

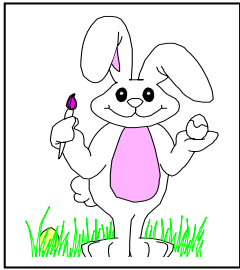


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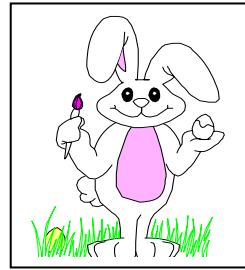


HAPPY EASTER

APRIL LUNCHEON

APRIL 15, 2009, 12:00 Noon

GOLDEN CORAL
4380 E. 22ND STREET



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APRIL ACTIVITIES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – Wednesday, April 8, 2009, 2:30 p.m., Therapeutic Recreation Center, 1000 S. Randolph Way. MEMBERS WELCOME!

BREAKFAST GROUP – Thursday, April 2, 2009, 8:30 a.m., HOME TOWN BUFFET, 5101 N. Oracle Rd. (located Westside of 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: APRIL 7,14, 21, and 28.

LUNCHEON – Wednesday, APRIL 15, 2009, 12:00 Noon,

MAY LUNCHEON & ANNUAL

MAY 20, 2009
TANQUE VERDE GUEST RANCH
14301 EAST SPEEDWAY

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

LORETTA BREVAIRE (BILL) – Retired from City Court, September 2008.

(New Members continued)

LINDA BUCZYNSKI – Retired from Development Services Department, September 2008.

VINCENT CATALANO (DONNA) – Retired from Transportation, October 2008.

IRENE HAGGARD (DUANE) – Retired from Finance Department, June 2008.

WILLIAM LOVE (CYNDY) – Retired from Water Department, June 2003.

GRACE M. OCHOA (RAY) – Retired from City Manager’s Office, August 2009.

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

Congratulations to eight loyal CTRA members who qualify for Lifetime membership:

ALICE CLEARY MARY DAILY
MORRIS FRANKS CLARICE KEISER
DONALD LOWE ALAN PETERSON
 TALITHA STOKES
 STANLEY VELLENOWETH

Age (80) and five consecutive years of membership qualify members to lifetime membership. The major benefit gained in becoming a lifetime member is the exemption from paying annual dues ever again (beginning January 1, 2010 for these eight new lifetime members).

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



A Simple Celebration,
A Gathering of Friends;
Here is wishing you great
Happiness, a joy that
never ends.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Robert Andersen – 14th, Robert Angone -26th,
Karol Aragonex – 6th, Patrick Bejarano – 15th,
John Bellingham – 19th, Lynn Bevill – 18th, Alice
Bostick – 29th, Gloria Boyed – 25th, Ramona
Burns – 4th, Macedonio Capistran – 8th, Julio
Ceniceros – 11th, Alice Cleary – 8th, Tunis
Conover – 20th, George Cruz – 17th, Grace Cruz –
3rd, Joe Cuestas – 2nd, Richard Daily -5th, James
Daniels – 27th, Maria Delgado- 5th, Artie Demarzo
– 16th, Jeanne Duguay – 5th, Bob East – 27th,
Molly Eley – 7th, Lynette Elias – 24th, Thomas
Elias – 24th, Bernard Elzweig – 22nd, Joe Flores –
16th, Joe M. Flores – 25th, Henry Fuentes – 7th,
Robert Godoy – 1st, Alicia Gonzalez – 19th,
Coletta Guiff – 9th, Gloria Hoffman – 11th, Michael
Holder – 8th, Virginia Holder – 14th, Bob Huber -
30th, Ralph Imoehl – 14th, Clarice Keiser – 15th,
Sandra Little – 20th, Gene Long – 22nd, Edy Lloyd
– 25th, Angela Lumm – 1st, Jesus Majuta – 22nd,
Arnold Maldonado – 27th, Jane Mallon – 24th,
Armando Monteverde – 6th, Helen Mastriano -
10th, Alex Maynard – 22nd, Beverly McKiddy, 20th,
Casey McNerney, Isabel Medina – 6th, Eileen
Miller – 26th, Janette Mills – 19th, Norma Mitchell
– 9th, Manuel Molina 16th, Angie Munoz – 5th,
Sheila Pattison – 4th, Irma Pearson – 2nd, Carol
Perez-14th, George Peterson – 17th, Myrtle Pitts –
2nd, Lucretia Quiroz – 10th, Erlinda Romero – 21st,
Mary Elena Sanchez – 25th, Evelyn Sandoval –
4th, Herb Sautter – 5th, Randy Schuler – 4th, Helen
Seader – 5th, Karan Spencer – 13th, Talitha
Stokes – 19th, Gloria Tautimer – 20th, Dean
Thorburn – 7th, Olga Unangst – 17th, Ted Vance –
2nd, Rosemary Vega – 23rd, Rich Velasco – 24th,
Chuck Williams – 4th, Tom Wilson – 8th, Sara
Wisdom – 8th, Fay Yanez – 7th, Jerry Yates – 15th,
and Fred Zahn – 30th.

