

**ARIZONA ASSOCIATION  
MANUFACTURED HOME & R.V. OWNERS**

**AAMHO**

*update*

**November 2010**

## Report from President Ron Feinstein

I certainly hope you didn't miss our 23rd Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 6th. It definitely was a success. Members from throughout the State attended and delegates participated in the democratic process of voting for changes to our Bylaws and also elected officials to our Executive Committee.

The two proposed Bylaw Changes submitted by the Bylaw Committee were approved by unanimous vote.

Elected to serve for two years on the Executive Committee are the following:

**First Vice-President:** Arthur Chick  
**Secretary:** Catherine Becker  
**Treasurer:** Jane Feinstein  
**Education Director:** Shirley Hervey

Their terms began on April 1st and will end on March 31st, 2012. Congratulations to each of them.

All Directors and Executive Committee members, along with our lobbyist, Dana Paschke and guest speaker, Gerry Adcock addressed all those in attendance.

It was a joy for me to present plaques & certificates of recognition to retiring Education Director, Betty Apitz and retiring Secretary, Cathy McGilvery. Both of these ladies have donated many years of hard-working service to AAMHO. Well-deserved standing ovations were given to each of them. "Thank you" from all of us. We have been blessed by knowing you both.

Preparations are well under way for our 24th

Annual Convention. Further details are inside. I suggest you make your reservations early, since limited seating will be available at our new venue.

It is sad for us to say good-bye to the following folks:

**Legislative Director, Jean Creagan**  
**District 2 Director, Jan Hince**  
**District 7 Director, Roni Lee York**  
**District 7 Associate, Fred Handy**  
**District 3 Director, Jerry Anderson**

Thank you all for your dedicated service to AAMHO and its members. All of you embody great examples of what can be accomplished by volunteers in an Association such as ours.

**Classified Ad:** Needed ... Volunteers to experience the joy of helping others by serving on committees or elected positions in chartered parks, Districts or on the State Executive Committee. Collective wisdom does work and your participation is requested. This is not a life-time commitment, but you are sorely needed to help fulfill AAMHO's pledge to protect our life-style by legislation, education, communication and negotiation. Please volunteer now ... Won't you help out?

First Vice President, Arthur Chick and I recently attended the MHOAA convention on October 22nd and 23rd in Salt Lake City. AMMHO is a member of the Manufactured Home Owners Association of America and much was learned during these two days. Additionally, I am reporting my election as Member-at-Large to their Board of Directors. Our Association now has representation in this

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## ***AAMHO 24th ANNUAL CONVENTION***

**February 26, 2011**

**Red Mountain Multi-Generational Center**

**7550 East Adobe Road**

**Mesa, Arizona 85207**

**Pre-Registration: \$15.00 • PAY AT THE DOOR: \$20.00**

**Sign In: 7:45 am • Meeting begins: 9:00 am**

**PLEASE CALL THE AAMHO OFFICE FOR MORE  
INFORMATION. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING  
YOU THERE!**

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President: Ron Feinstein.....928 300-8459  
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Director: .....

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**8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

## Report from President Ron Feinstein ... continued

national organization. One of our goals is to get a HUD designation for park models. This can only be done on a national level.

We have much to learn from the other States which belong to MHÓAA and they can learn from us. Their goal is to protect and promote the affordable life-style that over 12 million of us live throughout the United States.

Here's an update on our recent successful legislative agenda. Two bills supported by AAMHO passed the legislature and both affect Park Model owners by amending the Arizona Long-Term Recreational Vehicle Act.

SB1146 modifies this law by granting the right of the RV and/or park model owner to place a for sale sign in their window and not be forced to use a specific sales agency to sell their home.

HB2255 passed and changes the law to allow park owners to charge an Administrative fee on utility bills, but no more than 10%. This is a small price to pay, since this amendment now prohibits a park owner from refusing to renew or terminate a rental agreement for **park model** owners, unless he can show good cause. This is a major change, which has taken almost 10 years to accomplish. This couldn't have happened without your emails, phone calls and snail mail to Senators, Representatives asking them to vote for this bill. The Governor signed it and it became law on July 29th.

**Good Cause** is defined as follows:

Noncompliance with any provision of the rental agreement.

Nonpayment of rent.

Clear and convincing evidence that a tenant has repeatedly violated this chapter (of law) and established a pattern of noncompliance with this chapter.

Change in use of land.

