

EDITOR AND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Hello Alumni!

I hope everyone has survived this very unusual summer in many ways — staying safe from the COVID-19 pandemic, surviving the quarantines, following numerous government executive orders, and enduring all the political banter preceding the November elections, all while enduring an extremely hot summer and very dry monsoon season. However, the calendar keeps moving along and fall is approaching, and with it another program year for our Club.

The Board has held several virtual meetings this summer, while monitoring the directions from the CDC, the NIH, and our local government officials. We fully understand the importance of following the safety directives in place and do not want to put any of our members in a compromising position by any events we would conduct. However we also understand that there are those members who are looking forward to getting together again with fellow Club members to enjoy the socialization we are all seeking and have missed over the past nine months.

This information was borne out through the recent survey we conducted, where certain Club members stated that they remain hesitant to venture out until a vaccine is available and has been received, while others are more eager to return to a more normal lifestyle. I want to thank all who responded to that survey. Your responses confirmed that we need to proceed with plans for a normal year and adapt them to the health and safety requirements at the time, while recognizing that some members will not be returning to events as soon as others. Obviously, we respect each member's actions and look forward to the day that all our members will be able to again safely and freely attend the Club events.

With this as background, the Board has re-evaluated the plans put together last fall and made some revisions in the planned events for this year. We have also recognized that the longer-range detailed planning we are accustomed to may have to be shortened under the current uncertain times with final plans being made closer to the actual event date than we have had to do in the past. Therefore, flexibility is becoming a key word and directive for this year, while timely communication becomes a key activity. With that in mind, the Club website will be updated with the latest details of our event activities as they are finally defined. With this in mind, feel free to check the calendar page on the Club's website – www.gmazalumni.com – frequently.

The first event of the 2020 – 2021 Program Year will be a visit and guided tour of the Hall of Flame – Firefighting Museum in Phoenix on November 16th. This museum (Continued on page 2)

EDITOR AND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONT'D)

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originated in Wisconsin in 1961 and moved to Arizona in 1974 and has become the world's largest firefighting museum, chronicling the history of the firefighting profession and commemorating fallen firefighters. More information regarding this event can be found on page 3 and a registration form can be found on page 8 of this newsletter. It will be a memorable tour that you will not want to miss.

Since the Arizona Broadway Theatre is closed through December, we have changed our previously planned December event to a tour of the Cerreta Candy Company in Glendale on December 8th. The Cerreta Candy Company is a family-owned business founded over 50 years ago consisting of a candy factory and retail store – the largest in Arizona. This will provide a great way to approach the Christmas season – watching various types of candy being made, drooling over the luscious treats, and purchasing Christmas candies for yourself, family, and friends. More information about this event can be found on page 4 and a registration form can be found on page 9 of this newsletter.

On January 13th we will be returning to the East Valley Institute of Technology to learn more about a very current topic – *Fake News*! Gail Rhodes, a doctoral student at ASU's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism, who has had 20 years of experience in television as an anchor and reporter, will enlighten the Club about the origins of Fake News, how to spot it, and how the term has evolved over the years. You will not want to miss this presentation and the opportunity to get answers to the many questions you have about this topic. Make sure to save the date.

On April 7th we plan to enjoy a private evening dinner cruise on the Dolly Steamboat on Canyon Lake. This event requires an early commitment of January 1st to assure a sufficient number of participants to complete the booking for the private cruise. More information about the cruise and a registration form are found on pages 5 and 10. Sign up early, so you do not miss this exceptional event.

As you can see, we are proceeding to provide interesting topics and activities during the year, all with safety issues in mind, as we work to return to some sense of normalcy with our programming. More information and details of the remaining 2021 activities can be found on the Club website and in future newsletters.

Also included in the newsletter is an opportunity to learn more about Club members Trevor and Rose Martin. Did you know that Trevor was born in England? Read on to learn more about the Martins and strengthen your relationship with fellow Club members.

As we approach the end of 2020, it is time to look ahead for new officers and Board Directors for the 2021. I will be convening a Nominating Committee in November to carry out this task. We are always looking for new members and fresh ideas for the Board and would encourage anyone interested in being involved to come forward and let me know your interest.

