



Honeywell-Garrett Retirees Club Newsletter

Cliff Notes

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

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

Next Event: Member Meeting, Wed Oct 2
Granite Reef Senior Center - 1700 N Granite Reef Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85257

President’s Report – *Vacant position, volunteer needed. – Chuck Jonkosky acting for the month of April.*

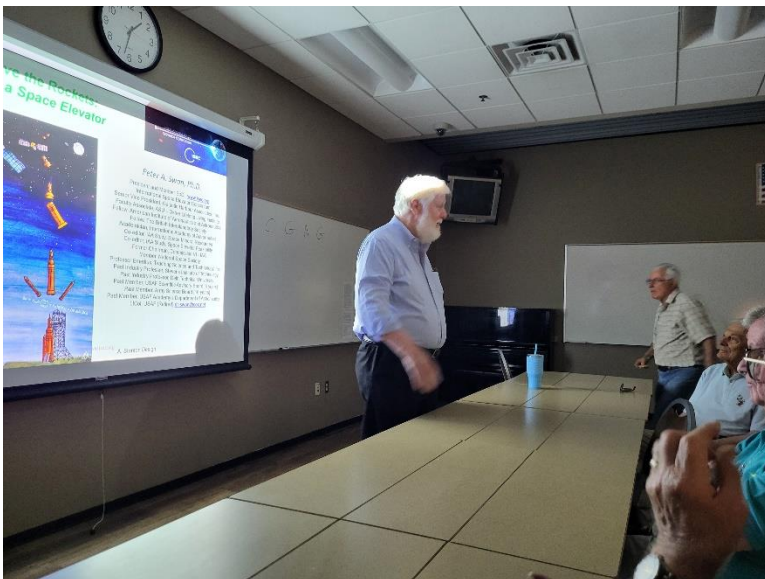
The HGRC Board met May 1, 2024, prior to the member meeting. At the meeting Diane Bennet announced that she is resigning from the Club after over 30 years of service. We thank Diane for her many years of service to the Club. She will be missed.

Diane has been our Membership Director and now we have one more Director position to fill besides the President and Vice President roles.

The next scheduled general meeting is Wednesday, Oct 2nd, 2024. Prior to that meeting we will need volunteers for HGRC President, Vice President and Membership Director.

Wishing you a great summer and safe travels.

Vice-President’s Report – *Vacant position, volunteer needed – Dave Oman acting for the month of April.*



Dr. Peter Swan, Director and Vice President of the International Space Elevator Consortium (ISEC) was our guest presenter at the May meeting. He was very entertaining and explained to the twenty-one Club members in attendance, “What is a Space Elevator?”. In summary the space elevator is more than 100,000 KM long. The space elevator is a transportation infrastructure system that is thought to be much more efficient in transporting payloads to space than rockets. It is a railroad to the solar system that will allow humanity to expand beyond the boundaries of space.

Some of my takeaways from Dr. Swans presentation are:

- “The Space elevator tether production could begin in 5 to 10 years using graphene as its material.” We have the material now- Graphene.
- The Apollo program only delivered one-half of one percent of gross mass to space.
- Space Elevators beat the rocket equation.
- Impact on humanity - “We need it for Humanity”.
- The Space Elevator is at least 20 years out.

The ISEC web site has numerous technical papers and podcasts on the subject. <http://www.isec.org>

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



Honeywell-Garrett Retirees Club (HGRC) Board meeting was called to order at 11:08 AM by Chuck Jonkosky. Those in attendance were: Diane Bennett, Jim Brink, Bob Davenport, Frank Holman, Diane Rencenberger, and Mark Steele, which thus constitutes a quorum in accordance with our By-laws requirements. The meeting was held at the Gecko Grill on McDowell Rd. Cathy Bennett also attended as a guest.

Diane B. announced that she is resigning from the Club after over 30 years of service. We thank Diane for her many years of service to the Club. Chuck said he would use his executive power as President to keep Diane on the roster with no further dues

required. The Board concurred.

Secretary items – Jim moved to accept the minutes of the March 6, 2024, Board meeting, Bob seconded the motion and it passed.

Treasurer’s items – There was no Treasurer’s report since the bank statement is not yet available. Jim will send it out to the Board for approval via email once the statement is available.

