



# Alumni Newsletter

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## EDITOR'S WELCOME

It is with regret that I have to inform you of the passing of my wife's Mother which occurred on October 31, 2016. As most of you are aware, Diane is the Publisher of The Club Reporter eNewsletter and is the only one in our family trained in the use of Microsoft Publisher – the software that enables us to do all those great pictorial stories. Therefore, for the months of November & December there will only be one edition of the Club Newsletter and I will have to publish it as a Word.doc. I will be taking a "**Breaking Headline News**" approach giving you a variety of "**tid bits**" with just enough information to prepare you to take action or be informed. Oh, but never fear, I have some great pictures and stories of past events to begin to publish in our January 2017 Club Reporter. Thank you very much for your understanding concerning this matter.

**Jim Harshman, Editor, The GM Arizona Alumni Newsletter**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, it's December and that time of the year where we turn our hearts and minds to the City of Bethlehem, Judea where some 2000 plus years ago Jesus of Nazareth was born and became the most influential man who ever lived. The teachings of Jesus have shaped the entire world and continue to do so today. So, as we head into the Christmas Season, let us give thanks for all God has given us. For those of you who are travelling this Holiday Season, we pray that God will provide you a safe journey and a return to the Arizona area ready to begin another year.

My last President's Message...Can you believe it's been one year? As a practical matter, the President's role in our Club is not particularly difficult because of the other members of our Board who assume most of the responsibility around organizing our activities, and my thanks certainly goes out to all of them. However, this year the Board was blessed with the addition of Roxanne Steffe as Vice President. The Board asked Roxanne to take on the task of creating a Club Marketing Plan which would greatly enhance the Club's image and therefore improve our membership numbers. No problem for Roxanne. She created, developed and implemented the plan and, as a result, we are beginning to add new members. In addition, she also created a

new Club Website, completed a Corporate mail out activity and many other critical aspects of our future plans. To recognize her efforts, I will be reviewing her exceptional achievements at our January 11th meeting just prior to handing over the Club's leadership responsible to her for the calendar year of 2017.

The 2016 Club year was a great success. We've had some excellent speakers, and the venue selection has been fantastic. Our April Verde Canyon Railroad trip will never be forgotten. On that note, the Board has sent to you a copy of our Annual Club Survey that I ask you to fill out and return to us by January 15, 2017. It is important to remember that this survey will drive all future activity selection, so be as honest and creative as possible when filling it out.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to lead our group for the past twelve months. It has been an honor and privilege to serve our Club and work with the very professional group of Board Members. I'm looking forward to continuing on the Board and participating in many future Club events. Thank you one and all.

So, on behalf of the entire Club Board we would like to wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas Holiday Season. In addition, we hope the New Year finds you happy and healthy.

Respectfully submitted,  
**H. R. Hubbard, President, GM Alumni Club of Arizona**

## **Club Breaking News Headlines**

### **BOARD REVISES PLANNED FEBRUARY EVENT**

After reviewing the advanced registration numbers for the planned Yuma Trip, the Board decided that it is in the Club's best interest to defer the planned trip and replace it with another activity. They decided it was time to do something different – time to "laugh it up" at an event to remember with a "World Class Comedian" – something the Club has never done before. So let's all plan to attend a lunch at Corte Bella Country Club featuring "World Class Comedian, Mark Cordes." Read on for more details.

### **MARK CORDES TO HEADLINE FEBRUARY MEETING AT CORTE BELLA**

Yes, you heard right!!!! Professional Comedian, Mark Cordes will be our Club's featured guest at our meeting on **February 15, 2017** at the Corte Bella Country Club in Sun City West. Mark lives in Carefree, AZ, but travels the entire United States delivering his comedy routines. He is best known locally for his side splitting routine called "The Spouse Whisperer". For those of you who have access to the internet go to [www.TheSpouseWhisperer.com](http://www.TheSpouseWhisperer.com) to experience a little of what I am talking about.

