

UFCW 324 Retirees' Club

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2025 News



Wednesday, September 17th

Theme: Western Menu: Chicken

Last day for reservations: Sept. 10th Member: \$9.00 Guest: \$14.00

Upcoming Events

Mon. Sept, 1 – Office Closed – Labor Day

Wed. Sept. 10 - Party Bingo

Fri/Sat/Sun Sept. 12/13/14 - Coin Show

Tues. Sept. 16 – Board mtg Wed. Sept. 17 - Luncheon Sun. Sept. 28 – Record Show



Wednesday, October 15th

Theme: Halloween – headband contest

Menu: Salisbury Steak

Last day for reservations: Oct. 8th Member: \$9.00 Guest: \$14.00

Upcoming Events

Wed. Oct. 8 – Golf Tournament Tues. Oct. 14 – Board mtg Wed. Oct. 15 – Luncheon

Tues. Oct. 21 – Newsletter mailing

Sun. Oct. 26 - Record Show

DINNER RAFFLE

Board member Jim Rowe is offering to cook a dinner for four. All you need to do is enter the \$5.00 raffle. Winner will coordinate with Jim on the date of the dinner.

Menu: Chicken breast Yukon gold mashed not

Yukon gold mashed potatoes and gravy Green beans, sauteed mushrooms

Salad upon request

OCTOBER HEADBAND CONTEST

Be creative and design your own Halloween headband.

3 winners at \$10.00 each



Doors open at 10:30 am. Lunch is served at 12 noon but come early to buy your raffle tickets as all sales close at 11:45 am, and that includes buying your lunch ticket for the next month. If you have any questions regarding lunch tickets, please see Chanda Sonkur or call her at (562)209-5092. Requesting your lunch tickets by mail? Please mark your envelope "lunch tickets" and send check to:

UFCW 324 Retirees' Club Buena Park CA 90622-5004



If it's your birthday month, please call Dawn Morrissey at (562)305-2853 to receive your free lunch.

Turning 90? If you are an active member celebrating your 90th birthday or more, and have been an active member for five (5) years, your dues and luncheons may be paid for by the Club. Please call Dawn to make your lunch reservation.

Need a Name Tag? See Dawn. And don't forget to wear it!

HELPING HANDS PROJECT

We no longer collect fronts of greeting cards. However, we continue to collect pull tabs from all cans. These tabs are given to Ronald McDonald House.
Used eye glasses currently collected.

Currently collecting travel size items.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

John R. Cortez Food Bank

Donations appreciated. For every five food items donated, or \$5.00, you will be given a ticket for the drawing. Please put your name on the ticket.

The food bank is for <u>retirees</u> and Local 324 members. Please contact Annette at 714-995-4601 ext. 137

COME BOWL WITH US

Join us on Tuesday mornings 9:30 am Linbrook Bowl, 201 S. Brookhurst, Anaheim Questions? Call Chuck Morrissey (562)305-2854 No experience necessary. No team obligation We need bowlers & would love to hear from you!

Welcome new members:

Don Hutcheson, spouse of member Janet. Bill Smith, spouse of member Susie.

We know you will enjoy the club's activities and are so happy you have joined us!



SUNSHINE COMMITEE

Your sunshine committee is here to send a cheerful greeting to our members in need of a few "Thinking of You" or "Get Well Soon" wishes. Don't forget, without your help we cannot send these special greetings. Please contact Diana Eastman at (714)292-4255.

In memoriam

Deepest condolences to family and friends of Catherine Castro who passed away in February.



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Deepest condolences to family and friends of Paul Morrissey who recently passed away.

A VERY MERRY MOTOWN CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

3 course lunch and Variety Show \$69.00

Grand Event Center 4101 E. Willow St., Long Beach (free parking)

Seating begins 12:30; lunch at 1:00 Show starts at 2:00p

Hosts: Tom & Joan Alderson 562-596-4893 or jvolunteer2000@gmail.com

Checks payable to UFCW 324 Retirees Club (no refunds after Nov. 15, 2025) Mail checks to Tom Alderson 144 College Park Dr, Seal Beach 90740

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Shopping for a Discount

Always check the store, restaurant, or theater for a senior discount.

Applebees – 10% on certain items (drinks)
Burger King – 10% on certain items (drinks)
McDonalds (senior coffee)
Outback Steakhouse – 10% AARP members
Wendys – 10% (certain locations-drinks)

Goodwill – 10% on Tuesdays or Sundays Kohls – 15% for 60+ on Wednesdays

Ace Hardware 10% for AARP members Pep Boys – 10% for 55+ Jiffy Lube – 10% for 55+ Lowes – 10% active military & veterans

FOOD DRIVE – DONATIONS APPRECIATED Retirees are welcome to use the food bank





Meet Tom and Joan Alderson They are travel hosts for the club and reside in Seal Beach

Tom and Joan are both native Californians. Tom from Hermosa Beach and went to Redondo Beach High School where he was in the choir. (ask him to humm a few bars One of Tom's first jobs was with Redondo Mayfair market as a box boy. Then on to White Front in the automotive department selling tires, rims and even radios. Back then, he said you had to pay for a radio. He also liked the manager at Christmastime as he gave the girls candy and the men got liquor. Tom joined the military (before Vietnam) and was stationed in Germany. When returning to the States, he worked for Luckys, took up bowling and that's where he met Joan.

Joan was born in Long Beach, attended Poly High, then on to Long Beach State majoring in education and business. She was the controller for the Girl Scout organization for 24 years. She says she met Tom while bowling, back in the day for blue chip stamps. Guessing Tom was a blue chip gift. OR maybe it was the first date at an accordion concert. Soon after that, they had a backyard wedding at Joan's house. Joan still plays the accordion.

Tom and Joan both know the importance of volunteering. They were involved with the Girl Scouts. Tom has a community garden, and Joan volunteers at Ability First, Long Beach Day Nursery, Jazz Angels and Ronald McDonald House.

Soon after retiring, they joined the retiree club. Upon an invitation to lunch by treasurer Marian Jones, they agreed to become travel hosts. They have been hosts for 22 years.

Advice to club members is to stay active, enjoy meeting new people, take advantage of all the activities the club has to offer, especially the travel trips.

You can find Tom and Joan at the travel table at our luncheons. They sit at table 5 and have some great travel stories to share.

Orange County Fair Winner

Tom's prize winning Trombolo squash that he grew in a community garden. The squash was a first place and division winner. He enjoys cooking and eating what he grows and shares with family and friends. Congrats, Tom!