



# AMERICAN EXPRESS RETIREES ASSOCIATION PHOENIX

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**PRESIDENT – Arnold Doyschen**  
**VICE PRESIDENT - Judy Janson**



Hello to all of our retiree friends!

By the time you read this newsletter, summer will be upon us. We hope all of you have started the season off doing fun activities with friends and family. Because of the very hot weather heading our way, please remember to stay safe, hydrate more, and stick to the shade!

At our last Board of Directors meeting, a major change was approved that affects our membership dues. Effective immediately, all existing members are now Lifetime Members with no future dues required. Moving forward, all new members will simply pay a one-time joining fee of \$15.00 when they sign up, with no additional dues required down the road. To simplify our record-keeping under this new system, the annual \$15.00 Retiree Bucks issued annually to each member will be discontinued immediately. If you have any questions about this change, please let us know.

Our Social Director has quite a few things planned for the upcoming months, and the Board would love for all members to attend as many of these events as possible. Judy attended the Magic Show on Sunday and learned that we already have some new members joining our ranks—good job, everyone! Potential members really can come to us at the strangest times. Recently, we met a gentleman who was working at St. Mary's. He saw our group t-shirts, came over to talk to us, and discovered our Retirees Association. Let's hope he decides to join!

Please pay particular attention to the email blasts being sent out over the next few months. Because our newsletter is every other month, these blasts are the only form of communication for all of our upcoming summer events. Looking ahead, our next official member meeting will be on September 17th, and the location is still in the planning stages. Stay tuned for details!

Wishing everyone a safe, healthy, and enjoyable



## SOCIAL CHAIRPERSON – Kathy Mance



April 9<sup>th</sup> /May 12<sup>th</sup> St Mary's Volunteer Days - There were only six member volunteers in attendance in April and seven in May. We may be a small presence compared to some other groups, although every person helps make a difference. We go to lunch after our shift and have a good time visiting. If you decide to join the group, contact me to get a volunteer shirt.

May 24<sup>th</sup> Carnival of Illusion - There were sixteen members and guests signed up for the event. We first met at Zin Burger for lunch. The menu had a good variety, and everyone seemed to find something they would enjoy. We then went to the Wrigley Mansion for the Carnival of Illusion featuring David Minkin. Three of our group were participants on stage. The show was exceptional!

### Upcoming Events



- June 23: Cliff Castle Casino Trip
- July 16: Game Day at Belaire
- August 16 : Bowlathon at Bowlero 59<sup>th</sup> and Bell
- October: Halloween Event
- November: Thanksgiving Feast
- December: Holiday Event

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.

## DONATION COORDINATOR – Nan Pflumm



Don't throw anything away!

## SUNSHINE CHAIRPERSON - Irene Provenzale

John Karis, husband of member, Jocelyn Karis, fell at home recently. He needed some stitches in his head, but is recovering well.



Greta Guisinger fell in a parking lot on March 8. She suffered a fractured skull and broken nose and spent time in ICU, a trauma center and a skilled nursing facility for about a month. She is back home and doing much better. She looks forward to getting to see us soon.

If you hear of any members who could use a “Get Well” or “Thinking of You” card, please let me know.

Please save those pop can tabs! We have a little over 50 pounds already!!



## MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON – Marilyn Weyandt

211 members

**welcome**  
NEW MEMBERS

Becky Ashworth  
Mary Ater  
Karin Hicks

Invite your Amex retired colleagues to join our association. Email [amexra@amexra.org](mailto:amexra@amexra.org) for the membership application.

## AMEX Retirees Board Members

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



<b>BD</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>BD</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>BD</b>	<b>Member</b>
1	Brenda Halligan	14	Jackie Greivis	27	Kimberly Conn
1	Gloria Keil	15	Rita Wright	28	Cathy Blanton
1	John Vaszily	17	Julie Boyce	29	Rex Provenzale
5	Dee Casey	23	Bob Hoss	30	Debbie Hollis
12	Jim D'Angelo	27	Carol Mueller	30	Joyce Lawson
12	Maude Young			31	Jeannie Eastman



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4	Mares Wright	8	Pi Y Hsu	19	Gretta Guisinger
5	Rose Hodan	8	George Scarfo	21	Ed McClusky
5	Alfredo Zamora	10	Josefine Drazkowski	26	Betty Huffman
8	Karen Burbach	11	Mary Ater	29	Becky Ashworth
				29	Jerry Mueller

# Gardening

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