

# The Arizona Fiddler

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## Spring Fiddlefest

MARCH 15 & 16, 2019

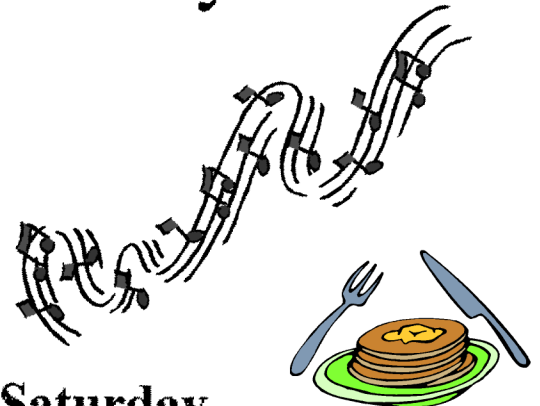
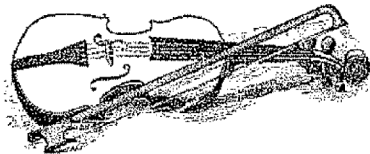
Salome Lions Club

Bluegrass - Country - Fiddling

Jamming - Stage Performances

Gospel Sing Sunday 10 AM

Meals Friday & Saturday



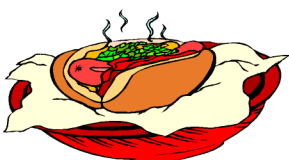
### MENU

#### Friday

#### Noon

**Chili - \$3.00**

**Chili Dogs - \$5.00**



#### Saturday

**Pancakes ~ Bacon ~ Eggs**

**\$5.00 ~ 8 AM**

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**Corned Beef & Cabbage**

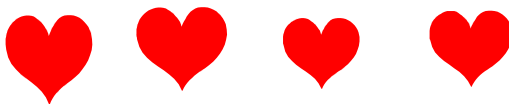
**or Shepard's Pie**

**Dessert ~ \$7.00 ~ 5 PM**

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

|                    |          |   |    |      |
|--------------------|----------|---|----|------|
| Ed & Noreen        | Johnston | 3 | 06 | 1960 |
| Jim & Crystal      | Shu      | 3 | 08 | 1986 |
| Leonard & Laura    | Cook     | 3 | 17 | 1955 |
| Bill & Mary Claire | Lahti    | 3 | 17 |      |
| John & Hillary     | Heim     | 3 | 22 | 1969 |
| Larry & Caroline   | Kuhn     | 3 | 24 | 2012 |
| Don & Rosemary     | Shrum    | 3 | 25 | 1989 |
| Fred & Ann         | Shaw     | 3 | 29 |      |
| Jake & Jeanne      | Jacobs   | 3 | 31 |      |

|                |            |   |    |      |
|----------------|------------|---|----|------|
| Ross & Fran    | Riggs      | 4 | 02 |      |
| Jay & Phyllis  | Brese      | 4 | 06 | 1965 |
| Dean & Carol   | Porter     | 4 | 16 | 2009 |
| Ruth Julson    |            | 4 | 17 | 1978 |
| Sam & Georgia  | Brown      | 4 | 19 | 1993 |
| Jack Hargis    |            | 4 | 19 | 1950 |
| Jon & Janet    | Shelby     | 4 | 22 | 1994 |
| Steve          | Hartwell   | 4 | 24 | 2012 |
| Jerry Epperson |            | 4 | 26 | 1947 |
| Tom & Katie    | Bonn       | 4 | 28 | 1984 |
| Bob Pester     | Donna Best | 4 | 28 | 2010 |
| Syd & Nettie   | Spiker     | 4 | 29 | 1967 |



O give me a shack on the desert,  
Away from the turmoil and grind,...



Where mountains and distances beckon.  
Where peace and quiet I may find.

What value this mad rush for baubles,  
This quest for amusement and thrill;

The gain that's bereft of enjoyment;  
The pace that must shatter or kill.

So give me a shack on the desert  
Where the cloud tints at sunset are gay

Where night comes with bright spangled  
heavens  
And I live close to God every day .

(Desert Magazine November 1938)

Jack Daniels

A woman goes to a counselor, worried  
about her husband's temper.



The counselor asks, "What's the  
problem?"

