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OCTOBER 23, 2017
FOR THE CELEBRATION
of the
GRUMMAN RETIREE CLUB'S
50th ANNIVERSARY
at
THE CRADLE OF AVIATION

Scholarship Awards Luncheon
June 28, 2017
Reservation Form is on Page 18
in this Newsletter.
Sign-Up Now!!

31st Annual Retiree Club Picnic
Wednesday, September 6, 2017
Details & Reservation Form are Page 19 of this Newsletter

Announcing Availability of
Historical Editions of
Plane News

The Club is proud to announce that editions of *Plane News*, for
1980 – 1994, have been added to our web site:
www.grummanretireeclub.org

Click on the link on the left side of the home page for your trip
down memory lane. View twenty-five-year service milestone
pictures and much more.



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To: All donors to our Scholarship Program:

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

Many Thanks.

Thank You to these contributors for your generous donations to our Charitable Activities Program. Through your generosity, we have made donations this year to the Cradle of Aviation, Rebuilding Together L I, the Homeless Veterans at the Northport VA, Interfaith Nutrition Network, and the Disabled Veterans Transportation Network.

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Scholarship Awards Program for 2017

All applications for our 2017 Awards should have been received in Bethpage by the time this Newsletter is mailed to Club members.

This year's Scholarship Award Winners will be formally announced at the Awards Luncheon in June.

The 2018 Scholarship Awards Program will be officially inaugurated in the Fall.

**QUARTERLY 50/50 SCHOLARSHIP 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
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This Raffle benefits the Scholarship Fund only.

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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 Chapter 2017 Calendar

Luncheons/Meetings

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

All luncheons/meetings will be held at the Crest Hollow CC.

**June 28 – Scholarship Luncheon
Reservation Form: *page 18***

July and August – no meetings

**September 6 - Picnic
Picnic Reservation Form: *see page 19***

September 27 - luncheon / meeting

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

Tuesday, November 14 - luncheon / meeting

December 13 – Holiday Luncheon



Bethpage Chapter

May 24, 2017

With Spring springing, the retirees came out ready for a tasty luncheon and an informative business 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 fight and die for our freedom.

President Bob Ripp greeted everybody and announced the speaker, Nassau County Police Officer Ray Lajara, from the Community Affairs Department, who spoke to the group about ongoing scams and internet and home safety issues. He started his discussion talking about phone call scams with one of the most prevalent ones, the IRS call telling you that you are in tax arrears and owe money due now or else you are in danger of a financial lawsuit. Officer Lajara said the IRS never calls anyone, but only sends out official paper documentation which includes an action number. His recommendation: HANG UP!! Similarly, with calls from a credit card company seeking financial information or giving you a phone number to call back about a potential mischarge. Do not call that number but call back a legitimate company number and question the situation. If it was a legitimate call, there is no harm in hanging up and calling back to a known number. Other examples of scams discussed are:

- A relative is away from home and is in need of cash quickly, for unanticipated health or legal reasons.
- The “You just won a free something or other but we need some identity or financial info from you before you can get the freebee” call. Ray’s recommendation: Hang up.
- People who are selling items on Craig’s List are vulnerable. They may get a call from someone interested in buying the item but want to pay with a money order so they need some personal info from you. Ray’s recommendation: Cash only.
- Either by phone or by email, the contact tells you that, “There is a chance that your computer is infected with a virus so go to a web site or click on a link and let us into your computer and we can scan for the virus.” . . .Hang up!

- A new one being played on people who own rental property will involve someone calling about a multi-week rental. When the price is agreed to, the supposed renter will send a check for more than the requested amount but will contact you and say that they sent the wrong amount but rather than writing all new checks ask you to send them back a check for the overage. Naturally, when their check is deposited it bounces and if you promptly sent them your check before cashing their check, goodbye \$\$\$.
- Bottom line: be ever vigilant. If something seems too good to be true, it isn’t true.

As for personal safety, Ray spoke to the case of a utility worker coming to your home requesting entry. Ray said that no matter what kind of credentials they show, ask them to wait outside while you call the Utility (Phone, electric, gas, water etc.) and verify that there are workers in your neighborhood or call the police and let them verify the credentials of the worker.

