

Tucson Rodeo Foundation Board Members



Butch Krietemeyer – President

Butch has volunteered with the Tucson Rodeo for over 40 years. He served on the Tucson Rodeo Committee board of directors for 4 years and has served on many rodeo subcommittees during his tenure. The Tucson Rodeo Foundation was created while he served on the rodeo board. After a 40+ year career in finance, banking, and consulting he retired and is spending much of his life on foundation and rodeo related activities. He is the proud father of 4 adult children and 13 grandchildren. The Krietemeyer family are all fans of the University of Arizona and its sports programs. He can be found in the Candrea seats during all home softball games. He has been around rodeo all his life as a competitor and volunteer. Junior rodeo, 4-H, FFA, and ranching were all part of his growing up in Southern Arizona.



Walt Johnson – Vice President

Walt is a native Arizonian raised on a cattle ranch in Southern AZ. He has been involved with the Tucson Rodeo as a contestant, a volunteer and a member of the Tucson Rodeo Committee. Walt has been worked in agricultural youth activities since 2008 and has served as a board member of many agricultural industry organizations. Walt enjoys traveling, golf and tennis.



Debbie Barnett – Secretary / Treasurer

Debbie is a 30-year member of the Tucson Rodeo Committee and was the first female Chairman of the Tucson Rodeo. She has been volunteering at the rodeo since 1980. She is an avid Arizona Wildcat, loves to travel, and spend time with her grandsons whenever she can.



Candace Staar – Director

Candace is an Associate Member on The Tucson Rodeo Committee and a volunteer at the Rodeo for 12 years after retiring from the University of Arizona Emergency Medicine Department. She also volunteers in The White Mountains promoting the local music community and helping with fundraising efforts for The White Mountain Safehouse. The remainder of Candace's time is spent dancing with her husband, cooking and gardening.



Christina Garza – Director

Christina is an Arizona native, and a new member to the Tucson Rodeo Foundation Board. She is married with 3 children, and her family is involved in the local 4-H and FFA. Christina also volunteers her time to Tucson Chicks N Chaps, where she is currently the Vice Chair. On her off time, she enjoys time with her family, livestock animals and love for Disneyland.