The woman says, "I don't know what to  
do. Every day my husband loses his  
temper for no reason. It scares me."

The Counselor says, "I have a cure for  
that....When it seems your husband is  
getting angry, take a double shot of Jack  
Daniel's and swish it in your mouth.  
Swish and swish, but don't swallow until  
he either leaves the room or calms  
down."

Two weeks later, she goes back to the  
counselor, looking fresh and reborn.

She tells the counselor, "That was a  
brilliant idea. Every time my husband  
started to get angry, I swished the Jack. I  
swished and swished, and he calmed  
down. How does swishing Jack Daniel's  
in your mouth do that?"

The counselor said, "The Jack Daniel's  
does nothing. Keeping your mouth shut  
is the trick."



Came across this poem while reading digital  
copies of Desert Magazine about 15 yrs ago. It  
struck a cord, have posted it a few times.  
Did a lil research today on the author. Seems that  
she was a post mistress at Beatty/Tonopah,  
Nevada. Her husband did a lil mining, and was  
also a postmaster. He died a couple weeks afore  
she did in Reno, Nevada.

(copied from the internet)

# Winners of the 43rd Annual Worthen Memorial Old Time Fiddlers' Contest held in Yuma Jan.11-13

## Grand Champion:

- 1st - Janet Shelby
- 2nd - John Kennedy
- 3rd - Ranelle Dietrich



## Jr. Jr

- 1st - Ranelle Dietrich
- 2nd - Aspen Dietrich
- 3rd - Brie Dietrich

## Junior

- 1st - Olivia Locklin
- 2nd - Brooke Locklin

## Young Adult

none

## Adult

- 1st - John Kennedy
- 2nd - Janet Shelby
- 3rd - Katie Bonn



## Senior

- 1st - David Brinkman
- 2nd - Paul Dickerson
- 3rd - Laura Barry

## SR SR

- 1st Chester Reinders
- 2nd - Hughie Smith
- 3rd - Gayle Clarity

## Husband/Wife

- 1st - Tom and Katie Bonn
- 2nd - Paul and Debbie Dickerson

## Twin Fiddle

- 1st - Duane Nightingale/Janet Shelby
- 2nd - Ranelle Dietrich/Hughie Smith
- 3rd - Dave Brinkman/Katie Bonn

## Trick and Fancy

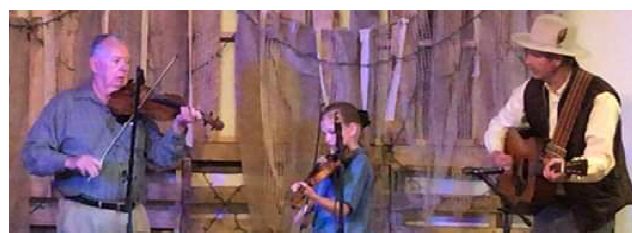
- 1st - Ranelle Dietrich
- 2nd - Chester Reinders
- 3rd - Paul Dickerson

## Accompanist

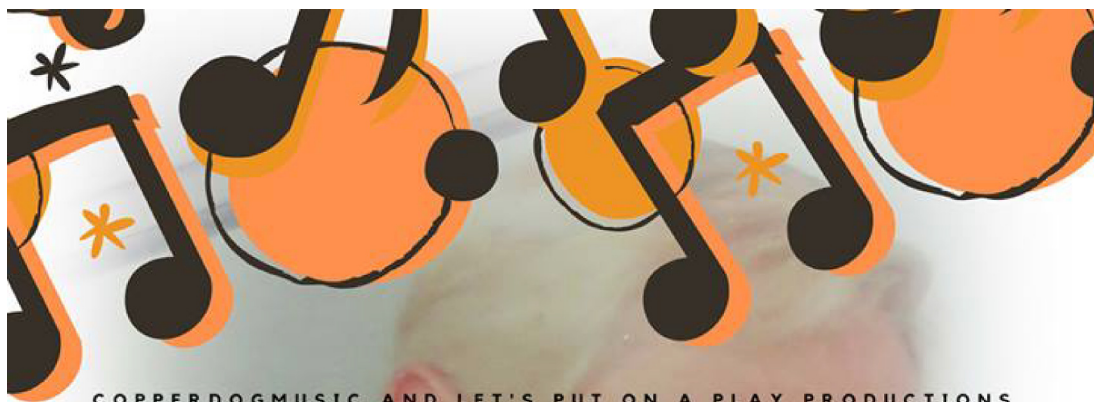
- 1st - John Kennedy
- 2nd - Frank Moore
- 3rd - Paul Dickerson

## Other Stringed Instruments

- 1st - David Brinkman
- 2nd - John Kennedy
- 3rd - Chester Reinders







Come enjoy an afternoon of musical tribute to the 70 year career of country gentleman Ray Sealing.

