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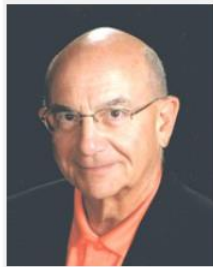
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EDITOR'S WELCOME



Hello Alumni! It's nice to have everyone back to begin a great new year of events planned for the Club. We started the year with an outstanding presentation on the 17th by three agents from the Casa Grande Liaison Office of the U.S. Border Patrol bringing us up-to-date on all that is happening at the border. You'll find photos from this event later in the newsletter. At this meeting we also welcomed our new Club Officers for the 2018 Calendar Year – **Dennis Powers as President** and **Roxanne**

Steffe as Vice President. We look forward to continuing growth and excitement in the Club under Dennis' leadership. You will hear more from Dennis below.

Before going any further, we have some ***BREAKING NEWS***, as they say in the media, that impacts us all! GM's Public Policy Group is returning to AZ again this year to provide a luncheon meeting for us and update us further on the rapidly advancing autonomous vehicle front. Mark your calendars now for **March 7, 2018**. Further details can be found on page 4.

More ***BREAKING NEWS***..... We are very happy to welcome back **Arrowhead Cadillac** as one of our loyal dealers! You can find more exciting news about this on page 3.

One of our members, Jim Hall, has been recognized with a national award from the SAE's AWIM program. See the details on page 3. *Congratulations, Jim!*

Remember that your 2018 membership becomes delinquent if not renewed by February 1st. So if you have not yet renewed for 2018, consider doing it now. New for 2018 is a Membership Card that will be made available to each member in good standing, containing personal contacts at each of our loyal dealers who will act as your personal concierge when you are ready to buy your next vehicle. See the details on page 4. A **Membership Renewal** Form can be found on page 10 of this Newsletter for your convenience.

Your word of mouth recommendations to your friends and fellow GM alumni are having an impact, as we are continuing to welcome new members into the Club. Several of the latest new members are pictured on page 9. I encourage everyone to get to know them and make them feel at home at future meetings and events.

You will also find information on page 5 regarding our remaining events through April as we conclude this program year with a bang! If you have not yet registered for the February 15th meeting, you still have time until February 8th. Join us to learn more about the beautiful Sonoran Desert.

Enjoy!

Alan Steffe

Editor & Publisher, The Club Reporter
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Pam and I have enjoyed our membership in the GM Alumni Club of AZ for many years. But never before have I been so excited about the potential of our GM Alumni Club. The Club's momentum of the last several years continues to move even faster with opportunities that keep our Club moving into the 21st Century. The key is the wealth of our relationships.

Recently I read that GM will produce 2,500 autonomous vehicles in 2019 without a steering wheel or pedals, also known as Level 5 of Autonomous Vehicles. I've learned there are levels of driverless vehicles, beginning with Level One. Clearly GM is positioning to remain an automotive industry leader in the 21st century. The speed of their progress is mind-bending, and I'm intrigued with the thought of being on the inside and learning about their strategy through our relationship with GM Public Policy and GM Retiree Communications.

Just ten months ago GM Public Policy chose Phoenix as one of three sites to visit on their autonomous vehicle roadshow for retirees. Over 150 GM Alumni and their guests learned about the bold steps GM is taking. I know many of you share a strong sense of pride in the connection we share with this formidable industry titan.

The relationship of our Club with GM Public Policy continues to grow. And as a result, GM Alumni in the Greater Phoenix Area will again be invited to a special presentation by GM Public Policy personnel on March 7th at the EVIT Culinary Arts in Mesa. We're all familiar with the fine meal and comfortable setting the EVIT provides. This is the same building we used for our January meeting. More details are provided later in this newsletter, and I hope you will join us for this very informational private presentation for GM Alumni and our guests.

