



RETIREE'S CLUB OF ARIZONA NEWSLETTER



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Upcoming Events

- Jan 2 - Meeting - Al Stimac - Michigan Copper
- Feb 6 - Meeting - Surprise Speaker to be announced
- Mar 5 - Meeting

Frank Holman and Diane Bennett welcomed 107 of our members, spouses and friends to the Holiday Luncheon at the Elk's Lodge #2148. Frank offered his thanks to all of our officers and volunteers for their work on behalf of the Retirees Club. He also thanked our troops who cannot be home sharing the holiday season with their families.

Diane provided information on the 2 families that our 50/50 charity funds are supporting this year.

Door prizes were won by Carl Roberts, Harold Vogel, Nancy Clemmons, Bob Elliot, Udell Merritt, Jean Tom, Jene Jacoby, Mabel Sheehan, and Bill Spraggins.

50/50 drawings were won by Frank Ziegler, Jim Lambert and Dick Luther.

The Centerpieces were awarded to each table's Person #7. Check the website for the event photos.

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.

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.

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.



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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.

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. Since 1999, the first year of the program, twenty scholarships have been awarded. Check with the college scholarship office for application deadlines (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 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**.



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4. Applicants must re-apply annually.

5. Receipt of this scholarship does not restrict the student from receiving other scholarships.

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 qualified accounts upon reaching age 70 ½.

Safety Tip

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.....

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.

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

- Jan 15 Day at the Races (Tentative Date)
- Feb 6 Dinner Theater (Fiddler on the Roof, AZ Broadway Theater)
- Mar TBD Spring Training Baseball
- Mar TBD Spring Potluck

More info at WWW.HRCAZ.ORG

Other Stuff

You only need two tools in life - WD-40 and Duct Tape. If it doesn't move and should, use the WD-40. If it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.



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Some people are like slinkies, not really good for anything but they bring a smile to your face when pushed down the stairs

Now that food has replaced sex in my life, I can't even get into my own pants.

Marriage changes passion. Suddenly you're in bed with a relative.

I saw a woman wearing a sweat shirt with "Guess" on it. So I said "Implants?" She hit me.

How come we choose from just two people to run for president and 50 for Miss America?

I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose-fitting clothing. If I HAD any loose-fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up in the first place!

When I was young we used to go "skinny dipping." Now I just "chunky dunk."

Don't argue with an idiot; people watching may not be able to tell the difference.

Wouldn't you know it...Brain cells come and brain cells go, but FAT cells live forever.

Classified Ads

FREE YORKSHIRE TERRIER. 8 years old. Hateful little bitch. Bites.

FREE PUPPIES: 1/2 Cocker Spaniel, 1/2 sneaky neighbor's dog.

FREE PUPPIES.. Part German Shepherd, part stupid dog.

FREE GERMAN SHEPHERD 85 lbs. Neutered. Speaks German.

FOUND DIRTY WHITE DOG. Looks like a rat ... been out a while. Better be a reward for this nasty little thing.

COWS, CALVES: NEVER BRED.. Also 1 gay bull for sale.

NORDIC TRACK \$300
Hardly used, call Chubby

GEORGIA PEACHES, California grown - 89 cents lb.

JOINING NUDIST COLONY! Must sell washer and dryer \$300.

WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE. WORN ONCE BY MISTAKE. Call Stephanie.

FOR SALE BY OWNER: Complete set of Encyclopedia Britannica. 45 volumes. Excellent condition. \$1,000 or best offer. No longer needed, got married last month. Wife knows everything

Last night, my wife and I were sitting in the living room, and I said to her, "I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent upon some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug."

She got up, unplugged the TV, and threw out my beer.

Bitch

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

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