BAND



(Door Prizes)

\*\*\*\* RESERVATION DEADLINE: MAY 17, 2009 \*\*\*\*

(Door Prizes)

### MAY ACTIVITIES

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING** – Wednesday, May 13, 2009, 2:30 p.m., Therapeutic Recreation Center, 1000 S. Randolph Way. MEMBERS WELCOME!

**MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST** – Thursday, May 7, 2009, 8:30 a.m., HOME TOWN BUFFET, 5101 N. Oracle Rd. (located on Oracle just north of River Road).

**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: MAY 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2009.

**LUNCHEON** – Wednesday, May 20, 2009, 12:00 Noon. Please note deadline for reservations is MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>. Come join the fun!

### ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

CTRA'S election of officers is May 20<sup>th</sup>. Four board members will be elected to assist in guiding CTRA through 2009-2010. The Nominating Committee submits the following candidate slate for 2009-2010:

**Agatha Anaya** - Nominated for Chairperson position. Currently serving second term as Chairperson. Previously served as Treasurer. Agatha retired from Budget and Research in 2003.

**Sharon McKusker** – Nominated for Vice Chair position. Currently serving as board Secretary. Sharon retired from Police Department in 2006.

**Randy Schuler** – Nominated for Treasurer position. Randy retired from Development Services in September 2008.

**Jeanine Domicone** – Nominated for Secretary position. Jeanine retired from General Services in June 2008.

### LUNCHEON RESERVATION, TANQUE VERDE GUEST RANCH WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2008

**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: ARLENE IMOEHL, 5000 E. GRANT #227,

Deadline MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>

TUCSON, ARIZONA 85712 (325-9618)

Deadline May 17<sup>th</sup>

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**RODNEY BOYD (SHIRLEY)** – Retired from Operations Department in November 2007.

**MARJORIE GORSKI (BILL)** – Retired from Development Services in January 2008.

**ROSEMARY HAGEN (RICHARD)** – Retired from Tucson Library in 1998. (Herrick was her name at time of retirement.)

**CANDACE LEININGER (JOSEPH)** – Retired from General Services in September 2008.

**KATHY RUDOLPH (DAVE)** – Retired from Development Services in September 2008.

**LEE DELA WAGGONER** – Retired from Transportation Department in June 2007.

## RECENT RETIREES

THOMAS FLOOD – General Services  
DEBORAH GILBERT – General Services  
ALAN HATCH – Police Department  
JUDITH JACOBI – City Prosecutor  
NANCY LINDEMAN – Library  
PEGGY SIMPSON – Police Department

### (End of Service Program)

WAYNE BOGDAN – Development Services  
RUDY GRIJALVA – Environmental Services  
MELVIN HERRON – Water Department  
GILBERT ROMERO – Water Department  
JUDY SANDERS – Police Department  
RICHARD SYMCHAK – Parks & Recreation  
DAVID WITT – Development Services

## MAY BIRTHDAY WISHES



Wishing you the happiest of birthdays, and a year that's perfect in every way!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Ellen Alexander – 15<sup>th</sup>, Lucy Amparano – 17<sup>th</sup>,  
Judith Ashworth – 20<sup>th</sup>, Murray Baker – 24<sup>th</sup>,  
Robert Ball – 26<sup>th</sup>, Jasemine Barnes – 6<sup>th</sup>, Ken  
Bierman – 27<sup>th</sup>, Dina Bolle – 29<sup>th</sup>, Theresa  
Branger – 27<sup>th</sup>, Karen Bruning – 16<sup>th</sup>, Carlos  
Carranza – 22<sup>nd</sup>, Andy Carroll – 16<sup>th</sup>, Olga

## May Birthdays continued:

Chavez – 9<sup>th</sup>, William Cody – 31<sup>st</sup>, Hurvie Davis – 24<sup>th</sup>, Thomas DeRousse – 7<sup>th</sup>, Deloris DeRousse – 14<sup>th</sup>, Burt English – 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rachel Epley – 20<sup>th</sup>, Linda Failmezger- 21<sup>st</sup>, Marcia Fisher – 13<sup>th</sup>, Larry Gay – 5<sup>th</sup>, Providence Gendler – 25<sup>th</sup>, Robert Gerhart – 17<sup>th</sup>, Carol Gorsuch – 6<sup>th</sup>, Nils Henningsen – 23<sup>rd</sup>, Jeanette Hinton – 11<sup>th</sup>, Irene Herrera – 22<sup>nd</sup>, Betty Holpert – 15<sup>th</sup>, Ray Kent – 12<sup>th</sup>, Lois Knowlton – 4<sup>th</sup>, Barry Kroeger – 29<sup>th</sup>, Beth Larson – 19<sup>th</sup>, Robert Leon – 11<sup>th</sup>, Dave Lloyd – 29<sup>th</sup>, Lois Lockhart – 3<sup>rd</sup>, Eleanor Loftus – 29<sup>th</sup>, Arlene Lopez – 20<sup>th</sup>, Herman Lopez – 28<sup>th</sup>, Bette Mayfield – 16<sup>th</sup>, Karen McDonald – 24<sup>th</sup>, Jimmie McKnight – 26<sup>th</sup>, Frank Moreno – 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sylvia Murguia – 16<sup>th</sup>, Manuel Natividad – 15<sup>th</sup>, Richard Nunez – 7<sup>th</sup>, Fernando Obregon – 31<sup>st</sup>, Rubie Ortiz – 27<sup>th</sup>, Nanette Pageau – 29<sup>th</sup>, Linda Paschal – 28<sup>th</sup>, John Patronski – 25<sup>th</sup>, Shirley Patterson – 13<sup>th</sup>, Shirley Peterson – 21<sup>st</sup>, Sylvia Rico- 14<sup>th</sup>, Manuel Romero – 18<sup>th</sup>, Jim Rushing – 21<sup>st</sup>, Hazel Sager – 9<sup>th</sup>, Alice Salazar – 25<sup>th</sup>, Feliciano Sanchez – 4<sup>th</sup>, Ignacio Sanchez – 5<sup>th</sup>, Tommy Sautter – 24<sup>th</sup>, Lois Searer – 20<sup>th</sup>, Glenn Seplak – 7<sup>th</sup>, Virginia Shaffer – 20<sup>th</sup>, Kathy Shute – 14<sup>th</sup>, Darol Streiff – 29<sup>th</sup>, Thomas Sunderland – 19<sup>th</sup>, James Sutter – 1<sup>st</sup>, Lillian Titone – 12<sup>th</sup>, Evelyn Urias – 8<sup>th</sup>, Manuel Valdez – 20<sup>th</sup>, Norberto Varela – 26<sup>th</sup>, Dolores Vega – 23<sup>rd</sup>, Richard Villelas – 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sally Wantland – 24<sup>th</sup> and Bill Wantland – 15<sup>th</sup>.

