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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- \* Excitement building for the new Program Year and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- \* The *Gold Rush* trio introduced as the entertainment for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- \* Registration deadlines looming for the November and December events
- \* Get to know long-time member Delrene Buterakos
- \* New GM Alumni Concierge announced at Sands Glendale

## EDITOR'S WELCOME



Hello Alumni!

It is hard to imagine that we are fast approaching Fall and the start of another new Program Year for the Club. But with football starting this weekend, we know that it is a sure thing.

I hope everyone has had a good Summer and endured the high temperatures of Arizona, enjoyed your travels if that was part of your Summer, or are looking forward to returning to Arizona for the Winter to escape the cold. Whatever the case, it is time to look ahead and prepare for the Club's new Program Year.

This new Program Year proves to be an exciting year in that the club will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in March 2024. As we build toward that special event, the board has developed a diverse and exciting series of monthly events. These are all identified and detailed in the following pages.

The first event of the year will be a tour of the Arizona State Capitol on November 8, 2023. This is a change from what had been planned and communicated in the previous newsletter. The date is also one week earlier than had been previously communicated. So, note these changes on your calendar. Further details can be found on page 3.

In December, the Club will attend the matinee performance at the Arizona Broadway Theatre to enjoy Irving Berlin's popular *White Christmas*. Further details can also be found on page 3. Both the November and December events have early registration dates. Note these dates and do not miss the opportunity to attend these events.

With the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for our Club, you will find an article on pages 6 and 7 about the *Gold Rush* trio, who will be entertaining the Club at that event. They have been described as a fun, lively band who perform songs you know – and some you may not. The Club is offering a discounted price for early registrations for this event. Read the details on page 5.

On pages 9 through 12, you will learn more about one member of our Welcome Team – Delrene Buterakos. Learn about the amazing background of another of our long-time members.

As we look forward to the new Program Year, it is also time to renew your Club Membership. Note more information on page 8, with the Membership Renewal Form found on page 14.

I hope you will enjoy this issue. I look forward to seeing everyone again in November.

*Alan Steffe*

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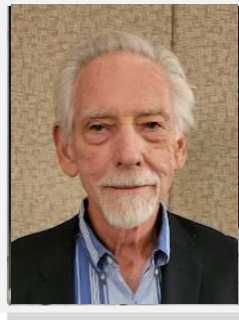
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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



Welcome back to an exciting year for our Club.

I hope everyone enjoyed a good summer. It is hard to believe that summer is fading fast. Soon we will be meeting again to kick off the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> year in existence. Our Club began in 1974 under the direction of our first president, Frederick Limback. The Club has come a long way since then and seen many changes over the years. We will be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a special celebration on March 12, 2024. Planning is well under way for an extraordinary celebration. It will be held at the Martin Auto Museum and Event Center in Glendale, AZ, with special entertainment included. Save March 12, 2024 on your calendar and watch for more details in this and upcoming newsletters, as well as on the Club's website. We will keep you updated as more details are finalized.

Now is the time for building our Membership! As you might know or encounter other GM Retirees or Alumni, invite them to attend a meeting or event. Or better yet, bring them along to a meeting as your guests. If they have additional questions, let a Board Member know, so we can follow-up with them personally.

Our Calendar of Events for the year has been finalized, culminating with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on March 12, 2024. Updates will be available in this and future Newsletters. I hope you will take the time now to mark the dates of all the planned events on your personal calendars. It is always great fun joining other Club members for afternoons of entertainment and socializing, with interesting presentations and delicious luncheons.

As always, if there are any questions or thoughts you might have for future events, please contact any of our Board Members.

We look forward to your participation in the coming year and seeing you soon!

### **Jim Hall**


2023 - 2024 President  
[hjskhal@gmail.com](mailto:hjskhal@gmail.com)

*We enjoy good times with friends, new and old, as we share our individual legacy with General Motors while experiencing the rich bounty of Arizona.*

**2023 - 2024 PROGRAM YEAR EVENTS**

As we look forward to a new Program Year, the Club has put together an appealing mix of events – interesting speakers and tours, an always enjoyable dinner theater performance, and a special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Presented below are details for the November, December, and March events. Additional details on costs and registration deadlines will be available in the next Newsletter as we get closer to the January and February events.

**November 8, 2023**




**ALUMNI CLUB OF ARIZONA**


## LUNCHEON & CLUB TOUR

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Registration due by October 31, 2023



MEXICAN RESTAURANTE




1733 W. Van Buren Phoenix AZ, 85007

Join us at the La Canasta “Capitolio” restaurant (with its copper dome over the patio as a proud tribute to the Arizona State Capitol) for Arizona’s finest Mexican flavors served up with the 61-year family tradition of the La Canasta Restaurant in their Sonoran Style dishes. Members will select and pay for their meals from the menu, which can be found here: [Menu \(laconastacapitolio.com\)](http://Menu.laconastacapitolio.com).

Following the meal and a brief meeting, the Club will proceed to the **Arizona Capitol Museum** (approximately two blocks away) for a free guided tour of the historic site, which served as the original capitol building when Arizona became the 48<sup>th</sup> state in 1912. It was designated a museum in 1977 and contains artifacts regarding Arizona history.

