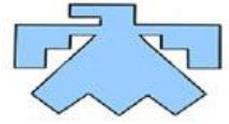




# THUNDERBIRDS



## CORONADO THUNDERBIRDS NEWSLETTER

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During the past year I was very impressed by the dedication and commitment as I (started to) "learn the ropes" from the veteran Board members. As your incoming 2016 President, I have accepted the privilege to help lead our Club through 2016. I have worked with George Oltman, 2016 VP/Programs, to pass this role to George and to help ensure interesting programs for our monthly membership meetings. I will continue to listen and learn as we get to know each other.

An important responsibility the Board shares is the continuity of all positions on the Board; we will soon have all board position filled. I am very pleased to announce that we have filled two vacant Board positions. Guylaine Pollock has accepted the role of Secretary; Brian Hermann has accepted the role of Travel. Thanks to you both! We also hope to vote on the appointment of Connie DeFoe to the Publicity/Newsletter role.



**VP/Programs**

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Last year, John Anthes headed a membership survey asking what program subjects we preferred. The March and April program speakers fall in the top two rated categories of that survey, "Art" and "Local." March's speaker, District Attorney, Kari Brandenburg, is a Local speaker. April's speakers, Maureen Baca and Marian Tanau, are Art speakers.

**March 8th Program**—Speaker: District Attorney Kari Brandenburg, Second Judicial District, aka Bernalillo County

Ms. Brandenburg has been asked to speak about major issues that are currently in the news and are of concern to many Albuquerqueans.

Kari Brandenburg has been our District Attorney now for 15 years. She runs an office of about 265 employees, 97 of whom are lawyers. Prior to her election to District Attorney, she was a defense attorney for 18 years in partnership with her father, Jim Brandenburg. From 1972 to 1976 he held the office Kari now holds. She switched from a defense attorney to a prosecuting attorney with her first election in 2000. She has experienced time in both sides of the court room giving her a unique perspective and a desire for fairness in trials



**April 12th Program**—Speakers: Maureen Baca and Marian Tanau, The New Mexico Philharmonic Orchestra (NMPhil)

Attend our April meeting and hear Maureen Baca, President of the NMPhil's Board of Directors, and Marian Tanau, NMPhil's Executive Director, tell us how the NMPhil is managed as a business; what is believed to be responsible for NMPhil's financial success; and for NMPhil's receiving accolades from its patrons. They will share with us the NMPhil's five year journey and tell us about their concerts and about their three educational programs for Albuquerque's public school children.

**Maureen Baca** is a lifelong Albuquerque resident, and has worked for both the Department of Energy and Sandia National Labs. She holds BA and MA degrees in public policy from UNM and has 30+ years' experience with public and private sector employers, primarily in management and leadership positions.



**Marian Tanau** is the CEO of NMPhil and also serves as its Artistic Director managing the orchestra and developing and implementing artistic programming. He holds a Master of Music Performance from Bowling Green State University; an Artist Diploma from Gheorghie Dima Music Academy, Romania; and a Diploma de Bacalaureat in Music from the Liceul de Musica, Romania.





## Membership

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As of February 1, our membership stands at **211**. Our membership has decreased slightly over the past few months. Of course, we would like to increase our membership. The qualifications for membership are described below in the excerpt from the Coronado Thunderbirds By-Laws pertaining to membership:

### ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

“Membership in the Coronado Thunderbirds is open to **all Federal Agencies** retirees (age 50 and over) and their survivor spouses (**see below**) who are current members of the Mountain View Club or who submit an application for membership in the Mountain View Club concurrent with payment of Coronado Thunderbird dues for the current year.”

If you know a retiree who might be interested in membership and who qualifies according to our By-Laws, please have them contact me or any other Club officer.

Keep in mind that you may bring a guest to **one** of our monthly membership meetings which occur on the second Tuesday of the month.

Survivor Spouses—Survivor spouses who are members or become members of the Coronado Thunderbirds **will not be charged** a monthly fee for their MVC membership. However, in order to get this benefit, you must bring a copy of the spouse's **Death Certificate** to the MVC Financial Office.

**Base Pass Renewal Information—Beginning immediately and until further notice, all Base Pass Renewal forms may only have “Destination on Kirtland AFB” (side one) as “MVC.”**

KAFB Base Passes - A few times a year the pass procedure will be presented in the newsletter. This is one of those times. The information is always available on our website, [coronadothunderbirds.com](http://coronadothunderbirds.com).

All Coronado Thunderbird members must have a Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS) pass or Military ID to have access to Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB). This includes all spouses (even if they no longer drive and only ride in with you) and all caregivers who will be driving any members to the Base for meetings or other MVC activities.

The Department of Defense (DOD) DBIDS access passes must be renewed every year. One month before your pass expires, contact Pete Havey—Membership and he will mail/email you the KAFB Pass Request form with instructions. Once you return the form, Pete will review it and deliver the form to the Pass & Registration office on KAFB for processing. (Pete’s address is on the instructions for the form.)

If you are unable to contact Pete, another board member may be able to provide you the necessary form with instructions on how to complete and return the form for processing.

It can take the Pass office as little as 3 days and as much as one month to process. Later you will be given a call with instructions on how to finalize the pass process. You are required to bring your driver's license, proof of insurance, and car registration when you pick up your pass.

Hours of operation for picking up passes - Pass & Registration at Consolidated Support, 9:00am -3:00pm, Monday-Friday; **Truman Gate Visitor's Center**, 6:00am-2:00pm, Monday-Friday. **If your Pass has expired, you must go to the Truman Gate to pick up your Pass.**

Name badges for T-Birds—check our website for the two distributors. Details will be included in a later newsletter.



## Past President—2015

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Last year’s president thanks all last year’s board of directors for their dedication and service to our club. Any success came about because they were there. They overcame more obstacles than expected early on – and taught me a few lessons along the way. Thanks for exceeding my expectations and letting me participate.

### 2016 T-Bird Board of Directors

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