Legislative Director, Jean Creagan, who recently

resigned her position, and our Lobbyist, Dana Paschke worked very hard in getting this bill passed. We must also thank Representative Russ Jones from Yuma for listening to his constituents by sponsoring his amendment and former Senator Barbara Leff for adding her amendment to the bill on the Senate side of the Legislature. Representative Jones did not back down under immense pressure applied by park owners to withdraw his amendment.

This ends my report for this Update. I wish you all the very best. Thanks for reading ...

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Please check AAMHO's web-site regularly for the latest Calendar of events. Educational workshops for both members and managers are listed as well as District meetings . Updates are reported when submitted to the office.

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Want to send a fax to the AAMHO office? The fax number is: 480 966-4607.

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Help AAMHO grow its membership. We can double our size, if each one of us brought in only one new member. You'll be doing them a great favor by introducing them to AAMHO.

Legislators listen to large groups of voters. We Vote! The larger our numbers, the more they hear us. How can anyone not invest only 8 cents per day in insuring this life-style?

Short of cash? You can now use your Visa Card or Mastercard to charge your dues or legal fund donations. It's easy and safe. See page 13 for the form to use.

Don't know what District you are in? A listing of Districts by Zip Code is on Page 9. Your District Directors and Associates are listed on that page also. Save it for future reference. Any questions? ... Call the AAMHO office.



**24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
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MARK YOUR  
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**WHEN: FEBRUARY 26, 2011**

**WHERE: RED MOUNTAIN  
MULTI-GENERATIONAL CENTER  
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MESA, ARIZONA 85207**

**SIGN IN: 7:45 AM TO 9:00 AM**

**MEETING BEGINS: 9:00 AM**

**REGISTER NOW**

**\$15.00 PER PERSON \* \$20.00 AT THE DOOR  
\*SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER TO BE ANNOUNCED**

To reserve a Motel room please contact:

Super 8 Motel - Mesa

Great Room Rates for AAMHO Members only, minutes from Convention location.

480-545-0888

1550 S. Gilbert Rd

Mesa, AZ 85204

\*For more information, please contact the AAMHO office

\*MORNING REFRESHMENTS & LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

(This is a *Members Only* Convention)

If you're not a member of AAMHO, please use the membership application form located elsewhere in this publication to join AAMHO or contact the AAMHO Office for membership information.

## How AAMHO protects your quality of life

More often than not, when a non-member is approached to join AAMHO, the question is, “**What is AAMHO going to do for me?**”.

Sadly, the person who is asking this question does not understand the role AAMHO plays in his or her lifestyle.

**Keith Trantow, Associate Director, District Four** has taken the question and, in a positive manner, offered the following comments. *(His full text has been edited for brevity, but will be published in full in other literature used for public information.)*

Three separate but equally-important organizations help protect you and your manufactured home: Police and sheriff officers, the fire department, and AAMHO.

Obviously, you appreciate the protection you receive from law enforcement and fire fighters. Just as important to you as a manufactured/mobile home owner who rents space in a mobile home park is **AAMHO**. Arizona Association of Manufactured Home and RV Owners.

**AAMHO** is the **only** organization dedicated solely to protecting **your** quality of life. For example....

### Mobile home owner’s “Bill of Rights”

Chances are, you enjoy and appreciate your distinctive and pleasant mobile home lifestyle. Yet, until **AAMHO** was organized, you had virtually *no* legal rights.

Before **AAMHO**, you could have faced immediate eviction for an reason, or for no reason at all.

Before **AAMHO**, your monthly space rent could have been doubled or tripled overnight, with no recourse available.

Before **AAMHO**, your mobile home park owner could have sold your park to a new owner who wanted land for a shopping center (or for any other purpose), forcing you to immediately move at your own expense.

It is only through **AAMHO** and its forceful legislative efforts in working to pass

the powerful mobile home owner’s “Bill of Rights”-- officially titled “Arizona Mobile Home Parks Residential Landlord and Tenant Act”-- that **you** now enjoy vigorous legal protection against all manner of injustice, mistreatment, inequity and discrimination.

It is **AAMHO** that diligently worked to establish, for manufactured/mobile home owners, legal recourse against landlords through Administrative Law Judge Hearings, without your having to shoulder the burden of enormous expense of hiring attorneys to sue for appropriate redress in civil courts.

