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## CTRA ANNUAL BARBECUE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2011 – 12:00 NOON RAMADA #22, REID PARK



The annual barbecue is sponsored by CTRA. ALL City of Tucson Retirees are invited to attend. \*

NO COST TO CTRA MEMBERS (dues must be current)  
Members receive a maximum of two (2) FREE meal tickets.

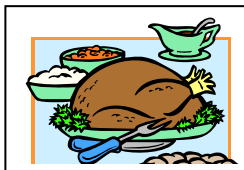
\*A \$6.00 per person charge for retirees and guests NOT CTRA members. EVERYONE MUST CHECK IN AT RECEPTION TABLE FOR MEAL TICKETS.

Thanks to HARRY PATTERSON and the Barbecue Committee for again coordinating this special event. HARRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP (SERVE, COOK, SET-UP. ect). IF WILLING TO HELP, E-MAIL HARRY AT--- [hpatterson@aol.com](mailto:hpatterson@aol.com)



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THIS FUN AFTERNOON OF FELLOWSHIP AND GREAT FOOD!

Directions to Barbecue: Traveling SOUTH on Country Club, turn left at first entrance to Reid Park, south of Broadway (Concert Way). Traveling NORTH on Country Club from 22nd St., make right turn at second park entrance (Concert Way). Immediately turn LEFT once in park. Ramada #22 is at the far end. Bathrooms are adjacent to ramada.



## CTRA ANNUAL THANKSGIVING POTLUCK WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2011, 12:00 NOON PARKS THERAPEUTIC CENTER, 1000 SOUTH RANDOLPH WAY

CTRA's annual potluck luncheon FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS is Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. CTRA will provide TURKEY, GRAVY, POTATOES, DRESSING, BUTTER, ROLLS AND DRINKS (water, coffee and iced tea). MEMBERS AND GUESTS ARE TO BRING A FAVORITE THANKSGIVING DISH OR DESSERT TO COMPLEMENT THE FOOD PROVIDED BY CTRA.

To insure a variety of food is available, please use the food categories listed below for the type of dish to bring. Determine what to bring by using first initial of LAST NAME. EXAMPLE: If last name begins with "M" bring a Salad/relish tray. "T" a Dessert.

A – H -VEGETABLE DISH    I -- O –SALAD/RELISH TRAY    P – Z - DESSERT

Traditionally the Thanksgiving Potluck is a great time for meeting and greeting CTRA members. Please join in celebrating Thanksgiving 2011 with your friends.

COMMUNITY FOOD BANK DONATION - Please bring to the Potluck non-perishable food items to be distributed to those in need during the holidays. DONATIONS APPRECIATED!



**ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2011  
TANQUE VERDE GUEST RANCH**  
\$18.00 per person  
GATHER AND NETWORKING – 11:00 A.M.  
INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – 11:30 A.M.  
LUNCH SERVED – 11:45 A.M.  
ENTERTAINMENT  
DOOR PRIZE DRAWING  
RESERVATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 10, 2010



**LUNCHEON RESERVATION, TANQUE VERDE GUEST RANCH  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2011**

**LUNCHEON BUFFET - \$18.00 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 \$18.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO CTRA**

**Mail reservations and check to: RANDY SCHULER, CTRA TREASURER,  
2620 W. Camino Llano, Tucson, Arizona 85742 (Telephone 297-6938)  
RESERVATION DEADLINE: December 10, 2011**

**Mark your calendars! Plan to spend a fun afternoon with friends celebrating the holiday season.**

**Information about CTRA's fall and winter annual events is listed in this Newsletter. This is the only hard-copy issue of the Newsletter that will be printed until the end of December. Newsletters are posted each month on the retirement website. Hard copy Newsletters are mailed in MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER along with Quarterly pension check information. Please retain the Registration Form for the December Holiday Luncheon if you plan to attend. WEBSITE TO ACCESS CTRA NEWSLETTER: [WWW.TUCSONAZ.GOV/RETIREMENT/](http://WWW.TUCSONAZ.GOV/RETIREMENT/)**

**OCTOBER ACTIVITIES**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – Wednesday, October 12, 2011, 2:30 p.m., at Parks and Recreation Therapeutics Center, 1000 S. Randolph Way. MEMBERS WELCOME!**

**MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST – Thursday, October 6, 2011, 8:00 a.m., HOME TOWN BUFFET, 5101 N. Oracle Road.**

**GOLF ACTIVITY – Golf group meets each Tuesday of the month. Call Kirke Guild at 298-5672 if interested. Kirke will provide information on golf course and tee times. Dates: October 4, 11, 18, and 25.**

**ANNUAL BARBECUE – Wednesday, October 19, 201, 12 Noon. Ramada #22, Reid Park. See notice on Page 1.**

**RECENT RETIREES**

**Thomas P. Carlson – Police Department  
Joel S. Surratt – Water Department  
Marta Manjeot – Water Department  
Patricia Knutson – No Department listed  
Johnnie Schappachar – General Services  
David J. Enicks – General Services  
John W. Behrens – Finance Department  
Richard O. Singer, Jr., Convention Center**

**ELECTION OF TSRS RETIREE REPRESENTATIVE**

The NOMINATING/ELECTION COMMITTEE, composed of LIZ MILLER, SCOTT DOUTHITT AND RANDY SCHULER, has verified that the following candidates have met the candidacy requirements for the position of Retiree Representative Trustee on the Tucson Supplemental Retirement System. The candidate elected by TSRS retired employees will serve a three year term beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2014.