In regard to home safety, keep knowledge of your upcoming vacation trip as limited as possible. Don’t put suitcases outside the house before packing into the car. Don’t tell a lot of people that you are leaving for some period of time. Ray said that he doesn’t even tell the Post Office to hold his mail but has a trusted neighbor collect the mail along with any delivered newspapers.

During the Q&A session, members of the audience related their own experiences with similar scams and frauds. At the end of his talk, Ray was greeted with a round of applause and our thanks for an informative afternoon.

Business – Bob Ripp:

- Bob asked for any changes to the minutes as they appeared in the Newsletter. There being none, the minutes were accepted as written.
- The Club office has just sent out 400 “Have you forgotten to pay your dues?” letters. We expect at least one third of the letters will be returned with checks for dues. The remainder will be archived next year. Club membership continues to shrink about 10% annually.
- Last week, the Retiree office phone system experienced a Voice Mail malfunction. After it was corrected we had to go through 63 voicemails.



- We welcomed a new member and first time lunch attendee Rob Rothschild and our always-welcome Out of Towner, Pauline Sandman
- Jim Eng, Club member and current Northrop Grumman employee, has digitized all Plane News issues from 1980 - 1994. They are accessible by going to the Club's web site and clicking on the link provided. Bob noted that, if your 25th anniversary with Grumman occurred during that period, you can go to the month of your anniversary and see the photo of yourself that was printed. Were we ever that young?? Jim is now working on the period 1970-1980. *Thank You, Jim*, for your hard work. Jim works mornings before work, after hours and days off to provide us this great information.

Birthdays: Sal Sakellarides (89 on 7/22); Anna Santos (88 on 5/14); Louise Kubat (79 on 5/7); Peter Kurajian (99 on 4/10); Sal Sarro (94 On 3/9); and Sophie Sarro (103 on 3/23).

Happy Birthday to all.

Anniversaries: Sal & Sophie Sarro, 70 years, and Gordan & Betty Bell, 36 years.

Congratulations.

Get Well Wishes were sent to Harry Daum, Betty Bohlander, Stephen Grzechowiak, Dorothy Leogrande, and Nicholos Hadjigeorge. Unhappily, Nick has since passed away.

Treasurer Reports-

Frank Rizzo gave the Retiree Club Treasurer's Report.

Linda Perrotta, Scholarship Fund Treasurer, provided the Scholarship Fund report. Linda thanked all members who have so generously donated this year to the Scholarship Fund. She reminded us that the Award Luncheon will be held on June 28th at the Crest Hollow CC.

Both reports were accepted as read.

Community Relations - Bob Ripp announced that - year-to-date - the Club has donated \$2400 to charities, including The Cradle of Aviation; Rebuilding Long Island. Inc.; Homeless Veterans Fund; Interfaith Nutrition Network; America's Vet Dogs; and the Disabled Veterans Transportation Network. In June, we will sponsor one of the ten \$2000 scholarship awards.

Travel –Nick Bazzicalupo highlighted the following trips:

- For the Essex Steam Train Grumman trip, June 23: Nick asked everyone to be at their assigned pickup point 15 minutes before scheduled departure time. Seat assignments will be given upon entering the bus along with lunch seating. For those who paid \$105 for the trip, a \$6 rebate will be given on the bus.
- Sands Casino overnight getaway, Sun.-Mon. 11/10-11: includes overnight accommodations at the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA, \$40 slot play, Buffet dinner, a \$5 breakfast, discount shopping at *Outlet shops at the Sands*, and a guided tour of the America on Wheels Museum. Baggage handling is included. \$249pp.
- There will be a trip to the Staaten in December, including dinner, dancing, show, and one hour open bar. Details in September.

NOTE: For Nick's trips:

DO NOT call the Retiree Office.

Call Rendezvous Travel at 516-867-8747.

Naturally, Nick provided his ever-popular Joke of the Month, Thanks, Nick.

Luncheons -Past President Betty Bohlander discussed the details of the Scholarship luncheon on June 28th, at the Crest Hollow Country Club and encouraged everyone to attend and see firsthand these wonderful, outstanding award winners who represent the finest in young people. Betty also reminded all that these scholarship awards are only for relatives of Grumman retirees.

Betty then reminded us that the Retiree Club member whose relative is applying for the award must have been an active (dues paid) member for at least the two years prior to the submittal of the application AND must be a paid member in the current year. This year, the rule necessitates membership in 2015 and 2016, as well as in 2017. She noted that every year this requirement is misunderstood.



