



*Honeywell-Garrett Retirees Club Newsletter*

# *Cliff Notes*

*Club website: <https://www.garrettreteesaz.com>*

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The Honeywell-Garrett Retirees Club (HGRC) is a 501(c)(3) organization. All dues and contributions are tax deductible.

## ***Next Event: Spring Picnic, Wed April 10***

See Events Report for details.



### **President's Report** – *Vacant position, volunteer needed. – Bob Davenport acting for the month of February.*

Thanks to Jim Brink for proposing and the board approving the proposed interim officer assignment to get the club staffed until the end of this calendar year. We all have a deep appreciation of Dolf Strom for his unselfish efforts to keep the Club "afloat" for four years in the absence of an elected or volunteer for what should have been a 1 year term. Thanks again, Dolf!

Without volunteers for the positions of President, Vice-Pres. and Secretary, we are facing the shutdown of the Club and it's activities for social get-togethers, having informative speakers, Christmas party, Spring Picnic, and Cliff Notes newsletters.

This shutdown could be turned around with the help of just two or three volunteers out of our 350-400 members if we act now during this spring session.

**Vice-President's Report** – *Vacant position, volunteer needed – Frank Holman acting for the month of February.*

Steve Hoza graced us with his presence, wit and humor once again at the latest meeting of the HGRC meeting in March. This presentation was based on his personal relationship with Wallace (Bill Thompson) who graciously transferred all of the rights to the Wallace and Ladmo show to him to use for charitable purposes. Steve explained how the show started and how it became the longest running comedy show in television, lasting for 36 years. The CEO of the local Harkins theatre proclaimed that there would not be a Harkins theater but for Wallace and Ladmo. Members in attendance related personal stories regarding their relationship with the Wallace and Ladmo show including attending the show as a child and ultimately working for Garrett/Allied Signal. Steve went on to explain that at one charitable event one of the famous Ladmo bags was auctioned off and earned \$1700 for the charitable event. Wallace and Ladmo will truly live on in the memory of any of the senior citizens attending Steve's talk."

At our May 1st meeting we have Dr. Peter Swan making the presentation on the "Space Elevator". Rather than trying to describe his presentation, you can Google it and get a glimpse of the topic. Sounds very interesting.

**Secretary's Report** – *Mark Steele – mrdsteele@aol.com – 602-541-5360*



The Honeywell-Garrett Retirees Club (HGRC) Board meeting was called to order at 11:09 AM by Bob Davenport. Those in attendance were: Diane Bennett, Jim Brink, Bob Davenport, Frank Holman, Dave Oman, Diane Rencenberger, and Mark Steele, which thus constitutes a quorum in accordance with our By-laws requirements. The meeting was held at the Gecko Grill on McDowell Rd.

Vice-President items. Club meeting presenters have been arranged through May.

Secretary items – The minutes of the February 7, 2024, meeting were read and reviewed. Dave moved to accept the minutes as read, Jim seconded the motion and it passed.

Treasurer's items – The Board reviewed the Treasurer's report which had been sent to the Board earlier. No issues were brought up. The report had been approved by the Board on-line prior to the meeting.

Event items – It was noted that Dave, who is the events coordinator, does not have a Club debit card. Mark moved to approve a card for Dave, Jim seconded the motion and it passed. The Board decided by consensus that we would have a Spring Picnic on April 3rd, replacing the April Club meeting. It is going to be held at the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park in Scottsdale. Dave and Diane B are going to go Friday and reserve a ramada. Dave is going to check Honey Bears for catering and the goal is to stay under \$25 per plate. The Club will charge participants \$10 and subsidize the rest. Jim is going to buy the beer for the picnic and he or Frank will handle the sales at the Park. The picnic will start at 11:00 AM and end at 2:00 PM. Monthly Happy Hours were briefly discussed. For now, Dave will concentrate on the Spring Picnic and then try for a Happy Hour event in May.

Fix-It-Team – Frank reported that there was no activity in the past month.

Scholarship Items – There have been 3 scholarship applications so far. Applications are due by midnight April 1st. The Board then discussed the qualification of an applicant whose eligibility was not clear. After some discussion the Board agree to accept the applicant. Frank will let Chuck know of the Board's decision. The Board agreed to continue to review questionable applications on a case-by-case basis.

Membership Items – One person inquired about joining the Club and Diane has talked to the person. Diane, however, has not received their dues payment.

