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*The Alumni Club is pleased to bring you this special edition of "Connection" featuring our first Western Region Luncheon. Here's a recap of that first luncheon held on March 20, 1998. The next luncheon is planned for November 12, 1998.*



## *Alumni Club Sponsors First Western Region Luncheon*

*by: Audrey Korinek, Schaumburg, IL/ Mesa, AZ*

On Friday, March 20, 1998, the Western Region Luncheon of the Alumni Club was held at the Peppercorn Grille in the Safari Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona. This was the Alumni's Club's first luncheon in the Western Region and it proved to be a great success.

American Drug Stores Alumni Club members and retirees representing Osco, Skaggs, and Sav-On numbering forty-three

people gathered. They enjoyed a pleasant afternoon visiting, reminiscing, and chatting with old friends.

Jack O'Connell (Osco), of Scottsdale, Arizona and Jack O'Toole (Skaggs), of Sun City, Arizona worked together on the arrangements for the luncheon which included a special order for a cloudless, bright sky with no signs of any "El Nino" deluge.

Jack O'Connell acted as "Master of Ceremonies" and welcomed the group. He announced that following in the practice started by the Alumni Club at the Midwest Luncheons, a "50/50" raffle would be held. Tickets were sold at \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. The winner would collect 50% of the pot with the other half going to the Club. The lucky winners were Mark Luiz (Skaggs) of Scottsdale,

Arizona and, none other than Tork Fuglestad (Osco), of Naperville, Illinois. Tork generously donated his winnings back to the Club to bolster the treasury. Thanks Tork!



*Mike Radtke and Audrey Korinek*

Alumni Club President, Tork Fuglestad gave a short overview of the Alumni Club's activities. He thanked the members for their support and invited all non-members to join the Alumni Club. Tork also spoke about sponsoring a Fall Luncheon in the Western Region. This suggestion was very well received. The Alumni Club has a strong membership base in Arizona and there are many more non-members that we have not yet been able to add to our mailing lists. With the help of other Arizona members, we want to continue to add names to that mailing list and continue sponsoring luncheons in this area.



*Dick Davis was the guest speaker at the Western Region Luncheon*

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Dick Davis, recently retired Executive Vice President and General Manager of American Stores, was the guest speaker at the luncheon. He spoke on the state of the business. Dick related key strategies and direction of the business, namely: moving from a holding company to one company as far as operations and organization are concerned. He also discussed goals for changing methodologies for running the business that will bring ADSI into the new millennium. One major area of improvement will be in the area of pharmacy services and increasing the number of "scrips" filled.

Read on for more information regarding the Fall Western Region Luncheon (scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 1998). If you are in the area, plan to attend. You will be pleased to see so many folks that you have met in your business adventure with American Drug Stores. Hope you join us for the next luncheon!

*Special thanks to Audrey Korinek for this article, George Stearns for the pictures, and Betty Baumer for her input. Thanks also to Jack O'Connell and Jack O'Toole for setting up the luncheon.*



*Bev O'Connell, with Gloria & Jim Johnson*

It was great to hear about those of you who planned your trips so you could attend this luncheon. Paul Hitzelberger from California planned a business trip around the dates of the lunch so he could attend. Bill & Carol Jacobs of Medford, Oregon had been traveling through California in their motorhome. They planned their visit with Ron & Nancy Grove of the Phoenix area so they could attend lunch as well. Thanks to everyone else who planned their calendars so they could join us for lunch. We even had a few "Northerners" who were wintering in the Phoenix area who were in attendance. Although we had a great turnout for our first luncheon, the Club's goal is to have an even bigger group at the next luncheon.



*Nancy Grove and Jack O'Connell*



*Gaylan Davies and Joe Zagar*

Unfortunately we discovered after this March Luncheon that the Alumni Club's mailing list did not include the names and addresses of *many* retirees now living in Arizona. The good news is that we've recently acquired a mailing list that has 70+ retirees in the state of Arizona (many of whom retired from Skaggs and Sav-on). We apologize for not having that mailing list for the March luncheon but we hope to make it up to everyone at the Fall Luncheon.

The Western Region Fall Luncheon will held on **Thursday, November 12, 1998**. By popular demand the luncheon will once again be held at the **Peppercorn Grille in the Safari Resort** in Scottsdale, Arizona. A **Welcome Reception** will begin at **11:30 a.m.** (cash bar available), and **Lunch** will be served at **12:30 p.m.** Guests, and non-members, are **WELCOME**. The price of the luncheon is **\$10/person**. This includes:

*Choice of Entree:* Sirloin Steak, Pork Chops, Broiled Scrod, or Chicken Teriyaki;

*Choice of beverage:* soda, coffee, tea, iced tea, or milk

*Choice of:* baked potato or rice pilaf, and "All-You-Can-Eat Salad Bar"



*Kathy Springer and Shirley Rahilly*



*Wow! Here's a picture of the staff of the Skagg's #108 Store of 1952. (submitted by Betty Baumer - Glendale, Arizona)*

## Western Region Fall Luncheon

Thursday,  
November 12, 1998

### Peppercorn Grille

*at the*

*SAFARI RESORT*

*Scottsdale, Arizona*

*Welcome Reception: 11:30a.m.*

*Luncheon: 12:30 p.m.*

*Cost: \$10.00 per person*

*Watch your mail for invitations...  
being mailed September, 1998!*

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