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Dominic (Dick) Di Falco **December 17, 1935 – June 13, 2016**

Dick Di Falco began his career at the Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation in 1958 as a computer programmer. By September of 1969, he had progressed to Manager of Test Data Programming.

When the Grumman Data Systems Corporation was formed in the latter part of 1969, he was made Director of Test Data Processing for the new subsidiary. Over the next two years he became Director of Business Systems and then Director of the Grumman Account. In November of 1973, the Board of Directors of Grumman Data Systems Corporation elected Dick to the position of Vice President in charge of the Grumman Account.

After his retirement, he joined the Grumman Retiree Club and was a long-standing member. He was described by those who knew him as a generous and compassionate man. As an example of that generous and compassionate nature, Dick and his wife donated often to the Club's scholarship fund for many years and, in fact, made his last donation just prior to his passing in June. Many thanks to the Di Falcos.

Dick Di Falco will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Be sure to check-out the scam-avoidance advice in the Space Coast Chapter's speaker's comments. Some new (and alarming) scams are detailed in the report.



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.

Our Thanks to these Recent Contributors:

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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), 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 19th 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.

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.

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Scholarship Program
SCHOLARSHIP 50/50 RAFFLE TICKET

Name _____

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Phone (optional) _____

Number of Raffles Purchased _____



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,

Blood Drive

**Next Scheduled Blood Drive:
December 1, 2016**

**Please call the office (516-575-3777)
if you wish to donate.**

Bethpage Chapter Calendar

Luncheons/Meetings

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

**All luncheons in 2016
will be held at the Crest Hollow CC.**

November 15 - TUESDAY

**Speaker: Northrop Grumman's Tom Tack -
Director, Next Generation Electronic Attack**

**December 14 - Holiday Luncheon
(Reservation form is next to last page of this
Newsletter.)**

Bethpage / Parent Chapter

**30th Annual Retiree Club Picnic
September 7, 2016**

At 10:30 AM, 1st VP Bob Ripp welcomed the group

back after a wonderful L.I. summer break and led the flag ceremony to open the 30th annual Retiree Picnic at Marjorie Post Park in Massapequa. The retirees, family members, and guests who attended the gala affair had all their fingers and toes crossed to keep potentially bad weather away as Tropical Storm Hermine lurked off shore of Long Island. Our luck held and it didn't rain.

As always, Marjorie Post Park was clean, well manicured, and ready for the picnic. President Betty Bohlander was unable to make the picnic due to health issues and we wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

Upon arrival, a continental breakfast (coffee, orange juice, bagels, butter and cream cheese) was available for the hungry gathering. Activities started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Then, the bocce games started. During the early part of the picnic, New York State Senator Michael Venditto dropped by to say "Hello" to all the picnickers. Michael Venditto is the son of Oyster Bay Town Supervisor John Venditto. After greeting the picnickers, Michael wished us well and departed.

Our next usual event was the ever-popular Horse Racing Time. One race was held before lunch, which just wetted the appetite of those who were betting. Then came the feast of the day, provided by Fireside Caterers of Huntington. The crowd lined

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up to partake of the sumptuous picnic spread of barbequed hamburgers, barbequed chicken, hot dogs, all types of condiments for the burgers and dogs, sausage and peppers, salads, and hot corn on the cob. All of this was washed down with ice-cold soda, beer, and water.

Following lunch, watermelon capped off the eating. During the noshing, Past President, and now Director, Marion Abbott walked around with her iPhone, taking pictures of all the tables of people.

Then, it was back to the races for another three events. Our "trained" wooden horses ran on a miniature racetrack after the money was collected and the odds of each horse had been computed by Lou Kubat and Nick Bazzicalupo. The moment-to-moment placement of the horses was ably controlled by Pat Sullivan and Marion Abbott, and the races were called by Bob Ripp. There were lots of winners and everybody, both winners and losers, had a great time.

Throughout the morning and afternoon, the picnic was blessed with the lilting tones of Jim Oakes and his twinkling fingers on the keyboard and also with music from the Club's karaoke player.

