



February 2021

TUCSON DRIFTERS NEWSLETTER

It's not where you go, but who you go with!



Tom Roubal, Editor

CARING AND SHARING

by Kendra Kuehn

WE SADDLY ANNOUNCE!

It is with great sorrow that we announce former members Priscilla McCullough and Neel McCullough have passed away. The last rally they were able to attend was the Valentine rally in Benson. They have been social members for the last several years. We will miss them.



Jo Grisillo	Feb 1
Fred Brooks	Feb 8
Bill Henrich	Feb 12
Vera Schlichter	FEB 13
Chuck Schuler	Feb 13
Rita Henrich	Feb 16
Becky Berry	Feb 23
Irene Kuzninicki	Feb 25
Mary Ann Raymond	FEB 28

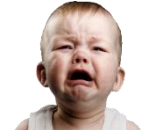


Andrew and Candace Kucy	Feb 12
Bill and Nancy Baumann/ Nester	FEB 14
Jerry and Elizabeth Getlian	Feb 14
Ed and Pat Jacoby	Feb 19
Ken and Barbara Sherman	Feb 21

If anyone knows of a sympathy or hospitalization card that needs to be sent out to a member PLEASE let me know.

Kendra Kuehn kkuehn65@msn.com

NOT AGAIN! NO DRIFTER'S DINNER MEETING IN FEBRUARY!



COVID TESTING

Mary Ann Raymond

Thinking about in being tested for Covid-19 exposure? If you are interested in protecting yourself, your loved ones and your fellow citizens, FAST, FREE testing is available at several Pima County locations. The test is a simple painless nasal swab at the Kino and Udall locations and a saliva test at the Flowing wells location. The entire testing is complete in less than 15 minutes. You will have the results in a few days.

- Testing is FREE and available at 3 Tucson locations:
- ✓ Kino Event Center, 5805 E Ajo Way
 - ✓ Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center, 1660 W Ruthrauff Road
 - ✓ Morris K Udall Center, 7200 E Tanque Verde Road

An appointment is required and can be made online at pima.gov/covid19testing. Click on the Schedule My Test link for the desired location. Drive thru testing is also available on a varying schedule of times and locations which can be found at the same link. This testing is also by appointment only. Walk up (no appointment) locations are also available, again on a varying schedule of times and temporary locations, also found on the same link.

El Pueblo Center is also offering free testing at the center location, 101 E Irvington Road Building 19. Testing hours at this location are Wednesdays and Saturdays, 7-10am and Mondays. 5-8pm. This location is also by appointment only which can be made by calling (520) 670-3909. STAY HEALTHY MY FRIENDS

President's Corner:



Drifters - Such a different rally season for our chapter - only one rally so far and no local ones on the horizon. We have cancelled a couple of our dinners and may have to cancel more. The Drifters have always been a be busy, go places, do things chapter and like you, I miss that. But until the medical world gets a strong grip on this virus, depriving ourselves of each other's company seems to be the best way to go. I'm aware that several of our members have tested positive for the virus but to my knowledge none of them have needed hospitalization. To those folks, my wishes for a speedy recovery. To you folks who have tested negative . . . please do your best to stay that way. I believe that in the coming year we'll have cause to celebrate and 'hit the road' together . . . , and we need all of us to be there!

Hugs to all . . . Suzi

FRED'S TECH-TIPS



BATTERY EQUALIZATION

This process only applies to "Lead acid wet cell batteries". It is the process of restoring the batteries back to their original performance.

Most motorhomes have a battery bank of 4 to 6 house batteries that are configured into 12 volts. Every time the house batteries go thru a charge sequence from 12.2 volts up to 13.6 volts, that is considered "1 deep cycle". In that cycle an exceedingly small portion of sulphate stays on the lead plates instead of dissolving and going back into the acid solution. This continued process of deep cycle charging eventually compromise the effectiveness of stored and useable battery power. Over time, it becomes more apparent to the owner that the house batteries are not lasting as long as he was accustomed to.

The batteries can be refreshed back to their original performance using this process of "equalization".

Basically, the process is a controlled over charging of the batteries to remove the sulphate from the lead plates and eliminate stratification of the acid in the solution. This boiling action thoroughly mixes the sulfuric acid in the solution.