It is **AAMHO** which employs an experienced and “politically well-connected” registered lobbyist at the Arizona state legislature to passionately protect **your** interests as a mobile home owner against the ceaseless efforts of some powerful landlords and wealthy property owners who -- during every legislative session -- ruthlessly attempt to cripple not only your “Bill of Rights,” the Arizona Mobile Home Parks Residential Landlord and Tenant Act, but also the growing protections for park model owners being incorporated into their law, the "Arizona Recreational Vehicle Long-Term Rental Space Act".

Recently, it was **AAMHO** that helped to stop greedy Arizona state bureaucrats from abruptly seizing money from the mobile home owners’ relocation fund -- a fund that provides payments to you should you be forced to relocate.

Recently, it was **AAMHO** that worked to modify the Landlord-Tenant Act so that as a mobile home owner you can collect as much as \$12,500 from the relocation fund if you are forced to move because of a big rent increase, or change in use of your park.

Recently, it was **AAMHO** that made it a law requiring your mobile home park landlord to offer you a one year or four year lease, if you so desired.

Recently, it was **AAMHO** that supported making it a law requiring your mobile home park managers to enroll in, and successfully complete, park management education classes every two years.

Recently, it was **AAMHO** that made it

**possible for you to have assistance and representation when appearing before an Administrative Law Judge for a hearing to address and protect your legal rights.**

Recently, it was AAMHO that worked to pass in the state legislature vital legal protection for park model owners. Now, *for the very first time*, park model owners can enjoy many of the same basic rights that AAMHO has worked hard to provide for manufactured/mobile home owners. **For the very first time Park Model owners do not live under the threat of eviction without cause.** Park owners now must have just cause for eviction.

### **Why you want to belong to AAMHO**

As you know, there is *strength* in numbers.

To operate and maintain AAMHO, it takes a large and enthusiastic membership:

- 1) To preserve your legal rights,
- 2) To protect your manufactured/mobile home or park model investment,
- 3) To enhance your way of life,
- 4) To give you peace of mind

A major reason for AAMHO's outstanding success is a sizeable army of dedicated and hard-working volunteers. Wherever you live in Arizona, there is an experienced elected volunteer AAMHO District Director standing by, ready to come to your immediate aid in assisting you to promptly resolve difficult problems you may confront as a mobile home owner.

Thanks to the selfless generosity of dozens of knowledgeable AAMHO volunteers, your membership investment is mere pennies a day -- about eight cents. Your dues help cover the modest salaries of two productive and diligent employees, compensation for AAMHO's experienced and respected Legislative representative and lobbyist, and upkeep on the small AAMHO headquarters office in Tempe.

Because AAMHO is a non-profit

association, every penny in membership dues directly helps each and every AAMHO member.

As a prudent manufactured/mobile home or Park Model owner, you buy homeowner's insurance, and as a wise automobile owner, you purchase automobile insurance. It only stands to reason, then, that as an astute and sensible mobile home owner, you would insist on being a member of AAMHO.

Obviously, the more members belonging to AAMHO, the more AAMHO can do to further preserve, protect and enhance your mobile home lifestyle.

As an AAMHO member, you receive the periodic AAMHO News Update magazine which not only reports on important AAMHO activities and projects, but also keeps you up-to-date and fully informed on changes in the law and other matters directly affecting you as a mobile home owner. And still more.....

As an AAMHO member, you may nominate and vote for AAMHO charter park officers, as well as all the AAMHO District Representatives who serve your own particular area. As a member, you are strongly encouraged to attend the AAMHO Annual Convention, where you will vote on a slate of officers and other important matters. In addition, as an AAMHO member, you are invited to attend the monthly AAMHO Board of Directors meetings as an honored guest -- to observe first-hand your directors working on your behalf.

### **AAMHO will come to you....**

To arrange for a helpful AAMHO representative to visit your park and learn more about manufactured/mobile home or park model owner benefits available *only* through AAMHO, simply call:

**Toll Free:** 800-221-6955  
**Landline:** 480-966-9566  
**Web-site:** [www.aamho.org](http://www.aamho.org)  
**Email:** [info@aamho.org](mailto:info@aamho.org)  
**Address:** 2334 McClintock Dr.  
Tempe, AZ 85282-2674

# “What is AAMHO going to do for me?”

By: Arthur Chick, First Vice-President

More often than not, this question is asked when a non-member is approached to join AAMHO. It is a legitimate question and deserves a thoughtful answer. Sadly, the person asking generally does not understand the role AAMHO plays in his or her lifestyle and has no idea who AAMHO is.

