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**Happy Holidays to You & Yours,  
from the Retiree Club Officers & Directors!**

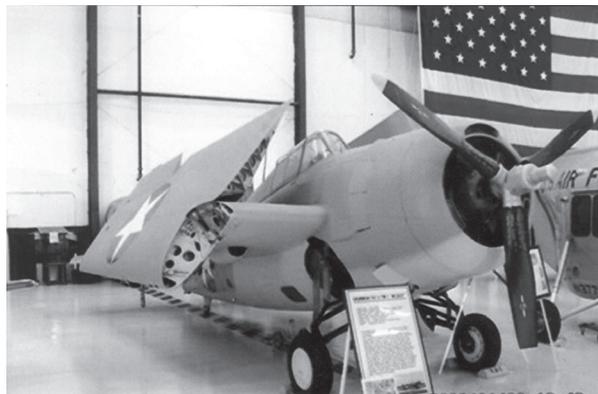
## The Grumman Iron Works Lives Again!

**A Grumman F4F-3 *Wildcat* goes into Lake Michigan in 1943.**

**The *Wildcat* is raised from the bottom of the lake in 1991.**



**21,000 volunteer hours and 19,000 donated dollars later,  
the *Wildcat* is fully restored by the *Grumman Gremlins*!**



**For all of the details, see the Florida Space Coast Chapter report  
in the November Newsletter.**

**Grandparent Scam Alert!**

**See Lou Kubat's story, in the Bethpage Chapter report,  
page 6 of this Newsletter**



**Scholarship Program Contributors**

To: All donors to our Scholarship Program:

**Thank You** so much for your generous donations to this great Club program. All of our donors should be proud to know that your contributions will help deserving and accomplished students attend college.

*Many Thanks.*

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**Scholarship Program Contributions**

Your contributions are the engine that enables our Scholarship Award Program to be an on-going Retiree Club Program for all members.

Remember: Your Scholarship Program donations are tax deductible.

Every little bit counts . . . It all adds up. Please keep your (tax deductible) donations coming . . . Send your checks (payable to Retiree Scholarship Fund) to: Scholarship Fund, PO Box 0748, Bethpage, NY 11714-0748.

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**Scholarship Applications for 2017**

**Applications for our 2017 Scholarship Awards Program** may be obtained at Chapter meetings, at our web site ([www.grummanretireeclub.org](http://www.grummanretireeclub.org)), or by sending a request for application, together with a stamped, self-addressed envelope, to the mail address below. Again, thank you. Your continuing, generous support ensured our 19<sup>th</sup> successful year of Scholarship Awards. It is the members' responsibility to provide the application and encourage our grand kids to participate! Remember: the only awareness our grand kids have of our Scholarship program is through you, the members.

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**QUARTERLY 50/50 RAFFLE  
Members of All Chapters May Participate!**

**Enter often. Multiple winners possible.  
Max prize: \$500 for any one person, in any one drawing.**

**Winners announced in the Newsletter.**

Send a filled-in raffle ticket (below) and a check (payable to Grumman Retiree Club Scholarship Fund), to: Retiree Club Scholarship program, PO Box 0748, Bethpage, NY, 11714-0748.

Each raffle entry is \$5.

**Please indicate how many raffles you are purchasing.**

**This Raffle benefits the Scholarship Fund only.**

<b><u>Scholarship Program 50/50 Raffle Ticket</u></b>	
Name _____	
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**Bethpage Chapter Calendar**

**Luncheons/Meetings**

*Membership luncheon-meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise noted.*

**December 14, 2016 - Holiday Luncheon  
Call Club Office (516-575-3777)**

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**Calendar for 2017**

**All luncheons will be held at the  
Crest Hollow CC.**

January 18 (Snow date January 25)

February 22,

March 22,

April 19,

May 24

June 28 – Scholarship Luncheon

July and August – no meetings

September 27

Monday, October 23 – Cradle of Aviation  
**Retiree Club 50th Anniversary Celebration**

**Tuesday**, November 14

December 13 – Holiday Luncheon

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**Bethpage / Parent Chapter**

**November 15, 2016**

Torrential downpours didn't keep our Chapter diehards from coming to the meeting. After a great lunch, the meeting began with Sergeant-at-Arms Nick Bazzicalupo leading the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was then observed for our departed friends and for the wellbeing of the men and women in the service of our country who risk their lives and their safety for our freedom.

President Betty Bohlander greeted everybody and introduced guest speaker Tom Tack. Tom has a most prestigious bio. Presently, he is Director of Next Generation Electronic Attack in Northrop Grumman's Mission Systems. Here, he leads an advanced development team tasked to design, mature, and sell advanced electronic warfare concepts and systems for a wide range of manned and unmanned applications.

Prior to joining Northrop Grumman, Tom worked for Herndon, Virginia, based Electronic Warfare Associates as the Director of Navy Programs. He is a retired Navy Captain, with 26 years of service. In his final tour, he served as Commodore of the Navy's Electronic Wing at Whidbey Island, Washington. In this role, he led 16 subordinate commands of the EA-6B Prowler community, providing aircraft carrier based and expeditionary electronic attack support to the war fighter.

As a Navy EA-6B pilot, he logged more than 3200 flight hours and 200 combat missions over six extended deployments, with both Navy Carrier and Air Force Expeditionary Wings. He has also served two tours in the Pentagon on both the Navy and Joint Staff. As one would expect, he was highly decorated, having been awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, two Legion of Merit Medals, twelve Air Medals, and various other personal and unit awards while serving on active duty.

Tom started his talk by thanking everybody for all their past accomplishments in making Grumman and Grumman products great, particularly the EA-6B, which he flew for 19 of his 26 years of service. He said that he participated in four major conflicts



over that time and flew the EA-6B on eight trans-Atlantic flights or “Pond fly-overs”, as he called them.