Some of this process needs special caution from you. The charging voltage is going to rise above 16 volts, so it is important that you turn everything off inside your coach that operates on 12 volts.

I would recommend that you read your owner's manual if your coach is equipped with an Inverter/charger that has this capability. Follow their recommendations and safety procedures. If you feel this is NOT something you wish to tackle, you can request that it be performed by your service department that you do business with.

If you have any questions, please give me a call. 520-309-1260

Blessings & Joy, Fred



NEW YEARS GALA 2020-2021 WRAP-UP

What a lovely rally room we had for our New Year's Eve celebration. I just want to thank you all for coming and special thanks to the rally host Cindy and Fred Brooks, Maryann & Jim Raymond, Helen Baldrige, and Bill Nickerson for all their hard work in putting this extravaganza together for you all.

We had a lot of good times those three days, but I would like you to know that I thought the Manhattan Murder Mystery was a total success. This was a project that could have gone both ways, but everyone put their best acting ability towards it.

The five winners for this murder mystery were:

- Jeff Salfen - Only one who guessed who the murderer was.
- Drew Kucy - Best male actor for Inspector Jacques Clouseau and Narrator.
- Suzie Bass - Best female actress for Rose Den Waldern queen bee of the socialites.
- Brad Taylor - Best male costume for Grayson Kreig, a as-been Rock Star.
- Michelin Taylor - Best female costume for Gwen Kreig - Rising star, Fashion designer with cutting edge.

Honorable mention to the following characters:

- Paul Spaeth - Dr. Kildare - Francis Fisk Doctor and Narrator. Most Innovative with his character.
- Bernie Kuehn - Sam Lily - an entertainment attorney and portrayal of his character.
- Bill Hansen - Outcast brother of Francis with his portrayal of character Jonathon Fisk
- Rita Henrick - Queen of Malta - Best royal and portrayal of her part.
- Jan Spaeth - Heidi Klum - German American model, Television host and 1st German model to become a Victoria Secret Angel for her exotic fashion outfit.

- Jack Stone - Rhinestone Cowboy - portrayal of his part
- Rick Rolland - Playboy and Brother to Francis - Chester Fisk

Outstanding to characters that were Rally Host:

- Fred Brooks - Real Estate Tycoon who gave the party and was the murder victim.
- Bill Nickerson - Zachary Wellington the architect and the murderer of Francis Fisk.
- Cindy Brooks - Her portrayal of Reba McEntire an American country singer and lip singing.

To the credit of all, we did not have a bad acting character in the whole group.

- Jeff Salfen - Richard den Waldern - Philanthropist.
- Marv Bass - His portrayal of Isaac Corrington - A retired Senator.
- Jim Raymond - two parts as a Caterer and his portrayal of Alexel Siranov - Security guard.
- Bill Henrick - King of Malta and his portrayal of his part.
- Linda Salfen - The party planner of this A list cocktail party and portrayal of Irene den Waldern.
- Kendra Kuehn - Filmmaker and Documentaries and her portrayal of Jo Chase.
- Betsey Hanson - Editor and up and coming queen of the younger generation Ashley LeBois.
- Helen Baldrige - Designer and sister to Ashley - designer Helen Le Bois.
- Candice Kucy - Cousin of the den Walderns and debutante Francine Thorne.
- Judy Rolland - her portrayal of a hot Italian actress Bella De Rosa.
- Vera Schlichter - Top Las Vegas showgirl and girlfriend to the Rhinestone Cowboy.



Special thanks for MaryAnn Raymond with all the hard work on making realistic clues for this Murder Mystery. GREAT JOB MARYANN!

We had a lot of fun and a 1st undertaking for this club. Who knows, we may just have to do another one someday.

Great food, Great music for dancing at the ball. but best of all great survivors.

