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Hello GM Alumni Club of Arizona Members!

I hope this summer **Club Update** finds you all well during these unprecedented times. The ongoing uncertainties and changes imposed on us by the COVID-19 pandemic over the past five months have impacted all aspects of our lives, and it appears that it will continue to impact us for some time yet going forward.

As these changes continue to unfold, your Club Board is continuing to move forward with event planning in hopes of providing the 2020 – 2021 Program Year as communicated in April; however, there may have to be some changes or cancellations going forward. Those Board members responsible for the various events are maintaining contact with the planned venues and speakers to assure that a safe environment can be provided, while complying with health and government directions in place at that time. Be assured that the safety and well-being of all our members is of utmost importance and will be the determining factor in holding any event.

This means that our ability to provide final details for the planned events may be delayed from the timing which we have come to expect in past years. However, we will provide them as early as possible to allow you as much lead time as possible before an event. You may also check the Calendar page of the Club's website frequently for the latest updates at <https://www.azgmalumni.com/calendar.html>.

A highlight of next year's programming is the private Dinner Cruise on Canyon Lake aboard the Dolly Steamboat planned for April 7, 2021. The cruise is scheduled from 5:00 – 8:00 pm with complimentary bus transportation from the Sun City, Peoria, Surprise areas sponsored by Liberty Buick and Liberty GMC. With all the disruptions and uncertainties of this year, the Club has agreed to subsidize this event for its members such that the cost will be \$55.00 for members and \$75.00 for guests in addition to the free motor coach. This event requires some long-range planning and commitment on the part of the Club. A minimum of 45 participants are required to make this activity viable with firm commitments by mid-January. Reserve the date now and plan to be able to dine in style with complete relaxation during the twilight cruise, while observing breathtaking scenery and watching the bighorn sheep and bald eagles as they settle in for the evening. It will be an experience you will never forget. Assuming we will be able to safely conduct this activity, you will want to confirm your place now by responding with an email to azgmalumniclub@gmail.com.

I wish I could provide you more definite program details and plans at this time, but the current uncertainties do not permit it. I will keep you updated as plans can be firmed up. In the meantime, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you might have.

Stay safe and healthy! I look forward to seeing everyone again this fall.

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**PLANNED 2020 - 2021 PROGRAM YEAR EVENTS**

**November 2020
Hall of Flame
Lunch & Tours**

The Hall of Flame in Phoenix is the world's largest firefighting museum, chronicling the history of the profession and commemorating fallen firefighters. Preliminary discussions have occurred for a catered lunch and docent-led tours. Final details will be confirmed once the Coronavirus pandemic eases and businesses return to normal operations.



**December 2020
Arizona Broadway
Dinner Theatre**

The Arizona Broadway Dinner Theatre always presents a professional and very entertaining Broadway Musical performance accompanied with a delicious meal, while setting the stage for a wonderful Christmas season.



**January 13, 2021
EVIT - Speaker
Gail Rhodes**

Gail Rhodes, a doctoral student at the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism at ASU, has committed to speak to the Club on January 13th at the East Valley Institute of Technology Culinary School regarding her studies of *Fake News*, a topic we hear all too much about today. She has worked in television as an anchor and reporter for 20 years. Gail will explain the origins of fake news, how to spot it, how it has evolved over the years, and how it is being used today to affect major events. She will also explore how fake news could be curbed and how we can become better consumers, by knowing how to spot fake news.



**February 2021
Sands Chevrolet
Sponsored Luncheon**

Jerry Moore, Dealer Operator at Sands Motor Company, has committed to providing a dealer-sponsored event for our Club in early February 2021 at their dealership in Surprise. A GM speaker will join us to present the latest Chevrolet product information at that time.



**March 2021
General Motors
Public Policy Meeting**

The GM Public Policy Group from Washington has requested a return to Arizona to present to all GM retirees and alumni a GM Business and Public Policy Update. We are privileged to be one of only a few sites in the U.S. where these presentations are provided by the corporation. The exact date and location is yet to be determined.

**April 7, 2021
Dolly Steamboat
Dinner Cruise**

A private dinner cruise is planned on Canyon Lake from 5:00 - 8:00 pm with complimentary bus transportation provided by Liberty Buick and Liberty GMC from the Sun City, Peoria, Surprise area. A minimum of 45 people are required to make this private event possible. The Club plans to subsidize this event with a resulting cost of \$55.00 per member and \$75.00 per guest. **If you are interested in participating in this event, please respond with your comments and number who would participate by via email to azgmalumniclub@gmail.com.** Final commitments will be due by mid-January.

**April 2021
Golf Outing
18 Hole Scramble**

The annual Club Golf Outing is again being planned for April 2021. It will consist of an 18-hole handicapped scramble format for all levels of golfing skills with cart, meal, beverages, and awards. The exact date and location is yet to be finalized.

**OBITUARY FOR FLORENCE SCHUMAL (1930 - 2020)**

Florence Schumal, wife of Club past-president Michael Schumal for 70 years, passed away on July 4, 2020. In addition to her husband, Michael, she is survived by her daughter, Lynne, and son, Michael, Jr. Communications may be sent to Lynne Schumal at 4340 East Indian School Road, Suite 21-572, Phoenix, AZ 85018.