Ray's childhood was spent in Nebraska just when that new sound - country music-emerged. When Ray heard the combination of Bluegrass, Texas swing and southern waltz he said it 'boosted my desire to play.' And play he did from the age of 15, when he picked up his first guitar.

Later, when playing as a traveling musician with the Wagonwheel Ramblers , Ray earned the nickname of " Rambling Ray ".

He rambled his way to Nashville and achieved notable success in a concert sponsored by Roy Acuff - of Grand Ole Opry fame - and had a guest appearance on the Ernest Tubb Record Shop Midnight Jamboree.

Ray has shared the stage with country music icons Lester Flatt and Ralph Stanley, Tommy Duncan and Little Jimmie Dickens. He even had a brush with greatness when playing pinball with the legendary Roger Miller.

COPPERDOG MUSIC AND LET'S PUT ON A PLAY PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

# A TIME GONE BY

**A TRIBUTE TO RAY SEALING IN THE GRAND OLE OPRY STYLE**

**GREATER ARIZONA COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE**

**\$10.00**

**Sunday, March**

**10th 2019**

**3-5 p.m.**

**Tickets and Info available through - [pecpaf.org](http://pecpaf.org)**

**Phillip England Center for the Performing Arts  
210 Camp Lincoln Road, Camp Verde**



Ray was the President of the Greater Arizona Country Western Swing Association Hall of Fame 2005 - 2007 and was himself inducted into the same Music Hall of Fame in 2013. He was inducted into the Old Time Fiddlers Association Hall of Fame in 2015.

Today Ray, at a vibrant 86 years of age, continues to make music with his many friends, records his own original tunes and plays open mics where he is always prepared to mentor fellow musicians and teach them old time pickin' the tunes of A Time Gone By.....

The afternoon matinee will include many of the Verde Valley top musician paying tribute to Ray by singing his favorite songs. Followed by Ray headlining the show and performing a selection of his original tunes.



5 weeks of MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC.

Starting off a quick reminder of happenings. Potlucks at 5pm. Plenty of time to visit and renew old friendships with folks that enjoy great music. Concerts at 7pm. Parking in the backyard. So when you drive in drive way, just stop at the barn door to unload food and instruments (for the jam after the concert) then head out back to park. If it is a cool day, bring a jacket. The barn does not have a furnace, but small heaters around. A basket is passed for a free will donation that is appreciated for the performers, suggested \$10.00 per person. Plan on staying for the jam after the concert for the talented musicians that attend the concerts.

BARBARA'S PLACE  
9003 W. LILLIAN LANE  
TOLLESON, AZ 85353

Now for the absolutely AMAZING line up  
for the concerts in 2019.

GLENDALE FOLK FESTIVAL -- MARCH 2&3, 2019. 10am TO 5pm at SAHUARO RANCH, 9802 N 59th  
AVE, GLENDALE, AZ

FREE MUSIC FESTIVAL

GREAT JAMMING. MULTIPLE STAGES. 350+ MUSICIANS.

March 2 potluck at 5pm to 6pm. Party for MUSICIANS from the Glendale Festival ...This includes you, if you played at the festival. We have a gathering for the musicians that perform at the festival for free. Many folks don't get to visit or see each others acts so this is an opportunity for them to jam.

March 9 potuck at 5pm. Concert 7pm. Back by popular demand, Tina Louise Barr and John Gwinner will have you dancing in the aisles! Tina is a staff member of Autoharp Quarterly and is a recipient of the California Autoharp Gathering Lifetime Achievement Award. John plays mandolin and dobro, and is a radio host on KCSS.net. Tina and John have been repeat main performers at Mtn. Laurel Autoharp Gathering, California Autoharp Gathering, and Cambria Pickin' in the Pines. [www.HighGearMusic.com](http://www.HighGearMusic.com)

March 16 potluck at 5pm Concert 7pm BILL STAINES (songwriter, River, Roseville Fair, All God's Children Got A Place in the Choir) Bill has a new cd and new songs for us to learn. Bill's music is a slice of Americana, reflecting with the same ease his feelings about the prairie people of the Midwest or the adventurers of the Yukon, the on-the-road truckers, or the everyday workers that make up this land.

