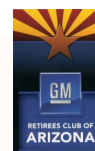


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EDITOR'S WELCOME



Well, another year has come and gone and I hope you have enjoyed our Club E-Newsletter articles. This first edition for the 2014 Club calendar year will continue featuring Club Members and their accomplishments. One thing for sure, there is no shortage of amazing stories to tell. GM Retirees and their spouses are the "cream-of-the-crop" and invariably seem to have "distinguished" themselves whether it be in their careers, hobbies, military service or community activities. I thought it would be appropriate to feature one of our more "older Club Members" and one of our "newest", for two reasons. First, Ted Vaile was a member of Sheriff Arpaio's posse for five years. Wouldn't it be nice to see these two men meet at our January 15th meeting? Second, the Club Board has recommended Bob Goebel as our next Vice President. This will provide you a look at his credentials as you vote in the January 15th meeting. I know you will enjoy reading these two "member profiles" as much as I enjoyed the interviews conducted to put together their stories.

Sincerely, Jim Harshman, Editor and Club Reporter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- February Meeting—GM Speaker at Oakwood C.C. Dealer Sponsored
- March Meeting — Sands Chevrolet. Atty. General's Office—Scams Alert
- April Meeting — Chase Field Tour—TGI Fridays. Guest Speaker—Major League Umpire



"Although we consider this the January 2014 Club Newsletter, you should receive it before Christmas. So, on behalf of the entire Club Board we would like to wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas Holiday Season. In addition, we hope the New Year finds you happy and healthy.

The 2013 Club year has had its ups and downs. We've had some excellent speakers and venues and a couple we wish had turned out better. On that note we are planning an all member brain storming session at one of our early 2014 meetings to develop new ideas for activities, meetings and events to better meet the desires of our entire membership. You will hear more details on that at our January meeting.

Speaking about our January meeting, one of the hits from this past year was the wonderful meal and great service enjoyed by all who attended the

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April meeting at the Culinary Arts School, part of the East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) in Mesa. And, to top it off, expenses for the venue and meal were among the most cost effective. Because of that, we will be returning to the Culinary Arts School on Wednesday, January 15th where we will have a full four course luncheon and a super meeting. Sheriff Joe Arpaio will be our featured guest speaker and I'm sure he will enthrall us all. The meal and program should both be outstanding, so if you want to bring extended family or friends, they are most welcome.

In our January meeting, we will be holding Club Officer elections and announcing results at the same meeting. Since my last official duty as Club President will be to open the meeting, introduce our guest and officially confirm the election results, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to lead our group for the past twelve months. It has been an honor and privilege to serve our Club and work with the very professional group of Board Members. I'm looking forward to continuing on the Board and participating in many future Club events. Thank you one and all."

Ken Wechselberger, President
GM Retirees Club of Arizona

50/50 DRAWING WINNERS

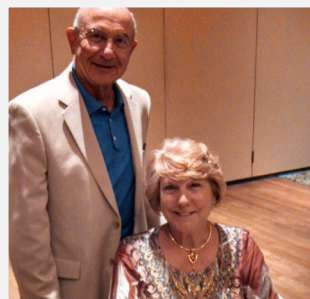
November

WINNERS!



Janice Foldenaur

\$70.00



Mary Genslak

\$46.00



Joyce Wechselberger

\$23.00



You could be a WINNER too!

Don't forget to purchase your winning ticket at each meeting.

EAST VALLEY CULINARY ARTS SCHOOL- JANUARY MEETING



Date : January 15, 2014
Location: East Valley Institute of Technology
 1601 W. Main St.
 Mesa, AZ
Time: 11:15 AM Arrival (Open Bar)
 12:00 AM Lunch
 1:00 PM Meeting

[Click here for directions](#)

Cost: \$18.00 per person

Menu:

Soup: Roasted Corn Chowder **Salad:** Roasted Vegetable Salad—Lime cilantro vinaigrette

Entrée:

Beer Braised Pork Short Rib: Braised in a rich meat glaze

Ginger Chicken Wellington: Asian slaw, Crispy Sai Fun Noodles

Salmon: Panko Crusted with Pineapple Salsa, or Potato Wrapped

Vegetarian Alternative: Wellington—Cheese & Grilled Vegetables, Mushroom Duxelle, Puff Pastry

Dessert: Vanilla Crème Brulee, Berries

REPIMEMBER: If you haven't done so already, please include \$30.00 for your 2014 Dues.

