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Your advocate in pension and insurance matters

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MEMBERSHIP IS OUR STRENGTH

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MEMBERSHIP

Changed your address or phone number? For address and/or telephone number changes, or for any questions about your COPRA membership, please contact Marvin Roelse, Membership Chairman. Marvin can be reached by telephone at (480) 288-1046, or by mail at: COPRA Chronicle, 10701 E. Peralta Canyon Dr., Gold Canyon, AZ 85118, or by e-mail at marvinr567@msn.com

COPRA RETIREE SURVEY

We want your feedback to help us improve.

Please complete the COPRA Retiree Survey on page 3.

Better yet complete the survey online at www.phoenixcopra.com.

Survey responses received by June 30 will be included in a raffle for a **\$100 gift card**.

If you have Phoenix retiree friends who are not members of COPRA, tell them to complete the survey online.

“Membership is Our Strength”

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining,
the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing,
and the lawn mower is broken.

~James Dent~

The COPRA Board wishes everyone a fun filled
safe summer!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I cannot believe we are now wrapping up our Chronicle for the summer recess. Your next Chronicle will be in September and hopefully all of you will enjoy the summer break. Everyone on the COPRA Board has continued to work hard providing their best efforts representing all of you on important issues with Pensions and Health and Benefits and that will continue through the summer even though we are on recess with the Chronicle. Recognizing that effort, the Board decided last month to reach out further to all of you, our members, and try to see what is of importance to you regarding COPRA and the work we do. We have done that in the past to better understand issues you may have. You will find a survey in this month's Chronicle that is

short but very important to us in getting your input on issues of concern and areas that we need to look at for the future.

Please fill out this brief survey and let us know what you think. The Survey Team has tried to make this process simple and straight forward since it is important that we hear from as many of you as possible. Be sure to send in your survey response by the end of June so you can be included in the \$100 gift card raffle. Remember you can mail in your response or respond online at www.phoenixcopra.com. The result of the survey and raffle will be available on our website in July and in the September Chronicle.

Sharing that with you, another very important meeting in our Annual Meeting Series will be happening this month dealing with Health and Benefits. Laura Ross (our COPRA Vice President and representative on the Health Care Task Force) has been working very hard with the City putting together a program that should be very informative for us all. A specific issue that can have an affect on retirees is the upcoming changes to the Federal Health Insurance Program that President Obama signed into law last month. The Personnel Department representatives will be providing additional clarity on this law while recognizing that it is a work in progress by the Federal Government. Obviously this is but one element of the Health Benefits Program that the City offers, so you can expect a great deal of information at this May meeting.

If we do not see you at this meeting, I trust you will have a great summer and be safe and stay well. We look forward to seeing you in fall at the October 7 meeting with the new City Manager, David Cavazos, regarding the State of the City. Please mark that date on your calendar as it will be a wonderful opportunity to hear from the City Manager.

Thank you and see you soon

Jack

COPRA MEMBERSHIP

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APRIL 2009 - 2514

COPRA RETIREE SURVEY

MAY 2010

COPRA periodically surveys retirees to learn how we can improve. The last survey was done in 2002. **Please complete this survey online at www.phoenixcopra.com or send this completed form to COPRA Survey, 191 N La Arboleta Ct, Gilbert, AZ 85234.** Please send us your response by **[June 30, 2010](#)** in order to be included in a **[\\$100 gift card raffle](#)**. The winner will be announced and notified in July.

1. Name _____ Telephone Number _____

2. Email Address _____

3. Would you like to share your email address with other retirees in a secure area?

Yes
 No

4. Number of years retired: less than 5 5 to 10 years more than 10 years

5. COPRA supports our nation's efforts to GO GREEN. If you have access to the internet may we send you the Chronicle by email? If not, please share with us why.

I currently receive the Chronicle by email
 Yes, please start sending me the Chronicle by email
 No, because _____

6. COPRA conducts annual meetings on your retirement fund and your retiree health insurance program. Do you attend?

Yes
 No. Suggested changes (i.e., topics, time): _____

7. What improvements would you suggest for the Chronicle (i.e., content, layout, frequency)?

8. These are difficult economic times for many retirees. COPRA is considering a social event, an evening dinner with music, in Spring 2011 that would raise funds to support senior services, for example, Hospice of the Valley. Do you think you would attend such an event?

Yes
 No

Comments: _____

9. Are there other issues or events you would like to see COPRA address? Or if you are not a member would you share with us why?

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Gilbert, AZ 85234

In Remembrance

Angela Panzarella	03/11/10
Raymond Suwalski	03/25/10
John Mikulka	03/25/10
Clark Williams	03/29/10
Margaret Wells	04/02/10 Survivor
Aiko Moriuchi	04/03/10
Paul Chinchurak	04/06/10
Wava Tomkins	04/08/10 Survivor
Donna Planeta	04/09/10
Phillip Coffman	04/10/10
Richard C Bagwell	04/12/10
Bernard Hunt	04/18/10
Vera Ames	04/27/10 Survivor

HEALTH AND COMPASSION

We care about our members and their families. If someone in your family is ill, whether at home or in a care facility, or if a loved one has passed away, please call Mary Dysinger-Franklin at (602) 705-8822.

NEW RETIREES

January 2010 Retirees
Robin Baysinger

February 2010 Retirees

James Baur
Daniel Cantu
Robert Cordova
May Herndon
Lynda Howell
Robert Lacher
David Laird
James Leo
Mary Lucking
Rebecca Martinez
Angel Morales
Richard Moreno
Ronald Morice
Larry Peterson
Irvin Pinon
Jim Racca
William Ruehle

CORRECTION

The fund balance in the April Chronicle article (My Life on the COPERS Board) as of February 28th, 2010 was incorrectly stated as \$1,572,339. The correct amount is \$1.5 billion.

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COPERS website.....	www.phoenix.gov/phxcopers
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Personnel - Benefits Section	(602) 262-4777
COPMEA.....	(602) 262-6857

Chronicle Article Deadline

Please be advised that the deadline for submitting articles for the Chronicle is the **20th day of the month** before you want the article to appear. Any member may submit material for publication, but the Editor determines what will appear in the final copy based on suitability and available space.

This is your Chronicle. Help us by submitting articles of general interest. Tell us about yourself, your family, a trip you've taken or an interesting hobby you have. Suggestions are always welcomed.

E-mail to: COPRAnewsletter@gmail.com
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MEMBERSHIP MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Washington Adult Center
2240 W. Citrus Way
Phoenix, AZ
1:30 PM**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FOR THESE IMPORTANT
MEETINGS!**

**May 20, 2010 - Benefits Information Meeting
October 7, 2010 - State of the City with the City Manager
December 2, 2010 - Holiday Party (11:30 am)
(Mountain Preserve Center)**

**Board meetings are at 10 am on the 2nd Thursday of the Month
Except for June, July and August**