

# Honeywell-Garrett Retirees Club Newsletter

# Cliff Notes

Club website: https://www.garrettretireesaz.com

Cliff Garrett - Founder

March 2023

The Honeywell-Garrett Retirees Club (HGRC) is a 501(c)(3) organization. All dues and contributions are tax deductible.

#### **President's Report** – Dolf Strom – dolfstrom@cox.net – 480-430-8673



Still looking for two elected officers, President and Vice-President. I am term limited and we currently have no Vice-President. At our March board meeting it was suggested that we concentrate on first getting new Board members then grooming them for future elected Officers. In the meantime, two existing Board members need to step up for President and Vice-President. Turns out, I was informed that is the way it was done in prior years.

Good news. We have a new member, Dave Oman, that also is now on our Board.

Thank you Dave.

More good news. Our April Spring Picnic is a go. We have 35 members attending. I'm expecting more since the price is a bargain. Inexpensive but good food is a draw.

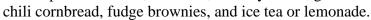
More good news - Scholarship fund received a check for \$8000 from Honeywell Aerospace. This is the last step in becoming full control of the Scholarship program. All donations are from our (HGRC) members and Honeywell Aerospace and student recipients are descents of Honeywell-Garrett Retirees Club members.

Spring Picnic –Honeywell-Garrett Retirees Club Spring Roundup is on. There is room for more to attend. The food will be delicious and the price a bargain

The date is April 5 and location is McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. Located at the southeast corner of Scottsdale Road and Indian Bend Road. We will be using the Stillman Ramada.

Time is 11:00am to 3:00pm. Lunch served noon to 1:00pm and catered by Waldo's Barbecue.

Delicious meal consists of barbecued pulled pork and pulled chicken, coleslaw, cowboy beans, green





Price \$10 each for CLUB members and spouses. This is a bargain!! Member guests can attend for \$20, still a bargain. Non-member Garrett retiree can join the CLUB and attend the picnic for only \$15. Again, a bargain.

You can bring your own beverages (soft, wine, beer, etc.) but they must be cans no glass or you can purchase beer from Frank Holman. RSVP Diane Bennett, phone 480.994.5243, email AZBennett3@cox.net by March 28. Make your check to Honeywell-Garrett Retirees Club and mail to Honeywell-Garrett Retirees Club, PO Box 11633,

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Scottsdale AZ 85271-1633 no later than March 28. The Railroad Park has lots of features and all are open 9am to 5pm.

Train and Carousel rides - Model railroad building - Historical Railroad Museums

In closing, I leave you with these words of wisdom: "If I am ever on life support unplug me and plug me back in and see if that works."

#### Vice-President's Report - Vacant position, volunteer needed. - report from Dolf Strom

The March Club meeting presentation featured the Arizona Military Museum, one of the best kept secrets in the Valley situated at National Guard at Papago Buttes. Joe Abodeely, member of the Board of Directors for the Museum since its founding was the presenter. Joe presented background information of many of the museum's displays. Joe also had many personal comments about his experience in the Vietnam War. We had 26 attendees.

Upcoming meetings:

**April** – No Club meeting as the spring picnic will replace the meeting.

May - will be a presentation of St. Mary's Food Bank and all the good things they do.

No meetings for June, July, August, and September

We are planning meetings for October and November. One meeting will be State of Honeywell Aerospace by Mike Madsen. The other will be the recycling program for City of Mesa.by John Zielonka.

## Secretary's Report – Mark Steele – mrdsteele @aol.com – 602-541-5360



President Dolf Strom called the Honeywell-Garrett Retirees Club (HGRC) Board meeting to order at 11:05 AM. Those in attendance were: Diane Bennett, Jim Brink, Bob Davenport, Frank Holman, Dave Oman, Diane Rencenberger, Mark Steele, and Dolf Strom. The meeting was held at the Gecko Grill on McDowell Rd.

Dolf reported that no one has volunteered for the office of President or Vice-President. It was decided that we need to recruit people to join the Board as members at large for them to see how the Board operates. This would help create a pool of future office holders. The current Board was tasked with discussing with those present at the Club

meeting later in the day the possibility of joining the Board.

Dave Oman was attending the meeting as a guest and agreed to join the Board. Mark moved to have Dave join the Board as a 'member at large" and Diane B. seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting minutes from February 1, 2023 were reviewed. Diane B. moved to approve the minutes, Dave seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The April 5th Spring Picnic was discussed. Signups have been slow coming in. It was agreed that the Board would talk with those attending the membership meeting and encourage them to sign up. A minimum number required to hold the Picnic was discussed but no decision was made.

Dolf reported he had updated the Club roster. He dropped anyone who was more than 2 years in arrears paying dues. The roster now has 396 members and of those 53 don't have email.

A motion was made by Mark to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Frank. and it passed.

Scholarship Fund was briefly discussed. Chuck Jonkosky's report shows four applications have been received. It was mentioned that the deadline for applications is April 1st. Also, the Honeywell donation of \$8000 has been received. Many thanks to Frank for getting that accomplished.

The May Club meeting presenter will be from St. Mary's Food Bank. Dolf agreed to look up Mike Madsen's contact information and start the process to get him signed up for a presentation in the Fall.

