

The Main Line



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2008 Marks Our 20th Year

This year marked the 20th year for GRTI. This shareholders meeting was held at Rawhide to make it special and well...a little cooler.

2008 marks the 20th year of GRTI. Twenty is considered a small number to some but for GRTI it is a milestone. Years ago Gila River members struggled to get a phone installed in their homes. The process to get a phone line from the closest pedestal to their home could easily run into the

thousands of dollars. Sometimes you even were allowed to pay that amount in four payments. Even with that as an option there were many who could not afford it.

Gila River came up with their own solution and started their own phone company. In 1988 GRTI was formed. For the 20 year anniversary GRTI wanted to make this shareholders meeting special for the shareholders. A shareholder is all Gila River enrolled members. This years meeting was held at Rawhide where there were about 400 people in attendance. Lunch was provided for everyone and

raffle prizes were aplenty. Loren Russell provided entertainment by playing his flute. Next, Barnaby Lewis did some singing and storytelling in Pima. For added convenience to the shareholders, Customer Service Representatives were there to handle any questions people had about their accounts.

We hope that GRTI is able to service you for the next 20 years and far into the future. GRTI works every day to provide you with the services and products you expect. We look forward to serving you and your families for generations to come. Thank you for your support of GRTI!



Rita Pancott (L) stands next to her grand prize, a 32" flat screen TV, with Mike Scully (R), GRTI General Manager.

Corner of Quotes

"All seasons are beautiful for the person who carries happiness within." - Horace Friess

"A cloudy day is no match for a sunny disposition." - William Arthur Ward

"Happiness belongs to the self-sufficient." - Aristotle

GRIC Entrepreneur Business Listings

Looking for a Gila River
owned business? Visit www.gilanet.net to see a directory.

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GRTI Shareholder Meeting Photos



GRTI staff plus volunteers get ready to serve everyone lunch.



Tanya serves food happily.



Catherine Soroquisara wins prize.



Everyone left with something.



They even left with balloons.



Winners pose with their prizes.



Heading home after the fun.

Popsicles and More

A Cool Summer Treat

Frozen treats are not just for kids! Homemade popsicles can be a good way to get your fruit in a cool and refreshing way. Make them interesting and healthy by using real fruit juice instead of a mix. Add chopped fruit pieces for an extra treat. If you want to cut corners simply drop in blueberries, raspberries or even cherries! Simply freeze in a popsicle tray and you got a healthy treat to share with the family.

Frozen Smoothie

You can also make a smoothie pop by blending orange juice (one quart), two cups of fruit (strawberries are ideal), sugar to taste, and vanilla yogurt. Pour it into the molds and freeze. In a few hours you will have a smoothie-on-a-stick.

Frozen Fruit

Okay, maybe you need something that is less of a hassle for your busy schedule. Next time you buy grapes, wash them and let them dry. Place them in the freezer and eat when frozen.

Summertime is the perfect time to use fruits of all kinds. Fruit can be pricey but often you can find them on sale. Plus, when you use real fruit there are no added sugars, preservatives or coloring. The treats you feed your family will be remembered forever as good family times!



Prevent West Nile Virus

- Stay indoors at night.
- Wear long, loose clothing.
- Spray repellent on clothing.
- Use insect repellent with DEET or Picaridin.
- Repair window screens.

The key to keeping mosquitoes away by not allowing ANY standing water around your home. Standing water is the breeding ground for mosquitoes. In the cases of water bowls for animals or flower pots, change with clean water every few days. Repair any leaky hoses or pipes. Be thorough in checking for standing water, especially in discarded items around the house such as tires, buckets, rain gutters and under brush.

New Call Feature

Telemarketing Do Not Disturb is a new feature offered by GRTI so you can enjoy more important things in life.

We all get the phone calls asking if we have a time to answer a few questions. You politely say no but they insist. At that point, you wish you never answered the phone call. This wouldn't have happened if you had Telemarketing Do Not Disturb. Telemarketing Do Not Disturb is a feature that screens out these calls for you.