I look forward to the beginning of another exciting year and seeing as many of you as possible in November! Enjoy!



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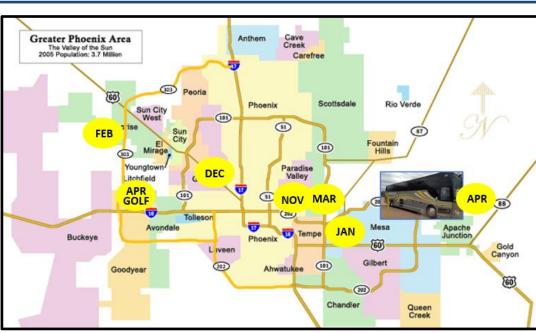
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2020 - 2021 PROGRAM YEAR CALENDAR

The 2020 – 2021 activities and events had to change somewhat from the overall program plan communicated in the spring as a result of the ongoing pandemic and may require some further changes during the year due to future uncertainties. Therefore, these are the best plans we have to date for your planning. As updates occur and plans are further finalized, they will be made available on the Club website – www.azgmalumni.com – and in future newsletters. So watch for these updates, stay flexible, and enjoy another year of interesting events.

Here is how
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the
2020 - 2021
Program Year

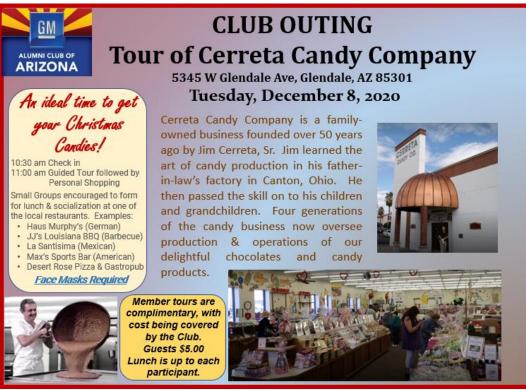


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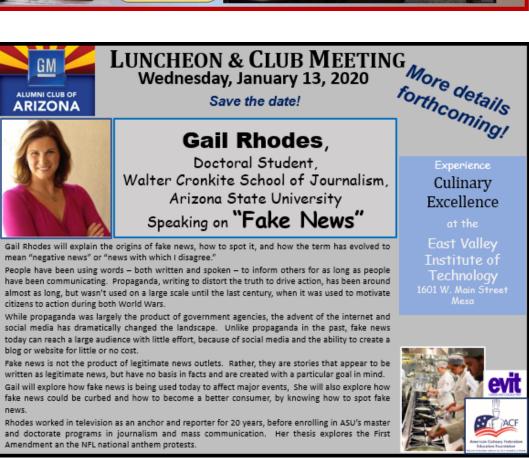


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February 2021
Sands Chevrolet
Sponsored Luncheon

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
Desert Botanical
Garden Tour &
Luncheon

Come enjoy the beauty of the desert as you explore 50,000+ plant displays showcased in beautiful outdoor exhibits throughout the 55 acres under cultivation. Join us for a private lunch, and hear from a garden specialist in Binns Wildflower Pavilion at the Desert Botanical Garden. Following lunch, docent-led or self-guided tours will be available. This brings back the event planned for this past April that was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

April 14, 2021
PebbleCreek
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. Begin to form your foursome or plan to be placed in a foursome and enjoy a day of golf with friends.



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MEET CLUB MEMBERS - TREVOR & ROSE MARTIN

As the Club preamble states, Club members "enjoy good times with friends, new and old,..." So, it's time to learn more about two of our members, *Trevor and Rose Martin*, as new and deeper friendships are being formed.



Trevor was born in Littlebury, England, and emigrated to the United States with his mother at the age of three. Upon their arrival at Ellis Island, they immediately traveled to White Cloud, Michigan, a small community located 50 miles north of

Grand Rapids, where they reunited with their father and husband. At the age of 11, the family moved to Houghton Lake, Michigan, where they resided until Trevor was 16, when the family again moved to Richmond, Michigan. Trevor was the oldest of three children. He had a younger brother, Colin, and a younger sister, Elise.