Thank You.


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Beer Braised Port Short Rib

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Ginger Chicken Wellington

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Vegetarian Alternative

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Salmon

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Gluten Free

Member: _____ Guests _____

Mail your reservation form to

Jim Irwin, 535 Topeka Dr., Wickenburg, AZ 85390

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SHERIFF JOE ARPAIO

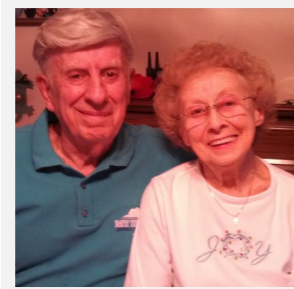


In 1992, Joe Arpaio was elected Sheriff of Maricopa County. Since then he has been reelected to an unprecedented six 4-year terms. You probably know him as "America's Toughest Sheriff", a name given to him years ago by the media. It is a name he certainly has earned as head of the nation's third largest Sheriff's Office which employs over 3,400 people and oversees the housing of between 7,500 - 10,000 inmates in his jail system. Programs he is noted for include; 1.) The nation's largest Tent City for convicted inmates. 2.) Chain gangs which contribute thousands of dollars of free labor to the community. 3.) Get tough policies for inmates like no smoking, coffee,

movies, pornographic magazines or unrestricted TV. He is also very well known for the pink underwear he makes all inmates wear.

Sheriff Joe's posse, whose ranks have increased to 3,000 members, is the largest volunteer posse in the United States. The GM Retiree Club of AZ is pleased to recognize our Club Member Ted Vaile for his five years of service under the leadership of Sheriff Joe. He was a great community servant for the City of Sun City West and for that we thank him for his service.

TED AND BETTY VAILE—MEMBER SHERIFF JOE'S POSSE



Man, when I do these Club Member interviews, I never know what I am going to discover. Ted and Betty have been married for 63 years so basically, for sure, we have a true love story. Not many of us can say we have been "partners" and truly in love for that long. But, what are the chances that a month prior to the Club having Sheriff Joe as our January 2014 meeting guest speaker, I would run across a Club Member who was a proud member of his Posse? You can't make this stuff up. So, let me give you a few facts about Ted's participation as a deputized posse officer before I get into some of his other life events.

Ted graduated from Sheriff Joe's Posse Training School and on his 80th birthday in 2004 was sworn in the Posse and retired five years later in 2009 at the age of 85. He never carried a weapon, but did successfully complete all other training courses (Legal, driving, etc.) that the Sheriff's Department requires before any posse member is sent out into the community. He always considered himself as a proud "Ambassador" for the Sheriff's Office while on duty in the community of Sun City West, AZ. His main focus, beside keeping a look out for criminal activity, was to "help people in distress" and to bring some joy to each person's life that he came in contact with while on patrol. With this in mind, whether it be helping someone who had fallen or dealing with a snake in a backyard, one could say that Ted was extremely successful and he loved doing it.



TED AND BETTY VAILE - MEMBER SHERIFF JOE'S POSSE

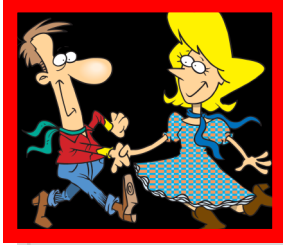
Ted was born and raised in Kokomo, IN. He graduated from high school, but had no aspirations of attending college, so he joined the US Army in 1945 during the heat of WWII. It was the usual, basic training, Advanced Small Arms Infantry School and straight overseas. First stop, Naples, Italy 26 July 1945, then assigned to Livorno, Italy to Company "B" 503rd Military Police Battalion assignment manning road blocks, guarding prisons, hunting escapees, on patrol and some desk duty until he was honorably discharged on 17 February 1947. Some unusual assignments included transporting prisoners from Naples to Livorno and tracking down US soldiers who went AWOL.