New Business: Jim is in the process of updating the Bylaws and he wants to combine the Social Director and Refreshment Director positions into one position. It was agreed that would be appropriate since one person does both now. He also wants to delete the Photography Director and the Board agreed to leave that to his discretion. Finally, Jim asked about putting cartoons into the newsletter. He has received some requests to do that. It was agreed that it was up to him as the newsletter editor.

Mark moved to adjourn the meeting and Diane seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

In closing, I leave you with these words of wisdom: "Just once I want a username and password prompt to say CLOSE ENOUGH."

## Treasurer's Report – Jim Brink – azstbbjb@cox.net – 602-510-6064



Beginning balance on January 31	\$12,385.71
February Income	\$254.70
February Expenses	\$1,061.67
Ending balance on February 28	\$11,578.74
Scholarship Funds	(\$9,300.88

In closing, I leave you with these words of wisdom: "Last night the internet stopped working so I spent a few hours with my family. They seem like good people."

## **Events Report** – Diane Bennett – azbennett3@cox.net – 480-994-5243



The spring picnic is a go.

In closing, I leave you with these words of wisdom: "I'm at that delusional age where I think everyone my age looks way older than I do."

# **Membership Report** – Dolf Strom

The Club has approximately 398 active members. One hundred and six members were dropped due to passing or two or more years delinquent dues.

The Club has three new members for the year: Dave Oman, Dwight Bozarth, and Bill Ryan.

## Outreach Report - Diane Rencenberger - jannaeren @outlook.com - 480-775-8116



Please note my new email address above.

Greeting cards of condolence were sent to the recently deceased HGRC retirees mentioned in Al Stimac's report.

Get well cards are sent to HGRC members as we hear about any situations.

At the Club March meeting, the 50-50 winners were Mark Steele and Rajan Thiyagarajan each won \$7.50.

In closing, I leave you with these words of wisdom: "The biggest joke on mankind is that computers have begun asking humans to prove they aren't a robot."

#### Scholarship Report – Chuck Jonkosky – cjonkosky @gmail.com – 602-722-2571



The following applications have been received and approved:

**Otto Brink**, grandson of Jim Brink. Otto attends Arizona State University and is majoring in Political Science

**Paige Cornell**, granddaughter of John Cornell. Paige attends Northern Arizona University and is in her master's program for Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

**Walter Davenport**, grandson of Bob Davenport. Walter attends the University of Arizona and is majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

**Caitlin Dimerling**, granddaughter of Craig Thompson. Caitlin attends the University of Arizona and is majoring in Nutritional Sciences.

**Hallie Jonkosky**, granddaughter of Chuck Jonkosky. Hallie attends Northern Arizona University and is majoring in Economics.

**Nicholas Kenehan**, son of Jim Kenehan. Nicholas attends Arizona State University and is majoring in Business Administration & Marketing.

**Macy Zimmerman**, granddaughter of Chuck Jonkosky. Macy attends Arizona State University and is majoring in Sports Business and also a master's degree in Project Management.

The next step for the applicants will be to submit their "Official Transcript".

The annual contribution to the scholarship fund from Honeywell was received this month and we thank them for their extreme generosity.

**NOTE:** Scholarship applications for 2023 will close on April 1, 2023.

In closing, I leave you with these words of wisdom: "I thought growing old would take longer."

# Fix-It Guys Report – Frank Holman – frankholman @cox.net – 480-994-4590



One request received in February and work completed.

In closing, I leave you with these words of wisdom: "For those of you that don't want Alexa listening in on your conversation they are making a male version....it doesn't listen to anything."

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## At Large Report





Bob Davenport - wrd63@cox.net - 480-560-6273

Dave Oman -928-256-8466 - agoodoman@gmail.com

Dave Oman, a new member to the Board, will be looking into updating both the Honeywell Facebook account and the LinkedIn account to maintain current information. WELCOME Dave.

Bob Davenport

Dave Oman

Obituaries - Al Stimac - stimac@cox.net

Al reports the following Honeywell employee deaths:

Marilyn Elston (wife of Chuck and mother of Dave)

Jimmy Dean Gammons

Dick Graser (AiResearch Aviation)

Dennis Lyle

## **Other Honeywell Retiree Clubs**

There two Phoenix area Honeywell retiree clubs. HGRC members are invited to participate in events sponsored by these clubs.

**Aero Activities Club** (AAC) - AAC holds monthly events. Their website is AeroActivitiesClub.com and it allows for sign-up of events, pay online, and access to their newsletters.

**Honeywell Retiree Social Club** (HRSC) – The HSRC website is hrcaz.org.

**Rim Country Garrett Retirees** is a third retiree club that exists in the Payson/Pine/Strawberry area. They publish a monthly newsletter which is available by email. Contact their editor, Walt West at rimctryretirees@aol.com or call 602-708-1474.

#### Dillies from Diane - Diane Bennett



"I don't want to worry you, but the guy who delivered the pizza was your financial planner."



"It's just a backup system for your pacemaker."



"It took me three hours, but I finally discovered why you're limping. You lost the heel off your shoe."







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