

## THE CLUB REPORTER

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## EDITOR'S WELCOME



Hello Alumni!

***It's time...*** to get ready and make plans for another year of camaraderie with your fellow members of the GM Alumni Club of Arizona. With the official start of Fall, comes our first meeting of the year on **November 6<sup>th</sup>**. Information about this meeting and others to follow are available later in this Newsletter, along with Registration Forms for your use. I would encourage you to put the meeting dates on your calendars and get your registrations in as soon as possible to make sure you do not miss the registration deadlines.

You will note that we have some very interesting meeting topics this year – challenges facing our country, human trafficking prevention, dinner theater entertainment, professional comedy, a GM speaker – before concluding with a picnic and the annual golf outing. These meetings are scattered throughout the valley – Phoenix, Glendale, Peoria, Goodyear, and Mesa – in an attempt to make the meetings more accessible to all members of the Club. If you have guests who might be interested in some of these interesting topics, remember that they are welcome and can be added to your registration form for the particular meeting.

As we approach the end of the calendar year, we also approach the time to renew our memberships in the Club. 2019 membership renewals are due January 1, 2019, with memberships becoming delinquent if not paid by February 1, 2019. The 2019 Membership Renewal Form is included for your convenience as the last page of this Newsletter. If you know other GM retirees or alumni who are not yet members of our Club, feel free to pass them a copy of the Membership Form and encourage them to attend a meeting with you or join the club directly. Remember that membership recruitment is best done by word of mouth from a satisfied and encouraging member to the potential prospect. You as a Club member are the best ambassador and recruiter that we have.

I look forward to seeing everyone again on November 6<sup>th</sup> at our first meeting at Pebble Creek. In the meantime, remember to periodically check the Club website – [www.azgmalumni.com](http://www.azgmalumni.com) – to keep up with any new calendar information on upcoming events and follow up photos from completed activities.

Enjoy!

*Alan Steffe*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Can you believe that our first-event for the 2018-2019 season is less than one month away? Pam and I are really looking forward to being back with the fine people who are the GM Alumni Club of AZ. Why are these gatherings different from other social events we enjoy? Because we have a lifetime of memories in common with all of you, regardless which division or group you worked for. Everyone's GM "history" has enough commonalities, and friendships are easy to form.

On more than one occasion Pam has reminded me that I receive more information on the Club's activities than she does. We have a very easy solution for that. Include the email of your spouse or significant other on your membership renewal application (due January 1, 2019). They will then begin receiving a copy of the GM Alumni Club of AZ Newsletter and all the email updates too. That makes it so easy!

Would you like to make friends fast or just get involved? We're always looking for help at our events, registration, greeter, 50/50, and more. If you, your spouse, or significant other are willing to explore how you might assist, please note that on your application renewal. We'll give you a call to learn more. There are plenty of Club members who have years of experience to share, and you will be paired with someone who's ready to assist you to enjoy yourself.

Alan Steffe, our secretary/treasurer, recently told me that we've had 43 new members join us in the last three years. That's an amazing accomplishment. From what I've experienced, all members share the credit for the warm welcome we give our guests and new members. So how do we continue to grow our Club and overcome the normal attrition? Easy, one member at-a-time, with your help.

GM is unable to provide us with names and addresses in lieu of security requirements. But with over 3,000 GM Alumni residing within one hour of the Phoenix Valley, we're appreciative of every new member and referral you send our way. And with our event calendar planned several months in advance, perhaps you could invite them to an event to check us out.

This Club strives to enrich your social life, whether you attend one or more meetings. Registration forms for upcoming meetings are included in this newsletter. And you can check out the website anytime, <http://www.azgmalumni.com/calendar-of-events.html> for more information on events and additional Meeting Registration Forms.