Webmaster Items – Dave is working on having a central repository for the Club roster.

Charitable Giving – After some discussion, the Board agreed to continue to give \$100 a month to the monthly speaker’s organization if it is a charity. If the speaker is not a representative of a charity, the Club will donate the \$100 to a charity of the speaker’s choice (that assumes the speaker’s choice is a charity which the Board will decide if there is a question).

Future speakers – The May Club presentation is “Space Elevator” by Dr. Peter Swan. Dolf is following up to get the Aerospace President to give a presentation. Dave is pursuing a couple of project program managers to present at future meetings.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark and seconded by Diane B. The motion passed and the Board meeting was adjourned at 12:28 PM.

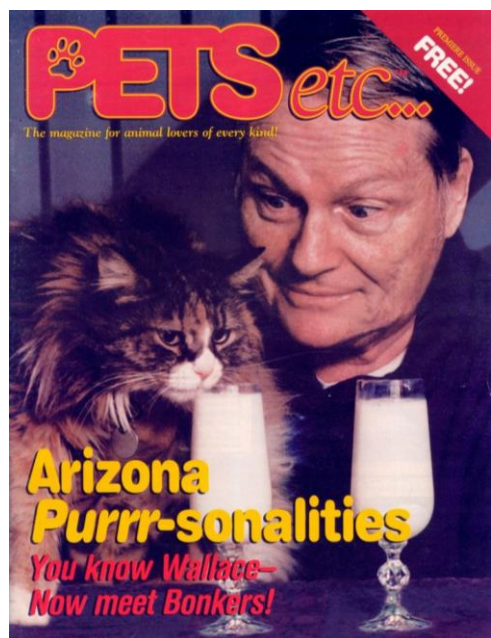
**Treasurer’s Report** – Jim Brink – azstbbjb@gmail.com – cell 602-510-6064



Beginning balance on January 31 .....	\$11,426.96
February dues income .....	\$86.00
February scholarship income.....	\$136.00
February expenses .....	\$295.59
Ending balance on February 29 .....	\$11,353.37
Scholarship funds as of February 29 .....	\$8480.28

Club charitable contributions for 2024:

Jan 2024 .....St. Marys Food Bank as requested by January meeting speaker Steve Hoza  
Feb 2024.....St. Marys Food Bank as requested by February meeting speaker Ron Rich.  
Mar 2024.....Arizona Humane Society as requested by March meeting speaker Steve Hoza. Steve selected the Humane Society as a result of his talk on the history of Wallace and Ladmo. Bill Thompson, aka Wallace, was very fond of animals and thus Steve knew Wallace would like to select that organization.





**Events Report** – Dave Oman -928-256-8466 - [agoodoman@gmail.com](mailto:agoodoman@gmail.com)



**Save the date!** Our next gathering is the annual spring picnic on April 10th starting at 11:00 a.m. at the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, 7301 E Indian Bend Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85250 and at the Stillman Ramada. The cost is only \$10 for members and non-members and will feature a catered lunch from Honey Bears BBQ! We will collect \$10 cash or check at the event. Please RSVP your attendance by sending us an email by April 1st (no fooling) at [garrettr@garrettreireesaz.com](mailto:garrettr@garrettreireesaz.com) so we know how much food to prepare. We will also be sending out an event for this on our Facebook page as well so please RSVP via email or Facebook but not both!

**Fix-It Guys Report** – Frank Holman – [frankholman@cox.net](mailto:frankholman@cox.net) – 480-994-4590



No activity in February.

**Membership Report** – Diane Bennett – [azbennett3@cox.net](mailto:azbennett3@cox.net) – 480-994-5243



Leigh Kersh sent in her application with no mailing information, so I called her on January 25, asking for her information but have received no answer as yet. I called again on Jan7 and left word. If anyone has any other contact information, please let me know.

We have one new member in February, Mitchell Laidlau.

**Scholarship Report** – Chuck Jonkosky – [cjonkosky@gmail.com](mailto:cjonkosky@gmail.com) – 602-722-2571



**ATTENTION**

The HGRC is now accepting applications for the 2024 scholarship awards. Deadline is midnight, April 1, 2024.

We have received only three applications for the HGRC Scholarship.

