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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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- Club enjoys latest updates and exceptional displays at the Heard Museum
- \* Get to know our Member -George Prentice
- Check Out the Membership and
  Loval Dealer Ouiz
- Future Event Calendar through December 2024
- Look Forward to the Club's 50th Anniversary in 2024



### **EDITOR'S WELCOME**



Hello Alumni!

Here we are over half-way through March and celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Earlier this week the Club had a very informative and enjoyable event at the Heard Museum in Phoenix, with docent-led tours and a delicious lunch while enjoying some beautiful weather in the museum courtyard. More details and pictures from this event can be found on pages 3 and 4.

There is still one more opportunity to get together and socialize with Club members this program year before so many

members vacation or return to their summer homes. You will not want to miss this last opportunity to get together on April 13<sup>th</sup> when the Club meets at Chef Peter's Bistro in Surprise. The Wildlife Education Coordinator from the Arizona Game and Fish Department will educate us on the various wildlife we see around us here in the Arizona desert and how we can live in harmony with them. More information on this "must see" event can be found on page 5.

In case you are wondering what you might expect when we return to meetings in November for the 2023-2024 Program Year, you have much for which to look forward. Your Board has put together a complete calendar of informative and enjoyable events for the year, with our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on March 12, 2024. All of these programs are identified on a cutout available for you on page 9, designed for you to cut it out and post it on your bulletin board or the front of your refrigerator, while having the dates to post on your calendar.

Again this month you will find an interesting interview with another of our long-time members, George Prentice, on pages 6 through 8, answers to last month's Member Quiz on page 10, a new Member Quiz on page 11, and Loyal Dealer information on page 12.

Earlier this week, I received an email from GM Retiree and Alumni Communications apologizing for the long break in any communications from them at the Corporation. It asked that I update/reconfirm my profile on record with them through a hot 'sign up today!' link in the email. It also stated that if this was not completed by May 12, 2023, my records would be deleted from their system and would not be able to be added in the future. I am passing this along to all our members in hopes that you have also received this message dated March 13, 2023 and will comply to keep your records active. Remember to check your SPAM folder also, if you can not find it.

I look forward to seeing everyone on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy!

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome!

I don't know where this program year has gone! We have only one more opportunity to get together in April before summer arrives and many members will look forward to vacations or return to a second home. I would encourage you to sign up and join us for the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting at Chef Peter's Bistro in Surprise if you have not yet done so. It will be an exceptional meeting with an

opportunity to learn more about the animal population we have around us in our Arizona desert. It will also be the last opportunity we will all have to socialize together as a group until we return for the 2023-2024 program year in November.

I am sorry to say that our Secretary/Treasurer, Trevor Martin, has sold his residence in Arizona and is returning full-time to Michigan. Also, our Assistant Secretary, Lowell Ulrich, has concluded his term on the Board. As a result, the Board of Directors at its last Board Meeting appointed Ron Terry to fill the vacancy of Secretary/Treasurer. We appreciate Ron's acceptance of this opportunity and look forward to working with him in this position.

The Board continues to work on planning its events for the next program year – for 2023-2024. The schedule has been finalized through December 2024, so you can start putting some dates on your calendar and reserving dates for an informative and exciting year ahead. Next program year will culminate with a celebration of the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on March 12, 2024 at the Martin Auto Museum – a celebration you will not want to miss. Stay tuned as more details become available and are being rolled out.

Join us at our April 13<sup>th</sup> luncheon as we conclude another very successful program year.



2023 - 2024 President hjskhall@gmail.com



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### MARCH 14, 2023 - HEARD MUSEUM

On March 14th, club members and guests met at the Heard Museum in Phoenix for docent-led tours giving an overview of the various sections of the Museum. With so much to see, their emphasis was on the various Indian tribes in the region and the similarities and differences between the tribes, while viewing outstanding art with unique qualities produced by each. After lunch in the museum courtyard, all had an opportunity to then investigate any of these and other areas of the museum in more detail until its closure.

















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### MARCH 14, 2023 - HEARD MUSEUM (CONT'D)























**Code Talker Memorial** 

Many more photos can be found at <a href="PowerPoint Presentation">PowerPoint Presentation (azgmalumni.com)</a>

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### FINAL 2022 - 2023 PROGRAM YEAR EVENT

# **April 13, 2023**



Join the Club on Thursday, April 13, 2023 for an enlightening and entertaining event as we learn more about the native species found in our area. This includes a presentation by Nancy Kreuder, Wildlife Education Coordinator, for the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Her presentation will focus on the "Desert Animals and Adaptations," and will include several *live* exhibits.

