MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
Suzanne Van Ort, president, The University of Arizona Retirees Association

Greetings and welcome to the spring issue of Jubilación! We have had an exciting year of activities, the highlights of which I would like to share with you.

I was honored to have been elected to serve as UARA president and I appreciate the leadership of Vice-President Leonor Benitez, Secretary Fran Tickner and Treasurers Fenita King and Tom Rehm. Janice Murphy, past-president has been very generous in sharing her wealth of knowledge about UARA. Past-Presidents Stardust Johnson, Keith Meredith, and Cornelius Steelink were supportive throughout this year in providing historical contexts for those of us new to UARA.

The UARA Council is fortunate to have dedicated leadership for committees and events. Uwe Fink continued his excellent work as chair of the Legislative Committee. I am grateful that Tom Rehm chaired both the Finance Committee and the Education Committee. He arranged three educational programs this year and was helpful in assuming the Treasurer position. Linda Pace arranged the three UARA luncheons. We appreciate her talents. Jo Henry continued to take meticulous care of our membership records. Dianne Bret Harte assisted with Jubilación, served on the Nominating Committee, and participated actively in Council activities. Cornelius Steelink, Bob Sankey and Helen Mautner are revising our Constitution and Bylaws. In addition, Helen served on the Nominating Committee.

Heather Lukach and Kathleen Gonzalez Landis provided support to the Council in their specific areas of University expertise. Keith Meredith, past-president and currently a member of the ASRS Board continues to provide important information on ASRS and the benefits enjoyed by retirees in the system.

The UARA Executive Committee and Council adopted Goals for 2007-2008 that reflect our commitment to serving retirees, strengthening our links to the University, sustaining UARA through social and educational functions, and improving communication with external agencies. Built on the goals set forth in 2006-2007, UARA goals this year provided direction to our activities. With the help of everyone, we have been able to accomplish our goals.

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Several activities this year were of special significance to the Council and retirees:

Stardust Johnson and Bob Sankey developed scholarship guidelines and criteria that have been adopted by the UARA Council. We look forward to offering both the Irving Yall Book Award and the Graduate Scholarship this Fall.

The Council supported developing a UARA logo, new brochure and enhanced communication with our various constituencies. The logo and brochure will be ready for distribution soon.

The Council, through the leadership of Uwe Fink, monitored legislative proposals related to divestiture of ASRS funds. Recognizing the potential consequences for retirees, the Council supported writing letters to the Governor and to legislators asserting our objections. A copy of the sample letter sent to selected legislators appears later in this Jubilación issue.

The Council is working with Parking and Transportation Services to develop a program of parking options for retirees. For further information, please see the article in this issue regarding changes in campus parking in the coming months and years. We appreciate the openness to ongoing communication that has been offered by Parking and Transportation Director Patrick Kass and his staff. They are very willing to work with us to meet the needs of retirees.

The UARA Council meetings provide wonderful opportunities to meet our retiree group and to learn from the invited speakers. We hope you will join us for future Council meetings. Council meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month from 9-11:00 a.m., usually in Room 102/104 of the Vine Building at 1125 N. Vine. Please come and learn with us.

Please Note: Jubilación is designed to provide information to retirees about issues and items of interest to retirees. Publication of articles in Jubilación is for information purposes only, and does not represent an endorsement of products or support of issues by UARA, unless endorsement is specifically stated.

Thank you for your support this year and I hope you will plan to participate in UARA next year.

Best wishes
Suzanne Van Ort

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“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit.” Aristotle

EL RIO CENTER JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Do you know someone looking for part-time work? The El Rio Community Health Center has position openings for part- and full-time Member Services Representatives with shifts starting at 7:15 a.m. Further information can be obtained by calling the UARA Office at 325-4366. To apply, please send an email to jobs@elrio.org requesting an application or apply in person at Congress Clinic, 839 W. Congress Street, Second Floor, Tucson, AZ 85745.

GROUP LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE AVAILABLE

Linda Charlip, Director, Compensation and Benefits

The University of Arizona Human Resources Department is pleased to provide University of Arizona retirees and their family members with the opportunity to purchase - at competitive group rates - important financial security through a
Group Long Term Care Insurance plan issued by The Prudential Insurance Company of America. Group long term care insurance helps cover the costs of care that you or a loved one may need, including care received at home, in an adult day care center, in a nursing home or an assisted living/residential care facility.