To check eligibility and access the online application, visit the HGRC website under the Scholarship Tab: <https://www.garrettreireesaz.com/scholarships/>

## Social Director Report – Diane Rencenberger – [jannaeren@outlook.com](mailto:jannaeren@outlook.com) – 480-775-8116



At the March 6 member meeting we took in \$32 dollars from the 50-50 raffle.

Jim Brink was drawn for the first winner of \$8 dollars which he donated to the scholarship fund.

Jim Brink was also the second winner but he asked for a redraw in which Kris Randall was the winner of the second \$8. She also donated back to the scholarship fund.

The winning tickets were drawn by guest speaker Steve Hoza.

## Webmaster Report – Dave Oman -928-256-8466 - [agoodoman@gmail.com](mailto:agoodoman@gmail.com)

Dolf, Jim and Dave met to go over the process of maintaining the club roster. We will continue to work to make things more efficient and work smoother.

## At Large Report



Bob Davenport - [wrd63@cox.net](mailto:wrd63@cox.net) – 480-560-6273

I took my turn as acting President for the month of February following my stint as acting Vice-President for the month of January.

Frank Holman will now take the reins as interim President for the month of March and Dave Oman will serve as acting Vice-President.



Dolf Strom – [dolfstrom@cox.net](mailto:dolfstrom@cox.net) – 480-430-8673

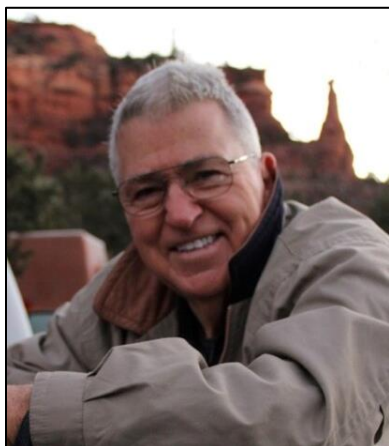
No report.

## In Memoriam – Al Stimac – [stimac@cox.net](mailto:stimac@cox.net)



If **Robert London Bogner**, probably wearing his porkpie hat, greets you with a cheerful "Hey, howya doin'?" go ahead and tell him, because he actually cares how you're doing and will listen to you tell him. That's because caring about and caring for people was one of the things Robert did best. Robert London Bogner, aged 91, was born in Yuma, Arizona on March 16th, 1932, to Cletis A. Bogner and Roberta(Bobbie) O. Bogner, whom he characterized as "...probably the two greatest parents anybody could ask for." From his dad Robert developed a love of tools and what he could do with them, which later led him to a career as a mechanical engineer. In about the 5th or 6th grade, when the family lived in Phoenix, Robert discovered a sense of rhythm and a love of music which stayed with him all his life. He joined the school band as a percussionist, and as an adult, studied and performed both classical and Afro-Cuban music as well. He

played in two symphony orchestras and several dance bands. Here in Durango, he took classes at Stillwater, where he played in both the jazz and the salsa bands. Robert attended Phoenix Union High School, where he ran track and played in the marching and symphonic bands. He graduated from the University of Arizona in 1955 with a degree in mechanical engineering, then went to Perdue University where he received his Master's Degree. That same year, Robert was employed by the Garrett Corporation, where he worked with gas turbines. A few years later he moved to Santa Barbara, California, to work with American Machine and Foundry as head of a small group developing new businesses. Here he joined a marching group and played a bagpipe. Later, he returned to Phoenix and resumed his career with Garrett, working in aviation, and retiring in 1993. While working, Robert was the president of the Arizona Division of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers as well as Chairman of the National Committee for Continuing Education for Mechanical Engineers. In 1969 Robert married Dora Lee Vosnic, and together they raised "three great children." The Bogner family loved music, dancing, animals, camping and decorating for any and all holidays, especially Christmas. Robert and Dora Lee performed in many dance groups, with specialty numbers as Fred Astair and Ginger Rogers. Kerry Leonard, the oldest son, passed away in 2009, and Robert's wife, Dora Lee died soon afterwards, in 2010. Amy London and Mitchell Lawrence Bogner are Robert's surviving children. In retirement, Robert pursued interests in woodworking, enjoying his sports cars and watching racing, playing golf and flying a private plane. After being widowed Robert moved to Durango, where he visited the Dharma Center and eventually joined the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Durango. There he met Judith A. Hook, a fellow Unitarian who could laugh at his offbeat jokes and enjoyed reading aloud to him, which was necessitated by Robert's increasing loss of vision due to macular degeneration. The late-life partnership formed by Judy and Robert was a source of joy, companionship and fulfillment to both of them. Robert was a man of continuing curiosity and strong opinions on many topics, from the necessity of nuclear energy to the superiority of jazz music, and he continued to explore information and gain knowledge by listening to audible books as well as to Judy's reading. Robert passed away at the age of 91, on December 5th, 2023. He is survived by his two children, Amy and Mitchell, his partner Judy and his beloved dog Milo. A celebration of his life will be held at the Unitarian Universalist church at a future date. Robert will be sorely missed by friends and family alike. The Music of the Spheres is now enriched by a stellar jazz drummer. *Published by The Durango Herald on Dec. 13, 2023.*