Ajo 41st annual Fiddlers Contest  
at the Ajo Country Club.

The event drew a packed house both days.  
Winners were announced on Sunday.

Junior-Junior

- 1 Ranelle Dietrich of Phoenix
- 2 Elie Barry of Benson
- 3 Brie Dietrich of Phoenix
- 4 Aspen Dietrich of Phoenix
- 5 Ben Barry of Benson

Junior

- 1 Colton Cortese of Tucson
- 2 Clay Barry of Benson
- 3 Elizabeth Kunkle

Young Adult

- 1 Jess Barry of Benson

Adult

- 1 Janet Shelby of Washington
- 2 John Kennedy of Dewey
- 3 Corrine Garry of Tucson
- 4 Katie Bonn of Salmon, Idaho
- 5 Linda Everts of Washington

Senior

- 1 Henry the Fiddler of Colorado
- 2 Paul Dickerson of Washington
- 3 Dave Brinkman of Surprise
- 4 Debbie Dickerson of Washington
- 5 Laura Barry of Tucson

Senior-Senior

- 1 Hughie Smith of Fresno, California
- 2 Gayle Clarity of Oregon
- 3 Jack Darland of Salome
- 4 Arline Peterson of Idaho

Accompanist

- 1 John Kennedy of Dewey
- 2 Frank Moore of Oregon
- 3 Paul Dickerson of Washington
- 4 Ranelle Dietrich of Phoenix



Twin Fiddle

- 1 Linda Everts & Janet Shelby
- 2 Katie Bonn & Dave Brinkman
- 3 John Kennedy & Elie Barry

Hot Fiddle

- 1 Henry the Fiddler
- 2 Hughie Smith
- 3 John Kennedy

Runner-Up Champion

- 1 Aspen Dietrich (7 years old)
- 2 Kevin DeRusha of Thatcher
- 3 Katie Bonn of Salmon, Idaho
- 4 Debbie Dickerson of Washington
- 5 Laura Barry of Tucson

Grand Champion

- 1 **Jess Barry of Benson**
- 2 Janet Shelby of Washington
- 3 Henry the Fiddler of Colorado
- 4 John Kennedy of Dewey
- 5 Ranelle Dietrich of Phoenix

Judges were Marti White  
of Marana, Starr McMullen of  
Oregon, and Jesse Stockman of  
New Mexico.

The oldest fiddler was Jack  
Darland, 92, and the youngest was  
Nick Loring, 4.

Master of Ceremonies was  
Linda Darland of Salome AZ





# FIDDLE MUSIC

March 15 - 16

Spring Fiddlefest - SALOME, ARIZONA - Salome Lions Club

AOTFA Spring Campout and Board Meeting

Jamming - Stage Performances - Parking Lot Picking -

Food - Fun - and more Jamming - Dry RV parking by donation - For more info contact [ldarland53@gmail.com](mailto:ldarland53@gmail.com) or call 928-671-0474

June - third week

National fiddlers contest

Weiser Idaho



If you have an event that you would like to see included in this newsletter, just email [fiddlerslady@aol.com](mailto:fiddlerslady@aol.com)

## Chapter Jams

### NEW PERMANENT LOCATION

**Southern AZ - Tucson Area**

**Unitarian Universalist Church**

**4831 E 22nd Street**

**Tucson AZ 85709**

**starting August 14 2018**

**6:30 to 8:30 pm**

**Contact Wilbur Welsh 520-743-7086**

**Territorial - Yuma Area**

**Contact Dan Everts 509-953-0079**

**Valley - Phoenix Area**

**Tuesdays 7 - 9 pm**

**920 N Barkley**

**Mesa AZ 85203**

**Contact Crystal Shu 480-851-8362**

**crystalw86@hotmail.com**

**Verde Valley Cottonwood Area**

**First Sunday 1 - 4 pm**

**Senior Citizens Hall**

**500 E Cherry**

**Cottonwood AZ**

**Contact Fran Judd 928-634-7963**

## Burned Biscuits

When I was a kid, my Grandma liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. And I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day. On that evening so long ago, she had placed a plate of eggs, sausage and extremely burned biscuits in front of my Granddad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all my Granddad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my Grandma and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night but I do remember watching him smear

butter and jelly on that ugly burned biscuit. He ate every bite of that thing... never made a face nor uttered a word about it!