Past President Marion Abbott reminded everyone that the Grumman Retiree Club will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary on October 23rd, with a luncheon gala at the Cradle of Aviation. The event will include a cocktail hour, dinner, and dancing. \$50pp. Marion noted that during the cocktail hour, guests will be free to visit all parts of the museum and should enjoy the experience. She also said that - since the event is the “Golden Anniversary” of the Club - many of the ladies will be dressed in Gold wardrobes.

Prize Winners- the lucky winners were:
Community Relations 50/50: Lorraine Fogarty, Caroline DeMorris, Karl Christ, and Carl Puma.
Door Prizes - Diane Bryers and Rose Marie Verga.
Scholarship 50/50 – Conrad Petersohn.

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

Next Meeting - June 28, at the Crest Hollow CC, where we will host the Annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon. Join us and our ten outstanding award winners and their families to toast them to a wonderful college experience.

By: Lou Kubat, Sec’y.

CALIFORNIA / Golden West

Fourteen members attended the May 9 meeting of the Golden West Retirement Club, held at the Eagles Lodge in Oxnard, CA.

Sergeant-at-Arms John Ugo led the pledge to the Flag, and President Fred Syrett gave the prayer.

Lunch was served and a business meeting followed. Plans were made for our annual club picnic on June 13, at Conejo Park, in Thousand Oaks, CA.

We were happy to see Mike Lytle, Jim Curley, Al Carter and Donn Davis attend our meeting. Nice to see them again.

Stan Szydowski and Bill Schieffer are celebrating birthdays this month.

50/50 winners were Steve Young and Don Coler.

We will take July and August off for the Summer.

Our first meeting after our Summer break will be on Tuesday, September 12.

By: Fred Syrett, President

CALIFORNIA / San Diego

May 2017

With sadness, we announce the loss of another of our members. Charlie Quiter passed away suddenly on Tuesday, April 25. After serving in the Navy, Charlie graduated from Northrop Institute of Technology before going to work for Grumman. After 32 years, Charlie retired from Grumman, last serving as a Site Manager. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Pat, his wife of 47 years, and to the rest of his family.

Next Luncheon Meeting: Wednesday, June 14, at 11AM, at Chun’s Seafood and Grill (name changed, but same location). What a great way to celebrate Flag Day – God Bless America!

By: Bill Roeckl, Sec’y. [billroeckl@cox.net]



FLORIDA / First Coast

May 16, 2017

Our annual spring picnic at Treaty Park.

The early arrival crew set up and got the hot dog grill fired up, thanks to Pete Foster and Tom Walsh. By Noon, we were about forty members and guests. Thanks to everyone for bringing a dish or goodies to share.

We were happy to have John Leslie and Ron Davies, both recovering from recent surgeries, with us.

Fred Bauer led us in the Pledge and an opening prayer.

By noon, the charcoal grill was ready and Chefs Art Goehler and Bob Rathje began their burger flipping. We had great food and some knockout salads and trimmings.

No picnic is complete without a Bocce tournament. When the dust settled, Bob Rathje and Tom Walsh took first place, with Pete King and Bernie Savoie finishing second. Third place went to "rookie" Corrine Foley and "oldie" Steve Cacace.

Thanks to all who hung around to clean up.

A pleasant day with a light breeze and low humidity. Best of all, we were together.

Next meeting: June 20, at Ichiban Buffet.

Future Meeting: after Summer break, September 19.

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

FLORIDA / Manasota West

Chapter is on Summer Break.

Next Meeting: October 11

FLORIDA / SouthWest

Chapter is on Summer Break.

Next Meeting: October 10, at the Golden Corral in Punta Gorda.

Final meeting of the year will be on November 14.

Clem Moors, President [clemtony@juno.com]
Linda Baldwin, Sec'y. [lsbaldwin48@gmail.com]

FLORIDA / Space Coast

May 17, 2017

Our May meeting, normally a joyous one as we award our annual four-year scholarships, started on a somber note as Sergeant-at-Arms Ed Romano concluded his opening prayer with a moment of silence to memorialize the passing of four members: Mary Ranieri, Grace Avitible, Georgia Larsen, and Larry Pike. This loss was augmented by the significant number of regular attendees missing from our meeting due to medical problems. We hope to see them back for the June meeting when we get to see many of our prior years' scholarship winners and hear of their progress in school.

