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Upcoming Events

- Feb 4, '09 - Meeting - Band Concert - Sonic Seniors
New Horizons Band
- Mar 4 - Meeting - Rob Gillette - President, Honeywell Aerospace
- Apr 1 - Meeting - Tony Pietsch - Enhanced Oil Recovery

Frank Holman, President, welcomed members and guests to the meeting on Jan 7, 2009. John Fritsch led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dee Marlow again entertained us with a joke.

As per club procedure, a vote was taken and Ed Taschner was confirmed as Vice President.

The club is seeking a volunteer to perform as Recording Secretary. The function of this position is to record Board meeting business conducted prior to each monthly meeting. Please consider taking on this important function.

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

Frank presented a video from Honeywell titled "Honeywell Hometown Solutions". This is a charity function that replaced the former retiree volunteer program.

Al Stimac rose and spoke with respect to the passings of Raul

Bustamante and Muneo Fujii.

Our featured speakers were Julianna Quain, VP Heartland LTC, and Britney Lively, John Hancock. Both spoke to the issues of a Satisfying Retirement. The primary topic was Risk Management, specifically Health and Financial. Health Risks include physical ailments, cognitive concerns and the ability to access and accommodate caregivers. Long Term Care (defined as care required beyond 30 days) is not exclusively nursing homes but also includes home health care, assisted living, Alzheimer's facilities, hospice and paying family members. The key message is that waiting until there is a crisis removes choices and options. Look at your choices and then make a plan to match your needs.

Britney spoke to the Financial Risk of running out of money during retirement; specifically risks of longevity (outliving your nest egg), inflation (decreasing the purchasing power

of your nest egg) and volatility (market and economic conditions reducing the size of your nest egg). One option that may be considered is a variable annuity with guaranteed monthly withdrawal benefits. This type of insurance product allows one to address all of the above risks. For answers to questions or further clarification, you are welcome to call Catherine Bennett, SW Professional Insurance Consultants, Inc., 480-368-6178.

February's activity will be a band concert performed by the **Sonic Seniors New Horizons Band**. New Horizons Band is an international organization for seniors (loosely defined) who wish to continue, restart or initiate playing a musical instrument.

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

Jack Anderson
Bob Rhodes

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

This month's charity donations were sent to **St. Mary's Food Bank** and **Teen Challenge**. The 50/50 raffle winners were **Ray Tensfeldt** and **Bill Guarino**.

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.

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 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 present-

ation 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.

Ed Gammill indicates that anyone interested in WWII history check out "A Legacy of Letters" by Clinton Fredrick. More information at www.onesoldiersjourney.com

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

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 1/2.

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.

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

- Mar 11 AZ Broadway Theatre - Guys and Dolls
- Mar 17 Spring Training Baseball Game
- April 6 Spring Golf Tournament, Sun City Country Club
- April 14/15 TBD Spring Pot Luck

More info at WWW.HRCAZ.ORG

Bill Sylvester has passed and his family wishes that in lieu of flowers or cards, a foundation has been set up at the Phoenix Zoo in the name of William Sylvester. Any donations would be appreciated.

H. Clark and Toni Wright, now of Sioux City, IA, sent us a note of appreciation for continuing to keep them informed about the club happenings.

RJ Pfammatter's drawing 'To the Moon and Mars' was the winner of the "Driving 2038" contest. See more works at www.collectorsguide.com/rjpfammatter.

Other Stuff

A man walks into a restaurant with a full-grown ostrich behind him.

The waitress asks them for their orders. The man says, 'A hamburger, fries and a coke,' and turns to the ostrich, 'What's yours?'

'I'll have the same,' says the ostrich.

The waitress returns with the order and says '\$9.40 please,' and the man reaches into his pocket and pulls out the exact change for payment.

The next day, the man and the ostrich come again and the man says, 'A hamburger, fries and a coke.' The ostrich says, 'I'll have the same.' Again the man reaches into his pocket and pays with exact change. This becomes routine until the two enter again.

'The usual?' asks the waitress.

'No, this is Friday night, so I will have a steak, baked potato and a salad,' says the man. 'Same,' says the ostrich.

Shortly the waitress brings the order and says, 'That will be \$32.62.'

Once again the man pulls the exact change out of his pocket and places it on the table.

The waitress cannot hold back her curiosity any longer. 'Excuse me, sir. How do you manage to always come up with the exact change in your pocket every time?'

'Well,' says the man, 'several years ago I was cleaning the attic and found an old lamp. When I rubbed it, a Genie appeared and offered me two wishes.

My first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, I would just put my hand in my pocket and the right amount of money would always be there.'

'That's brilliant!' says the waitress. 'Most people would ask for a million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live!'

'That's right. Whether it's a gallon of milk or a Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there,' says the man.

The waitress asks, 'What's with the ostrich?' The man sighs, pauses and answers, 'My second wish was for a tall chick with a big butt and long legs who agrees with everything I say.'

Jack Goldstein, an older gentleman, feared his wife, Becky, was getting hard of hearing. So, Jack called her doctor made an appointment to have her hearing checked.

The Doctor set up a hearing test in two weeks, and said that

meanwhile there's a simple informal test the husband could do to give the doctor some idea of the state of her problem.

Here's what you do, said the Doctor, "Start out about 40 feet away from her, and in a normal conversational speaking tone see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response."

That evening, the wife is in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he's in the living room. He thinks to himself that he is about 40 feet away. "Let's see what happens," he mutters.

Then in a normal tone he asks, "Honey, what's for supper?" No response.

So Jack moves to the other end of the room, about 30 feet from Becky and repeats, "Honey, what's for supper?" Still no response.

Next he moves into the dining room where he is about 20 feet from Becky and asks, "Honey, what's for supper?" Again he gets no response.

So he walks up to the kitchen door, only 10 feet away. "Honey, what's for supper?" Again there is no response.

So he walks right up behind her. "Honey, what's for supper?"

"For God's sake, Jack! For the FIFTH TIME...CHICKEN"

A priest answers the phone.

"Hello, is this Father O' Malley?"

"It is"

"This is the IRS. Can you help us?"

"I can"

"Do you know a Ted Houlihan?"

"I do"

"Is he a member of your congregation?"

"He is"

"Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?"

"He will!"

An elderly man walks into a confessional.

Man: "I am 92 years old, have a wonderful wife of 70 years, many children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Yesterday, I picked up two college girls, hitchhiking. We went to a motel, where I had sex with each of them three times."

Priest: "Are you sorry for your sins?"

Man: "What sins?"

Priest: "What kind of a Catholic are you?"

Man: "I'm Jewish."

Priest: "Why are you telling me all this?"

Man: "I'm 92 years old I'm telling everybody."

You are on a horse, galloping at a constant speed.

On your right side is sharp drop off, and on your left side is an elephant traveling at the same speed as you. Directly in front of you is a galloping kangaroo and your horse is unable to overtake it.

Behind you is a lion running at the same speed as you and the kangaroo.

What must you do to safely get out of this highly dangerous situation?

Get your drunk ass off the merry-go-round!

An elderly man went to his doctor and said, "Doc, I think I'm getting senile. Several times lately, I have forgotten to zip up."

"That's not senility," replied the doctor. "Senility is when you forget to zip down."

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

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