Stop and think for a few minutes. You have chosen a lifestyle that is affordable. You most likely are retired. You live in a 55+ Park with other people of similar bent. You own your own manufactured home, Your home is on leased land. You live by rules established by your landlord. You're happy. Everything is wonderful. Who needs this thing called AAMHO. Consequently, you do not join AAMHO, nor do several thousand other eligible people. What happens to AAMHO? **It goes out of business.** The Arizona Association of Manufactured Home Owners & R.V. Owners ceases to exist.

I guarantee you, the day AAMHO closes its doors your lifestyle will start to go down hill. Legislation will be introduced to eliminate the Department of Fire, Building, and Life Safety. This department is a consumer protection agency which in part oversees manufactured home standards in Arizona. They also process all manufactured homeowners complaints that go before the Administrative. Law Judges. The department is responsible for the Relocation Fund monies. Ever hear of that? Our members know what it is. You should know because every year that you pay your tax bill you are contributing to that fund. Our members also know the purpose of the fund. They also have the comfort to know that if they ever have to use it they will have trained people helping them to navigate the necessary paper work. Who will help you? A “trailer park lawyer” who charges \$300+ an hour?

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This department is a consumer protection agency which in part oversees manufactured home standards in Arizona. They also process all manufactured homeowner complaints that go before Administrative Law Judges.

If your landlord violates any part of the Landlord/Tenant Act, you have recourse through an Administrative Law Judge hearing. The cost is \$50.00 per petition. Homeowner Association's must pay upwards of \$2,000 for the same process. The lawyer who represents most Landlords in tenant cases has publicly stated that mobile home tenants should be required to pay the same price. How long do you think it would take for the landlords to introduce legislation raising the cost so that it becomes prohibitively impossible for you to seek justice through the hearing process. Who's going to stop them? **AAMHO is out of business, remember.**

What will happen to your lease? Most likely you will be living with a month to month lease. If you don't like it, MOVE OUT. Under current law the landlord is just blowing hot air and knows it. You cannot be evicted without just cause. Who will stop them from seeking legislation eliminating these sections of the law? Who will oppose them? On a month to month lease, the landlord can raise your rent every month once the 90 day notice has been given. After the first 90 days every month brings a new notice of rent increase. Who can help you. **Remember, AAMHO is out of business due to lack of membership.**

Your Board of Directors is extremely concerned about any decline in membership. You should be too. Without AAMHO you are one person against the establishment. Your voice at the legislature will no longer be heard. There will be no office staff to take your phone calls, volunteers to help you when you have a problem, and no full time Lobbyist working tirelessly watching out for legislation that affects your lifestyle. Budgets have been severely cut at the Department of Fire, Building and Life Safety . There are only two people currently available to assist the thousands of mobile home owners. The department does not have the resources to assist you. AAMHO is the only Association in Arizona who is a buffer between you and your landlord and works on your behalf at the Legislature.

## "What is AAMHO going to do for me?" continued ...

AAMHO offers many other benefits to its members:

*Free educational seminars in all Districts*

*Assistance in helping to resolve landlord - tenant disputes*

*Assistance at Administrative Law Judge hearings*

*Assistance in preparing a formal petition if your rights have been violated.*

*Full time office hours for members*

*Trained volunteers throughout the State to assist you*

*Full time Lobbyist at the Legislature helping to protect your life style.*

Membership cost is minimal, only eight cents a day for a year's membership. Treat it like an insurance policy. I sincerely hope you never need it, but when you do, you will be thankful that you have it. We take pride in our members. Take pride in belonging.

**Thank you**

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## AAMHO Needs Volunteers

**Do you have special talents? Do you occasionally have a few spare hours. Do you enjoy helping others?** AAMHO is in need of people who can take on a task and see it through. Public Relations, long range planning, bi-lingual; clerical, legislative, member relations, editing, legal, web-site maintenance. You name it, there probably is a need. Register your name and area of interest with the office. We will contact you for a personal visit. Call Shawana or Kathie at AAMHO's office. 1-800-221-6955 or 480-966-9566 or your District Director.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

By: Robert Gibb, Membership Director

With our fall and cooler weather coming, it is time for all of us to help to make AAMHO an important part of our lives. We have been experiencing a decline in membership due to various reasons, namely, people moving away, some passing away, or retiring to another lifestyle, health reasons, or just plain apathy. "Let somebody else carry the burden".