- See the Arizona Flag created from 113,998 Lego bricks (one for each mile of the state)
- Trace Arizona government from territorial times to statehood and on to present day
- Enjoy rotating art and history exhibitions
- Learn how the Arizona Constitution continues to drive the Arizona State government

10:45 am – Check-in at Restaurant  
 11:00 am – Order Meal from Menu  
 11:15 am – Brief Meeting  
 11:30 am – Lunch  
 12:20 pm – Proceed to Capitol Museum  
 12:45 pm – Guided Tour  
 1:30 pm – Continue Touring on Own



1700 W Washington St, Phoenix, AZ 85007

**Cost:**

Capitol Museum Tour is Free.  
Lunch cost to be paid directly by each attendee.

Our November event will be a **free tour** of the **Arizona Capitol Museum** with lunch purchased individually at the La Canasta “Capitolio” restaurant within two blocks of the museum. This is a change from the previously planned meeting at Chef Peter’s Bistro in Peoria on *Scams and Identity Theft*, which will be retimed for a later date.

**Please note that the date has been moved one week earlier than originally planned, from November 15<sup>th</sup> to November 8<sup>th</sup>.**


A **Registration Form** can be found on **pages 15 and 16** or by [clicking here](#).

Registration Forms are due by **October 31, 2023**.


**December 7, 2023**


**Thursday, December 7, 2023 Matinee**

Arizona Broadway Theatre



7701 West Paradise Lane, Peoria





Bob and Phil, a military veteran song-and-dance duo, fall head-over-heels for a stunning sister act en route to a Christmas stage show. Their romantic pursuits land them in a magical Vermont inn owned by their former commander, General Waverly. As the inn falls on hard times, it’s up to Bob and Phil to bring business in, but will their yearning hearts pull them in another direction? **Featuring spirited songs from Irving Berlin, *White Christmas* sparkles with holiday cheer, dancing, and laughter.**

Join us as we enjoy this classic musical production!

**Matinee - 11:30 am Check-in**  
**12:15 pm Lunch**  
**2:00 pm Show Time**

**Meal - selections made from menu**

**Cost - \$70.00 per Member/Spouse or Significant Other**  
**\$75.00 per Non Member**

Registrations are due by **November 8, 2023**

On December 7, 2023, the Club will again attend an excellent dinner and theater performance at the **Arizona Broadway Theatre** in Peoria. This year’s performance is the ever popular Irving Berlin’s Christmas musical – ***White Christmas***.

A **Registration Form** can be found on **page 17** or by [clicking here](#).

Tickets for this performance must be reserved and purchased well in advance of the performance. Therefore, note that **Registration Forms are due by November 8, 2023**.

2023 - 2024 PROGRAM YEAR EVENTS (CONT'D)

JANUARY 2024



## LUNCHEON & CLUB MEETING

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Price and registration form available later this summer.

Experience Culinary Excellence at the East Valley Institute of Technology  
1601 W. Main Street  
Mesa



### Teddy Roosevelt

As portrayed by Joe Wiegand

Joe Wiegand is the world's premiere Theodore Roosevelt reprisor. As an actor and historian, Joe's portrayals of Theodore Roosevelt in live performances have people wondering if TR has come back to life.



Joe Wiegand is a political science graduate of The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. Joe served as a graduate assistant at the Center for Governmental Studies at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois, before launching his own business as a political campaign consultant and public policy expert. Joe was working in public policy and running election campaigns when he began performing as Theodore Roosevelt in 2002.

Joe has been touring the United States for 14 years bringing Teddy Roosevelt back to life for his audiences. He performed at the White House in 2008, while celebrating Teddy Roosevelt's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. Joe has been featured as President Roosevelt in "The Men Who Built America" on the History Channel, and has a feature role in "National Parks Adventure" a film about our national parks still showing in IMAX theaters throughout the country.

### Save the Date!

This is a performance you will not want to miss!

Check out the website: [The Teddy Roosevelt Show - Joe Wiegand](#)

FEBRUARY 2024



## Thursday, February 15, 2024

### Falcon Field Commemorative Airforce Museum

2017 N Greenfield Rd, Mesa



Plan now to join us for a docent-led tour of the combat aviation museum to learn how military aircraft evolved from WWI through the present. Walk through a working hangar and watch aircraft mechanics bring powerful engines to life. Climb aboard bombers and cargo planes to see and feel what they were like.




### Save the Date!

Price and registration form available this fall.



Lunch at a local restaurant will be scheduled along with the tour. Stay tuned for more details as they are finalized.



2023 - 2024 PROGRAM YEAR EVENTS (CONT'D)

MARCH 2024



## GM Alumni Club of Arizona 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

**March 12, 2024**  
**Martin Auto Museum & Event Center**  
4320 W. Thunderbird Rd., Glendale, AZ  
11:00 AM - 3:30 PM





Save the date and plan to join in the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of our Club!



- Elegant Buffet
- Museum Viewing
- Socializing
- Entertainment
- Halo Photos
- Memento



*Celebration Attire*  
Watch for more details as they are finalized.