In loving memory of **Charles Robert “Bob” Chitwood**, a devoted husband, father, and friend, who peacefully passed away at the age of 85 on February 14, 2024. Born on November 10, 1938 in Chandler, Bob epitomized the spirit of Arizona as a proud third-generation Arizonian, deeply rooted in his community. He was the beloved third child of Patricia (née Andersen) and Phillip Gibson “Bud” Chitwood, alongside siblings Johnny, Jane, and Carolyn. He was a proud graduate of Chandler High. Bob pursued his passion for engineering, earning a Bachelor's degree from Arizona State University and a Master's degree from the University of Phoenix. Descended from the industrious Andersen family, early Danish settlers in Chandler, Bob inherited their ethos of hard work, ingenuity, and resilience. An avid aviator from a young age, Bob obtained his pilot's license and delighted in flying for

many years, including his exhilarating adventures in his Citabria and aerobatic flying. He was equally passionate about pushing his physical limits and ran four marathons, demonstrating his determination and commitment to excellence. As Chief Engineer of the test lab at Allied Signal within the aerospace industry, Bob's legacy extended far beyond professional success. He fondly recalled his early days there

starting as a lab tech. He established the Allied Signal intern program at the Tempe facility, nurturing engineering talent from ASU and encouraging personal growth both in and out of the workplace. Bob's enduring legacy lies not only in his professional achievements but also in the warmth of his heart, infectious smile, unwavering integrity, and profound devotion to his family and friends. He exemplified kindness, never speaking ill of others and radiating positivity in all endeavors. Bob's 70+ year love story with his wife Julia was a testament to enduring love, filled with adventures to the rim, the dunes, Europe, and their beach house in Mexico. Together, they embraced life's journey with boundless love, respect, and humor. Bob is survived by his wife Julia, son Bobby, favorite daughter Jolie, and grandson Zach, all of whom will forever hold him close in their hearts. His legacy echoes through the lives he touched and the memories he leaves behind. Bob will be profoundly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him, yet his spirit will endure through the love and joy he shared with those fortunate enough to call him friend or family. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 11:00 am at Whitney & Murphy Bueler Mortuary, 14 W. Hulet Drive, Chandler, AZ 85225.



**Joseph Sotelo, Jr.**, born in Miami, AZ on January 30, 1945, died on February 25, 2024. Survivors include his wife, three children, four grandchildren, and a sister. He was preceded in death by his parents, José F. Sotelo, Frances Chavez Sotelo, and his brother John Victor Sotelo. He graduated from the University of Arizona and received a bachelor's degree from the College of Engineering and Mines and a Master of Business Administration. A longtime Phoenix and Tucson resident, he worked many years in the aviation and finance industries, and taught at the University of Phoenix. He was a bibliophile and lover of Arizona history. He was an avid golfer and was always ready to support those in need. Services were held at St. Theresa Parish. Donations in his honor may be made to St. Vincent de Paul Society Tucson Council, Friends of the Pima

County Library, and the Humane Society of Southern Arizona. *Published in The Arizona Republic March 10, 2024.*

## **Honeywell-Garrett \$5000 Death Benefit**

The Garrett Corp provided a sum of money to cover funeral expenses of Garrett employee upon their death. The benefit is still available. The amount of money is \$5000. The benefit is recognized within the Honeywell system as a "death benefit". When contacting Honeywell that term should be used, along with mention of the sum of \$5000. To request the benefit, call 1-877-258-3699. This is the number contained in the November 21, 2022 letter and postcard sent to participants. Press a phone key for option 5 to start the process.