Trevor attended Houghton Lake High School from freshman through junior year and St. Augustine High School in Richmond for his senior year. His performance in high school led to membership in the National Honor Society and receipt of a Michigan Merit Scholarship award. While attending St. Augustine High School, a friend set him up on a blind date with a fellow senior, Rose Beaufait, and as they say, "The rest is history!"

Following high school graduation in 1962, Rose attended Siena Heights College in Adrian, Michigan, while Trevor went north to Michigan College of Mining and Technology (known today Michigan as Technological University) in Houghton, Michigan on the Keweenaw Peninsula into Lake Superior. Although they were physically 700 miles apart, they remained together. Rose graduated in 1966 with a Bachelor of Philosophy/Education degree and Trevor graduated in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry. Rose and Trevor were married in Romeo, Michigan, on June 29, 1968.

Trevor began his working career with Uniroyal Tire in

Detroit, Michigan, where he worked as a Development Engineer on truck and aircraft tires form 1967 through 1979. While working at Uniroyal Tire, he also attended Wayne State University in Detroit and graduated with a Masters in Business Administration degree in 1972.

In March 1979, Trevor began his GM career and joined the GM Engineering Staff. While at GM, he worked at Tire and Wheel Systems (light truck tire development), Durability Test and Development (Competitive Assessment), Noise and Vibration (Squeak and Rattle), Advanced Vehicle Development and Vehicle Closures Development. Trevor spent two years as an ISP (International Service Personnel) at Opel in Germany, where he worked as a Squeak and Rattle consultant and as a Vehicle Development Engineer responsible for the Opel Astra Coupe and Convertible. His GM career ended with his retirement in April 2007.

Upon graduation from Siena Heights College, Rose entered the workforce as a 3rd grade teacher in St. Clair Shores Lakeshore District. She taught for three years before taking 10 years off to be a stay-at-home mom. She returned to teaching in 1983 as a 3rd grade teacher in the Linden Community School District. She taught 3rd grade until 1998 when she took a leave of absence to accompany Trevor in Germany during his ISP assignment with GM. She returned to teaching in the fall of 1999 as an elementary Art Teacher and continued that until she retired in 2009.

Family has been very important to Rose and Trevor



throughout their 53 years of marriage. They are more in love now than ever. have three wonderful children: Joel is the oldest, Todd is the middle child and Elizabeth is the youngest. They grandparents of 11 and great grandparents of three. The grandchildren range in age from 3 years old to 32 years old and the great grandchildren range in age from 2 years to 6 years. Trevor's parents and brother, Colin, are deceased, while his sister. Elise. lives Bradenton, Florida.

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Following their retirements, Trevor and Rose travelled to south Texas (Rockport) every winter in their 5th wheel trailer until 2012. That was when they decided to put down seasonal roots in Arizona and Northwest Michigan. They purchased an experienced home in Sun City Anthem at Merrill Ranch in Florence as their winter home and a condo on the Chief Golf Course in Bellaire, Michigan, as their summer residence. They have never regretted either decision.

Trevor and Rose enjoy doing anything together. This is especially important now with the restrictions of the COVID-19 situation, since they have to spend so much time together. They enjoy planning and working on home improvement projects, taking walks, cooking and entertaining friends and family. Trevor enjoys Off-Road adventures in his Chevrolet Colorado ZR2 Bison, along with golf and hiking.

They are also active in their community, where Trevor is Deputy Grand Knight and Membership Chairman in the Knights of Columbus in Florence, Arizona. He has planned and executed their Charity Golf Outing for the past six years, and he and Rose are the head of the Lenten Fish Dinners. Trevor is also Secretary on his

Condo Association Board of Directors. He previously served as a School Board member for several years in Linden, Michigan. In retirement he has been an Assistant Junior Golf coach.

Trevor joined the GM Alumni Club of Arizona in March 2018 and is currently serving on its Board of Directors as Secretary/Treasurer. The Club is fortunate to have Trevor and Rose in our membership along with the many experiences and leadership they contribute to the Club. Look them up at a future Club meeting and get to know them better!



OBITUARY FOR EDWARD H. MERTZ (3/12/1937 - 8/20/2020)



Edward Mertz, an active member of the GM Alumni Club of AZ in past years, passed away on August 20th from complications of Parkinson's Disease. Ed received a Chemical Engineering Degree from Notre Dame, where he was also active in ROTC, before beginning his 38 year career with General Motors. His career with GM culminated after 38 years of service as the Buick Motor Division General Manager and General Motors Vice President.

