

Board of Trustees

La Posada's Board of Trustees is a volunteer group of individuals committed to the mission and values of La Posada and its role as a not-for-profit community organization. The Board is dedicated to the well-being of seniors and actively monitors their quality of life, safety, security and overall satisfaction.

The Board's focus is one of policy governance, which emphasizes strategic leadership and proactive planning for the future of La Posada. The Board directs, controls and inspires La Posada through careful deliberation and establishment of governing policies.



WILLIAM BENNETT, Board Trustee

Mr. Bennett is a long-time resident of the Green Valley area and since 1990, assumed the responsibilities of owner and CEO of Bill's Home Service Company, a residential and commercial pest control and home inspection company with offices in Tucson and Green Valley. Mr. Bennett received his business degree from Boise State University in 1979. He began his professional career as a commercial banker with First Security Bank and First Interstate Bank in Idaho. Mr. Bennett and his wife, Lorie, returned to Green Valley in 1990. Mr. Bennett is very active in the community, having served as a past president of the Rotary Club of Green Valley and as the 2008 Tournament Chairman for the Tucson Conquistadores.



SIMON DAVIS, Board Trustee

Mr. Davis served as Green Valley Fire District Chief for 28 years. Davis lived with his family in Southern Africa until 1981, attended school in the United Kingdom, then came to Tucson to attend the University of Arizona and study mining engineering. While a student, Davis became a volunteer firefighter and found his new career. He started as a firefighter in Green Valley in 1987 and became the Fire Chief in 1996. He has spent extensive time working with his colleagues in emergency services to enhance safety and delivery of emergency care including internationally participating in conferences on pre-hospital emergency services. Davis is also the State President of the Arizona Fire District Association representing 140 Fire Districts supporting both elected officials and personnel.



RICHARD DUCOTE, Board Trustee

Mr. Ducote interacted with many Green Valley/Sahuarita non-profits as Community Development Manager at Freeport McMoRan, from which he retired in June of 2015. He is an Arizona native, and a Tucson resident since 1966. He was a reporter for the Green Valley News from 1984 to 1986, and a longtime reporter, editor and columnist for the Arizona Daily Star. Mr. Ducote has served on the Board of Directors for several area organizations, including the American Red Cross Southern Chapter and the Community Performance & Art Center (CPAC) of Green Valley. Mr. Ducote holds a Bachelor of Arts degree with major in political science and minor in journalism from the University of Arizona.



VIC FRESOLONE, Board Trustee

Mr. Fresolone has been a resident of Oro Valley since 2013 after retiring from being CEO/President of acute care hospitals in New Jersey and Oregon. In New Jersey he was with Union Hospital for twenty years, later merging that hospital into the RWJ Barnabas Health Care System. At Barnabas Healthcare he was Sr. VP for Mergers and Acquisitions. In Oregon, he spent ten years at Mercy Medical Center, and later invested three years at ATRIO Health Plans, a Medicare Advantage Plan. He was born and raised in Northern New Jersey and lived there until 1996, when he and his wife moved to Oregon. Mr. Fresolone has a degree from Seton Hall University in Business, and a graduate degree from Saint Louis University in Hospital Management. Over the years he has had several healthcare related articles published and has served on many community and civic boards.

Our Mission: "To maximize the well-being of seniors."

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JANE LATEER, Board Vice Chair

Ms. Lateer was an educator in central Illinois before moving to Richmond, Virginia, where she attended University of Richmond Law School. Her law career began and concluded with firms in Richmond, Virginia, as an employee benefits attorney. She also served in several capacities for Fort James Corporation, including as vice president of benefits and administration. Her other corporate experiences were as Director of communications for Northern Trust Retirement Consulting and as a retirement plan consultant for Strategic Benefit Advisors.



JOHN STEPHENS, M.D., Board Trustee

Dr. Stephens is a distinguished physician who served the greater Green Valley area for nearly two decades in this capacity. Dr. Stephens is a principal owner of an investment firm in Tucson and is actively holding investment designations as a Certified Financial Planner and as a Certified Financial Analyst.



KATHY WARD, Board Chair

Ms. Ward is a development consultant and former Director of Economic Development and Communications for the Town of Sahuarita. Ms. Ward was Vice President of Corporate Services for the Greater Tucson Economic Council for two years. She was President/CEO of the San Diego World Trade Center and held vice president-level positions for the New Zealand Tourism Board and Air New Zealand. She has served on the Board for Carondelet Health Network and Carondelet Foundation. She is immediate past chair of Executive Connection and is a board member of Imagine Greater Tucson. Ms. Ward is also a Tucson Airport Authority Board member and current Authority member.



LISA H. ISRAEL, Board Trustee, President and CEO

Ms. Israel served as Executive Director of La Posada at its inception in May 1987; she became Vice President and Chief Operating Officer in 1996. In 2004, Ms. Israel assumed the role of La Posada's President and CEO. Ms. Israel holds a master's degree in public administration with a certificate in gerontology from the University of Arizona. Ms. Israel has served on the Green Valley Chamber of Commerce Board, Leading Age State Association, President and Board member; National Leading Age Association, Board member; CARF Accreditation Board member; Tucson Airport Authority, Board Chair, Board member and current Authority member.

La Posada is Southern Arizona's award-winning continuing care retirement community.