I look forward to seeing you soon,

***Dennis Powers***

2018 Club President  
480.883.6994

## 2018 - 2019 PROGRAM YEAR MEETINGS

Tuesday

November 6, 2018

Ret. Admiral Clark  
"United States'  
Current  
Challenges"



Admiral Clark completed a distinguished 37-year Navy career in 2005 beginning in the late 1960's through 2005. His Navy experience spans his beginning days in destroyers, early command of a Patrol Gunboat as a Lieutenant, and concluding in the halls of the Pentagon as the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) and a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Admiral Clark became the CNO just before the Global War on Terrorism became a reality with the attack on USS COLE and 9/11. Ultimately he became the second longest serving CNO in history, and is the only Chief of any Service to be extended in office under the current legislation established by the Goldwater-Nichols Act in 1986. His number one priority was to "win the battle for the people," while leading the Navy forward into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

He has an exceptional background to be able to share his thoughts on the "United States' Current Challenges," and from the daily news, we all know there are plenty of challenges. That should make it a **must attend** meeting!

The meeting is at Pebble Creek Eagle's Nest Ballroom, with registration beginning at 10:00 am and an open bar at 11:00 am. Cost is \$25.00 per member and spouse/significant other and \$30.00 per non-member for the meal and presentation. **Registration is due by October 30, 2018.** Additional information can be found on the Club's website, and a Registration Form can be found on page 6 of this newsletter.

Thursday

December 6, 2018

Arizona Broadway  
Theatre  
"Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup>  
Street



Our Club's Christmas event this year will again be held at the Arizona Broadway Theatre – a five star musical theatre featuring professional Broadway productions with restaurant style dining. Please join us for this production based on the beloved classical film "Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street."

It tells the tale of last-minute Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Santa-replacement, Kris Kringle, who may or may not be THE Santa Claus, and the people who take him in. Filled with humor, spectacle, and treasured songs such as *My Wish*, *Expect Things to Happen*, and *It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas*, this festive, heart-warming musical is a **must-see** for the family this holiday season.

Check-in is 11:45 am with lunch at 12:15 pm and the show at 2:00 pm. Cost is \$65.00 per member and spouse/significant other and \$70.00 per non-member for the meal and show. **Registration is due by November 1, 2018.** Additional information can be found on the Club's website, and a Registration Form can be found on page 7 of this newsletter.



## 2018 - 2019 PROGRAM YEAR MEETINGS

Wednesday

January 16, 2019

Lorie Regnier  
"Human  
Trafficking  
Prevention...  
Keeping Our  
Children Safe"



Lori Regnier has been a resident of Gilbert for 18 years. She is Co-Founder and Vice President of the Starbright Foundation, a local Gilbert based non-profit that serves child victims of sex trafficking and abuse.

Lori has over 30 years' experience advocating for child abuse victims. She was the recipient of the Soroptomist Ruby award and was named one of Arizona's Top Ten Women of Courage for being on the front lines in Arizona combatting the dark world of child sex trafficking. She was a guest on the Dr. Oz show with Lisa Ling, doing a special on Sex Trafficking in America after helping a local police officer's family who had their young daughter stolen and sold into trafficking.

She was also honored with the "Big O" Hero award for being a local Real Estate Agent making the most change for children in the Valley and was recently recognized with the Channel 12 News Award for her efforts in keeping children safe. She has been directly involved in the recovery of missing children taken into sex trafficking. Lori educates weekly on social media dangers and how to keep our children safe from an ever increasing dark crime against our Valley youth.

The meeting is at the East Valley Institute of Technology Culinary Institute, with registration beginning at 10:30 am and the speaker at 11:00 am. Cost is \$22.00 per member and spouse/significant other and \$27.00 per non-member for the meal and presentation. **Registration is due by January 7, 2019.** Additional information and a Registration Form can be found on the Club's website, [www.azgmalumni.com](http://www.azgmalumni.com).

