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Upcoming Events

- Jan 7, '09 - Meeting - Carrie Baker - Health Insurance Information
- Feb 4, '09 - Meeting - Band Concert - Sonic Seniors New Horizons Band
- Mar 4 - Meeting - Rob Gillette - President, Honeywell Aerospace

GREAT NEWS

We now have a full board. Ed Taschner has volunteered to move up to Vice-President and Karl Pfitzer has agreed to become Treasurer. In behalf of the entire club, I would like to thank them for stepping up.

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

There was no meeting in December but 107 of our members, spouses and guests had a great time at the Holiday Luncheon, this year held at the Scottsdale Senior Center. A Special Thanks to George and Bev Davis who did all the gift buying for our adopted holiday families.

Now for the important stuff. Door Prizes were won by Joan Wrzynski, Judy Jones, Bev Davis, Hank Tom, Jim Laird, Doris Howell and Ralph Storey. The 50/50 raffle winners were Karl Pfitzer and Gary Bognar.

And last, but not least, the centerpieces were awarded to **Number 4**. Be sure and check out the photos on the website.

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.

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.

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.

A Thank You note was received from WellCare Foundation.

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 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 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 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 put notices in the newsletter and post them on the website when new opportunities become available.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

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.

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

- Jan 27 Honeywell / Sperry Day at the Races
- Mar 11 AZ Broadway Theatre - Guys and Dolls
- Mar TBD Spring Training Baseball Game
- April 14/15 TBD Spring Pot Luck
- April 20 Spring Golf Tournament, Sun City Country Club

More info at WWW.HRCAZ.ORG

Other Stuff

Barbara Walters of Television's 20/20 did a story on gender roles in Kabul, Afghanistan, several years before the Afghan conflict. She noted that women customarily walked five paces behind their husbands.

She recently returned to Kabul and observed that women still walk behind their husbands. From Ms Walters' vantage point, despite the overthrow of the oppressive Taliban regime, the women now seem to walk even farther back behind their husbands, and are happy to maintain the old custom.

Ms Walters approached one of the Afghani women and asked, 'Why do you now seem happy with an old custom that you once tried so desperately to change?'

The woman looked Miss Walters straight in the eyes, and, without hesitation said, 'Land Mines.'

A car gets a flat on the interstate one day. The blonde driver eases it over onto the shoulder of the road, carefully steps out of the car and opens the trunk. She takes out two cardboard men, unfolds them and stands them at the rear of the vehicle facing oncoming traffic. The lifelike cardboard men are in trench coats exposing their nude bodies and private parts to approaching drivers.

Not surprisingly, the traffic becomes snarled and backed up.

It isn't very long before a police car arrives. The officer, clearly enraged, approaches the blonde of the disabled vehicle yelling, 'What's going on here?'

'My car broke down, officer,' says the woman calmly.

'Well, what the heck are these obscene cardboard pictures doing here by the road?' he asks.

'Hellloooooo!!!!' says the blonde. 'Those are my emergency flashers!'

I very quietly confided to my best friend that I was having an affair. She turned to me and asked, 'Are you having it catered?'

And that, my friend, is the sad definition of 'OLD!'

If you had purchased \$1,000 of shares in Delta Airlines one

year ago, you would have \$49.00 today.

If you had purchased \$1,000 of shares in AIG one year ago, you would have \$33.00 today.

If you had purchased \$1,000 of shares in Lehman Brothers one year ago, you would have \$0.00 today.

But, if you had purchased \$1,000 worth of beer one year ago, drank all the beer, then sold the aluminum cans to a recycler, you would have received \$214.00.

Based on the above, the best current investment plan is to drink heavily & recycle. It is called the 401-Keg.

During a visit to a mental institution, I asked the Director, 'How do you determine whether or not a patient should be institutionalized?'

'Well,' said the Director, 'we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub.'

'Oh, I understand,' I said. 'A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup.'

'No.' said the Director, 'A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?'

These are actual comments made on students' report cards by teachers in the New York City public school system. All teachers were reprimanded (but, boy, are these funny!).

Since my last report, your child has reached rock bottom and has started to dig.

I would not allow this student to breed.

Your child has delusions of adequacy.

Your son is depriving a village somewhere of an idiot.

Your son sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them.

The student has a "full six-pack" but lacks the plastic thing to hold it all together.

This child has been working with glue too much.

When your daughter's IQ reaches 50, she should sell.

The gates are down, the lights are flashing, but the train isn't coming.

If this student were any more stupid, he'd have to be watered twice a week.

It's impossible to believe the sperm that created this child beat out 1,000,000 others.

The wheel is turning but the hamster is definitely dead.

A recent study found that the average American walks about 900 miles a year. Another study found that Americans drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year. That means that, on average, Americans get about 41 miles to the gallon! Makes you proud to be an American!

A man notices that his co-worker is wearing an earring. He knows his co-worker

to be a normally conservative fellow, and is curious about his sudden change in fashion sense.

'So,' he says, 'I didn't know you were into earrings.'

'Don't make a big deal of it, it's only an earring,' the co-worker replies sheepishly.

His friend falls silent for a few minutes, but then his curiosity prods him to say, 'So, how long have you been wearing one?'

'Ever since my wife found it in my truck.'

I'm over sixty-five now and often been asked, "What do you old guys do now that you're retired?" Well, I have a friend who has a chemical engineering background and one of the things we enjoy most is turning beer, bourbon, wine, and martinis into urine.

And, we're pretty damn good at it!

My wife sat down on the couch next to me as I was flipping channels. She asked, "What's on TV?"

I said, "Dust."

...And then the fight started...

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds.

I bought her a scale.

...And then the fight started...

When I got home last night,

my wife demanded that I take her someplace expensive... so, I took her to a gas station...

...And then the fight started...

My wife and I were sitting at her high school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunk man sitting alone at a nearby table.

I asked my wife, 'Do you know him?'

'Yes,' she sighed, 'He's my old boyfriend. I heard he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and hasn't been sober since.'

'Good Lord!!' I said, 'who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?'

...And then the fight started...

In Memory of our departed friends and co-workers

- WILBUR ALBRECHT**
- JAMES BENEDICT**
- RAUL BUSTAMANTE**
- DONALD COX**
- MUNEO FUJII**
- JEMIE MADDOX**
- ARTHUR MCSORLEY**
- IRENE MULKERN**
- V. SLAGE**
- JOYCE STONE**
- JAMES SULLIVAN**