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Upcoming Events

- Oct 1 - Meeting - Ron Schott, Executive Emeritus, AZ Technology Council
- Nov 5 - Meeting - Dr Harold Wong, Mortgage Loans & Tax Education
- Dec 15 - Holiday Luncheon

Frank Holman, President, welcomed members and guests to the meeting on Sept. 3, 2008. Howard Krasnow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

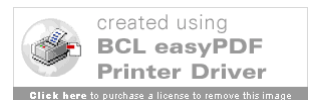
The office of Vice President is vacant. A primary function of the Vice President is to secure speakers for the meeting. Therefore ALL MEMBERS are asked to please suggest speakers and assist with arrangements for the speaker participation.

With the nearing end of the high yield era of the SBA accounts, Frank led a discussion of the issues before us. Those of you younger than 70 ½ and holding SBA accounts need to explore your options. While you needed to know some of the facts, we have been asked by our attorney to minimize the calls to Honeywell on this subject. Please be patient. Honeywell has promised that additional information will be forthcoming in the next few months.

Diane Bennett informs us that the next big trip planned for October 2009 is to Thailand.

Our featured speaker was Jane Conrow, Director, Companion Animals of Arizona Inc. She provided us with information about the use of animals as a therapeutic benefit for people who have had to give up pets, abused children, hospice patients, etc. While most animals are dogs, cats and even rabbits have been used in this role. The therapeutic benefit has been documented by research. If you and your pet might be interested in volunteering to provide this service, a must is for your pet to pass the AKC Canine Good Citizen Test. Additional training for you and your pet will likely be required. If interested, be sure that the organization you volunteer with has liability insurance.

Next month's speaker will be Ron Schott, Executive Emeritus, AZ Technology Council. His topic will be "State of the





State in the Technology Industry & Innovation". He is also the publisher of TECH-Connect, AZ's Magazine of Science & Technology.

A TRIBUTE IN PASSING

We note the passing this month of **Harry Wetzel**, an extraordinary man with powerful intellect, impeccable taste, courteous, with extreme curiosity and a good sense of humor.

He was an experimental test pilot for the Army Air Force in World War II. His memory was phenomenal and he was very good indeed at counting cards, long before they made a film about it. In fact, one should never play gin rummy or 21 on a company plane with The Chairman for serious money, ever.

He was truly a Renaissance man and his talents went in all directions. He was an excellent cabinetmaker.

He was a true gentleman and courteous to a fault. Even in his own home, he would politely knock on a closed door to avoid invading anyone's privacy.

He led The Garrett Corporation for over 20 years, and under his guidance, it grew spectacularly from within. He knew the names and families

of a surprising number of shop employees, and often sat with a janitor at lunch, rather than another company officer, chatting easily and gracefully.

He had the common touch and noticed small things. Typically, boarding a company plane, he would comment how well dressed the pilots were and asking them, for example, how they got their shoes so shiny.

When the independent Garrett Corporation was being pursued in an unfriendly takeover, he sought out a White Knight to rescue it, with his neighbor, Russ Green, Signal Oil & Gas.

His achievements at Garrett in initiating new product lines were extraordinary. He began the development of a new and very efficient aircraft turbofan engine, the first that could take a business jet from coast-to-coast non-stop. This made Garrett the world's leading manufacturer of small jet engines. Harry was truly 'a man with a plan for a fan'. He also guided The Garrett Corporation into the development of a 500 hp gas turbine engine for trucks.

He will be missed.

50/50 winners were **Dick Dippold** and **Bob Rencenberger**.

This month's charity donations were given to **Wellcare Foundation**. 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.

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** 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





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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 480-218-7199.

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 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 put notices in the newsletter and post them on the website when new opportunities become available.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

The Honeywell program for issuing checks to non-profit organizations for retiree volunteer work has been discontinued.

ARE YOU APPROACHING AGE 70 ½? DO YOU HAVE A SECURED BENE-FIT 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.

Honeywell Employees 52nd Annual Charity Rodeo

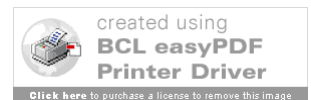
For the past fifty-one years, Honeywell employees have competed in the largest and

oldest all employee rodeo in the world. This year's event will be held at **Gilbert Rodeo Park, Saturday, Nov. 1st at 4:00PM and Sunday, Nov. 2nd at 1:00 PM**. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children age six to twelve, and will benefit Arizona Homeless Veterans Stand-Down. For more information, contact the 2008 Rodeo Chairman, Andy Tidy 602-436-5153.

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

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- 2008 Activity Calendar Honeywell Retirees of Arizona (Honeywell North):**
- Oct 15 AZ Broadway Theatre Cabaret
 - Oct 22 Octoberfest
 - Dec 8 Fall Golf Tournament, Sun City Country Club





More info at WWW.HRCAZ.ORG

Other Stuff

A little girl asked her Mom, "Mom, may I take the dog for a walk around the block?"

Mom replies, "No, because she is in heat."

"What's that mean?" asked the child. "Go ask your father. I think he's in the garage."

The little girl goes to the garage and says, "Dad, may I take Belle for a walk around the block? I asked Mom, but she said the dog was in heat, and to come to you."

Dad said, "Bring Belle over here." He took a rag, soaked it with gasoline, and scrubbed the dog's backside with it to disguise the scent, and said "OK, you can go now, but keep Belle on the leash and only go one time round the block."

The little girl left and returned a few minutes later with no dog on the leash. Surprised, Dad asked, "Where's Belle?"

The little girl said, "She ran out of gas about halfway down the block, so another dog is pushing her home."

Jake was dying. His wife sat at the bedside. He looked up

and said weakly, "I have something I must confess."

"There's no need to," his wife replied.

"No," he insisted, "I want to die in peace. I slept with your sister, your best friend, her best friend, and your mother!"

"I know, I know," she replied. "Now just rest and let the poison work."

Q: Where can women over the age of 50 find young, sexy men who are interested in them?

A: Try a bookstore, under Fiction.

Q: What can a man do while his wife is going through menopause?

A: Keep busy. If you're handy with tools, you can finish the basement. When you are done you will have a place to live.

Q: How can you increase the heart rate of your 50+-year-old husband?

A: Tell him you're pregnant.

Q: How can you avoid spotting a wrinkle every time you walk by a mirror?

A: The next time you're in front of a mirror, take off your glasses.

Q: Why should 50+-year-old people use valet parking?

A: Valets don't forget where they park your car.

Q: Is it common for 50+-year-olds to have problems with short-term memory storage?

A: Storing memory is not the problem. Retrieving it is the problem.

Q: As people age, do they sleep more soundly?

A: Yes, but usually in the afternoon.

In Memory of our departed friends and co-workers

- GUS BURRUEL**
- CAROL CAMPBELL**
- H. CONWAY**
- D. CREMER**
- WILLIAM CUMMINGS**
- JIM DANIELS**
- JOSEPH DUSKY III**
- KENNETH EVERLETH**
- FAY FIELDER**
- CD JACKSON**
- NORMAN JOHNSON**
- LINDA MARTINEZ**
- J. MCNEIL**
- M. OLSEN**
- GLENETTA WATERS**
- HARRY WETZEL**