Eligibility
This plan is available to University of Arizona retirees and their
• Spouse/domestic partner (same or opposite gender), and
• Surviving spouse/domestic partner (same or opposite gender).

Plan Highlights
• Five levels of nursing home care ranging from $100 - $500 daily benefit.
• Assisted living and home and community-based care covered at 60 percent of nursing home care daily benefit.
• A cash alternative benefit that provides maximum flexibility for using the cash value of the daily benefit amount.
• A premium refund available upon death feature that returns a portion of premiums paid into the plan if the insured dies, based on insured’s age at death and prior receipt of benefits.

How to Apply: University of Arizona retirees and their spouses/domestic partners may apply for coverage at any time, will be required to provide a comprehensive medical history, and are subject to full medical underwriting to determine eligibility for acceptance.

To apply, visit the Human Resources web site at http://www.hr.arizona.edu. Click on the news article labeled Group Long Term Care Insurance. Click on the link labeled Enrollment for University of Arizona Retirees. Then follow the instructions to log on to the Prudential website. You may print all required applications forms, or call Prudential toll free at 1-800-732-0416 to request an enrollment kit.

Premiums: Your premiums are based on the coverage options you choose and your age as of the date on your application. Your premiums will not increase solely because you get older or if your status changes. Your premiums can increase only if you increase your coverage, or if Prudential increases premiums for all plan members of your insured class.

This voluntary plan requires that premiums be paid directly to Prudential. Billing options include monthly bank account electronic funds transfer, or paying directly on a quarterly, semi-annually (receive a 2.83% discount) or annually (receive a 5.58% discount) schedule.

Maintaining Coverage: Your coverage will continue as long as you pay your premiums on time and do not exhaust your Lifetime Maximum.

Coordination of Benefits: The benefits of this plan may be coordinated with certain other coverages that provide benefits for the same services covered by this insurance. Consult your insurance certificate for more details.

Additional Resources: Visit the Human Resources website at http://www.hr.arizona.edu for a link to the Prudential website and additional plan information, including details of coverage, premiums, exclusions, and a sample certificate of coverage.

UA PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION
Bill Davidson, Marketing Services

There have been many questions about parking permits on the UA campus, especially since Parking and Transportation Services recent announcement of changes for 2008-2009. Here is an overview of the changes and how it affects you.

Retiree Permits entitle a benefits eligible retired employee to park in Zone 1 and south of Sixth Street lots at no charge. Four new south of Sixth Street lots and two new Zone 1 lots on the north side of campus will open this fall. At the same time, because of campus growth and construction, five of the Zone 1 lots on the south side of campus will be closed or converted to lot specific parking areas this fall. There will be no more Zone 1 parking on the south side of campus, only south of Sixth parking. Lot specific areas are not designated

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for retiree permits. A complete listing of the lot changes may be found online at: http://parking.arizona.edu/permits/changes_08_09.php.

Retirees holding state disabled license plates or disabled placards may also park in disabled spaces throughout the campus. Disabled retirees must display their state disabled placard and the retiree permit when parking in a campus disabled space. Disabled retirees may also park free in the Park Avenue, Tyndall Avenue, and Highland Avenue garages on a space available basis.

Retiree parking privileges are for the benefit of the retiree only. Others attempting to use a retiree permit may be subject to a fine. **If you are the holder of a retiree parking permit without an expiration date listed on it, please come in to the PTS office at 1117 E. Sixth Street to receive a new permit with a three year expiration date on it.** Permits were issued to retirees prior to August 2002 without expiration dates. All permits now have expiration dates! Retirees that hold permits with an 8/08/08 expiration date will receive a renewal application in May and when it is returned a new permit will be mailed to you in July.

Retirees who have returned to an active status greater than .49 FTE and are on the University of Arizona payroll are required to purchase a regular parking permit to park on campus. Permits are available at our office.

We look forward to assisting you with your parking needs. For more information, please call 626-PARK (7275) or go online at parking.arizona.edu.