In November we experienced again the generosity of a local dealer loyal to our Club, Liberty Buick & Liberty GMC, at beautiful Palmbrook Country Club. Liberty provided a first-class prime rib meal and topped it off with a delicious ice cream cake for dessert. Rob Peterson, Buick Marketing Manager for Crossovers was the top-notch presenter from GM World Headquarters. In fact, many will agree he was one of the best presenters we've enjoyed from GM. Looking ahead into March, Coulter Tempe and Liberty are providing us with space to park our vehicles as we hop on the motor coach for our day trip to Kartchner Caverns, Benson, AZ, and Trail Dust Town in Tucson. Sands Chevrolet continues to promote us with a link on their website. And Courtesy Chevrolet continues to provide technical insight for marketing our Club. Recently Arrowhead Cadillac rejoined us as a loyal dealer. Many of you will remember the exceptional meal and hosts they were in January of 2015. All these benefits and more that we have seen have resulted from the relationships we have cultivated over the years with dealers loyal to our Club.

I've saved the best for last. It's the relationships we have with one another that make this Club special. I know many of you already, and I hope to get to know every one of you as I take the reins as Club President. I've learned from those before me that your feedback and friendship are the secret sauce for success. Looking ahead, we have a talented Board dedicated to the Club. And over the coming year I hope you will let me know how I can continue the momentum of this phenomenal Club.

Call me anytime,

Dennis Powers

2018 Club President
480.883.6994



BREAKING NEWS.....

WELCOME BACK *ARROWHEAD CADILLAC* AS ONE OF OUR LOYAL DEALERS

ARROWHEAD

*Cadillac*

You may know that Arrowhead Cadillac has been awarded Cadillac's "Dealer of Year" and received the "Mark of Excellence" since 2013. Arrowhead also helps to improve our community in many ways, including helping at-risk children through their support of Phoenix's Crisis Nursery. In fact, the GM Alumni Club of AZ associates with the best dealers in the Greater Phoenix Area.

Perhaps you attended the exceptional luncheon meeting and GM executive presentation Arrowhead hosted at their dealership for the Club in January 2015

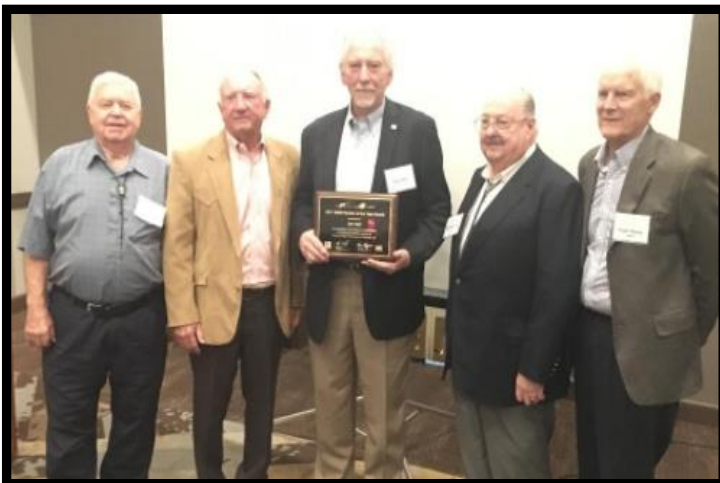
(located at 8310 W. Bell Road, Glendale – just east of the 101 and north of Bell Road). But you may not know that Arrowhead is now a member of the GM Alumni Club of AZ loyal dealers.

Customer satisfaction is the top priority at Arrowhead. And if you're planning to purchase a Cadillac, or have your vehicle serviced in the near future, you can call ahead to Robyn Schluter, our GM Alumni Concierge, at Arrowhead. Robyn can be reached at 602.402.9463 (cell phone).

When you visit Arrowhead, be sure to thank them for their support of our Club. Our loyal dealers enrich our Club in many ways and we know Arrowhead is poised and ready to host a Club luncheon meeting, provide door prize and golf outing giveaways, share their high-tech board rooms for our Club Board of Directors meetings, share our Club brochure with their customers/GM retirees, and more. Our loyal dealers add much to enhance our Club. **Welcome Arrowhead!** We look forward to working with you to put more GM vehicles on the road!