Since 2024 is the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of the Club's founding, the Board has planned a memorable celebration event for **March 12, 2024** for all its members, with an agenda exceeding that of our typical monthly meetings. Additional details will continue to be rolled out in future newsletters and on-line. Today, you can learn more about the excellent entertainment planned on pages 6 and 7.

Additionally, the Club is providing a reduced price for our members who sign up early. The **reduced price is \$30.00 per person if registering before December 31, 2023**. Otherwise the price will be \$40.00 per person from January 1, 2024 through the registration deadline of March 1, 2024. A **Registration Form** can be found on **page 18** or by [clicking here](#).

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2023-2024 Events

❖ **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023**  
**Arizona Capitol Museum**  
Guided Tour & Lunch  
La Canasta "Capitolio", Phoenix

❖ **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023**  
**AZ Broadway Theatre**  
Irving Berlin's "White Christmas"  
Dinner Theatre, Peoria

❖ **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024**  
**Teddy Roosevelt**  
portrayed by Joseph Wiegand  
EVIT Culinary School, Mesa

❖ **FEBRUARY 15, 2024**  
**Falcon Field, Mesa**  
Tour & Presentation  
Restaurant Pending

❖ **TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024**  
**50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**  
**Martin Auto Museum, Glendale**  
Advance registration discount until December 31, 2023.  
❖ Elegant buffet ❖ Museum tour ❖ Entertainment  
❖ Keepsake memento ❖ Keepsake photos  
*Celebration attire*

**2023-2024 Program Events**

50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT

We are happy to introduce the Special Entertainment for the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – the band, **Gold Rush**. They will share their talent while we dine and perform with vocals thereafter. Their sound is best described as “Americana”, a blending of sounds from the musical worlds of rock, folk, country, bluegrass, rhythm & blues, and other influential sources. *Gold Rush* is a fun, lively band who perform songs you know – and some you may not.

The Club's contact with the group is Jeff Rose, a long-time resident of Manistee County in Michigan and now an Arizona resident as well. As learned from information gathered through various media outlets, including: “*The Manistee News*”, and “*Bluegrass Today*”, Jeff is a quiet man by nature – he lets his music do his talking.

The master musician plays the mandolin and provides both lead and harmony vocals for the nationally-recognized bluegrass band, previously known as “Detour”, now known as the “Gold Rush Trio.” Jeff has toured over 20 years with “Iowa Rose”, “The High Canyon Ramblers”, and “The Porkypines.”



<https://bluegrasstoday.com/songwriter-to-songwriter-jeff-rose/>

He has also led numerous workshops on songwriting, mandolin, and guitar technique. And he is one of the reigning International Bluegrass Music Association golf champions.

Mr. Rose grew up listening to the Grand Ole Opry every Saturday night. Whenever bluegrass would come on, he loved it. His grandparents moved to Manistee County Michigan from Eastern Kentucky, so he feels bluegrass is in his blood.

He started playing the guitar when he was ten years old. His dad and brother, Jon, taught him a few chords. And his mom would let him out of his turn of washing the dishes if he would play the guitar for her. In high school, he started jamming with other people, and once he played in a band, he was hooked on the performance side of music. He plays guitar, mandolin, dobro (slide resophonic guitar), fiddle, bass, and banjo. Although he plays the mandolin with the Gold Rush Trio, the guitar will always be his favorite.

Over the years he's written many songs based on things that have happened or resonate with him, not based on a schedule or a plan. On one occasion he heard a story on the radio about soldiers home from war. There were more than 600 homeless veterans in Northern Michigan. And that brought Jeff to tears on how they couldn't find a job in this land they had been been fighting for.

So, he was inspired to write a song. The timing of this inspiration was incredible as he had been asked to play for the Veteran's Day ceremony in Manistee. So, he wrote the song, “Homeless of the Brave” on the way to the ceremony and called his lead singer, Missy Armstrong, and sang it into her

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50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT

voice mail. The rest is a heartwarming historical memory, as they sang it that night. Proceeds from the single, available for downloads, went to supporting homeless veterans. Click on the link below the picture on the right to listen to “*Homeless of the Brave*”, written by Jeff Rose.

We appreciate the opportunity to have Gold Rush perform for us and look forward to a very enjoyable event.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kEXz1hPEHE>

## SCG'S NEWEST BAND, “GOLD RUSH.”

(SCG = Sun City Grand)



The music of Gold Rush can best be described as “Americana”, a blending of sounds from the musical worlds of rock, folk, country, bluegrass, rhythm & blues, and other influential sources. Gold Dust is a fun, lively band who perform songs you know – and some you may not.

**JEFF ROSE** is a master of string instruments and is a talented singer-songwriter who has performed throughout North America. Jeff is originally from Michigan. (Mandolin, resonator guitar, acoustic guitar, bass, and vocals).

**DAVE WILLIAMS** has had a lifetime passion for all kinds of music. Like many musicians, he also loves collecting guitars. He has been performing live for many years. Dave grew up in Oregon. (Acoustic guitar and vocals).