We all have a tendency to just go with the flow and hope no problems arise, but that is not real life. To maintain or improve our lifestyle that we have chosen, we need to be vigilant of our environment. Without your membership we cannot function. We are a non-profit organization whose sole source of revenue is your membership dues.

Your Board is aware of the present economy. Funds are hard to come by. Our costs like any business continue to escalate. We have cut our operating expenses to the bone and still we had to institute a very small increase in our annual dues. We cannot afford not to carry on our fight at the state Legislature. We must protect our lifestyle and the laws that allow us to live in peace. We must protect ourselves against unfair and unjust treatment by greedy landlords. They must be held accountable and made to obey the law. The cost of communicating via mailings has risen dramatically. Postage and supplies continue to rise in cost.

As a member you can be of great assistance. Talk to your neighbors who do not belong to AAMHO. As new tenants move into your community, try to make contact with them, providing literature and information. Let them know that we can help to better inform them about our lifestyle and laws that benefit us.

Volunteers are the backbone to all organizations. We need help at the park and district levels. AAMHO welcomes all ideas on improving our agenda and services. If your community is not a chartered park, it should be. All that is required is 15 members. Being chartered opens up the access to quicker information as to what is happening at state and local levels.

# AAMHO Districts – November 2010

(By Zip Code and City)

## District 1

(Mesa, Gilbert, Queen Creek)  
85201 – 85216  
85227  
85233 – 85234  
85236  
85242 – 85243  
85256  
85274 – 85275  
85277  
85296 – 85297  
85299

## District 2

(Apache Jct., Globe, Safford, San Tan, Queen Creek)  
85140  
85208 – 85220  
85273  
85278  
85290  
85501  
85502  
85545  
85546  
85548

## District 3

(Phoenix, Wickenburg, Black Canyon, Wittman)  
85001 – 85046  
85048  
85050 – 85055  
85060 – 85080  
85082  
85098  
85099  
85285 – 85287  
85301 – 85307  
85309

## District 3

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85338 – 85340  
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85361  
85363  
85373 – 85375  
95377  
85381  
85382  
85390

## District 4

(Southern Arizona. Including Tucson, Excluding Yuma County, Casa Grande & Coolidge)  
85534  
85602  
85614  
85616  
85635  
85701 – 85725  
85730  
85735  
85737  
85739  
85745  
85750

## District 5

(Northern Arizona. Excluding Mohave County)  
85344  
85541  
85546  
86001 – 86003  
86005  
86322 – 86324  
86326  
86327  
86336  
86901

## District 6

(Yuma County)  
85346  
85364 – 85367  
85369  
86426

## District 7

(Mesa, Scottsdale, Tempe, East Phoenix, Casa Grande, Coolidge)  
85008  
85014  
85016  
85018  
85020  
85028  
85034  
85040  
85044  
85048  
85021 – 85046  
85201  
85210  
85222  
85224 – 85226

## District 7

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85228  
85230  
85240  
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85250 – 85264  
85266 – 85269  
85271  
85280 – 85285  
85287  
85289

## District 8

(Mohave County Including Kingman, Bullhead City, Lake Havasu City)  
85344  
86401 – 86406  
86409  
86411 – 86413  
86426  
86427  
86429  
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# Information For Central Pinal County Mobile Home Owners

If you live in Pinal County you may have access to Community Action Human Resources Agency. This agency is located at 311 No. Main St., Eloy, AZ, 85131. Tel. 1-877-472-2472

This agency provides many services throughout Central Pinal County. From a list of 15 listed service, some may be of interest and assistance.

As with any agency, eligibility restrictions may be required.

**Utility Discount Programs:** provide applications for discount programs offered by Arizona Public Service, Salt River Project and Southwest Gas.

**Home Repair/Weatherization** is provided to qualified low income homeowners throughout Pinal County.

*(editors note: This alone is worth looking into. I know of a case where the agency has put in new heating and air conditioning systems, as well as new appliances and a handicap bathroom shower.)*

**Home Alone - Safe Alone:** Provides emergency alert devices including Angel Pendant to frail elderly and disabled persons.

**Financial Assistance** is provided to help prevent loss of utility service or to establish service, **eviction prevention**, and foreclosure prevention.