CONGRATULATIONS *JIM HALL* AWIM ROOKIE OF THE YEAR 2017



On January 18th, Club member Jim Hall was presented with the SAE's "2017 AWIM Rookie of the Year" award. This honor is presented annually by General Motors to one volunteer in the SAE's AWIM program across the entire nation. These volunteers assist in bringing science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education to life for students in K – 12th grade. Jim began his involvement with the program in 2016 in the Dysart School District in Surprise, AZ. He has been a member of SAE ever since joining the GMI Student Chapter while attending GMI, and received his 50-year pin just recently. Following GMI, Jim spent 25 years with GM working in various positions in the Buick Motor Division. **Congratulations, Jim!**

MARCH 7, 2018 - PUBLIC POLICY MEETING



We are again privileged to have the GM Public Policy group from Washington D.C., coordinating with GM Retiree Communications in Detroit, make a return visit to Arizona on March 7th for a special presentation and luncheon for GM Alumni here in Arizona. At the meeting on March 7th, Hal Lenox, GM Regional Director of State Government Relations – Western Region, will discuss the current political outlook in Arizona as it pertains to GM's business plan and goals, including the safe testing and deployment of self-driving vehicles. As the development of autonomous vehicles continues to move at lightning speed, we will be privileged to

hear the very latest as to GM's approach and development status. We are hopeful that they will be bringing virtual reality (VR) goggles for members to try to get a true feeling of what it is like to drive an autonomous vehicle without being in one.

Watch your email for your invitation to this event coming from the Corporation by the end of January with more detailed information about the meeting. It will also be your opportunity to register yourself and your guest to attend this event that will be held at the East Valley Institute of Technology Culinary Arts venue in Mesa. *(If you do not receive an email, please let us know, as we may not have your latest email address.)* Look forward to a very interesting program and update!



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME RUNNING OUT

Remember that Club Memberships are on a calendar year basis and are due by January 1 of each year. If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2018, please do so now. You do not want to miss all the exciting things the Club has planned for 2018.

- Membership Renewal Forms are available on page 12 of this newsletter and on the Club's Website.
- *New for 2018 memberships and going forward*, current members in good standing who have reached the *age of 90 by December 31* of the preceding year will be granted *free life memberships for the following years*. This means it is important for members to complete all items on the Membership Renewal Forms including birth date and submit the form with your renewal check, if under age 90.
- Also new for 2018, all Members in good standing will be receiving an opportunity to print a **Membership Card** via email, similar to those GM Retiree Identification Cards available on the GM Retiree website. Included on the back of the card will be a personal contact – the **Alumni Concierge** – at each loyal dealer available to give our Alumni the red-carpet treatment when purchasing their next new vehicle. Watch your email for more information about this card.



2018
Members

Sal & Sally Alum

SCHEDULE WITH YOUR GM ALUMNI CONCIERGE IN ADVANCE.

ARROWHEAD 8310 W. Bell Road Glendale Mr. Robyn Schluter 602.402.9463 Rschluter@vtaig.com	Camelback Phoenix 1233 E. Camelback Phoenix Mr. Bryan Long 602.604.3085 blong@courtesychev.com
LIBERTY BUICK 8737 W. Bell Road, Peoria Mr. Tim Carrasco 623.933.5000 timc@libertybuick.com	Coulter Tempe 7780 S Autoplex Loop Tempe Mr. John Spindt 480.305.0876 jspindt@coultertempe.com
LIBERTY GMC 8660 W. Bell Road, Peoria Ms. Victoria Grant 623.977.4000 vgrant@libertygmc.com	Coulter Tempe 7780 S Autoplex Loop Tempe Mr. Randy Watson 480.940.6000 rwatson@coultertempe.com
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2018 MEETING UPDATES



The **February 15th Meeting** features a presentation by the **McDowell Sonoran Conservancy** at the **Scottsdale Community College Culinary Institute**. Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve encompasses more than 31,000 acres of pristine Sonoran Desert.

More than 180 miles of well-maintained trails allow you to explore the Preserve on foot, bike, or horse. The Preserve is open from sunrise to sunset. There is no charge for parking or access at any of their trailheads. So come join us for a presentation that will provide you with an overview of the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy program of Scottsdale, while experiencing "Culinary Excellence" delivered by the Culinary Arts program of Scottsdale Community College. **Meeting Registrations are due by February 8th**, so get your registration in now. A Registration Form is available on page 11 and on the Club Website.

