



AMERICAN EXPRESS RETIREES ASSOCIATION PHOENIX

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April 2024



PRESIDENT – Arnold Doyschen

April/March showers will bring the flowers in April and May along with unwanted weeds. Weeds bring the spring/summer allergies, so do what you can to eradicate those miserable weeds.

As the weather brings out the flowers, we are hoping to bring out the members for our upcoming member meetings:

- April 25 - Chompies Restaurant, luncheon meeting, with Guest Speaker from AARP to discuss **“Driver Safety”**
- May 16 - Red Devil Restaurant, luncheon meeting, with guest speaker from the Phoenix Police Department with a discussion on **Ways Seniors can Protect Themselves**, from scams and home invasions.

NEW for 2024 - Mark your Calendar, October 31 - “Halloween - Trick or Treat”

It’s never too early to get out your best Halloween costumes designed and ready to wear to go trick or treating with your fellow retirees. Not door to door, so don’t worry. It’s going to held (location TBD) with lunch. Plans are still in the infancy stage; you will be notified as details are finalized. Just make sure you note the date so you do not miss this activity.

GOOD TIMES AHEAD

There are more activities and events in the planning stages and as soon as they are finalized, details will be forthcoming. I can give you a hint.....a casino trip is on the agenda for the summer.

I am looking forward to seeing a full house at all of the above, so do not hesitate to make your reservations in advance “now”. Don’t miss out on all the FUN and of course all the great food..

VICE PRESIDENT– Judy Janson

Hello to all my retiree friends,

I want to thank Steve Hall for the many, many) hours he spent working with our internet provider GoDaddy. There had been an issue with some Gmail accounts, where blasts and newsletters were not being received by the members. The manual workaround required Steve to identify the impacted people and send out the information separately. We all hope that finally with this last couple of weeks of follow up and calls with GoDaddy, that the fix is permanently in and that everyone will receive the newsletter and any blasts that go out reminding members of upcoming events. Again, thank you, Steve!



I heard you all and you agree about having another member meeting at Chompies. Get your reservations in to Kathy and hopefully we can fill the room. We have both of the rooms at this meeting. *see you there!*

IMPORTANT

I'm hoping that there is a member out there who will step up to the board position of Secretary. The job is not difficult to perform and the board would enjoy a new member to attend the meetings and share new ideas.

Everyone have a safe and enjoyable month. Also,



TREASURERS – Allen & Pauline Neely

\$15 Membership Dues have been paid for all existing members for 2024

Mr. & Mrs. Allen Neely 22428 N. 54th Way Phoenix, AZ 85054

SUNSHINE CHAIRPERSON – Irene Provenzale



If you have any news to share regarding a member, please call or text me at 602-405-9135. Keep on saving those pop tabs, please!

DONATION COORDINATOR – Nan Pflumm

Thank you to Carol Mueller for sending in this tip that she saw on Facebook. If you are getting rid of any kind of luggage, do not take it to Goodwill. Clean it up and drop it off at your local foster care agency. Foster kids are often asked to transport their belongings from place to place in a trash bag. Just a thought as we get closer to our Spring Cleaning.



Bring in your new or old greeting cards to the next member meeting. They will be given to the St Jude's Ranch for Children.



Congrats to Arnold Doyschen who won \$80 in the 50/50 raffle at the Spring Picnic!!!

I can provide donation receipts for tax purposes. You can reach me at 602-670-2552 if you need me to pick items up from you (but they do have to fit in my car!)

WEBMASTER – Rex Provenzale



Steve Hall has been working on a email distribution problem and concern for several months. During his attempt to fix our dilemma with GoDaddy, Steve has been hung up on, placed on hold for many minutes, and basically not received a resolution to our problem. Steve has remained dedicated to the cause, and like a boxer, returned to the ring and went back in fighting. Recently, the right representative made the difference, and Steve was successful in his repair. I applaud Steve for all his fine work, his dedication to the cause, and making a positive difference in this organization! Thank you, Steve!!!



Please send me your photos of your old Amex days for the amexra.org website.

