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President **Ed Taschner** welcomed members and guests to the meeting on January 4, 2012. **Dick Carpenter** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

We are pleased to announce that **Walt Blackmore** has volunteered to become the club Treasurer.

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.

Dick Carpenter spoke about the rewards associated with hospital volunteerism. Within the Scottsdale Healthcare System facilities, each volunteer works 4 hr/wk and no paid staffers are displaced as a result of the volunteer's activity.

Dick Dippold, a named plaintiff, spoke about the resolution of the lawsuit against Honeywell. In his estimate the earlier

Partial Settlement was the only real victory. The Plaintiffs could have continued to pursue this action, but as the class members are aging, a settlement seemed in order. The Class B plaintiffs (10871) will each get \$500. How awards were determined is still being explained. However, the Court seems to be saying that longer employment retirees with resulting large SBA accounts at retirement were less damaged than others with small SBA accounts.

Bill Spragins has made a special request to members. He asks that members call KAET, Channel 8, 602 496-2308, and request that the Nightly Business Report be returned to its original 5:30 pm time slot.

Our featured speaker was Jim Walborn, a Honeywell (North) retiree where he was employed for forty one years, including work on Military and Com-

Upcoming Events

- Feb 1 – Meeting – Jim Peterson – Phoenix Sky Train
- Mar 7 – Meeting - David DeNitto - Merrill Lynch Wealth Management
- April 4 – Meeting - Tim Mahoney, Honeywell Aerospace

mercial Aviation.

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

Competition parameters for teams of 4-5 5-8 graders over 7-12 weeks were to design a lunar base area housing up to 50 people for 2 years, mine helium-3 for fuel and select an appropriate recreation sport and design the required facility. Each team was required to construct a model of its design for < \$50. The goal of this effort is to increase the interest of young people in AZ, in science and mathematics.

Preliminary judging reduced the number of teams for 210 to 6. 4 NASA astronauts were members of the final judging team.

Some of the questions that each team was required to address were: how will the HE₃ be mined and processed? how will it be stored and sent to Earth? Google NASA+HE3 for more info.

Next month's speaker will be Jim Peterson, Marketing & Community Relations Manager for Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. He has over 20 years experience working in aviation and transportation marketing. He will be

talking about Sky Train as well as other activities and improvements at Sky Harbor Airport.

President's Column

2012! Time flies, doesn't it? I would grade 2011 at a 'B', due mostly to my personal challenges last year. All in all, though, 2011 was a pretty good year.

Ever think back to the time you were about twelve years old ... and everything seemed new and exciting?

I did that recently and performed an online search for things that were happening in **1955**:

- Average income \$4,418; minimum wage raised to from 75¢ to \$1.00.
- First McDonald's built.
- Coca-Cola introduced soft drinks in cans for the first time.
- A gallon of gas cost 23¢.
- A new house cost \$10,500.
- Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama.
- A first class stamp is 23¢.
- Gunsmoke debuts on television to become the longest running western, ever.
- Polio shots were given in schools for the first time.
- First seat belt laws enacted.
- First baby shampoo invented by Johnson & Johnson.
- First microwave ovens sold by Tappan at a cost of

\$1,300 - only \$600 less than the average automobile or about 36% of your annual income!

- First Guinness Book of World Records is published.
- Disneyland opens in Anaheim.
- Pink shirts and black slacks are men's fashion statement.
- Instant oatmeal invented by Quaker Oats.
- Popular movies: On the Waterfront – Rebel Without a Cause – East of Eden – Picnic – Oklahoma – To Catch a Thief – The Seven Year Itch. Did you see any of these?
- James Dean is killed at age 26 in a car accident. Remember him?
- Popular music: Tutti-Frutti – Maybellene – Bo Diddley – Why Do Fools Fall In Love – The Great Pretender – Ain't It a Shame – Folsom Prison Blues – Story Untold – My Babe.
- Popular singers: Little Richard – Chuck Berry – Bo Diddley – The Teenagers – The Platters – Fats Domino – Johnny Cash – The Cadillacs.
- Hurricane Diane hits the northeast United States, killing 200 and causing over \$ 1B in damage.
- Bill Gates and Steve Jobs were born.
- First act of terrorism on a US airline carrier. United

flight 629 is blown up just after takeoff from Denver by a 23 year old man who hated his mother and wanted to collect her insurance.

- First artificial diamond created.

For 2012, I see a great year for the Club and some of our initiatives. We are working to improve the scholarship awards process, to include a significant increase in award amounts. This exciting work should conclude in time for the next awards cycle.

One last thing about participating...

Walt Blackmore has volunteered to assume the role of our Treasurer. He will be officially on board this June 1st.

We are still searching for a Club VP to help set our speaker's schedule for the next two years. This VP term will begin June 1, 2012. I think this is a great opportunity to work with new President John Lester and work with a broad variety of people who can share interesting information with the Club.

We're looking forward to getting several nominations for this position

Ed

This month's charitable donation went to **Special Olympics** and the **Joe Foss Institute**. Club guidelines now dictate that we support local charities exclusively.

The 50/50 winners were **Gary Kains** and **Bill Gerros**. Centrepiece winners were #3.

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 in-

to 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**.

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 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.

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.

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.

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 60th wedding anniversary Jan. 19, 2012.

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.

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):

- 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

Other Stuff

A blonde goes into work one morning crying her eyes out. Her boss asked sympathetically, 'What's the matter?'

The blonde replies, 'Early this morning I got a phone call saying that my mother had passed away.'

The boss, feeling sorry for her, says, 'Why don't you go home for the day? Take the day off to relax & rest.'

'Thanks, but I'd be better off here. I need to keep my mind

off it and I have the best chance of doing that here.' The boss agrees and allows the blonde to work as usual.

A couple of hours pass and the boss decides to check on the blonde. He looks out from his office & sees the blonde crying hysterically.

'What's so bad now? Are you gonna be okay?' he asks.

'No!' exclaims the blonde. 'I just received a horrible call from my sister. Her mother died, too!'

In Memory of our departed friends and co-workers

**JOHN ARNELL
CHARLES BACK
FRED BRADLEY
BETTY CLOUGH
STEVEN COX
JACK CRAWFORD
STANLEY CZARNECKI
CHRISTINE DALEY
FRANK GNAGNI
GEORGE HARVEY
PETE KAMSTRA
ROBERT KRAHN
GERALD LANGFORD
JOHN MAGURA
G. MILLER
EDWARD OUTHOUSE
DONALD PADILLA
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JAMES SIMONSON
DONALD STRUTTMANN
ROVENA WALKER
CAROLYN WAZLAVEK
ROBERT WILLIAMS**