By Rally Host: Ruth and Tom Roubal

SOME NEW YEAR'S GALA HAPPENINGS

From Murder in Manhattan to New Year's Eve Celebration





Murder Mystery WINNERS



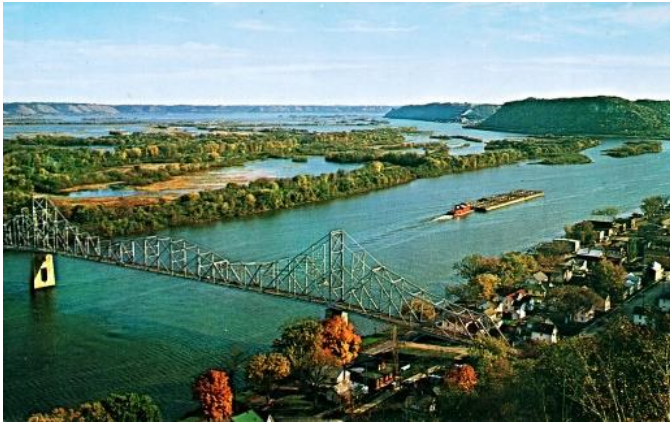
THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI RALLY

April 30th to May 24, 2021

We are still planning for this rally and would love to see you make this journey with us. Should be a lot of fun with all the interesting places and locations we will journey to.

Still have time to sign up in what may be the last rally of the season. Rechecking all sites and events and I am finding them all open. We will let you know of any changes to the schedule by next month.

Ruth Roubal



The Mighty Mississippi Rally begins with April 30th arrival in Branson, Missouri and departing on May 24 -2021 from New Orleans has been reinstated

Ruth Roubal, Vice President of Planning and *Vera Schlichter*, Assistant Vice President of Planning

from last season. The Mighty Mississippi Rally will be going to all the same locations, events, meals as scheduled last year. 24 nights with full amenities "Resorts", appx. 50 scheduled events and 20 events with meals or drinks.

We will be keeping the rally at the same price of \$2055 but do reserve the right if needed- but not to exceed \$100.00. Deposit of \$200. with rally sheet. Full itinerary is published in this newsletter. If you have not gone on one of our long-distance trips this is the time to make that trip. You cannot do this trip with any other venue for our price. This is priced so low, because we do all the planning and work just for you our members. If in doubt, speak to any member that has traveled on one of our long rallies for recommendations.

Your Rally Host: Tom and Ruth Roubal, Ted and Diana Schaefer and Bernie and Kendra Kuehn

Any questions on any and all of these venues, you will need to contact Ruth Roubal (520-907-4980) and I will get you in touch with the rally host that can help you out.

Until, my friends we meet again, stay healthy and safe.

MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI RIVER SPRING RALLY ITINERARY 2021