This year we will end the program year on **April 3, 2018** with a new event with something fun for all in attendance. Everyone who enjoyed participating in last year's picnic should look forward to another fun-filled action event – an **Urban Cowboy Square Dance party** – held at Palmbrook Country Club in Sun City. Come in your fanciest western duds and be prepared for fun! We assume no one has been square dancing since the 8th grade, so our well respected throughout Maricopa County caller, Dick Callahan, will lead us through the basics. Dick is used to people who don't move as quickly as they used to. There is a lot of room for singles, partners, and even observers (we'll need a cheering section!). Guests are also welcome to join in the fun.



A meal of oven roasted chicken and bar-b-q ribs with all the fixin's and a complimentary drink will precede the square dancing. A cash bar will be available to help get everyone through the afternoon. All participants will also take home a gift with which to remember this year-ending fun event. Save the date and join in the fun! A registration form is available on page 12 and on the Club's website.

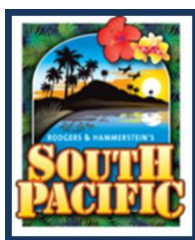


The Club's **Annual Golf Outing** will be held on **Thursday, April 5, 2018** at the Eagle's Nest Golf Club at PebbleCreek in Goodyear. Put the date on your calendar, and begin forming your foursome now. If you do not have a foursome, sign up as a single or double, and you will be placed into a foursome. You won't want to miss the camaraderie, competition, and many stories that will be told about this fun event. The Golf Registration Form can be found on page 13 and on the Club's Website.

Your timely reservations help us better plan the details of each meeting and event, including sufficient food and accommodations. Please indicate any dietary restrictions on the registration form, and we will make every effort to accommodate you. But if we cannot do so, we will contact you in advance. Please keep all registration deadlines in mind. Some deadlines may be earlier than you would like, but that becomes necessary based on the venue being used.

DECEMBER 14TH MEETING AT ARIZONA BROADWAY THEATRE

The 2017 Calendar Year ended with a wonderful presentation of South Pacific and meal at the Arizona Broadway Theatre in Peoria, where 53 people enjoyed themselves as these pictures show.



Photos courtesy of Karen Schlax

JANUARY 17TH MEETING AT EVIT – U.S. BORDER PATROL

The 2018 Calendar Year started with an excellent presentation by three agents from the U.S. Border Patrol Liaison Office in Casa Grande regarding their daily activities in protecting the southern U.S. border. In addition to the presentation, the 83 attendees enjoyed another fine meal presented by the East Valley Institute of Technology Culinary Arts program. Following the meeting, 40 people took advantage of the opportunity to tour the EVIT Automotive Labs and learn about their approach to educate their students and help place them into competitive jobs. Here are a few of the highlights.



Photos courtesy of Dennis Staley

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JANUARY 17TH MEETING AT EVIT – U.S. BORDER PATROL - CONTINUED

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January also saw the transition of Officers: Outgoing President, Roxanne Steffe, receives a recognition clock from Incoming President, Dennis Powers.

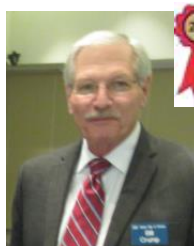


Additional photos can be found on the Club Website under [“Calendar – Previous Events & Photos”](#)