He shared a few “War Stories” regarding his “Office” as he calls the front left seat of the airplane. The first story he related started with Tom as a young Lieutenant on the USS Ranger (CVA-61). He remembered when the Desert Storm war was announced. He recalls that the sorties over Iraq started that night. For his first mission, he was thrilled being assigned a day mission the following morning as daytime carrier landings are a lot easier than nighttime landings. But, his elation soon ebbed when he realized that the first night mission would stir up a hornets’ nest of anti-aircraft fire for the next day’s sorties, without the cover of darkness. He soon became a seasoned war fighter, flying some 43 sorties during the 42-day conflict, mostly at night, with what was called the “Grumman Air Wing”, since it was composed of A-6s, F-14s, E-2Cs and EA-6Bs. Somewhere about mission 40, he was on a night mission over the Euphrates River on the Iraq-Iran border where they had flown about ten times before and pretty much obliterated all weaponry or so they thought. As the mission progressed, Tom prepared to fire his HARM (High-speed Anti-Radiation Missile), a tactical, air-to-surface missile designed to home-in on electronic transmissions coming from surface-to-air radar systems. Since that’s the only weapon an EA-6B has, Tom enjoyed that one shot per mission. On this clear night however, Tom fired the missile and - as Tom describes the flash, - it looked like a big bottle rocket, especially in the dark. This showed his position and every anti-aircraft weapon immediately aimed at him with ordinance exploding above and below him. He maneuvered the lumbering plane to safety and away from ordinance and, just as three of the four-man crew relaxed, the fourth crewman said that they had to turn around and reenter that enemy airspace and provide cover jamming for A-6s that were still bombing targets. Back they went, but shortly all A-6s left the combat area and so home they headed back to their ship. Tom had the responsibility to land safely on the carrier at night, which he said was more nerve-wracking for the pilot than the combat portion of the mission. Tom became a Night Centurion (completed 100 night carrier landings) before he had 100 day landings.

Tom then fast-forwarded his stories to 1999 and the Kosovo War. That operation was called Allied Force. He was sent to Aviano Air Base, in Italy. It was an Air Force Base and Tom was the only Navy person there as he was the advance guard sent to set up a temporary home for EA-6Bs that would be sent there. The accommodations provided for the Navy operation was an abandoned building with no electricity and no water.

Once that challenge was overcome, they flew many missions over Kosovo. However, the Aviano Base was very far north in Italy and Kosovo was very far south in the Balkans, which had particularly bad weather that time of the year. The mission flight took almost two hours to get to the mission area. Typically, the EA-6B would fly south to the vicinity of Kosovo where a tanker aircraft would do midair refueling, but an EA-6B requires a special kind of tanker. On this day, Tom and his wing man couldn’t find their tanker and were running low on fuel. Finally, they located the KC-135 (a militarized Boeing 707) at 35,000 feet. Struggling to get the planes to that altitude, they tried repeatedly to catch up with the tanker but they failed each time. Really running low on fuel, they diverted to an emergency air base in Italy. That night, Tom was joined in the other front seat by an A-6 Bombardier-Navigator (BN) named Carlos. Upon approach to the field from 35,000 feet altitude, they forgot to put on the windshield defogger. At 5000 feet, the entire cockpit fogged up. So now, running low on fuel, flying into an unfamiliar landing strip, they can’t see anything. Carlos unstrapped himself from the ejection seat, stood up, and with a rag from somewhere started wiping off the inside of the windshield so Tom could see. They contacted the tower to tell them of their situation and spoke to Italians with broken English who barely were understandable. Meanwhile, the entire way down, Carlos is standing, wiping the windshield. Upon landing, the weather made the fogging inside even worse so Tom popped the canopy, unstrapped from his seat, stood up, and taxied into the final area standing up in the cockpit to the amazement of the all-Italian ground crew. Finally, after shutting down the plane, they asked the Italian maintenance worker standing by the plane for fuel and a power cart. No response; he didn’t speak English. Finally, using hand signals, they got their fuel. When the power cart came and



was connected to the plane, Tom tried starting the engine but nothing happened. Carlos had the answer: He opened a circuit breaker panel outside the plane, and, while standing on the wing, shorted out a circuit breaker with a pencil and a paper clip, and told Tom to crank her over. As Tom did, sparks flew and Carlos was knocked down. He got up, reconnected his special pencil-paperclip tool, and the plane started. Tom added that during this less-than-proper engine starting procedure with sparks flying, a young ECM operator in the backseat stood, mouth open, in amazement and shock.

After the story, Tom got a rousing round of applause. Tom added that he had lots more stories for a later date. He also lauded the planes he flew and added that throughout his 26 years of flying Grumman products, he only had one emergency in flight and it wasn't a design issue.

Finally, if you want to really know what kind of person Tom Tack is, consider what he says when people come up to him and thank him for his service: He thanks *them* for giving him the opportunity to serve. Wow!!



Tom Tack & Betty Bohlander

Betty presented Tom with the medallion created for our 40th Retiree Anniversary gala, which shows many of the products designed and built by Grumman, and includes the LM. Thanks, Tom.

N.B. The EA-6B still remains in service, flown by the US Marines, and will remain for a few more years.

**Business - Betty Bohlander:**

- ***Betty asked for any changes to the minutes as they appeared in the October Newsletter.*** There being none, the minutes were accepted as written.
- ***Election of Officers for the 2017 - 2018 two-year term.*** The slate presented was:

President - Bob Ripp,  
Vice President - Pat Sullivan,  
Secretary - Lou Kubat,  
Treasurer - Frank Rizzo,  
Sergeant-at-Arms - Nick Bazzicalupo.

Betty asked for a show of hands of all those in favor of electing the proposed Officers. The show of hands was unanimous. Therefore, by vote, the slate as proposed was elected. They will be installed at our Holiday Luncheon in December.

• ***Betty read a letter addressed to the Retiree Club Members from Vincent Melia, who received a Retiree Club Scholarship Award in 2012.*** He wrote about his successful completion of his Bachelor of Music Education degree and spoke of how he student taught in Northport-East District School during his senior year. Subsequently, he was offered a scholarship to Carnegie Mellon for a Master's degree. However, before he could start the advanced training, a teaching opportunity opened in his local school district, so the Master's degree was put on hold for now. Vincent also wrote of his now-deceased Grumman retiree grandfather, Robert Robertson, who was so proud when Vincent was given the award at our June luncheon. In closing, he thanked us for helping him to get started in 2012, and added that he will forever be thankful and remember it is his duty to give back to the community as the Retiree Club does all the time.