**MIKE KUYKENDALL** is the leader of the band and the musical storyteller. He has been playing high energy, live music for over 50 years. He is a native of Oregon. (Acoustic guitar, bass, and vocals).



*50 Years of...*  
*Enjoying good times with friends, new and old*  
*Sharing our individual legacy with General*  
*Motors*  
*Experiencing the rich bounty of Arizona*

## FUTURE PROGRAMS UNDER CONSIDERATION

The Board is always looking forward for interesting meeting topics and activities that the Club members might like to do. At the same time, the Board is open to interesting ideas or topics that you as a Club member might have experienced. Some ideas being considered for the next Program Year include:

- **Barleens Dinner Show in Apache Junction**
- **Dwarf Car Museum in Maricopa**
- **Doo Wop Musical Comedy performance**
- **Chase Field Tour**
  - **The Eddie Basha Collection – Western American & American Indian Art**
  - **Dr. Robert Smoldt, ASU Professor and retired Mayo Clinic CEO on *Medicare Reimbursement Rates: Too Much or Too Little? What are our Options?***



Contact any Board Member with your thoughts on these and any other ideas you might want to offer.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE NOVEMBER 1

**It's that time of year...**

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**



It is again time to renew your club membership for the 2023 – 2024 Program Year. Memberships run from November through October to cover the program year when we convene each year. Membership dues are due November 1<sup>st</sup> and delinquent if not paid by December 1<sup>st</sup> of the program year. Renewing your memberships in a timely manner allows your Board to better plan and budget

for events. We encourage everyone to renew their membership this year to participate in the special events of this special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year for the Club. A **Renewal Form** can be found on **page 13** or by [clicking here](#).

## OBITUARY FOR ROBERT "BOB" SMITH (1931 - 2023)



Robert "Bob" Smith, long-time Club member, passed away peacefully on April 26, 2023, at age 91 in The Woodlands, Texas. Bob was born in Flint, Michigan, where he graduated from General Motors Institute (now Kettering University) with a BS Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Bob started his GM career at Chevrolet and retired from the GM Technical Center after a successful 36-year career. He was a specialist in accident investigation/reconstruction and was a pioneer in auto safety, being invaluable to legal staff involved with accident litigation.

His second wife, Jeanette, preceded him in passing away in 2022.

Bob's obituary can be found at [Robert Smith Obituary \(neptunesociety.com\)](https://www.neptunesociety.com/robert-smith-obituary).



**MEET CLUB MEMBER – DELRENE BUTERAKOS**

This month we continue to get to know our Club members better by featuring an interview Roxanne Steffe conducted with long-time member Delrene Buterakos, who also serves at our Reception Table for Club events.

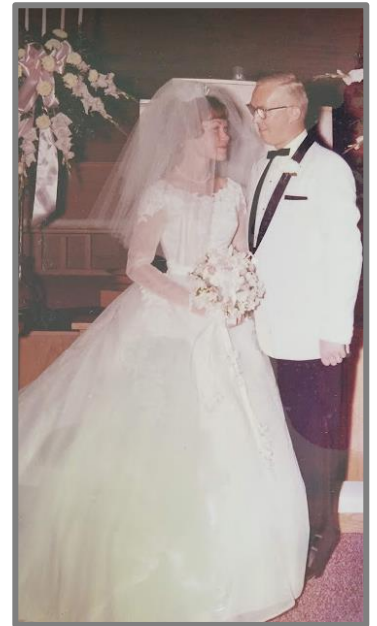
I was born in Minnesota. But when I was two years old my family moved to Flushing, Township Michigan. I graduated from Beecher High School, near Flushing. I was involved in many school activities and received an excellent education.

Three months after graduating from high school with honors, I turned 18 and hired into GM for office work. Fortunately, I had taken many business classes while in high school. My first position was a typist and stenographer.



Buick Administration Bldg.  
902 E. Hamilton Ave. Flint

I met my husband, Gus Buterakos, also from the Flint area at a YMCA dance. At age 20, we were married in 1963. Our first child, Todd was born in 1966, with our youngest, Chris, born in 1968. We were also blessed with two bonus grandsons, Kyle and Ryan, and two great grandchildren Avery and Asher.



**Delrene Smeby – Honor Student**  
*“It is better to give than to lend,  
and it costs about the same.”*

**Clubs and activities:**  
F.H.A 1,2;  
Y-Teens 1,2,3;  
V.C.Y. 2,3,4;  
Choir 3,4;  
Chorus 1,2;  
Operetta 3,4;  
Varsity Triple Trio 3,4;  
Girl’s Glee Club 2.

Starring in **“Creatures of Impulse”** *Left:* Delrene stirs up a wicked brew. *Right:* Cast member & friend, Bev Church, beseeches the Mysterious Old Lady.



*Below:* Delrene front & center right in the dark cloak with entire cast.



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**MEET CLUB MEMBER – DELRENE BUTERAKOS (CONT'D)**

promoted to branch manager. We all remember, years ago, how notoriously underpaid bank employees were, so I knew I would eventually have to go back to work.

I was very fortunate to have my parents living nearby. I had the perfect sitters for my sons and their grandparents loved having them. So I took the opportunity to increase my skills and enrolled at a local college (The University of Michigan – Flint), and earned a Bachelor of Arts with Distinction.