**UARA NOW HAS TWO SCHOLARSHIPS**

The UARA Council approved guidelines for the UARA Graduate Scholarship at its March meeting. The UARA, as funds allow, will award two scholarships annually, one undergraduate and one graduate as follows:

The **UARA Irving Yall Book Scholarship** is awarded for the purchase of books to an undergraduate student with demonstrated financial need. In addition, the recipient shall be a freshman or sophomore, and be an Arizona resident.

The **UARA Graduate Scholarship** is awarded to a graduate student who is admitted to a graduate program and who is pursuing study related to aging issues. The recipient shall, in addition to the foregoing requirements, preferably be an Arizona resident, have the option of renewal provided a minimum 3.5 GPA is maintained, provide a brief report on his/her aging related studies for presentation in Jubilación and/or at a UARA luncheon.

Both endowments are held in the University of Arizona Foundation. Members wishing to contribute to the scholarship(s) should make their check(s) payable to the University of Arizona Foundation, specifying the name of the scholarship, then mail to UARA, Attention Treasurer Tom Rehm, P.O. Box 42391, Tucson, AZ 85733.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

*Uwe Fink, Chair, Legislative Committee*

Several bills that can have a negative effect on the investment returns of ASRS have been introduced in the current legislative session. The bills would require ASRS to divest itself of investments in companies doing business in the Sudan, Iran, North Korea, and Syria under a number of specified circumstances. Examples of such companies would be Coca Cola, Microsoft, Caterpillar and Honeywell. The opinion of the investment advisors of ASRS is that divestment from such companies would limit the choice of companies that would provide the best possible return to the members. There are direct costs that ASRS would bear in the implementation of such divestments, because none of the introduced bills include funding provisions. Some of the bills have a provision that would absolve the ASRS Board of their fiduciary responsibility to the retirees. The present statutes read that ASRS has a fiduciary responsibility to its members only (and not to the legislature).

At its meeting on March 11, the UARA Council members discussed these bills extensively, recognizing the admirable humanitarian reaction of our legislators to terrible conditions in Darfur, Sudan, and the potential costs to our troops in Iraq of the continuing complicity of its neighboring states in the violence there. They concluded, however, that the implementation of the proposed bills would ac-
complish little or nothing in improving the current situation. Accordingly, the Council voted to authorize UARA President Van Ort and Legislative Chair Fink to write to Governor Napolitano and appropriate legislators. The letter to legislators follows:

“On behalf of the University of Arizona Retirees Association Council (UARA), we are writing to object to proposed legislation that requires the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) to divest itself of investments in companies that currently do business in specific countries such as Sudan, North Korea, Iran, and Syria. We appreciate legislators’ views on the social and humanitarian outcomes of withdrawing support from these countries.

‘However, the potential negative impact on the ASRS and on individual retirees is objectionable for several reasons. Among these reasons are:

---Divestiture has not been demonstrated to be an effective mechanism for dealing with these international issues.

---The cost to ASRS and its member retirees is prohibitive in relation to the minimal impact divestiture would have in the international investment market and/or in individual countries.

---Fiduciary responsibility for the ASRS rests with the Trust and we believe this responsibility cannot and should not be interfered with for political outcomes.

‘Based upon our careful monitoring of the legislative proposals and our examination of the negative consequences for retirees, we ask that you and fellow legislators re-examine your positions and oppose ASRS divestiture.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.”

The Legislature’s website, www.azleg.gov, provides abundant information. On the “home page,” click on “Bills” (in the list of subjects at the left) to bring up the numbers of all bills introduced in the current session, grouped in 50-bill segments. Click the appropriate segment, then click on the subject bill number to read all the information available for that bill. The subject bills are listed below by number (as in HB 2705 for House Bill, etc.) and name. You will need these if you wish to communicate your sentiments on this subject to your representatives. On the webpage that groups all bills in 50-bill segments, there is a search box at the top. This is useful in finding “Strike Everything” (S/E) versions of bills like HB2151, which wasn’t introduced until the end of February, when its original language was stricken and Iran divestiture language was substituted. The easiest way to find the new version is by entering “S/E Iran” in the search box.

