

# THE CLUB REPORTER

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## EDITOR'S WELCOME



The month of April has turned into a very busy month, so the President has requested that we publish two "Special Editions" of The Club Reporter eNewsletter. This "Special Edition" will be relatively short focusing on the Club's Annual Survey results. The second "Special Edition" eNewsletter will be a full blown write-up on the Club's involvement in "A World In Motion" (AWIM) which is huge. Our Club Member volunteers spend hundreds of hours each year working in local schools promoting math and science and this will be our opportunity to identify them for you and give them the recognition they deserve. You should be looking for the Second Special Edition eNewsletter to be published around the April 15, 2013 timeframe. Now, of course, we can't forget our 50/50 Raffle winners...so read'em and weep. In addition, we have included a "reminder flier" for the April 17th Club Golf Outing. If you plan on attending the Golf Outing and you **have not** already sent in your money, please call Ken Wechselberger today at (623) 251-3684 and let him know you want to attend. He needs to have a "headcount" for the Pebble Creek staff for meal preparation, etc. Enjoy!

Sincerely, Jim Harshman, Editor and Club Reporter

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Results of Annual Survey
- April 17th Special Golf Event
- 50/50 Winners



The Club is ending this 2012-2013 season with a bang. Three different activities in three weeks; The Silver Star Playhouse on March 30, the April 3rd meeting at the Culinary Arts School with FBI (ASAC) Steven Hooper as guest speaker and the April 17th Club Golf Outing at Pebble Creek in Goodyear. Whew, we definitely will need a Summer to rest up.

The Board has analyzed and reviewed the Annual Club Survey results and is now ready to announce our findings and recommendations. Using your inputs, we are working hard to develop an active calendar with variety that is aimed to meet your high expectations. Speaking of the Survey, later in this Newsletter we will provide our learning's from your inputs.

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The Club will be going on hiatus for the Summer and not holding any more meetings or activities until our October 15th meeting at The Fort McDowell Resort and Casino. Because the topic of health insurance was a major concern identified in the Survey and the fact that the Annual Medicare Supplemental Enrollment period runs from October 15 - December 6, 2013, we have contacted Extend Health to present to our group. General Motors Company also has contracted with Extend Health to support the information needs of General Motors retirees. They will explain all of the various options available to us and how they may meet the different needs of individuals. We will also try and get the major providers - Humana, Mutual of Omaha, Physicians Mutual, Delta Dental, etc. to help defray our meeting costs and man tables to answer your questions and maybe even provide some competitive cost comparisons. It should be very enlightening and hopefully assist all of us in making the best informed decisions for our specific healthcare needs.

Now, here are the results of your Club's 2013 Annual Survey. Rather than go through all the data, number by number, this will be only the "highlights" and the "actions" the Board has decided to take to respond to members' input.

## SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

We received 112 responses and it is believed that these may have been submitted by the most active participating members.

- **Geographically:** 40% of responses were from the East Valley (Mesa, Tempe, Chandler, Gilbert). 40% of responses were from the West Valley (Sun City West and Grand, Peoria, Glendale, Surprise, Goodyear, Wickenburg) and 20% from the Central and North areas (Phoenix, Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, Paradise Valley).
- **Age:** 50% were 75 years of age and older and 50% under 75.
- A majority of the over 75's were from the West Valley. 12% of our members have "mobility issues" and 10% have "health issues".
- **Ideas To Improve Our Club:** a) Increase membership b) Healthier food choices at meetings. c) Balance meeting locations geographically d) Increase the number of GM Speakers. e) Contain meeting costs.
- **Requested Venues and Speakers:** a) GM Speakers - Areas of new product and engineering b) Baseball game - special event c) Plays/Dinner Theatres d) Healthcare choices e) Crime/Scams prevention f) Casinos g) Musical Instrument Museum h) Boeing Helicopter Plant Tour i) NASCAR-special event j) Horse Racing - special event k) FUN EVENTS l) Make Club more social.

**Memo:** If you would like to see all of the detail behind the Club Annual Survey results just email me or Jim Harshman and we will forward a copy of the original worksheets to you.

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### HOW WE WILL RESPOND TO MEET THESE REQUESTS:

(Note) Our oldest members want more of a General Motors focus, our younger members want more of a non-GM approach, but rather a FUN Focus. However, GM is less willing to support GM Retiree Groups than in the past. Most GM Retiree Clubs are lucky to get one GM Speaker a year. Fortunately, GM favors our Club and has diligently worked to provide us GM Executive Speakers twice a year (out of our 7 meetings). Additionally, since GM no longer provides healthcare for its retirees once we reach 65 years old (now Medicare) and no longer pays our Pension (now Prudential or Lump Sum) these are the two most important topics no longer GM related. In spite of the above, we will still be able to provide meeting speakers and topics that match our members needs.

- We will continue to move meeting venues around geographically to not disadvantage or favor any locale.
- Starting with this past March meeting, we will endeavor to provide multiple menu choices or a buffet style to allow for the various health needs.
- We will be looking for "transportation alternatives", possibly car-pooling activity, especially from Sun City, Sun City West and Surprise.
- We will be looking for volunteers, so please raise your hand if you would like to be involved.
- We will try to mix in some "special events", like a day at the Turf Paradise Horse Racing Track, a baseball game, NASCAR race, plays, Yuma Proving Grounds event and golf outings.

**Known 2013 Meetings:** **October 15th** - Healthcare meeting at the Fort McDowell Casino & Resort. **November** meeting will be held in Goodyear and will feature a GM Executive speaker from Detroit. In **December** our meeting will be held at Sands Chevrolet in Surprise (New Product Presentations and Test Drive.) The **January - April 2014** meetings are in the final stages of review and will be announced in our September Newsletter for your advanced planning.