DATE	DAY	CK IN-TIME	START TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	CITY
Branson Mo.								
30-Apr	Friday		12:00 Noon	Arrive at Branson Missouri	Treasure Lake RV Resort	1 Treasure Lake Drive	800-455-2961	Branson, MO
30-Apr	Friday	5:30 PM	5:30 PM	Pot Luck in RV Club House	Treasure Lake RV Resort	1 Treasure Lake Drive	800-455-2961	Branson, MO
1-May	Sat	7:00 PM	7:30 PM	Haygoods Show #1 in Branson	Clay Cooper Theater 417-337-7123	3216 W 76 Country Blvd	417-339-4360	Branson, MO
2-May	Sun	4:00 PM	5:30 PM	Dolly Parton Stampede and Dinner	Branson Mo.	1525 W Highway 76	417-336-3900	Branson, MO
3-May	Mon	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Lamberts Roll Throwing Restaurant	Lamberts Restaurant	1800 W. State Hwy J Ozark	417-581-7655	Ozark Mo.
Hannibal Mo								
4-May	Tues		1:00 PM	RV Travel 277 miles	Mark Twain Campgrounds	300 Cave Hollow Rd.	573-221-1656	Hannibal, MO
4-May	Tues	4:45 PM	5:00 PM	Dinner	Mark Twain Dinette	400 N. 3rd St.	573-221-5511	Hannibal, MO
5-May	Wed	8:50 AM	9:00 AM	Mark Twain tours	Hannibal History Museum	120 N Main St.	573-221-9018	Hannibal, MO
5-May	Wed	1:45 PM	2:00 PM	Mark Twain Live Show	Cave Hollow Theater	300 Cave Hollow Rd.	573-221-1656	Hannibal, MO
St. Louis Mo.								
6-May	Thurs			RV Travel 116 miles	St. Louis RV Park	900 N Jefferson Ave	800-878-3330	E St Louis, Il
6-May	Thurs	1:30 PM	2:00 PM	St Louis Fun Tour	TBD	999 N. 2nd St.	314-241-1410	St Louis, MO
6-May	Thurs	4:00 PM	4:30 PM	Anheuser- Busch Brewery Tour	Anheuser-Busch Brewery	1200 Lynch St	314-577-2626	St Louis, MO
7-May	Friday	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Gateway Arch Tours	3 items that are paid at once	11 North 4th St.	877-982-1410	St Louis, MO
7-May	Friday	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Gateway Arch Tour/Tucker Theater	Gateway Arch Tours	Same	877-982-1410	St Louis, MO
7-May	Friday	10:45 AM	10:50 AM	Stram Park Pass Group	Same	Same	877-982-1410	St Louis, MO
7-May	Friday	12:00 AM	1:00 PM	Lunch on own	Same	Same	NA	St Louis, MO
7-May	Friday	1:15 PM	1:30 PM	St. Louis Riverfront Cruise	Same	Same	877-982-1410	St Louis, MO
7-May	Friday	Open	Open	Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis-Optional	After Gateway Tours	4431 Lindell Blvd.	314-373-8200	St Louis, MO
8-May	Sat	9:45 AM	10:00 AM	Ulysses S Grant Nat'l Historic site/home	Ulysses S Grant Historic Site	7400 Grant Rd.	314-842-1867	St Louis, MO
8-May	Sat	11:30AM	Free Time	Grants Farm	Grants Farm	10501 Gravois Rd.	314-577-2626	St Louis, MO
8-May	Sat	Open	Open	Missouri History Museum/Optional	5700 Lindell Blvd.	5700 Lindell Blvd.	314-746-4599	St Louis, MO
CAPE GIRARDEAU								
9-May	Sun	11:00 AM	11:00 AM	RV Travel -115 miles	Cape Camping and RV Park	1900 N. Kings Highway St	573-332-8888	Cape Girardeau, MO
9-May	Sun	12:00 PM	12:30 PM	Trail Of Tears Museum	Museum	429 Moccasin Springs Rd	573-290-5268	Jackson MO
9-May	Sun	1:50 PM	2:00 PM	Port Cape Girardeau Restaurant	Mothers Day Brunch	19 N Water	573-334-0954	Cape Girardeau, MO
9-May	Sun	OPEN	OPEN	Crisp Museum	Museum	518 S Fountain St.,	573-651-2260	Cape Girardeau, MO
9-May	Sun	OPEN	OPEN	Bollinger Mill State Historic Site	Museum	113 Bollinger Mill Rd.,	573-243-4591	Bjurfordville, Mo
9-May	Sun	OPEN	OPEN	Downtown Cape Girardeau Murial Walls	Downtown	NA	NA	Cape Girardeau, MO
TUNICA/MEMPHIS TENN								
10-May	Mon	12:00 PM	12:00 PM	RV Travel 172 miles	Sam's Town Casino & RV Park	1477 Casino Strip Resorts Blvd	662-363-0711	Robinsonville, MS
10-May	Mon	5:30 PM	5:30 PM	Dinner at Grand Buffet	Casino - Get Casino Card	Casino	Same	Robinsonville, MS
11-May	Tues	OPEN	OPEN	Free Day	NA	NA	NA	Robinsonville, MS
11-May	Tues	5:00 PM	5:30 PM	Hamburger cook out	Camp Central-Bring own Service	Camp Central	NA	Robinsonville, MS
VICKSBURG MISSISSIPPI								
12-May	Wed	OPEN	OPEN	RV Travel 246 miles	Grand Gulf Military Park Campground	12006 Grand Gulf Rd	601-437-5911	Port Gibson, MS
12-May	Wed	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	Hot Dog Cookout and Ice Cream Social	Pavilion/camp central	12006 Grand Gulf Rd	601-437-5911	Port Gibson, MS
13-May	Thurs	9:15 AM	9:30 AM	Anahuac Mansion Tour	Antebellum Home	1010 First East St.	601-661-0111	Vicksburg, MS
13-May	Thurs	10:00 AM	10:15 AM	Old Warren County Court	Museum	1008 Cherry St	601-636-0741	Vicksburg, MS
13-May	Thurs	11:45 AM	1:00 PM	Lunch at Walnut Hills Restaurant	Restaurant	1214 Adams st	601-638-4910	Vicksburg, MS