Immediately following his discharge, Ted worked for a short time at Continental Steel and Haynes Stellite Company before he took an entry level clerk position at Delco Radio. He began work at Delco in 1947, working his way up through various positions in the Parts Department in support of Engineering activities. His final position was as Supervisor of Engineering Services for 17 years at Delco Electronics which included two plants. He retired in 1987. His most memorable accomplishment while working was having managed a group of salaried, hourly and contract employees who were highly respected and worked together as a team. Two years after he retired, some employees still were calling it "Ted Vaile's area".

Betty was born and raised in Clay Township, IN near Kokomo. She met Ted in 1949 on a blind date on the second anniversary of the day he went to work at Delco. They were married August 19, 1950 and 63 years later, they are still caring for each other and loving "partners". She primarily was a stay-at-home Mom dedicated to raising their 3 adopted children (2 girls & 1 boy, all siblings). Their oldest daughter, married, works at Michigan State University, while their second daughter, also married, owns a mulch and snow removal business in Indianapolis, IN. plus she works at Amazon.com. Their son is a pharmacist at a hospital in Carbondale, IL, after a 21 year career in the U. S. Air Force. They have one granddaughter that they raised since she was one year old who turned out to be a great artist. All enjoyed music, art, travel and participating in 4-H when growing up.

TED AND BETTY VAILE—MEMBER SHERIFF JOE'S POSSE



Now, grab your seats readers...here is the kicker. Would you believe Ted was a professional Square Dance Caller from 1961 - 2011? Yep, 50 years. Ted and Betty learned how to square dance in 1958 and from there it was appearances in mainly Michigan, Illinois and Indiana calling dances and even were invited to New Zealand for a performance. He has received many recognition awards for his "Calling" and other activities and is a member of Callerlab - International Association of Square Dance Callers.

Oh, it was not just Ted who participated, but Betty's name is on the Chairman's Award that they received in 2000. Maybe, just maybe, we can talk Ted into calling a square dance at one of our future Club Meetings.



TURF PARADISE CHRISTMAS "SPECIAL EVENT"



On December 3rd, 46 GM Retiree Club members celebrated Christmas at the beautiful Turf Paradise Horse Racing Track in the exclusive Turf Club Restaurant.

Santa Clause made an appearance and brought everyone a "little something" for Christmas, plus 12 lucky Club Members won the opportunity to visit the "Winners Circle" trackside to be photographed with the winning horse and jockey of the "GM Retirees Club of AZ" race named for our group. The facility is beautiful and the food was to "die for". This was truly an unbelievable event. All you had to do was to look in the faces of the members as their horses came in a winner (or not) and you could tell everyone was having a great time.



I would like to give a "special thanks" to Hal and Cathi Hubbard for all the hard work they did to make this event so special. Hal was Santa, Cathi was Santa's Helper, but behind the scenes Santa's Helper designed the Christmas Greeting and packaged the Christmas presents that were handed out.

Thank you Hal & Cathi for all your hard work.

NEW MEMBERS-BOB & BARBARA GOEBEL



Bob was born in Charlevoix, MI, but grew up in East Jordan, MI where he graduated high school. He has two brothers and two sisters. He was always a very athletic kid, so naturally football and basketball were his sports of choice. After high school, Bob attended GMI from 1962-1967 as a co-op student at AC Spark Plug Division and graduated with a Bachelor's of Mechanical Engineering Degree. While in school at GMI, he also pledged the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and became President in 1966.

