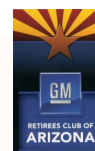


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EDITOR'S WELCOME



Well, it's a new year and if you think last year's E-Newsletter was packed with unique and interesting facts about Club activities and members..."you ain't seen nothin' yet, baby!" So, we're going to start off in this issue focusing on coming events and paying tribute to our new Club Members. But, look out for the November E-Newsletter issue..."Katie, Bar The Door!" We are going to prove to you that "age is just another number" by presenting a Club Member feature story of world class proportions. Now, in December, we will feature a Club Member that unquestionably has the most unique "hobby" I have ever seen and we will have the pictures to prove it. Very soon you will have enough "talking material" so the next time you have the privilege to sit at the same table with these members you will never want to leave. Stay tuned for an action packed year of news.

Sincerely, Jim Harshman, Editor and Club Reporter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome back from another HOT SUMMER here in Arizona. About half of our Club members (myself included) are "Snowbirds" returning from other various locations around the country to the warmth and sun of the Arizona winter. Wherever you spent the last four months we hope it was fun and rewarding for you and your family.

The Board has scheduled some interesting and informative meetings over the course of the next seven months with GM Executive speakers this November and next February. Two dealers have already stepped up and will be sponsoring these meetings. Our Christmas meeting in December will be one to remember. It will be held in the exclusive Turf Club at the Turf Paradise Horse Racing facility and will feature a Santa Clause activity you may never have experienced. For those who missed the outstanding meal served at the East Valley Culinary School last April, we are going back in January so more of our members will get to enjoy the wonderful food and delightful service from their students. OUTSTANDING!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Oct. - Healthcare
- Nov. - GM Speaker
- Dec. - Turf Paradise
- Jan. - Culinary School
- Feb. - GM Speaker

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Kicking things off for the 2013-2014 calendar year will be our October 15th meeting at the Radisson Fort McDowell Resort and Casino in Scottsdale. Because we all need to sign up for Medicare Supplemental insurance programs each year and with the implementation of the new Obamacare initiative of which we are all concerned, we have scheduled a Medicare Supplement presentation by Health Net. They are a "Coordinated Care" plan provider that GM provides financial support to in order for them to assist GM Retirees through education and communication on various Medicare Supplement Programs. Next year's "Enrollment Period" begins on October 15th, so our meeting will be very timely. In addition, we have also contacted a few of the outside providers like Physicians Mutual, AARP, CIGNA and hopefully Blue Cross/Blue Shield. They will have agents available at tables along the side and can answer individual questions and even provide price quotes and service comparisons. Afterward, I'm guessing, many of us will then partake of the gaming tables within the Casino. After all, talk of health care and Obamacare can be very depressing so we may need to have some fun before we leave to go home. So, if you will, please immediately fill out the "response coupon" on the next page and let us know that you are coming. As always, should you have paid and are unable to attend, we will refund your money if you advise us 24 hours in advance of the event.

In November, our Club meeting returns to Pebble Creek in Goodyear and we are fortunate to have Katie McBride, GM's Executive Director of Communications as our guest speaker. She will be sharing some of GM's biggest stories with us along with some news about new product launches, industry volume projections and hopefully an idea as to when GM will buy back the last of the Government owned stock. Katie is an excellent speaker and is really plugged into what's happening throughout General Motors.



NASCAR TICKETS are still available for the November 10, 2013 Sprint Cup race at Phoenix International Raceway. Club price is \$55.00 which includes seating, pit pass and a \$10.00 lunch voucher. If you or your guests are interested in attending, please contact Jim Harshman at (480) 634-5332. Ticket availability becomes questionable after October 1st., so call Jim immediately if you need tickets.

We will continue to move the meeting locations around the Greater Phoenix Metro Area so travel times can be equally distributed. Luncheon choices will also continue to allow for various dietary needs. We will be holding a Club Board meeting in late October and we would value any inputs our membership may have to improve the Club. Please just communicate your suggestions with myself or with any Club Board Member.

We fully expect our 2013-2014 Club calendar to be filled with fun and informative events. So, please plan on participating every month.

