



Honeywell-Garrett Retirees Club Newsletter

Cliff Notes

Club website: <https://www.garrettreteesaz.com>

Cliff Garrett - Founder

October 2023

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

Holiday Luncheon set for December 6

Millennium McCormick Hotel-Scottsdale – See details in the Events column



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



I hope everyone had a wonderful last 4 months. If you stayed in town it was certainly hot.

We started our 2023/2024 season with an excellent subject and speaker Steve Hoza. Steve presented the history of the World War II German POWs in Arizona. There were 10,000 POWs in Arizona. The largest POW Camp was in Florence. It was a self-contained town. There was also a Camp in Papago Park. There is more info in this newsletter. The Vice President's Report has additional information. Thank you Al

Stimac for arranging this presentation.

Our November meeting features Matt Greenman, HTF7000 engine family. I retired so many years ago that I don't know that family of engines. Am looking forward to learn about it. Dave Oman gets the credit for obtaining Matt.

Our tradition Holiday Luncheon will be held December 6 at the Millennium McCormick Hotel, 7421 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ, 85253. Details are in the Events Report.

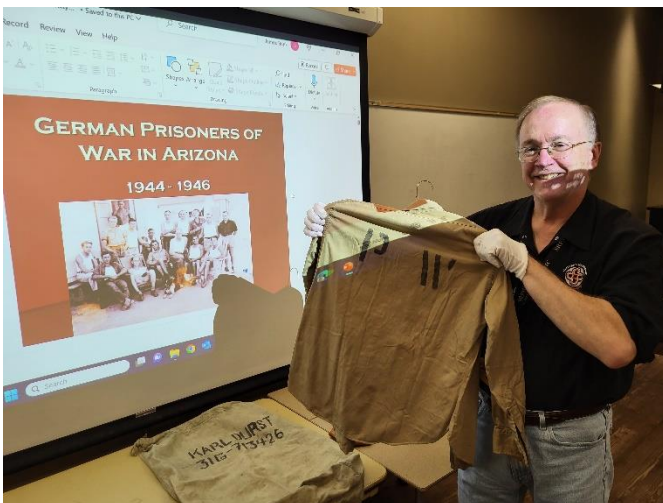
Last item is that I am resigning from Presidency on Jan 1, 2024. I served four years, double the time listed in our Bylaws. Some of many accomplishments are, got Honeywell in our name, I got our club to be registered with Arizona Corporation Commission and Internal Revenue Services as a nonprofit 501(C)(3) origination. All dues and scholarship donations are tax deductible. By the way, our members are very generous donators to the scholarship foundation. I was also Vice President prior to being President. I got presenters on the Musical Instrument Museum, Phoenix Theatre Company, Commemorative Air Force, Southwest Airline Pilot, Phoenix Herpetological Sanctuary, Guide Dogs of the Desert plus others.

Vice-President's Report – *Vacant position, volunteer needed. – report provided by Dave Oman.*

The October 4th meeting presentation was provided by Steve Hoza. Steve is a recognized authority on the history of World War II in Arizona. He presented a PowerPoint program of the history of the German's internment in Arizona. He also had several artifacts on display.



Above – President Dolf Strom presents speaker Steve Hoza to the attendees.



Left – Presenter Steve Hoza holds a POW shirt he received as a result of personal contact with a former German POW. In his travels, Steve visited overseas many of the former prisoners to personally hear their stories.

More on Steve Hoza from Al Stimac - Steve Hoza presented the history of the German's internment in Arizona and showed artifacts from the prisoners. Arizona was the home to 26 camps including the one at Papago Park. Papago POW

Camp was one of the largest in Arizona. The camp at Papago was for naval personnel only like U-Boat Captains, their crews, merchant mariners and land-based naval personnel that were captured in North Africa. In 1994 Hoza took out ads in Germany so that he could contact ex-POWs. He received about 100 responses. He flew to Germany to interview them and some came to Phoenix to tell their stories. Virtually all had not told of their experience to anyone and as a result gave numerous artifacts and source documents to Hoza. As a result some became friends and frequent visitors.

Hoza is the author of the book "PW: First Person Accounts of German Prisoners of War in Arizona." It is a collection of stories and letters told by these POWs stationed in Arizona. The camps were self-contained towns. They had their own hospitals, fire department. The prisoners put out their own newspaper. They had their own power plants, sewage system. Hoza knew prisoners who worked at the Biltmore Hotel as gardeners, they worked in laundries in downtown Phoenix. They worked on the irrigation canals. They were paid an hourly wage to maintain the irrigation canals.

