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Upcoming Events

- Sept 2 - Meeting - Clinton Frederick, Author - "World War II: A Legacy of Letters - One Soldier's Journey"
- Oct 7 - Meeting - Sheriff Joe Arpaio
- Nov 4 - Meeting - Jay Smyth - Southwest Rail Corridor Coalition

Ed Taschner, Vice President, welcomed members and guests to the meeting on May 6, 2009. Bob Rencenberger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ed noted that at the last meeting, the attendees overwhelmingly voted to continue the Holiday Luncheon in its present format allowing for a price increase if needed to preserve the quality of the event. The Board has been exploring venues and costs but at the present time the Luncheon will be at the Scottsdale Senior Center on December 14.

The club is seeking a volunteer to perform as Recording Secretary. The function of this position is to record Board meeting business conducted prior to each monthly meeting. Please consider taking on this important role.

Our featured speaker was Paul Messinger. A Scottsdale resident for 67 years, Paul has written over 40,000 obituaries (Messinger Mortuary) and, as a result, has met and known many of the people whose an-

cestors helped found the City of Scottsdale. The Scottsdale Senior Center, where we meet, was once part of the farm of Wilfred Hayden (Hayden Road) where he and his son Paul raised feed to fat-ten cattle for market.

John Greenway (Greenway Road) fought with Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders.

Lincoln Drive was named for J.C. Lincoln who founded Lincoln Welding and established the J.C. Lincoln Hospital.

Winfield Scott, for whom Scottsdale was named, was a Baptist pastor from Leavenworth, Kansas, who came here via Denver, San Francisco and Los Angeles. A Civil War veteran, he reenlisted in the Army as a Chaplain later in life, and after arriving bought a farm for \$2.50 an acre. In 1898, 40 acres of his farm were platted and called 'Scottdale'. He donated land to the town that is now the site of Scottsdale Fashion Square. From 1905 through 1906, he was a mem-

ber of the Arizona Board of Regents and Chancellor of the predecessor to ASU. In 1909, he and Charles Miller (Miller Rd). tried to build a railroad to Scottsdale. Although half the needed funds were raised, Scott died in 1910 and the railroad was never built.

The Miller Family, originally from Miller S. Dak., arrived in Scottsdale in 1908 and ultimately owned all the land from Miller to Scottsdale Roads, from Indian School to Camelback.

Paul also told the story of Murphy and the creation of the area integrated canal system. Murphy also built a road between Phoenix and Glendale now known as Grand Ave.

Scottsdale had telegraph and telephone service as early as 1909, but was not electrified until 1919. The Scottsdale electric system operated at 25 Hz. until 1939.

On a sad note, we mourn the passing of Past Club President, **Jack Davis**.

We have lost track of the whereabouts of the following member -

Bob Rhodes

If you have any info, please contact **Diane Bennett**.

Next month's speaker will be

This May's charity donations were sent to **The Make-a-Wish Foundation** and **Special Olympics**. The 50/50 raffle winners were **Tom Cassatt** and **Bill Guarino**. Of note, **Tom** is a very distant relative of **Mary Cassatt**

Thank You notes were received from **United Food Bank** and **St Vincent de Paul**.

A list of the charities from which the board chooses monthly donations is posted on the website. If you have a favorite charity you would like the club to consider for donations, please bring it to our attention.

We welcome any member who wishes to speak to the meeting on a topic of general interest. To do so, please contact any Board Member immediately prior to the start of the meeting.

The Club issues new membership rosters each year. We ask you to properly destroy (shred) old rosters. This information is provided so that our members may stay in touch with good friends. We do not wish this information to fall into the hands of solicitation organizations or worse.

Please remember to wear your badge to meetings and functions. It sure helps in remembering names. If you have lost your badge, **Diane Bennett** can make you a new one for a \$2.00 charge.

Reminder - we no longer charge dues for the spouse of couples who are both retirees from AiResearch/ Garrett/ AlliedSignal/ Honeywell.

We are looking for **volunteers** to bring some of our non-driving West Side members to and from the meetings. If you are willing to

help, please contact **Al** 480-218-7199.

Our monthly meetings are held at the **Scottsdale Senior Center, 1700 N. Granite Reef**, (just north of McDowell). The meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month, September - May, except for December - our Holiday Luncheon. Our social hour begins at **1:00 pm**, club business is conducted at **1:45 pm**, the presentation starts at **2:00 pm** and adjournment is at **3:00 pm**.

A board meeting is held prior to the regular meeting and all members are invited to attend.

We welcome any input and please send the editor any items that may be of interest to our members.

HELP EACH OTHER

If you need some assistance, e-mail s.mitnik@worldnet.att.net with your need and contact information.

AiResearch/Garrett Historical Information - **Ed Gammill**, Historian, asks that if you send /give him photos, please write on the back the names of everyone in the photo. Ed's contact info is on page 1. Ed reports that he received a large collection of Garrett history/memorabilia from Wayne Harris, who now lives in Livingston, TX.

