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RECOM Executive Board

## Message from the Board

Now that the decorations are put away, the last of the eggnog has been drunk, and the sound of sleigh bells fades into the night, it's time to think about the New Year before us.

But first, looking back on December, I want to thank all of you who attended RECOM's second annual Holiday Social.



It was a fun event and a chance to socialize, enjoy some refreshments and get to know each other a little better.

Congratulations to the lucky winners of the door prizes, and to the rest of you, better luck next year.

Now for 2008. I know it's hard to believe the New Year has arrived (where did 2007 go?), but time waits for no one, and this promises to be a busy spring for RECOM.

**First**, don't forget to attend the **January 16th** membership meeting where representatives from the City will be discussing the upcoming changes to the deferred compensation program.

If you have money in an account with one of the current deferred comp providers, this change will affect you. If you can't attend the January meeting, look for a complete report in the January Newsletter.

**Second**, mark your calendars for the RECOM Mesa Candidates Forum, to be held on **February 20**. This is a truly significant election for Mesa as there could potentially be five new members on the Council.

This forum will be in place our regular February Membership meeting and will be held in the Saguaro Room in the main library from 1:00 to 3:00 in the afternoon.

**Third**, I want to take this opportunity to remind all our members that the RECOM Board of Director's election will be held at the **April 16** Membership meeting.

If you would like to run for one of the open positions, please contact me or any of the current Board members for information. Serving on the Board is a very rewarding experience, which includes some hard work and a whole lot of fun.

**Finally**, I want to wish all of you a very Happy New Year, and hope that by year's end you will look back on 2008 as one of your best years ever!

John Gendron, President

**Quiz Answer:**

*Boston.* At our November meeting Patrick Murphy mentioned a list of cities that had smaller populations than Mesa. Boston was not mentioned.

**This Year's Topics**

If you've missed some of this year's meetings, here are some of the topics we heard about:

1. Reverse mortgages
2. Guardians & Conservators
3. Social Security & Medicare
4. Estate Planning
5. The City of Mesa by  
City Manager Chris Brady
6. Maricopa County Freeways
7. Downtown Mesa

**Don't Forget:**

Use your new medical cards for both doctor and prescriptions.

Spectera is the new vision care provider.

The January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting will be on changes in Deferred Comp provider, and it **could affect retirees** if they still have their account with a city deferred comp provider! Donna Salemi and Bryan Raines will be at the meeting to answer questions.

**HOLIDAY GATHERING**

If you didn't see these folks in person at the December meeting, maybe you can identify them from their pictures on the next pages

Not only did we have a good time, we collected and donated 140 lbs of canned and non-perishable food to United Food Bank.



Frank Mizner  
called the  
winning  
names.



Jane Taylor  
\$20 Starbuck's  
Gift Certificate



John Smoyer  
\$20 Target  
Gift Certificate



Dorothy Ashley  
\$20 Harkin's  
Gift Certificate