• ***Betty announced that this was the last business meeting of 2016.*** We have another opportunity to get together and that's at the **Holiday Luncheon on December 14th** at the Crest Hollow CC. The reservation form is in the October and November Newsletters. If you have two or more couples that would like to be seated together, please fill out one reservation form for everyone and submit one check to pay for all attendees.



**Birthdays:** Milt Farcas (75 on 11/12); Tony Scaturro (79 on 11/29); Dorothy Leogrande (?? on 12/9); Justin Perrotta (?? on 11/12); and Rafael Castro (90 on 9/25).

***Happy Birthday to all.***

**Anniversaries:** John & Angela Calendrille (65 yrs. on 10/14) and Ozzie & Eloise Ferrer (50 yrs. on 4/24).

***Congratulations on your milestones.***

**First VP Bob Ripp:**

- The date has been set for the 50th Retiree Club Anniversary Gala at the Cradle of Aviation. Please save Monday October 23, 2017 for the gala. It will be an afternoon affair from Noon to 4PM. All future Newsletters will remind you of the event with any further details when available.

- Bob noted a serious fact He will be assuming the role of President in 2017. However, the Club has not had a change of Officers in years. No one is stepping up to assume the functions. Fortunately, the present Officers have been willing to continue quite graciously. By next year, the Club will be in jeopardy since there doesn't appear to be someone to replace him as President in the future. He asked that everyone should dig deep and consider volunteering for senior positions or any office related tasks.

- The phone system in the Club office is not functioning. Calls go immediately to voice mail. So, if contact is required use email to contact the office.

Bob then turned the dais over to Lou Kubat for a special message before the Committee Reports were read.

Lou told the audience that he and his wife were nearly victims of an ingenious telephone scam.

"In the morning before the meeting, my wife answered a phone call and the caller said, 'Hello, Grandma'. When she said, 'Jack (our Grandson) is that you?' the caller had his bogus name ID'd. He went on saying that he broke his nose, which accounted for the fact that the voice didn't sound entirely like their grandson. My wife then put me on the phone with both of us entirely believing that we were talking to our grandson, not some third party, which probably would have made the scam obvious.

Continuing, the caller said that the night before he had been at a party with friends who had gotten too drunk to drive home so they asked him to drive. He did and had a fender bender with another car. The air bag went off and that's what broke his nose. He said he was breathalyzed by the cops and he failed and was arrested. He pleaded that we not tell his mother and father until he got out of jail so he could confront them personally. The story sounded reasonable coming from someone we believed was our Grandson.

"Now came the scam. He said the brother of one of his friends is a lawyer who knew the judge and could get all the charges dropped, but our grandson would have to immediately pay for the damages to the other person's car, which amounted to \$4000. Picturing him in jail with a broken nose erased all common sense so we agreed, asking how to get the money to the owner of the other car as they are in Miami, Florida. The pretend-grandson said that the lawyer said get two TARGET store gift cards, each for \$2000, and he would call back and we could read the card numbers to him and the funds would be retrieved and paid out. Now, in retrospect, that sounds absurd.

"Fortunately, Mother Nature saved the day. As we were about to go to TARGET, it was pouring rain so we decided to wait a bit until the rain subsided. During that wait and after a moment of reflection, I decided to call my son-in-law in violation of our promise to not tell the parents. Thankfully, I did, because the call debunked the entire story as my daughter had driven our grandson to school that morning. We called the police because the caller was scheduled to call back within the hour to get the gift card numbers. I asked how to proceed and was advised to just hang up and forget the scam as the odds were the call was from outside the country. I decided to play with the caller as it now was my turn. When faux-grandson-Jack called back to get the gift card information, I answered and said 'Hi, Charlie, is that you?' When he answered 'Yes, Pop-Pop', he was mine. I teased him and said, 'Good news! I have the gift cards,' (he must have been drooling) 'but before I give you the numbers, I have some more good news: I called your uncle, the Police Chief of Ft. Lauderdale, and he will pick you up and thank the police that arrested you for the



nice treatment they gave you.’ I asked what precinct was he in. The phone went CLICK!! However, I guess the greed factor overcame his caution when he recalled that I said that I had the gift cards and he called back immediately. Apologizing for the disconnection, he asked for the numbers and again I asked for his location so his uncle could get him. That did it: *CLICK!* . . . and the game was over.

“I’m sure he wonders if I really had the cards and if he was that close to \$4000. I did call TARGET to report that their gift cards have become a player in scams. They were aware of the scams and any clerk checking out a gift card for a large amount of money will ask the customer what it is for and advise them about possible scams. A nice touch, but stay vigilant yourself! The scammers are ever creative.”

After the talk, many people related similar stories with one that was immediately revealed as a scam when a girl called and said to her faux grandmother that she had been driving and had an accident. The retiree’s granddaughter was eleven at the time, so the scam was immediately obvious. Be cautious when anyone asks for money in any form.

**Treasurers’ Reports:**

**Treasurer Frank Rizzo** provided the Bethpage Chapter Treasurer’s report.

**Scholarship Fund Treasurer Linda Perrotta** gave the monthly Scholarship Fund report.

Both reports were accepted as read.

**Community Relations - 2nd VP Pat Sullivan** provided a detailed list of recent donations:

(a) *The USS Hornet Association Memorial Fund.* The USS Hornet was the name of a number of US war ships, from the country’s early years through WWII. CV-8 was the 7th USS Hornet. The association is donating plaques honoring the ship’s heritage to various organizations, including the Cradle of Aviation. We will have a speaker from the Association sometime in the future.

(b) *The Cradle of Aviation Museum Cradle Camp*

(c) *Island Harvest*, for which the BFCU is holding its 8th annual turkey drive. We will participate, as we have done in past years.

Pat read an email from the daughter of Grumman retiree Bill Powers. Bill is homebound with a terminal

diagnosis but would love to have short visits from any old friends. If you would like to visit him, please call his wife ahead of the visit to verify his condition. You can call the office for Bill’s home phone number.