When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my Grandma apologize to my Granddad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burned biscuits every now and then."

Later that night, I went to kiss Granddaddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your Grandma put in a hard day of work today and she's real tired. And besides - a little burned biscuit never hurt anyone!"

As I've grown older, I've thought about that many times. Life is full of imperfect things and imperfect people. I'm not the best at anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. But what I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults, and choosing to celebrate each other's differences, is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship.



Dear fiddle members and fiddler fans . I observe here in Yuma is the home of Breakfast of Champions they must have been eating their Wheaties, does anyone remember those adds on the radio before TV and on TV if you had one. Reminds me of the blond joke I read about last week, this fellow got a call from his girlfriend across town. She said can you come over here and help me with this puzzle I have been trying to put together. He went to her home and found her at the table with all these cereal pieces all over the place, he asked what is the puzzle she showed him the cereal box of Wheaties with Tony the Tiger on the front of the box. She said I can't get these pieces to match the picture of the tiger on the front of this box, he just tried to be polite and told her in a nice way to put the cereal back in the box and said the puzzle isn't in this box. Not trying to put the blame on blonds but I was once upon a time married to a dishwater blond she wasn't so dumb but pretty smart... will leave that alone.

Our contest this year had a lot of events winners "Janet Shelby" won first place Grand Champion, I can't remember all the other awards that were taken here at this contest but you will see it on the state newsletter I know the Dietrich kids won a lot of places at our contest and one of them I noticed when practicing with her she had a fancy Belt Buckle on, I asked her if I could see it she showed me it was a 2017 state of Arizona championship, can't remember her name but I said how old are you she said 9 years old, I said under my breath a "Child Prodigy" she has pretty blue eyes I told her better watch out when you get older in your teens the boys will be chasing you. I asked her when did you start playing fiddle she said when I was four, boy howdy all her sisters all coming along real well bet they start their own band when older just like the Wurst boys did back many years ago now fully grown and some.

About Ajo I didn't get the full details on this event I didn't get a room there all full up with contestants and Border Patrol, I hope that next time I can attend that is if I am able ,,having some health issues but I won't discuss that. I heard that Linda Everts and Janet Shelby again won first place twin fiddle but like I said all this will be on the state newsletter.

I want to tell you about our President Frank Moore a accomplished accompanist he also won an award at Ajo but he is always kind and easy going Every time me or others who struggle to play a tune on our fiddle and I speak for myself, if it sounds OK he says "Good Job" if I mess up he says "Good Job", I need to make him a special award, probably has too many as it is, but also want to recognize our Secretary Dorothy Barstad. She is a hard working individual who is always ready to play and her tunes are smooth because she came from Classical Violin for so long, won't tell her age but she was all prepared to perform this last contest when she pulled a ligament on her hand and made it very painful to perform, myself I forgot the tune I was going to play called CRS can't remember songs, I guess when you get older these things happen. Well wanted to mention that a bunch of us got to perform at the Silver Spur Rodeo for all three days , pretty good stuff lots of folks coming in were dancing to our tunes either a two step or a marching skip as they went along but folks I want to say it is always enjoyable to play my fiddle , and guitar no matter how bad it sounds, and with that I will stop because I am getting ready to see my DR for monthly check up.

