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The St. Luke's Board of Visitors, an auxiliary of the 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 Sanitorium, a facility which would open in February 1918 to treat men with tuberculosis. St. Luke's has gone through many transitions during its lifetime. Its most recent project began in July 1980 when St. Luke's Home opened 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 women, men and couples of limited financial means. 2010 marked the 30th year of service to those vulnerable elderly who are able to call St. Luke's "Home". The BOV began its fundraising activities with a "Silver Tea" in 1918. In 1919, a dance was added to raise additional funds. In 1923, the name *Baile de las Flores* was given to this event and today it is the oldest charity event in Tucson. **The 92nd Annual *Baile de las Flores* will be held at the Tucson Country Club on Saturday, March 26, 2011.**

The BOV's mission is to provide assistance working directly with or in support of the residents. Members are asked to provide at least 15 hours of service per year to the Home. Volunteer activities include helping with monthly birthday/theme parties; calling Bingo, gardening, accompanying residents on shopping trips and working as a companion or a scribe. Many BOV members have developed close personal relationships with residents of the Home.

Membership in the BOV is open to all 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. Membership commitments are flexible so that any woman can participate in this important cause. It is particularly interesting that the membership of the BOV has six sets of mothers and daughters.

The Board of Visitors is a vibrant group of caring women who are committed to helping seniors. Anyone interested in membership, please contact **Ginger Hambly, Membership Chair, at 886-2057 or gingerhambly@comcast.net** for more information.

"Heart to Heart ~ Hand in Hand for 93 years"