Following the usual Suntree Country Club buffet [your scribe "pigged out" on the 5-star clam chowder!], President Bob Prais introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Edward Hecker. Dr. Hecker, whose credentials include a Ph.D. in Aeronautical Engineering and two Masters Degrees, had three successful careers in Brevard County: with General Dynamics on the Atlas missile program; with NASA on the Saturn V (Apollo); and as a Professor at Florida Institute of Technology (29 years).



Dr. Hecker opened his remarks by stating that he really didn't know any of the Grumman people on the Apollo program: "We were on the very bottom of the stack while they were on the very top." He then directed his counsel directly to our guest scholar, Tracy Reeves, winner of the George M. Skurla Scholarship and candidate Aerospace Engineer, at the University of Florida. His stern advice: learn about personal finance and investment, for we are living in a world of disappearing pensions brought on by a work force that changes jobs "annually." Citing how technology changes our society, he recalled the 1900s, when every home had a horse and a few very rich people had a car. Now, every house has a car and only the very rich have a horse. In the future, a self-driving car will deliver Father home from his night out, just like the horse used to do.

Dr. Hecker unequivocally stated that there is no shortage of energy, only of the technology needed to utilize it: lightning, solar, wind, and 60-foot tides in Canada were cited, with only Ethanol from corn getting a negative reaction from our podium. "We live in an 8-mile deep shell, with a world of energy below us, just waiting for our technology to tap it". His last words were that the most exciting current trend is that free-enterprise money is now taking over technological development.

An enthusiastic response from our members reflected our thanks to Dr. Hecker for his enlightening words to our scholar (and to us).

Scholarship Chairman Jim Glover then presented the Chapter plaque to Tracy, citing the extraordinary credentials of this young lady who – when she came to this country at the age of eight – did not speak any English, and eventually graduated with a 4.00 average for all four high school years.



Seated, Tracy Reeves (left); her mother, Victoria. Standing: Chapter Pres. Bob Prais (left); Scholarship VP Jim Glover
George Skurla, Jr. took over, in his mother's absence, to present the famous Skurla memorabilia, which included two model aircraft, a Gator T-shirt, and a photo of George Senior, a graduate Aeronautical Engineer, climbing into the back seat of an F-14 Tomcat. George also gave some sage advice based on both his and his father's careers at Grumman.

[A related incident, not brought up at the meeting, was a communication from Jason Panzarino, our 2008 Skurla Scholar, informing us that he received his Ph.D. in Aeronautical Engineering from Cal Tech last September, and is currently in Hong Kong, headed for Vietnam. He included a photo of himself teaching math at a school in Sumatra, Indonesia. Tracy has some really big shoes to fill, but with her record of accomplishment at Astronaut High, we have every reason to believe she can do it.]



Jason Panzarino with Indonesian students



Grumman Gremlins: An abbreviated version of our regular meeting format followed as illness continued to thin our ranks. However, George Graefe, reporting for the Grumman Gremlins, told us of their newest arrival, a vintage French Fuqua fighter, built for the Israeli government. A novel feature of this aircraft is the periscope provided to the person in the aft seat for detecting aircraft approaching from the rear. Meanwhile, the Super Sabre has been joined and the F-11F has been strengthened to meet California's earthquake code requirements.

Sunshine: Chet Emery (321-254-2562) reported condolences were sent out to Rudy Avitile on the passing of his wife Grace, and to Pat Ranieri on the passing of his wife Mary. Also, our sympathy went out to the family of Georgia Larsen on her passing.

Travel: No report from Maureen Ayers this month.

Upcoming Meetings:

June: It's reunion time for our eight other previous scholarship winners. And, our 2017 Chapter Scholarship winner will be with us.

50/50 Drawing: There were three winners. The grand prize, the Sunday Buffet at the Suntree Country Club, was won by Anna Kanige. Congratulations to all!

By: Bill Steenson, Sec'y.

Next meeting: June 21, 2017.

It's reunion time for our eight other scholarship winners. And, our 2017 Chapter Scholarship Winner will be with us.

No meetings in July & August

Meetings Resume

9/20, 10/18, 11/15 and 12/13

FLORIDA / Suncoast

Suncoast Chapter is on Summer Break.

Next Meeting: October 18

Following Meeting: December 20.