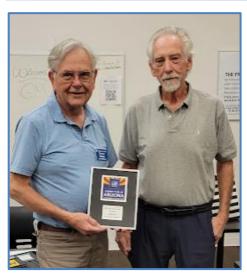
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SUN VILLAGE

Arizona is home to over 800 species of animals so it's not surprising to have encounters with some of them in our backyard, neighborhood, or out on the trail. As a wildlife educator from

Arizona Game and Fish, Nancy will be bringing live native species to help you learn how to identify some of the most commonly seen wildlife and best practices for avoiding conflicts. This will be an excellent opportunity for members and guests to learn more and ask questions about those animals often seen in the area that make their home in the Arizona desert.

The meeting will be held at **Chef Peter's Bistro** in **Surprise**, a popular local eatery, where five choices of meals will be available. See the **Registration Form** for this event for details. It can be found on **page 13**, with a registration deadline of **April 6**, **2023**. You do not want to miss this event and the opportunity for socializing with the group one last time before everyone takes a summer break.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHANGES**



At its March 8<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors' Meeting held in Arrowhead Cadillac's conference room, President Jim Hall recognized Trevor Martin for his service over the past three-plus years as Secretary/Treasurer. Jim presented Trevor with a plaque to commemorate his service and thanked him for all he has done on the Board.

Trevor and Rose recently sold their home in Florence and are moving back to Michigan full-time. They will definitely be missed at our meetings. We wish them well in their move and welcome them to join us again any time they may be back in the area in the future.

To fill this vacancy in an essential position on the Board, the Directors elected Ron Terry, a current Sub-Director, to fill this open position. Ron has supported the Board very well over the last several years and will serve very well as the new Secretary/Treasurer.

Lowell Ulrich also completed his term as Assistant Secretary on the Board and was recognized with a similar plaque for his three years of service.



# Our Club will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2024.

Stay tuned for details as plans are finalized for a celebratory meeting on March 12, 2024. Save the date!

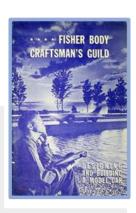
### MEET CLUB MEMBER - GEORGE PRENTICE

This month we continue to get to know our Club members better by featuring an interview Roxanne Steffe conducted with long-time member *George Prentice*...

I was born and raised in Columbus, Nebraska. In the 8<sup>th</sup> grade I told my dad I wanted to become an automotive design engineer. In high school, I designed and built my first and second car models for the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild, winning state awards each time.



From 1930 until 1968, the Fisher Body Division of General Motors sponsored the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild and its annual modelbuilding competition



For the first seven years of the contest, the young men in the Guild built models of a Napoleonic carriage (the Fisher Body logo) to show their high precision skills in craftsmanship. In 1937 the contest expanded to include model automobiles, which became a source of inspiration for new GM automobiles. By 1948 model cars became the only accepted entry for the contest. Winning car models were both practical and stylish original designs made with superior craftsmanship on an exacting 1/12th scale. For General Motors, the competition was a major public relations success while also serving as a type of design aptitude test for the entrants. For the young men of the Guild, the contest was a chance to win scholarships, cash prizes, and an once-in-alifetime all-expenses paid trip to Detroit for the regional winners. Designs featured in these models would often presage production automobiles, as many winners went on to work for General Motors or other automotive companies as designers.

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After high school, I was accepted at Art Center School in Los Angeles. I built my

third Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild model, winning a Styling Scholarship. After two years there I enrolled at the University of Nebraska for a year of academic studies. (I was the 17<sup>th</sup> in my family to attend NU through four generations. My great grandfather was the first superintendent of the agricultural farm.)

As I returned to Art Center School it changed its name to Art Center College of Design. Finishing there in 1968, I was accepted at GM Styling as a Technical Stylist. Two months after starting at GM I bought a 1954 Corvette that was in a shed in Columbus, Nebraska. Two years later my boss in the Chevy studio told me he had a 1954 Corvette stored in his garage, parked there for the last four years. I bought that one because it was a never-hit car; however it was a daily driver. I then sold the first one.

I continued taking night classes at the local community college, both work related and art related. I even taught there for three semesters. My mentor, the librarian at work, suggested that I take classes that would give me college credit. I enrolled at Wayne State University in the art department majoring in Industrial Design, and in three years I earned their bachelors degree.