HB2705 - Sudan; investments; business operations; prohibition (see also SB 1366)
HB2151 - S/E: Iran; investments; prohibition (see also SB1411)
SB1489 - S/E: global security risks; investments; prohibition

**COMMUNICATING WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

*From the League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson Political Directory and Voter Information.*

**By Phone or Fax or E-Mail** (Phoenix, 1-800-352-8404)

Be brief - call during working hours.

**By Letter** (State Capitol, Senate Wing/House Wing, 1700 W. Washington 85007)

Be brief - one issue per letter. Identify bills correctly by title or contents or number. State personal position.

**Give reasons.**

Be Objective. Write legibly, include your name and address. Commend officials when they do things you approve.

Salutation to any government dignitary may be:

Dear (Mr., Mrs., Miss., or Ms.) ____________

It is significant to a legislator if s/he gets five or six letters on a bill. Your communication with your legislator counts.

**MAN’S BEST FRIEND**

A dog is truly a man’s best friend. If you don’t believe it, just try this experiment. Put your dog and your wife in the trunk of the car for an hour. When you open the trunk, who is really happy to see you?
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The fiscal year that ended June 30, 2007, is particularly noteworthy from a fiduciary viewpoint. The estimated (unaudited) rate of return on investment was 17.8% which is good in and of itself but the implications are even more important.

First, the downward trend in funding status that we have been experiencing for several years because of low contribution rates and increased benefits approved in the 90s, changing demographics and the market downturn in the early 2000s, has now reached the bottom of the trough at approximately 83% and will begin an upward trend rising this next year to an estimated 85%. We project that this will mark the beginning of a continuing positive trend. This reversal of trend has come 2-3 years sooner than we had projected.

Second, the rate of return has a positive impact on future Permanent Benefit Increases (PBIs). Now, before anyone gets too excited, the answer is: No, we will not get a PBI in 2008 or even 2009. However, the potential of a PBI in 2010 is very good, which is considerably sooner than 2012, which was our previous projection. These PBIs, when granted, will be smaller than we are accustomed to at first as the PBI pool of funds is developed. The PBI has been particularly difficult for members to understand given that it is not tied to an index such as the CPI (consumer price index), is based on an averaging calculation based on excess returns over a ten year period beginning in 2001, and is determined by statute and not by the discretion of the Board. We should remember that the PBIs that we have received are essentially a “free” benefit that we did not pay for. It comes entirely from return on investment.

All of these positive projections are based on the assumption that we continue to meet or surpass an actuarial assumed 8% rate of return. The recent turmoil in the market gives us pause in our euphoria.

The recent market volatility does warrant some comment in this discussion. The question that legitimately could be asked is: What is the exposure of our investments to the credit uncertainty and, more specifically, to sub-prime loans? The second part of the question is the easiest to respond to. Our direct exposure to sub-prime loans and associated defaults is very minimal and will have little influence on our investment return. However, the volatility brought on by the uncertainty raised by these loans and related credit concerns is, at this time, very unpredictable. Only the return of some stability will allow a reasoned analysis of the market for the near future. The good news is that the underlying economy continues to be healthy. In the long run, it is the economy that will dictate the market, not short-term fears and uncertainty.

George Evanoff’s work with the Governor’s Council on Aging and Pima Council on Aging provides him access to a variety of information. He has compiled a list of numbers of retiree assistance sites that may be of use to members and, in addition, he has assembled a variety of pamphlets that are available from the UARA Office (325-4366).

- **Social Security Administration** - 800-772-1213
- **University of Arizona Human Resources Benefits** - 621-3662
- **Benefits Checkup Arizona** - Easy to use tool to instantly determine eligibility for hundreds of public and private benefits including financial aid, in-home services, educational and volunteer opportunities, health care, prescription drug coverage, nutrition assistance and more - 800-432-4040 - www.benefitscheckup.org
- **Life Care Planning** - Advance directives or health care directives - 800-352-8431 - www.azag.gov
- **Arizona State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)** - Health benefits counseling service for Medicare beneficiaries and their families or caregivers - 800-432-4040
- **Arizona Department of Health Services Division of Licensing Services** - Licenses and monitors health facilities and providers, licensing inspections, on-site surveys and complaint investigations. Use the website for consumers guide or facility search - www.azdhs.gov/als
- **NIH Senior Health** - Website for seniors looking for health information - http://nihseniorhealth.gov/listoftopics.html
• Adult Protective Services - Receives and investigates incidents of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of incapacitated or vulnerable adults and offers appropriate services - 877-767-2385
• Pima Council on Aging - The area agency on aging is responsible for planning, coordinating or providing vital services for Pima County older citizens and their families. Services provided or coordinated include home delivered meals, congregate meals, transportation, minor and major home repair, legal services, caregiver training, grandparents raising grandchildren, ombudsman service, personal budgeting assistance, volunteer programs, Medicare/insurance counseling, long term care advocates program, mature workers employment service and many more - 790-0504