The Suncoast Chapter members wish all Retiree Club members a safe, enjoyable, and healthy Summer!

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

FLORIDA / Treasure Coast

The May 18th meeting was held at Allegro Senior Living in Stuart.

President Dan Knowles led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Chaplain Larry Regoir gave the Invocation.

Bob Watkins introduced Robert Klein, who is currently Vice President/Engineering for Northrop Grumman/Melbourne. He was a 1974 Grumman Scholarship winner. Robert thanked Dan Knowles for inviting him to our luncheon meeting, and said he has had a good relationship with Grumman since he was in 11th grade. He was in the Computer program, went to Africa. Was one of the top 40 in the Westinghouse Talent Search. Did not make first place, but received a Grumman Scholarship. Dan Knowles and Bob Watkins were on the Grumman Scholarship selection panel.

Robert was interviewed by Joe Gavin for MIT, and went on to attend Princeton and MIT. He was in the Grumman Summer Student program. Larry Mead told the Summer Students, "one day one of you will have my job." Was also a Summer Student on the F-14 assembly line, Space Solar Power Station, V/STOL, Advanced Aircraft. Later years there was a tour of retired VPs and were told I was in the room and I now have his job.



Robert worked full time on many projects: Hovercraft research, Advanced A/C, the X-2. He became VP of Manned Aircraft, where he succeeded Richard Delasi. He was involved in the E-2, JSTARS, EA-6B, F-18, and B-2.

He gave us an update on Northrop-Grumman/Melbourne, which grew from 1,200 employees in six buildings in 2013, to over 4,000 people in 13 buildings in 2017 . . . just three years. He also said that [Florida] Governor Scott is supportive, he is business friendly.

He asked if there were any questions. There were some questions about the new Bomber contract. All is well and moving forward.

He thanked us for having him, and he thanked Grumman for the working in a dream job.

May Anniversaries:

Walt & Connie Ludwig (64 years)

Birthdays:

Don Combes-June; Marilyn Combes-July

Visitors:

Oscar Sura - Retiree Club Scholarship Recipient
Dick Scheuing - Grumman Scholar 1949

Deceased Member: Louis Parrella

The meeting was adjourned by Dan Knowles.

**We will not meet in June, July, or August.
Have a good and healthy Summer.
Next meeting in September.**

By: Janet Cuce [jjcuce@comcast.net]

GEORGIA / Peach Pit

Our May 16, 2017 meeting at El Tequila Mexican Restaurant in Milledgeville, GA started at 12:30PM. There were nine present when President Paul Bernichon called the meeting to order and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Mary Archer gave the Blessing, which was followed by the meal and fellowship.

Old Business:

A motion to waive reading of the April 18, 2017 meeting minutes was made by Vince Ciampa and seconded by Ernie Godbee. With no changes proposed, either by proxy or by those present, the motion passed.

New Business:

1. President Paul welcomed those present and asked Secretary Lew Luliucci to make a Report on the Community Service Donation Plan Ballot sent to all Chapter members to vote. Secretary Lew read the Ballot and called for members present, who had not yet voted, to vote. Following that input, Secretary Lew reported that all votes received were "Yes/Accept Ballot as presented." Next, a motion by Josephine Harrelson and seconded Mary Archer, to accept the Secretary's Report, was made. All present agreed thus enabling Treasurer Joe Sansotta to release Treasury Funds per the Plan.
2. May Happy Birthday wishes went to: Joyce Brady [31st], Pat Donovan [29th], Ernie Godbee [1st], Gary Hagland [5th], Tom Main [12th], Dorothy Minnicozzi [15th], Pat Sansotta [30th], and Bill Schwendler [23rd].
3. May Anniversary wishes were extended to: Willie & Geraldine Collins [27th] and to Jesse & Gloria Griffin [29th].

In Memoriam

**Club member Willian [Bill] Holsenbeck
passed away on May 15, 2017.**

**Grummanite Joseph "Derrell" Harrell
passed away on May 12, 2017.**

**Bill and Derrell are in our prayers, and our
condolences are extended to their families.**

Barbara Bernichon won the 75/25 Fund Raiser Raffle.



Community Service:

a.] An Educational/Scholastic Donation to the Mary Vinson Memorial Library will be made on Memorial Day [May 29, 2017].

a.] Volunteerism continues as members, and spouses, aide various causes including Pints of Blood/Platelets. [Note: Sacred Heart Church, 110 N. Jefferson St. Milledgeville is holding a Blood Drive on Thursday, May 25, 2017, from 2PM until 7PM, for those eligible.]

