

## 2011 - 2012

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The St. Luke's Board of Visitors, an auxiliary of St. Luke's in the Desert, Inc., is an organization dedicated to serving the senior residents of St. Luke's Home through volunteer service and fundraising.

When the Board of Visitors (BOV) was organized in November 1917, its purpose was to assist St. Luke's Sanatorium, a facility that would open in February 1918 to treat men with tuberculosis. St. Luke's has gone through several transitions in its lifetime. In July 1980, St. Luke's opened as a residence for women of limited means; at that time a joint project of the BOV and the Junior League of Tucson. In 2000, a renovation of the facility resulted in its current use as an assisted living facility for 64 elderly women, men, and couples of limited financial means.

The Board of Visitors began its fundraising activities with a "Silver Tea" in 1918. A year later, a dance was added to raise additional funds. In 1923, the event was named the Baile de las flores and continues today as the oldest charity event in Tucson. **The 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual *Baile de las Flores* will be held at the Tucson Country Club on Saturday, March 31, 2012.**

The BOV's mission is to provide assistance by working directly with or in support of the residents. In addition to organizing and supporting the annual *Baile de las Flores*, members are asked to provide a minimum of 15 hours of service to the Home each year. Volunteer activities include monthly birthday/theme parties, calling Bingo, gardening, accompanying residents on weekly shopping trips, serving as a companion or a scribe for a resident, assisting with Wii, organizing a holiday boutique of nominally-priced gifts at the Home for residents to do their shopping, among other volunteer opportunities. Over the years many close, personal relationships have developed between residents and the BOV members.

Membership in St. Luke's Board of Visitors is open to women in the Tucson community who have an interest in assisting the elderly. General membership meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, October through May. The Board of visitors is proud of its tradition of service. The current membership includes seven sets of mothers and daughters and strives to meet the challenges of time and resources in today's world.

Anyone interested in joining this vibrant group of caring women, please contact Linda Stone, Membership Chair, at 886-8823 or [basketladyks@gmail.com](mailto:basketladyks@gmail.com).

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