Sincerely,

KEN WECHSELBERGER, President

DEATH NOTICE

PASSON, LOIS JEAN; age 88; died peacefully with her son and daughter-in-law by her side on Monday, June 3, 2013 after a long illness. She was born on June 1, 1925 in Flint, MI the last of six children to Rexford C. Glover and Fleda B. Mittan. Lois graduated from Clio High School in Clio Michigan in 1942. Although she worked various jobs throughout her life she was primarily a stay-at-home mom caring for her family, which was priority one to her. In her later years she enjoyed a life of leisure in retirement in Peoria, Arizona. She married Philip J. Passon July 7, 1945 after his return from Naval duty in the Pacific at the end of W.W.II. Philip was President of the GM Retirees Club of AZ in 1996 of which Lois was a very active member. She provided loving support and encouragement to Philip through his post war college years, his rise through **General Motors** (Chevrolet), and their leisure years. She dedicated herself to raising two sons, Craig and Brett. She was active in numerous charitable, civic, and social organizations everywhere she lived. She was an avid golfer and card player, loved going to the casino and enjoyed hosting gatherings for friends and family in her home. She called Westbrook Village in Peoria, AZ home in her final years and treasured the friends she made there. Lois will be missed.

AWIM UPDATE AND REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

The "A World In Motion" program in Arizona is off to one of our best starts this school year. This Fall we will be starting AWIM programs in Surprise, Tolleson, Phoenix, Chandler and Maricopa. We could use a few more volunteers for this school year. Remember that you do not need to be an Engineer to volunteer, and we need a few more female volunteers. We will have a training session for new volunteers on October 10th in Tolleson. Our Arizona volunteers will be recognized by GM at the November GM Retirees Club of Arizona luncheon meeting at Pebble Creek. For more information about the AWIM Program, contact Don Robins at drobins1137@msn.com or at (248) 807-3604.



Picture taken at the 2013 AWIM Volunteer Recognition Breakfast at the Vehicle Engineering Center in Warren, MI on June 4th to honor volunteers for their leadership regarding AWIM.

Pictured from L to R; Vince Bandurski, retired GM Engineering Executive from Grand Blanc, MI. Don Robins, Phoenix, AZ. Jon Moss, Phoenix, AZ and John Calabrese, GM VP of Global Vehicle Engineering. About 300 AWIM volunteers were in attendance.

RADISSON FORT MCDOWELL RESORT & CASINO OCTOBER 15, 2013



Date : October 15, 2013
Location: Radisson Hotel
 10438 N. Ft. McDowell Road
 Scottsdale, AZ 85264
Time: 10:30 AM Arrival
 11:30 AM Lunch
 12:30 PM Meeting

Meeting Topic: Medicare Supplement Programs and the impact of the Obama Care initiative on our healthcare choices. We have scheduled presentations by Health Net who is a “Coordinated Care” plan provider that GM supports financially to assist GM Retirees. We also will have outside providers on site like Physicians Mutual, AARP, CIGNA, and BC/BS who can answer individual questions.

Cost: \$27.00 per person

Cash Bar

Menu: Pasta Station

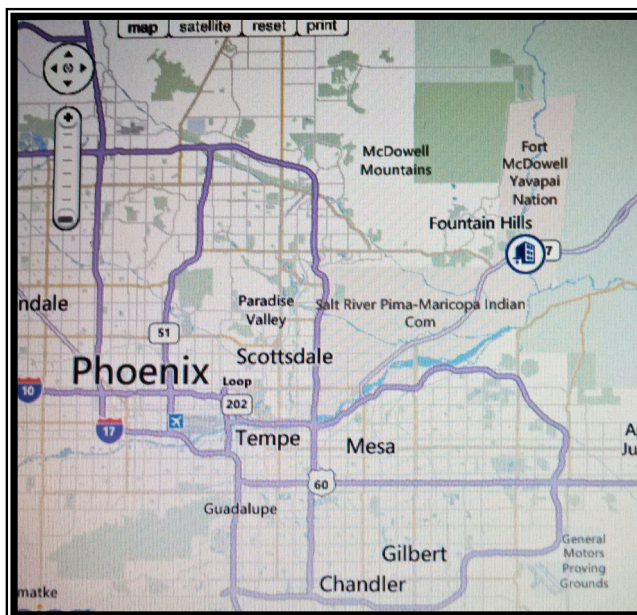
Caesar Salad

Three Pasta's: Bowtie, Cheese Tortellini & Penne Pasta

Three Sauces: Mariana, Pesto & Alfredo

Variety of Garnishes: Meatballs, Italian Sausage, Mushrooms, Grated Parmesan, & Crushed Red Peppers