Finally, it was time for the 50/50 and door prize drawing. Gifts were generously donated by the Sea Haven Restaurant, Gennaro Jewelers, BK Sweeney's, Maureen's Kitchen, Empress Diner, Sikorski Meat Market, Rendezvous Travel, William Sonoma (via Dorothy Leogrande's daughter), and baby sweaters from member Ruth Carr. The Club thanks all of our donors for their generosity.

Congratulations to all of the gift winners and the 50/50 winners!

At 4PM, the picnickers sang "God Bless America" and slowly, but happily, made their ways home. Before they left, Bob Ripp announced that we will be hosting the Retiree Club's 50th Anniversary gala at the Cradle of Aviation. It will be in late September of 2017. Details will be finalized and announced shortly. For now, put aside that period on next year's calendar and plan on attending and making it the

gala to remember!

A big "Thank You" to all the helpers who volunteered their "before, during, and after" picnic time to organize, set up, and run the events, and to break-down everything when the picnic was over. Without volunteers, the picnic - and all other club functions - could not be successful. Have a little time on your hands???? Think about volunteering!!

And a big "Thank You" to the park workers who helped golf cart our members to and from the restrooms and back and forth to their cars.

By: Lou Kubat, Club, Secretary, Horse Handicapper, and Picnic Reveler.

September 21, 2016
Business Meeting

The warm weather of Summer returned along with the retirees after a Summer off. After a great lunch, the meeting began with Sergeant-at-Arms, Nick Bazzicalupo leading the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for our departed friends and for the well being of the men and women in the service of our country who fight and die for our freedom.

Secretary, Lou Kubat welcomed everyone back from the Summer vacation. He announced that, unfortunately, the planned guest speaker had cancelled and a replacement speaker couldn't be scheduled. Lou advised the audience that anyone having an interesting story to relate should come forward as a potential speaker. As examples of future committed speakers, Lou noted that our Treasurer, Frank Rizzo, has made a life's goal of visiting all of the Presidential Libraries. He has only a few more to visit and then he will put together a presentation about these places.

Lou said that he is also planning to speak about a little known program conducted by Grumman in the late 1960s and early 70s, where they successfully conducted a flight test program at White Sands, NM to determine the accuracy of an unknown



concept now called GPS. It should prove informative since only three people in the audience knew of Grumman's involvement in this major milestone in the GPS program.

Anyone interested in a speaking session should contact the Retiree Club Office and make their intent known. [Interestingly, Lou was approached after the meeting and told of an involvement of the Grumman Radio Club in a government sanctioned covert operation. Here, the Radio Club somehow helped effect the escape of Grummanites trapped in Iran during the height of the Iranian revolution. The past President of the Radio Club during that period will be contacted to see if there is any interest in relating the details of that adventure.]

Business-

- Secretary Lou Kubat asked for to the June Membership meeting notes. There being none, they were accepted as written.
- Lou asked if there were any first time members, visitors from other chapters, or first time guests in the audience. There were none.
- The Club is planning a 50th Anniversary Gala in 2017, to be held at the Cradle of Aviation. The likely date will be the last Wednesday in September and will replace our monthly meeting. More details will be forthcoming and Gala reminders will be put each month in the Newsletter. Put the final week of September 2017 aside in all your plans.
- The Bethpage Federal Credit Union will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary on October 28, at their Bethpage Offices. The celebration includes Free Admission from 10AM to 4PM, and will feature a Swing Band Dance Off, Best Baked Dessert Contest, Performances from the USO Girls, Featuring FDR, Food and refreshment and - returning from the war -a Sherman Tank. The club will provide the BFCU with timely memorabilia for display.

Committee Reports-

Treasurer Reports – Lou Kubat provided the Treasurer's report for Frank Rizzo. Lou noted that membership numbers provided by Bob Ripp show that we presently have 2324 active/paid members from all chapters. However, an additional 529 people have not paid their 2016 dues. That

represents a reduction of approximately \$7500 in club revenues.

Scholarship Fund Treasurer Linda Perrotta then provided all monthly Scholarship Fund reports including the unreported Summer months.