SOCIAL CHAIRPERSON – Kathy Mance

**FUN
TIMES!**

but

*We Missed
you!!!!*

WOW! Where is everyone? The attendance for our Spring picnic and our St Mary's Volunteer was exceptionally low. Hopefully, you are all well and attendance will improve in the future.

Our Spring Picnic was attended by only 48 members and guests. Everyone was very happy with their meals. We had games, visited, and enjoyed the great weather.

Only three people showed up to volunteer at Saint Mary's Food Bank on March 12th. Very disappointing. I am hoping the low attendance was due to spring break and people were busy with grandchildren.

Important Dates
and **INFORMATION**

The April game day will be on Monday, April 15th (see flyer).

We are scheduled to volunteer at Surprise on April 23rd. The details are on the flyer attached. Contact me if you are going to volunteer.

The April lunch and meeting will be at Chompies at 11AM on April 25th. **Please sign up before April 22nd**. A flyer is attached with the details.

To RSVP to events or to contact me, please use phone number 480-286-4949. If I do not answer, leave a voicemail.

NOTE: ONE EVENT per CHECK. All event checks/money orders should be made payable to "American Express (or AMEX) Retirees Association" not to me directly for banking purposes. Checks are cashed after the event to avoid issues if the event is cancelled.

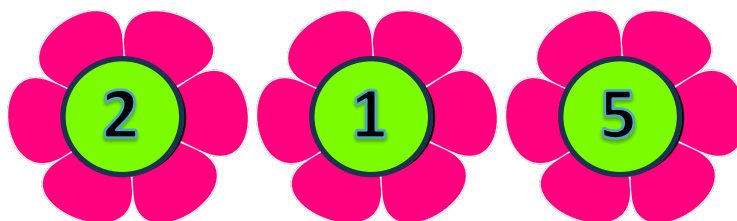


SECRETARY → OPEN



You can review the minutes from any Member Meeting on the Retirees Website **amexra.org** or at any of our Member Meetings.

TOTAL MEMBERS for April 2024



Please contact me if you are interested in adding an emergency contact to your record.

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BD	Member	BD	Member	BD	Member
1	Paula Schultz	12	Allen Neely	22	Ruth Anne Golab
2	Mar Dee Rumold	15	Sherrill Adkins	23	Jan Meyers
3	Kathy Angevine	17	Virginia Gill	27	Jane Ryta
6	Kit Carson	17	Mary Jo Wells	28	Jo Ellen Usher
7	Janice Williams	18	Kathryn Rudell	29	Nancy Harvey
8	Nan Pflumm	21	Janice Biedinger		

Individuals born in April are more likely to have a positive outlook on life. That's right; they see the glass as half full, even in challenging situations. Of course, life isn't always easy, but these optimistic souls are experts at finding the silver lining.

AMEX Retirees Board Members

Arnold, Judy, Allen, Pauline, Kathy M., Irene, Marilyn,, Kathy A., Nan, Rex, Mary

US Cities and Terms



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| ALBUQUERQUE | LINCOLN | PUGET SOUND |
| ALPINE ZONE | LOS ANGELES | RENO |
| ANCHORAGE | MAYFLOWER COMPACT | SACRAMENTO |
| ANTHRACITE | MEGALOPOLIS | SALEM |
| BAYOUS | MOUNT RUSHMORE | SALT LAKE CITY |
| BICAMERAL | NEZ PERCE INDIANS | SAN FRANCISCO |
| BISMARCK | NOTCHES | SANTA FE |
| BITUMINOUS COAL | OKLAHOMA CITY | SILICON VALLEY |
| BLUFFS | OLD FAITHFUL | SIoux CITY |
| CHEYENNE | OLYMPIA | TILL PLAINS |
| DENVER | OMAHA | TIMBER LINE |
| DRIFT | PAINTED DESERT | TOPEKA |
| DUTCH HARBOR | PANHANDLE | TOWNSHIP |
| GRAND CANYON | PETRIFIED FOREST | TRUCK FARMS |
| JUNEAU | PHOENIX | UNICAMERAL |
| LAKE MEAD | PIERRE | WILLIAMETTE VALLEY ₆ |
| LAS VEGAS | PRAIRIE | |