



RETIREE'S CLUB OF ARIZONA NEWSLETTER



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Upcoming Events

- Sept 3 - Meeting - Jane Conrow, Director, Companion Animals of Arizona Inc
- Oct 1 - Meeting - Ron Schott, Executive Emeritus, AZ Technology Council

Note from Frank Holman:

Fellow retirees.... I trust that you have had a pleasant summer and are now ready for the cooler fall weather. The desert was truly magnificent this year due to the plentiful rain last fall. I hope everyone had a chance to get out and enjoy it.

On January 3rd, 2009 the SBA insurance contract will reach maturity. For those of you who still have an SBA account and who have diligently reviewed your options on the Honeywell website, congratulations. For those who have not yet reviewed their options, time is running out. Without action, the default form of payment under the SBA Plan is a QJSA (Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuity). If this is acceptable, no further action will be required. For those who wish to exercise another option please come to the September 3rd meeting where there will be a brief discussion on the subject and ways to get more information. If you cannot make the meeting please go to the Honeywell website, <http://honeywell.csplans.com>

and review the information provided under the Secured Benefit Account Details. This will guide you regarding additional options that are available and what you need to do to exercise these options. I know those that kept an SBA account did so with the understanding that we did not want the Plan monies rolled into our pension plans, an annuity. Unless action is taken, this is exactly what will happen.

George Davis, outgoing President, welcomed members and guests to the meeting on May 7, 2008. **Doug Culy** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The office of Vice President is 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.

Reminder - annual membership dues are now \$10.

Our featured speaker was **Wendy F...**





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Phoenix Art Museum. She provided us with a slide show tour of the museum and its history. Some key milestones include:

- 1915 - 1st art purchase by what would become the Art Museum
- 1948 - the Art Center opened
- 1959 - The Phoenix Art Museum opened on its current Central Ave. location
- 1986 - Expansion of the museum
- 2006 - Expansion of the museum to its present form

Wendy shared with us images of key art works for various galleries, including: Asian; European; American; and the Contemporary collection.

50/50 winners were **Bill Waggoner** and **Bob Hess**.

The **Spring Roundup** was again held at the Rock Springs Café on April 8. 162 friends and family attended. The food was great. 50/50 winners were **Ed Gammill, Larry Casteel, John Lester, Ray Gentry, Marlene Bushell, Dick Turnage, Juanita Barreras, Carol Standley** and **Bob Bailey**. Check the website for photos.

Our September speaker will be **Jane Conrow**, Director Companion Animals of Arizona Inc. She is an active participant in its animal assisted pet

therapy program and will take us along on a pet therapy visit to see how this activity enriches the lives of those who have had to give up their animals.

This month's charity donations were given to **USO** and **St. Vincent De Paul**. 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** 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.

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. 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 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.



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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 announced that Chuck Wester, who lives in Dewey, sent down a large number of photographs and other data via Tom McCabe, who had been visiting him. The photos are of people, activities, places and things.

Lee Matsch is winning a very successful battle with a very lethal form of cancer. More information can be found at <http://www.tgenfoundation.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=381&srcid=253>.

R.J. Pfammatter was honored at an Artist Reception 9 Aug. at Sage Fine Art, Taos N.M.

The Club periodically receives information about employment opportunities that may be of interest to our members. We will post these on the website and will put notices in the newsletter 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. Program funds previously used are being redirected to the company's new community out-reach program focusing on such things as math and science education in middle schools. The new program makes it possible for Honeywell to reach more than 180,000 middle school youngsters with information encouraging them to learn more about math and science. The form used to track volunteer hours is no longer being accepted for contributions by the company.

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. They perform their service activity on the last **Thursday** 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 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):**

- Check out the hikers schedule

More info at WWW.HRCAZ.ORG

Other Stuff

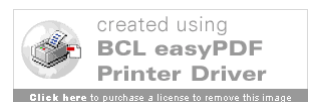
A husband and wife are shopping in their local WalMart and the husband picks up a case of Budweiser and put it in their shopping cart.

'What do you think you're doing?' asks the wife.

'They're on sale, only \$10 for 24 cans,' he replies.

'Put them back, we can't afford them,' demands the wife.

So he does and they carry on shopping. A few aisles further on along the woman picks up a \$20 jar of face cream and puts it in the shopping cart.





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'What do you think you're doing?' asks the husband.

'Its my face cream. It makes me look beautiful,' replies the wife.

Her husband retorts: 'So does 24 cans of Budweiser and it's half the price!'

NUDITY I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, 'Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!'

OPINIONS On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents.'

MORE NUDITY A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, 'What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?'

We are born naked, wet and hungry. Then things get worse.

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

Reality is only an illusion that occurs due to a lack of alcohol.

Don't Drink and Drive. You might hit a bump and spill something.

A fool and his money can throw one hell of a party.

In Memory of our departed friends and co-workers

**HOWARD ABEE
CHARLES ANDERSON
WILLIAM J. ANDERSON
AMOS BACCUS
JOHN BERLIN
JOHN BERRA
J. BOND
WILLIAM BOYLE
R. W. BRENBERGER
VIRGINIA BRILL
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