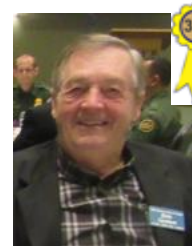
JANUARY 17TH MEETING 50/50 WINNERS



Ben Snyder - \$70



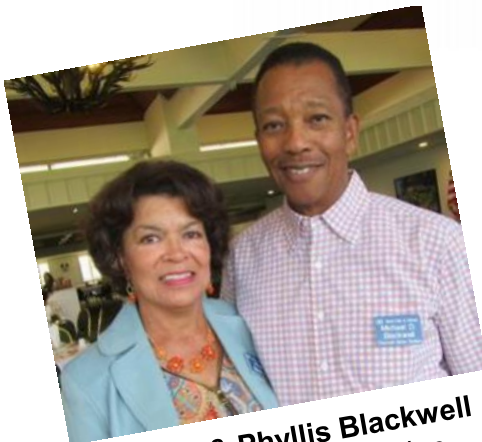
Bill Crump - \$45



Bob Goebel - \$30

Photos courtesy of Dennis Staley

NEW MEMBERS



Michael & Phyllis Blackwell
Chevrolet Motor Division



Angela Carrera
GM Legal Staff



Rita Bukur
Associate Member
Sponsored by
Mary Lou Phillips



Larry & Kathryn Kruchten
Central Foundry



John & Barbara Mrosko
Associate Member
Sponsored by Jim Smeets



Phil & Debby LaBoon
Associate Member
Sponsored by Hal Hubbard



GM Alumni Club of Arizona

2018 Membership Application/Renewal

Name: _____

Spouse/Significant Other: _____

Date Retired: ____/____/____ Birth Date: ____/____/____

GM Division/Affiliate: _____

Location: _____

Length of Service: _____ Last Position Held: _____

Arizona Address: ☐ Permanent ☐ Seasonal **Alternate Address:** ☐ Permanent ☐ Seasonal

Street: _____ Street: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ City: _____

Home Phone: (____) ____-____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Cell Phone: (____) ____-____ Phone: (____) ____-____

E-mail Address: _____

Are you interested in handling Club assignments? _____ Yes _____ No

Special interests or hobbies? _____

☐ **New Member:** Annual Membership Fee is \$30.00☐ GM or GM Affiliate Salaried Retiree or Alumni or Surviving Spouse☐ Associate Member sponsored by _____
(Member Name)**How did you hear about the Club?** _____*(All Members are encouraged to purchase the standard Club Name Badges for themselves and their spouses. Purchase forms are available at all meetings and on the Club Website.)*☐ **Member Renewal:** Renewal Membership Fee is \$30.00☐ **Member Renewal:** Life member (no cost) ☐ Age 90 by 12/31/2017☐ Pre 2011 Club President

Signed: _____ Date: _____

*(Make checks payable to: GM Alumni Club of Arizona)***Drop off completed application/renewal and check at the Welcome Table at any meeting, or mail to: GM Alumni Club of Arizona****P.O. Box 7414****Goodyear, AZ 85338**

Any questions can be directed to Larry Sessoms (623-455-8616 H) or Ken Wechsler (623-251-3684 H)

Membership Renewals due by January 1, 2018, becoming delinquent if not paid by February 1, 2018.*Note: Above information will be used for Club purposes only and not sold. Your signature allows your picture to be used as part of Club Newsletters and promotions.***Keep up to date at our website: www.azgmalumni.com**

**Meeting Registration Form
Scottsdale Community College Culinary Arts
Guest Speaker – McDowell Sonoran Conservancy
Thursday, February 15, 2018**

Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve encompasses more than 31,000 acres of pristine Sonoran Desert. More than 180 miles of well-maintained trails allow you to explore the Preserve on foot, bike or horse. The Preserve is open from sunrise to sunset. There is no charge for parking or access at any of our trailheads. So come join us for a presentation that will provide an overview of the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy program of Scottsdale, while experiencing "Culinary Excellence" delivered by the Culinary Arts program of Scottsdale Community College.

Directions:

Scottsdale Community College is located at 9000 E. Chaparral Road in Scottsdale. Exit AZ101 at Chaparral, and take Chaparral east to the 4th entrance to Scottsdale Community College (~0.5 miles from AZ101). Turn left and follow the drive north to Parking Lot H.

Time: 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM Check-In
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Lunch Is Served
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM Club Meeting & Guest Speaker Presentation

Menu and Menu Options:

The specific meal selection includes:

- **STARTER:** House Salad & Rolls
- **ENTREE:** Poached Salmon & Heirloom Tomato on Pumpnickel – Angel Hair Pasta Salad
(Select One) **Classic Monte Cristo** – Roasted Brussels Sprouts & Warm Bourbon Mustard Vinaigrette
Braised Shoulder of Lamb – Fennel & Tomato Broth, Caramelized Onion Mascarpone Polenta
- **DESSERT:** Dessert Sampler

Cost: \$20.00 Per Member or Spouse/Significant Other & \$25.00 Per Guest



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**Meeting Registration Form
Scottsdale Community College Culinary Arts
Guest Speaker – McDowell Sonoran Conservancy
Thursday, February 15, 2018**

Please return this portion of the form with your payment to: **GM Alumni Club of Arizona**
P.O. Box 7414
Goodyear, AZ 85338

The following will be attending the E. Valley Institute of Technology Culinary School Meeting:

