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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- \* Further details about the Program Year and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- \* Nibbler's Caterer introduced along with the Menu for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- \* Registration deadlines looming for the November and December events
- \* Memories of recent years' activities available to members
- \* Membership Renewals due November 1<sup>st</sup>

## EDITOR'S WELCOME



Hello Alumni!

We are only a month away from our first Club Luncheon Meeting of this new Program Year 2023-2024. It will be great to meet again and share experiences among close friends – stories about great vacations, wonderful trips that were taken, breathtaking scenes and photos that were captured, or quiet times that were experienced in comfortable surroundings. Just getting together again will lift one's spirits.

We are kicking off an exciting year with a tour of the Arizona Capitol Museum on November 8, 2023, following lunch at the La Canasta Capitolio Restaurant. Further details and registration information can be found on pages 3 and 4.

The December event features a return to a favorite Club venue – the Arizona Broadway Theatre – for a delicious meal and professional musical performance of Irving Berlin's popular *White Christmas*. Further details can also be found on pages 4 and 5. Since both the November and December events have early registration dates, take particular note of them and get your registrations in on time. They are both events to enjoy.

January's event at the East Valley Institute of Technology's Culinary Arts school features the world's premiere Theodore Roosevelt Reprisor. Over twenty years, Joe Wiegand's Theodore Roosevelt has been seen by audiences in all fifty states and internationally, from the White House to Yosemite National Park. We are happy to have him with us for a performance you will not want to miss. Further details and registration information can be found on pages 6 and 16.

This month, we present more details about the upcoming March 12<sup>th</sup> 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for our Club by featuring information about the caterer and meal for the event on pages 8 and 9. The Club is offering a discounted price for early registrations for this event as noted on page 7.

Celebrating anniversaries always brings memories from the past. Roxanne Steffe has taken time to help all of us recall some of our Club memories from recent years by summarizing access to pertinent newsletter articles and event photos featuring over 150 member units from the last 10 years. More information about this can be found on page 10 along with how you might pursue these memories further.

Remember that Club Membership renewals are due November 1<sup>st</sup>, with more information and a Membership Renewal Form found on page 12.

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

*Alan Steffe*

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The Club Reporter

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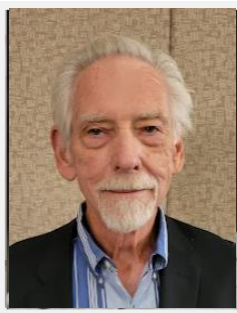
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome back!

For those of you who have just returned or are about to return to Arizona, WELCOME Back! To those who have been in Arizona throughout the summer, fall is coming along with cooler temperatures. And along with all of this, the Club is ready to begin its 2023 – 2024 Program Year with an outstanding series of events, concluding with the 50<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary Celebration in March.

Plans for an OUTSTANDING 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of our Club are continuing to come together. As you learned about the special entertainment planned for the event in the last newsletter, this newsletter identifies the award-winning hospitality brand that will be catering the meal and the fabulous menu for the day. We will continue to reveal more details as we approach the event.

As we consider the formation of the Club in the early 1970's, it makes us also think of where we were at that time and the many years of work with GM that have occurred since. The stories and history going back to the 70's of not only the Club but of the day-to-day work we accomplished for GM could fill many books. In lieu of writing books, the Anniversary Celebration provides an opportunity for all of us to get together and share some of our stories and experiences among many friends we have made through those years. Therefore, we encourage those of you who are able to join us for this once-in-a-lifetime event.

Remember that the Club is continually looking to reach out to other GM alumni in Arizona and have them join us in the Club. You as members are the best recruiting tool that we have. We encourage you to spread the word and bring potential new members with you to our monthly events. The Board is always available to help in your recruitment efforts if needed.

We look forward to your renewed membership and full participation in the coming year. Our tour of the Arizona Capitol Museum in November and a wonderful dinner theater performance of White Christmas at the Arizona Broadway Theatre in December provide much to look forward to.

I look forward to seeing you there!

