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Upcoming Events

- Dec 10 - Holiday Luncheon - Elk's Lodge #2148
- Jan 2 - Meeting - Al Stimac - Michigan Copper
- Feb 6 - Meeting

George Davis, President, welcomed members and guests to the meeting on Nov. 7, 2007. **Bill Moring** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Don Brandes spoke to the audience about health care insurance premium increases, particularly Honeywell vs. CIGNA direct. He reminds all of us to carefully read all information sent to us on this very important topic.

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.

Early next year we will be looking for candidates for offices listed at the left. Please think about the opportunity and consider serving your fellow club members.

The Club issues new membership rosters each year. We would like to 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.

Please remember to pay your dues, either in person at the meeting or by using the mail-in card. Thanks.

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

Diane Bennett's early May 2008 trip will be a river cruise up the Rhine (upstream but in a south direction) from Holland to Austria. There is only 1 cabin still available so make your reservation soon.

NO DECEMBER MEETING. ONLY DECEMBER EATING.

Our speaker **Gary Fields** and a few others, pros and serious amateurs, discussed the topic



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of digital photography and answered questions. The experts answered both general and specific questions about cameras and problems. The meeting was well attended and we all learned something new to use when we take our digital pictures.

Our next regular meeting, Jan 2, 2008, will feature our own **Al Stimac**. His topic will be Native Michigan Copper, a type of copper found nowhere else in the world.

50/50 winners were **Bill Spraggins** and **Joe Brutsche**.

This month's charity donations were given to **The American Diabetes Foundation** and the **Make-a-Wish Foundation**.

Thank Yous were received from the **Joe Foss Institute** and **Arizona Bridge to Independent Living**.

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, thanks **Dick McNatt** for his contributions to the History. Ed 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.

Pete Beschenbossel indicated he is available to assist those who live along his route from Cave Creek to the Senior Center with car rides. Contact Pete direct at 480-595-5158.

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

NEWS YOU CAN USE

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START PLANNING. It's time to encourage your family member/college student to inquire about the **HRC Scholarship Program**. Each of the three state universities have information on their web sites about their application process. An award of \$1000.00 is available at each university annually. Check with the college scholarship office for application dead-lines (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



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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 school-arships.

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 qual-

ified accounts upon reaching age 70 ½.

Safety Tip

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator.

Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies. It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house.

It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, odds are the burglar or rapist won't stick around...after a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.....

This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime.

Ed Gammill has written a series of short stories about his personal experiences on various programs. We will try to post the entire volume on the website. Keep looking for it.

The **Oak Street Gleaners** are looking for a few more volunteers. They perform their service activity on the last Friday (day change) 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. We have corrected the website info. If you sent in the form this year and it did not have a Palo Verde address, please down-load a new copy of the form and resubmit.



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2007 Activity Calendar Honeywell Retirees of Arizona (Honeywell North):

- Dec 8, 9 KAET 8 PBS Fundraiser - 15 volunteers are needed each day, 12 - 5 PM.
- Dec 6 Christmas Dinner and Dance (NEW LOCATION, Joint event with Sperry)
- Jan 15 Day at the Races (Tentative Date)
- Feb 6 Dinner Theater (Fiddler on the Roof, AZ Broadway Theater)

More info at WWW.HRCAZ.ORG

Other Stuff

These are from a book called Disorder in the American Courts, and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and now published by court reporters who had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place.

ATTORNEY: How old is your son, the one living with you?

WITNESS: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.

ATTORNEY: How long has he lived with you?

WITNESS: Forty-five years.

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

WITNESS: He said, "Where am I, Cathy?"

ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

WITNESS: My name is Susan.

ATTORNEY: Do you know if your daughter has ever been involved in voodoo?

WITNESS: We both do.

ATTORNEY: Voodoo?

WITNESS: We do.

ATTORNEY: You do?

WITNESS: Yes, voodoo.

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the twenty-year-old, how old is he?

WITNESS: Uh, he's twenty-one.

ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?

WITNESS: Would you repeat the question?

ATTORNEY: So the date of conception (of the baby) was August 8th?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And what were you doing at that time?

WITNESS: Uh....

In Memory of our departed friends and co-workers

DOROTHY BROWN

JOSEPH CATLETT

CLIFFORD H. FAUST

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