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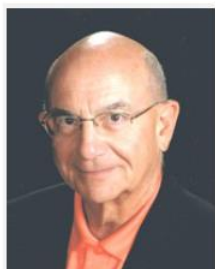
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Hello Alumni!

What a way to end our program year in April! A fun-filled social Urban Cowboy Square Dance Party followed by a wonderful, yet competitive, day on the golf course at the Annual Golf Scramble! You will find more details and pictures from these events later in this newsletter and on the Club's website.

As we look back over the year, several highlights are worthy of note. We have had 13 new members join us in 2018. New members are essential to the longevity and vibrancy of the Club. We welcome those who have joined us, and look forward to them actively participating in future events, while making them an integral part of the Club.

We continued to move our event locations around the valley to help accommodate the membership that is spread throughout the valley. Events were held in Goodyear, Sun City, Peoria, Scottsdale, and Mesa, along with a coach trip that took us south to the Tucson area. 70% of our members participated in at least one of our events with event attendance ranging anywhere between 31 and 136. The Board is regularly looking for input from the membership as to what events and locations best meet the needs of the membership. Feel free to contact any of the Board members at any time with your input.

We also had another very successful and enlightening visit from the GM Public Policy group from Washington and the GM Retiree Communications Group from Detroit as they continue to keep us well informed on GM's leading edge activities involved with autonomous vehicles and their impact on the overall auto industry.

As a good number of our members will be returning, or already have returned to cooler climates for the summer, we wish you all well in your travels and throughout the summer. For those remaining in AZ throughout the year, we hope the recent early heat wave is not a harbinger of what might be on tap for this summer. In any case, we look forward to seeing everyone again in the fall as we kick off the 2018-2019 Program Year on November 6, 2018.

Stay tuned and watch for the summer Newsletter that will be published later in the year. And of course, check the Club website – www.azgmalumni.com – frequently throughout the summer as any new information on upcoming events will be available there, as will be the ability to relive the fun-filled past events through the picture galleries available for each event under the *Calendar* tab.

Enjoy!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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With each new member, our Club grows richer in relationships shared by our common past. I recently re-read the history of General Motors, and I was awestruck with how the vision and commitment of Billy Durant, Alfred B. Sloan, and others, over a hundred years ago, remains at the core of the corporation today. Innovate, collaborate, and focus on the customer remain guiding principles to sustaining GM's position in the ever changing marketplace. We grew our careers through some difficult

times, but our skills were refined along the way. As I think about our Club, I see many similarities.

As the days of the corporation's generous sponsorship of our monthly meetings reduced to once a year, our members provided leads on numerous speakers, venues, and tours. Quickly our monthly slate of events morphed into richer experiences around the Valley and our beautiful state of Arizona. A loss? Definitely not. In fact, without the monthly meetings the Club offers, Pam and I would be left to enjoy outings offered by our HOA. Don't get me wrong, we have great neighbors, and many are dear friends. But the history we share within the GM Alumni Club makes our monthly gatherings something we look forward to.

In the past few years the Board began considering our relationships with our loyal dealers, AWIM, and GM Retiree Communications more as partners. And most recently, we were contacted by the GM IT Innovation Center in Chandler. Discussions are in process with them for a future meeting and more. It's amazing, once you see someone as a partner, you mutually explore the win-win, which ultimately forges the relationship and expands the value for all.

As I look forward to upcoming Club gatherings, I'm pleased that our monthly slate of events is already planned through April 2019. This is the first-time we've put together our annual Club calendar so quickly. And, now we can turn our attention to planning the details for your enjoyment.

Your participation continues to be akin to customer feedback. We periodically collect your input from surveys and carefully consider your ongoing comments. We pursue partnerships to enrich the value you receive as members of the GM Alumni Club of Arizona. And members of the Board remain in constant collaboration monthly, if not weekly. It's easy to see why our Club continues to grow and remains an example of innovation and collaboration as publicly heralded by GM Retiree Communications. It's all about you, and we look forward to seeing you again in November.

Call me anytime,

Dennis Powers

2018 Club President
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APRIL 3RD MEETING – URBAN COWBOY SQUARE DANCE PARTY

On April 3rd a group of our members came together for the last event of the 2017-2018 program year to enjoy the fun and excitement that comes from great social interaction with some physical activity tied in. Following a wonderful cowboy dinner of oven roasted chicken and bar-b-q ribs with all the fixin's and a complimentary drink, the attendees put on their complimentary cowboy bandanas and joined Square Dance Caller, Dick Callahan, on the dance floor to learn or refresh previously learned square dance steps. The rest is history, as all enjoyed themselves and went home having had another great day with fellow Club members.



Dick Callahan
Square Dance Caller

APRIL 5TH GOLF SCRAMBLE – EAGLE’S NEST GOLF COURSE

On a beautifully sunny, 90° F day, 29 golfers teed it up on the Eagle’s Nest Golf Course at PebbleCreek for a competitive, yet friendly, round of golf. Awards were provided to each team along with gift bags for all golfers. We are extremely thankful to our Loyal Dealers – **Arrowhead Cadillac**, **Courtesy Chevrolet**, and **Sands Chevrolet** – for providing Gift Certificates for the 1st and 2nd place Low Net teams, and to the



Team Low Net Winners:

L-R: Bob & Barb Goebel, Justin Sgro, Liberty Buick, and AnnMarie & Neil Spizzen

Regional Divisional Marketing Teams

out of California for providing many great items that were used as raffle prizes following the luncheon. Prizes included wind breakers, golf shirts, tee shirts, sports bags and a nice Fossil watch. We are also very thankful for the support provided by **Liberty Buick/GMC** – another of our Loyal Dealers – and the **GM Communications Group** out of Detroit, as they also helped fill the gift bags with golf balls, sun glasses, cooler cups, golf towels, 6-pack can cooler bags, and numerous additional items.