**Jim Hall**

2023 - 2024 President  
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**50 Years of...**  
**Enjoying good times with friends, new  
and old**  
**Sharing our individual legacy with  
General Motors**  
**Experiencing the rich bounty of Arizona**

**2023 - 2024 PROGRAM YEAR EVENTS**

The 2023 – 2024 Program Year has 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 as finalized to date for these events. **Note** particularly the **Registration Deadlines** for each of these events so you will not miss out.

**November 8, 2023**




ALUMNI CLUB OF ARIZONA

## LUNCHEON & CLUB TOUR

### Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Registration due by **October 31, 2023**





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 La Canasta Capitolio](#)

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

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



1700 W Washington St, Phoenix, AZ 85007

The November event is a **free tour** of the **Arizona Capitol Museum** with lunch purchased individually at the La Canasta “Capitolio” restaurant within two blocks of the museum. A **Registration Form** can be found on **pages 13 and 14** or by [clicking here](#). Registration Forms are due by **October 31, 2023**.

The Arizona Capitol Museum was originally built to house the Territorial Government. When Arizona became a state in 1912, it housed the three branches of the new Arizona State Government on its four floors. As the state expanded, the branches relocated to adjacent buildings and additions. The 1901 portion of the Capitol is now maintained as the **Arizona Capitol Museum** with a focus on the history and culture of Arizona.



Museum exhibits focus on the evolution of Arizona from Territory to State. There are over 20 exhibits featuring contemporary, historical and artifacts from the Arizona state-owned collections. Permanent exhibits include the sinking of USS *Arizona*, the formal silver service from USS *Arizona*, a timeline of events pivotal in making Arizona a state, the Governor and Secretary of State’s original offices, and the historical senate and house.

The Governor’s office on the second floor includes artifacts from several of Arizona’s governors, as well as a flag used by Teddy Roosevelt’s Rough Riders.

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2023 - 2024 PROGRAM YEAR EVENTS (CONT'D)



One impressive display shows the enormous silver and copper punchbowl service from the USS *Arizona*, as well as a bronze sculpture that was ensconced outside the Admiral's stateroom and used as a centerpiece at state dinners wherever the USS *Arizona* was docked. Both of these historical artifacts survived the sinking of the USS *Arizona* because they had been removed from the ship for cleaning prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor. The punchbowl service is the only one of its kind and is composed of etched copper panels depicting desert scenes set into a silver bowl ornamented with mermaids, dolphins, waves, and other nautical themes.




Join us as we enjoy these exhibits and many more.

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 attend another excellent dinner and musical theater performance at the **Arizona Broadway Theatre** in Peoria. This year's performance is the ever popular Irving Berlin's Christmas musical – ***White Christmas***. What better way to get into the Christmas spirit! A **Registration Form** can be found on **page 15** 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.**

To learn more about the show and its story, continue reading on the next page.

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## 2023 - 2024 PROGRAM YEAR EVENTS (CONT'D)

The musical **“White Christmas”** is a classic with a heartwarming storyline and unforgettable music. Perhaps you have seen the movie or the musical more than once. The talent is amazing and the snowy Christmas scenery beautiful. So it is easy to watch it again.

So why not join friends from the Club and begin your Christmas Season this year with a special gathering at the Arizona Broadway Theater?

You probably remember that the story begins when Bob Wallace and Phil Davis, having left the Army following W.W.II, team up to become a top song-and-dance act. Davis plays matchmaker and introduces Wallace to a pair of beautiful sisters, Betty and Judy, who also have a song-and-dance act.

When Betty and Judy travel to a Vermont lodge to perform a Christmas show, Wallace and Davis follow, only to find their former commander, General Waverly, as the lodge owner. A series of romantic mix-ups ensue as the performers try to help the General. This is when the story shows the true meaning of Christmas, giving the best of ourselves, with a personal sacrifice, for the sake of helping others.

Whether the Arizona Broadway Theatre is around the corner, or across town, this gathering provides you with the opportunity to enjoy a Holiday classic while in the company of familiar faces from the Club.