**Travel –Nick Bazzicalupo** highlighted three trips. *Editor’s Note: The trips were scheduled so early in December that all three would be over before any Club member received this Newsletter. Interested in future trips? Call Rendezvous Travel at 516-867-8747. DO NOT call the Retiree Club Office.*

**Get Well Wishes** were sent to: Frank Sacca, Howie Schilling, both Ernie and Rose Finamore, and Rafael Castro. Rafael has recovered and attended the meeting,

**Prize Winners**

**Community Relations 50/50:** Roberta Piezzo, Edna Grudzinski, Ray Mason, and Karl Christ

**Door Prizes:** Lou Luceri and Carl Puma

**Scholarship 50/50:** Betty Bohlander

The meeting was adjourned with the singing of *God Bless America*.

**Next Meeting: Holiday Luncheon, December 14, at the Crest Hollow CC.**

Reservation form for the luncheon is in the October and November Newsletters.

By: Lou Kubat, Sec’y.

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**CALIFORNIA / Golden West**

Our November meeting was held at the Eagles Lodge in Oxnard, CA. Fourteen members were present.

Lunch was followed by a business meeting, where plans were made for our December Christmas meeting.

Bill Schieffer and Ralph Rossbach won the 50/50 drawing.

**Next Meeting: December 13, 2016.**

By: Fred Syrett, President

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**CALIFORNIA / San Diego**

No report of November activity.

Christmas luncheon on December 14,  
at the 94th Aero Squadron.

Contact: Bill Roeckl, Sec'y. [billroeckl@cox.net]

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**FLORIDA / First Coast**

Twenty-eight members made it to our November luncheon. President Fred opened by leading us in the Pledge, which was followed by a short prayer.

With no reports of new business or member health issues, Fred announced that we need a volunteer for Chaplain whose duties would be reciting opening and closing prayers at our monthly meetings or gatherings.

Fred then announced birthdays and anniversaries for two months.

**October Birthdays:** Ron Davies, Janet Cassford, Corrine Foley, John Saar, Laura Pinter, Denise Fleming, Tom Walsh, Carla Congro, Rose Dispennette, and Marcus Oakley.

**October Anniversaries:** Gloria & Richard Kelly, Elizabeth & Charles Baldwin, and Fran & Bob Wolsky.

**November Birthdays:** Anne Wilke, Stella Trella, Jennifer Foster, Brenda Bernier, Marie Miller, Lauren Davies, Don Kowalski, Richard Konig, Cathy Decrescenzo, Paul Coronato, and Dale Wolsky.

**November Anniversaries:** Rena & Marcus Oakley, Cathy & Joe Decrescenzo, Doloris & Harry Munson, Barbara & Chuck Dolce, Betty & Paul Rosone, Barbara & Bob Mehl, Ruth & Art Goehler, Laura & Raymond Pinter, Mary & Don Martin, Cindy & Alan McCaffery, and Marie & Tony Miller.

Fred then thanked everyone who helped out at the picnic in October. It was a beautiful day.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob will start collecting

the 2017 Club Dues at the December meeting. Cash or check (\$15) payable to Robert Rathje or Grumman Retiree Club. If you wish to mail a check, send to: Robert Rathje, 11046 Castlemain Cir. E., Jacksonville, FL. 32256. Let's "GIT ER DONE" by the end of February.

There will be a St. Augustine VP visiting with us at our December 13 meeting, to update us about what's going on at the site.

Anyone who has an idea for any future guest speaker: Please bring it up at a meeting.

All 50/50 cash will be distributed in cash plus five turkey checks.

**Next Meeting: December 13**, at Ichiban Buffet on US-1 in St Augustine.

***FROM ALL OF US AT FIRST COAST:  
HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!***

By: Steve Cacace, Sec'y. [sremkkc@comcast.net]

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**FLORIDA / Manasota West**

November 9, 2016

President Ted Martines opened our meeting and welcomed eleven members after the Pledge of Allegiance. The Treasurer's Report was provided by John Zinna, and was followed by his Secretary's report. It was nice having Jane and Con Gilsenan rejoin us for the snowbird season and a promise from Rick Koenig that we will see him next month.

As the discussion turned to the elections, we all shared the previous night and early morning experiences and spoke of how social media (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, etc.) played out with the younger generation (our children and grandchildren) and how they researched candidates utilizing this media. Rather than going to a candidate's webpage, the Millennials go to FaceBook. This computer age, that we helped usher into existence, is certainly changing how we view and interact, everything from shopping to elections.

With the national elections finished, we are happy



that our TV entertainment and news will get back to normal and with that a healthy discussion on Ancestry ensued. Communications being what they are, we have many research tools available to us to discover our heritage. President Ted shared his research endeavors that lead him to seeking out a European research firm to dig deeper into family history. Others have done the DNA swab and spoke of the deep but vague ancestry data those agencies have provided. Lots of interesting and fun stories followed leading VP Bob Nyberg to recall a joke or two, elevating the discussion to the lighter side.

The membership agreed to send our yearly charity contribution to *Mayors Feed the Hungry* and to *Harvest House*, both Sarasota organizations.

Our 50/50 raffle was won by everyone except John & Fran Zinna; so the Martines, Nybergs, Gilsenans, DeGeorges, and Jim Murray were all November winners.

You members who haven't seen us in a while: Come on back to the December Holiday Meeting, on December 14th at Noon. We'll be in our river view room at Pier 22 in Bradenton, FL, waiting for *you*.

By: John Zinna, Secy.  
[941-705-2690; ezjohn1028@gmail.com]

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**FLORIDA/ Mid-West**

Chapter did not schedule a November meeting.

**Next gathering will be on December 15**, for our Christmas party. We will have entertainment and lunch at the City Buffet on Route #50 in Brooksville.

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**FLORIDA / SouthWest**

Clem Moors opened our November meeting, which was held at the Golden Corral, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. We had 18 members, guest Kris Hornsby, and two speakers from SERVPRO, Sean Millette and Eireann Erdner, for a total of 21 in attendance.

After lunch, Sean and Eireann gave an informative talk. SERVPRO handles fire and water cleanup and restoration. They have 1700 franchises. Sean explained how dangerous mold is and how our health can be affected. Their motto is "Like it never even happened." SERVPRO interfaces directly with your insurance company to make the cleanup as painless as possible.

Also mentioned: keep your humidistat at 30-50%, be sure to change your filters, and turn your water off when leaving for any extended period of time.