Team Low Net Runner-Up:

L-R: Bill Crump, Lee McDonell, Carol Adkins, and Marcia McDonell

There were also several individual awards presented in the form of gift certificates. These were presented for the Longest Drive to Peter Langenhorst – a new member who has just joined the Club – for Closest to the Pin to Terry Cavanaugh, and for Longest Putt to Mitch Counce.

In order to have a smooth running event, there are always those in the background who should not be overlooked. This year we had two of our regular golfers who were physically unable to play the game step forward to play that very important support role. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to Bob Adkins and Hall Hubbard who spent all day supporting Ken Wechselberger – the event’s sponsor – and the players by running the refreshment cart, taking pictures, providing golf tips along the way, and helping set up all the awards and prizes. We look forward to their return on the golf course next year.

Following are pictures from the event, with more to be found on the following page and on the website at: http://www.azgmalumni.com/uploads/7/6/0/5/76050309/20180405_golf_outing.pdf



L-R: Don Robins, Jon Moss, Dennis Powers, and Jim Mottern



L-R: Phil LaBoon, Ron Yuste, Bruce Gibson, and Stacy Dwarshuis



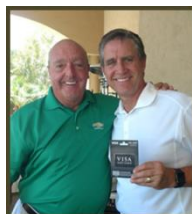
L-R: Tom Galdos, Dave Mulka, Gary Grobe, and Dennis Sarahs

APRIL 5TH GOLF SCRAMBLE - CONTINUED

L-R: Jeff Harper, Larry Sessoms, Terry Cavanaugh, and Mitch Counce



L-R: John Kobierowski, Leroy Rottinghouse, Peter Langenhorst, and Chris Scott, Liberty GMC



Longest Drive:
Peter Langenhorst (Right)



Closest to the Pin:
Terry Cavanaugh (Left)



Longest Putt:
Mitch Counce

FEBRUARY 15TH 50/50 WINNERS

Val Crump - \$60



Angela Carrera - \$45



Pat Stoner - \$25

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MARCH 14TH DAY TRIP 50/50 WINNERS

Astrida Mathews - \$55



Derek Logan - \$40



Carol Adkins - \$22

APRIL 3RD MEETING 50/50 WINNERS

Dennis Powers - \$33



Val Crump - \$20



Karen Schlax - \$13

OBITUARY FOR GEORGIANA JEAN HEIDENBERGER (1931 - 2018)

Long time member of our Club, Jean Heidenberger, 86, died peacefully at her residence on Monday, April 2, 2018. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Clarence, 4 children, 5 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Jean was born in Detroit on October 15, 1931. She married Clarence Heidenberger on October 21, 1950 in Flint. She retired in 1987 from GM Chevrolet in the Financial Department after 30 years of service.

Jean has been described as a sassy lady with a quick wit and an infectious laugh and smile that fit her gregarious personality. After retiring, she enjoyed working in her yard and performing domestic chores at both her homes in MI and AZ, including meal planning for her family. Entertaining them and friends brought her the most joy that also included pontoon rides and sunsets on Silver Lake near Fenton, MI, for 33 years. She had a commanding presence wherever she was, and her loss leaves a huge hole in many of our hearts.

WHAT'S PLANNED FOR THE 2018-2019 PROGRAM YEAR?

Your Club Board of Directors have planned another exciting year for the Club, with interesting topics and special social opportunities. This is the current information available to give you an opportunity to save some dates, while other dates and other detailed information are still being firmed up as noted below.

November 6, 2018	PebbleCreek CC	Goodyear
Speaker: Admiral Clark – <i>United States' Current Challenges</i> Chair: Ken Wechselberger		
December 6, 2018	Arizona Broadway Theatre	Peoria
Dinner Show: <i>Miracle on 34th Street</i> Chair: Hal Hubbard		
January 16, 2019	East Valley Institute of Technology Culinary Arts	Mesa
Speaker: Starbright Foundation – <i>Human Trafficking</i> Chair: Dennis Powers		
February 12, 2019	Arrowhead Cadillac – Dealer-Sponsored	Glendale
Speaker: GM TBD Chair: Roxanne & Alan Steffe		
March 12, 2019	Rustler's Rooste	Phoenix
Comedian: TBD Chair: Jon Moss & Mike Borugian		
April 2?, 2019	TBD	TBD
Picnic-in-the-Park Chair: TBD		
April ??, 2019	Golf Outing	TBD
Location: TBD Chair: Bob Goebel		

Please Notice This



Another change that will be occurring this summer is a ***Change of Address for the Club mailings.*** Be aware that all future Meeting or Event Registrations and Memberships will note the new Club mailing address to be: ***GM Alumni Club of Arizona
c/o Hal Hubbard
26921 W. Wahalla Lane
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The current Club P.O. Box will be discontinued in October.

With this change, we thank Larry Sessoms and Ken Wechselberger for overseeing all of our receipts through the existing mail box over the last several years, and we welcome Hal Hubbard as he will now be taking on this task. Hal's willingness to receive the mail at his home as a full-time AZ resident will improve the efficiency of our registrations and eliminate some of the difficulties we have experienced with the P.O. Box. More information will follow in the Summer Newsletter.



See you in Fall!

Remember to periodically check us out
throughout the summer at
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