But wanted to ask a question I have this violin in my shop that when trying to tune the darn thing the strings mostly the G string and D string "twang" when turning the pegs to tune it up to pitch can't figure this one out.....Dennis Russell  
Territorial chapter Editor

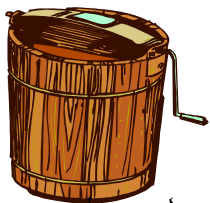


# Happy March Birthdays

|                  |   |    |
|------------------|---|----|
| Linda Darland    | 3 | 1  |
| Ross Riggs       | 3 | 1  |
| Larry Kuhn       | 3 | 1  |
| Pat McMullen     | 3 | 3  |
| Janet Searle     | 3 | 3  |
| Verla Jones      | 3 | 4  |
| Hazel Styles     | 3 | 5  |
| Dean Porter      | 3 | 6  |
| Charles White    | 3 | 7  |
| Dorothy Barstad  | 3 | 7  |
| Janet Zampiere   | 3 | 7  |
| Mrs Hartwell     | 3 | 8  |
| Frank Moore      | 3 | 10 |
| Keith Williams   | 3 | 10 |
| Beth Jaynes      | 3 | 11 |
| Jean England     | 3 | 12 |
| Cecil Gaddy      | 3 | 12 |
| Garrett Horbron  | 3 | 14 |
| Sharon Robertson | 3 | 15 |
| Denny Carlson    | 3 | 21 |
| Jack Darland     | 3 | 21 |
| Tamra Johnston   | 3 | 22 |
| Alvin Nance      | 3 | 22 |
| Kenny Reynolds   | 3 | 22 |
| Gary Johnson     | 3 | 26 |
| Fran Judd        | 3 | 26 |
| Judy Sickels     | 3 | 26 |
| Gary Huntington  | 3 | 27 |
| Jacque Wilcox    | 3 | 27 |
| Bob Werle        | 3 | 27 |
| Robert Borders   | 3 | 27 |
| Fred Shaw        | 3 | 29 |
| Rusty Dutton     | 3 | 29 |
| Charles Ponczoch | 3 | 29 |
| Ruth Julson      | 3 | 29 |
| Judy Addison     | 3 | 31 |

# Happy April Birthdays

|                   |   |    |
|-------------------|---|----|
| Robert Coar       | 4 | 1  |
| Laura Barry       | 4 | 1  |
| Jean Snider       | 4 | 5  |
| Ted Robinson      | 4 | 5  |
| Diane Zimmer      | 4 | 7  |
| Monk Maxwell      | 4 | 7  |
| Coyla McKean      | 4 | 7  |
| Roger Dunn        | 4 | 10 |
| Norm Long         | 4 | 11 |
| Jerry Epperson    | 4 | 11 |
| Maren Aldrich     | 4 | 12 |
| David Pauch       | 4 | 12 |
| Dora Davis        | 4 | 12 |
| Lydia Leake       | 4 | 13 |
| Noreen Johnston   | 4 | 13 |
| Howard Mathews    | 4 | 13 |
| Ruthie Davis      | 4 | 14 |
| Arlene Kimball    | 4 | 15 |
| Darwin Kimball    | 4 | 16 |
| Marti White       | 4 | 17 |
| Lee Davis         | 4 | 18 |
| Stan Leake        | 4 | 19 |
| Jon Shelby        | 4 | 20 |
| Harold Snapp      | 4 | 20 |
| Sarah Harrington  | 4 | 21 |
| Harper Piver      | 4 | 21 |
| Clay Barry        | 4 | 21 |
| Barbara Giamalvo  | 4 | 21 |
| Jeanne Jacobs     | 4 | 22 |
| Mary Claire Lahti | 4 | 22 |
| Susie Pangle      | 4 | 23 |
| Bob Eaton         | 4 | 23 |
| Leonard Cook      | 4 | 24 |
| Anita Kramer      | 4 | 26 |
| Mark Holmesley    | 4 | 29 |



Remember this?

**ARIZONA OLD TIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP,  
RENEWAL OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

**Annual Dues \$15 per family per year**

(INCLUDES CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 AND LIVING AT HOME)

NEW MEMBER   
  RENEWAL   
  CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SUMMER ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

(IF DIFFERENT)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

WINTER ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

MANS BIRTHDAY \_\_\_\_\_ LADYS BIRTHDAY \_\_\_\_\_

ANNIVERSARY \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES & BIRTHDAYS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 LIVING AT HOME

\_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCLE ONE PRINCIPLE**

**CHAPTER**

- Catalina Mountain
- Mt High - Prescott
- Southern - Tucson
- Territorial - Yuma

- Valley - Phoenix
- Verde Valley - Cottonwood
- Independent - no chapter

You may pay your dues to the Chapter Treasurer or send them to

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