Immediately after graduation, Bob was faced with the fact that the United States was at war in Vietnam and he had to make a decision as to what course of action he should take to fulfill his military obligation. From 1968-1969, he attended the United States Air Force Officer's Training School in Texas followed by Pilot Training. Once he qualified, it was then straight to Vietnam during the period October 1969 - October 1970, right in the middle of some of the worst battles of the entire war. He had received a "top secret clearance classification" which enabled him to conduct missions in Vietnam. Bob was stationed in Phu Cat Air Base in Vietnam and assigned to the 537th Tactical Airlift Squadron flying missions in the C7A - Caribou aircraft.

Phu Cat is located in the central coastal plains of Vietnam about 240 miles Northeast of Saigon.



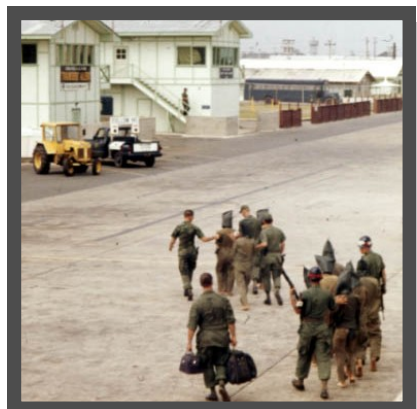
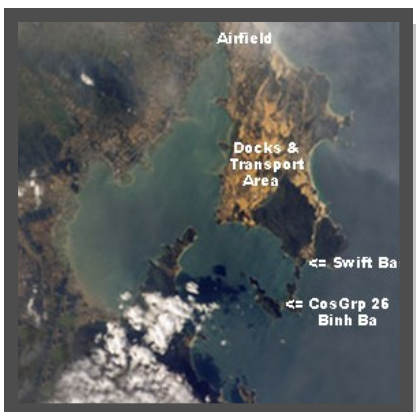
C7A Caribou Aircraft



This aircraft had excellent maneuverability at low altitude and slow tactical operations. On many missions, B-52 Bombers provided close in air support for the C7A aircraft as they flew in or air-dropped supplies. Thus, the Caribou was used frequently for emergency drops in tight spaces. The C7A's simplistic construction minimized its vulnerability to ground fire; however, during heavy enemy fire several were lost. Enemy fire and weather conditions were major factors when flying these missions. Each flight entails a certain risk, the trick being to minimize this risk to acceptable standards.

NEW MEMBERS-BOB & BARBARA GOEBEL

So, what's a day look like to a First Lieutenant Airlift Commander who flies these missions in the Caribou? Bob says that the C7A normally flies between 1500 and 3000 feet, depending on the weather. However, on emergency resupply missions they were allowed to fly as low as 50 feet off the ground. In landing zones where enemy fire was probable, many times the aircraft was quickly brought to a stop, engines still running, rear cargo door lowered, straps holding cargo pallets were untied and "speed offloads" would take place by putting the plane in reverse at full power and jamming on the brakes so the load would roll out the back of the plane by itself. A short day may include 13 takeoffs and landings, having delivered fuel, food, ammunition and other items needed by America's allies to continue their operations. This included transporting prisoners and bodies of fallen soldiers to bases for processing. Final tabulation for the day: 22,000 pounds of cargo...delivered to the most inaccessible of locations in the only way possible...by air. And at the end of the day you thank God for a safe journey.



Commercial pilots will tell you that while they are in the air a "pilot's job is either pure boredom or sheer terror". But, any Vietnam C7A pilot will tell you they are "always experiencing some degree of terror" and they "can't believe this stuff is happening". By the grace of God, Bob did survive his tour of duty during the year he spent in Vietnam.

NEW MEMBERS-BOB & BARBARA GOEBEL

At the end of his tour, Bob was awarded multiple Air Medals and the United States Air Force's "Distinguished Flying Cross" for valor under fire in The Republic of Vietnam. The award was created by Congress 80 years ago and is America's oldest military aviation award. The cross symbolizes sacrifice, and the propeller symbolizes flight. The combination of those symbols make clear that the Distinguished Flying Cross is an award for heroism or achievement for individuals involved in aviation. The ribbon reflects the national colors. The following is the "Citation" that accompanied the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to Robert S. Goebel.