After a 10-year hiatus, I was hired back into GM starting in a clerical position. But my Bachelor's degree and life experiences led to many promotions. I was now motivated to enroll in graduate school, which GM paid for. I remain very thankful for the opportunities to work in various departments to "broaden my experience."

My final position, as a Senior Engineer, in GM's Worldwide Facilities Group was by far my favorite. This group worked with people and departments in their relocations. GM provided me with specialized training in Computer Aided Design (CAD) and Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAM) at the General Motors Institute, learning how to design and produce blueprints for office layouts. Looking back it's easy for me to see how my career evolved through the many exceptional resources GM provided to me and to so many others.

Gus later accepted a position with the Genesee County Community Mental Health

Department as a Service Director. He said some days he wasn't quite sure which side of the desk he was on—ha ha. Gus enjoyed his career and the aspects of helping those in the community and he was promoted to Administrator.

We were now living in Fenton, MI, a great community for raising a family. We bought a home on Silver Lake, a private all-sports lake about 310 acres in size. Our family thoroughly enjoyed the fun and social activities of living on the lake.



The Silver Lake Ski Club performs a show every Tuesday night during the summer. Onlookers enjoy the performance from the sandy beach.  
*From the Tri County News July 18, 2019*

In 2001, Gus finally retired, and I (with 31 years of broken service) retired from General Motors. After retirement, we enjoyed the warm of the winter sun at our second home in Sun City, AZ and we did a lot of travelling. Cruises were one of our favorite things. We went to the Caribbean, Hawaiian Islands, and cruised to Greece, three years in a row. We continued to travel until Gus' death in 2011.



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## MEET CLUB MEMBER – DELRENE BUTERAKOS (CONT'D)



Our eldest son, Todd, graduated from GMI with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and continues to work in the automotive industry. Our youngest son Chris, is also a U.S. Navy Veteran.

In 1991, after our sons had finished college, we learned about the need to sponsor a foreign exchange student from Brazil. A lady from church was placing him and the original sponsors were unable to take him. So we decided to offer him a home while in the U.S. It was a quick turnaround with the young man arriving the very next weekend.

What a wonderful experience this turned out to be, far beyond our expectations. We made friends for life. When he finished high school in the U.S., he went home to Brazil. Twice we were invited to visit his family at their home in Rio. One trip was topped off with attending Carnivale, what an experience! Our foreign exchange student, Joao, studied for and now is a physician specializing in infectious diseases in Brazil. In 2010, the year before Gus passed away, we were invited to Joao's wedding to a beautiful nurse named Viviane. Their wedding was in Sao

Paulo, Brazil and was very nice. Myself, and our sons Todd and Chris, still keep in touch with Joao and Viviane and consider them our extended family.



I not only work with Rosemary Kovacevic at the Reception Table for our Club gatherings, she and I are travel buddies. One of our most delightful trips was to "The Price is Right" in L.A. Although neither of us were chosen to be on stage, we had a great time!

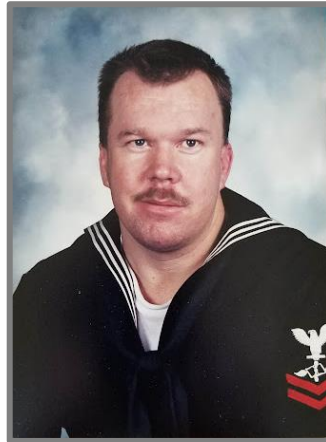


Rosemary and I enjoy an occasional trip to the casino as well as several cruises. It is so convenient that she and her husband, John, also live close by on Silver Lake in Fenton, MI and Sun City, AZ.

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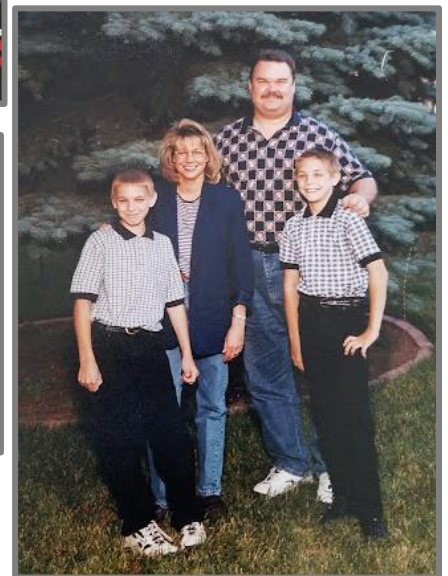
**MEET CLUB MEMBER - DELRENE BUTERAKOS (CONT'D)**

Below: Delrene wins big at a casino in Battle Creek, MI.



Left, Delrene's youngest, Chris. And eldest son, Todd, with wife Pam and Delrene's bonus grandsons Ryan and Kyle below.

Far left, Gus and Delrene enjoying socializing on a Caribbean cruise. Center, Delrene with her mom and two sons.