If you feel you may have a need, please call this agency at (520) 466-1112 or the toll free number at the beginning of this article.

## APATHY

By Joe Scelza, District 1 Director

"What has AAMHO done for me and why should I continue as a member"? This is a question that I hear often, from our members and non-members.

The answer in short-form is that we as an organization do much and if some folks don't take the time to find out what AAMHO has accomplished, where does the fault lie?

We help members get heard at the park level with park managers or owners, when individual efforts have failed. We lobby the legislature for improvements in the laws that affect our lifestyle.

We help those members eligible for the Administrative Law Judge hearing process, prepare their petition and since January 1st, of this year can now offer assistance during the hearing. This is a result of helping to sponsor a petition of the Supreme Court to reverse one of its procedural rules, which previously prevented non-lawyer assistance.

I could go on and on, but I think you "get the drift". If you personally have not had a problem, consider yourself fortunate that you are an exception to the rule and I hope that you never have to call on us to assist you.

All of us pay for fire insurance, so if a fire happens, we are covered. Well I look at an AAMHO membership that way. I hope I never need to use it, but it is good to know that I am covered and I trust my insurance company to pay, if the unthinkable happens. Trust, I think is at the heart of all *apathy*.

Our membership dues are the best insurance bargain you can get for the money and please do not forget that donations earmarked for our legal fund have been used to "go to court", if necessary.

Lets make this year's membership drive a huge success. So, please talk to your neighbors. Ask them to join, now. Just think ... if we all brought in just one new member, that would double our numbers.

Won't you help do your share in growing this much needed Association? I shudder to think what would happen, if AAMHO didn't exist and no one was there to assist members in need. Please don't leave it for the "other guy" to be proactive ... **WE NEED YOU!**

## District 4 Update

By Bob Caplette, District 4 Director

On Saturday, October 16, we held our District Four fall meeting at Swan Lakes Estates. Following our business meeting, our AAMHO State Education Director, Shirley Hervey, assisted by Bob Hervey, presented an in-depth Manufactured/Mobile Home Tenant Workshop.

Survey sheets we have received from the Education Director provided us with valuable information. Included were three suggestions as to how to make the presentation even more helpful. All the survey answers were very positive and the respondents were more than satisfied with the valuable information they received. Respondents made it clear that they would like to attend another workshop, if and when another is held in our District.

Here is the part that really upsets me as your District Director:

Under my direction, the AAMHO Tempe office sent out three separate mailings, in which each manufactured/mobile home owner was notified of the October 16 meeting.

The first mailing was a letter sent First Class to all persons who are listed as each park's representative designated to receive AAMHO mailings. We know all those letters actually were delivered to the AAMHO representatives designated, because none of them were returned by the Post Office as being undeliverable.

We followed that mailing with two more separate post Cards, reminding AAMHO members of the District 4 Meeting and Tenant Workshop. In addition, we also sent these post cards to each AAMHO member residing in a non-chartered park.

Here is the cause for my being upset:

As a result of all our efforts to reach every AAMHO member in District Four, only twenty-six (26) people attended our Meeting and Workshop. Of that number five (5) people never heard of AAMHO before. Nine (9) attendees were from non-chartered parks and only 12 people lived in AAMHO chartered parks.

In contrast to this poor showing, please note that since the beginning of 2010, I have personally answered or replied to 528 phone calls from people seeking assistance in solving their problems as residents of manufactured/mobile home parks.

Many of those calls were from non-members, but all were calls concerning problems within District four: i.e., Pima, Cochise, and Santa Cruz Counties.

In addition I had to handle two complex Administrative Law Judge Hearing petitions from District Four which, as the people involved in petitions know, require many hours of detail, preparing for each hearing.

Some park problems require a minimum amount of time, while others require hours or days to get to a satisfactory conclusion.

With only twenty six (26) people in attendance at the meeting, you may well understand the degree of my disappointment and distress.

Among other concerns, because there was no one in attendance from fourteen (14) AAMHO chartered parks, it now becomes necessary for us to hand-deliver — a time-consuming endeavor -- membership renewal kits to all those fourteen (14) parks.