JOE LADENBURG    ROBERT MARTIN  
JOHN O'HARE

The ballot for voting for the candidate of your choice is enclosed with this newsletter. The candidate receiving the most votes will be the Retiree representative.



**VOTE TODAY**

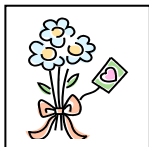


**ELECTION BALLOT FOR RETIREE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE TSRS BOARD OF TRUSTEES IS ENCLOSED. PLEASE VOTE AND MAIL TODAY!**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

- SANDRA BORQUEZ**, Retired from Water Department, June 30, 2011.
- LESLIE GRANT (LILLI)** – Retired from General Services, June 2006.
- KATHLEEN KILLON** – Retired from Office of Economic Opport. & Dev., August 2010.
- RICHARD MATYAS (VERNA)** – Retired from Water Department, February 2008.
- ED ONTIVEROS** – Retired from Parks and Recreation, May 2011.
- MICHAEL F. RUSSELL (KAREN)** – Retired from Water Department, June 2011.
- CATHY SHIRLEY** – Retired from Budget Department, April 2011.
- DEAN TAYLOR (SANDRA)** – Retired from Police Department, June 1989.
- JULIE YBARRA** – Retired from Development Services, July 201

**GET WELL WISHES**



Lifetime Member, **ELSIE HOBBS**, is recuperating at home with a broken shoulder.

**KAY GRAY** is recovering from recent surgery at her home in Colorado Springs.

To both Elsie and Kay ““you are in our thoughts, and we're all hoping that you will be enjoying better health again soon.”

**CONGRATULATIONS  
NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS**

LOIS KNOWLTON    DONALD ALFF  
ROBERT GERHART    ROBERT PAYNE

Congratulations to our new Lifetime Members. Their years of supporting CTRA is recognized and greatly appreciated! With a combination of age and years of membership, these members have qualified for Lifetime Membership. Beginning 2012, they are exempt from paying annual dues.

**IN MEMORIAM**



We are saddened by the loss of so many of our friends during the summer. Our deepest sympathy is with their loved ones. May fond memories help them through this difficult time.

**CTRA MEMBERS**

- JANET AGER** – Deceased June 14, 2011
- CARMEN COCIO** – Deceased August 20, 2011
- SHIRLEY REID** – Deceased June 25, 2011
- HAZEL SAGER** – Deceased July 6, 2011
- RUDY URBINA** – Deceased June 27, 2011
- KEN VERMILLION**- Deceased August 2, 2011

**OTHER RETIREE DEATHS**

- MANUEL C. GONZALES** – Passed away 6/14/11
- VIRGIL FALKNER** –Passed away June 15, 2011
- ABNER ROBERTS** – Passed away June 22,2011
- JOE L. ROMERO** – Passed away July 5, 2011

**2010/11 CTRA EXECUTIVE BOARD**

- Sharon McCusker – Chairman (722-2325)
- Jeanine Domicone – Vice Chair (733-2424)
- Randy Schuler – Treasurer (297-6938)
- Kathy Rowland – Secretary (884-5313)
- Agatha Anaya – Past Chairman (889-3690)
- Lois Rios – Outreach (326-3021)
- Kris Liberty – Membership Chair (883-7883)
- Jean Wilkins –TSRS Retiree Rep. (747-1044)
- Jean Wilkins – Newsletter Editor (747-1044)

**FAREWELL AND THANKS  
TO A FRIEND**  
(Open Letter)

CLAIRE BEAUBIEN, City of Tucson Retirement Office Administrative Assistant, retires on October 8<sup>th</sup>. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the support and assistance Claire has provided to retirees, and especially to the City of Tucson Retirees Association (CTRA) in the processing of our newsletters over the past nine years.

“Claire, I know I speak for the CTRA Executive Board and other retirees when I say, we will miss your professional expertise and friendship and wish you only success and happiness in your future endeavors.