Program: We enjoyed each other's conversations.

A motion by Josephine Haralson and seconded by Janet Sills to end the Business Meeting carried and adjournment was 1:25PM.

Next Chapter Meeting will be a non-business/ Social event, on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at El Tequila Restaurant, in Milledgeville, on Garrett Way, starting at 12:30PM.

By: Lew M. Iuliucci, Sec'y. [iuliucci@windstream.net or 478-452-1357]

Maryland / Glen Arm

Chapter did not meet in May.

Next Meeting: 6:30PM, June 20 (3rd Tuesday)

Remember: We are 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 Chapter contact info.

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

By: Joe Svach, Sec'y.

New England North

No report of Chapter activity.

NEW YORK
Eastern Long Island Chapter

President Bert Moller called our May17th meeting to order with 13 Members present. The minutes of the April Meeting were read, and the Treasurer's report was given. Both were accepted as read.

Prez Bert then asked each member of the group to contact past members in an effort to increase our roster: last year's membership was 93; 2017's count is 73.

Bert also asked those in our Chapter who intend to go to the Retiree Club's 50th Anniversary, at the Cradle of Aviation Museum, on October 23rd, to let him know by the June Meeting so that possible transportation arrangements can be made.

Birthdays: James Simms (6/4); Timothy DeWitt (6/5); Carole Pallisco (6/7); Marilyn Miller (6/10); Thomas Conway (6/20); and Joseph Tagliavia (6/30).

Anniversaries: Joann & Ron Christiansen celebrate 65yrs on 6/10; Anna & Lou Puccio celebrate 61yrs on 6/3. Congrats to all celebrants!

Any Birthdays or Anniversaries missed or incorrectly listed or misspelled, contact: Bob Albert [631-585-7987].

Dutch Rotzinger reports the passing of Walter A. Duester, WWII Army Vet and 42-year Grummanite.

Bill Mytko reports: Bob Monroe, our weapons engineer, sent us beautiful pictures of Grumman planes of old that he worked on (F8 Bearcat, etc.). Thanks Bob, and Happy 95th Birthday! (and many more!).



Norma Hadjigeorge reported the passing of her husband Nicholas (5/19/17), an Army and Korean War Vet and Grumman Engineer who worked on the F-14 and LEM. A condolence card is being sent to Norma and the family.

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

Paul Ziems reported: Sergeant-at-Arms Richie Myers is in hospital; Ken Becker is at home recuperating; and Chet Zelinski is in assisted living, in Greenport.

We had two 50/50 winners. Prez Bert and Paul Ziems returned the money to the Treasury . . .
Thanx, Guys!

Next Meeting: June 21, at the Coram Diner (Route 25 & Route 112, Coram). Lunch (\$15) at Noon; Meeting to follow.

NO Meetings in July & August!

Future Meeting Dates: 9/20, 10/18, 11/15,

Remember Memorial Day (5/29), and D-Day (6/6), and all service members in harm's way.

By: Bob Albert, VP/Sec'y. [631-585-7987]

NORTH CAROLINA
Eastern Carolina Chapter

May 10, 2017

Twenty members met at the La Casetta Italian Restaurant in New Bern for our meeting, with Bernie & Kathleen Kuntz serving as Program Directors. The food was delicious, the service excellent, and the restaurant reminded us of the many neighborhood Italian restaurants on Long Island.

President Pete McNamee started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Vice President Tom Schroder followed with the Invocation. All the ladies were given a single red rose in honor of Mother's Day this Sunday, May 14th.

A letter from Artie Miller, thanking all members for their get-well cards and wishes for recovery from his recent surgery, was passed around before lunch was served. Fortunately, Artie who celebrated his 95th birthday in December, is home, slowly recovering from the ordeal. Our best wishes to Artie for a full recovery.

After lunch, Pete asked if members experienced any difficulties during conversion of pension administration to Fidelity Investments last month. Apparently, the conversion went well as no one had a problem.

Bernie Kuntz suggested we consider reducing the number of months we meet each year as it is becoming increasingly difficult for members to volunteer as program directors due to aging. We decided to bring this suggestion up at the June meeting when more members are expected to attend.