Both reports were accepted as read.

Community Relations - Lou Kubat read from a list, provided by Second VP Pat Sullivan, of organizations to which the Club has contributed that provided. Contributions to date have totaled \$4150. Pat indicated that future 2016 donations will include Veteran's organizations and those focusing on children's "back to school" needs. To our members: *Thank You*, for your donation generosity.

Travel – Nick Bazzicalupo: Available trips:

(1) 11/1/2016 - "Broadway Sings" at the NYCB Theater at Westbury. Performers sing popular songs from hit plays *Beautiful*, *Mama Mia*, and *Come Fly with Me*, as well as songs from Josh Groban, Andrea Bocelli, Mario Lanza, Elton John, ABBA, Billy Joel, and more. Show, lunch, and Deluxe Motor coach: \$86pp. Show only: \$35pp.

(2) 11/30/2016 - Billy Joel LIVE at Madison Square Garden: \$185 pp, w/ Deluxe Motor coach.

Nick then told two of his sidesplitting jokes. Thanks, Nick.

Holiday Luncheon - December 14, at the Crest Hollow CC. [Reservation form is in this Newsletter.]

Birthdays - Bob Ripp (76 on 8/13); Sal Sakellarides (88 on 7/22); George Stahl (88 on 6/30); Frederike Wimer (85 on 9/11); and Rafael Castro (90 on 9/20).

Happy Birthday to all.

Anniversaries - Frank & Susan Halfen (50 yrs on 6/26); Lynn & Bill Wesnofske (28 yrs on 7/16); Ernie & Rose Finamore (66 yrs on 9/24); Lenore & Harry Daum (60 yrs on 8/18); and Peter & Eleanor Rapelje (60yrs on 9/22).

Congratulations!

Get Well Wishes - Joe Glasser, Larry Feliu, John Boles, along with our President Betty Bohlander and our Treasurer's wife Pat Rizzo. You all have our



prayers; we wish you all a speedy recovery.

Prize Winners

Community Relations 50/50 – Ann Santos, Dorothy Leogrande, George Gelfars, and Karen Akers.
Door Prizes - Charles Farley, Carol Farley, Shirley Stein, Peter Fales, and Anne Donohue.
Scholarship 50/50 - Kathy Lloyd.

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

Next Meeting: October 19, at the Crest Hollow CC.

By: Lou Kubat, Sec’y.

CALIFORNIA / Golden West

The September meeting of the Golden West Chapter was held at the Eagles Lodge, in Oxnard, CA. Eighteen members attended.

Lunch was served and a short business meeting followed. Our Speaker was Dave Kaiser, who spoke to us about his tour in the Coast Guard as a Radio operator, and on Radar in Alaska.

He also worked on support equipment for the F-14 at Point Mugu.

Bill Schieffer was the winner of the fifty-fifty drawing.

Next Meeting: October 11 2016.

By: Fred Syrett, President.

CALIFORNIA / San Diego

On September 24, twenty-two folks got together for our annual picnic. We enjoyed Hilltop Park in Rancho Penasquitos so much last year, we decided to return to this scenic location, located just a few miles north of Miramar Marine Corps Air Station. It was Air Show weekend at the Base so thanks to great weather with a nice ocean breeze we were able to see some of the airplanes flying

overhead.

Besides the fifteen members in attendance, guests included Chuck Koerner, Susan Lindquist, and Julius Longshore. Member Lou Wilson also brought four of his grandchildren.

Food was plentiful including mucho ribs, chicken, baked beans, and salads. Desserts included brownies, cookies, and two kinds of apple pie from the Julian Pie Company.

The lucky 50/50 winners were Sue Callahan, a repeat winner from our June luncheon, and Annette Klapwyk, who just celebrated her birthday in mid-September.

Birthdays celebrated from July through September: Jim Bartels, Pete Belay, Clyde Cain, Sue Callahan, Dwaine Howell, Annette Klapwyk, Howard Lindquist, Charlie Quiter, Pat Quiter, Al Schaefer, Bob Stalter, Elizabeth Walters, Tom Whitehead, and Maryam Wilson.