The Perres had a mold problem, which was extremely stressful. They had not heard of SERVPRO at the time. We thank Linda Baldwin for inviting these speakers.

Clem read the October meeting minutes.

Our treasurer, Willy Wolter, reported that we have a satisfactory balance in the treasury and we will be collecting dues at the January meeting.

Members present for recent birthdays were Willy Wolter, Ethel Czerwinski, Gloria Conklin, Tom & Mary Cumminsky, Tony Moors, and Barbara Sidaris.

Our anniversary couples are Paul & Linda Baldwin, Tom & Mary Cumminsky, and Clem & Tony Moors.

Peter Harrington sent an email reminder for our meeting, which was helpful.

George Daly is recuperating from rotor cuff surgery and we offer Bob Clare our condolences for the recent passing of his wife, Helen.

**Next Meeting: Jan 10, 2017**, at the Golden Corral, in Punta Gorda.

By: Clem Moors  
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and  
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## **FLORIDA / Space Coast**

Our November 16 meeting at the Suntree Country Club started promptly at Noon as Vice President John Lau took over the gavel and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. (President Bob Prais was fulfilling grandfatherly commitments out of town.) Chaplain Ed Romano's touching invocation reminded us of how much we have to be thankful for. The Club kitchen rallied to the occasion with a buffet featuring a marvelous turkey roast and dressing backed by eggplant parmesan

John's pick for a program turned out to be another winner as he introduced Michael Canet, of Prostat Financial Advisory Group, author of Amazon's #1 best seller, "Surviving the Perfect Storm: How to Create a Financial Plan That Will Withstand Any Crisis." With offices in four Eastern states, his organization services retirees across the country.

Michael started with some real attention getters: the three levels of assisted care cost \$3,000 to \$10,000 per month. Health care inflation has been running 5.69% per year (our note: compare that with our Social Security raises); typical time in assisted care is four years for women vs. 28 months for men. Michael later quoted a budgetary number of \$100K/year for a nursing home.

Your poor scribe cannot quote details of all the types of plans Mr. Canet touched upon; there were strengths and weaknesses in each, but will only touch on some generalized highlights:

- Long Term Care Insurance: Expensive. Consider buying only from Triple A rated companies as many are in receivership.
- Look for AID & Attended VA support which can provide 2K/Month if you or your spouse has served as little as one day, anywhere, during the period of any war.
- To get the Medicaid benefit you must be dead broke!
- Annuities: A myriad of these are available, primarily for long term care, some with provision to get your money back, but generally are not recommended by Mr. Canet.

Mr. Canet dwelt on the danger of putting your assets in a trust with your children or other loved ones as a means of avoiding the estate tax upon your demise. In the event of a law suit against anyone in the trust, you can lose the entire estate, including your house. He also cautioned that today's rules are always subject to change and could be vastly different tomorrow.

We were indeed fortunate to get an insight into such an increasingly important phase of our senior live with the guidance of a consummate professional.

**Treasurer:** In addition to the usual detailed breakdown of the month's financial activities and status reports, Bill Waldron reported on receiving a "Thank You" letter from the Brevard School Foundation, acknowledging that the last three of our prior years' scholarship winners had received their annual supplementary awards. Our Chapter's contribution to the Veterans Transitional Facility, supplemented by generous individual contributions, has also been forwarded to the VTF in time for Thanksgiving.

**Old Business:** Our tri-fold display board, showing club activities and luncheon speakers, has been updated for use when our Chapter representatives are at the Northrop Grumman Employee Appreciation Day outing, later in November.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:** Due to obviously irritating and distressing difficulties with getting our Treasurer's computer and software to talk to each other, our listing of November birthdays and anniversaries will be in next month's minutes.

By: Bill Steenson, Sec'y.

**Next meeting: December 14, 2016**

**NOTE: 2nd Wednesday**

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## **FLORIDA / Suncoast**

Our scheduled 11/16/16 meeting was cancelled due to sickness and other unexpected changes. At our previous meeting, on 10/19/16, a discussion was held to consider dissolution of the Chapter, due to declining membership and attendance. When it was



determined that we would not meet in November, all the members who were at the 10/19/16 meeting were contacted, on 11/15/15, and agreed to hold a vote at our next meeting.

**Next Meeting:**

**Our Holiday and Christmas Party on 12/14/16.**

Please bring a Grab Bag gift (up to \$10).

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

By: Patricia Newark, Sec'y  
[LionPattySecretary@Yahoo.com; 727-360-7339]

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**FLORIDA / Treasure Coast**

Our November 17th meeting was held at Allegro Inspired Senior Living.

Chaplain Larry Regier led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

Dan Knowles introduced Ruth Pietruszewski, who is the Martin County Tax Collector. She took office in 2009. Ruth created efficient ways to keep the taxes from being raised. She has received numerous awards. One was the Legacy Award, which is one of the highest awards for her achievements. She also earned the Excellence in Financial Operations Award after demonstrating proficiency in four areas of expertise: Innovation & Automation, a Perfect Annual Audit Report, Customer Focus, and Budgeting. The citizens of Martin County are proud of Ruth Pietruszewski for the award-winning manner in which she operates the Tax Collector's Office.

**Birthdays:** Ron Gomes (82), Lawrence Regier (86), and Janet Cuce (79).

**Anniversary:** Connie & Ron Gones (61 Years)

**Visitors:** Kathy & Jack Klett; Sal & Betty DeLuca; Charlie Teufert

Dan Knowles adjourned the meeting.

By: Janet Cuce [772-344-1838;  
jjcuce@comcast.net]

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**GEORGIA / Peach Pit**

Our November 15, 2016 meeting at El Tequila Mexican Restaurant in Milledgeville, GA, started at 12:30PM. There were 10 present when Vice President Ted Zarkowsky called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Designee Mary Archer gave the Blessing, which was followed by the meal and fellowship.

**Old Business:**

Input received amended the October 18, 2016 Meeting Minutes to add Happy Birthday wishes to Josephine Harrelson [9/9/16] and Mary Archer [10/7/16]. Then, a motion to waive reading of these minutes, as amended, was made by Paul Bernichon and was seconded by Josephine Harrelson. There being no further changes either by proxy or by those present, the motion passed.