RECENT RETIREES

BERNARD FENIMORE – Library
ANGELA SHOFFSTALL – Parks and
Recreation

GET WELL WISHES

MARGARET NICHOLS, a CTRA lifetime
member, left Tucson to spend Christmas
with her daughter, Barbara, who lives in
California. While there, she became ill. She
is still in California. After spending several
weeks in the hospital. she is now at her
daughter's home in Menlo Park on Hospice.

Cards and notes may be sent to Margaret
at: 425 Central Avenue, Menlo Park, CA
94025.

Our prayers and thoughts are with Margaret
and her family as she continues to fight her
terminal illness.

Speedy recovery wishes to THORIE RODE
who recently had surgery for a broken wrist.
Thorie, you are in our thoughts, and we're
all hoping that you will be enjoying better
health again soon.



IN MEMORIAM

Five retirees recently passed away.
Sympathy and condolences go out to
their families along with these
thoughts: "Thinking of you and
wishing you hope in the midst of sorrow,
Comfort in the midst of pain. May peace and
hope be yours today and always."

PHILLIPS MARSHALL died January 24, 2009.
Retired from Transportation Department in
January 1987.

ARTHUR KELLY died January 29, 2009. Retired
from Water Department in March 2003.

ISAAC THOMPSON died February 12, 2009. Re-
tired from Parks and Recreation in July 1990.

JAMES C. SMITH died February 13, 2009. Retired
from Transportation Department in January
1999.

HERMELINDA CADY, beneficiary of Frank Cady,
died March 6, 2009.

CTRA NEWSLETTER

TSRS Retirement Office will discontinue mailing pension checks/deposit receipts to retirees in the next few months. The Retirement Office is in the process of signing up those retirees who do not currently have direct-deposit for pension checks. Discontinuing the mailing of pension checks creates a problem for CTRA in the distribution of its Newsletter.

For approximately 25 years, the newsletter has been printed and mailed with pension checks to all retirees by the Retirement Office. The generous help of the Retirement staff in disseminating CTRA's newsletter in "hard copy format" will cease when the "direct-deposit" policy becomes effective.

However, the good news is the Retirement Office is developing a web-site (hoping to be on-line, available to retirees soon) and has advised the CTRA newsletter can be electronically posted and accessed on the TSRS web-site when it goes on line. When the TSRS web-site is up and running, CTRA will make newsletters available on the internet.

More on this subject next month.

CANDIDATES NEEDED! ELECTION OF 2009/2010 OFFICERS "YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

CTRA Officers will be elected (for one year term) at the Annual Meeting on May 20th.

Candidates are needed for following Board positions:

Vice Chairman
Treasurer
Secretary

Volunteers are needed! PLEASE step up and volunteer your skills and a few hours of time each month to support CTRA goals.

If interested in becoming a candidate call LOIS RIOS (326-3021)
Nominating Committee Chair.

SPECIAL NOTICE

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT PROVIDES INCOME TAX CREDIT TO PENSION RECIPIENTS

Did you know that the income tax withholding rates were changing? The IRS has announced that part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides a credit of up to \$400 per worker against their 2009 and 2010 income taxes.

To get this tax credit money into the hands of taxpayers now rather than later, legislators instructed the IRS to revise the withholding rates so workers can see a boost in their take-home pay now.

The IRS has already released new withholding rates and asked employers to implement them no later than April 1, 2009.