Required filings for the Club were briefly discussed. Jim will do the required annual AZ Corporation filing and Chuck will handle the Federal 501-(c)(3) required annual paperwork.

Event items – 52 people attended the April Spring picnic. The Club subsidized the event with about \$800.

Fix-It-Team – Frank reported that there was one request and it was fulfilled.

Scholarship Items – There were 7 scholarship applications this year. The Honeywell contribution of \$8000 has not yet been received.

Membership Items – Diane reported one person joined the Club last month. She noted the Board needs to find someone to take over her membership duties.

Webmaster Items – No report this month as Dave Oman was absent from the meeting.

Charitable Giving – Charitable giving was briefly discussed. Currently the Club gives \$100 to a local charity picked by the guest speaker. Jim Brink reminded the Board, per the bylaws, that anyone can suggest a contribution to a charitable organization but the Board needs to approve it for it to actually happen. Diane Bennett added that charitable organizations have historically been local organizations opposed to national organizations.

Future speakers – Mark is responsible for getting a speaker for October. Mark requested suggestions and Frank gave him information on a person from Salt River Project who works on sustainable

solutions. Jim said he will send information on a potential speaker regarding the recycling program for the City of Mesa. Cathy Bennett also asked if a presentation by a master gardener would be acceptable. A motion to adjourn was made by Mark and seconded by Diane B. The motion passed and the Board meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

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



Financial transactions for the month of April:

Beginning balance on March 31	\$10,737.53
April income other than scholarship	\$662.00
April scholarship income.....	\$200.00
April expenses	\$896.73
Ending balance on April 30.....	\$10,702.80

Scholarship funds as of April 30\$8746.28

Spring Picnic Financials

City of Scottsdale Park Permit.....	\$110.00
City of Scottsdale Park Beer Permit	\$20.00
Honey Bears restaurant deposit	\$307.12
Honey Bears restaurant balance food costs	\$839.58
Ice for drinking water	\$4.66
Picnic income (51 attendees)	\$505.00
Balance resulting in a loss of	\$776.36

Club charitable \$100 contributions for 2024:

- Jan.....St. Mary's Food Bank as requested by January meeting speaker Steve Hoza
- FebSt. Mary's Food Bank as requested by February meeting speaker Ron Rich.
- Mar ...Arizona Humane Society as requested by March meeting speaker Steve Hoza.
- May...The International Space Elevator Consortium by May speaker Dr. Peter Swan.

Events Report – Dave Oman -928-256-8466 - *agoodoman@gmail.com*



Nothing to report except that I miss the smell of JP4 in the morning!

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



We had one request and the repairs were accomplished.

The repair consisted of a bath towel holder that was pulled out of the wall and secondly, the replacement of a gasket on a door from the garage into the house that was trashed by their cat.

Membership Report – Vacant position, volunteer needed



Diane reports that one person joined the Club last month.

Diane also sadly reported that she is retiring from the Club after thirty years of service.

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



With the deadline having passed on April 1, 2024, we have received seven applications.

The applications will be reviewed, and awards determined after receipt of the applicant’s Official Transcript. The Official Transcript is released by the school registrar after final semester grades are completed, which is usually by mid-May.

The seven applicants and their member sponsor are: Makena Cook, related to Jim Brink; Ben Carlo, related to Dennis Riebe; Brent and Paige Cornell related to John Cornell; Walter Davenport, related to Bob Davenport; Christopher Kenehan, related to Jim Kenehan; Sean van Dobben, related to Dolf Strom.

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



At the May 1 member meeting, the 50-50 raffle winners were Chuck Jonkosky and Charlie Paine, each receiving eight dollars.

No cards were sent in April.

I have a collection of books for sale that may be of interest to Club members.