Treasurer Bob Lamberson gave the April report showing a balance increase of \$80 from March.

Tom Schroder had the floor next, entertaining everyone with his hilarious stories and jokes. His humor is always well appreciated.

Bob Lamberson called the 50/50 and we had the following winners: Barbara Betts, Joan Messina, and Pete McNamee. Pete won twice and turned back his winnings upon his first win.

Pete ended the meeting thanking Bernie & Kathleen Kuntz for arranging for the meeting as Program Directors and wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

Birthdays: Nidda McNamee (5/10); Pat Johnson (5/20); and Dolores Brown (5/25).



Anniversaries: Jim & Dottie Karika, 57 years (5/7); Stanley & Arlene Ramsden, 58 years (5/9); Leo & Katherine Torrens, 60 years (5/18); Michael & Janet Savastio, 8 years (5/24); and Tony & Carol Peralta, 62 years (5/30).

Next Meeting: June 13th at McCarthy Court, in New Bern. Rudi and Marlene Wiehl will be Program Directors.

By: Pete McNamee [pmcnamee@suddenlink.net]

PENNSYLVANIA
Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter

Thursday, May 18th, was a nice, sunny, and warm day here in Northeast Pennsylvania. Three couples arrived at The Boathouse in Hawley for lunch and friendship.

Having not attended the luncheon, I was told that there was no business discussed, since we did not have quorum. Therefore, it sounds like we reverted to our usual light hearted conversation.

Birthdays for May - Bob Zupp

Anniversaries for May: Jeffrey & Carol Lee

Next Meeting: June 15, at The Alpine Restaurant in Honesdale [1106 Texas Palmyra Highway - Route 6, Honesdale, PA] at Noon. Again, I hope all of you who live in the area will come and join us.

See you at the Alpine.

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

SOUTH CAROLINA
Coastal Carolinas Chapter

May 3, 2017

Our monthly meeting for May was held at Lorraine & Ron Girardin's Home. It was our annual Club Picnic so there was no official meeting and therefore no minutes were taken.

Everyone had a wonderful time, and it was so good to see everyone. We want to thank Lorraine and Ron for opening their home for this annual event again. Thank you so much!!!!

Happy Birthday wishes to Nancy Webber and Robert Joyce.

Happy Anniversary to Barbara & Gary O'Loughlin, and Carol & Robert Joyce.
Congratulations to both couples!!

As there are no meetings during the Summer months, Birthday and Anniversary wishes go out to the following:

June Happy Birthday wishes to Faye Katzenberger and Artie Rapenport.

June Happy Anniversary to Lorraine & Ronald Girardin.

July Happy Birthday wishes to:
Marilyn Seidler, Kathy Fleischer, Richard Seidler, and Marge Rapenport.

July Happy Anniversary to Kathy & Marty Fleischer.

August Happy Birthday wishes to Teresa Ditta and Judy Scott.

August Happy Anniversary to Barbara & Ed Raulsome.

Next Meeting: September 6, 2017, at 12 Noon, at the Sunny Side Up Diner, 10068 Beach Drive, Calabash, NC. [910-579-5101].



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]

VIRGINIA
Central Virginia Chapter

May 10, 2017

On a beautiful Spring day in May, our meeting was held at 12:30PM, at the Edelweiss German Restaurant, 19 Edelweiss Lane, Staunton, VA. We all enjoyed the family style serving of German cuisine, which included our selected main course and bowls of spätzle, red cabbage, green beans, hot rolls, and - of course - a selection of German Beer. Marjorie said a prayer of Thanksgiving at the end of our meal.

In attendance were: Rich Benske, Fred & Marjorie Meiners, MaryAnne Muller, Dot Marsh, Beverly & Frank Purstell and Frank Edwards. We missed Ed. Samson, Harold Case, and Anna Dannenhoffer from out East.

Our business meeting included a Treasurer's report – all is well.

Last meeting of the 2016-2017 session: Time 4:30PM, on Wednesday June 14, 2017.

Note the time change! After a lengthy discussion, we decided to deviate from our usual 12:30PM luncheon to have Early Dinner at a new chain restaurant: the Texas Roadhouse, 455 Albemarle Square, Charlottesville VA, 22901. The Roadhouse is on Route 29. Phone 434-973-4700.