Hal Hubbard, Board Member, and Past President, makes arrangements with Arizona Broadway Theatre months in advance to secure seats. His work makes it easy for you and your guests to attend. Attending as a group includes socializing before the performance and the pleasure of catching up with others.

Our Club has attended numerous Christmas performances at the Arizona Broadway Theatre, and each year we walk away feeling good about sharing the time together while enjoying an exceptional performance and a delicious meal. And, they have managed to keep their ticket prices the same as last year. So, if your schedule permits, we hope to see you there! Just fill out the form on page 15 and send it in with your check. Don't wait. Tickets will go fast and must be purchased in advance.

**"White Christmas"**

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas  
Just like the ones I used to know  
Where the treetops glisten  
And children listen  
To hear sleigh bells in the snow

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas  
With every Christmas card I write  
May your days be merry and bright  
And may all your Christmases be white


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2023 - 2024 PROGRAM YEAR EVENTS (CONT'D)

JANUARY 10, 2024



## LUNCHEON & CLUB MEETING

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

*Registration Due by December 30, 2023*




Photo provided by Mary Glenn Studios

### Teddy Roosevelt

As portrayed by  
**Joe Wiegand**

Joe Wiegand is the world's premiere Theodore Roosevelt repressor. 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.

10:30 am Check-in  
11:00 am Speaker  
12:30 pm Lunch  
1:30 pm Business Meeting

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

Cost: \$23.00 Members  
\$28.00 Guests

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




On January 10, 2024, the Club will meet at a favorite location – the EVIT in Mesa – to hear a presentation by **Teddy Roosevelt** (as portrayed by Joe Wiegand). Joe is a political campaign consultant and public policy expert, who has been reprising Teddy Roosevelt through out the US since 2002, even performing at the White House when celebrating Teddy's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. You will not want to miss his presentation. Feel free to bring your friends as well.

A **Registration Form** can be found on **page 16** or by [clicking here](#). Registration Forms are due by **December 30, 2023**.

FEBRUARY 15, 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.



On February 15, 2024, the Club will tour Falcon Field Commemorative Airforce Museum after lunching at a nearby restaurant. Falcon Field is used to preserve and showcase unique WWII warbirds, while keeping many in running order today.

Stay tuned for more information coming in the next Newsletter. In the meantime, **save the date of February 15, 2024** for an interesting outing as historical air force aircraft will come alive.

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2023 - 2024 PROGRAM YEAR EVENTS (CONT'D)

MARCH 12, 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.*



With 2024 being 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. Today, you can learn more about the elegant meal being planned and the caterer who will be providing it on pages 8 and 9.

Remember that the Club is providing a reduced price for our members who sign up early. The **reduced price is \$30.00 per person if your registration is received 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 17** 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**

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## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CATERER

After much careful research, **Nibblers Catering**, a division of **M Culinary** has been selected to cater our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. As the premier commemorative event for our Club, quality and price were top of mind. Starting with the list provided by Martin's Auto Museum and Event Center, we initially considered a caterer that is top on their list. But soon thereafter, we became aware of Nibblers through a separate recommendation. The more we delved into discovering who they are, the recommendation turned into a serious consideration.

They are an Arizona based award-winning conceptual hospitality brand that strives to deliver exquisite culinary experiences that surpass expectations. What started as a single fine dining restaurant has grown into the largest privately held catering and hospitality service provider in the Southwest, serving clients locally, regionally, and nationally.

See what others have to say about Nibblers in the box at the right

But before we share with you the menu for our Celebration on March 12, 2024 at the Martin Auto Museum and Event Center, you'll appreciate, as we do, M Culinary's

commitment to giving back to the community <https://mculinary.com/about/community/> as they contribute to making our world a better place. For more on that, read about their Emergency Response Services below.

M Emergency Response Services respond immediately with top-notch professionals trained to provide hot and healthy meals in extremely rushed and rough conditions, anytime. As a full-service operation, they state *"we are there to support your efforts with meal services that include hot breakfast, sack or hot lunch, hot dinner, and snacks if desired."* Emergencies come in all forms, however the needs for reinforcement are similar. M Emergency Relief Services is ready to respond with the right people, equipment, skills, and experience to successfully operate in extreme conditions.

