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Upcoming Events

- 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 Mar. 5, 2008. Ed Taschner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

George reviewed the increasing costs of the Christmas party and indicated that the Board is exploring options to preserve the affordability of this annual function

The **Spring Roundup** at the Rock Springs Café is coming up on **April 8**. Your last chance to buy tickets is 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 speak-

ers 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.

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 **George Gascon**, Chief-Mesa Police Dept. His topic was the Future of Policing. He noted that the cost of public safety is rising, including opportunity costs associated with lowering risk such as: gated communities; private industrial secure-



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ity forces; home security systems and services; avoidance of public places; and fear of participating as citizens.

Current policing models have been unchanged for 50 years. Policing requires assurances of lifetime employment due to the high costs of hiring and training for proficiency. However, many municipalities are not funding the necessary pension liabilities and yet are demanding increased workloads for police activity. If municipalities follow the lead of industry in the portability of benefits, this will work against the need for lifetime police careers.

Factors such as terrorism and population growth, and expectation of multiple jobs/careers all indicate that the future of policing will be different, but in what ways is not yet clear.

Next month's speaker will be **Rob Gillette, President, Honeywell Aerospace**

50/50 winners were **Ray Gentry and Walt Blackmore.**

This month's charity donations were given to the **American Red Cross and Salvation Army.** 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 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 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

ARE YOU APPROACHING AGE 70 ½? DO YOU HAVE A SECURED BENEFIT ACCOUNT? If so, you



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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 1/2.

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 buddies! 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):

- Check out the hikers schedule

More info at WWW.HRCAZ.ORG

Other Stuff

Ever wondered what happens when Hallmark writers are having a bad day.....

My tire was thumping.
I thought it was flat
When I looked at the tire...
I noticed your cat. Sorry!

Heard your wife left you,
How upset you must be.
But don't fret about it...
She moved in with me.

Looking back over the years that we've been together, I can't help but wonder..."What the hell was I thinking?"

Congratulations on your wedding day! Too bad no one likes your husband.

How could two people as beautiful as you have such an ugly baby?

I've always wanted to have someone to hold, someone to love. After having met you ..I've changed my mind.

I must admit, you brought Religion into my life. I never believed in Hell until I met you.

As the days go by, I think of how lucky I am...that you're not here to ruin it for me.

Congratulations on your promotion.

Before you go...would you like to take this knife out of my back? You'll probably need it again.

Happy Birthday, Uncle Dad! (Available only in Tennessee, Kentucky & West Virginia)

Happy birthday! You look great for your age.
Almost Lifelike!

When we were together, you always said you'd die for me. Now that we've broken up, I think it's time you kept your promise.

We have been friends for a very long time ..
Let's say we stop?

I'm so miserable without you it's almost like you're here.

Congratulations on your new bundle of joy. Did you ever find out who the father was?

Your friends and I wanted to do something special for your birthday. So we're having you put to sleep.

So your daughter's a hooker,
And it spoiled your day.
Look at the bright side,
It's really good pay



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Amy, a blonde city girl, marries a Texas rancher. One morning, on his way out to check on the cows, the rancher says to Amy, "The artificial insemination man is coming over to impregnate one of our cows today. I drove a nail into the two-by-four just above the cow's stall in the barn. You show him where the cow is when he gets here, okay?"

So the rancher leaves for the fields. After a while, the artificial insemination man arrives and knocks on the front door. Amy takes him down to the barn. They walk along long row of cows and when she sees the nail, she tells him, "This is the one..... right here."

Terribly impressed by what he seemed to think just might be another dizzy blonde, the man asks, "How did you know this is the cow to breed?"

"That's simple. By the nail over its stall," Amy explains.

Then the man asks, "What's the nail for?"

"I guess it's to hang your pants on," she tells him as she walks away.

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes.

When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making

the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase..... "good-night, sleep tight."

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. "Wet your whistle" is the phrase inspired by this practice.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.

An Amish boy and his father were in a mall. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and then slide back together again.

The boy asked, "What is this Father?" The father (never having seen an elevator) responded, "Son, I have never seen anything like this in my life. I don't know what it is."

While the boy and his father were watching with amazement, a fat old lady in a wheel chair moved up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened, and the lady rolled between them into a small room. The walls closed, and the boy and his father watched the small num-

bers above the walls light up sequentially. They continued to watch until it reached the last number, and then the numbers began to light in the reverse order. Finally the walls opened up again and a gorgeous 24-year-old blond stepped out.

The father, not taking his eyes off the young woman, said quietly to his son "Go get your mother."

Q. On which day are there more collect calls than any other day of the year?

A. Father's Day

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

- H. ANDERSON**
- ELBERT BERNAL**
- F. DENNIS**
- SALLYE HEADLEY**
- CHARLES HEINRICH**
- G. HOSTLER JR.**
- DALE JOHNSON**
- ARTHUR KRZYWICKI**
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- WALLACE OLSON**