July through September wedding anniversary congrats go out to: Clyde & Sally Cain; Gordon & Marge Cargill (their 60th); Dwaine & Roxanne Howell (their 35th); and Chuck & Elizabeth Walters.

Since I was unable to be there, a huge thanks goes out to our Treasurer, Howard Lindquist, who provided the details about the picnic.

We’ll wrap up the year with our Christmas luncheon on December 14, at one of our club’s favorite restaurants, the 94th Aero Squadron.

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

FLORIDA / First Coast

Fred Bauer opened our September meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Thirty-nine members were present. Janet Cassford gave the opening invocation after which we enjoyed our buffet meal.



After lunch Fred, announced that Al Johnson and Ted Cassford passed away in August. Also, during the Summer Janet Cassford had a stroke and Kathy Walsh had a TIA.

Two orders of business were discussed:

1. The "T" shirts, which is not going to happen because the content of the shirt makes it require an order of more than 70. We are going to look at other options to see if we can bring the costs down or do something different with the graphics.

2. The Caribbean Cruise on Carnival Magic that Tom Foley presented at the June meeting. Departure date of January . 7, 2017. Get in touch with Tom Foley if you are interested [tomfoley@cruiseplanners.com or 904-501-8968].

As Treasurer Bob Rathje was away we did not have a report.

We discussed our picnic, to be held at Treaty Park on Oct. 18.

Fred announced the Birthdays and Anniversaries for July, August, and September.

With no other business, we had the 50/50 raffle. We had a little change in our 50/50: we handed out one \$20 award and six worth \$10 each.

Next Meeting: Oct. 18, our fall picnic at Treaty Park.

Future Meetings: Nov. 15 and Dec. 13, at the Ichiban Buffet on US 1 south.

By: Fred Bauer, Pres.

FLORIDA / Manasota West

No report of September activity.

Contact: John Zinna
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FLORIDA/ Mid-West

The Chapter did not meet in September

Next Meeting: October 20, 2016 at Pine Island beach, to be hosted by Rich & Madeline Arso.

FLORIDA / SouthWest

The Chapter did not meet in September..

Next Meeting: October 11, at Tara Woods, Route 41 North, in Fort Myers.

Our last meeting of the year will be at the Golden Corral, on November 8.

Contact: Clem Moors
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FLORIDA / Space Coast

September 21, 2016

It was great after a two-month hiatus to see the activity in the main dining room of the Suntree Country Club as members swapped stories with the first of the returning "Snow Birds". President Bob Prais welcomed members and guests and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and blessing. The always bountiful buffet featured salmon and London Broil with the usual salads and side dishes.

Vice President John Lau introduced our very timely speaker, Assistant State Attorney Justin M. Keen, Division Chief of the Economic Crimes & Elder Services Unit. A veteran of over a decade of service as a trial attorney (71 jury trials), he has polished his skills by service with the Repeat Offender Team and Career Criminal Unit and been recognized numerous times by his peers for outstanding performance. Mr. Keen noted that as of 2014, 28% of Brevard County residents were 60 years old or older so the problem of economic exploitation of the elderly is a growing concern to our State Attorney's Office. He prefixed his point-by-point coverage of



areas of concern with the warning that our local cadre of con artists/criminals is not only growing but also becoming more proficient.

Items touched on included:

- Thefts of blank checks by “service people” who gain entry to a home and steal blank checks from the back of owners check books.
- Be wary of “Official Notices” when the postage is paid by a “pre-sorted scanner”
- “Free Water Analysis” is often a scam to get access to your home to obtain personal identification or blank checks.
- Roof repairs, plumbing, or electrical work performed by unlicensed contractors: your house insurance will **not** pay for any problems generated or protect you from law suits if the contractor is hurt on the job.
- Theft of credit cards from purses in grocery shopping carts: thieves quickly use the credit cards to purchase numerous gift cards.
- IRS will **not** notify you by phone or E-mail to pay “delinquent taxes.”
- Microsoft will **not** call you on the phone to tell you your PC or laptop has been infected and they need remote access to fix it, thus getting access to your personal data.
- The “Nigerian Prince in exile,” remotely related to you, is still eager to transfer millions to your bank account if you’ll just forward your bank account numbers and a few thousand dollars to pay custom fees. Best that you leave him alone!!
- Don’t send Facebook photos back to family/friends when you are vacationing. Thieves can see you in front of the Eiffel Tower and surmise that your home is empty and available for looting.