Arizona Braille and Talking Book Library is looking for volunteers with mechanical or electrical skills to repair cassette machines. If interested, contact **Frank Holman**.

The Club periodically receives information about employment opportunities that may be of interest to our members. We put notices in the newsletter and post them on the website when new opportunities become available.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

It has come to our attention that Honeywell is recalculating benefits of some retirees and requesting restitution for those calculated incorrectly. In one case they have demanded immediate repayment or will withhold 50% of the pension monies until the amount is paid in full. We do not know the extent of this issue and our only recommendation at this time is, if you are so notified, you should demand the basis of the original calculation and the recalculation.

The **Oak Street Gleaners** are looking for a few more volunteers to perform service activity on the last **Wednesday** of every month. Contact **Al Stimac** 480-218-7199 for more info.

Honeywell Health and Wellness Center memberships are available for retirees and their spouses at just \$10 per month per person. Get together with some of your buddies! Call them! Phoenix 602 -231-7920, Tempe 480-592-1389. **Wellness Center** info is also posted on our website.

**2009 Activity Calendar
Honeywell Retirees of
Arizona (Honeywell North):**

- Sep 21 Diamondbacks vs Giants
- Oct 27 Octoberfest, Rio Vista Park
- Nov TBD Tent City
- Dec 3 Christmas Dinner and Dance
- Dec 7 Fall Golf Tournament

More info at WWW.HRCAZ.ORG

Other Stuff

Questions and Answers from an AARP Forum.

Q: Where can single men over the age of 60 find younger, sexy women who are interested in them?

A: Try a bookstore under fiction.

Q: What can a man do while his wife is going through menopause?

A: Keep busy. If you're handy with tools, you can finish the basement. When you are done you will have a place to live.

Q: Someone has told me that menopause is mentioned in the Bible. Is that true? Where can it be found?

A: Yes. Matthew 14:92: 'And Mary rode Joseph's ass all the way to Egypt ..'

Q: How can you increase the heart rate of your 60+ year old husband?

A: Tell him you're pregnant.

Q: How can you avoid that terrible curse of the elderly - wrinkles?

A: Take off your glasses.

Q: Seriously! What can I do for these crow's feet and all those wrinkles on my face?

A: Go braless. It will usually pull them out.

Q: Why should 60+ year old people use valet parking?

A: Valets don't forget where they park your car.

Q: Is it common for 60+ year olds to have problems with short term memory storage?

A: Storing memory is not a problem, retrieving it is a problem.

Q: As people age, do they sleep more soundly?

A: Yes, but usually in the afternoon.

Q: Where should 60+ year olds look for eye glasses?

A: On their foreheads.

An elderly man goes into a brothel and tells the madam he would like a young girl for the night. Surprised, she looks at the ancient man and asks how old he is.

"I'm 90 years old," he says.

"90!" replies the woman. "Don't you realize you've had it?"

"Oh, sorry," says the old man. "How much do I owe you?"

A couple of rednecks are out in the woods hunting when one of them suddenly grabs his chest and falls to the ground. He doesn't seem to be breathing; his eyes are rolled back in his head.

The other redneck whips out his cell and calls 911. He gasps to the operator, "I think Bubba is dead! What should I do?"

The operator, in a calm soothing voice says, "Just take it

easy and follow my instructions. First, let's make sure he's dead."

There is a silence.....then a shot is heard.

The redneck's voice comes back on the line, "Okay, now what?"

A man owned a small Texas ranch. The Texas Work Force Department claimed he was not paying proper wages to his help and sent an agent out to interview him.

"I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them," demanded the agent.

"Well," replied the rancher, "there's my farm hand who's been with me for 3 years. I pay him \$200 a week plus free room and board.

"The cook has been here for 18 months, and I pay her \$150 per week plus free room and board.

"Then there's the half-wit. He works about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of all the work around here. He makes about \$10 per week, pays his own room and board, and I buy him a bottle of bourbon every Saturday night. He also sleeps with my wife occasionally."

"That's the guy I want to talk to...the half-wit," says the agent.

"That would be me," replied the rancher.

A husband and wife are on the 9th green when suddenly she collapses from a heart attack!

"Help me dear," she groans.

The husband calls 911 on his cell, talks for a few minutes, picks up his putter, and lines up his putt.

His wife raises her head off the green and stares at him. "I'm dying here and you're putting?"

"Don't worry dear," he says calmly, "They found a doctor on the second hole and he's coming to help you."

"Well, how long will it take for him to get here," she asks feebly?

"No time at all," says her husband. "Everybody's already agreed to let him play through."

In Memory of our departed friends and co-workers

- RAUL ALVAREZ**
- BEN BECKHAM**
- EDWARD BROWN**
- JOAN DANIEL**
- LARRY DODD**
- STEVEN B. DUMAS**
- MICHAEL FEINBERG**
- RALPH GAFF**
- ESTHER GONZALEZ**
- GARY GUSTAFSON**

In Memory of our departed friends and co-workers

- P. HOYT**
- GARY GUSTAFSON**
- ALICE HARVEY**
- P. HOYT**

