



Retiree Newsletter

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EDITOR'S WELCOME

This is the last month having to revert back to our old newsletter format! And, I would be remiss if I didn't say thanks for all the "Get Well Soon" wishes from concerned Club Members during my stay in the hospital and recovery at home over the past several weeks. I am happy to report that it is business as usual, health wise, and I am ready to go in putting out more Club Member stories which will resume next month. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, our March issue will feature Mary Ellen Stepanich, PhD.

Remember, our April Newsletter will feature a "special article" entitled "Members and Their Pets". What I am asking you to do is to search your computer database for the best pictures of your pets and send them to me via email: jharsh333@gmail.com. Now, you may not have a pet today, but I bet you have had one in the past. Or, your children have pets that you take care of when they go on trips. These pets count, so send a picture via US mail or via the internet. I will return all photos after I have scanned them. Prizes will be awarded, so start searching today. Any pet! Dogs, cats, gold fish, turtles, you get the drift. The best submissions so far are a "cat getting a drink from a toilet" and a "Yorkshire Terrier" having too much fun on her birthday. This will be great fun, so start your submissions today. Who doesn't love their pet and like to show them off?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of your new Executive Officers, Hal Hubbard, Vice President and Alan Steffe, Secretary/Treasurer, I would like to thank all of you for allowing us to be your 41st Club Officer Team. It is truly an honor to lead such an outstanding group of GM Retirees and we take our duties very seriously and will do our best to provide you with the best "meeting agendas" and "special events" possible. Now, most of you have read various articles in past newsletters about myself and Alan Steffe, so no need to repeat our stories. But, I can promise most of you don't know Hal Hubbard. Hal is an extremely interesting fellow and has a classic biography which we will feature next month so you all get to know him well.

In March, the Club is scheduled to visit Luke Air Force Base complements of their PR Group. Since this is a "high security area", our tour is limited to 60 members (normally 30) and we must sign up in advance (name and driver license information), so we must limit this meeting to members only. If we have more than 60 people we can schedule both March 10th and 12th and have two tours. We would then split the total interested attendees, roughly in half, if we need both days. The sign up process will begin at our February 11th meeting with the understanding that a complete list of attendees must be provided to Luke officials by no later than February 27th. The tour will begin at roughly 10AM followed by lunch and a speaker at the Officer's

Club. I am still awaiting final confirmation on the details, but should have everything completed before our February meeting.

At the end of this newsletter there are two "Registration Forms" that I would like to direct your attention towards. **First**, East Valley Culinary Arts School - Wednesday, February 11th, **second**, the March 27th Annual Golf Outing. Please pay special attention to the notification due dates and let us know if you will be attending as soon as possible.

And finally, there is our ongoing effort to bring more ladies into our leadership. In this context, we announced at our December meeting that Beverley Louton has agreed to head up a special committee of ladies to formulate recommendations for our 2015/2016 Fall and Winter Club meeting agenda and special events. Beverley will report the group's recommendations to the Board in early February and a complete schedule of events will be published in the March or April newsletter.

Regards,
Bob Goebel, President

FALL & WINTER SCHEDULE 2014-15

Wednesday, February 11: Meeting will be at the East Valley Culinary Arts School. Our speaker will be from the FBI to talk about criminal and cyber investigations which impact our members. In addition, we understand that we will have a special guest speaker who will give her version directed at the ladies in the audience.

Tuesday, February 24: This is a "special event" and will feature a Bus Trip to the BioSphere2, DeGrazia Gallery In The Sun and dinner at a five star restaurant overlooking the city of Tucson. A change in dinner location was necessary due to the fact that the Hilton Tucson El Conquistador Golf and Tennis Resort has been sold and is not operational at this time. 70 Members and their guests have signed up for this event and will soon be receiving a "special instructions" email that will outline the day's events in detail. That email is expected to be in your hands by no later than the first week in February. All arrangements have been finalized and monies have now begun to be paid to the various vendors. This is going to be one fantastic event!

Tuesday, March 10: Our meeting will be at Luke Air Force Base and will include a tour, lunch and a special guest speaker. Sign-up activities will begin at our February 11, 2015 meeting at the East Valley Culinary Arts School. Luke AFB is a high security area with limited capacity, so no guests will be permitted.

Annual Club Golf Outing—Date: March 27, 2015: The golf outing activity will be held at the PebbleCreek Golf Club and we once again will have Dealer and Divisional sponsorship support so **NOBODY GOES HOME EMPTY-HANDED**. As usual, each participant will receive their own gift bags and be eligible to receive awards and drawing prizes. The luncheon will include full choice from the Lounge menu including a variety of hot and cold sandwiches, pizza, French fries and cole slaw. Beer and soda will be included. Ladies...we are looking for a foursome, so if you see Beverley Louton coming your way to recruit you, please say yes. You won't be sorry.

Tuesday, April 7: This will be a "special event" meeting held at Canyon Lake which will include a Canyon Lake Boat Tour with lunch in a private room in the restaurant at the dock.

Registration Acknowledgement Form East Valley Culinary Arts School Wednesday, February 11, 2015

You, your significant other and guests are invited to our February 2015 Club Meeting which is being held at the East Valley Institute of Technology - East Valley Culinary Arts School.

Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2015

Location: East Valley Culinary Arts School
1601 W. Main Street
Mesa, AZ

Directions: The East Valley Culinary Arts School is located on the campus of the East Valley Institute of Technology located 1/2 mile East of Dobson Road on W. Main Street in Mesa. If you are headed East from Dobson on W. Main turn right (South) into the campus and go straight for about a block. The Culinary Arts School will be right in front of you.

Time: 10:30AM/11:30AM Arrival
11:30AM/ 12:30PM Meeting/Speaker
12:30PM Lunch

Menu: **Soup:** Roasted Corn Chowder - Potatoes, Applewood Smoked Bacon, Corn
Salad: Caprese Salad - Tomato, Fresh Mozzarella, Micro Basil, Balsamic Drizzle.
Entree Choices: All entrees are served with accompanying starch & seasonal vegetables
1. Bone-In Braised Pork Chops: Demi-Glace, Carmelized Onions.
2. Grilled Salmon: Citrus Buerre Blanc
3. Vegetarian Alternative: Wellington - Cheese & Grilled Vegetables, Mushroom Duxelle, Puff Pastry
4. Gluten Free is available, but must be requested in advance.
Desserts: Miniature Pastry Plate - Cream Puff, Eclair, Fruit Tart, Chocolate Covered Fruit.
Beverages: Coffee and Iced Tea included.

Cost: \$19.00 per person all inclusive

East Valley Culinary Arts School
Reservation Acknowledgement Form
Must Be Received By Friday, February 6, 2015

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Guest: _____ Guest: _____

Choice of Entree: 1. Pork Chops____ 2. Salmon____ 3. Vegetarian Alternative____ 4. Gluten Free____
(Please select your choice of entree for everyone in your party.)

Please return your reservation to Jim Irwin, 535 Topeka Drive, Wickenburg, AZ 85390. You can also email (knjirwin@msn.com) or call Jim. (Phone # (928) 684-2041). Cancellations must be received by **NOON, February 6, 2015.**