Mr. Keen also briefed us on the various agencies available to help us recognize and avoid potential fraud, while his colleague Kathy Dudley distributed related brochures to all our attendees. His closing caution to our attendees concerned the risks related to the often-necessary task of appointing a fiduciary or Power of Attorney (POA). A short word of advice:

avoid new “best friends” whose offer to help seems too good to be true . . . it probably is. This was indeed a constructive program that made us aware of all of the help that is available to us.

Sunshine: Chet Emery reported that condolences were sent to the family on the passing of Russ Weinert.

Treasurer: Bill Waldron gave details of various financial transactions over the summer, winding up with satisfactory balances in both the regular and scholarship accounts. The real good news was the welcoming aboard of four new members: Michael Maggiore, Charles Marchica, Karl Rehm, and Frank Straub.

Grumman Gremlins: Our Canberra bomber was in final paint. Meanwhile, our efforts to obtain a copy of the BBC program “Spies In The Sky” through local PBS stations WEFSC and WUCF have been unsuccessful. This program reputedly details the flight of our specific aircraft over the Soviet ICBM development facilities in 1952. We will continue this search through other sources.

50/50 Drawing: There were seven 50/50 winners. John Boyd won the grand prize, consisting of a bottle of Pino Grigio and a gift certificate to Publix. . . . Congratulations to all!

Employees Birthdays - August: Jim Glover, Joseph Gollhofer, Ed Barty, Jim Leahy, Karen Warsinski, Chester Emery, and Ed Romano

Spouse Birthdays - August: Florence Riehl, Mary Kirwin, Winnie Pike, Rutth Feeney, Lilia Lewis, Stephanie Rennie, Lillian Lopopolo, Fran Wolf

Anniversaries - August: Gary & Shiela Bigel, John & June Greve, Dick & Leonora Combs, Anne & John Korothy, John & Dolly Casco, and Pat & Susan Reilly

Employees Birthdays - September: Patrick Sullivan, Lawrence Orlando, John Greve, Dick Combs, Patricia Ann Mullings, Robert Devoe, Henry (Ted) Kuhn, Robert Rennie, Rudy Avitabile, and Oscar Basilio



Spouse Birthdays - September: Geraldine Stone, Joanne Kuhn, Lee Kelley, Lynn Ernst, Mary Ranieri, Emma Basilio, Larry Roberts, and Anna Lee Emery

Anniversaries - September: John & Mary Ann Lau, Lee & Karen Brandt, Ed & Angela Romano, Frank & Marilyn Filipo, and David & Brenda Muh

Apologies to Bill & Barbara Waldron for having misspelled their last name in our June meeting report.

By: Bill Steenson, Sec'y.

Next Meeting: October 19

Future Meetings: 11/16, 12/14

FLORIDA / Suncoast

The Chapter did not meet in September..

Future meeting dates:

October 19, November 16, and December 14, 2015.

Contact: Patricia E. Newark, Secy.
[lionpattysecretary@yahoo.com, 727-360-7339]

FLORIDA / Treasure Coast

Our September 15th meeting was held at the Martin Downs Golf Club.

Bob Watkins led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chaplain Larry Regier gave the invocation.

Bob introduced Don Combes who, after being employed by Republic for 10 years, was hired by Grumman. Don was at Grumman from 1964 to 1994 (30 years). He showed us the history of airplanes made by Republic and by Grumman over the last 50 years. We were entertained by his presentation,

which made us think of the years we worked for Grumman and the good times we had there.

Bob spoke of where we will have our meetings from October 2016 to June 2017. A decision will be made after visiting Allegro Inspired Senior Living in Stuart or Martin Downs Golf Club.