**New Business:**

1. VP Ted welcomed those present and extended Happy Thanksgiving wishes to all.
2. November Happy Birthday wishes were extended to: Marvin Avant [11/9], Tim Collum [11/10], Brenda Miller [11/24], Kathy Spikes [11/1], and Wanda Stanley [11/22].
3. November Wedding Anniversary wishes were extended to: Rubye & Marvin Avant [11/27], and Joe & Pat Sansotta [11/20].
4. Secretary Lew gave a Report on the voting for Chapter Officers, for Years 2017 & 2018: The Secretary forwarded 52 Ballots to enable each of the Chapter's 52 members to vote. He received back 25 votes. All responders voted for all of the candidates listed in the ballot. Secretary Lew then asked those present who had not voted, if they chose to vote. Two additional votes were cast, which revised the vote tally to 27 total votes [i.e. 52% of members]. Next, Josephine Harrelson made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report. Tim Collum seconded the motion. There were no dissents either by those present or by proxy and the motion passed. Accordingly, the following members will be sworn into their respective Offices at our January 17, 2017 meeting:



Paul Bernichon - President  
 Vince Ciampa - Vice President  
 Joe Sansotta - Treasurer  
 Lew Iulucci - Secretary  
 Ted Zarkowsky – Sergeant-at-Arms  
 Mary Archer - Chaplain.

**Maryland / Glen Arm**

The Glen Arm Chapter did not meet in November.

**Next Quarterly meeting: December 20** at 6:30PM, at the Golden Corral (7908 Rossville Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21236), in the White Marsh / Fullerton area.

Remember: Our Retiree Club Chapter is always looking to recruit new members. If any current member knows of fellow Grummanites who aren't members, but would like to be, please pass on our contact info.

If you have any suggestions, ideas, or questions, please present them at the meeting or contact President: Rick Swinder [410-977-7829 or rickswinder@gmail.com].

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**New England North**

No report of Chapter activity.

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**NEW YORK**

**Eastern Long Island Chapter**

VP Bob Albert welcomed 18 members to our November 16th meeting, then read the minutes of our October meeting. Treasurer Pauline Sandmann presented the financial report.

The minutes and the Financial Report were accepted without change.

Past President Leo Jasinski reported that the US Golf Assn (USGA) honored long time Chapter member Chet Zelinski with four pages of text and photos on USGA.org . . . 93 years young and still golfing! Check it out!

Nick Maniscalco recommends going on line and looking up "Remembering Grumman Aircraft Systems".

Dutch Rotzinger reported the passing of Vincent A Rizzi (10/17/16) and Walter Blazejewski (11/10/16). Our condolences go out to the families of our dearly departed.

5. Member Vince Ciampa is having a Medical issue but is on the road to recovery with a leg injury. Also, Bill Holsenbeck is ailing. We wish both of them a speedy recovery.

**In Memoriam:**

\* Club member William [Bill] Stevens passed away on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 in Eatonton, Georgia. Bill, a long term employee at the Stuart Site, relocated to the Milledgeville Site in 1997, when the Assembly work transferred.

\* Also, Jeanne Schoenholz passed away on Tuesday, 11/8/16. She was the Mother of Club member Pam McCabe.

*Both Bill and Jeanne are in our prayers and condolences are extended to their families.*

Paul Bernichon won the 75/25 Fundraiser raffle and donated his winnings back to the Community Service Fund. *Thank You, Paul.*

**Community Service:**

A Funds disbursement was made to the North Baldwin County Volunteer Firefighter's Fund on Veteran's Day [11/11/16].

**Program:** We did not have a Guest Speaker, so attendees enjoyed each other's conversations,

Aadjournment was 1:30M.

**Next Meeting: December 20, 2016, 12:30PM** –our yearend Holiday Social - at El Tequila Mexican Grill, 168 Garrett Way, Milledgeville, GA 31061. [Note: There will be Administrative Notes published for this non - Business Meeting.]

By: Lew M. Iulucci, Sec'y.  
 [iulucci@windstream.net; 478 - 452 - 1357]

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**Birthdays:** Herman Prager (12/6), Frederick White (12/7), Tommy Block (12/20), Sherman Carll (12/24), Joseph Barszczewski (12/30), and Ray Lawza (12/30).

**Anniversaries:** JoAnn & Bill Wood on 12/2/16.

***Congrats to all our celebrants!***

Any Birthdays or Anniversaries missed or dates incorrect? Contact VP Bob Albert (631-585-7987) AFTER 10AM, PLEASE! Late sleeper!

**Mytko Report:** To report any deaths, illnesses, etc. contact Bill Mytko [1-864-225-4927 or ermytko@yahoo.com].

**50/50 Winners:** Ralph, Bob, and Eileen all returned their winnings to our Treasury – Thanx!

**Meeting Schedule:**

**December 15**, at Pauline Sandmann’s Riverwoods Clubhouse, in Riverside (Riverhead).

**NO Meeting in January 2017**

Future meetings: Feb 15, March 15, April 19 – all tentatively scheduled at the Coram Diner (Route 25 & Route 112). Lunch (\$15) at Noon; meeting to follow.

**Club Dues for 2017 are due! \$15** – Please send dues to Bert Moller, 33 Ramsey Road Commack, NY 11725. Please note any address changes and add Birthday & Anniversary dates if you would like them included in the newsletter. Checks should be made out to: *ELI Grumman Retiree Club* – NOT to Bert!

**Note: Election of Chapter Officers time is here! So, any volunteers for office, throw your hat in the ring!**

***Hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving!***

By: Bob Albert, VP/Secy [631-585-7987]

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**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**Eastern Carolina Chapter**

Our November 9th meeting was held at the recently renovated Golden Corral in Jacksonville, NC. Twenty-five members and guests were treated to a groaning board of appetizers, salads, veggies, and meats, plus delicious desserts and ice cream. No one went home hungry.

After lunch, President Pete Mc Namee led the Pledge of Allegiance and VP Tom Schroder provided the invocation.

Pete had notified members prior to the meeting that our Sergeant-at-Arms and Chaplin, Rudy Ramcke, passed away the week before. Rudy was a long-standing member of the Retiree Club and held many positions during those years. He will be greatly missed by his family and by his Retiree Club brothers and sisters.