**Flint Regional Office**  
**NAO Worldwide Facilities Group**

**Industrial Layout**



**Delrene Buterakos**  
Facilities Engineer, Layout

**Background:** Plant Layout  
Office design and layout  
Plant and machine line paint projects  
Piping Codes and Standards  
AutoCad operations  
ADA requirements

**Education:** BA - University of Michigan  
MBA - Central Michigan University

**Experience:** Twenty six (26) years experience at General Motors  
Five (5) years experience in Supervision  
Ten (10) years experience in Facilities and Project Engineering



Delrene was acknowledged for her many accomplishments and years of exemplary contribution.

<b>Current WFG Projects:</b>	Layout of Materials Laboratory .....	(NAO Flint Operations)
	Utility piping identification program .....	(Flint Truck Assembly)
	Maintenance of area distribution reports .....	(NAO Flint Operations)
	Rehabilitation Center office and restroom replacements .....	(Flint Metal Fab)
	Baler house and overhead crane painting .....	(Flint Metal Fab)
	Office relocation and design .....	(Flint GMPT V6 Mfg.)

**AMBASSADORS' CORNER**



This section – the **Ambassadors' Corner** – will regularly keep you updated on what is happening at our Loyal Dealers – awards, special activities, promotions, incentives, etc. Check out their latest news below.

*The Liberty family concierges would be happy to meet you and help you toward the purchase of your next new vehicle. Here are the deals they currently have available for our Alumni Club members.*

**LIBERTY BUICK** NEED A NEW LOOK? BUICK'S GOT YOU COVERED

MEMBERS RECEIVE \$1,000 MORE ON TRADE-IN VALUE

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**LIBERTY GMC** THE SUV PERFECT FOR ANY ADVENTURE!

MEMBERS RECEIVE \$1,000 MORE ON TRADE-IN VALUE

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**Lydia Falcon**  
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[falcon@libertygmcaz.com](mailto:falcon@libertygmcaz.com)



**Sands Chevrolet** in **Glendale** has announced the appointment of a new GM Alumni Concierge. **Carlos Alvarez** has been appointed to replace Alan Ray as the Concierge serving our Club members. We thank Alan for all the help he has provided to our members over the years and wish him the best in his new assignment.

Carlos is eager to meet our Club members and help you with your new car needs. We look forward to bringing you more information about Carlos in a future newsletter. In the meantime, make sure to look him up the next time you stop visit Sands Chevrolet in Glendale.



**Carlos Alvarez**  
602-384-6145  
[calvarez@sandsautomotivegroup.com](mailto:calvarez@sandsautomotivegroup.com)

*When ready to purchase a new GM vehicle, remember that all nine of our Loyal Dealers have a dedicated GM Alumni Concierge assigned to serve our Club Members. [Click here](#) to view them and their contact information.*



# GM Alumni Club of Arizona

## 2023-2024 Membership Application/Renewal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse/Significant Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Retired: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
 GM Division/Affiliate: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Position Held: \_\_\_\_\_

Arizona Address:  Permanent  Seasonal | Alternate Address:  Permanent  Seasonal

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in handling Club assignments? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Special interests or hobbies? \_\_\_\_\_

- New Member:** Annual Membership Fee is \$30.00 *(Includes Name Badges for new members)*
  - GM or GM Affiliate Salaried Retiree or Alumni or Surviving Spouse
  - Associate Member sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Member Name)*

How did you hear about the Club? \_\_\_\_\_

- Member Renewal:** Annual Membership Fee is \$30.00 *(Includes Name Badges for new members)*
- Member Renewal:** Life member (no cost)  Age 90 by 11/01/2023
- Pre 2011 Club President

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*( Make checks payable to: GM Alumni Club of Arizona )*

Drop off completed application/renewal and check at the Welcome Table at any meeting, or mail to: GM Alumni Club of Arizona

c/o Hal Hubbard  
 26921 W. Wahalla Lane  
 Buckeye, AZ 85396

**Membership Renewals due by November 1, 2023, becoming delinquent if not paid by December 1, 2023.**  
*Note: Above information will be used for Club purposes only and not sold. Your signature allows your picture to be used as part of Club Newsletters and promotions.*

Any questions may be directed to Hal Hubbard at (623) 256-8938.

Keep up to date at our website: [www.azgmalumni.com](http://www.azgmalumni.com)

**Meeting Registration Form  
Arizona Capitol Museum Tour  
Wednesday, November 8, 2023**

The Arizona Capitol Museum utilizes historic artifacts, guided interpretation, virtual resources, interactive activities, and public programs to educate visitors on Arizona's governmental, political, and social history. The building was dedicated in 1901 and was designated a museum in 1977. It was the actual state capitol building when Arizona became the 48<sup>th</sup> state of the United States in 1912. Join the Club to learn more about the Arizona government from territorial times to statehood to the present day. Also enjoy a true Mexican lunch at the 61-year-old La Canasta "Capitolio" Restaurant known for its Sonoran Style dishes.

**Directions:**

The Arizona Capitol Museum is located at **1700 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85007**. Use this address as your GPS destination for the best route from your starting point and the time required to get to the Museum. Additionally, a map is shown on the attached page with Parking Lots in the area of the Museum and the Restaurant. Please allow adequate time to park and walk to the restaurant for the Check-In time.