Hoza also related the Not-So Great Escape from the Papago POW Camp. More than two dozen Germans broke out through a tunnel that took them three months to dig. The men decided to take along a kayak they built and carried it out in pieces. They saw a map showing a flowing Gila River and decided that would be their escape route, but were forced to walk after realizing there were only puddles in the river. All were captured in less than two months. Hoza said two made it as far as 10 miles from the Arizona-Mexico border. Hoza said the POWs looked at it as more as almost a fraternity prank than anything else. They really didn't think that they could go anywhere, but they had to try.

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



While I was out of town for the October meeting, Dave Oman was kind enough to take the Board meeting minutes.

In attendance: Dolf Strom, Jim Brink, Frank Holman, Chuck Jonkosky, Diane Rencenberger, Dave Oman.

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Minutes:

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2. Survey Monke Results – Chuck
 - o Do we want to include some of the survey graphs or comments in the newsletter?
 - o Survey conclusions:
 - § We have an aging population.
 - § No social meetings
 - § Some folks don't know the Garrett legacy
 - o Ideas:
 - § Try a social event – Dave will look into setting up and creating an event on Facebook to promote it (east valley)

- § Rebrand the club in some way?
- § Reach out to significant leaders – retired and current employees
 - Tim Mahoney
 - Advanced Tech Director?
 - Key program leaders – B21 APU? (Lance Callen)
 - Mike Bush

3. Dolf is retiring as president in January – who will do it?
Crickets...

Treasurer’s Report – *Jim Brink – azstbbjb@gmail.com – 602-510-6064*



Beginning balance on August 31.....	\$1,578.21
September dues income.....	\$0.00
September expenses	\$504.50
September scholarship checks cashed.....	\$0.00
September scholarship income.....	\$0.00
Ending balance on September 30.....	\$1,073.71

Scholarship fund as of September 30.....\$10.88

In closing, allow me to relate this short story: It was mealtime during an airline flight and the flight attendant asked passenger John, “Would you like dinner?” “What are my choices?” John asked. The attendant replied, “yes or no”.

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



No report.

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



I had two requests for assistance during the last reporting period. One lady fixed the problem herself since I was on vacation and the other lady used our handyman, Kevin Vetter to accomplish the task.

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



No report.

Events Report – *Diane Bennett and Dolf Strom*

The venue for the Holiday Charity Luncheon will be the Millennium-McCormick Scottsdale Resort. The room is good sized with wall-to-wall, floor-to-ceiling windows that look out on the patio and grounds. Very lovely! The cost will be \$50 per person.

We are currently accepting reservations. Call, write, or email.



The McCormick Scottsdale - 7421 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85253.

The menu:

Lakeside Salad – Mixed greens, House dressing, Tomatoes, Cucumber.

Entrée – Choice of:

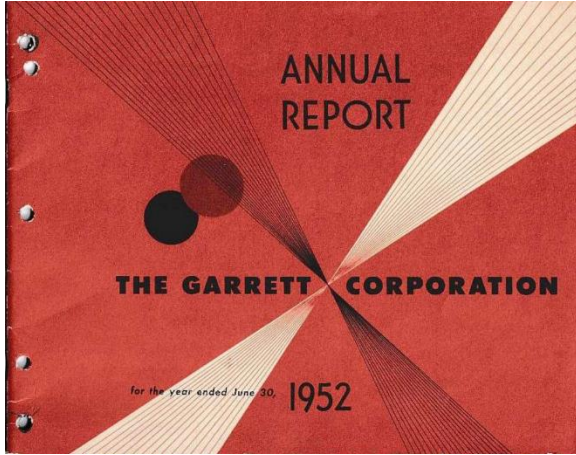
Margarita Chicken – Cilantro citrus reduction, Chef's choice of seasonal vegetables, Mashed Potatoes.

Grilled Salmon – Lemon capers sauce, Rice pilaf, Chef's choice of seasonal vegetables.

Grilled Flat Iron Steak – Grilled onions and mushrooms, mashed potatoes, Chef's choice of seasonal vegetables.

Dessert – New York cheesecake with moonshine cherries.

Webmaster Report – *Al Stimac for Dolf Strom – dolfstrom@cox.net – 480-430-8673*



There is a request to add a 1952 Garrett Annual Report on the website. There are twenty-plus pages and it includes some great photos and stories as well as financials. The report is for fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, which happens to be the year announcing the newly opened Phoenix facility. This document came to us compliments of Club member Dennis Riebe.

