

TOPCU in the Community

To support our mission of *Serving Those Who Serve*, TOPCU sponsors and supports a wide variety of community events that benefit City of Tucson employees. We are always interested in providing assistance to organizations that work to improve our city and the lives of the people who call Tucson home because it's our home too. If you'd like a TOPCU sponsorship or donation for your cause, visit www.TOPCU.org/aboutus/sponsorships to complete an application. For a list of upcoming events, please see inside.



Upcoming TOPCU Community Events



Last Alarm Foundation Fundraiser
Saturday, October 6, 2012
6:00pm–11:00pm
Sabbar Shriner's
450 S. Tucson Blvd.

Tucson, Az

Join us for an evening of fun and dancing!
Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres and dessert table!
Music by DJ "Sam Alday"
\$10.00 per person
For tickets call (520) 795-4094 or
visit www.lastalarmfoundation.com
Honoring the Departed Firefighter



Annual Tucson Fire Department
Firefighter Memorial Ceremony
Saturday, October 27, 2012
10:00am
Fire Central Memorial Plaza
300 S. Fire Central Plaza



Honoring the Greater Tucson Fire Service Community's Fallen
Honor Guard • Pipe and Drums
Reading of the Names • Ringing of the Five-Mile Bell
Keynote Speaker: Jonathan Rothschild, Mayor, City of Tucson
RSVP to ali@proxytucson.com—subject line MEMORIAL



Tucson Police Foundation's 6th Annual
Cops and Rodders Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show
Saturday, November 3, 2012
8:00am–4:00pm
Hi Corbett Field at Reid Park
700 South Randolph Way

Show benefits the Tucson Police Department.
Experience great cars, fun kid's activities, prizes and more!
Spectator admission is free!
www.copsandrodderstucson.org

To celebrate International Credit Union Day, TOPCU is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a

Blood Drive

Thursday, October 18, 2012
9:00am–2:00pm

To schedule your appointment or for more information,
contact Robyn Gamboa at marketing@TOPCU.org or
call (520) 918-0391

Participants will be entered in a raffle to win one of two
\$25 gift cards!



Tucson Firefighters Association's
17th Annual Chili Cook-off
Friday, October 26, 2012
10:00am–10:00pm
El Presidio Plaza Park
160 W. Alameda

Bring your appetite and your camera!
Admission is free and chili is just \$1.00 per cup!
Visit the TOPCU booth to enjoy some ice cream.
All proceeds benefit the Tucson Firefighters
Adopt-A-Family program.

Visit www.tucsonfirefighters.com/events/chili-cook-off
for more details!



Tucson Parks and Recreation
Senior Olympic Games
January 18–27, 2013
Various Locations

The Senior Olympic Festival is a program of the Tucson Parks and Recreation Department presented by TOPCU. The Festival adds a friendly competitive aspect to Parks and Rec programs that celebrate and promote fitness for adults over 50. Parks and Rec also sponsors the Senior Olympic Activity Series, a year-round program promoting active lifestyles for adults and providing opportunities for newcomers to learn and practice new sports and activities.

For more information, please see the website at
www.tucsonseniorgames.org or call the Festival office at
(520) 791-3244

UNSUNG HEROES

celebration banquet

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, January 26th, 2013
 Loews Ventana Canyon Resort

Mark your calendars for the 8th Annual
 Unsung Heroes Dinner and Silent Auction!

TOPCU is honored to sponsor the Tucson Police
 Foundation's annual celebration of the special men and
 women of the Tucson Police Department.

The gala evening event includes a VIP cocktail
 reception, silent and live auction, dinner, and awards.

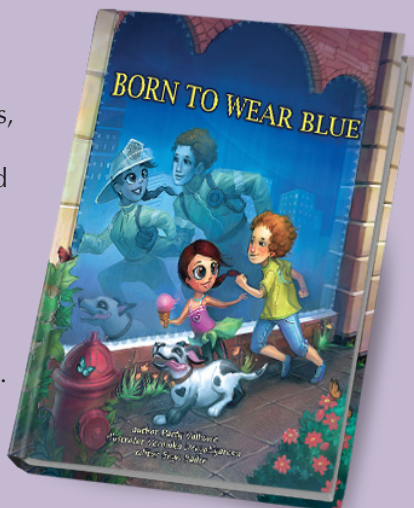
Funds raised are used to support Tucson Police
 Foundation programs including:

- Adopt A Cop Vest Replacement Program
- TPD Training and Equipment Support
- S.T.A.R.T.—Safe Teen Accident Reduction Training.