I wanted to find out how, or if, auto designers went beyond contemporary ideas and thought. The background for the project was based on my collection of data to learn the origins of the Corvette. Styling Staff, now Design Staff, was the location of the GM Market Research Library, and the repository of the Harley Earl Styling letters, as well as the inter-organization letters. I re-enrolled at WSU in downtown Detroit, earning a Masters Degree.

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### MEET CLUB MEMBER - GEORGE PRENTICE (CONT'D)

I was a member of the Corvette Club of Michigan. Michigan's premiere club began in 1958 for Corvette owners and enthusiasts. It supports the Michigan Corvette community through competitions and social events, which was a way of life for me for fifteen years, with autocrosses, rallys and parties. I won the Detroit Council of Sports Car Clubs championship series in 1976 in class D.



I was an early member of the National Corvette Restorers Society and used their guides to properly restore my car.

"The National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS) has done more for Corvette preservation than any other organization in the world...A few dedicated Corvette fans decided that Corvettes should restored," Α quote from Richard Newton, noted author and Editor of Corvette Fever magazine writing in his book: Corvette Restoration Guide 1963-67.

I joined the National Corvette Museum when it was just a store front in downtown Bowling Green, Kentucky. My donation of 85 volumes of reference material became part of the basis of their archives. I also gave them my extensive book collection and over 200 pieces of artwork of the experimental Corvette and 181 Corvette models.



While at GM Design, I worked for each of the divisions except Pontiac. My longest stays were in Buick, Oldsmobile and Saturn. My job title was Studio Engineer. I retired in 2000, just short of 32 years of service.

For fun, I began designing and building sets for community theater; then switched to palette clubs to exhibit my artwork. But in 2000, I fell through the ice on Lake Saint Claire, ruining my SLR cameras. I then switched to a digital camera and digital artwork.



2010. In а young friend gave me block of Colorado sandstone and I began carving rocks. My major tool is a Dremel Tool. but I also use chisels and files. Most of my pieces are now figurative.

Left: George's 1st sculpture.

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### MEET CLUB MEMBER - GEORGE PRENTICE (CONT'D)

I put on craft shows for eight years while living in Coolidge, Arizona. Since I was designing and distributing the fliers for the shows I knew there were a lot of businesses run by women, one of whom worked for the Chamber of Commerce. I invited fourteen women to a luncheon mixer so they could see that they were not alone. I then stepped aside and let the Chamber of Commerce develop the list of business women.



George's recent carving on slate.

After what seems like a lifetime of enjoyment, I sold the 1954 Corvette on February 7<sup>th</sup> of this year.



GM Alumni Club Luncheon at Henry Brown Buick GMC November 9, 2022 L-R: Ron Terry and George Prentice

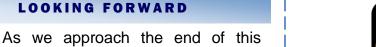


George shares a table with long time friends in the Club, Sue Smeets and Delrene Buterakos East Valley Institute of Technology Culinary Institute January 10, 2023



George is a regular attendee of GM Alumni Club gatherings, including our recent luncheon and tour of the Musical Instrument Museum in Phoenix on February 7, 2023.

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program year with our April 13<sup>th</sup> luncheon, the Board has already prepared its schedule of planned events through December 2024.

These events are listed on the right side of this sheet in a form that can easily be cut out of the page and posted on your home bulletin board or placed under a refrigerator magnet on the front of your refrigerator.

At the same time, *put the dates* of these events *on your calendar* to reserve the dates for entertaining and informative social activities you will not want to miss next year.

More detailed information will be made available for these events via the Club website <u>GM Alumni Club of Arizona - Home (azgmalumni.com)</u> and future Newsletters.



### 2022-23 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

The 2022-2023 Membership Rosters were emailed to all members in good standing on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. They are for your personal use and not for general distribution.

If you did not get your copy (and could not find it in the SPAM folder) and feel you were missed in the distribution, feel free to contact me via email <a href="mailto:alansteffe@yahoo.com">alansteffe@yahoo.com</a> or phone 810-513-3367.