Just a reminder that we need every Club Member working hard to prospect for new members, so, seek out and identify GM and affiliate retirees and invite them to one of our meetings or special events. Let a Board Member know who they are and we'll mail out a Club brochure and copies of our most recent Newsletter and invite them to our Club website. Remember, when you recruit a "new member", you and the "new member" both will get a \$10.00 Reward Card to be used towards lunch or meeting charge.

In closing, I would like to bring to your attention **"a major issue"** that has developed and seek your co-operation for future events. As you are aware, all of our meetings include lunch and a meeting venue location that requires the Club to make long term commitments for reserving the venue and to guarantee food purchases. The problem that has developed is we are not receiving your Meeting Acknowledgement Forms and checks until a few days prior to the event. This costs

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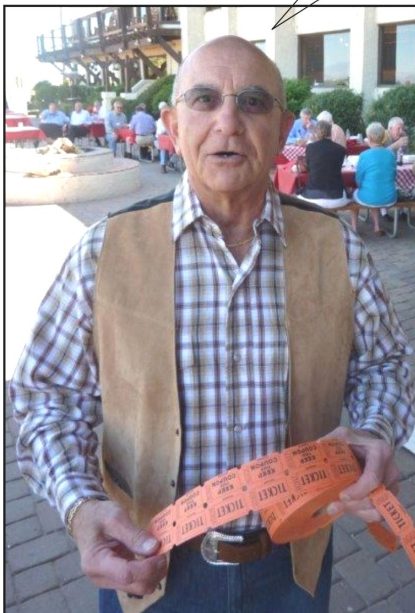
the Club money when the venue requires a 72 hour notification of our attendance headcount and we have to buy extra meals that are wasted. Here is *my promise to you* to correct this situation. The Club guarantees to give you your money back if you cannot attend an event for any reason. We also promise not to cash your check until the 72 hours comes into effect and we must pay the venue. What *we are asking you to do* is once you receive your Newsletter each month, immediately cut the Meeting Acknowledgement Form out and mail it with your check to Jim Irwin. Don't wait. Most of our venues use the 72 hour rule to lock in food and headcount, so if you need to cancel, you can call Jim Irwin and do so prior to 72 hours before the event. Deal? Thanks to everyone for your co-operation.

Finally, we hope you have a happy, healthy and satisfying Summer here in Arizona or wherever your travels take you. See you in October.

Sincerely,

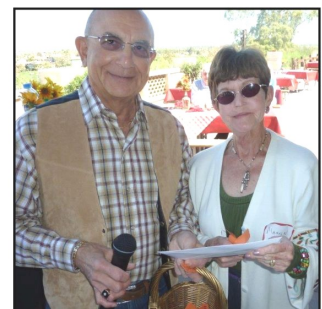
## 50/50 DRAWING WINNERS / MARCH 2013

Get your  
Raffle Tickets  
HERE!



Hal Hubbard 2nd  
\$60

Erv Barnes 3rd  
\$30



MaryIn Borugain  
1st





**50/50 DRAWING WINNERS / APRIL 2013**

Show me the  
MONEY!

You can call me  
LUCKY!



John McAlpine 1st  
\$76



Susan Moss 2nd  
\$50



No you aren't seeing double  
3rd \$25

You could be a WINNER too!  
Don't forget to purchase your winning ticket at each meeting.



**Have a great summer!**

**See you in October!**

**SPECIAL GOLF EVENT**



RETIREES CLUB

# Special Event

Tuscany Falls at Pebble Creek  
16262 Clubhouse Dr  
Goodyear, AZ 85395-6426

## Golf & Sport Outing

18 Holes of Golf

8:00am Shotgun Start

Scramble Format -  
All levels with Handicap

10 Foursomes maximum

Non-Golfers welcome to  
use the Full workout/  
Exercise Room, Pools,  
Spa, Showers and Locker  
Room (Included donated  
facilities pass)

Please **ADVISE** if you are  
forming a foursome.  
Otherwise, we will attempt  
to form teams of  
equal skill based upon  
Handicaps submitted.



**Buffet Luncheon: Bar-B-Que Port Sandwiches, Potato Salad, Chips, Cookies, Iced Tea and Lemonade**

***\*\*PebbleCreekers my use their Annual Pass Cards to pay for golf and only pay \$18.00 for lunch.***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_ \$67.00 \*\*

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Lunch Only: \_\_\_\_\_ \$18.00



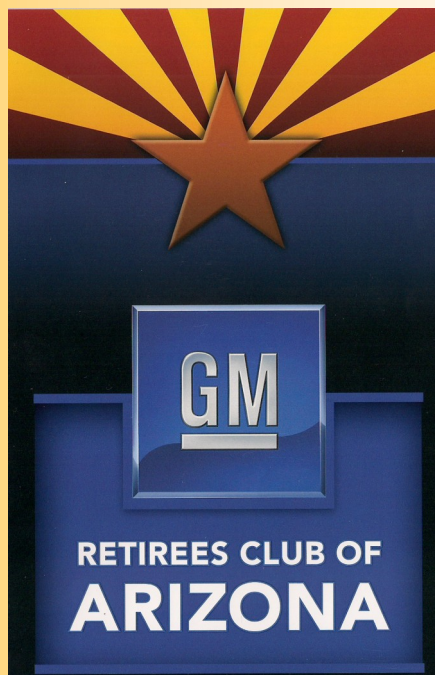
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Jim Irwin  
535 Topeka Dr.  
Wickenburg, AZ 85390



**ALL CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NO LATER THAN APRIL 13, 2013**

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## GM RETIREE CLUB



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Designed by Diane E. Harshman

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