



# RETIREE'S CLUB OF ARIZONA



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As is usual, our December event is the Holiday Luncheon attended by 115 of our friends and family members in Fountain Hills. The food was great and despite a rare rainy day, a great time was had by all. Check out the photos on the website.

The 50/50 winners were **Jerry Lemmon, Frank Holman and Ken Osterberg**. Centerpiece winners were #3. The door prize winners were **John Tease, Marianne Otto, Vicky Pfitzer, Hank Tom, Al Finkelstein and Dee Henshaw**.

Elections are coming up sooner than you think. Time now to consider stepping up for the Club. **John Lester** will be assuming the Presidency next year so will again need a new VP. We will also need a new Treasurer as **Karl Pfitzer** is taking on a new role as fundraiser for Boy Scouts of America. We guarantee that

the books are in order so stepping into this role should be a smooth transition.

Our featured speaker for the January meeting will be Jim Walborn, a Honeywell (North) retiree where he was employed for forty one years, including work on Military and Commercial Aviation. His most exciting project was 7 years on the A-12/YF-12 Blackbird in the '60s.

Jim, a EE, an avid amateur astronomer and mathematician, recently led two teams of young people that were entered in the Honeywell Aerospace Challenge. One of the teams came in fourth out of the 68 entrants in the days' long competition that was held at ASU West, earlier in December.

Jim will describe the competition parameters that the children utilized in their efforts to design a lunar base area for

#### Upcoming Events

- **Jan 4 – Meeting - Jim Walborn – Honeywell Aerospace Challenge**
- **Feb 1 – Meeting – Jim Peterson – Phoenix Sky Train**
- **Mar 7 – Meeting - David DeNitto - Merrill Lynch Wealth Management**

further space exploration such as using helium-3 as fuel, lunar ice for water, along with addressing waste treatment, organization, nationalities, medical needs, recreation, and other life factors. The goal of this effort is to increase the interest of young people in AZ, in science and mathematics.

### President's Column

We DID have a great Luncheon this year. In spite of the awful weather, this was the best attended luncheon event in the past several years. The staff at Sun Ridge Country Club did a splendid job of serving and keeping us comfortable despite the wet and cool day.

It was a good effort on behalf of the Club by all those there, because we not only delivered two boxes of food and tree ornaments to each of the two families the Club sponsored, but provided a significant number of toys for the six children, an additional \$50 in food certificates, and \$142 cash from our 50-50 pool. All told, we contributed almost \$1,000 worth of food, toys, decorations, and money to **Vista del Camino** for the benefit of these two families.

In addition to your efforts above, this month the Club sent \$200 to the **Strawberry/Pine Food Bank** to help them shore up their efforts to meet a 100% increase in need over the past several months.

It makes me proud to be a member of this Club when I see so many stepping up to

help. You can all pat yourselves on the back for helping a few in this State live a better life through the holiday season.


### **Upcoming Meetings**

John Lester has done a great job of providing interesting speakers for the remainder of the year, including notables Tim Mahoney, CEO and President of Honeywell Aerospace, and Bud Farrington, retired USAF Brigadier General and retired Director, Honeywell Aerospace Military Customer Support.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting, Jan 4.

Best wishes for a happy and successful new year.

*Ed*



A list of the charities from which the board chooses donations monthly 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.

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

For those of you who are not aware, the registration envelopes are permanent records of your dues payment history. It would be appreciated if you would not deface, cut, or otherwise make them unusable and therefore make it necessary to make a new envelope for the records. Also, if there

have been no changes in your address, phone number, marital status, or e-mail address, please just print your name and the date and nothing else.

Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

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 con-

ducted at **1:45 pm**, the presentation starts at **2:00 pm** and adjournment is at **3:00 pm**.

Board meetings will no longer be held prior to the regular meeting. However, we do welcome your input. Please contact any board member or send the editor any items that may be of interest to our members.

### **HELP EACH OTHER**

If you need some assistance, e-mail [smitnik@cox.net](mailto:smitnik@cox.net) with your need and contact information.

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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.