# Lunch, Learn, & Socialize 2023-2024

azgmalumni.com for details & registration forms

# ❖ THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023 AZ Game & Fish

"Desert Animals & Adaptations" Chef Peter's Bistro, Surprise

Starts Program Year 2023-2024

# WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023"Identity Theft & Scams"

Maricopa County Attorney's Office Chef Peter's Bistro, Surprise

# ❖ Early DECEMBER TBD, 2023 AZ Broadway Theatre

Date pending performance schedule

# WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024Teddy Roosevelt

portrayed by Joseph Wiegand EVIT Culinary School, Mesa

# ❖ FEBRUARY 15, 2024 Falcon Field, Mesa

**Tour & Presentation**Restaurant Pending



### **❖ TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024**

# 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



### Martin Auto Museum, Glendale

Advance registration discount to be announced.

Elegant buffet Museum tour Entertainment
 Keepsake memento Eeepsake photos
 Celebration attire

Starts Program Year 2024-2025

### ❖ WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024 "Elder Abuse"

Maricopa County Attorney's Office Chef Peter's Bistro, Surprise

# Early DECEMBER TBD, 2024AZ Broadway Theatre

Date pending performance schedule

If you have any questions, or a venue, topic, or speaker you would like the Board to contact, contact any Board member.

### MEMBERSHIP QUIZ #6 - HOW WELL DID YOU KNOW OUR CLUB MEMBERS?



Here are the answers you have been waiting for from the quiz on page 11 of the last Newsletter. Check your answers; see how you scored; and learn more about our club members. Do you have something of interest that you would like to share in a future **Member Quiz**? If so, just email Roxanne Steffe at **rsteffe1@comcast.net** with the information that will stump our membership.

From February 2023 Club Reporter

Key	Member Name	Highlights & Where to look for additional information…
E.	Kenneth Iske	He served as Club President in 1993 and is one of the longest ranking members of our Club, 30 years and counting! For more information, check out: <a href="https://www.azgmalumni.com/past-presidents.html">https://www.azgmalumni.com/past-presidents.html</a>
D.	Larry Siferd	As a professor at Grand Canyon University, he shares his valuable insight and realword knowledge with college students, many preparing to be future executives. For more information see: <a href="https://www.gcu.edu/faculty-list">https://www.gcu.edu/faculty-list</a>
A.	Harry & Shirley Cameron	He relocated to Houston after retiring from GM in Michigan. They met over a competitive game of Bridge in the home of mutual friends in Phoenix, where she said he played Bridge like a gambler. For more information, connect with Harry & Shirley at a future meeting and watch for a future article in the Club Reporter.
В.	Cindy & Fred Haubold	She was a Labor Relations Manager for Delco Electronics in Kokomo, IN. Her husband worked for Delco Remy in Anderson, IN after serving on the corporate labor staff. This couple is one of only a few Club members, with both being salaried retirees. Fred is forever remembered as a loving husband and thoughtful gentleman.
F.	Lewis & Darlene Cradit	During a three week tour of Europe in 1973, this couple made a lifetime connection with 25 of their travel compatriots. Over the next 25+ years, they would remain friends and enjoy many destination vacations at locations throughout the entire U.S. Lewis and Darlene are phenomenal resources for travel ideas and always willing to share their insight!
Н.	Tom Terry	He was a member of Engineering Staff as the Director of Safety Regulations and Affairs at GM's Technical Center in Warren, MI. Look forward to connecting with Tom and hearing more at a future Club meeting.
C.	Darlene & Glen Deane	They are both alumni of General Motors Institute (GMI). Her co-op experience was at Central Foundry in Saginaw, MI. His was at Buick in Flint, MI. They retired only a few years back and had successful careers beyond their cooperative work experience with General Motors. Look forward to connecting with Darlene and Glen and learning more at a future Club meeting.
G.	Mike Schumal	Over the years, he generously provided authentic scale models of Electro-Motive locomotive models as gifts to our VIP dealer hosts at dealer-sponsored luncheon meetings. Mike is also a past president of the Club and alumnus of GMI. For photos of the scale model rail car, full of 1957 Chevrolets, presented to Buzz Sands and more on Mike's generosity see pages 1-3 at: <a href="http://www.azgmalumni.com/uploads/7/6/0/5/76050309/201404.pdf">http://www.azgmalumni.com/uploads/7/6/0/5/76050309/201404.pdf</a>

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### MEMBERSHIP QUIZ #7 - HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW OUR CLUB MEMBERS?

### And now for Quiz #7 ...



Our Club Members and Loyal Dealers have very interesting and unique life experiences. As you come to know them at Club gatherings, you might be surprised with what you will learn.