Member _____	Cost \$20.00 – Amt Included \$ _____
Spouse/Significant Other _____	Cost \$20.00 – Amt Included \$ _____
Guest _____	Cost \$25.00 – Amt Included \$ _____
Guest _____	Cost \$25.00 – Amt Included \$ _____

Total Amount Included \$ _____

(Please make checks payable to: **GM Alumni Club of Arizona**)

ALL CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 8, 2018

If special dietary needs, please enter number of each required: Gluten Free _____ Sugar Free _____ Vegan _____

Any questions can be directed to Larry Sessoms (623-455-8616 H) or Ken Wechselberger (623-251-3684 H)

Note: Keep up to date by checking the Club Website frequently at www.azgmalumni.com.
Check out the "Calendar Tab" for details and Registration Forms for any and all events for the year.

Entrée Selection		
Salmon	Monte Cristo	Lamb
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**Meeting Registration Form
Palmbrook Country Club – Sun City, AZ
Urban Cowboy & Square Dance Party
Tuesday, April 3, 2018**

Our 2017-2018 program year concludes with a fun event at the Palmbrook Country Club in Sun City where we started the year in November 2017. Following a social hour and wonderful western meal of oven roasted chicken and Bar-B-Q ribs, the well-respected square dance caller throughout Maricopa County, Dick Callahan, will lead the group through the square dance basics. Everyone will be able to participate, couples and singles, whether you have danced in the past or not, or you can lead the cheering section from the side of the dance floor. Guests are also welcome. Come dressed in your Western wear finery to help set the mood for the day. It will be a fun afternoon for all to finish the year.

Directions:

From the AZ-101 Loop on the west side of Phoenix, exit onto W Bell Road continuing past the Liberty Buick dealership to N 91st Avenue. Turn left on N 91st Avenue for 1 mile to W Greenway Road and turn right. Palmbrook CC will be on the right.

Time: 10:30 AM Check-In
11:00 AM Social Hour
12:00 Noon Lunch
1:00 PM Square Dancing with Dick Callahan

Menu:

Salad, Oven Roasted Chicken, Bar-B-Q Ribs
& More, including Coffee & Tea



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**Meeting Registration Form
Palmbrook Country Club – Sun City, AZ
Urban Cowboy & Square Dance Party
Tuesday, April 3, 2018**

Please return a completed portion of this form to: **GM Alumni Club of Arizona**
P.O. Box 7414
Goodyear, AZ 85338

The following will be attending the Urban Cowboy & Square Dance Party:

Member _____	Cost \$30.00 – Amount Included \$ _____
Spouse/Significant Other _____	Cost \$30.00 – Amount Included \$ _____
Guest _____	Cost \$35.00 – Amount Included \$ _____
Guest _____	Cost \$35.00 – Amount Included \$ _____
Total Amount Included \$ _____	

If special dietary needs, please advise, and we will attempt to accommodate: _____

ALL REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY March 27, 2018

Any questions can be directed to Larry Sessoms (623-455-8616 H).

Note: Keep up-to-date by checking the Club Website frequently at www.azgmalumni.com.
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Special Event Golf Outing

Golf Fee of \$77.00 per Member (\$82.00 per Guest) Includes Golf, Cart, Lunch, & Prizes

- ✓ 18 Holes of Golf
- ✓ 8:00 AM Start
- ✓ Step Aside Scramble Format
- ✓ All Levels with Handicaps

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

GOLF

April 5, 2018

PebbleCreek/Eagle's Nest Golf Club 3645 W. Clubhouse Dr. Goodyear, AZ 85395
(623) 935-6761

✓ Check-in Begins at 7:00 AM at the Check-in Table. Arrive no later than 7:30 AM ✓

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Eagle's Nest Golf Club at PebbleCreek

Name _____ Handicap _____ \$ _____

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Name _____ Handicap _____ \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Memo: PebbleCreek Homeowners will pay their own golf and only pay \$30.00 toward lunch and prizes.

Please make all checks payable to: **GM Alumni Club of Arizona**

Send checks and this completed registration form to: **Ken Wechselberger**
18002 W. Edgemont Avenue
Goodyear, AZ 85395



All checks must be received no later than March 23, 2018