FINALE OF WINE WITH FOOD
W. “Marty” Greenlee, professor emeritus, Department of Mathematics and Graduate Interdisciplinary Program Advisory Council in Applied Mathematics.

Trends in wine making and wine consumption, like many other things in our lives, change over time. During the 1980’s, white wine, particularly chardonnay, increased in popularity as an apéritif. Winemakers in the United States and Australia began making riper, oakier, richer, sweeter chardonnay. Fine for the cocktail hour, but not nearly as food friendly as traditional French white Burgundy - which is 100% chardonnay.

By the mid 1980’s, Mr. Robert Parker was firmly entrenched as America’s leading wine expert. He tastes and writes about wine, mostly without reference to pairing wine with food. “Hedonistic” entered the wine tasting lexicon through his writings; rich, heavy, fruity, highly alcoholic red wines were praised. These wines are good for sipping, but again, are not particularly food friendly - the food and the wine do not enhance each other. Some very good red wines from California and Australia (and recently, a few from Europe) fall into this category.

I try to get wine that pairs well with food. These are not always wines that are really good for sipping. One “thumb” rule that serves as a starting point with wines of decent quality is to pair the wine from a country with its food, e.g., French wine with French food. Of course, there are other fine combinations, some wines from southern France with Italian food, Italian or Spanish reds with a steak, etc. Several wines seem to do well with Mexican food, including “big” domestic reds, Beaujolais, Spanish reds, and Mexican reds. For a complex combination of flavors in a meal, some sommeliers will suggest a German or Alsatian Riesling, or champagne. These wines can be quite food friendly. For spicy Asian cuisines such as Chinese, Indian, or Thai, Riesling or Gewurztraminer do well.

There also are good food friendly reds and whites from both Argentina and Chile. Argentinean malbec, a red, can be particularly good with lamb or barbecued ribs. A California red (not the pink) zinfandel is also good with barbecue, but watch for clashing flavors. The malbec grape is used for blending in Bordeaux, and is the dominant grape in red wine from Cahors in southern France. Both Cahors and Madiran, another appellation in southern France, offer food friendly wines that tend to be moderately priced. The dominant red wine grape in Madiran is tannat, which produces a deep brooding wine, great with lamb or steak.

Locally, the closest known wineries to Tucson are around Sonoita and Elgin (southeast of Sonoita). The Elgin Winery is open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The 25th Annual Blessing of the Vine Festival is April 12 and 13 (520-455-9309). Sonoita Vineyards, about three miles south of Elgin, offers free tours. Their 30th Annual Blessing of the Vineyards Ceremony and Festival is tentatively scheduled on April 19 (520-455-5499; canelohillswinery.com). There is also a winery in Bowie (520-847-2593; www.fortbowievineyards.com).

Another source of information is the Southern Arizona chapter of Women for Winesense, a national organization, which holds monthly gatherings in Tucson to demystify wine: 520-495-0714; womenforwinesenseaz@yahoo.com

Bon Appetit!
See new places, meet new people, and eat great food was the Tickner’s intent when they got involved with the Kansas City Barbecue Society (KCBS) and bought a motor home.

While watching the Food Channel programs showing barbecue contests where it looked like everyone was having a great experience, Bill, my husband, soon learned that what he did was “grilling.” Grilling is fast and hot (400 to 500 degrees) and BBQ is low and slow (around 250 degrees) with smoke. For a semi-humorous look at how he got started, check out http://www.tickners.net/BBQ/BBQ.htm. He became involved with a local group, AZ Barbeque Association, in Tucson and was soon “smoking” wonderful ribs, brisket, pork butt, and chicken! That’s real barbecue.