In closing, I must remind you **this one last time, that without AAMHO you will have no one – absolutely nobody -- from your district or at the state level working hard to protect your interests as a manufactured/mobile home park model or RV owner. Without AAMHO, the laws that now protect all of us will disappear faster than you can ever imagine.**

Up to now, when you faced problems in your manufactured/mobile home or RV park, you could call on representatives from AAMHO to come to your assistance, without the enormous expense of hiring an attorney. To ensure that you can continue to receive this help when you most need it, it is essential that you support AAMHO in your park, and that you help to increase AAMHO membership.

**Thank you ...**

# AAMHO LSF

What is this? LSF stands for "**Legislative Support Fund**". This is the area where our support has been directed in the past and is the area where our limited funds can be best directed in the future. Granted we will still report our activities under PAC requirements but it was felt that LSF more accurately reflects what we consider to be of most importance to AAMHO.

AAMHO operating funds cannot be used to financially help candidates. Our *Legislative Support Fund* is used solely for this purpose. We are asking for \$5 donations from our thousands of members. It is not a large amount, but multiplied by 500 donations the total would replenish the money we used to help candidates this year, who will assist us in strengthening our laws. All contributions to the **AAMHO Legislative Support Fund** must only come from individuals. Contributions from Corporations, associations, or AAMHO Chartered Parks cannot be accepted.

Please send contributions along with the below completed form to:

**AAMHO LSF**  
**2334 S. McClintock Drive**  
**Tempe, AZ 85282-2674**

The AAMHO LSF is sponsored by the Arizona Association Manufactured Home & R.V. Owners, Inc.  
The LSF officers are **Jane Feinstein**, Treasurer: 928 300-8573  
and **Joe Scelza**, Committee Member: 480 563-9569  
If you have any questions please contact either of the above.

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# Legal Fund Donations Needed Now

Our legal fund is becoming anemic again. Therefore we are requesting that every member send into the AAMHO office a donation earmarked for our legal fund as soon as possible. We need to have a minimum of \$100,000 in this fund at all times.

This money is used for any litigation against a park owner, on behalf of those members who can only use the court system for settlement of a violation of the laws, which apply to our lifestyles. Manufactured/mobile home owners have the right to use an Administrative Law Judge hearing process to settle some violations of the Arizona Mobile Home Parks Residential Landlord and Tenant Act by park owners. RV & park model owners do not have this procedure available to them. They must use the Arizona court system, and this process is usually very expensive.

AAMHO is not allowed to file for a hearing on behalf of park residents, even though there may be many violations of law in a park. However, AAMHO can go to court on behalf of residents, but a healthy Legal Fund is necessary to do this.

Please help AAMHO help you. A \$5, \$10 or an even larger donation will quickly rebuild *your* fund.

You may add your donation to the amount itemized on the adjoining "Join AAMHO Today" form. Please note a new addition to this form ... you may now use your Mastercard or Visa Card to pay for your annual dues and any donation to the Legal Fund. (*Note - no permanent record is kept of your account number. Once your card is processed, the record of your number is destroyed.*)

As of the time that this is being written, each member of your Board of Directors has written their donation to this most important of funds.

***Won't you do the same today? Thanks!***

## Join AAMHO Today!

Complete the information below, cut out this application and mail it along with your check or credit card number to the AAMHO Office or your payment may be made through our web-site: [www.aamho.org](http://www.aamho.org). If you have any questions, please call 480 966-9566 or 800 221-6955.

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Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Park \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Space# \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ #AZ Voters \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of other Household Member(s):  
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Renewing Member

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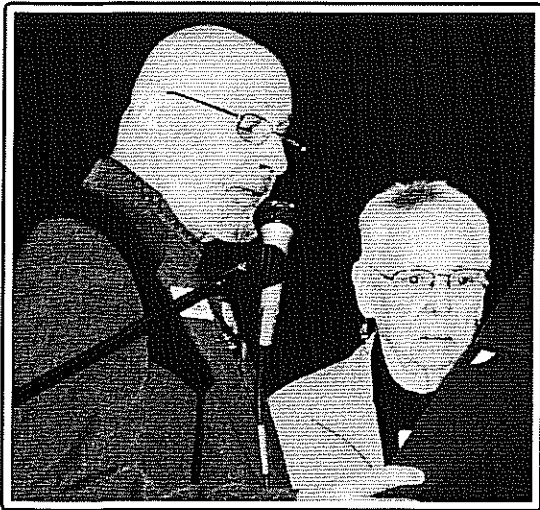
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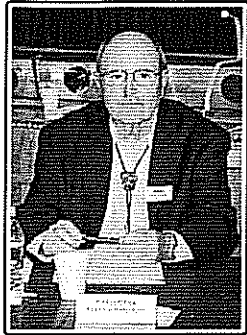
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District 7 Secretary  
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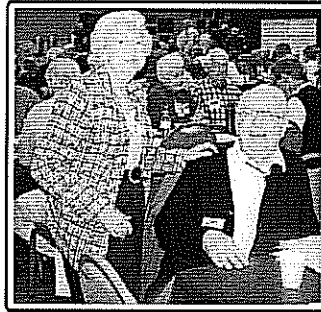
President Ron Feinstein thanking retiring Secretary  
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First VP Arthur Chick