## IN MEMORIAM



Recently four friends passed away. Although no words can help the pain of losing a loved one, we hope the peace which comes from the memories of love shared, comfort family members now and in the days ahead.

**MARGARET NICHOLS** passed away March 22, 2009. Margaret retired from Tucson Library in 1983. She joined CTRA in 1983 and became a Lifetime member in 1999. Margaret loved to travel and was big AZ Wildcat basketball fan. She passed away in California while visiting her family.

**In Memoriam continued:**

**RUTH ANN KELLY** passed away April 1, 2009. She retired from the Operations Department in 1983. She was one of the first Service Aides to be hired by the Tucson Police Department. Ruth joined CTRA in 1983 and became a Lifetime Member in 1999.

**ROSS DODGE** passed away April 12, 2009. Ross retired from Parks and Recreation in June of 1992. He became a CTRA member in 1993.

**ROBERT D. LAUDERBACK, JR.** passed away March 27, 2009. He worked for the Parks and Recreation Department and retired in July 2000.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**



Wishing all mothers a wonderful Mother's Day filled with happiness, laughter and love!

Mother's Day is a special day for all of us. It's time to kiss and hug the sweetest thing in the world - our Mother! Irrespective of how old we are, what positions we may have acquired in our lives or what is our status in the eyes of the world, we are always 'a darling child' to our Mothers. Mother is perhaps the only person in the world that is ready to forgive any mistakes that the child might have made but on the other hand she also can be the person who if angry would not speak to you for days. These characteristics of the mother are what separate her from all others. Mother's Day is the perfect time to pay a visit to our Mother, spend time with her, hold her hands, look into her eyes and say - "Thanks, Mom!"

**VERIFICATION OF E-MAIL ADDRESS**

CTRA members are requested to up-date E-mail address for CTRA's official records. This information is for official association business only and is kept confidential. E-mail addresses serve as a means of communicating with members and are becoming important in reaching members.

**(E-mail Addresses Continued)**

Please send your E-mail address to Jean Wilkins, Membership Chair at:

**jeanbwilkins@aol.com**

The CTRA Board appreciates your help in keeping records current.

*(Jean Wilkins, Membership Chair)*

**I BELIEVE**

I believe – A birth certificate shows that we are born; a death certificate shows that we died; pictures show that we lived!

I believe –Just because two people argue, it doesn't mean they don't love each other. And just because they don't argue, it doesn't mean they do.

I believe – We don't have to change friends if we understand that friends change.

I believe – No matter how good a friend is, they're going to hurt you every once in a while and you must forgive them for that.

I believe – True friendship continues to grow, even over the longest distance. Same goes for true love.

I believe – You can do something in an instant that will give you heartache for life.

I believe- It's taking me a long time to become the person I want to be.

I believe – You should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them.

I believe you can keep going long after you think you can't.

I believe – We are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.

I believe – Either you control your attitude or it controls you.

I believe – Heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done, regardless of consequences.

**"I Believe" continued:**

I believe – Credentials on the wall do not make you a decent human being.

I believe – That sometimes the people you expect to kick you when you're down will be the ones to help you get back up.

I believe – Sometimes when I'm angry I have the right to be angry, but that doesn't give me the right to be cruel.

I believe – It isn't always enough to be forgiven by others. Sometime you have to learn to forgive yourself.

I believe – No matter how bad your heart is broken, the world doesn't stop for your grief.

I believe – Our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for who we become.

I believe – Your life can be changed in a matter of hours by people who don't even know you.

I believe – Even when you think you have no more to give, when a friend cries out to you – you will find the strength to help.

I believe – That the people you care about most in life are taken from you too soon.  
*(Author Unknown)*

**MEMORIAL DAY REFLECTIONS**

Memorial Day is a good time to reflect on the sacrifices and services of American soldiers and veterans. The American military is, has always been and will always recruit the best and finest of the crop of young men and women of the country, and we will continue to shower them with appreciation, support and prayers, as we have always done. Memorial Day is an opportunity for us to express the special places they have in the hearts of American citizens.

National Moment of Remembrance was introduced in 1997. Since then, 'Taps' is at 3 p.m. throughout America to honor the contributions of our dead soldiers. All Americans

**Memorial Day Reflections continued:**

are encouraged to pay respect to them by keeping silent for one minute in their memory at 3:00 p.m., Memorial Day, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**DELINQUENT DUES**

2009 Annual Dues were due January 1, 2009. Several CTRA members are in a delinquent status. PLEASE CHECK TO DETERMINE IF YOU HAVE PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES. TO RETAIN ACTIVE CTRA MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES!

**CTRA 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, AZ 85710**