Birthdays: Mariann Watkins; Joan Savio (July); Mike Bartfield

Sick Members:

- MaryLou (Triple Bypass – Doing fine);
- Connie Ludwig (Fell, hope all is well.)

Bob Watkins adjourned the meeting.

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

GEORGIA / Peach Pit

Our September 20, 2016 meeting, at El Tequila Mexican Restaurant, in Milledgeville, GA, started at 12:30PM. There were 16 present when President Janet Sills called the meeting to order and asked Sergeant-at-Arms Designee Josephine Harrelson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Then, Chaplain Designee Mary Archer gave the Blessing, which was followed by the meal and fellowship.

Old Business:

A motion to waive the reading of, and to accept, the May 17, 2016 Meeting Minutes and the June 21, 2016 Social Administrative Notes was made by Vince Ciampa and seconded by VP Ted Zarkowsky. No changes were offered either by proxy or by those present. The motion passed.

New Business:

1. **President Janet Sills** welcomed those present back from the Summer Break.
2. September Happy Birthday wishes were extended to: Nancy Godbee [14th], Lew Iuliucci [24th], and Penny Seagle [23rd].
3. September Wedding Anniversary wishes went out to: Vince & Roberta Ciampa [3rd], Mike & Betty Johnson [28th], and Jerry & Patsy Potter [3rd].



Treasurer Joe Sansotta gave the financial report:

(a) We have sufficient funds to cover upcoming donations.

(b) This year's membership totals fifty Chapter members of which forty- three (86%) are e-mail contacts and seven (14%) are U.S. Mail contacts meaning there is always a quorum to conduct business as a majority of members have constant proxy access.

Member Medical Issues:

- Florella Crouch, who is doing well and is recuperating.

- Former members Betty Bertoli and Lee Hicks are recovering from their ailments.

All are in all our thoughts. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

In Memoriam:

- Patti Duke passed away on 8/31/16. She was the spouse of John Nussberger and the Daughter-in-Law of Club member Juliane Nussberger.

- Grummanite Supervisor in Lay-up Marshall Brown passed away on 9/1/16.

- Grummanite Facilities Electrician Charlie Barksdale passed away this month.

Patti, Marshall, and Charlie are in our prayers. Condolences are extended to their families.

Barbara Bernichon won the 75/25 Fundraiser raffle and also won a metal plaque of the F4-F Wildcat donated by President Janet Sills for today's raffle. Thank you, Janet, and congratulations to Barbara.

Community Service:

a. Volunteerism continues as members and spouses aid various causes including Pints of Blood/Platelets.

b. A Funds disbursement to the United Way of Central Georgia was made on Patriot's Day, 9/11/16.

c. A thank you letter from the Oconee Regional Medical Center Foundation, for a previous donation, was passed around for review.

Program:

There was no formal program. Members shared Summer vacation topics.

We also discussed the election of Chapter Officers for years 2017 & 2018, as our current President and Vice President have completed two years in each of these two offices over the last four years and are no longer eligible to serve in these positions. Any member interested in serving in any Chapter Office is asked to please notify the Secretary by October 17, 2016 so that, at our October 18, 2016 meeting, we can consider a motion to send out the Year 2017/18 Officers Ballot for member vote. Then, at the November meeting, the slate of Officers can be finalized.

A motion to end the Business meeting was made by Brenda Miller and seconded by Tim Cullum. The motion carried and adjournment was 1:30PM.

Next Meeting: October 18, 2016 at 12:30PM, at El Tequila Mexican Grill (168 Garrett Way, Milledgeville, Georgia 31061).

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

Maryland / Glen Arm

The Glen Arm Chapter held its third quarterly meeting of 2016 on September 20, at 6:30PM, at the Golden Corral White Marsh / Baltimore, MD. We had a good showing and thank all who came.

Treasurer Al Showalter gave a brief updated status of our Chapter bank account for 2016.

A topic we continued to talk of was the Glen Arm Chapter Facebook page.

