



# RETIREE'S CLUB OF ARIZONA NEWSLETTER



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**Upcoming Events**

- Dec 15 - Holiday Luncheon
- Jan 7, '09 - Meeting - Carrie Baker - Health Insurance Information
- Feb 4, '09 - Meeting - Band Concert - Sonic Seniors New Horizons Band

Ed Taschner, Treasurer, welcomed members and guests to the meeting on Nov 5, 2008. Stu Mitnik led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**The office of Vice President continues 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.**

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

As the Holiday Season approaches, we need volunteers to buy gifts for the children of our Xmas families. If interested, please contact **Diane Bennett**.

We have lost track of the whereabouts of the following members:

**Bill Pressler  
Jack Anderson  
Bob Rhodes**

If you have any info, please contact **Diane Bennett**.

**IF YOU DIDN'T BUY YOUR TICKETS FOR THE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AT THE LAST MEETING AND WISH TO ATTEND, CALL DIANE BENNETT DIRECT TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS AND PAY AT THE DOOR.**

Jerry Nelson has resigned as Volunteer Chairman. We wish to thank Jerry for his service to the Club.

Our featured speaker was **Dr. Harold Wong**, Ph. D. Economics. Dr Wong's focus was on 'What Financial Strategies Make Sense Today'. Fixed Indexed Annuities offer annual resets to lock in gains, tax deferred growth, liquidity and access to funds, and can provide tax advantages on annual income. Other strategies might include Roth Iras and Stretch Iras that can provide tax advantages for inheritance. Dr. Wong is a frequent contributor to local media and his blog can be found at:



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[www.garrettreteesaz.com](http://www.garrettreteesaz.com)

[www.azcentral.com/members/user/DrWongInvestorGuide](http://www.azcentral.com/members/user/DrWongInvestorGuide)

Message from Frank

Dear Retiree's,

It is my understanding that the last speaker was a complete disappointment to most of the group since his presentation was not of general information but was a "sales pitch" for a product they were promoting.

It is never the intention of the Retiree's Club to solicit speakers to sell products but only to provide timely information that may be of interest in planning of our futures or of general interest. It was my understanding that this would be the subject of the Dr. Wong's presentation. I hope that you will accept my sincere apologies for the unfortunate "sales nature" of the presentation. I will do my best to ensure that future presentations are in the best interest of the Retiree's Club and are not directed at promoting specific products.

January's speakers will be **Carrie Baker** and **Dan Vincent** of Secure Horizons discussing Medicare Advantage and **Juli Quain** of Heartland LTC providing information on Long Term Care.

50/50 winners were **Leigh Dechaine** and **Jerry Nelson**.

This month's charity donations were given to **St Mary's Food Bank**. 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 Bennett** 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 Bennett if you can help out.**

### IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR DUES PAYMENTS

IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES, SIMPLY PUT YOUR NAME AND DATE ON THE ENVELOPE SUPPLIED AND SEND. If there are changes, you may consider using a second envelope to remit your dues.

**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 **AI 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.



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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](mailto: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

Congratulations to **Ed McFarland's** son, Ed Jr. for his promotion to Honeywell Corporate VP.

If you are sending documents to Honeywell regarding your Secured Benefit Account and wish to have a "Return Receipt Request" from the post office to ensure their safe arrival, you should mail the documents to:

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Attn: Honeywell Plan Administrator  
One Heritage Drive, JPB/3S  
North Quincy, MA 02171

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 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 **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 buddies! 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):**

**Dec 8 Fall Golf Tournament**  
Sun City Country Club  
9433 N 107<sup>TH</sup> Ave [Olive Ave west. to 107<sup>th</sup> Ave. North. to course] 623-933-1353  
\$50 for green fees, carts, prize money, & lunch buffet

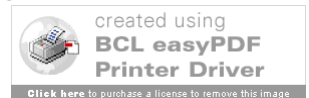
**GUESTS ARE WELCOME**

Shotgun start at 0800 a.m. with lunch to follow. Check-in will be at 0730 for cart assignment. Proper golf attire required: soft spike shoes, shirts with collars, and no Levis.

We will use established handicaps [AGA] and CALLOWAY only those that do not have handicaps. As in the past we will play team scores, using handicaps to determine overall scoring.

**WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR ENTRY, PLEASE INCLUDE AGA HANDICAP NUMBER NEXT TO THE PERSON'S NAME.** If you do not do this, we will have to use CALLOWAY to determine handicap.

Payment must be in by Monday Nov 24. If you do not have a foursome, we will be randomly filling them in. Make





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checks [non-refundable] payable to the "Honeywell Retiree Club" and mail to Dale Wendt at the address below with the number of players and handicap. Please respond ASAP as we are committed for 90 – 100 players.

Dale Wendt  
7540 E. Becker Ln.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85260  
480-922-1402

More info at WWW.HRCAZ.ORG

### Other Stuff

Letter to Bank

Dear Sirs,

In view of what seems to be happening internationally with banks at the moment, I was wondering if you could advise me on the following matter:

If one of my checks is returned marked "insufficient funds," how do I know whether that refers to me or to *you*?

Sincerely,

I. M. Ankshus

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I went to buy a toaster, and it came with a bank  
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### IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT:

Due to recent financial problems, budget cuts, and the rising cost of electricity, gas, and

oil, the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

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Words with two Meanings

ENTERTAINMENT (en-ter-tayn-ment) n.

Female - A good movie, concert, play or book.

Male - Anything that can be done while drinking beer.

FLATULENCE (flach-u-lens) n.

Female - An embarrassing by-product of indigestion.

Male - A source of entertainment, self-expression, male bonding.

MAKING LOVE (may-king luv) n.

Female - The greatest expression of intimacy a couple can achieve.

Male - Call it whatever you want, just as long as we do it.

REMOTE CONTROL (ri-moht kon-trohl) n.

Female - A device for changing from one TV channel to another.

Male - A device for scanning through all 375 channels every 5 minutes.

COMMITMENT (ko-mit-ment) n.

Female - A desire to get married and raise a family.

Male - Trying not to hit on other women while out with this one.

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He said, "Shall we try swapping positions tonight?"

She said, "That's a good idea - you stand by the ironing board while I sit on the sofa and fart!"

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

- JACK ANDERSON**
- JAMES ARROWSMITH**
- LEO ARTMAN**
- RICHARD BESEY**
- VIRGINIA BUTLER**
- ROBERT CARTER**
- MARION CLEMENT**
- ARTHUR DEMEY**
- CLARENCE ENLOE**
- EVERETT THOMPSON**
- GEORGE HOWELL**
- EARL MITCHELL**
- KIRK OLSON**
- THOMAS PALLAD**
- DONALD WILLCOXSON**
- HENRY WILLIAMS**
- CARL WILLIS**