Once it gets posted we request feedback from Club members regarding additional reports as there are about a dozen more than could be scanned.

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



No report.

At Large Report - *Dave Oman -928-256-8466 - agoodoman@gmail.com*



We now have 155 members of the Honeywell-Garrett Retirees Club of Arizona Facebook (FB) group - some are official club members and some are not. In addition to recent posts of the October meeting and the passing of John Boppart, we've had several photos posted of past engine program groups, which are fun to see. So, if you have any old photos please email them to me at agoodoman@gmail.com and I'll get them posted on our page. If you are a member of the Facebook page you can post them yourself and once I approve the post it will be up for everyone on Facebook to see. I am planning to set up an east valley social event in the next month or so and will create an event on the

Facebook group to send out invites but will also try and email those members that are not in the FB group.

The HGRC Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/916026582934338/>



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

Nothing to report.

Bylaws – by Gollie

The Club bylaws are posted on the Club website under the tab “About Us” and are often forgotten.

4.2 Annually, CLUB members shall receive notice of dues, both current and past due. Payment shall be sent by the due date as directed by the notice. Allowances will be made for such things as possible change of address, but membership shall be terminated after a two-year period of nonpayment.

5.4 The President and Vice-President shall serve for a term of one (1) year starting June 1 and both are limited to two (2) consecutive terms.

In Memoriam – Al Stimac – stimac@cox.net

Richard Scates

Paul Streich

Esther Virginia Hofhine passed away at age 89 on August 17, 2023 in Gilbert, Arizona. She was born in Phoenix, Arizona on August 4, 1934 to Ernest and Mary Valencia and attended and graduated from Phoenix Union High School. She enrolled in a technical dental college in California and returned to Phoenix working as a dental assistant for approximately 10 years. Esther was next employed at AiResearch Manufacturing Company (now Honeywell) in the cafeteria but soon transferred to the Engineering division Engineering Files where she worked for over 35 years before retiring as a Supervisor. While at AiResearch she met and was united in marriage for 53 years to Brent Hofhine. Esther had a huge love for her family, friends, and especially her little dogs. She loved to garden, craft, and most of all enjoyed decorating and entertaining for the Christmas holiday. Esther is preceded in death by her father Ernest, mother Mary and brother Ernie. She is survived by her husband Brent, children Richard and Tamara, son-in-law Brian, grandchildren Alexis and Tyler, great granddaughter Angela, along with her nieces, nephew, and several great nephews and great niece.

Obituary published on Legacy.com by Red Mountain Funeral Home on Sep. 13, 2023.



Patrick Thomas Kennedy passed away on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, surrounded by his family at St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona. Patrick was born in Chicago, Illinois on April 24, 1967. He was the son of Paul and Barbara Kennedy of Phoenix, Arizona. Patrick attended Thunderbird High School and worked for RS Americas, Allied Signal and Honeywell in sales as a Key Account Manager. Patrick loved the beach and took advantage of every opportunity to return to Newport Beach where he lived for many years. He was a car and sports enthusiast, and a diehard California Angels and AZ Cardinals fan. Most of all, Patrick loved spending time with his family and friends. He will always be remembered for his smile and laughter, his devotion as a son,

brother, uncle and friend, and his incredible work ethic. Patrick is survived by his parents, Paul and Barbara Kennedy, his sister and brother-in-law Kelly and Michael Sweeney, his brother and sister-in-law Michael and Jennifer Kennedy, and his beloved niece and nephews Kelsey, Christopher and Eric Kennedy. Patrick's service will be held on Saturday, September 30, at 11:00 a.m., at St. Paul Catholic Parish, 330 West Coral Gables Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85023. In lieu of

flowers, memorial donations may be made to the St. Joseph's Foundation for Nursing Innovation: supportstjosephs.org/nursinginnovation *Posted online on September 19, 2023. Published in The Arizona Republic 2023-0920.*



Ann Hurlburt Schnell (wife of Jim Schnell) February 17, 1935 - July 14, 2023. Ann Schnell, 88, entered life eternal on July 14, 2023, in Norwich, Vermont. Ann was born on Feb. 17, 1935, in Canaan, Connecticut, to Alice (Chapin) Hurlburt and R. Walter Hurlburt of Ashley Falls, Massachusetts. Ann graduated valedictorian from Sheffield High School in 1953. Following high school, she attended Hartford Hospital School of Nursing and graduated in 1956. She continued her education at Simmons Nursing College in Boston in 1957/58 with a degree in public health nursing. During this time she met and was courted by Jim Schnell originally from Tonawanda, N.Y. They

