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Upcoming Events

- Nov 5 - Meeting - Dr Harold Wong, Mortgage Loans & Tax Education
- Dec 15 - Holiday Luncheon
- Jan 7, '09 - Meeting - Health Insurance Information

Ed Taschner, Treasurer, welcomed members and guests to the meeting on Oct 1, 2008. **Bob Rencenberger** 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**.

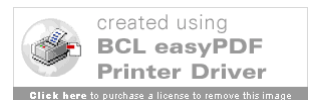
We have lost track of the whereabouts of the following members:

Bill Pressler
Jack Anderson
Bob Rhodes

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

Our featured speaker was **Ron Schott**, Executive Emeritus, AZ Technology Council. He is also the publisher of TECH-Connect, AZ's Magazine of Science & Technology. The Arizona Technology Council is a trade association of 500 member technology companies in Arizona. It receives no government funding but as a 501C-6 entity, it is allowed to conduct lobbying activities. The Council's goal is to have Arizona recognized as a Top Tier Technology State. It's main annual event is the Governor's Celebration of Innovation. Some facts presented: Arizona ranks 8th nationally in overall R&D expenditures; is the 4th best state for entrepreneurs. More info at the Council's website, www.aztechcouncil.org.

Next month's speaker will be **Dr. Harold Wong**, Ph. D. Economics. Dr Wong will be discussing "What Steps can Investors Take to Protect their Money, Save on Taxes, and Still Have Growth.", and plans to give us some insider peeks at the state of our economy and





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offer some opinion on the safety of your money and how we might achieve growth with our savings.

50/50 winners were **Rick Pebley** and **Sam Kitaguchi**.

This month's charity donations were given to **Boy Scouts of America** and **Girl Scouts of America**. A list of the charities from which the board chooses for our monthly donations is posted on the web-site. 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** 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 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 conduct-

ed 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

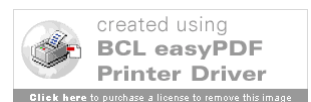
If you need some assistance, e-mail s.mitnik@worldnet.att.net with your need and contact information.

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

The Honeywell program for issuing checks to non-profit organizations for retiree volunteer work has been discontinued.





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ARE YOU APPROACHING AGE 70 ½? DO YOU HAVE A SECURED BENE-FIT 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):
Dec 8 Fall Golf Tournament
 Sun City Country Club

9433 N 107TH Ave [Olive Ave west. to 107th 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 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

Upon reaching 75, Tom finally decided to retire. After having him under foot for a few months, his wife became very agitated with him and suggested he go and do something to occupy his time, like join a club or get a hobby. Tom obliged and went out for a couple of hours.

When he got home his wife asked about his day and he replied, "Oh, I just went down to the park and hung out with the guys.....and oh yeah, I joined a parachute club."

"What? Are you nuts? You're 75 years old and you're going to start jumping out of airplanes?"

"Yeah, look I even got a membership card."

"You dirty old man, you need glasses! This is a membership in a Prostitute Club, not a Parachute Club!"

"Oh, great! Now what am I going to do? I signed up for 5 jumps a month!!"



Yesterday I was at my local Target buying a large bag of Purina dog chow for my loyal pet, Sheriff, the Wonder Dog and was in the checkout line when woman behind me asked if I had a dog.

What did she think I had, an elephant? So since I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Purina Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pants pockets with Purina nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.)

Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stepped off a curb to sniff an Irish Setter's ass and a car hit us both.

I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard.

Target won't let me shop there anymore.

An efficiency expert concluded his lecture with a note of caution. "You don't want to try these techniques at home."

"Why not?" asked somebody from the audience.

"I watched my wife's routine at breakfast for years," the expert explained.

"She made lots of trips between the refrigerator, stove, table and cabinets, often carrying a single item at a time. One day I told her, 'Hon, why don't you try carrying several things at once?'"

"Did it save time?" the guy in the audience asked.

"Actually, yes," replied the expert. "It used to take her 20 minutes to make me breakfast. Now I do it in seven."

Words with two Meanings

THINGY (thing-ee) n.

Female - Any part under a car's hood.

Male - The strap fastener on a woman's bra.

VULNERABLE (vul-ne-rah-bel) adj.

Female - Fully opening up one's self emotionally to another.

Male - Playing football without a cup.

COMMUNICATION (ko-myoo-ni-kay-shon) n.

Female - The open sharing of thoughts and feelings with one's partner.

Male - Leaving a note before taking off on a fishing trip with the boys.

In Memory of our departed friends and co-workers

- H. ELLIOT**
- GILBERT E. GROMMES**
- RICHARD GLODY**
- GENEVA GRIGGS**
- ROBERT HILBERT**
- KEN LEACH**
- RALPH LUSTER**
- O. MARTIN**
- M. MASON**
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- RONNIE STEPHENS**
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- G. WATERS**
- MICHAEL ZOCCOLI**