<b><u>Time:</u></b> 10:45AM – 11:00AM	Check-In at La Canasta "Capitolio" restaurant
11:00AM –	Place orders for lunch selections
11:15AM – 11:30AM	Brief Meeting and Announcements
11:30AM – 12:20PM	Lunch
12:20PM – 12:35PM	Walk to the Arizona Capitol Museum (approximately two blocks)
12:45PM – 1:30PM	Guided Tour
1:30PM –	Continue touring on your own (Museum closes at 4:00 pm)

**Lunch:** Lunch will be ordered and purchased from the menu by the individual members. The menu can be found at [Menu \(lacanastacapitolio.com\)](http://Menu(lacanastacapitolio.com)).

**Cost:** The capitol tour is **free**. Your cost will be your meal, tax, and tip at the La Canasta "Capitolio" restaurant.

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**Meeting Registration Form  
Arizona Capitol Museum Tour  
Wednesday, November 8, 2023**

Please **return this portion** of the form to:

Or **email** this form to: [hrrhubbard@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hrrhubbard@sbcglobal.net)

**GM Alumni Club of Arizona  
c/o Hal Hubbard  
26921 W. Wahalla Lane  
Buckeye, AZ 85396**

**REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY October 31, 2023**

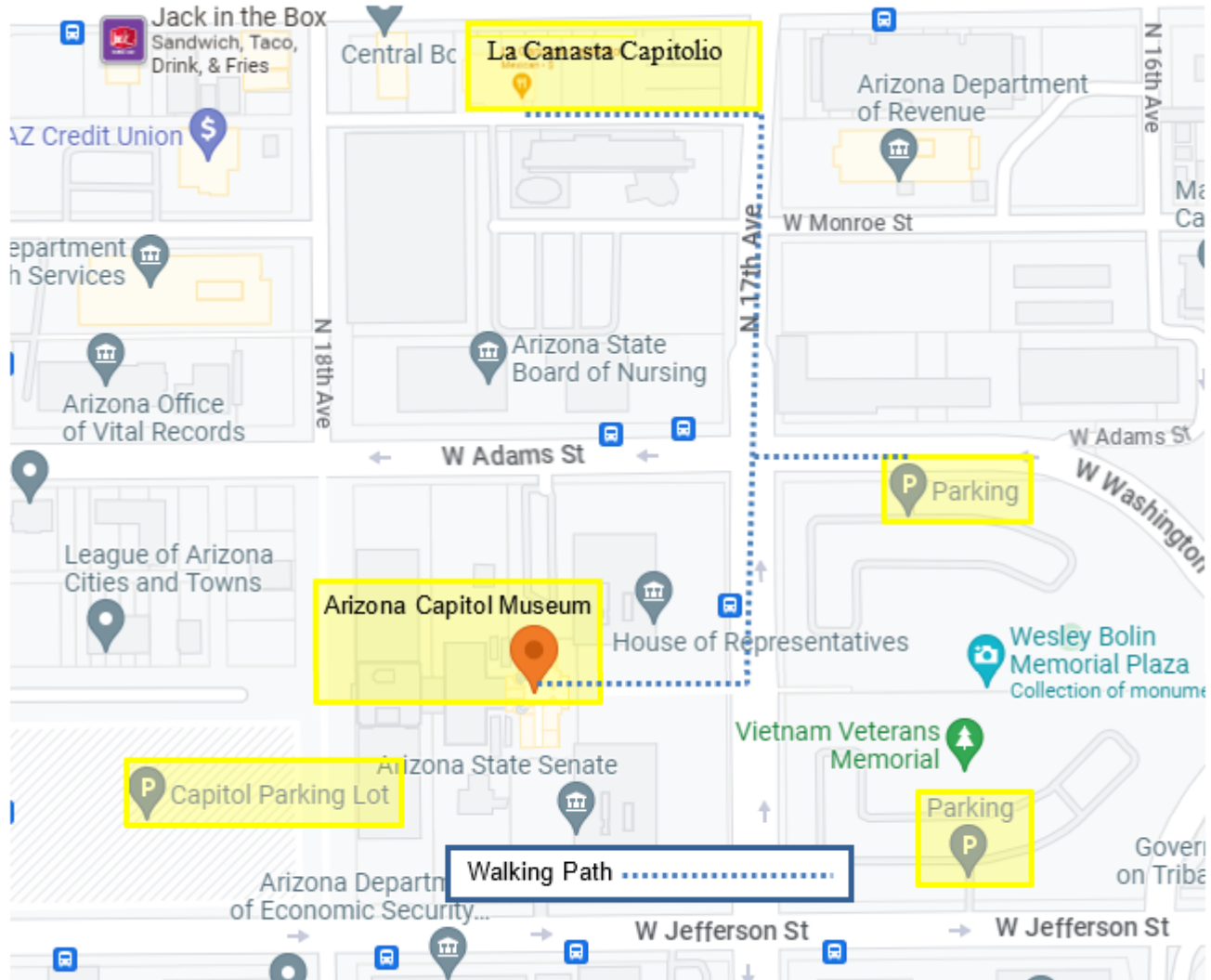
The following will be attending the Arizona Capitol Museum Tour:

Member \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse/Significant Other \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions can be directed to Roxanne Steffe (810-280-1399).