Visit www.tucsonpolicefoundation.org for more
 information and to purchase tickets.

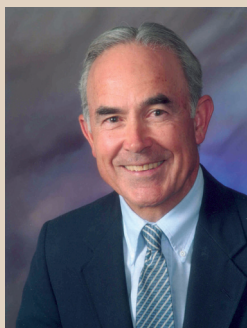
**TOPCU is proud to partner with the
 Tucson Fire Foundation to support the
 launch of *Born to Wear Blue***

Through engaging
 verse and illustrations,
Born to Wear Blue
 helps kids understand
 how firefighters
 protect and serve
 while teaching
 valuable lessons
 about what to do in
 emergency situations.



For more information, and to order your copy,
 visit www.borntowearblue.org
 All proceeds benefit the Greater Tucson Fire Foundation.

Financial Tips from Tedd: How will Social Security affect you?



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Decisions surrounding
 Social Security have
 become increasingly
 complex. To learn
 more about how Social
 Security may affect you,
 I invite you to attend
 a presentation that
 will answer common
 questions including:

How does Social
 Security determine your
 benefit?

How do Survivor's
 benefits work?

Will my benefits be
 taxed?

How do I apply for my
 Social Security benefits?

Can you explain
 Medicare benefits parts
 A and B?

How will the
 prescription drug plan
 affect me?

What are my Medicare
 benefit options?

Wednesday, November 7th

Sheraton Tucson
 5151 E Grant
 Tucson
 6:00pm–7:30pm

Thursday, November 8th

Rio Vista Rec Center
 8866-A W Thunderbird Rd
 Peoria
 6:00pm–7:30pm

Saturday, November 10th

Hilton Chandler
 2929 W Frye
 Chandler
 9:00am–10:30am

Seating at the presentations are limited, so please call me,
 Tedd Bell, at (520) 918-0410 to reserve your seat.

**Door Prizes • Refreshments
 Bring a Friend!**

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Message from the Board of Directors Chairman



Richard Prater

Dear Members,

For those that haven't heard, Joe Mirachi, our esteemed Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for four years, has resigned and is taking on increased challenges as the CEO of a larger credit union in Florida. Although the Board recognizes that Joe's superior leadership and technical skills have helped cement the reputation of TOPCU as one of the leading credit unions of its size, we also recognize that change is inevitable and wish Joe and his wife Donna happiness and success as they begin this new stage in their lives.

The day that Joe informed the Board of his decision, we agreed on a phased process for the selection of the individual who will lead TOPCU into the future. Knowing that this process is not one that comes quickly, step one was identifying an Interim CEO that possesses both the leadership qualities that the staff and members expect and the skills to provide a seamless transition. Another requirement is for this individual to provide the Board a degree of mentorship as we begin the plan for selection of a permanent CEO. Fortunately, this process did not take long and the ideal candidate was hired within two weeks of Joe's announcement. Several candidates were identified and, through a unanimous decision by the Board, Jim Knoff was selected as our Interim CEO with an effective date of August 1.

Jim's reputation and skills are unprecedented in the credit union community. He's been in the business since 1966 and a CEO for 26 years in Tucson prior to his retirement. Based on this history, Jim fully understands the needs and requirements of our members and is intimately familiar with TOPCU's unique history, vision and mission. We also look forward to his advice as we move forward in the selection process for the permanent CEO.

Step two is currently in progress. The Board is working with Heather Lane, Human Resources Director, to insure this opening is advertised throughout the credit union community. This announcement process began on August 1. Application material and resumes were due on August 31.

Upon completion of this step, the Board will review submissions and meet in early October to begin the process of refining the applicant pool for more in-depth, personal interviews. We estimate the timeframe for the overall selection process to be approximately six months.

TOPCU also said goodbye earlier this year to Russ Hanson, our Chief Financial Officer (CFO), who decided to retire. TOPCU has been fortunate to fill the CFO position on an interim basis with Lorrie Firth who has more than 20 years experience in credit unions. Lorrie's experience will help us bridge the gap until a permanent CFO is hired.

I'm confident that the Board and TOPCU staff accurately defined the ingredients required to maintain our focus on taking care of you, the member, even during this time of change. If you have any comments or suggestions, or just want to keep updated on our process, please don't hesitate to contact the staff at any time. You may also contact me directly for any questions. My e-mail is rprater@topcu.org.



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