"1st Lieutenant ROBERT S. GOEBEL distinguished himself by extra ordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight as Air Craft Commander of a C7A aircraft at Dak Pek Special Forces Camp, Republic of Vietnam, on 26 August, 1970. On that date, Lt Goebel's aircraft was subjected to an extensive enemy rocket attack. By maintaining outstanding control of his aircraft and crew, Lt Goebel was able to successfully offload his cargo and depart from the impact zone of the incoming rockets. The professional competence, aerial skill and devotion to duty displayed by Lt. Goebel reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force."

After leaving Vietnam in September 1970 through his December 1973 discharge as a Captain from the Air Force, Bob was assigned to the 438th Military Airlift Wing at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey as a co-pilot and Aircraft Commander for the Lockheed C-141 Starlifter aircraft.



The mission of the 438th MAW was to transport military cargo, mail and passengers worldwide, which Bob did for the most part. But, if you ask him what his most memorable flights and events were, he would tell you the following; 1.) Flying President's Nixon's car to Florida. 2.) Flying the Grambling College Marching Band to Africa to play at the Liberia Presidential Inauguration attended by Pat Nixon. 3.) Being forced to make an "emergency landing" due to loss of oxygen enroute to Europe with a military family on board with cargo. 4.) Attending Graduate School while on active duty and receiving an MBA from Southern Illinois University through an USAF sponsored program for Officers.

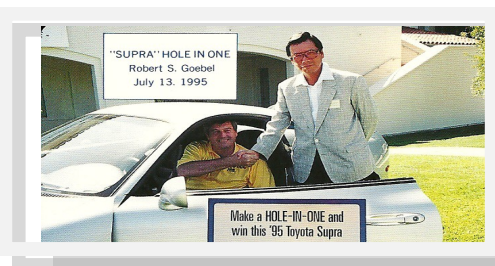
NEW MEMBERS-BOB & BARBARA GOEBEL**GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION**

In December 1973, Bob returned to GM/AC Spark Plug Division and resumed his business career and quickly moved up in the company. He spent a year in Human Resource Salaried Employment, several years in Labor Relations and an OEM Service Engineer position from 1976-1978 and during this period he married his wife Barbara. He became OEM Sales Engineer & Business Planning Manager at AC, AC Rochester Division from 1978-1993. In 1993, Bob was assigned the duties of AC Rochester Division Asia Pacific Sales Director stationed in Japan until 1996. When he repatriated back to the States, he served in various sales management roles through Delphi IPO in 1996 until he retired in October 2005. Bob's final title upon retirement was Global Sales Manager for Energy Business Unit of Delphi Energy and Engine Management Division. When asked what was his most memorable event and/or legacy he left behind while working at GM, he says by far it was his effort and success in putting digital instrumentation in every Buick model vehicle starting during the period 1989-1991. In all, Bob racked up a 43 year career with GM.

So, one would think that 43 years of work would be enough, but not for Bob. From October 2005 - September 2009 he was Sales Director and Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Altairnano Technology Company (Lithium Batteries) in Reno, NV, and as Senior Sales Manager of Valence Technology (Lithium Batteries) in Austin, TX until October 2011. He still does some monitoring and consulting work for these types of firms in the advanced energy storage industry.

Bob and Barbara have resided part time in the Phoenix area since 1996. They reside in Bay Harbor, MI during the summer and in Scottsdale, AZ during the winter. In his spare time, Bob has managed to be:

- A Member of Desert Foothills Lutheran Church
- A Board Member of the YMCA of Northern, MI
- A Bay Harbor Community Council Board Member
- A Neighborhood Voting Member of DC Ranch HOA
- A founding member of the Forest Dunes Golf Club
- A member of the Bay Harbor Yacht Club and Bay Harbor Golf Club and currently serves on their boards.



