

## **GRAND CANYON CHAPTER Association of YMCA Retirees**

**November 1-3, 2010 Fall Gathering  
Tucson AZ**

**Forty members of the Grand Canyon Chapter gathered in Tucson, AZ for their annual 3-day gathering. Great location, hotel, and weather made for a perfect time for members to gather from the four cluster groups throughout the southwest region.**

**Meetings kicked off with a buffet dinner at the home of John and Ann Brooks in Green Valley, AZ. A great social time along with AYReports Editors Craig Altschul and Peggi Simmons joining with us.**

**Special events during the gathering included tours to the local air museum in Tucson, the third largest in the country; the Arizona Desert Museum, an outdoor experience with included displays of large birds flying around us, rattle snakes and gila monsters; a day of golfing or shopping in local markets, and a special supper and stage performance in a “western” saloon theater, with “50’s Diner” food served at your theater table.**

**At our final morning we had as a speaker, Dane Woll, CEO of the Tucson area YMCA. He reviewed for us the process in the new Y-USA branding project, then talked about his associations’ work with youth in fighting over weightness and diabetes, and the collaboration with other Tucson agencies. An excellent presentation which brought retirees up on new happenings with in “the Y”.**

**And of course the “finish” included the annual business meeting, reports on the Y Retirement Fund, World Service, EAF, and opportunities to donate to one or all.**

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