Your team is absolutely awesome to work with. I can't say enough good things about them! Everything worked exactly like it should without my having to worry about a single detail. The most wonderful and FUN catering experience I've had! Plus, the food was terrific! Thank you so much!

-LOCKHEED MARTIN



<https://mculinary.com/emergencyresponseservices/>

Their emergency tractor trailer food service systems can adapt to any situation.

- Eight (8) 48' trailers with generator-equipped rigs, two box trucks and various support vehicles.
- Three (3) 60'x30' canopies with tables and chairs, each accommodating up to 200 people.
- On-board propane, potable water and gray water tanks (refilling services also available)

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**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CATERER (CONT'D)**

The menu selected for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is more elegant in presentation than our usual luncheon gatherings. It is on par with many of the fine meals we have enjoyed at country clubs, but avoids the high cost that comes with that environment.

Direct access doors to the center of the museum, provide an added benefit right from our banquet room. You can comfortably socialize, enjoy checking out all the vehicles, clay models, and miniature car collection, too, while posing for a keepsake photo, with your cell phone, or with one from our roaming halo photographer sent directly to your cell phone.

For those of you who attended our April 2022 event at Martin's, you already know that the museum far exceeded our expectations. It is with great pleasure that we were able to secure the

Mustang Room, a carpeted 4,900 square foot banquet room, complete with round tables, linens, a projector and audio equipment, performance area, and plenty of room for the buffet tables and sharing memories with good friends. The Mustang Room is much larger than the banquet room we used for our April 2022 gathering. But with the generosity of Mel Martin and his staff, we were able to make this room possible for our special event.

For a better idea of what to expect from the museum, click here to see some familiar faces.  
[https://www.azgmalumni.com/uploads/7/6/0/5/76050309/20220406\\_martin\\_auto\\_museum.pdf](https://www.azgmalumni.com/uploads/7/6/0/5/76050309/20220406_martin_auto_museum.pdf)

- ❖ Nibblers signature slow-roasted Beef Brisket
- ❖ Chicken Cordon Bleu with white wine herb sauce
- ❖ Buttery mashed red potatoes
- ❖ Green Beans with red peppers and shallots
- ❖ Garden Salad with extras (your choice of ranch dressing, ginger-peach vinaigrette, horseradish cream)
- ❖ Dinner rolls with butter
- ❖ Cream cheese brownies
- ❖ Ice Tea and Lemonade

Serving non-alcoholic beverages allows us to avoid additional costs of a bar tender and a security guard as required by the venue.



***Prepare to be amazed once we've transformed this lovely space for our spectacular event.***

ANNIVERSARIES BRING ON MEMORIES WHICH ARE PRICELESS...

Sample

GM ALUMNI CLUB OF ARIZONA

Index of Member Newsletter Announcements & Event Photos

Originals are available at <https://www.azgmalumni.com/newsletters.html> & <https://www.azgmalumni.com/previous-events--photos.html>

