



# RETIREE'S CLUB OF ARIZONA NEWSLETTER



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Frank Holman, President, welcomed members and guests to the meeting on April 7, 2010. **Charlie Albin** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There are 73 club members who are 1 or more years behind in paying their dues. If your account is not brought up to date within the next month, this will be your last newsletter and you will be dropped from the club roster.

This was election day for the club. **Ed Tashner** was elected President and **Karl Pfitzer**, Treasurer by unanimous vote of attendees.

**Once again we have a Board WITHOUT A VICE-PRESIDENT. We have asked many of you to step forward and take on this role in support of the club, but have always received a negative response.**

**The roles of the Vice-President are to obtain speakers /activities for the monthly meetings and to assume the role of President after each 2 year term. While the Board will try to get speakers /activities, there may be future meetings that consist of**

**only a social hour, announcement of club news and then adjournment.**

**But more importantly, if no one comes forth to assume the Vice-President role, in two years there will be no one to assume the Presidency. At that point the club will cease to exist. Therefore, it behooves every member who wishes this club to persist in the future to consider stepping up. Otherwise, it seems the club has outlived its desirability.**

For those of you planning to attend the trip to **Palo Verde Nuclear Power Plant** on May 20, you will need to provide information to their security in order to be admitted. You must contact **Frank Holman** at your earliest convenience to understand what is required to be submitted.

Our featured speaker was **Kimberly Carr** of Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center ([www.southwestwildlife.org](http://www.southwestwildlife.org)) who was joined by a great horned owl, a beaver, a gopher snake and a gila monster.

This facility, founded in 1994,

#### Upcoming Events

- May 5 – Meeting – Karl Pfitzer – Viet Nam Revisited
- Sept 1 - Meeting

comprises 10 acres at 156<sup>th</sup> and Dynamite and as a totally non-profit organization executes the mission to:

- Rescue and rehabilitate orphaned and injured mammals
- Educate the public on nature and wildlife
- Encourage career opportunities in environmental science

The facility includes an on-site medical center (volunteer veterinarians), wild animal rehabilitation area (70% returned to the wild), sanctuary areas for those that cannot be released and a holding facility for the Mexican gray wolf. Volunteers (rabies shots required) respond to hundreds of calls yearly to rescue injured or orphaned animals.

The facility costs ~ \$45,000/month to operate that comes only through grants and donations. Tours of the facility can be scheduled. See the website above or call 480-471-9109.

On April 13, 129 of our friends and relatives attended the annual Spring Roundup at Rock Springs Café. All in attendance agreed that the food was significantly better than last year. The three 50/50 winners did well.

This month's charity donations were sent to **Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center**. In addition, the members in attendance donated an additional \$200 to this organization (The beaver was real cute. LOL). The 50/50 raffle winners were **Ray Grise** and **Faye McDonald**.



You really had to be at the Roundup to see Dick in color. OMG!!!!!!!!!!!!

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.

Next month's speaker will be our own **Karl Pfitzer** who will talk and show pictures of his vacation visit to Viet Nam.

We are looking for volunteers to call members to remind them of upcoming meetings. If willing to help, please contact **Diane Bennett**.

**Have you moved?** If so please provide your new address to **Diane Bennett** in order to continue to get this terrific newsletter et. al.

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.

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](mailto:s.mitnik@worldnet.att.net) with your need and contact information.

AiResearch/Garrett Historical Information - **Ed Gammill**, Historian, reports a gift from **Don Palmer** of an Allied-Signal binder titled WORKING TOGETHER EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK, Garrett Engine Division, and several small brochures outlining employee benefits. All were issued in 1991. He 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.

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For those of you looking to pick up some extra cash in the next few months, the Census Bureau is looking to hire help to conduct this year's census. <http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs/> is the place to check it out.

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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

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.

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**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):**

- Not much until September

More info at [WWW.HRCAZ.ORG](http://WWW.HRCAZ.ORG)

## Other Stuff

### WHY TEACHERS DRINK

Q: Explain the term "Free Press"

A: When your mum irons trousers for you

Q: The race of people known as Malays come from which country?

A: Malaria

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The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, 'My Mommy looked back once while she was driving,' he announced triumphantly, 'and she turned into a telephone pole!'

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Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says: 'Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?'

Slim says, 'I feel just like a newborn baby.'

'Really!?' Like a newborn baby!?'

'Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants.'

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A senior citizen said to his eighty-year old buddy: 'So I hear you're getting married?'

'Yep!'

'Do I know her?'

'Nope!'

'This woman, is she good looking?'

'Not really.'

'Is she a good cook?'

'Naw, she can't cook too well.'

'Does she have lots of money?'

'Nope! Poor as a church mouse.'

'Well, then, is she good in bed?'

'I don't know.'

'Why in the world do you want to marry her then?'

'Because she can still drive!'

## **Tech Support**

Tech support: What kind of computer do you have?  
Female customer: A white one...

Customer: Hi, this is Celine. I can't get my diskette out.

Tech support: Have you tried pushing the button?

Customer: Yes, sure, it's really stuck.

Tech support: That doesn't sound good. I'll make a note.

Customer: No .. wait a minute. I hadn't inserted it yet... it's still on my desk... sorry....

Tech support: Click on the 'my computer' icon on to the left of the screen.

Customer: Your left or my left?

Tech support: Good day. How may I help you?

Male customer: Hello... I can't print.

Tech support: Would you click on "start" for me and...

Customer: Listen pal; don't start getting technical on me! I'm not Bill Gates, dammit!

Customer: Hi, good afternoon, this is Martha. I can't print. Every time I try, it says 'Can't find printer'. I've even lifted the printer and placed it in front of the monitor, but the computer still says he can't find it...

Customer: I have problems printing in red...

Tech support: Do you have a color printer?

Customer: Aaaaaa.....thank you.

Tech support: What's on your monitor now, ma'am?

Customer: A teddy bear my boyfriend bought for me at the 7-11.

Customer: My keyboard is not working anymore.

Tech support: Are you sure it's plugged into the computer?

Customer: No. I can't get behind the computer.

Tech support: Pick up your keyboard and walk 10 paces back.

Customer: OK

Tech support: Did the keyboard come with you?

Customer: Yes

Tech support: That means the keyboard is not plugged in. Is there another keyboard?

Customer: Yes, there's another one here. Ah...that one does work...

Tech support: Your password is the small letter a as in apple, a capital letter V as in Victor, the number 7.

Customer: Is that 7 in capital letters?

Customer: I can't get on the Internet.

Tech support: Are you sure you used the right password?

Customer: Yes, I'm sure. I saw my colleague do it.

Tech support: Can you tell me what the password was?

Customer: Five stars.

Tech support: What anti-virus program do you use?

Customer: Netscape.

Tech support: That's not an anti-virus program.

Customer: Oh, sorry...Internet Explorer.

Customer: I have a huge problem. A friend has placed a screen saver on my computer, but every time I move the mouse, it disappears.

Tech support: How may I help you?

Customer: I'm writing my first e-mail.

Tech support: OK, and what seems to be the problem?

Customer: Well, I have the letter 'a' in the address, but how do I get the circle around it?

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A helicopter is a collection of rotating parts going round and round and reciprocating parts going up and down - all of

them trying to become random in motion.

*In Memory of our departed friends and co-workers*

**TOM ABBOTT**

**JOHN ADAMS**

**EDWARD ANDERSON**

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