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## Area Map for La Canasta Capitolio Restaurant and Arizona Capitol Museum



### Parking Lot Addresses

Capitol Parking Lot - 1798 W Jefferson St #1750, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Right Side Top Above (**Recommended**) - 1-99 N 16th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Right Side Bottom Above - 2-98 S 16th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85007



**Event Registration Form  
Arizona Broadway Theatre  
"White Christmas"  
Thursday, December 7, 2023 – Matinee**

The Club's Christmas event this year will again be held at the Arizona Broadway Theatre - a five-star musical theatre - featuring professional Broadway productions with restaurant style dining. Please join us as we enjoy the stage production of Irving Berlin's popular **White Christmas**, which features spirited songs and sparkles with holiday cheer, dancing, and laughter. Join your fellow Club members and guests as Bob and Phil, a military veteran song-and-dance duo, fall head-over-heels for a stunning sister act en route to a Christmas stage show and follow where their romantic pursuits take them. This is a must-see production to get in the Christmas spirit! An outstanding three course meal will be served prior to the musical.

**Directions:**

The Arizona Broadway Theatre is located at 7701 W. Paradise Lane, Peoria AZ. (623) 776-8400. Take the West 101 Loop to Bell Road and turn East. Travel on Bell Road to N. 77th Ave. and turn right (South). Take N. 77th Ave. and go across W. Paradise Lane (at the light) and the theater is ahead on the right.

**Time:**

11:30AM – 12:15PM      Check-In Theatre Lobby (Bar Open)  
12:15AM – 1:15PM      Lunch Is Served  
2:00PM                      Show Time

**Menu:**

Several meal selections from the menu are included in the ticket price, while upgraded selections are also available for an additional cost. Alcohol, desserts, and tips are not included in the ticket price, but will be billed separately. Alternate meals, such as gluten free and vegetarian, are also available from the menu.

**Cost:** \$70.00 Per Member or Spouse/Sig. Other – Includes Musical Admission and a three-course meal.  
\$75.00 Per Guest

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(Please make checks payable to: **GM Alumni Club of Arizona**)  
**ALL CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY November 8, 2023**

**c/o Hal Hubbard  
26921 W. Wahalla Lane  
Buckeye, AZ 85396**

The following will be attending the Arizona Broadway Theatre Christmas Event:

Member _____	Cost \$70.00 – Amount Included \$ _____
Spouse/Significant Other _____	Cost \$70.00 – Amount Included \$ _____
Guest _____	Cost \$75.00 – Amount Included \$ _____
Guest _____	Cost \$75.00 – Amount Included \$ _____
<b>Total Amount Included \$ _____</b>	

Any questions can be directed to Hal Hubbard at 623-256-8938.

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**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Registration Form**  
**at Martin Auto Museum & Event Center**  
**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

- Join us and celebrate the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Martin Auto Museum and Event Center. Enjoy...
- Elegant buffet by Nibblers Catering, featuring slow-roasted beef brisket and chicken cordon bleu entre.
  - Entertainment by the Gold Rush trio
  - Museum viewing
  - Socializing and reminiscing with fellow Alumni
  - Special memento and photos

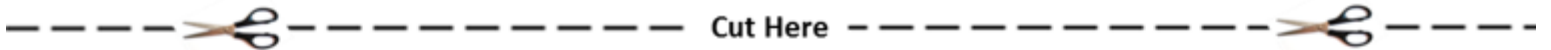
**Directions:**

The Martin Auto Museum and Event Center is located at 4320 W. Thunderbird in Glendale (the northwest corner of W. Thunderbird and 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue [west of I17]).

<b>Time:</b> 11:00 am – 11:30 am	Registration
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Social Hour – Visiting and Touring Museum
12:30 pm – 12:35 pm	President's Welcome and Overview
12:35 pm – 1:30 pm	Buffet Dinner Served
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Entertainment
2:00 pm – 2:10 pm	President's Recognition & Closing Comments
2:10 pm – 3:30 pm	Social Hour – Visiting and Touring Museum

**Menu:** Buffet Dinner catered by Nibblers Catering, featuring slow-roasted Beef Brisket and Chicken Cordon Bleu entre, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Dinner Rolls, Cream Cheese Brownies, Ice Tea & Lemonade.

**Cost:** Discounted to **\$30.00** Per Member or Spouse/Significant Other **prior to December 31, 2023**  
**\$40.00** Per Member or Spouse/Significant Other **after December 31, 2023** with all registrations having to be received by **March 1, 2024**



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**Buckeye, AZ 85396**

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**\$30.00 PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY December 31, 2023**

**\$40.00 PAYMENTS IF MADE BETWEEN 1/1/24 & 3/1/24**

The following will be attending the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:

Member \_\_\_\_\_ Amt Included \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse/Significant Other \_\_\_\_\_ Amt Included \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total Amount Included \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Any questions can be directed to Jim Hall (810-869-8944)

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