were married on June 14, 1958 at Old Parish Congregational Church in Sheffield, Massachusetts. While living in Connecticut, Ann and Jim welcomed into life three children: Carl, Carrie, and Joanne. After moving to Youngstown, New York, they completed their family with the arrival of Laura. During this time Ann worked part time as a registered nurse at both Hartford Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut, and Saint Mary's Hospital in Niagara Falls, New York. In 1968, Jim and Ann moved to Scottsdale, Arizona. While in Scottsdale, Ann worked part-time at Scottsdale Memorial Hospital. Jim, Ann and their children moved to Durango, Colorado in 1975 where Ann began working at Dr. McKinley's office in Durango. The family returned to Scottsdale, Arizona, in 1979 where Ann decided to finish her bachelor's degree in nursing and received that in 1987 from Arizona State University. Always interested in psychology, Ann decided to continue her education and received her Master Degree in Counseling in 1990. Following that, she worked as a counselor at the Family Service Agency in Scottsdale, Arizona and New Covenant Christian Counseling in Mesa, Arizona. She also cared for her mother, Alice Hurlburt while they lived in Arizona. Ann's faith was extremely important to her and she travelled to Russia on a medical mission trip in 1994. Ann and Jim moved to Grand Junction, Colorado in the summer of 1996 and cared for Jim's parents Eugene and Ruth Schnell and her cousin Elsie Haw. They owned a small peach orchard on Orchard Mesa. Ann found great joy in canning all the wonderful local produce she grew in her garden and purchased at farm stands. Ann Schnell was a member of Canyon View Vineyard Church in Grand Junction where she was part of the Prayer Ministry Team, and volunteered to pray in The Healing Rooms in Grand Junction. She was baptized and made a public profession of faith in 2000. In June 2017, Jim and Ann moved to Norwich, Vermont to be closer to family and lower elevation. They found a new church home in Wellspring Worship Center in West Lebanon, New Hampshire, and they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this June. In the last years of her life, Jim took loving care of Ann at their home with great patience and dedication. Ann was a determined woman persevering through physical ailments and pain. Ann's family is grateful that her suffering has ended and she is reunited with many family and friends in heaven. Always up for a party or gathering, we are sure Ann is enjoying a celebration there. The family is thankful for Sweet Home Care and all the home health aides who helped Ann in the last several years and to the compassionate, attentive care of Bayada Hospice of Norwich, Vermont. The family would also like to thank, with great appreciation, Dr. Cheri Mather MD and Dr. Barbara Lazar MD. Ann delighted in her children: Carl, Carrie, Joanne, and Laura; her grandchildren: Jon and Brant Arnold, Wyatt and Walter Jordan, Ann and Patrick Osborn and Valentina Schnell; and great-grandchildren Brooke, Kate, Emma Ethan, Adam, Oliver, Rebecca, Charlie Arnold. She was devoted to her family, and

treasured the time she spent with them. She was extremely proud of her family and spoiled them with her fabulous cooking and baking. Ann Streeter Hurlburt Schnell is survived by her husband, Jim, of Norwich, Vermont; her son Carl Schnell and Gabriela Schnell of Lima, Peru; her daughter Carrie Jordan and husband Emmett Jordan of Briggsdale, Colorado; her daughter Joanne Arnold and husband Phil Arnold of Glendale, Arizona; her daughter Laura Osborn and Matt Osborn of Norwich, Vermont.; and seven grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; her brother, Joe Hurlburt of Lancaster, Pennsylvania and seven nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, Alice and R. Walter Hurlburt. A memorial service to celebrate Ann Schnell's life will be held at Wellspring Worship Center at a future date. A private burial in Sheffield, Massachusetts will take place. Knight Funeral Home in Hartford, Vt. has been entrusted with arrangements. Condolences to Ann's family may be expressed in an online guestbook at www.knightfuneralhomes.com.

Honeywell-Garrett \$5000 Death Benefit

The Garrett Corp provided a sum of money to cover funeral expenses of Garrett employee upon their death. The benefit is still available. The amount of money is \$5000. The benefit is recognized within the Honeywell system as a “death benefit” . When contacting Honeywell that term should be used, along with mention of the sum of \$5000. To request the benefit, call 1-877-258-3699. This is the number contained in the November 21, 2022 letter and postcard sent to participants. Press a phone key for option 5 to start the process.

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 HRSC website is hrcaz.org.

Rim Country Garrett Retirees - disbanded in March 2023 due to low attendance.

Dillies from Diane – Diane Bennett