After discovering the Kansas City Barbecue Society, attending events and taking a class, he became a certified KCBS Judge. His first judging event was in Albuquerque. He invited me to come and enroll in a judging class prior to the event.

In class, I learned that it’s not your particular taste, but how well the cooks meet the specifics of the three judging points of presentation, taste and texture. The four sanctioned meats are chicken, pork ribs, pork butt, and beef brisket. You also learn that the participating teams invest not only their time, but significant money in their grills/smokers, which travel with them from event to event. They constantly experiment with types of woods and pellets to achieve a wonderful flavor. Gas grills are not permitted.

The teams are friendly and love to talk about their equipment, each other, and their various experiences, good and bad, and often funny! Judges can talk to the teams before and after, but not during the contest.

KCBS judges get a certificate, a badge (with our official number) and the newspaper Kansas City BullSheet. The newspaper is a treasure as it contains all the sanctioned BBQ contests throughout the United States, with places, dates, times, and contact person.

The judging itself is a blind contest. The cooks deliver their items at a specified time to a table out of sight of the judges. The contest provides the containers, which can have no markings. The container is assigned a number when it is submitted. There are six judges and one table captain at each judging table. You can visit before the judging begins, then it is serious business with no talking, no overt facial expressions. The judges must be scrupulously fair as there can be several thousand dollars in prize money involved.

There are napkins, crackers and bottles of water on each table for the judges. Each judge is given six samples within a specific category (e.g., ribs) and judges on the categories of presentation, taste and texture. They are not judged against each other, each item stands alone. In other words, there can be six samples all receiving a “nine” (which is a top score). When the six judges have completed their scoring, the Table Captain collects the scoring sheets and turns them in to the Scoring Table. At that time, favorites are compared and the samples are either discarded or placed in a container/cooler that you have brought with you. (At the termination of the judging, you can have about seven pounds of excellent pork, beef and chicken to take home with you!) Then on to the next category. The clue is not to take more than one or two bites of each sample.

There is ample time to learn about the community where the contest takes place, to find out where the locals eat as well as interesting things to see and do. Event people and fellow judges are anxious to share information.

The pre-event of the barbecue contests was equally surprising for us. The teams have an opportunity to show what they can do with sauces, salsas, desserts, any item not actually part of the official judging. At the Lincoln City, Oregon, contest we attended last summer, my table was favored with: a salmon with a potato crust; salmon stuffed with crab (my favorite), a fish chowder, and a scallop and shrimp combo. Then we were treated to desserts: a little individual apple pie, a take on Bananas Foster (a banana in its skin with ice cream, et al, wrapped in foil), a fudgy brownie, and a custard with fresh fruit. The pre-event judging rules are different in that they change from event to event. Some can be prepared prior to arriving and all do not have to be cooked on the grill or smoker.

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The Repertory Theatre, which has been very generous to UARA in the past, has announced its inviting 2008 - 2009 program:

- Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, by Tennessee Williams, June, August/September;
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- Company, book by George Furth; music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, November/December;
- Medea, by Euripides, February/March;
- Leading Ladies, by Ken Ludwig, March;
- The Music Man, book, music and lyrics by Meredith Willson, April/May.

For information about individual and season tickets, call the Fine Arts Box Office at 621-1162.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

April 12, UARA Spring Luncheon
May 14-16, Governor’s Council on Aging Conference, 229-1920

**U of A Walking and Shuttle Tours**
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- **Walking Tour Dates**
  - April 9
  - April 16
  - April 23
  - April 30

- **Shuttle Tour Dates**
  - May 3
  - June 7

October 11, Fall Luncheon, Skyline Country Club

**RESOLUTIONS**

The first things broken each year are resolutions. There’s an old Swedish proverb that is good to review each year: Fear less...Hope more; Eat less...Chew more; Whine less...Breathe more; Talk less...Say more; Hate less...Love more; and all good things are yours.

“Action may not always bring happiness; but there is no happiness without action.” Benjamin Disraeli

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