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13-May	Thurs	OPEN	OPEN	Jesse Brent Lower Mississippi River Museum	OPTIONAL	910 Washington St.	601-638-9900	Vicksburg, MS
13-May	Thurs	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	Mississippi State Capital -Optional	Optional Jackson, Mississippi	400 High Ct. 45 Miles	601-359-3114	Jackson MO
14-May	Friday	9:45 PM	10:00 PM	Vicksburg National Military Park	Need America Beautiful Pass	3201 Clay Street,	540-693-3200	Vicksburg, MS
14-May	Friday	2:30 PM	2:45 PM	Old Country Store Restaurant	Lorman, Mississippi	18801 HWY 61	601-437-3661	Lorman, MO
14-May	Friday	4:00 PM	OPEN	Optional - Windsor Ruins	Historical burned mansion	15095 Rodney Rd.	601--576-6952	Port Gibson, MS
NATCHEZ MISSISSIPPI								
15-May	Sat	12:00 AM	12:00 PM	RV Travel 107 miles	River View RV Park and Resort	100 River View Parkway	318-336-1400	Vidalia LA
15-May	Sat	12:50 PM	1:00 PM	Southern Carriage Tours	Carriage Ride	S Canal & State St.	601-442-2151	Natchez Trace, MS
15-May	Sat	12:50 PM	1:00 PM	William Johnson Museum	Museum	210 State St.	601-446-5790	Natchez Trace, MS
16-May	Sun	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	Beakfast - Biscuits and Sausage Gravy	In club house at RV Park	100 River View Parkway	NA	Natchez Trace, MS
16-May	Sun	11:50 AM	12:00 AM	Vistors Center	See movie	640 S. Canal St	800-647-6724	
16-May	Sun	12:50 PM	1:00 PM	Stanton Historical Home	601-445-5151	401High St.	601-442-6282	Natchez Trace, MS
16-May	Sun	2:30 PM	2:40 PM	Natchez Melrose Historical Park	Museum	1 Melrose-Montebello PW	601-446-5790	Natchez Trace, MS
17-May	Mon	NA	NA	Free Day	NA	NA	NA	Natchez Trace, MS
17-May	Mon	2:50 PM	3:00 PM	Under the hill saloon	601-446-8023	25 Silver St.	601-446-8023	Natchez Trace, MS
17-May	Mon	5:30 PM	5:30 PM	Dinner by rally hosts	In club house at RV Park	NA	NA	Natchez Trace, MS
NEW ORLEANS LOUISIANA								
18-May	Tues	1:00 PM	ASAP	RV Travel 175.5 miles - 2 3/4 hrs	Pontchartrain Landing RV Park	6001 France Rd	504-286-8157	New Orleans, LA
18-May	Tues	4:30 PM	4:30 PM	Lets Get Together/shrimp/Marg.	Pontchartrain Landing RV Park	Club House	NA	New Orleans, LA
19-May	Wed	12:40 PM	1:00 PM	Court Of Two Sisters' brunch	Restaurant	613 Royal St.	504-522-7261	New Orleans, LA
19-May	Wed	2:30 AM	2:30 PM	Historical tour of 1850 House	Pre Civil War	523 St. Ann St.	504-524-9118	New Orleans, LA
		NA	NA	Shuttle \$6 round trip/omni royal orleans val	Pontchartrain shuttle/Omni Hotel	621 St. Louis St/\$26.00 for 8 hrs	504-529-5333	New Orleans, LA
19-May	Wed	3:30 PM	4:00 PM	Guided Bus City Tour	City Tour of New Orleans	620 Decatur St. #600	504-475-5214	New Orleans, LA
20-May	Thurs	12:00 PM	12:30 PM	Oak Alley Mansion Tour and Lunch	225-265-2151/Reservation 54308	3645 Highway 18	225-265-2151	New Orleans, LA
20-May	Thurs	7:00 PM	7:00 PM	Café Du Monde/coffee & beignets	NEW ORLEANS LOUISANA	800 Decatur St	504-587-0833	New Orleans, LA
		NA	NA	SHUTTLE \$6 RD TRIP/Pd Pk at Café Du Monde	Evening visit to Bourbon Street	Pontchqartrain Landing RV Pk	504-286-8157	New Orleans, LA
21-May	Friday	9:45 AM	10:00 AM	New Orleans school of Cooking/Lunch	NEW ORLEANS LOUISANA	524 St. Louis St	504-620-9456	New Orleans, LA
		NA	NA	Trans Options - \$6 Shuttle; \$10 All Day Pkg	Pontchartrain shuttle	6001 France Rd	504-286-8157	New Orleans, LA
21-May	Friday	12:00 AM	12:30 PM	Mardi Gras World Museum	NEW ORLEANS LOUISANA	1380 Port of New Orleans	504-527-0443	New Orleans, LA
22-May	Sat	1:30 PM	2:00 PM	Farewell Steamboat and dinner Jazz	Steamboat Natchez	1 Toulouse St.	800-365-2628	New Orleans, LA
23-May	Sun	9:45 AM	10:00 AM	Veterans WWII Museum	Museum	945 Magazine St.	504-528-1944	New Orleans, LA
24-May	Mon			Depart Rally				