Name(s)	E-Newsletters	Event Photos
Adkins, Bob & Carol	Aug. 2016; Oct. 2016; Jan. 2017; Apr. 2017; Dec. 2017; Mar. 2018; Apr. 2018	Oct. 2016; Dec. 2016; Jan. 2017; Mar. 2017; Jan. 2018; Apr. 2018; Apr. 2019
Adkins, Bob	Jan. 2018; Nov. 2018; Feb. 2019	Mar. 2018; Nov. 2018; Jan. 2019
Antieau, Lyle	Apr. 2017; Apr. 2019	Mar. 2017
Antieau, Lyle & Marge		Feb. 2017
Atkinson, Ward	Feb. 2014; Apr 2014; Feb. 2019	Jan. 2019
Atkinson, Ward & Barb Zielinski	Sep. 2015; Apr. 2017; Jan. 2018; Apr. 2018; Nov. 2018; Mar. 2019; Apr. 2019; Nov. 2019; Jan. 2020; Mar. 2020; Jan. 2021; Mar. 2021; Nov. 2021; Feb. 2022; Mar. 2022; Nov. 2022; Jan. 2023; Apr. 2023	Oct. 2016; Nov. 2016; Dec. 2016; Jan. 2017; Mar. 2017; Apr. 2017; Jan. 2018; Apr. 2018; Nov. 2018; Feb. 2019; Mar. 2019; Apr. 2019; Nov. 2019; Jan. 2020; Feb. 2020; Mar. 2020; Nov. 2021; Feb. 2022; Apr. 2022; Nov. 2022; Apr. 2023
Ballou, Robert	Apr. 2017	
Banyai, Jim	Apr. 2017; Jan 2018	Mar. 2017; Jan. 2018
Barnes, Karen & Tom	Nov. 2019; Mar. 2020; Nov. 2020; Jan. 2021; Apr. 2021; Nov. 2021; Jan. 2022; Mar. 2022; Aug. 2022; Nov. 2022; Jan. 2023; Feb. 2023; Mar. 2023; Apr. 2023	Nov. 2019; Feb. 2020; Mar. 2020; Nov. 2020; Dec. 2020; Apr. 2021; Nov. 2021; Jan. 2022; Mar. 2022; Apr. 2022; Nov. 2022; Dec. 2022; Jan. 2023; Feb. 2023; Mar. 2023; Apr. 2023
Bernascek, Paul	Mar. 2020	Feb. 2020; Apr. 2022
Bernascek, Paul & Lorraine	Jan. 2020; Mar. 2020; Apr. 2021; Nov. 2021; Jan. 2022; Feb. 2022; Mar. 2022; Jan. 2023; Feb. 2023	Jan. 2020; Mar. 2020; Apr. 2021; Nov. 2021; Jan. 2022; Feb. 2022; Mar. 2022; Jan. 2023; Feb. 2023
Blackwell, Michael	Jan. 2021	
Blackwell, Michael & Phyllis	Nov. 2018; Apr. 2019; Nov. 2019	Nov. 2018; Mar. 2019; Apr. 2019; Nov. 2019; Jan. 2020
Boechler, Bill	Feb. 2014; Mar. 2019; Nov. 2019	Feb. 2019; Apr. 2019
Boechler, Ruby	Dec. 2017; Nov. 2019	

We are most appreciative of every photo shared by members over the years. In fact, we thought you might enjoy having a quick reference.



Our website includes 75 newsletters since 2013 and photos from more than 46 events involving 157 unique member units. Both provide us with a priceless opportunity to look back at so many fun times with loved ones and friends.

A concerted effort was given to manually cataloging every photo and member announcement in our newsletters, and photos collected from a Club event, since 2013.

Whether it is a posed photo or a group photo in the large meeting room, it is easy to see that we have shared good times. And, there are more to come!

A sample list of the information put together is shown to the left. If you would like to receive the complete spreadsheet, just contact us via email: [azgmalumni@gmail.com](mailto:azgmalumni@gmail.com). Let us know if you would like all 10 pages, or just the section with your information..

Looking ahead to our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, we will have a photographer with us until 12:30 p.m. With more than 150 classic vehicles on display in the museum, there are many beautiful back drops for your photos. Or, you may choose to pose with friends. The photos will be texted to your phone. But, if you do not have a smart phone, no fear. We will make other arrangements for you.



Remember, have your registration form submitted by December 31<sup>st</sup> to receive the \$10.00 per person discount. Early registrations will help you save a few dollars. And, early registrations help us use funds more wisely as we plan for this exceptional celebration for our Club.



