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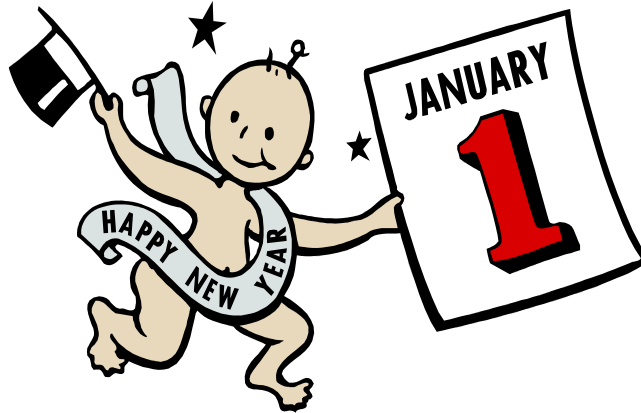
CITY OF TUCSON RETIREES ASSOCIATION

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"Every new day begins with possibilities. It's up to us to fill it with things that move us toward progress and peace."
(Ronald Reagan)



"Here's to the bright New Year, and a fond farewell to the old; here's to the things that are yet to come, and to the memories that we hold."
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

CTRA JANUARY LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2012, 12:00 NOON
RIC'S CAFÉ
5605 E. RIVER ROAD (Craycroft and River Road)

JANUARY ACTIVITIES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – Wednesday, January 11, 2012, 2:30 p.m., at Parks and Recreation Therapeutics 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: January 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2012.

LUNCHEON SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2012

(All RESTAURANT luncheons begin at NOON.)

JANUARY 18, 2012 – RIC'S CAFÉ, 5605 E. RIVER RD.

FEBRUARY 16, 2011-GREAT WALL CHINA, 2445 S. CRAYCROFT ROAD.

RECIPE FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Take twelve whole months
Clean them thoroughly of all bitterness,
hate and jealousy.
Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.
Now cut each month into twenty-eight,
thirty or thirty-one different parts,
but don't make up the whole batch at once.
Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients.
Mix well into each day one part of faith,
one part of patience, one part of courage,
and one part of work.
Add to each day one part of hope,
faithfulness, generosity and kindness.
Blend with one part prayer, one part meditation and
one good deed.
Season the whole with a dash of good spirits,
a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play
and a cupful of good humor.
Pour all of this into a vessel of love.
Cook thoroughly over radiant joy,
garnish with a smile.
and serve with quietness, unselfishness
and cheerfulness.
You're bound to have a happy new year.

NEW YEAR'S WISHES

May you get a clean bill of health from your dentist, your cardiologist, your gastro-endocrinologist, your urologist, your psychiatrist, your gynecologist, your plumber and the IRS.

May your hair, your teeth, your face-lift, your abs and your stocks not fall; and may your blood pressure, your triglycerides, your cholesterol, your white blood count and your mortgage interest not rise.

May December 31st find you seated around the dinner table, together with your beloved family and cherished friends, ushering in the new year ahead. You will find the food better, the environment quieter, the cost much cheaper and the pleasure much more fulfilling than anything else you might ordinarily do that night.

May you wake up on January 1st, finding that the world has not come to an end, the lights work, the faucets flow and the sky has not fallen.

May what you see in the mirror delight you, and what others see in you delight them.

May someone love you enough to forgive your faults, be blind to your blemishes and tell the world about your virtues.

May you remember to say "I love you" at least once a day to your spouse or significant other, your children, your parents and your friends.

May we live as God intended, in a world at peace and the awareness of His love in every sunset, every flower's unfolding petals, every baby's smile, every lover's kiss and every wonderful, astonishing, miraculous beat of our heart.

In the New Year, we wish you the best year you've ever had, and that each New Year will be better than the last. May you realize your fondest dreams and take time to recognize and enjoy each and every blessing.

HAPPY NEW YEAR, AND MANY MORE!

RECENT RETIREES

ANITA CAGGIANESE – Police Department
FILIBERTO GARCIA – Environmental Services
LAURA STAPLES – City Courts
STUART MILNE – City Attorney
CECILIA SOTOMAYOR – City Clerk

An additional 170 employees will be retiring on or before December 31st as the last group of city employees to retire under the "End of Service Program."

"Congratulations to all, you made it! May you have Health, Happiness and success as you pursue your retirement dreams."

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

Congratulations to ANNE DENNEY, CONNIE JAYME AND DONALD PAWLOWSKE, SR. who are CTRA's newest Lifetime Members.

Their years of supporting CTRA is recognized and greatly appreciated. Also happy 80th birthday to all three!

Beginning 2012, they are exempt from paying annual dues in recognition of their new status as Lifetime members.

IN MEMORIAM

CTRA Lifetime member, GENEVIEVE WHITLOCK, 97 years of age, passed away November 26, 2011. Genevieve retired in 1979 from the Engineering Division. Genevieve joined CTRA in 1983.