Tuesday

February 12, 2019

GM Speaker  
TBD

This is a Dealer-Sponsored luncheon with a GM speaker yet to be determined. The luncheon will be provided by Arrowhead Cadillac at their dealership in Glendale. As more details are finalized they will be available on the Club's website – [www.azgmalumni.com](http://www.azgmalumni.com). Lock the date on your calendar and watch the website and your newsletters for more details.



Tuesday

March 12, 2019

Professional  
Comedian  
TBD

The GM Alumni Club will be returning to Rustler's Rooste in Phoenix to enjoy a true western cowboy meal experience of steak, chicken, corn, potatoes and all the fixin's followed by entertainment and laughter with a professional comedian. Registration will start at 10:30 am with an open bar available and the comedian performing after lunch. As more details are finalized they will be available on the Club's website – [www.azgmalumni.com](http://www.azgmalumni.com). Lock the date on your calendar and watch the website and your newsletters for more details.



## 2018 - 2019 PROGRAM YEAR MEETINGS

## April 2019

## Events

The Program Year will conclude in April 2019 with a planned Picnic in the Park and the annual Golf Outing. Details for these events and their actual dates are still being finalized and will be communicated as soon as possible. Visit the Club website frequently – [www.azgmalumni.com](http://www.azgmalumni.com) – to keep up with the latest updates.

Picnic  
&  
Golf

The 2017 Picnic in the Park was a great success and enjoyed by all in attendance. It is hoped to build on that success and finish the year on another successful high.

The annual Golf Outing always produces a lot of camaraderie, fun and stories about “the putt that should have gone in” or “the one that just missed.” This year will be no different. Start putting your team together today.

## OBITUARY FOR JAMES (JIM) A. HILL JR. (1928 – 2018)



Jim Hill Jr. passed away September 2, 2018 in Scottsdale. He was a very active Club member in past years. A memorial service was held on September 22, 2018 in Belleville, Kansas.

Jim had a great passion for anything on four wheels. He was employed by the Melton Motor car dealership for 16 years before being hired by the General Motors Corporation, and working his way up to an executive position as heavy duty truck sales manager in charge of U.S. fleet sales. Throughout his career, he mentored several employees that carried his knowledge and spark for leadership into the next generation. On his way up the ladder with GM, he earned the distinction of becoming the youngest zone manager in the company's history. Jim arranged for the first truck ever to be used as a pace car at the Indianapolis 500, as well as providing trucks to movie studios. Jim and his wife, Joyce, hosted many GM functions in both the U.S. and abroad throughout the years.

After retiring in 1987, Jim branched out into the real estate business while remaining active as a consultant for many car and truck operations. Jim is survived by a daughter, Barbara, of Overland Park, KS and son, Douglas, of Scottsdale.

His complete obituary can be found at: <https://www.tibbettsfischerfuneralhome.com/notices/JamesJim-HillJr>

## NOTICE: CLUB CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please Notice This



Remember that we have **Changed the Address for the Club mailings** this summer. Be aware that all future Meeting or Event Registrations and Memberships are to be sent to the new Club mailing address at:

**GM Alumni Club of Arizona  
c/o Hal Hubbard  
26921 W. Wahalla Lane  
Buckeye, AZ 85396**

The current Club P.O. Box has been discontinued. We welcome Hal Hubbard as he now takes 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 had previously experienced with the P.O. Box.

**Meeting Registration Form  
Pebble Creek Eagle's Nest Ballroom  
Guest Speaker – Admiral Vern Clark, Retired  
Tuesday, November 6, 2018**

Retired Admiral Vern Clark, U.S. Chief of Naval Operations 2000 – 2005, will be speaking on the ***"United States' Current Challenges."*** Admiral Clark will be drawing from his extensive 37-year Navy experience and recent experiences on many educational and industrial boards. Since his "official" retirement, he is now routinely engaged in consulting in the national security arena and frequently lectures regarding our military and the principles of leadership. This should be a very interesting presentation and discussion given today's world political environment. You will not want to miss this meeting!