**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.

*This month, the **Liberty** dealerships are happy to offer special deals to the **GM Alumni Club** members on their newest models as shown below. The designated concierges are always available to help you with your purchase.*

**LIBERTY BUICK**



**Charles Macdonald**  
623-206-4077  
[cmacdonald@libertybuick.com](mailto:cmacdonald@libertybuick.com)

**LIBERTY GMC**



**Lydia Falcon**  
806-930-0741  
[lfalcon@libertygmcaz.com](mailto:lfalcon@libertygmcaz.com)



*Tom Patrick*

**Sands Chevrolet** has been a long-time Loyal Dealer for our Club. We learned this week that one of their employees, Tom Patrick, passed away on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Tom has been affiliated with Sands for 20 years, starting at the Glendale Avenue project while the Grand Avenue bridges were being built, and serving recently as a Project Manager/Consultant for the Sands dealerships.

Before retiring from GM, Tom worked for Cadillac and Chevrolet, with assignments in Detroit and various regional positions before retiring following his last assignment as the GM Phoenix Zone Manager for Chevrolet from January 2001 through April 2004.

Tom was a very close and strong supporter of our Club and will be missed. He was instrumental in setting up the Club's recent luncheon meeting at the Sands Chevrolet Surprise dealership on November 10, 2021.

An obituary is not yet available, but his funeral has been set for October 20, 2023 at 11:00 am at St. Patrick Catholic Community on 84<sup>th</sup> Street north of Shea Boulevard.

*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.*

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE NOVEMBER 1

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

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**



**GM Alumni Club of Arizona**

**2023-2024 Membership Application/Renewal**

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 and participate in the special events of this special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year for the Club.

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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Wednesday, November 8, 2023**

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

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

**GM Alumni Club of Arizona  
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26921 W. Wahalla Lane  
Buckeye, AZ 85396**

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

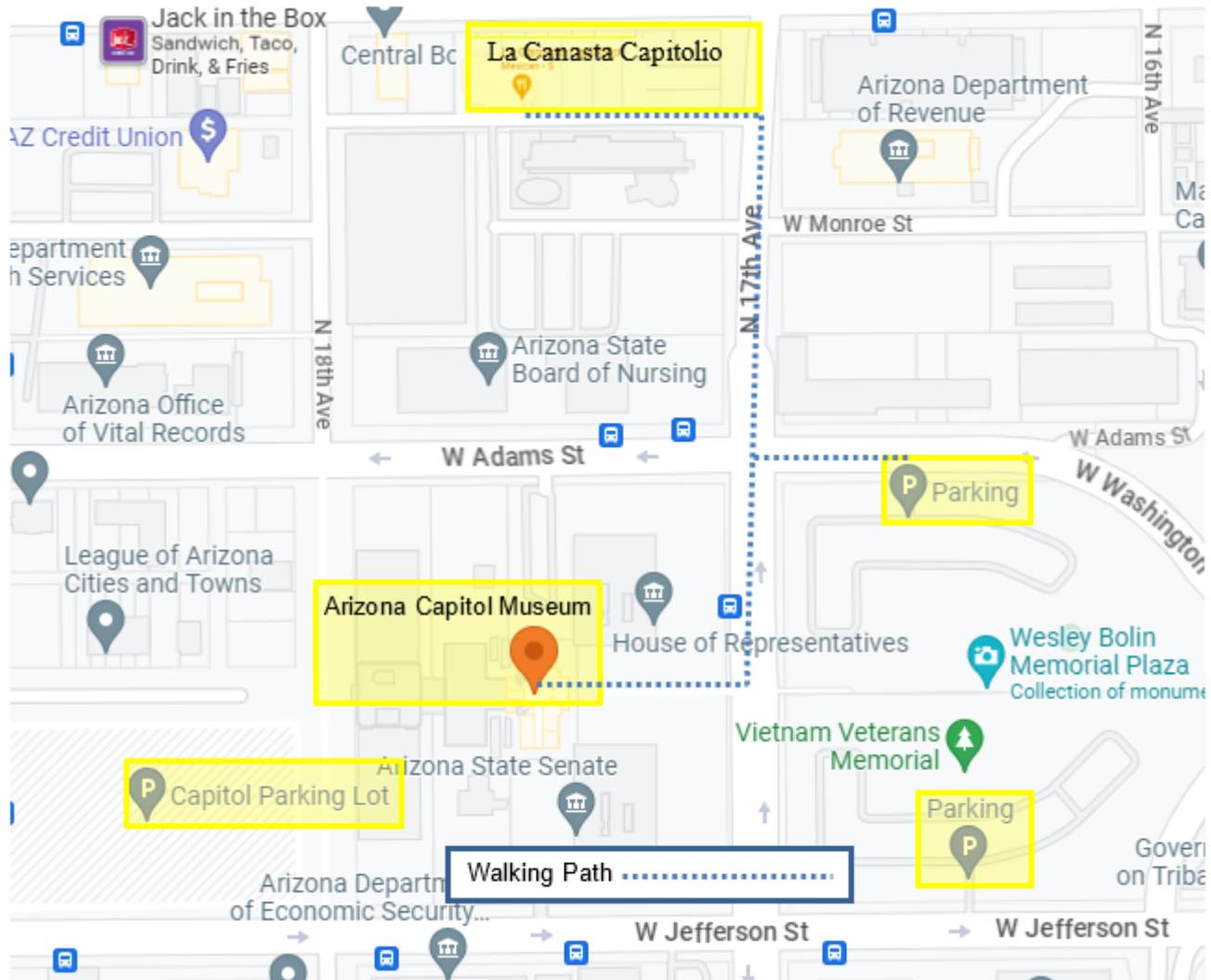
The following will be attending the Arizona Capitol Museum Tour:

