



AMERICAN EXPRESS RETIREES ASSOCIATION PHOENIX

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March 2025



PRESIDENT – Arnold Doyschen

Fellow retirees,

Hello from your walking wounded fellow retiree! I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Picnic in The Park on March 20th at 11:00 a.m., Saguaro Ranch Park. This is going to be a very colorful and a different style than in the past. You do not want to miss this one!

Your Board of Directors met on February 20th and agreed on the following schedule for member meetings:

March 20	Picnic Lunch and Meeting
April 17	Chompie’s Lunch and Meeting
May 15	Anzio’s Pizza Lunch and Meeting
June/July/August	Summer vacation; no meetings*
Rest of year	To be scheduled

* There will be other activities planned for this time period. Our Social Director, Kathy Mance, is very busy planning for you.



It’s true! The US Treasury will no longer mint new pennies. We won’t need them anyway, as we will be collecting dimes for the Ira Murphy School. Please start saving those dimes. Details will shared at the Picnic on March 20th – see you there!



STAY WELL * STAY SAFE



VICE PRESIDENT– Judy Janson

Hello to all my retiree friends,

I hope you will all join us at the March picnic at Saguaro Ranch Park. As always, we have a great picnic planned for all.

If any of you have a guest speaker that would like to come to one of our meetings and share information about retirement, I would be happy to contact them. The police were fantastic in helping all of us protect ourselves in our homes and out in the community. Information like that helps all of us feel safer as we go through our daily routines.

The President's article pretty well sums up events we have planned and I know all of you are happy about Chompie's being on the schedule.

Everyone have a safe and enjoyable month of March and



DONATION COORDINATOR – Nan Pflumm



Please bring old, unused eye glasses, sun glasses, readers, and eyeglass cases to the Spring Picnic. These will be donated to Lions Club.

Please remember "Don't Throw It Away". Please contact me at 602-670-2552 to call for pickups.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON – Marilyn Weyandt amexra@amexra.org



211 members



If you know anyone who is interested in joining the retirees, ask the person to send an email to amexra@amexra.com to request the membership application.

SOCIAL CHAIRPERSON – Kathy Mance



Tuesday, Feb 10th - St Mary's Food Bank - Surprise was attended by five members and guests. They filled carts and assisted loading cars for elderly, handicapped, and those with small children as needed. No matter how small our turnout is, I am sure it is appreciated. Also, we have a member meeting scheduled on May 15th so I will be changing the volunteer activity that was scheduled for that day. See the attached flyer that shows the May 15 volunteer event is cancelled and a new one will be scheduled.

...and more to come!

I am investigating the possibility of a Bowl-A-Thon in August as a fundraiser for Ira Murphy School. You can also save your dimes to help achieve our donation goal for the school. We will distribute 8oz water bottles with labels at the picnic for you to fill with dimes. We will collect the bottles at the November picnic. Additional information will be discussed at the March Picnic.

We have several upcoming events in the works - game days -member meetings and hopefully, a casino trip - a theater event - and a car museum. PLEASE READ YOUR EMAIL BLASTS.

Upcoming Events (flyers attached)

- Thursday, March 20: Spring Picnic
- Thursday, April 17: Member meeting at Chompie's
- Thursday, May 15: Member meeting at Anzio's

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.

WEBMASTER – Rex Provenzale

We are always looking to increase our membership and more members mean more activities and more fun!! Everyone knows someone who is not (yet) an American Express Retiree member. Bring an AMEX retiree non-member to one of our volunteer activities, get together or meetings, and receive \$10 in Retiree Bucks if they become a member.



At the end of the year, the top 3 members who brought in new members will get an additional \$10 in Retiree Bucks!

Ask the person to send an email to amexra@amexra.com to request the membership application



Please visit our website, amexra.org, for information about our organization including copies of our latest newsletter, event forms, pictures from our events, and much more!

SECRETARY – Kathy Fernandez

Please contact me if you have questions about the meeting minutes.

SUNSHINE CHAIRPERSON – Irene Provenzale

Member George Scarfo's wife of 61 years passed away on January 13th. A sympathy card was sent to George from the Retiree Association



Keep on saving those pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Please remember, only pop tabs from sodas, beers, and other aluminum can beverages. Thank you!



If you have any news to share regarding a member, please call or text me at 602-405-9135

TREASURERS – Allen & Pauline Neely

Dear Fellow Retirees,



\$15 Membership Dues have been paid for all existing members for 2025

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BD	Member	BD	Member	BD	Member
3	Lynn Schwartzhoff	12	Billie Fox	18	Larry Pratt
5	Pam Doty	13	Hedy Getson	18	Teresa Rogers
7	Mary Daly	14	Vera Randolph	20	Cheryl Graner
8	Jeanette Carter	15	Lyn Campbell	21	Linda Blatz
8	Shelley Deshotel	15	Mary Yeoman	25	Cynthia Nord
9	Dottie Jay	16	Cora Ainsa	26	Hope Bennett
10	Darby Richter	16	Robin Castellanos	26	Steve Hall



With 3,928 mountain peaks and summits, Arizona has more mountains than any of the other mountain states (Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming).

AMEX Retirees Board Members
 Arnold, Judy, Allen, Pauline, Kathy M, Irene, Marilyn, Kathy A, Nan, Rex, Kathy F, Mary

Dogs

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