Now, are you beginning to think Bob is a lucky guy? Yep, and the luck just keeps on coming. Bob, like most "sales guys," played a lot of golf when working to land new accounts. On July 13, 1995, as luck would have it, Bob shoots a "hole-in-one" on the designated "Hole-In-One" green. It was at the first Toyota Supplier Conference held in California. The prize...a brand new 1995 \$50,000.00 Toyota Supra. Well, what can I say?

Barbara Goebel was born and raised in Lapeer, MI. She lived there with her parents and older sister. Her Dad worked as a State Food Inspector and her Mom was a stay at home Mom. Barbara attended Lapeer Schools and graduated as Salutatorian of her class in 1964.

NEW MEMBERS-BOB & BARBARA GOEBEL

After high school, Barbara attended college and received her BA in Education from the University of Michigan.

Since her Father died when she was 15, Barbara worked hard at part time jobs and to qualify for scholarships to enable her advanced education. After college, Barbara began teaching at Flushing Community Schools and during her 40 year career there, she served as principal, Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent the last ten years before retiring in June of 2010.

During those early years, Barbara met her husband Bob through mutual friends and were married in 1977. They have two children, a boy and girl and three grandchildren. Their daughter works for Honeywell in South Bend, Indiana and their son works for a public relations firm in Las Vegas doing "visual communications design" development. Both children were able to experience the Japanese culture while visiting from college during Bob's time with GM there. Their daughter also spent a year after high school as a Rotary Foreign Exchange Student to Brazil and returned fluent in Portuguese before attending Michigan State University. While growing up, their children were always exposed to music and as a result, their son, University Of Michigan Graduate with a Master's from Pratt University, is a very accomplished musician and pianist. Barbara still enjoys golfing, walking, hiking and the many days spent with family.

Some of Barbara's most memorable accomplishments include:

1. Started offering "Latch Key" service to parents. Parents had been asking for this for years and finally someone listened and made it happen. Mom's and Dad's both have to work to make financial ends meet in today's society and it is having that extra two or three hours at the end of the day that can allow parents to be sure that their kids are safe until they can be picked up from school.
2. When Barbara took over as Superintendent of Schools, the Flushing Community School system had not built a new school for the past 30 years and it showed. The Junior High School was built in 1927, so you can imagine what shape it was in. So, Barbara led the effort to get a \$ 25M school bond issue passed by the voters in order to build a new 135,000 square foot "state-of-the-art" Middle School. In addition, the old school was converted and made usable for community activities. Ground Breaking Ceremonies took place on May 5, 2004, construction was completed in 2005 and Grand Opening & Dedication Ceremonies were held on Sunday, January 15, 2006.



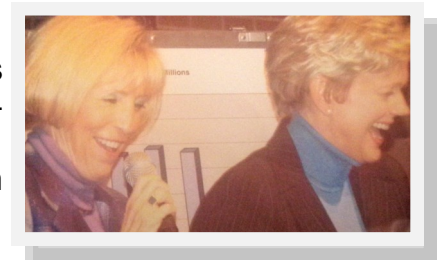
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Barbara was the main speaker at the Grand Opening and it had to be one of the proudest days of her life. How many educators have the opportunity to positively affect hundreds of thousands of children's lives over the years by providing them with the best learning facilities and tools available? Not many, but when the opportunity arises you definitely would want Barbara leading the effort.

3. After retirement, being selected by MASA as 1 of 14 retired Superintendents to train and coach the more than 100 new Superintendents in 2010 and followed by many more new Superintendents since. Barbara continues to coach while maintaining her educational proficiency and representing an Architectural Firm engaged in educational facilities in Michigan.

4. Being named "Superintendent of the Year" for Region #5.

5. Was selected by the State of Michigan Superintendent of Schools to host Governor Jennifer Granholm in her school district for a presentation on changes she was considering on State Educational Policies. This presentation was open to the public in Genesee County to gain community input.



Bob and Barbara, thank you for sharing these incredible personal stories of a lifetime full of accomplishments and successes which have and will continue to enrich lives in the communities they lived in and in helping make the United States of America a better and safer place to live. We are proud to have you as members of the Club and look forward to your leadership in the coming years.

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