Our favorite helper  
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Betty Westlake &  
Ben McGilvery



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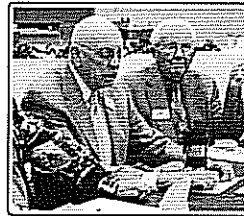
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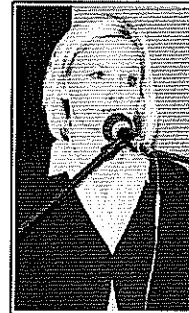
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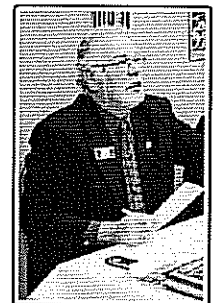
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Don Lemasters & Bob Buchman



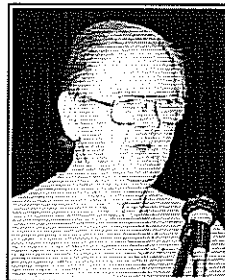
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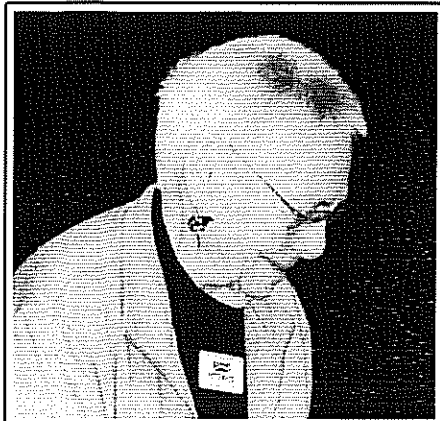
District 5 Director  
Patrick Nixon



Pine Shadows attendees, Arne Wright, District 5 Associate  
Marilyn Hoffner, Kim Wright & Betty Brown



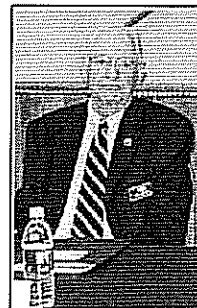
Guest Speaker  
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Smiling retired Education Director Betty Apitz after  
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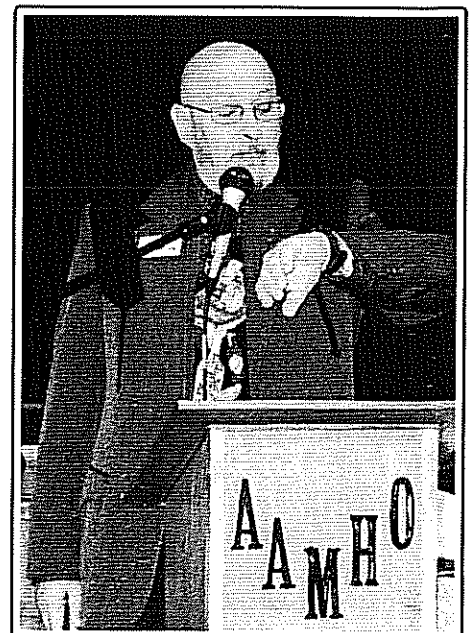


District 1 Director  
Joe Scelza



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**Pictures from the 23rd Annual Meeting  
held on Saturday, March 6, 2010**



President Ron Feinstein announcing a  
break in the meeting

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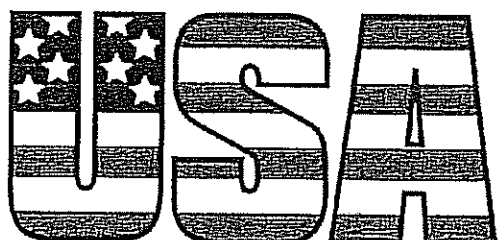
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