Pete reported that he had spoken to Joe Mele, who now lives with his daughter in Maryland, and Joe is doing well.

Pete thanked Program Directors Tom Schroder and Jim Karika for a job well done for this meeting.

**Our Christmas luncheon will be held at the Clamdigger, in Pine Knoll Shores, on December 6.** Rudi will attempt to have Marines present to collect the toys given to the Toys for Tots Program that members will donate; otherwise we will drop the toys off at a Toys for Tots Collection Center.

**Treasurer Bob Lamberson:**

- We are still in the black.
- Donations were sent to the North Carolina Baptist Mission and to the DAV for disabled veterans.
- We received a Thank You note from the Boy Scouts of America Teddy Roosevelt Troop, in Massapequa, which will invest our donation and use the interest earned to help future generations of Scouts. The Chapter made this donation in memory of Richard (Dick) Guarino, who passed away on August 10th.



- As 50/50 Chairman, Bob called the winners: Ron Betts, Ken Wendell, and Dolores Brown.

Bob then turned the meeting over to Tom Schroder who entertained us with his litany of jokes.

**Birthdays:** Bill Parker (11/4); Elenor Lyons (11/9); Diana Peterson (11/14); Bob Leun (11/19); Tony Peralta (11/20); Vincent Rizzi (11/21); Paul Heim (11/22); Bill Lyons (11/24); and Otille Condolff (11/28).

**Anniversaries:** Sandy & John Sullivan (11/18); Denise & Bill Stanton (11/21); and Ginger & Fred Reynolds (11/22).

The meeting was then adjourned and Pete wished everyone a safe trip home and a wonderful Thanksgiving!

By: Dottie Karika, Sec'y. [dotjimk@att.net]

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**PENNSYLVANIA**  
**Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter**

November 17th was a very nice sunny day here in Northeast Pennsylvania. Slight nip in the air, but all in all a nice day. The Zupps, the Rademachers and the Sparkowskis met at the Boathouse, in Hawley, for a very enjoyable lunch.

**Treasurer Fred wants to remind all that dues are due.** \$15 for us, with checks made out to "NEPA Grumman Retiree Club", and sent to Fred Rademacher, PO Box 1012, Milford, PA 18337-1012. **Remember, do not make the checks out to Fred.**

**November Birthdays:** Mary O'Malley, John Saggese, and Stanley Wroblewski.

**November Anniversaries:** Charles & Judy Dowd, Fred & Betty Heppler, and Albert & June Sinowitz.

Treasurer Fred and Secretary Sparky finalized our last meeting for this year. December 15, 11:30AM (Note the time change!) Kays Restaurant, Route 191, Lake Ariel Highway, Lake Ariel, PA. Lunch, after hors d'oeu'vres, is on you. We will have our

usual 50X50 drawing and a turkey to raffle at the gathering.

Remember: this is our last official Chapter meeting until next April. During the Winter, the Lunch Bunch takes over: the wives will be holding court at various eateries. So come on out to Kays and celebrate the holidays and end the year on a high note.

**See you at Kays, on December 15!**

**Northeast Pennsylvania Chapter wishes all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

By: Edward J. Sparkowski, Sec'y/Chaplain  
[570-698-7182; firefly417@verizon.net]

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**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**Coastal Carolinas Chapter**

Our **November 2nd** meeting was held at Ryan's Family Steakhouse, North Myrtle Beach, SC.

There were sixteen members in attendance; it was so good to see everyone as our October meeting was cancelled due to Hurricane Matthew.

We wish the following members a Happy Birthday: October: Barbara Raulsome, and November: Dot Hoffman.

We also want to wish an October Happy Anniversary to Judy & Eldon Scott, and to Faye & Harold Katzenberger. There were no anniversaries for November.

The September 2016 meeting minutes were read by Secretary Kathy Fleischer, The minutes were accepted and approved.

Don Webber read the Treasurer's Report, which was also accepted as read and approved.

Sunshine Committee Person Carol Joyce reported that she received a letter from Lee Mascara's sister and that Bernard is keeping himself busy and doing fine.

Our 50/50 drawing winners were: Artie Rapenport



and Ed Raulsome.

**Next Meeting: December 7**, Noon, at the Sea Captain's House Restaurant, 3002 N. Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach, SC. [843-448-8082]. Those who wish to participate in our Grab Bag should bring a wrapped gift of value between \$5 and \$10. The gift can be for either a man or a woman.

All Grumman, Northrop Grumman, and Northrop retirees in the area are welcome to join us. Guests are also welcome.

By: Kathy Fleischer, Sec'y. [843-215-0525; kjpulcrano@yahoo.com]

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**VIRGINIA / Central Virginia**

***Happy Fall Y'all!***

Nov. 9th meeting was at the Silk Mill Restaurant in Orange, VA. We all noted the interesting décor, hanging from the ceiling and mounted on the walls: the many implements used in this former 'Silk Mill'.

The day dawned rainy but thankfully had cleared up by lunchtime.

After greetings and prayer we enjoyed our lunch as we caught up on our lives, adventures and future plans.

**ATTENDEES:**

Harold Case, Ed Samson, Frank Edwards, Frank & Beverly Purstell, Maryanne Muller, Marjorie Meiners, and Rich Benske

**CLUB NEWS:**

- Our sympathies to Frank Edwards on the loss of his wife Barbara, November 1, 2016. A donation was sent to the Alzheimers Association as an expression of our club's sympathy.
- Rich Benske is planning on selling his house and moving to Arkansas to live near his daughter. His friend Jackie moved in October to Louisville, Kentucky to be near her family.
- The Meiners' are finally back from their travels up and down the east coast. A great time was had.

**BUSINESS:**

- 1- Treasury was reported as solvent.
  - 2- Dues for 2017 are now being collected. Please send check (made out to Frank Purstell) for \$15, 1 to 317 Meadow Beauty CT, Waynesboro, VA 22980
- NOTE: Please include your cell phone number for reference. Thanks

**Next Meeting: Christmas Luncheon December 14, 2016, 12:30PM**

**At The Purstell residence:** 317 Meadow Beauty Ct, Waynesboro, VA.

Directions: West on Rte 64, Take Exit 91 (Rte 340 North) one traffic light, turn left on Lou Dewitt Blvd. Go about 2 miles, cross Rte 250, road becomes Phelam Drive. Go 7 streets on left & turn left on Meadow Beauty Ct. End of street on left corner. Number 317, Red Brick House.

