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## EDITOR'S WELCOME



Hello Alumni!

Well... It is very bittersweet as I begin this newsletter. After 50 wonderful years as a Club, things have changed and the Club must change with them.

Looking back over the years, it is easy to see how the Club lived up to its objective of allowing members to *"Enjoy good times with friends, new and old, as we share our individual legacy with General Motors while experiencing the rich bounty of Arizona."*

Through its monthly meetings during the winter months, the Club provided:

- enjoyable luncheons at various locations around the Phoenix area,
- provided numerous socializing opportunities,
- presented many informative presentations on topics of interest,
- visits to and tours of numerous local points of interest, and
- tours of other Arizona points of interest from Yuma to Tucson to Clarkdale to Gold Canyon to name a few.

These obviously provided the opportunity to experience the rich bounty of Arizona. None of these could out-do the "good times with friends." These are the lasting memories that will stay with us for a lifetime.

Memories of past members and those unable to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on March 12<sup>th</sup> where renewed through a presentation of 300+ slides with some 1,400 pictures of members enjoying past events scrolling throughout the day. The summary and pictures from this event, shared on pages 3 to 6 show, "good times" were had by all.

As this is our last official newsletter, you will find a listing of our Loyal Dealer Concierges on page 7 that will be useful as you look forward to purchasing a new GM vehicle in the coming years. Remember our Loyal Dealers who have served us well during our 50-year run. They will still be there for you.

As your Editor and Publisher of *The Club Reporter* since April 2017, I thank you for your support and encouragement over that time.

Enjoy this edition!

*Alan Steffe*

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- \* Club Members Enjoy the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- \* Three Members Pass within Several Weeks
- \* Final Club Dissolution Process
- \* Final Edition of The Club Reporter



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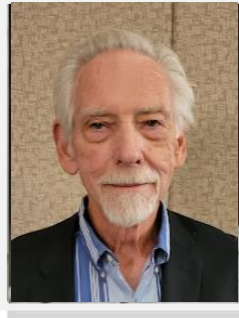
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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



Greetings!

WOW! What a wonderful Celebration of our Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! With about 80 in attendance, we were able to honor our members who have continued to support the Club through the years. We were also able to recognize and thank our Loyal Legacy Dealers – Arrowhead Cadillac, Courtesy Chevrolet, Liberty Buick and Liberty GMC, and Sands Chevrolet Glendale and Surprise – for their support through the years.

Seeing everyone enjoy themselves, hearing the lively discussions and stories being told around the tables, hearing very positive comments on the food, the venue, and the band, and seeing some of the great pictures that were taken, made the entire Board feel very good. We considered many different options for the anniversary celebration, but the activities and energy of the day proved that we had made the right choice – an Outstanding Success.

Now as we look to the future and recognize that the Club will no longer be in existence and have no regular meetings to look forward to, we can all look back at the great memories we have made through the Club. Chief among those memories are the friendships. I would encourage all our members to cherish those friendships and continue to foster them through personal contacts and get-togethers.

I want to thank all Club members for your support of our Club regardless of many years you have been a member, and especially thank you for the support you have shown me these last two years.

Until we meet again...

**Jim Hall**

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**MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

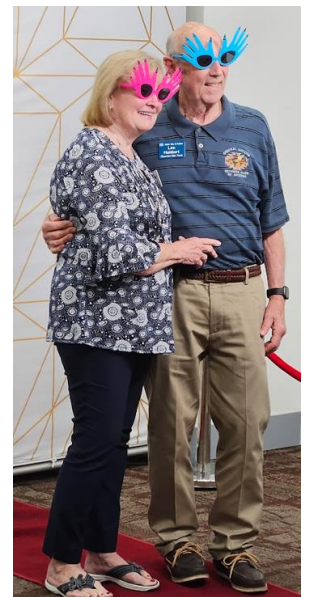
The **Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** was our last chance to visit and celebrate together as a group, since the Club is being dissolved following this event. It was held at the Martin Auto Museum and Event Center – an exceptional venue for this celebration. Club members were surprised and amazed at the 150+ vehicles and other displays when the Club first toured the museum in April 2022, and were amazed at the beautiful room arrangements, entertainment, and meal provided for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Below are pictures from the event with many more to be found on the website at [20240312\\_martin\\_auto\\_museum.pdf \(azgmalumni.com\)](https://www.azgmalumni.com/20240312_martin_auto_museum.pdf).



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MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION (CONT'D)





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Past Presidents



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**MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION (CONT'D)**

As part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, the Board shared how the Club's physical and financial assets are being dissolved. The physical assets – overhead projector, US flag and stand, Santa suit – were donated to the non-profit, **Duet**, which offers compassionate services to family caregivers and aging adults, free of charge. ([Duet | Partners in Health & Aging, Arizona \(duetaz.org\)](http://duetaz.org))

Miscellaneous office supplies are being split among the Board members in recognition of their personal contributions over the years. The remaining financial assets were returned to the Club members in attendance through raffles. If any Club members who were not present on March 12<sup>th</sup> would like more information about the dissolution, they may contact Alan Steffe at [alansteffe@yahoo.com](mailto:alansteffe@yahoo.com) for further information.

It should also be noted that the Club's website – [www.azgmalumni.com](http://www.azgmalumni.com) – will remain on line through April 2026. Of particular interest will be photos from past events from October 2016 to present, newsletters from January 2013 to present, and Loyal Dealer and Concierge contact information.

**AMBASSADORS' CORNER**



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

**LIBERTY BUICK** STOP IN AND SEE WHY EVERYONES TALKING ABOUT THE ALL NEW ENVISTA

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

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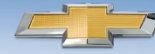


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**AMBASSADORS' CORNER (CONT'D)**



Even though the Club has been dissolved, our Loyal Dealers are continuing to designate an Alumni Concierge to assist members in their purchase of new vehicles. Keep a copy of this list available for your reference. It will also remain on the website through April 2026. [20230819\\_gm\\_alumni\\_concierges\\_by\\_dealer.pdf \(azgmalumni.com\)](https://www.azgmalumni.com/20230819_gm_alumni_concierges_by_dealer.pdf)

# GM Alumni Concierges

As you contemplate the purchase of a new GM vehicle, each of the Club's Loyal Dealers has assigned a special concierge available to support you for all your vehicle needs.



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**OBITUARIES – THREE MEMBERS PASS IN LAST FEW WEEKS**

It has been reported over the past several weeks that three of our long-time members have passed away. Although specific details are unavailable at this time, we can report the following:

**Stan Owens** – Stan was president of the Club in 2006 and passed away in late January.

**Jim Irwin** – Jim was in charge of event registrations and Club records for many years. He passed away on February 21, 2024, in Clinton Township, Michigan. Jim was predeceased by his parents and is survived by his wife, Kathy, his three sons, and eight grandchildren. His obituary can be found at [James Irwin Obituary - Visitation & Funeral Information \(mandziukfuneralhome.com\)](https://www.mandziukfuneralhome.com)

**Bud Moore** – Bud was past president of the Club in 1997 and passed away in early March.

ALTHOUGH THE CLUB IS  
CONCLUDING AFTER **50**  
WONDERFUL YEARS,  
THE MANY **FRIENDS** WE HAVE  
MADE AND **MEMORIES** FORMED  
WILL LIVE ON FOREVER!



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