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Upcoming Events

- Mar 5 - Meeting - George Gascon, Chief-Mesa Police Dept
- April 2 - Meeting - Rob Gillette, President, Honeywell Aerospace
- April 8 - Spring Roundup - Rock Springs
- May 7 - Meeting - Wendy Franz, Docent, Phoenix Art Museum

George Davis, President, welcomed members and guests to the meeting on Feb. 6, 2008. Lou Cruse led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Spring Roundup at the Rock Springs Café is coming up on April 8. We are again the host club. Diane will be still be selling tickets at the next meeting. The price is the same as last year, \$16.00. Mark your calendars.

We are still looking for candidates for offices listed at the left. Please think about the opportunity and consider serving your fellow club members. Ed Taschner has agreed to run for Treasurer, but we still need candidates for VP. As a reminder, duties of the VP are as follows:

- 1) Locate (with the help of other club members and whatever resources at your disposal) interesting speakers for the club members when the club meets.

- 2) Attend the Board meetings (held prior to the regular meetings) and assist with the decision required by the board,

- 3) Meet once a month at the Honeywell plant to help with distributing the newsletters...and you might consider a fourth function...begging club members to consider running for office to assist with the functioning of the club.

The Board has been reviewing club financial data and decided that a dues increase of \$1 was required. Per club by-laws, a majority of members in attendance must approve such a change. When this recommendation was proposed to the members, a motion from the floor was offered to raise dues to \$10 annually. This motion was seconded and approved by show of hands of members in attendance. This increase will go into effect at our 1st fall meeting in Sep-



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tember. However, those of you who have prepaid your dues will not see an increase until your prepaid dues have been consumed. The Club is also accepting donations for the refreshments at the meetings.

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.

Our featured speaker was **Steve Welker**, Chairman of the Board, AZ Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired. He spoke about the concept of Radical Resiliency, which he developed over time subsequent to the automobile accident that left him blind. Within this concept is the Resiliency Triangle consisting of **Attitude, Commitment and Support**. More details were provided in a handout.

Next month's speaker will be **George Gascon**, Chief, Mesa Police Dept.

50/50 winners were **Carl Roberts** and **Volker Otto**.

This month's charity donation was given to the **AZ Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired**. A list of the charities from which the board chooses for our 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.

The Club issues new membership rosters each year. We remind you to properly destroy (shred) old rosters. This information is provided for the sole use of our members so that they 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** can make you a new one for a \$2.00 charge.

We need volunteers to call members to remind them of our meetings. Please contact Diane if you can help out.

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.

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. We have a social hour beginning at **1:00 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 you may have 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.

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

NEWS YOU CAN USE



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TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

Encourage your family member/college student to inquire about the **HRC Scholarship Program**. Each of the three state universities has information on their web sites about their application process. An award of \$1000.00 is available at each university annually. Since 1999, the first year of the program, twenty scholarships have been awarded. Check with the college scholarship office for application deadlines (normally in March). The requirements for application are as follows:

1. The applicant must be a family member of an active member (current dues paying) or associate member (spouse of deceased active member) of the **Retirees**. Family members are defined as children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, etc. of the retiree. On all applications the submitter must include the company, division, year of retirement, and the current phone number of the retiree or associate.

2. Only students that will be entering their sophomore, junior, or senior year are eligible.

3. Students applying must have evidence of **cumulative 3.0 or higher grade point average**.

4. Applicants must re-apply annually.

5. Receipt of this scholarship does not restrict the student from receiving other scholarships.

6. Students **majoring in Science and Technology related fields will be given preference**, but if there are no approved applicants in related fields, then all majors will be considered. In the case of equal qualifications, financial need will be the deciding factor.

ARE YOU APPROACHING AGE 70 ½? DO YOU HAVE A SECURED BENEFIT ACCOUNT? If so, you need to contact Honeywell to determine your options for the distribution of these funds. Remember, the Secured Benefit Account is 'qualified' money (i.e. you never paid taxes on that money) and the law requires distribution from qualified accounts upon reaching age 70 ½.

The **DO NOT CALL LIST** info in last month's newsletter was incorrect. You do not need to do anything. The Editor apologizes for any inconvenience.

Ed Gammill has written a series of short stories about his

personal experiences on various programs. The entire volume is posted on the website.

The **Oak Street Gleaners** are looking for a few more volunteers. They perform their service activity on the last **Thursday** of every month. Contact **Al Stimac** 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 bud-dies! Call them! Phoenix 602 -231-7920, Tempe 480-592-1389. **Wellness Center** info is also posted on our website.

The **Honeywell Volunteer Worksheet** is available on our website.

2008 Activity Calendar Honeywell Retirees of Arizona (Honeywell North):

- March 11 Spring Training Baseball
- April 2 Sprint Potluck
- April 6 Honeywell/Sperry Cruise
- Check out the hikers schedule

More info at WWW.HRCAZ.ORG



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Other Stuff

The Commanding Officer of a Regiment in the U. S. Marine Corps was about to start the morning briefing to his Staff and Battalion and Company Commanders.

While waiting for the coffee to finish brewing, he posed a question to all assembled. He explained that his wife had been a bit frisky the night before and he failed to get his usual amount of sound sleep. He posed the question of just how much of sex was 'work' and how much of it was 'pleasure?'

The X.O. chimed in with 75-25% in favor of work. A Captain said it was 50-50%. The Colonel's Aide, a Lt., responded with 25-75% in favor of pleasure, depending on his state of inebriation at the time. There being no consensus, the Colonel turned to the PFC who was in charge of making the coffee. What was HIS opinion? With no hesitation, the young PFC responded, "Sir, it has to be 100% pleasure."

The Colonel was surprised and asked why?

"Well, Sir," began the PFC, "if there was any work involved, the officers would have me doing it for them."

VERY INTERESTING STUFF

In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have "the rule of thumb".

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled "Gentlemen Only ... Ladies Forbidden"...and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV was Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than for the U.S. Treasury.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28% (now get this...)

The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%

If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

In Memory of our departed friends and co-workers

- ROGER ALEXANDER**
- MARK ANTON**
- WILLIAM ARNEY**
- ALLAN BERGMAN**
- E. BROWN**
- JAMES EOFF**
- EUGENE FINCH**
- JAMES HAHN**
- DAVID HEELEY**
- JOSEPH KAVANAGH
JR.**
- HOWARD REMMERS**
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