Garlic Breadsticks



OCTOBER MEETING RESERVATION FORM:

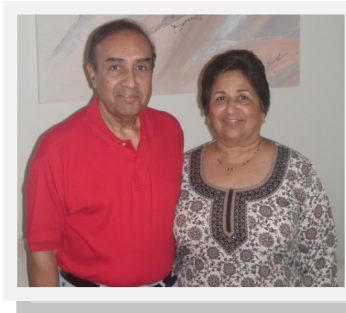
Radisson Fort McDowell Resort & Casino : October 15, 2013 Meeting

Members _____ Guests _____

Mail your reservation form to: Jim Irwin, 535 Topeka Drive, Wickenburg, AZ 85390 928-684-2041

ATTENTION: MUST BE RECEIVED BY THURSDAY OCTOBER 10TH

Cancellation requests must be received by Mid-night, October 10, 2013—Please notify Jim Irwin

NEW MEMBERS - YAY & ASHA SUBHEDAR

Jay and Asha were born and raised in Mumbai, India. Mumbai, formally known as Bombay, is the capital city of the Indian State of Maharashtra. It is the most populous city in India, and the fourth most populous city in the world, with a total metro population of approximately 20.5 million. Prior to coming to the United States to live, Jay earned a degree in Civil Engineering - Structural from Maharaja Sayajirao University at Baroda. The Faculty of Technology and Engineering at the University is considered one of the best learning universities in India. Once in the United States he attended Wayne State University, where he earned two Masters Degrees respectively in Structural and Industrial Engineering.

Jay married his wife Asha in 1966 and they have two children, a son and daughter. Both children are doing well with their careers. Their son is a partner in a San Francisco based patent law firm and their daughter is the Vice President of Operations at the Wells Fargo Bank in Phoenix. They have two grandchildren ages four and one. Reading, shooting and editing home movies and world travel now take up much of their time, but nothing beats being near their daughter, son-in-law, grandson and granddaughter spending quality time together.

Jay joined General Motors in November, 1968 at Chevrolet and CPC Engineering Organizations working in various positions such as; Analysis-Synthesis Engineer, Chassis Design-Release Engineer, Advance Engine Design-Development Group Manager and New Contemporary V6 Engine Team Manager.

Jay recounts his most memorable and rewarding career experiences at GM were his accomplishments when he was the New Global L4 Engine Assistant Chief Engineer requiring a 3 year stint in England along with significant travel interfacing with the Global L4 Engine Teams in Germany, Sweden, England, Italy, China and South Korea. While co-managing this multicultural Design-Development Team in Norwich, England he received two GM President's Awards for exceptional performance in global team building and achieving world class quality upon launch of the Global L4 Engine. Jay retired in 2009 as Assistant Chief Engineer at GM Powertrain headquarters and moved with his wife to Gilbert, AZ where he currently lives close to his daughter's family.

Asha attended Davars College of Commerce, Mumbai, Maharashtra where she earned an Associate Degree in Secretarial Services. First and foremost, Asha was a home maker. Then, spent 16 years at Delphi Automotive in Troy, Michigan holding various positions in their Purchasing Department. Before she retired in 2008, she was heading Delphi's Purchasing Process Coordination.

By far, Asha's most memorable events revolve around the successful rearing of their children resulting in their outstanding career achievements and becoming a grandparent in 2009. Her hobbies include reading, music and culinary experimentations for perfecting recipes.

Jay and Asha, we are so happy to have you as Club Members and we thank you for all the contributions you have made to General Motors over the 40 years service.

NEW MEMBERS - BILL & MOLLY TODD

Bill was born and raised in Lorain, Ohio. The first 20 years of Bill's 45 year career with GM was spent in direct manufacturing engineering as a tool and production engineer. He started at the Brown-Lipe-Chapin (BLC) Division immediately after high school graduation as a GMI Co-OP student and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from General Motors Institute in 1959. The BLC Division was located in Elyria, Ohio where he honed his skills in tool design, production engineering and productivity increases in zinc die casting.