As you move into the next amazing chapter of your life, know that you will be remembered for the professional, efficient, and thoughtful service you provided retirees. Know also that our very best wishes and thoughts go with you. May you have days full of laughter and happiness and enjoy all the things you've been looking forward to. Congratulations on your retirement!” Sincerely

Jean Wilkins, Newsletter Editor

**HAPPY GOLDEN WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY**

DANIEL L. and CHARLOTTE JACOBS celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in June, while on a trip to Laughlin with their family, three children and five grandchildren. They were married on June 10, 1961.

JEAN ANN and MARCUS DEE FISHER celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 9, 2011. The couple was married in Tucson in 1961 and are blessed with three children and eight grandchildren.

Your CTRA friends say “Congratulations to both couples on this very special occasion. On this golden anniversary, it is time to reflect on all the joy your marriage has brought you over the years. Since your wedding day, many more pleasures have come to you because you chose to love each other. As you reminisce, let those fond, happy memories strengthen your commitment to love and care for each other.....forever.”

**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**

**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)

**MAIL TO: KRIS LIBERTY  
CTRA Membership  
2951 W. Alaska  
Tucson, Arizona 85746**

\* Complete for Renewal

**ELECTION BALLOT**  
**RETIREE REPRESENTATIVE TRUSTEE POSITION**  
**CITY OF TUCSON SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM**  
**TERM OF OFFICE: JANUARY 1, 2012 TO DECEMBER 31, 2014**

The City of Tucson Retirees Association (CTRA) is responsible for holding the election to fill the Retiree Representative Trustee Position on the Tucson Supplemental Retirement System Board of Trustees.

After seeking candidates for the position, the CTRA Nominating Committee, composed of Liz Miller, Scott Douthitt and Randy Schuler, recommended to the CTRA Executive Board the following candidates be placed on the election ballot:

**JOE LADENBURG** – Retired as Deputy Director of the Finance Department in 2008. He holds a Bachelor of Science Business Administration Degree from the University of Arizona. For 20 years in his City career, he worked with and provided staff support to the TSRS Board of Trustees. He states “as Investment Analyst, Treasury Administrator, and Deputy Director my experience grew in all aspects of the administration of the retirement system and the responsibilities of the TSRS Board.” Joe’s suggested ideas for keeping TSRS financially sound and secure are: “Focus on the long term goals and objectives specific to TSRS. Exercise prudence in managing the liabilities as well as the assets of the retirement system. Maintain appropriate diversification of the investment portfolio.”

**BOB MARTIN** – Retired as Deputy Director of the Parks and Recreation in 2006. He holds B.S. – Business Degree, Northern Arizona University, Major in Finance. He also is a graduate of the Certified Financial Planner Certification Education Program, College for Financial Planning and is currently a Certified Financial Planner. Bob says “a strong voice is needed on the Board of Trustees to ensure the retirement system continues to fulfill the promises made to current and future retirees. I believe I possess the knowledge and skills to successfully fulfill this role and am committed to doing my part to ensure the Board of Trustees acts in the best interest of retirees.” He suggests ways to enhance the System are “ to seek out and implement best management practices of other sustainable pension plans, closely monitor investment managers to ensure they achieve target investment returns, and ensure the city continues to fully fund its annual pension contributions.”

**JOHN O’HARE** – Retired as a Staff Assistant in the Tucson Water Department in 2010. He then went into the End of Service Program and will leave City service December 31, 2011. He holds a B. A. Economy Degree from University of Notre Dame and Juris Doctor Degree from University of Arizona and M. S. Finance Degree from University of Arizona. John served 12 years as a TSRS Employee Representative Trustee representing active employees. Since the end of his last term, he frequently attends TSRS Board meetings. John’s interest in serving as the retiree trustee is “to ensure the safety and viability of the TSRS Fund for my fellow beneficiaries by using my experience and expertise.” He suggests ways to enhance the retirement system are to “Ensure City administration does not use or divert TSRS Trust Funds to purposes other than for the exclusive benefit of the members or their beneficiaries; Research pension best practices to keep TSRS System Safe and improve returns; Change bidding process for Actuary and Investment Consultants; Establish education and training program for Trustees; and Have staff research best practice of top public pension funds.”

**VOTER ELIGIBILITY AND BALLOT**

**ANY CITY OF TUCSON RETIRED EMPLOYEE, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE TUCSON SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.**

**Special Voting Instructions:**

1. Submit only one (1) ballot.
2. Vote for only one (1) candidate.
3. Retiree Name must be on mailing envelop to verify eligibility.

**CANDIDATES: (LISTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER) – VOTE FOR ONLY ONE (1) CANDIDATE**

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|--------------------------|---------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | JOE LADENBURG |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | BOB MARTIN    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | JOHN O’HARE   |

**MAIL ELECTION BALLOT TO: CTRA ELECTION COMMITTEE,  
6990 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 110, P. O. BOX PMB 180, Tucson, AZ 85710**

**DEADLINE FOR FILING BALLOT – OCTOBER 19, 2011**