



Honeywell-Garrett Retirees Club Newsletter

Cliff Notes

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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*



Happy New Year.

This is my last Presidents Report. Not much to report for December since we did not have any meetings or the Holiday Luncheon. That's a shame that with a membership of 387 we could not get 40 for the Luncheon. I hope everybody made New Years Resolutions to attend monthly meetings, Spring picnic, Holiday Luncheon. If attendance continues going down like it's doing the Club will disease. That's sad.

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

Dave Oman has arranged for former Honeywell leader Ron Rich to speak at our February meeting.

Ron is an accomplished Leader in the Aerospace industry with 40 years of experience that includes general management, profit/loss, business development, strategic planning, engineering management, supply chain management, program and project management. Adept in product design and development, and commercial & military qualification of complex aerospace mechanical systems.

Ron has 34 years of experience at Honeywell, 18 years in various executive leadership roles, and responsibilities included assignments in product development & certification, production & in-service support, supply chain management, technology development, strategic planning, business development program management and general management. Ron's most recent role at Honeywell Engines was as the Engineering Director of the APU product line.

Ron is now the VP and General Manager at Intertech Engineering, which was established in 2017 and is based in Phoenix, Arizona. Owned and operated by proven engineers, Intertec provides industry expertise and custom-tailored solutions for engineering firms across a wide spectrum of industries.

Ron will be talking about his engineering career at Honeywell and his latest role at Intertec, as well as a general overview of the aerospace industry from his perspective.

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



The Honeywell-Garrett Retirees Club (HGRC) Board meeting was called to order at 11:10 AM by consensus of the Board . Those in attendance were: Diane Bennett, Jim Brink, Bob Davenport, Frank Holman, Dave Oman, Diane Rencenberger, Mark Steele, and Dolf Strom, which thus constitutes a quorum in accordance with our by-laws requirements. The meeting was held at the Gecko Grill on McDowell Rd.

Diane Bennett is resigning as Events Director and Dave Oman said he is willing to take that on. Mark moved that the Board appoint Dave as the Events Director, Jim seconded and the motion passed.

Dolf resigned from the Club Presidency effective January 1, 2024. The Board discussed Diane B’s suggestion that the Board members each take on being acting President for a month on a rotating basis until another President is elected. The Board agreed to give this a try and Jim volunteered for the first month. Dolf will continue as an ‘at large’ member of the Board and will continue to maintain the Club electronic roster.

Maureen Van Dobben is resigning the Club communications job. Dave and Jim both said they are willing to learn the job. Maureen said she will train whoever takes over the position and Dave and Jim said they would contact her. Maureen will continue to do the website maintenance.

Dolf also is resigning as the Club webmaster and Dave has agreed to take that on.

The Spring Picnic was discussed. Mark moved that we have a Spring Picnic in April, Jim seconded and the motion passed.

Jim reviewed last month’s bank charges with the Board.

The Board discussed why the Holiday Luncheon had to be canceled. Diane said that it was cancelled because the hotel minimum attendance requirement was not met. One issue is that the Club membership is getting older and many don’t get out like they used to.

A presenter for the February meeting was discussed. Dave is going to ask Ron Rich if he is available. Ron had said earlier that he would be willing to do a presentation.

Board meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

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



Beginning balance on November 30	\$10,248.32
December dues income	\$495.00
December scholarship income.....	\$350.00
December expenses	\$52.49
Ending balance on December 31	\$11,070.83
Scholarship fund as of December 31, \$7650.88	

In closing, remember, “There is only one way to avoid criticism: do nothing, say nothing, and be nothing.” -- Aristotle

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



The HGRC is now accepting applications for the 2024 scholarship awards. Deadline is April 2024.

Every year, the Honeywell-Garrett Retirees Club of Arizona (HGRC) awards scholarships to undergraduate and graduate college students who are descendants of HGRC members and award them money to help reduce their costs for a college education. The Scholarship program is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit and all donations to the scholarship fund by members and non-members are tax deductible.

Donations can be sent together with the Club annual dues submission or directly to:

Honeywell-Garrett Retirees Club of Arizona
PO Box 11633
Scottsdale, AZ 85271-1633

To check eligibility and access the online application, visit the HGRC website under the Scholarship Tab: <https://www.garrettreireesaz.com/scholarships/>

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



No activity in December.