1. “Model Aircraft Aerodynamics” – Martin Simons.....\$12.00 Paperback

2. "I-Spy Aircraft"\$1.50 Paperback
3. "Thoughts of a Philosophical Fighter Pilot" – Jim Stockdale\$8.00 Paperback
4. "Flying American Combat Aircraft (The Cold War)" – Robin Highaun\$10.00 Paperback
5. "Faces of War – The Untold Story of Edward Steichens" – Mark Faram.....\$15.00 Hardback
6. "The Price of Admiralty – The Evolution of Naval Warfare" – John Keegan.....\$11.00 Hardback
7. "X-15 Diary: The Story of America's First Spaceship" – Richard Tregaskis.....\$15.00 Paperback
8. "Flyboys – A True Story of Courage" – James Bradley.....\$15.00 Hardback
9. "Whistling Death-The Test Pilot's Story of the F4U Corsair"-Boone T. Guyton.....\$12.00 Hardback
10. "Why the Allies Won" – Richard Overy\$19.00 Hardback

More listings next month.

Webmaster Report – *Dave Oman -928-256-8466 - agoodoman@gmail.com*

Nothing to report.

At Large Report



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

No report.



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

No report.

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

Ruth D. Ballas - January 16, 1957 - November 3, 2021. On Wednesday November 3rd, 2021, Ruth Doiron Ballas, loving wife, mother of three, and grandmother of seven passed away at age 64. Ruth was born January 16th, 1957 to Alveta Doiron in Brooklyn NY. After a childhood in Sanford, ME, Ruth moved to the AZ desert in the early 1970s. In 1978 Ruth married James Ballas of Phoenix AZ. They raised three children, Marion, Douglas, and Kenneth. Ruth was an avid outdoors woman and cherished her time exploring the Arizona wilderness with her family and friends. When not birdwatching, rock collecting, and camping, Ruth could be found welcoming family and friends alike to a warm repast. Ruth was known among her friends for her warmth, loyalty, and hospitality. Ruth was preceded in death by her husband James. She is survived by her children Marion (Gregory), Douglas (Katherine), and Kenneth (Danielle), her grandchildren (Joseph, Tyler, Annie Marie, George, Theadora, Rose, and August), her siblings Pamela (Dennis), Joseph (Deborah), Blair, and Dennis (Anne), and many nieces and nephews. A celebration of life will be celebrated in May 2022. In

lieu of flowers, please send a donation to the Kino Border Initiative, <https://www.kinoborderinitiative.org/give/> or PO Box 159, Nogales, AZ 85628-0159.



Diane Helen Peterson, May 2, 1937 - April 19, 2024. Diane lost her 2-year battle with cancer on April 19, 2024. Surrounded by her loving family, she passed gracefully into the arms of the Lord. She was born May 2, 1937 in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and graduated from West High School in 1954. In her early years, she worked as a secretary, and computer operator for AiResearch. In 1972, she married Erin Peterson and became a full-time mother and wife – a job to which she devoted the rest of her life. She loved her family with every fiber of her being. Her life was a life filled with joy and enthusiasm. She not only volunteered hundreds of hours helping cats and dogs, but also anyone whose spirits needed bolstering. Her love for life was contagious. Undaunted, fearless and fiercely loyal, she was a force. Diane was preceded in death by

sons William “Bill” Beck and Roy Perry. She is survived by Erin, her husband of 51 years, sons Frank Beck (wife Kimberly) and Steve Beck, MD (wife Lesli), daughters Erin Dahl and Amy Peterson along with 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. This is the legacy she was most proud of. Gramma P touched us all and will live forever in our hearts. Services are private, but in lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Fearless Kitty Rescue to help her beloved cats.

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.

The Other Honeywell Retiree Club

The following information is provided by Keith Hughes, the president of the newly formed Honeywell Retirees Activity Club (HRAC).

The Aero Activities Club and the Honeywell Retiree Social Club have combined to form a new club called Honeywell Retirees Activity Club (HRAC) effective May 1st, 2024.

Membership eligibility is automatic for anyone who is or was employed by Sperry Corporation, Honeywell International, Inc., and/or other companies that have or have had an ownership relationship with Honeywell International, Inc. Individuals who worked for Honeywell through a subcontract or third-party labor contract are eligible.

Our new magazine is called Navigator and the new website is: <https://hracaz.org/>.

Our goal is to have 2 events each month Sept to May. All members of HGRC are welcome to attend.

Dillies from Diane – Diane Bennett

“Just sold my homing pigeon on eBay for the 22nd time.”

“You know you're over 50 when you have 'upstairs ibuprofen' and 'downstairs ibuprofen'.”



My wife is blaming me for ruining her Birthday
That's ridiculous, I didn't even know it was her Birthday

