



AMERICAN EXPRESS RETIREES ASSOCIATION PHOENIX

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January / February 2026

PRESIDENT – Arnold Doyschen
VICE PRESIDENT - Judy Janson

Hello fellow retirees,

Members of the American Express Retirees Association, as we welcome the new year 2026, it's a good time for all of us to pause and reflect on what is truly important and meaningful. A new year offers the opportunity to reconnect, share ideas, and look ahead to what we would like this year to be.

We would love to see as many members as possible attending our meetings, events, and activities, helping to show the true vibrancy of our association. Thank you all for the many past years of enjoyment, friendship, and involvement—we truly look forward to another wonderful year together.

We also want to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who attended our first meeting of the year. It was a great meeting, filled with positive energy and many ideas that will help guide our events moving forward. As we go ahead, we'll be putting some of those ideas into practice to ensure we can continue hosting all of our picnics and events throughout the year.

We hope to see strong attendance at our February meeting at Chompies on February 19th at 11:00 a.m., and we look forward to another engaging gathering. Please remember that our newsletter is published every other month, so be sure to check the flyers for dates and details about upcoming events.

Here's to a great year ahead for our retirees association!



SOCIAL CHAIRPERSON – Kathy Mance

I hope everyone has had a great start to 2026 and will be able to attend many of the events throughout the year. Here's a recap of recent events:



- Dec 29/ Jan 7: St Mary's Volunteer Days - There were only three member volunteers in attendance on Dec 29th. The group worked on filling boxes with bread. There were several other groups in attendance. On Jan 7th, six members volunteered, once again working on the bread line. Volunteers completed 72 pallets of bread, and 2,808 Emergency Food Boxes, enough to help feed 4,392 families.
- Dec 7: Famous Dave's and Theater Works – The Holiday Event was attended by 30 members and guests. We started off with a good lunch in a private room at Famous Dave's. After lunch, everyone made their way to Theater Works where we enjoyed a great performance of "A Christmas Carol". The theater was small, and every seat had a good view of the stage. The play was well received and provided a festive atmosphere to kick off the holiday season. It appeared everyone enjoyed the day. Members were surprised when Arnold gifted them a \$10 special participation coupon.
- Jan 15: Anzio's Member Meeting – The meeting was attended by 32 members and guests. We all enjoyed visiting and having some good Italian food. At the meeting it was decided we would have a picnic at Sahuaro Ranch on Thursday, March 19th. See flyer for details.
- Jan 22: Game Day – there were 19 people in attendance. We played Bingo and some Left Center Right.

Upcoming Events (details are on the flyers)

- Friday, February 13: St Mary's in Surprise
- Thursday, February 19: Chompie's Member Meeting
- Thursday, March 12: St Mary's in Phoenix
- Thursday, March 19: Picnic Member Meeting

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.

SUNSHINE CHAIRPERSON

Irene Provenzale

I'm sad to let you know that unfortunately we have recently lost a member. Lis Alberini passed on October 27. She attended many of our meetings and activities in the past, and was always a big contributor to our Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House collections. She will be missed.

I was also recently informed of Keith Halliday's passing. He was the Center Head of the Western Regions Operation Center (WROC), and the Phoenix Service Center for many years.



We are off to a good start with Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Please keep on saving them for this worthy cause.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy 2026!

DONATION COORDINATOR

Nan Pflumm

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON –

Marilyn Weyandt amexra@amexra.org

207 members

Don't throw anything away!

Invite your Amex retired colleagues to join our association. Email 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



JANUARY

BD	Member	BD	Member
3	Luise Paillet	13	Roni Naylor
4	Madeline Levy	27	Darlys Adams
5	John Rizzo	30	Marilou Fellman
8	Michelle Arrandale	30	Leslie Shaw
12	Jerry Stanhibel	31	Yolanda Hom

FEBRUARY

BD	Member	BD	Member
2	Athena Vitale	13	Karen Tutera
3	Norman Lundin	15	Jane Wood
4	Stephanie Sketo	21	Teresa Acacia - Carara
8	Beverly DeFalco	22	Denise Hughes
8	Don Schmid	28	Debbie Bailey
11	Fran Carmody	28	Karen Vasquez

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