First meeting of the 2017-2018 season will be held on Sept. 13, **at 1PM**, at our usual place, the Barbeque Exchange Restaurant, 102 Martinsburg Ave, Gordonsville, VA. [540-832-0227] The restaurant is located on US Route 15. Take exit 136 [Route 15] off Route I-64 North, go approx. 11 miles, the restaurant is located one mile South of the Route 15 traffic circle

**Note the time change,
to avoid the lunch crowd.**

At that time, we will discuss changing our October meeting to the 23rd, to correspond with the Bethpage celebration of the Grumman Retiree Club's 50th anniversary.

Please notify Frank Purstell [434-282-1303] or Fred Meiners [434-589-2882] if you plan to attend, at least one day before each meeting, so that we can update the restaurant for table(s) setup. Thanks.

By: Marjorie Meiners, Recording Sec'y.

In Memoriam

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

Biancone, Florence	Titusville, FL	03/04/2017
Butter, Carl	Las Vegas, NV	04/03/2017
Caminiti, Bob	Levittown, NY	03/27/2017
Estes, Herbert J.	Sarasota, FL	05/05/2017
Feliu, Lawrence	Uniondale, NY	05/09/2017
Holsenbeck, William	Milledgeville, GA	05/15/2017
Orlovski, Paul	Huntington, NY	04/20/2017
Parrella, Louis	Stuart, FL	05/15/2017
Petrino, Anthony	Cold Spring Harbor, NY	03/27/2017
Pike, Larry	Satellite Beach, FL	04/24/2017
Reilly, Tom	Thousand Oaks, CA	04/21/2017
Senger, Ronald	The Villages, FL	05/13/2017
Seno, James	Pittsboro, NC	04/30/2017
Sibley, Stanford	Patchogue, NY	04/20/2017
Trahnstrom, John	Wellsboro, PA	04/26/2017
Van Gaasbeek, George	Scottsdale, AZ	04/03/2017

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

Notices of member deaths should be e-mailed to the Club [grumrc@gmail.com], with "Death Notice" as the subject.

Nostalgia

How I became a Grummanite: My father, Antonio, worked in Plant #1 for about a year in 1942, forming sheet metal parts on a hydraulic press. Just before Christmas of that year, Pop injured his arm while working the big press. Now he had no job and no income, with a wife and six children at home. Mom had a part time job making dresses on a Singer sewing machine.

At that time, I was the oldest and, at 16, I delivered newspapers and the Saturday Evening Post magazine. I was also a Sunday afternoon golf caddy at Bethpage Golf Course, and on Thursday evenings, I worked at John Pizzuti's restaurant by the Plant #1 gate. We served spaghetti dinners to the Grumman night crew. I made 28 cents an hour.

About two weeks later, Mr. Tom Rozzi, the new Grumman Security Chief and a neighborhood friend, came to the house to check up on Dad and his financial situation. Tom and my parents agreed to take me out of high school and Tom would hire me to work at Grumman. On February 22, 1943, I turned 17 years old and they let me leave school with a nice letter of recommendation as to my mechanical ability and integrity.

On March 8, 1943, I entered Plant 2 and learned how to buck rivets on the tail section of the TBF Avenger. They paid me 69 cents an hour. I worked until December. On January 4, 1944, I joined the U.S. Navy with five other friends, because we didn't want to be drafted into the Army.

I returned to Grumman in July of '46 and worked until the January 1947 post-war lay off. I was re-hired in March, 1948 and worked through all phases of major installations of engines, propellers, fuel tanks, and flight controls. Because I had earned my private airplane pilot's license (via the Grumvet Flyers Club at Plant 4), Grumman promoted me to Plane Captain on production test flights in April 1948. For three-and-a-half years, I flew as mechanic and co-pilot in the Albatross amphibian and the S2F submarine hunter with the Grumman test pilots. In 1956, they promoted me to the Inspection Department. I inspected detail parts, minor and major assemblies, and final engineering and test on the A-6E, EA-6B, F-14, E-2C Hawkeye, and I spent six years on Lunar Modules, Numbers 5 to 13.

For the past 14 years, as a museum docent, I show and tell about the Lunar Modules and moon landings at the Cradle of Aviation Museum, on Wednesdays. We still have six Grumman retirees who do aircraft restoration and build exhibits for the Cradle, on Tuesdays.

By: Ernest Finamore #30711

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for details: see page 19

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- Seven days notice is required to receive a full refund.

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