Check the list of experiences below and see how many you can connect to the correct individual(s) on the right. Good luck!

 He is an accomplished sculpturer participating in many fine art shows in the Phoenix Valley.	A.	Robert Kohler
 They have been NASCAR enthusiasts for over 20 years and know how to make it a fun social event!	B.	Don Robins
 He's our Alumni Concierge at Sands Chevrolet – Glendale, a General Motors retiree, and a member of our Club.	C.	George Prentice
 He has served as a volunteer with SAE's "A World in Motion" for more than a decade and is one of 20+ alumni of the General Motors Institute (GMI) in our Club.	D.	Lee & Karen Humbert
 He's a past president of our Club and led the way in many of our Club members getting involved with SAE's "A World in Motion" at schools throughout the Phoenix Valley.	E.	Alan Ray
 They married during his freshman year at GMI and whether during the six-week school term, or the six-week coop employment rotation, they lived in a travel trailer.	F.	Mary Ellen Stepanich
 They met at the USO while he was serving in the U.S. Army. And, he is one of several Club members who possess great knowledge on gathering one's history via genealogical records.	G.	Dick & Shirley Kesterke
 She has her Ph.D. and was a professor at Purdue where she met her husband. Later, he would take a position with Delco Electronics as Division Engineer. She is a lead singer in a local Doo Wop group and a published author.	H.	Roger & Cathy Hanneman

Watch for the next newsletter from the Club for the answers to this quiz.

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### AMBASSADORS' CORNER



This section – the **Ambassadors' Corner** – will regularly keep you updated on what is happening at our Loyal Dealers – awards, special activities, promotions, incentives, etc. Check out their latest news below.







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### Meeting Registration Form Chef Peter's Bistro - Surprise

Guest Speaker – Nancy Kreuder, Wildlife Education Coordinator, Arizona Game and Fish Dept.
Thursday, April 13, 2023

Nancy Kreuder, Wildlife Education Coordinator, for the Arizona Game and Fish Department will share information on the topic of "Desert Animals and Adaptations." She will include several live exhibits to further enhance her presentation. This will be an excellent opportunity for members and guests to learn more and ask questions about those animals often seen in the area that make their home in the Arizona desert. Join us for a very timely and interesting program.

### Directions:

Chef Peter's Bistro is located at 17300 N Sun Village Pkwy, Surprise, AZ 85374.

Time: 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM Check-In 12:00 AM - 1:00 PM Lunch Is Served

11:15 AM - 11:45 AM Business Meeting 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Guest Speaker Presentation

Menu and Menu Options: (Final meal confirmations to be made at check-in)

Five meal options are available (noted below), drinks (excluding alcohol), and Chef's choice dessert

- Meal 1: The Angus Burger 1/3-pound Angus beef patty grilled fresh to order, served on a toasted bun topped with lettuce, onion & tomato. Served with French fries or Coleslaw.
- Meal 2: BBQ Pork Sandwich Slow smoked pulled pork piled high topped with Chef Peter's favorite sweet & sassy BBQ sauce. Served with French fries or Coleslaw.
- Meal 3: Cran-Apple Chicken Salad A bed of crisp romaine lettuce topped with dried cranberries, apples, caramelized peaches, candied pecans, marinated chicken breast served with a side of raspberry walnut vinaigrette.
- Meal 4: Par 2 Salad White albacore tuna salad, chicken salad, Swiss cheese, red onion, egg & tomato over a
  bed of lettuce.
- Meal 5: Quesadilla Marinated grilled breast of chicken or steak, tomatoes, cheese. Served with sour cream & salsa.

Cost:	\$25.00	Per	Member	or	Spouse/	/Significant	Other	<b>&amp; \$30</b>	.00	Per	Guest

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### Meeting Registration Form Chef Peter's Bistro - Surprise

Guest Speaker – Nancy Kreuder, Wildlife Education Coordinator, Arizona Game and Fish Dept.

Thursday, April 13, 2023

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 April 6, 2022

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

Insert the number of your meal choice from above	ve
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The following will be attending the Chef Peter's Bistro Event:

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 \$	

Total Amount Included \$

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

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

**Note:** Keep up to date by checking the Club Website frequently at <a href="https://www.azgmalumni.com">www.azgmalumni.com</a>. Check out the "Calendar Tab" for details and Registration Forms for any and all events for the year. Your participation allows your photo to be used as part of Club Newsletters and promotions.