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.

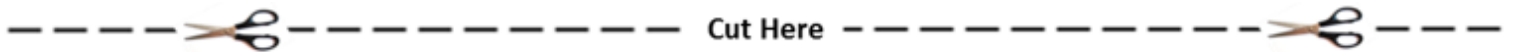
**Time:**

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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**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>	

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**Meeting Registration Form**  
**East Valley Institute of Technology – School of Culinary Arts**  
**Guest Speaker – “Teddy Roosevelt” as Portrayed by Joe Wiegand**  
**Wednesday, January 10, 2024**

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 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. He began performing as Theodore Roosevelt in 2002 and 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 150th birthday. Join us for a very interesting program.

Directions:

The East Valley Institute of Technology - School of Culinary Arts is located at 1601 W. Main Street, Mesa, AZ. Take Hwy 101 to W. Main Street and travel east. The school is located halfway between S. Dobson Road and N. Alma School Road on the South side of W. Main Street.

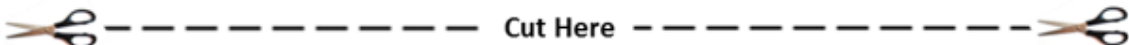
Time: 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM   Check-In  
 11:00 AM – 12:30 AM   Guest Speaker Presentation  
 12:30 AM – 1:30 PM   Lunch Is Served  
 1:30 PM – 2:00 PM   Business Meeting

Menu and Menu Options:

The specific meal selection includes:

- **SALAD: Mixed Greens** – Spring Mix, Tomato, Carrot, English Cucumber, House Vinaigrette or House Ranch Dressing
- **ENTREE: (Select One) Meatloaf** – Bacon-wrapped Meatloaf finished in the smoker, Creamy Potatoes, Chipotle Espagnole  
**Seared Salmon Filet** – Cucumber, Dill Relish
- **DESSERT: New York Style Cheesecake** – Chocolate Sauce

Cost: \$23.00 Per Member or Spouse/Significant Other & \$28.00 Per Guest



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The following will be attending the E. Valley Institute of Technology Culinary School Meeting:

Member \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \$23.00 – Amt Included \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Significant Other \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \$23.00 – Amt Included \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \$28.00 – Amt Included \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \$28.00 – Amt Included \$ \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Entrée Selection</b>	
<b>Meatloaf</b>	<b>Salmon</b>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**Total Amount Included \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

If special dietary needs, please enter number of each required: Gluten Free \_\_\_\_ Sugar Free \_\_\_\_ Vegan \_\_\_\_

Any questions can be directed to Alan Steffe (810-513-3367)

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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 \$ _____
<b>Total Amount Included \$ _____</b>	

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

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