In addition, you will be pleased to know that the Board has decided to subsidize this event to keep the cost to you...**low!** Can you believe \$35.00 per person for lunch and a world class show? During the month of January, I will be forwarding to you various promotional comedy routine video clips of Mark just to whet your appetite. But in the meantime, I have attached a copy of the February Meeting Acknowledgement Form for your use. We expect this event to be well attended, so be sure to send in your form to be **received no later than February 6, 2017**. If you had previously signed up and paid for the Yuma event, just subtract that amount you have already paid from your February 15th check amount as noted on your form.

In closing.....**MAN, DON'T MISS THIS ONE!**

## **2017 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CLUB DUES**

As we are approaching the end of 2016, it is also time to remember that 2017 Club Membership dues become due on January 1, 2017 and are delinquent after February 1. The Membership Roster will be updated and distributed on the website in February. A Membership Renewal Form is attached to this email for your convenience.

## **DENNIS POWERS NOMINATED FOR VICE PRESIDENT**

As set forth in the Club By-Laws, the Board's Nominating Committee has submitted for your approval long time Club Member Dennis Powers to become your 2017 Club Vice President. Dennis worked in various GM Engineering positions for over 30 years. Dennis and his wife Pam joined the Club in 2005 and Dennis served on the Board for two years, one of which as Club Secretary/Treasurer. In addition, he has been a 5 year volunteer in our AWIM Program. Earlier this month you received a letter from Hal Hubbard outlining the Boards recommendations for Officers. Should you have additional nominations, please remember that their names are due to be submitted to Alan Steffe by no later than January 2nd.

## **2017 FALL & WINTER SCHEDULE**

### **Wednesday, January 11, 2017 E. Valley Culinary School - Robert Smoldt , M.B.A Guest Speaker**

Robert K. Smoldt is the Chief Administrative Officer emeritus of the Mayo Clinic. He has served as a member of the Mayo Clinic Board of Trustees and Mayo Clinic Executive Committee from 1990 - 2007. Presently he serves as Associate Director of the Arizona State University Healthcare Delivery and Policy Program. He will be speaking to the Club about "Obamacare at 6+ years - will it impact your Medicare?" So come join us for Mr. Smoldt's presentation as well as experience "Culinary Excellence" at the East Valley Institute - School of Culinary Arts.

### **Tuesday, March 14, 2017 Sands Chevrolet, Surprise, Arizona Dealer Sponsored Luncheon/GM Speaker**

Sands Chevrolet (Chevrolet's Dealer of the Year) has been one of the Club's loyal dealers for years and has invited us to join them at their dealership showroom in Surprise, AZ for lunch. A special speaker from General Motors will be announced at a later date. Social hour will include a display of the newest models of Chevrolet vehicles and a collection of classic cars.

### **Tuesday, April 4, 2017 "Picnic In The Park" - PebbleCreek's Sunrise Park, Goodyear, AZ**

We have reserved the park located on the East side of PebbleCreek Parkway for an afternoon of fun, games and great food and drinks. We have 4 Bocce Ball Courts, 4 professional grade horse shoe pits, music, team competition and great food. And yes, there might even be a beer in your future.

### **April 19, 2017 Club Golf Outing**

Sport Fans, I think the word is out!!! For several years the Club has struggled to get more than 18 players to our golf outing, but in April 2016 all things changed when Bob and Barbara Goebel took the outing to the McCormick Ranch Country Club in Scottsdale. 28 players lined up in teams of four to compete for gift certificates and prizes. We are extremely pleased to have had 6 lady golfers join us this last April as well as a few dealership employees from our sponsoring loyal dealers. So, begin now to create your winning teams.

**Note:** Meeting Acknowledgement Forms are enclosed for your convenience. However, be sure to consult your Club website for all meeting advertising and attendance forms. You may also refer your friends to [www.azgmalumni.com](http://www.azgmalumni.com) to click on the Calendar tab.

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