Tucson Drifters Event Calendar

2020-2021 - *A Work in Progress*

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October 2020		November 2020		December 2020		January 2021	
Title:	And So It Begins POSTPONED	3: 10 To Yuma POSTPONED	New Year's Extravaganza at Palm Creek	Dillinger Days in Tucson POSTPONED			
Date:	9-16 Oct	12-15 Nov	30 Dec – 2 Jan	20-24 Jan (Appx)			
Place:	Phoenix/Lake Powell, AZ	Yuma, AZ	Casa Grande, AZ	Tucson, AZ			
Host:	Spaeth, Roubal, Schultz	Bass, Kuznicki, Hansen	Roubal, Raymond, Brooks, Baldrige & Nickerson	Roubal, Raymond, Baldrige, Nickerson			
February 2021		March 2021		April 2021		May 2021	
Title	Be My Valentine Rally POSTPONED	Tucson Drifters Come Home	Silver City Delight POSTPONED	Mighty Mississippi River Rally			
Date		11-15 Mar	TBD	30 Apr – 25 May			
Place	Pima County Fairgrounds	TBD	Silver City, NM	Branson to New Orleans			
Host	Roubal, Bass, & Kucy	Bass, Salfen, Fearnow	Schaefer, Kuehn, Kucy, Zappe	Roubal, Schaefer, Kuehn			

Visit our website with our own club name as the URL: www.TucsonDrifters.org

TUCSON DRIFTERS RALLY DEPOSITS AND CANCELLATION POLICY

A **nonrefundable** Rally Deposit must accompany rally registration. Once the Balance Due Date is passed and Total Payment made, no refunds of these monies will be made until the rally has been completed and records have been reconciled. Any refunds are exclusive of rally deposits.

MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI RIVER SPRING FOLIAGE RALLY

APRIL 30, 2021 TO MAY 24, 2021

REGISTRATION FORM

Total days 24 - anticipated cost \$2055.00 but we reserve the right to add \$100 for addition cost due to advance planning. 8 locations - all RV parks with full amenities. 50 events/20 meals or drinks. Must bring American Beautiful Pass for several events on schedule.

Extra day available to those wishing to stay an extra day in New Orleans for added cost.

Names _____
Phone _____ Phone _____
E-Mail _____ E-Mail _____
RV Length _____ # Pets _____
Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

**** Rally Limited to first 15 Coaches ****

RALLY FEE: (2 PERSONS)	\$2055.00	Amt Paid
<u>\$200.00</u> NON-REFUNDABLE <u>DEPOSIT</u> DUE BY <u>October 15,2020</u>		_____
1 st Payment of \$650 Due by	Dec 1, 2020	_____
2 nd Payment of \$650 Due by	Feb 1, 2021	_____
Final Payment of \$555 Due by	Mar 1, 2021	_____

RALLY HOSTS: Ruth & Tom Roubal, Bernie and Kendra Kuehn, and Ted & Diane Schaefer

Make Check Payable to **Tucson Drifters**
Mail to: Ted Schaefer 9855 E. Irvington Rd., Unit 275 Tucson, AZ 85730

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