Joan Gebhardt brought in some old newsletters and postings from the early years of the Chapter's organization. We all found the information of interest as it brought back memories of the early days. We ran out of time, so we are planning to review more at our next meeting. As Chapter Secretary, I have also been holding some documents, pictures, and memorabilia from the early days of Plant 56 in the club's interest. We will review them at our next meeting, too. We are also checking with Retiree



Club HQ in NY to see if there is an archive we can submit items to and if we can put pictures, etc, onto our Web / Facebook page.

The attendees decided to hold our next Quarterly meeting, scheduled for December 20 at 6:30PM, at the Golden Corral (7908 Rossville Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21236), in the White Marsh / Fullerton area. This seems to be a location that is more convenient for members than the Aberdeen location.

Known Birthdays for the fourth quarter of 2016: Bob Dietz (11/21); John Higgs (12/3); Dick Holt (10/24); Bill Kolbus (11/15); Rick Oden (12/12); Jim Odom, Jr. (11/5); Dave Rutherford (12/31); Mike Rutherford (12/26); Al Showalter (10/26); John Snyder (11/4); Rick Swinder (10/13).

Happy Birthday to all you guys!

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].

By: Joe Svach, Chapter Sec'y. .

New England North

No report of Chapter activity.

NEW YORK
Eastern Long Island Chapter

VP Bob Albert welcomed 14 members & guests Hector Guzman and Fred White to our September 21 meeting at the Coram Diner. VP Bob read the minutes of our previous meeting (June) and Treasurer Pauline Sandmann gave the financial report (still solvent!). Both were accepted as read.

Prez. Bert Moller is in Florida (to see Tim Tebow's debut?!)

Dutch Rotzinger reported the passing of Louis A. Rios (July 11), Herbert Charles Hedges (91yrs old, June 15), Robert B. Barnes (92, May 16), Anthony Lamberti (June 26), Dominic John (Dick) Di Falco (Grumman VP, on June 13), George E. Frenzel, Jr. (Aug. 10), Robert V. Walsh (July 13), Friederich I. (Fred) Steinmetz (July 5), Henry Dircks (July 10), WWII Vet Vincent Ramundo (96, in Aug), George R. Rose Jr. & wife Helen A. Rose (August).

Our condolences go out to the families and friends of these dearly departed.

Mytko Report: Marguerite Gibbons is home from rehab and hopes to attend the October meeting. June Schlock had heart valve replacement and now has a pacemaker.

Our hopes for a speedy recovery to all!

To report illnesses, deaths, etc., contact Bill Mytko [1-864-225-4927 or ermytko@yahoo.com]. Bill is "still above water" down in South Carolina (drought at last report).

Birthdays: Paul Dunca (9/6), Fred Losee (9/6), Carl Kupke (9/7), Gordon Baylis (10/2), Pauline Sandmann (10/21), Paul Ziems (10/21), and Arthur Gustavson (10/27).

Happy Birthday to All!

Anniversaries: George & Frances Okvist (61 yrs on 9/7); Bob & Kay Albert (59 yrs on 9/14); Joe & Louise Pipczynski (58 yrs on 9/27); Fred & Frances Schaeffler (61 yrs on 10/1); and Edward & Barbara Matthews (54 yrs on 10/27).

Congrats to All!

If any Birthdays or Anniversaries have been missed or if any dates are incorrect, please call VP Bob Albert [631-585-7987] – AFTER 10AM!).

Lou Puccio reports that Vito Farinola has left the building (ala Elvis!) for upstate NY – Good Luck!

There were three 50/50 winners. Dutch and Ralph returned their winnings. Thanx, guys!



Next Meeting: Oct 19, at the Coram Diner (Route 25 & Route 112). Lunch (\$15) at Noon; meeting to follow.

Future meetings: Nov 16; December meeting: TBD

Happy Rosh Hashanah! Happy Columbus Day! And for all you Seniors: Enjoy these re-released songs: "I can't see clearly now, the rain is gone " and " Rikki don't lose your car keys "!

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

NORTH CAROLINA
Eastern Carolina Chapter

Our September 13 meeting, the first after the summer break was held at McCarthy Court, a senior independent living facility in New Bern, NC. We had 29 members attending and all enjoyed a delicious full course lunch in the well-appointed dining room.