Ed spent his retirement perfecting his woodworking and photography skills, which led to an exhibit of his photography at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale. Ed is survived by his beloved wife of 31 years, Alice Mertz, and children Darrin (Jacki) Mertz and Jodi Pucik. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Lexi, Katie, Danielle, Faith and Sterling.

OBITUARY FOR JO ANN MORSE (1935 - 2020)

JoAnn Morse, wife of Club Member Dale Morse, passed away July 23, 2020, at Banner Baywood Medical Center, in Mesa of natural causes. In addition to her husband, Dale, she is survived by her son, Robert (Julie) Anderson of Poway, CA, daughter Kim (Jeff) Buckley of Denver, CO. Communications may be sent to Dale Morse at 2662 N. Platina Street, Mesa, AZ 85215.

Hole in the Rock

CONDOMINIUMS

RNWOOD

RED ROX

Papago Park Phoenix Zoo

Rolling Hills Gol

Event Registration Form Hall of Flame - Firefighting Museum Monday, November 16, 2020

The 2020 - 2021 Program Year kicks off with a visit and guided tour of the Hall of Flame Firefighting Museum in Phoenix. The museum features five exhibit galleries and the National Firefighting Hall of Heroes, addressing the human elements of firefighting and honoring those who have given their lives in the line of duty. Exhibits include 130 wheeled pieces including American, English, French and Japanese units. Additionally, there are 10,000 smaller objects, all of which relate to the history of firefighting. Following the tour, lunch will be provided by Port Of Subs. Remember to make your lunch selection below.

Directions:

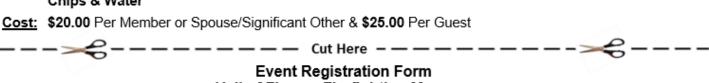
Address for GPS: 6101 East Van Buren Street, Phoenix From the AZ-202 Red Mountain Freeway, take Exit 4 for Van Buren St; turn east on E Van Buren St; turn right toward & onto N Project Dr; destination will be on right

Time: 10:00 AM Check-In 10:30 AM Guided Tour 12:00 Noon Lunch

> 12:45 PM Business Meeting

Lunch Choices: (Select 1 of the 4 below)

- 8" Sourdough Sub (includes ham, salami, capicola, pepperoni, provolone, shredded iceberg, tomato, onion, sliced pepperoncini, olive oil, oregano) with Chips & Water
- 8" White Sub (includes ham, turkey, swiss cheese, shredded iceberg, tomato, onion, red wine vinegar, oregano) with Chips & Water
- 3) 8" Wheat Sub (includes turkey, swiss cheese, shredded iceberg, tomato, onion, olive oil, red wine vinegar, oregano) with Chips & Water
- 4) Salad (includes spinach, green leaf lettuce, shredded iceberg, tomato, onion, olives, red wine vinaigrette) with Chips & Water



Hall of Flame - Firefighting Museum Monday, November 16, 2020

Please return this portion of the form with your payment to	: GM Alumni Club of Arizona
(Please make checks payable to: GM Alumni Club of Arizona)	c/o Hal Hubbard
ALL CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY November 9, 2020	26921 W. Wahalla Lane Buckeve, AZ 85396

THE STREET WAS TO SERVE TO SER	Buc	keye, AZ 85396	Lunch Selection:
The following will be attending the Hall of Flame Firefigh	#1 #2 #3 #4		
Member	Cost \$20.00	Included \$	
Spouse/Significant Other	Cost \$20.00	Included \$	
Guest	Cost \$25.00	Included \$	
Guest	Cost \$25.00	Included \$	
Are/Were Guests Affiliated with GM?(Name of Affiliate)	Total Amount	Included \$	

Any questions can be directed to Jim Hall (810-869-8944)

Event Registration Form Cerreta Candy Company Tour Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Come tour the Cerreta Candy Company factory and retail store - the largest candy store in Arizona. A guided tour will show and explain how the various candies are made - how a sea of caramel becomes wrapped treats and how cream centers are enrobed in luscious chocolate. Once you have learned the magic of candy manufacturing, you can do your Christmas candy shopping or purchase samples of the various types of candies available for later enjoyment. While there, we encourage you to connect with other Club members to visit one of the many restaurants in the area as a smaller group for friendly socialization while enjoying your favorite cuisine, whether it be American, Polish, Mexican, or German as examples. A listing of nearby restaurants will be available when you arrive.