When you get a call, callers will hear an announcement that the subscriber they are calling does not accept calls from telemarketers. The caller must then press 1 to verify they are not a telemarketer. By pressing 1, the caller verifies that they are not a telemarketer and the call continues normally. If

they press any other number, the caller receives a busy tone.

Call GRTI Customer to add Telemarketing Do Not Disturb on your line today at 796-3333!

How to use your feature:

Activate

- 1** Pick up your phone and wait for dial tone.
- 2** Once you hear the dial tone press *-7-8 on your dial pad. The feature is now activated.

De-activate

- 1** Pick up your phone and wait for dial tone.
- 2** Once you hear the dial tone press *-7-9 on your dial pad. The feature is now de-activated.

Time For Back To School

Have a computer but no Internet? Sign up for Internet with GRTI. We offer prices starting at \$19.95 per month for unlimited usage. The Internet can open up a whole new world of exploration. Plus, mom and dad, you can pay your GRTI bill online. Call us for an application to sign up!

Helpful Tips If You Live Alone

Information for the elderly or disabled when living alone. If you have a family member that may live alone please share these tips with them and help implement them.

KITCHEN When you are cooking in the kitchen it is important that you never leave your food unattended. It may seem like a quick minute, but that can allow for food to boil over or for grease to cause a fire. It is important that you do not cook when tired. If you do cook, set a kitchen timer to remind you to shut the oven off. Never leave dirty pots and pans in the oven. It can cause potential fire or smoke damage to your home if the oven is left on accidentally. When you take your meals out of the oven or remove pans from the stove, remember to wear oven mitts. Even if the oven has been turned off for some time.

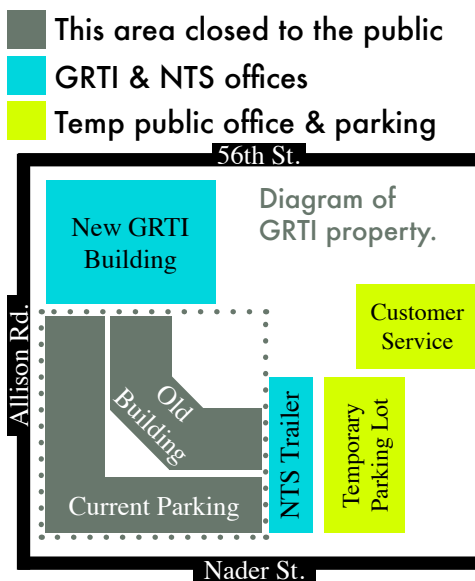
BATHROOM It is important that you make sure your bathroom is properly set up. If you are unable to safe guard your bathroom with repairs, you need to ask a family member to do it for you.

Grab bars are bars that are installed into the wall or other fixtures to help an elderly or disabled individual to use the facilities. Many grab bars are located in the shower or around the toilet. There are many nonskid bathroom mats that could be placed on the bathtub or shower floor, to help prevent falls.

SAFETY Check the locks on your doors and windows. Arrange for family members to check on you every day, including weekends.

PHONE Keep a phone next to your bed if possible. Post important phone numbers next to your phone.

Hopefully these few tips will help you to maintain a safe home for your family and family members.



Temporary Customer Service Office & Parking

GRTI is in the process of making a larger parking lot. The current parking area will be closed. Signs are posted on the fence around the premises to the temporary parking lot. GRTI has set-up a temporary Customer Service office located closer to the temporary parking lot for your convenience. We appreciate your patience!

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AUG 2008

Leo: 7/23 - 8/22
 Virgo: 8/23 to 9/22
 Birthstone: Jade, Peridot
 August Flower: Gladiolus
 Meaning "Splendid Beauty"

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 National Kids Day
www.kidsday.net

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 Sacaton District Days
 Health Resource Center

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 Health Resource Center

Disconnect Day
 Is your July bill paid yet?
 Call to make a pay arrangement or ask about Stay Connected

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 August Bill Due

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