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Great News – On or about June 2, Dick Dippold committed to be VP for the next 2 years

Outgoing President Frank Holman welcomed members and guests to the meeting on May 5, 2010. **Don Brandes** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Frank announced that the 2010 Christmas Party will be held at Sunridge Canyon Golf Club in Fountain Hills. It will be buffet style and alcoholic beverages will be available.

The featured speaker was our own Treasurer, **Karl Pfitzer** speaking about his recent 18 day trip back to Viet Nam, 41 years after serving there during the war. Included in the travel party were 6 Marine and 3 Army veterans who had served in country.

Karl began with a brief history of Viet Nam. ‘The people of Vietnam gained independence and broke away from China in AD 938. Successive dynasties flourished along with geo-

This year your Board has initiated a new method of distributing the Rosters to the membership. They will not be sent to all members. By means of a check box on the front of the dues remittance envelope, you can request a Roster be sent to your home. Otherwise, you may pick one up at the next meeting you attend. When you receive your roster, you should check for correctness of your personal information. Any corrections should be reported to Diane Bennett as soon as possible.

Frank also announced that he is trying to organize a Canadian fishing trip for the June 2011 time period. If interested, please contact Frank directly.

graphic and political expansion deeper into Southeast Asia, until it was colonized by the French in the mid-19th century. Efforts to resist the French eventually led to their

Upcoming Events

- **Sept 1 – Meeting – Darol Kubacz – Disabled Outdoor Adventures**
- **Oct 6 – Meeting - Bob Brown writer/director of a new documentary “Bamboozled -The Case Against Congress”**
- **Nov 3 – Meeting – Stan Settles – Speed Week at Bonneville Salt Flats**

expulsion from the country in the mid-20th century, leaving a nation divided politically into two countries. Fighting between the two sides continued during the Vietnam War, ending with a North Vietnamese victory in 1975.¹

‘Vietnam is the easternmost country on the Indochina Peninsula in Southeast Asia. It is bordered by China to the north, Laos to the northwest, Cambodia to the southwest, and the South China Sea, referred to as East Sea to the east. With a population of over 86 million, Vietnam is the 13th most populous country in the world.’¹

Key figures in the Viet Nam conflict were Ho Chi Minh and General Vo Nguyen Giap, notable for having outlived all US Presidents and most prominent generals and higher officials that participated in the Viet

Nam War on both sides.

The trip began in Hanoi with key points of interest such as the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, the Lake House and the Hanoi Hilton (prison). Architecture in Hanoi is heavily Russian influenced.

On Day 4 the tour visited Hue, home of the Imperial Citadel built in 1803. Day 5 the group drove to Quang Tri. Sadly, in this area 1–2 children die or are injured weekly by mines left from the war. Although the US is blamed, most mines are NVA or Viet Cong in origin.

Day 6 found the tour going from Quang Tri to Khe Sahn.

All students in the area learn English in school. Coffee is now grown in this area. On Day 7, the group drove south on Hwy 14 (originally the HO Chi Minh Trail) through the A Shau Valley to A Luoi then east to Hue. Karl noted that there is better cell phone coverage in Viet Nam than in the US.

Day 8 continued south on Hwy 1 from Hue to Da Nang (China Beach). Resorts are under construction everywhere. The next day the group continued south to Hoi An, and then west through the Arizona Territory to an area with extensive hardwood logging. Then on Day 10, the tour proceeded further south to Chu Lai, southern Viet Nam’s major deep water port.

¹Source - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vietnam#First_Indochina_War

On Day 11 the group drove south to the coastal city of Qui Nhon. Day 12 was a drive on Hgh 19 (old route of the French Group 100) to An Khe in the central highlands and then further west to Pleiku. Indigenous peoples in this area never supported the North during the war. Then on Day 13, the tour traveled via Pleiku (more coffee plantations) to Saigon, a modern French influenced city of 7.5M people.

The group visited Saigon for two days and then departed for Dien Bien Phu, the final battle of the French Indochina war, and saw General Giap’s headquarters.

From Dien Bien Phi, the tour flew back to Hanoi for the return trip to the US. Karl noted that Viet Nam is still aligned with Russia and remain skeptical of the Chinese.

This month’s charity donations were sent to **USO** and **Arizona Humane Society**. The 50/50 raffle winners were **Faye McDonald** and ?????.

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.

September’s speaker will be **Darol Kubacz**. After losing the use of his legs while in the U.S. Army in 1992, Darol chose to take what most would consider a tragedy and turn it into triumph. He began long distance hand cycling, alpine skiing and SCUBA diving. He also started a real-estate management company, was a Forest Service Ranger and an international volunteer for several ventures. After nine years of pushing the limits of his ability, he broke his neck while freestyle ski jumping and spent 16 weeks in a halo. He has since climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro and continues to share his passion for outdoor adventure and with others. He is the founder of the Freedom for Life foundation based in Tempe.

On May 20, 19 club members visited Palo Verde Nuclear Power Plant. In recognition, the Club donated \$200 to **Manna House**, a local charity supported by Palo Verde and

its employees. Thank You notes were received from **USO, Manna House** and **Arizona Humane Society**.

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 Mc-

Dowell). 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, 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.

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.

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

Other Stuff

A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, "I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger."

Two fish swim into a concrete wall. The one turns to the other and says, "Dam!"

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, "I've lost my electron."

The other asks, "Are you sure?"

The first replies, "Yes, I'm positive."

Did you hear about the Maharishi who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcend dental medication.

A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse.

"But why?" they asked, as they moved off.

"Because", he said, "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer."

A woman has twins and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named "Ahmal." The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him "Juan."

Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal.

Her husband responds, "They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal."

Three friars were behind on their belfry payments, so they opened up a small florist shop to raise funds. Since everyone liked to buy flowers from the men of God, a rival florist across town thought the competition was unfair. He asked

the good fathers to close down, but they would not.

He went back and begged the friars to close. They ignored him. So, the rival florist hired Hugh MacTaggart, the roughest and most vicious thug in town to "persuade" them to close. Hugh beat up the friars and trashed their store, saying he'd be back if they didn't close up shop.

Terrified, they did so, thereby proving that only Hugh can prevent florist friars.

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

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