Directions:

Address for GPS: 5345 W Glendale Ave, Glendale, AZ 85301 On W Glendale Avenue east of US60 between N 59th Avenue and N 51st Avenue

Time: 10:30 AM Check-In 11:00 AM Guided Tour

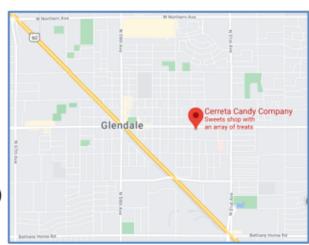
12:30 PM Lunch (On your own at a nearby restaurant

of your choice with friends)

Nearby Restaurants: (A list will be available at Cerreta's)

- Haus Murphy's (German)
- Desert Rose Pizza and Gastropub (Steak, Pasta, Seafood)
- La Santisima (Mexican)
- Max's Sports Bar (American)
- JJ's Louisiana BBQ (Barbecue)

Cost: Complimentary for Member or Spouse/Significant Other & \$5.00 Per Guest





Are/Were Guests Affiliated with GM?

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Event Registration Form Cerreta Candy Company Tour Tuesday, December 8, 2020

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The following will be attending the Cerreta Candy Factory Tour:			
Member			
Spouse/Significant Other			
Guest			
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If you have no guests, you can email hrhubbard@sbcglobal.net directly with your registration.

Cost	\$5.00	Included	\$
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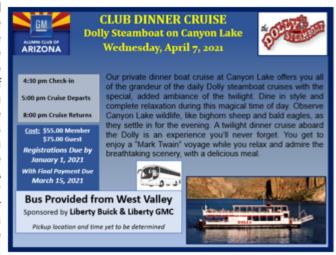
Any questions can be directed to Hal Hubbard (623-256-8938)

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ADVANCED EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

DOLLY STEAMBOAT DINNER CRUISE ON CANYON LAKE April 7, 2021

A private evening dinner cruise for our Club and guests aboard the Dolly Steamboat on Canyon Lake is planned for April 7, 2021. You will enjoy all of the grandeur of the daily Dolly steamboat cruises with the special, added ambiance of the twilight. Dine in style and complete relaxation during this magical time of day. Observe Canyon Lake wildlife, like bighorn sheep and bald eagles, as they settle in for the evening. A twilight dinner cruise aboard the Dolly is an experience you'll never forget. You get to enjoy a "Mark Twain" voyage while you relax and admire the breathtaking scenery, with a delicious meal. A complimentary bus service provided by Liberty Buick and Liberty GMC will provide transportation for those on the west side of Phoenix. There is a requirement of 45 participants for the cruise to take place and an early deposit that the Club must make;



therefore, we are asking for your commitment and registration with partial payment as a minimum by **January 1, 2021** to assure adequate participants to book the private cruise, with final payment required by March 15, 2021. Note that the guest fees are higher, since the Club is providing a \$20.00 subsidy for its members for this event. Indicate on the attached form if you would be using the complimentary bus from the west side of Phoenix.

GPS Directions: 16802 AZ-88, Tortilla Flat, AZ 85117



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DOLLY STEAMBOAT DINNER CRUISE ON CANYON LAKE April 7, 2021

Please return this portion of the form with your payment to: GM Alumni Club of Arizona

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

ALL CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY January 1, 2021

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

The following will be participating in the April 7th Dolly Steamboat Dinner Cruise:

	Total Cos	t Du	<u>e Jan 1, 2021</u>	Amt. Included	Use Bus
Member	\$55.00		\$25.00	\$	
Spouse	\$55.00		\$25.00	\$	
Guest	\$75.00		\$35.00	\$	
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\$25.00 of this deposit is non-refundable should you have to cancel before the event and noone else is available to take your place.

Any questions can be directed to Jon Moss (586-484-3731).

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