### **NEWS YOU CAN USE**

#### **The Foster Care Review Board Needs You**

Foster Care Review Board (FCRB) volunteers are citizens from the community who are appointed by the presiding juvenile court judge to serve on five-member boards. Each month volunteers commit one day to reviewing the cases of children in foster care. They read various reports including court reports, case plans, psychological evaluations and drug screens and listen to the interested parties who attend the reviews. The volunteers use this information to make informed recommendations to the juvenile court and other interested parties regarding services and permanency options for the children's cases they

are reviewing. More than 9500 children currently are in care. For more information, please contact Charlie Gray at 602-452-3615 or visit our website at [www.azfcrb.org](http://www.azfcrb.org).

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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.

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Chris Mayberry is a Property Specialist employed with Honeywell going on 32 years in Jan, 2012. His father, Richard (Dick) Adamo, was employed with Allied Signal for over 38 years. Dick and Millie Adamo are celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Jan. 19, 2012.

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If you would like to honor or provide information about a member with a newsletter blurb, please e-mail the information to [smitnik@cox.net](mailto:smitnik@cox.net).

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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.

#### **2011 Activity Calendar Honeywell Retirees of Arizona (Honeywell North):**

- January 27 Arizona Science Center
- February 14 Turf Paradise

- February TBD AZ Broadway Theater (Singin' in the Rain)
- February 21 Computer Fraud and ID theft seminar
- March TBD Spring training baseball game

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

### **Other Stuff**

'Bless me Father, for I have sinned. I have been with a loose girl!'

The priest asks, 'Is that you, little Joey Pagano?'

'Yes, Father, it is.'

'And who was the girl you were with?'

'I can't tell you, Father. I don't want to ruin her reputation!'

'Well, Joey, I'm sure to find out her name sooner or later so you may as well tell me now. Was it Tina Minetti?'

'I cannot say.'

'Was it Teresa Mazzarelli?'

'I'll never tell.'

'Was it Nina Capelli?'

'I'm sorry, but I cannot name her.'

'Was it Cathy Piriano?'

'My lips are sealed.'

'Was it Rosa DiAngelo, then?'

'Please, Father, I cannot tell you.'

The priest sighs in frustration. 'You're very tight lipped, and I admire that, but you've sinned and have to atone. You cannot be an altar boy now for 4 months. Now you go and behave yourself.'

Joey walks back to his pew, and his friend Franco slides over and whispers, 'What'd you get?'

'Four months vacation and five good leads.'

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**IDLE THOUGHTS FROM A RETIREES MIND**

I had amnesia once . . . or twice.

Protons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.

All I ask is a chance to prove that money can't make me happy.

If the world were a logical place, men would be the ones who ride horses sidesaddle.

What is a "free" gift? Aren't all gifts free?

They told me I was gullible and I believed them.

Teach a child to be polite and courteous in the home, and when he grows up, he'll never be able to merge his car onto the freeway.

Experience is the thing you have left when everything else is gone.

One nice thing about egotists . . . they don't talk about other people.

My weight is perfect for my height ... which varies.

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**IDIOT SIGHTING:**

I live in a semi-rural area in Kingman, KS. We recently had a new neighbor call the local township administrative office to request the removal of the DEER CROSSING sign on our road. The reason: 'Too many

deer are being hit by cars out here! I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore.'

**IDIOT SIGHTING:**

At a good-bye luncheon at Texas Instruments for an old and dear co-worker, leaving the company due to 'downsizing', our manager commented cheerfully, 'This is fun. We should do this more often.' Not another word was spoken. We all just looked at each other with that deer-in-the-headlights stare.

**IDIOT SIGHTING:**

I work with a deputy at the Dallas County Sheriff's Office who plugged her power strip back into itself and for the sake of her life, couldn't understand why her system would not turn on.

**STAY ALERT!** They walk among us... and the scary part is that they VOTE and REPRODUCE!

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With all the sadness and trauma going on in the world at the moment, it is worth reflecting on the death of a very important person, which almost went unnoticed last week.

Larry LaPrise, the man that wrote "The Hokie Pokey" died peacefully at the age of 93. The most traumatic part for his family was getting him into the coffin. They put his left leg in. And then the trouble started.

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It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 part-

ner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me.

"Is that a dog you got back there?" he asked.

"It sure is," I replied.

Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, "What'd he do?"

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A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover.

The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, "What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?"

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

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