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



For the month of December, I have received two current dues payments totaling \$45.00 and a total of \$35.00 for the Scholarship Fund.

Events Report – Diane Bennett with Cathy Bennett assisting

Report not submitted.

Webmaster Report – Dolf Strom – dolfstrom@cox.net – 480-430-8673

Last month our out-sourced Webmaster Maureen van Dobben announced that she will be resigning from the club communication portion of her job recommending that this job be done by a Club member. Maureen will train the member on how to do it and provide documentation for later reference. At the January 3 Board two members signed up. That's great, thank you.

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



The two winners of the 50-50 raffle at the January meeting were Ed Vos and Mark Steele, each person receiving a whopping \$7. The Club received \$11.00.

Also, at Al Stimac's request, a thank you card was sent to Al Finkelstein in appreciation of his contribution to the HGRC scholarship fund. Stimac has been helping to sell Finkelstein's collector items on-line with the proceeds being donated to the scholarship fund.

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



I am planning to schedule another Honeywell Happy Hour at the Badlands Bar and Grill in mid-February so stay tuned!

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



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

Report not submitted.

Bylaws – by Gollie

The Club bylaws are posted on the Club website under the tab “About Us” and are often forgotten. Obviously as time goes on and interest in the Club dwindles the applicability of our bylaws are no longer valid. We still attempt to adhere to them as much as is reasonable.

5.3 Election of elected officers shall be held each year at the April CLUB member meeting. A majority vote of CLUB members in attendance at the meeting shall determine the winners.

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.

5.4.1 The Treasurer and the Recording Secretary shall serve a term of one (1) year starting June 1 but the number of consecutive terms served shall be at the discretion of the CLUB Board.

5.4.2 Vacancies resulting from officer resignation shall be filled by a majority vote of the CLUB Board at the next CLUB member meeting.

5.4.3 Results of each year's election shall be announced during the May members meeting and published in the May Newsletter. .

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.

In Memoriam – *Al Stimac* – stimac@cox.net

William (Bill) Ellis passed away on November 11, 2023. He was born in Ventura California August 1, 1937. He spent his childhood and high school years in Ojai, California, and had many happy memories of friends and family there. He graduated from Purdue University and was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi. His engineering degree brought him to Phoenix to work at AiResearch, Garrett and Honeywell for many years. He lived in Scottsdale where he raised his two children Jeff (now deceased) and Julie Ellis. Survived by his wife Rae, daughter Julie, grandchildren Hudson and Griffin Ellis, and his step-children John (wife Kathleen Fitzsimmons), Cynthia and David Kains. Bill loved them all and his step-grandchildren Carolyn Bullock and Audrey and Ransom Kains. He will be remembered for his laughter, his love and his integrity. The funeral will be held Friday, January 5, 2024 at St. Barnabas on the Desert Episcopal Church 6715 North Mockingbird Lane, Scottsdale. Posted online on December 28, 2023
Published in The Arizona Republic.



Manley “Skip” Fox - On December 27, 2023, Manley Merle (Skip) Fox passed away at the age of 91. Manley was born June 23, 1932 in Lake Crystal, Minnesota to Merle and Gladys Peterson Fox. Following the death of Gladys in 1934, his father married Marie Strunk. Manley was preceded in death by his parents, by sisters, Luella Oehler, Gertrude Walker, Dorothy Feeney, Margaret Geddes, Helen Ballard, Nadine Strunk Coker and Eugene Strunk. He recently lost his wife, Susanne and his son, Nelson. The family moved to Scottsdale in 1934. He attended grammar school in Tempe and Scottsdale. In 1944, the family moved to Riverside, California where he attended junior high school and one year at Poly High. He then returned to Arizona where he graduated from

Scottsdale High School in 1951. After discharge from the U.S. Coast Guard, he met the love of his life, Susanne McMillan. They were married in Riverside on November 26, 1954 and enjoyed over 68 years together. On their honeymoon, he went to work for Garrett AiResearch (now Honeywell). He retired after 38 years as a manager in the Human Relations Department. Skip was known for his great sense of humor and took a lot of joy in roasting retiring employees at Honeywell. He is survived by sons Martin (Doreen), Tracy, and daughter Dayna (David) Birmingham, five grandchildren, twin great-granddaughters, 24 nephews and three nieces. Funeral services will be held at Messinger Indian School Mortuary on January 6, 2024 at 2:00 PM with visitation one hour prior to services.

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.