KATHY (KAT) RUDOLPH – passed away on November 11, 2011. Kat retired from Development Services in 2008 and became a CTRA member in 2009.

"Our deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of Genevieve and Kat. They are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May they hold tight to memories for comfort."

Our thoughts and prayers are with THERESA SOTO in the loss of her father, Frank Soto, on November 22, 2011. "May the peace that comes from the memories of love shared comfort Terry and her family now and in the days ahead!"

**SPECIAL HAPPY NEW YEAR TO
CTRA CHARTER MEMBERS**

A special Happy New Year to CTRA’s Charter Members:

- DOROTHY ARNOLD
- CHESTER COULTER
- HELEN FOSTER
- PROVIDENCE GENDLER
- EMELINE HELTEN
- ANN HICKS
- ELSIE HOBBS
- RICHARD LINDENMUTH
- WILLIS LUCAS
- JAMES MARR

When CTRA was initially organized in 1983 there were 160 Charter Members. With the passing of time, today there are 10 surviving charter members. Our Charter members are recognized for their foresight, untiring efforts and hard work getting CTRA organized and providing the leadership, dedication and loyalty to keep the Association alive and well.

Elsie Hobbs is recognized as the key individual, along with her husband A. B. Hobbs, leading the organizational effort and providing outstanding leadership for many, many years. Elsie also served as CTRA’s first elected Chairperson.

Happy New Year to all Charter Members, and when the new year’s done, may the next year be even better - full of happiness and joy!

GET WELL WISHES

KATHY ROWLAND AND JOHN O’HARE were recently hospitalized. Both have been released and are at home. We send get well wishes to Kathy and John for a fast and full recovery to health and happiness!

**HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR
SEARCH – ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

The City is in the process of recruiting a new Human Resources Director. There are seven finalists in the Executive Recruitment process. CTRA member BEVERLY GINN, is sitting on one of the scoring panels to represent retirees in the assessment process.

TSRS UPDATE

On December 15, 2011, the assets of the Tucson Supplemental Retirement System were \$542.5 million. Because of market volatility, assets continue to go up and down daily.

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Three newly elected members to the TSRS Board of Trustees will be seated on the Board at the January 26, 2012 TSRS regular meeting:

- Karen Tenace – Employee Representative (works as finance manager in Fire Dept.)
- Brandi Kadous – Employee Representative (Brandi is currently a Trustee and was elected for another two year term.)
- John O’Hare – Retiree Representative (John recently retired from Water Department.)

Jenefer Carlin will continue to serve as CTRA’s liaison to the TSRS Board of Trustees. Jenefer retired from the Finance Department.

CTRA ANNUAL DUES

Message to members from Kris Liberty,
CTRA Membership Chair

As the CTRA Membership coordinator, I want to remind members that CTRA dues are based on calendar year.

If you became a CTRA member in the last months of 2011, please remember that 2012 dues need to be paid in January, 2012.

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. Kris Liberty, 520-883-7883, e-mail - kris_liberty@msn.com

Any member who has not paid 2012 dues by April will receive notification that their membership will be placed on Inactive Status unless dues are paid.

OBSERVATIONS ON GROWING OLDER

**TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN,
YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE, SO
ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS!**

Your kids are becoming you, and you don't like them, BUT your grandchildren are perfect!

You forget names.. but it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!!!

You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep."

You tend to use more 4 letter words... "what?," "when?" ...??

Now that you can afford expensive jewelry, it's not safe to wear it anywhere.

Everybody whispers.

You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet – 2 of which you will never wear!

BUT OLD is good in some things: Old songs, old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!

2010/11 CTRA EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Sharon McCusker – Chairman (722-2325)
- Jeanine Domicone – Vice Chair (733-2424)
- Randy Schuler – Treasurer (906-7767)
- Kathy Rowland – Secretary (884-5313)
- Agatha Anaya – Past Chairman (889-3690)
- Lois Rios – Outreach (326-3021)
- Kris Liberty – Membership Chair (883-7883)
- John O'Hare –TSRS Retiree Rep. (881-2308)
- Jean Wilkins – Newsletter Editor (747-1044)

2012 DUES REMINDER
MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE
JANUARY 1, 2012
DON'T FORGET TO MAIL!



**IF ON PAYROLL DEDUCTION, DEDUCTIONS
WILL AUTOMATICALLY CONTINUE.
LIFETIME MEMBERS DO NOT PAY DUES**

**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!
CTRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
AND RENEWAL FORM**

DATE _____

NAME _____

BIRTHDATE _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____ TELEPHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

SPOUSE _____ BIRTHDATE _____

DATE HIRED BY CITY _____

DEPARTMENT _____

DATE RETIRED _____

DEPARTMENT _____

_____ 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)

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