**Directions:**

The Pebble Creek Eagle's Nest Ballroom is located at 3645 Clubhouse Drive, in Goodyear, AZ. Take Interstate 10 west from Phoenix to North Pebble Creek Parkway and turn north to Clubhouse Drive. Turn right and follow to the Eagle's Nest Golf Club.

**Time:** 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM    Check-In  
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM    Cash Bar  
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM    Business Meeting  
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM    Luncheon  
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM    Speaker with Q&A

**Menu and Menu Options:**

The specific meal selection includes:

- **SOUP:** Tomato Bisque
- **ENTREE:** Chicken Piccata – Sautéed breast of chicken topped with a lemon caper and white wine cream sauce, with Haricot Vert sautéed with bacon and red onion and Wild Rice Pilaf
- **DESERT:** Peach Pie
- **Cost:** \$25.00 Per Member or Spouse/Significant Other & \$30.00 Per Guest

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Guest Speaker – Admiral Vern Clark, Retired  
Tuesday, November 6, 2018**

Please **return this portion** of the form with your payment to:

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

**ALL CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 30, 2018**

**GM Alumni Club of Arizona  
c/o Hal Hubbard  
26921 W. Waballa Lane  
Buckeye, AZ 85396**

The following will be attending the November 6, 2018 Meeting at Pebble Creek:

Member _____	Cost \$25.00 – Amt Included \$ _____
Spouse/Significant Other _____	Cost \$25.00 – Amt Included \$ _____
Guest _____	Cost \$30.00 – Amt Included \$ _____
Guest _____	Cost \$30.00 – Amt Included \$ _____
<b>Total Amount Included \$ _____</b>	

If **special dietary needs**, please advise, and we will attempt to accommodate: \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions can be directed to Ken Wechselberger (623-251-3684 H)

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**"Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street"**  
**Thursday, December 6, 2018 – Matinee**

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**Directions:**

The Arizona Broadway Theatre is located at 7701 W. Paradise Lane, Peoria AZ. (623) 776-8400. Take the West 101 Loop to Bell Road and turn East. Travel on Bell Road to N. 77th Ave. and turn right (South). Take N. 77th Ave. and go across W. Paradise Lane (at the light) and the theater is ahead on the right.

**Time:**

11:45AM -- 12:15PM	Check-In Theatre Lobby (Bar Open)
12:15AM -- 1:15PM	Lunch Is Served
2:00PM	Show Time

**Menu:**

Lunch will be individually selected from the Theatre Menu. You can preview the menu at [www.azbroadway.org](http://www.azbroadway.org). Alcohol and desserts are extra and will be billed separately. Tips are not in the cost of the ticket and would be greatly appreciated. Alternate meals, such as gluten free and vegetarian, are available from the menu and can be ordered on that date.

**Cost:** **\$65.00** Per Member or Spouse/Sig. Other – Includes Musical Admission and a three course meal.  
**\$70.00** Per Guest

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Spouse/Significant Other _____	Cost \$65.00 – Amount Included \$ _____
Guest _____	Cost \$70.00 – Amount Included \$ _____
Guest _____	Cost \$70.00 – Amount Included \$ _____
<b>Total Amount Included \$ _____</b>	

**Note:** If you wish to be seated with someone specific, please advise who: \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions can be directed to Hal Hubbard at 623-256-8938.

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# GM Alumni Club of Arizona

## 2019 Membership Application/Renewal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Significant Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Retired: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

GM Division/Affiliate: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Position Held: \_\_\_\_\_

Arizona Address: ☐ Permanent ☐ SeasonalAlternate Address: ☐ Permanent ☐ Seasonal

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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 12/31/2018☐ 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  
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Buckeye, AZ 85396

**Membership Renewals due by January 1, 2019, becoming delinquent if not paid by February 1, 2019.**

*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.*

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Keep up to date at our website: [www.azgmalumni.com](http://www.azgmalumni.com)

9/24/2018