This change in withholding affects pension benefit payments, but in order to change your current withholding, you MUST fill out a new withholding form and submit it to the Retirement office.

Tax Withholding form is included for your convenience. If you want to change your withholding, please fill out the form and mail it to the Retirement office at P.O. Box 27210, Tucson, AZ 85726-7210.

(Michael Hermanson, Retirement and Benefits Adm.)

TSRS UPDATE

The TSRS Board of Trustees completed re-write of City Code Chapter 22, Article III – Tucson Supplemental Retirement System. The Board has one final review to perform and then Retirement Administrator will prepare necessary documents to Mayor and Council for review, discussion and action. It is anticipated the City Manager will propose revisions in at least one section of the Code relating to Active City Employee Contributions. The only revisions affecting Retirees are those reported in last month's newsletter.

Discussion of Revised Code is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, APRIL 21, 2009, at the Mayor and Council Study Session, and can be viewed on T-V Channel 12. April 21st Agenda and communication materials should be available on City of Tucson website www.ci.tucson.az.us Thursday before the meeting. (JEAN WILKINS, TSRS RETIREE REP.)

DELINQUENT DUES

2009 Annual Dues were due January 1, 2009. Several CTRA members have not paid 2009 dues and are now in a delinquent status. PLEASE CHECK TO DETERMINE IF YOU HAVE NOT YOU'RE YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES. TO RETAIN ACTIVE CTRA MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE MAIL CHECK FOR \$6.00 ANNUAL DUES IMMEDIATELY!

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

*** Complete only this info for
RENEWAL**

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

This poem was written by a young girl terminally ill with cancer in a New York Hospital. As her dying wish, she wanted to send a letter telling everyone to live their life to the fullest, since she never will. her thoughts are in the poem below.

SLOW DANCE

Have you ever watched kids on a merry-go-round? Or listened to the rain slapping on the ground?

Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight? Or gazed at the sun into the fading night?

You better slow down. Don't dance so fast. Time is short.. The music won't last.

Do you run through each day on the fly? When you ask How are you? Do you hear the reply?

When the day is done, do you lie in your bed with the next hundred chores running through your head?

You'd better slow down. Don't dance so fast. Time is short. The music won't last.

Ever told your child, we'll do it tomorrow? And in your haste, not see his sorrow?

Ever lost touch, let a good friendship die cause you never had time to call and say, 'Hi.'

You'd better slow down. Don't dance so fast. Time is short. The music won't last.

When you run so fast to get somewhere you miss half the fun of getting there.

When you worry and hurry through your day, it is like an unopened gift.... Thrown away. Life is not a race.

Do take it slower, hear the music before the song is over.

HAPPY EASTER



May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year
Bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold dear.



Member's Selection of Federal and Arizona Income Tax Withholding Pension

CITY OF TUCSON HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT RETIREMENT OFFICE

Name: _____ Social Security No: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Federal Income Tax Withholding Preference

The pension payments you receive from the City of Tucson Retirement System are subject to Federal income tax withholding. We will calculate withholding on the taxable portion of your payment.

Please check item 1, 2, or 3. If you check 3 please indicate the number of exemptions claimed.

- 1. I do NOT wish to have Federal withholding tax deducted from my benefit. I realize I am liable for payment of Federal income tax on the taxable portion of my pension, and that I may be subject to tax penalties under the estimated tax payment rules if my payments of estimated tax and withholding are not adequate.
2. I wish to have \$ _____ withheld from each monthly benefit check.
3. I wish to have the Retirement System determine the amount, if any, of Federal income tax to be withheld in accordance with the tax tables and the exemptions claimed below.
Married Single Total Exemptions Claimed

Arizona State Income Tax Withholding Preference

Please check item 4 or 5:

- 4. I do NOT wish to have State withholding tax deducted from my benefit.
5. I wish to have the Retirement System withhold State income tax in the manner prescribed below:
10% of the Federal withholding - minimum, if annual income is less than \$15,000
19% of the Federal withholding - minimum, if annual income is greater than \$15,000
23% of the Federal withholding
25% of the Federal withholding
31% of the Federal withholding
37% of the Federal withholding

I understand that if I choose any of these withholding options, it will remain in effect until I revoke or change it. I also understand that I may revoke or change my election at any time.

Signature: _____ Date: _____