From 1966 to 1974 it was on to the Ternstedt and Fisher Body Division in Warren, MI acting as a Senior Tool and Production Engineer for injection molding operations at the Syracuse, N.Y., Elyria, OH and Detroit, MI plants. In 1974-1988 he worked with the Advanced Engineering /Manufacturing Development Staff as an Engineering Supervisor for Sheet Molding Compound development. In 1988 - 1994 the Advanced Engineering Staff matrixed Bill to the C5 Corvette Program to ensure the latest manufacturing technology was implemented. Exterior Body Panel processing and hydro formed rails for the main structure as well as high quality SMC body panel support were his focus.

Bill's final six years before retiring in 1999 were spent with the Advanced Engineering Staff - Small Car Program and his final position before retirement was with the GM Research and Development Staff as a Staff Engineer representing GM Product and Manufacturing in Partnership with Executive Engineers from Ford and Chrysler on the Partnership for the Next Generation of Vehicles.

Bill's most memorable accomplishment at GM is when he developed and put into production stainless steel body side moldings with injection molded rub strips, molded directly into the stainless moldings in a massive insert molding project for Pontiac and Chevrolet. Adhesives had not been developed for the application yet so the only alternative was a molded interlock of plastic and steel. Other significant engineering group accomplishments included;

a.) Development of electronic controls for compression molding presses and implemented in-mold coating for Sheet Molding Compound body panels, which was a major quality improvement. Patent issued. b.) Developed and supplied to the C5 Corvette Program panels off processing methodology to replace the repair until acceptable previous process, substantially improving the quality on all Corvettes from C5 forward. c.) Working with the Ford and Chrysler Executive Engineers on the Partnership for the Next Generation of Vehicles and acting as the point man in annually reporting to the Federal Government. d.) Working with the Proctor & Gamble Company to solve a major problem on a product launch. Recognized by John Smale, CEO of P&G. e.) President of the Society of Plastics Engineers - Detroit Chapter and Chairman of the SPE Automotive Division.

AWARDS RECEIVED: Group received the Kettering Award (\$10,000.00 each) for putting patented compression molding press controls into production.

HOBBIES: Cars and more cars. Bowling, golf, softball and Indy Car Racing.

Bill has been married to Molly since 1960 (53 years) They have four children. Molly Ann is an Executive Nurse at a major hospital. William J. is an FDA food inspector. Wendy is a Real Estate Agent and Tom is an Executive Engineer and Program Manager for a major supplier to the Big Three Automakers.

Molly was born and raised in Elyria, OH. She attended Southern Seminary College in Buena Vista, VA from 1955 through 1957, earning a 2 year diploma in Education. Primarily, she prides herself as a stay at home mom for her four children. She thoroughly enjoyed the time spent with her family at the Sugarloaf Village Chalet canoeing, fishing, skiing, snowmobiling and motorcycling. (Yes, she does have her motorcycle permit) Other hobbies include bowling, golf, Indy Car racing, cars and collecting Byers Dolls.

WINNERS OF THE SPECIAL GOLF EVENT



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Special Event

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Golf & Sport Outing



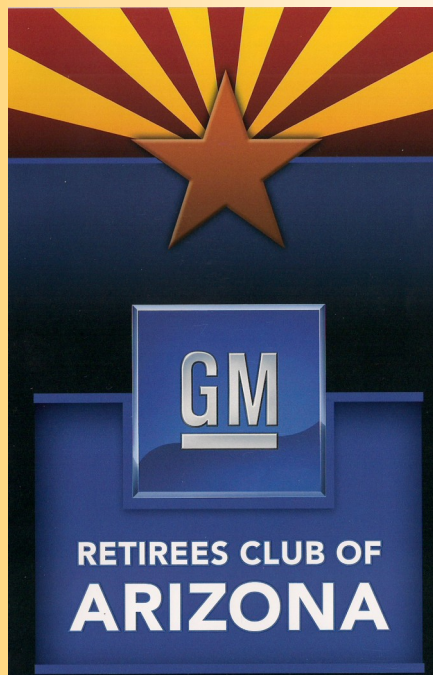
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