If you plan to attend: Please contact Beverly [spurs@gmail.com or 434-282-1303] and be sure to specify the item that you plan to bring.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**2017 Future Meetings: Mark your calendars!**

**January 11, 12:30PM:**

Shadwells Restaurant, 1791 Richmond Rd, Charlottesville, VA.

**February 8, 12:30PM:**

Michies Tavern, 683 Thomas Jefferson Pky, Charlottesville, VA.

**March 8, (note time change) 1:30PM.**

Boychik's Deli, Lakepointe Center (Innsbrook), 4024B Cox Rd, Glen Allen, VA.

**April 10, 12:30PM:**

Crab Louies Seafood Tavern, 1352 Sycamore Square, Midlothian VA

**May 10, 12:30PM:**

Edelweiss Restaurant, 19 Edelweiss Lane (off Rte 340), Staunton, VA.

**Don't forget your dues.**

**Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to all!**

By: Marjorie Meiners, Recording Secretary

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## Grumman History - Chapter 40

### *Changing Times (1988)*

On January 21, John O'Brien, already President and Chief Operating Officer, was named Chief Executive Officer succeeding Jack Bierwirth, who had been in the position since 1974. The Board also chose O'Brien to succeed Jack Bierwirth as company Chairman, effective August 1, when Bierwirth would retire. John O'Brien would be wearing two hats upon Bierwirth's retirement. O'Brien had spent his entire career with Grumman, starting in 1954 as a flight test analyst. He moved up the ladder through various corporate positions and was elected in early 1986 to the Board of Directors. Later that year, he was selected as President and Chief Operating Officer.

On February 19, Grumman announced, an out-of-court settlement of the New York City Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) lawsuit regarding the Grumman Flixible buses for the NYC transit system. The buses were manufactured by former Grumman Subsidiary, Grumman Flixible Corporation of Ohio, and were first delivered to New York City in June of 1980. They were removed from service later that year for being unsafe after structural cracks were found in their undercarriages. The buses returned to service after Grumman fixed the problem and instituted repairs. However, the fleet of 871 Flixible buses was permanently pulled from service in February 1984, when the MTA cited new problems and couldn't guarantee the safety of those buses for their passengers. The New York Times reported that the Flixible buses were plagued by a long history of mechanical defects that began almost as soon as they went into service in 1980. The MTA filed suit in May 1984.

Grumman Chairman Jack Bierwirth was pleased with the settlement saying, "Protracted litigation, with no immediate end in sight, drains both sides' resources, and serves no worthwhile purpose."

On March 31, several local and state officials joined Grumman Chairman Jack Bierwirth and President John O'Brien as they broke ground for the new co-generation plant that would provide electricity for Grumman's Bethpage facilities. The plant would be built on a Grumman-owned two-acre site near the intersection of South Oyster Bay Road and Hicksville Road. It would take about 18 months to complete and be capable of generating 50 megawatts of power using natural gas or diesel fuel. The new plant was designed to provide a reliable source of electricity at a reduced rate. Grumman would sell any electricity that the company's facilities could not use to LILCO.

The first Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System (Joint STARS) E-8 aircraft made its initial flight on April 1, in Melbourne, Florida. The plane was a modified and refurbished Boeing 707. During the initial test flight program, the handling and flight characteristics of the E-8 was checked along with the changes made to the cooling and electrical systems needed for the Joint STARS equipment. Full testing, to include the radar equipment was scheduled for later in the year.

The first F-14A(+) Tomcat was delivered to Navy training squadron VF-101 at ceremonies held at Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia on April 11. The F-14A(+) incorporated new General Electric F110-GE-400 engines and was an interim step before the introduction of the advanced F-14D. The GE engines were more powerful and fuel efficient than the Pratt & Whitney TF30 engines that they replaced, providing the Tomcat with significant improvements in range, time on station, and rate of climb. Seventy F-14A(+) aircraft, consisting of new production and remanufactured F-14As, would provide enough aircraft to outfit four operational squadrons. The F-14D would have the same GE engines, but would also have all new digital avionics and improved radar systems.

In June, Grumman President John O'Brien announced the Grumman's values and objectives. These had been formulated by O'Brien and a small group of Grumman senior managers, with the goal of defining what Grumman stood for as a company. The corporate *values* were the philosophies or principles that would guide Grumman's conduct and relationships with its customers, partners, shareholders, and employees. The corporate *objectives* were the goals set by Grumman that would influence its strategic decisions. O'Brien pointed out that the statement of objectives gave the company's basic direction – but it was not a detailed road map.

*(to be continued . . .)*

**In Memoriam**

***We extend heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends  
of those who have passed away.***

<b>Blazjewski, Walter, Sr.</b>	<b>Ocala, FL</b>	<b>11/10/2016</b>
<b>Famularo, Dominick</b>	<b>Baldwin, NY</b>	<b>10/28/2016</b>
<b>Manzini, Rose</b>	<b>Uniondale, NY</b>	<b>10/12/2016</b>
<b>Paravella, Charles</b>	<b>Virginia Beach, VA</b>	<b>11/14/2016</b>
<b>Ramcke, Rudolph C.</b>	<b>River Bend, NC</b>	<b>11/03/2016</b>
<b>Siegel, Paul</b>	<b>Levittown, NY</b>	<b>11/14/2016</b>
<b>Stevens, William</b>	<b>Eatonton, GA</b>	<b>11/16/2016</b>
<b>Van Zwielen, William</b>	<b>Bay Shore, NY</b>	<b>09/29/2016</b>
<b>Voight, Donald</b>	<b>Garden City, NY</b>	<b>10/20/2016</b>
<b>Wilson, Robert C.</b>	<b>Drums, PA</b>	<b>10/25/2016</b>

**When reporting a death, provide the person's Name, Date of death, and the City & State of residence prior to death.**

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No. of Guests attending \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE RESPOND BY JANUARY 11**

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#### FEBRUARY 22 LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Member Name (PRINT)

Guest Names (PRINT)

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