President Pete McNamee opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation by Tom Schroder. Pete thanked Rudi & Marlene Wiehl for making the lunch arrangements. We were happy to see Artie Miller who has been unable to attend for a number of meetings and we welcomed a number of guests: Bill & Arlene Minerva, who attended with members Ken & Vynne Wendel; Bill & Anne Marie Wichrowski, Bob & Grace Lamberson's daughter and son-in-law who recently retired and moved to Oriental NC from Centereach, NY; along with Karl & Lucile Messina, Joan Messina's son and daughter-in-law, who also retired recently and are in the area visiting.

Treasurer Bob Lamberson received a Thank You note from Jim & Dottie Karika for the Chapter's donation to the All Saints Catholic Church Building Fund in Hampstead, NC, in memory of Rosemary Daidone. The Thank You note and an announcement of the Dedication Ceremony at the Carolina East Foundation for the lighted picture partially funded by our Chapter, in memory of Paul Albers, was passed out to members for their review.

Pete distributed a short list of trivia questions to everyone and we all enjoyed fumbling for the correct answers.

Tom Schroder was next; he entertained the group with his humor, which is always appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Bob Lamberson read the Treasurer's report and called the 50/50 winners: Anne Marie Wichrowski, Lucile Messina, and Nidda McNamee.

Pete announced August and September birthdays and anniversaries:

Birthdays:

August: Robert Condolff (2nd); Joe Mele (3rd); 8/7 - Leo Torrens; Ted Lindblad (18th); Mary Heim (24th); Larry Bird (28th); Arlene Ramsden (28th); Irv Peterson (29th); Stanley Ramsden (31st).

September: Judy Glowacki (3rd); Helen Lewis (5th); Joan Messina (11th); Pat Herrnkind (12th); Fred Reynolds (14th); Mary Paulik (17th).

Anniversaries:

August: Paul & Mary Heim (2nd), Ken & Vynne Wendel (9th), Ted & Marilyn Lindblad (22nd).

September: Robert & Joyce Leun (6th), Marty & Mary Olstad (27th), Robert & Otilie Condolff (29th).

We don't have a location or a program director for the October meeting as yet, but the tentative date is Wednesday, October 12th.

By: Pete McNamee [pmcnamee@suddenlink.net]

PENNSYLVANIA
Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter

August 18th was a warm and sunny day here in Northeast Pennsylvania. Our meeting was held in the Boat House, in Hawley. A great group of 15 people was present: the Zupps, Dowds Sparkowskis, Herlings, Rademachers, Wolters, Charlie Teufert and Lee, and Dan Knowles. The last



time we had a group this size was in August of 2013. That meeting was also held at the Boat House. Hopefully this is sign of good attendances to come.

Dan Knowles looks good and filled us in on all that he has been doing since we saw him last.

The rest of the meeting was spent with the men was swapping experiences both about the Big G and what some did after we left the Company. At one point, we had to tell the ladies to hold it down, as they were getting a little loud. (When we go to the Boat House, the men are all together at one table and the ladies at the next table. This way we can talk shop and they can have a good time with what ever they talk about.)

The only business we talked about was ideas for our last meeting in December. This will be discussed further at the September meeting.

Birthdays for August: Frank Damis, and Judy Zupp

Anniversaries for August: None

Treasurer Fred Rademacher told us that he had passed by the old Raintree Restaurant. Besides being overgrown and looking dilapidated, there was an Auction sign outside. We recalled the luncheons we had there and how well we were treated.

50/50 was won by Willie Wolters.

Being no further business to discuss, we broke up at 1430 hours.

By: Edward J. Sparkowski, Sec'y/Chaplain

On September 15th, we met at the Alpine Restaurant, in Honesdale. We did not have the turnout we had in August, but the Dowds, Rademachers, Sparkowskis, and Dan Knowles did attend. Alberta Rademacher informed us that Bob Zupp was under the weather and would not be with us today.

Again we had a great time listening to Dan Knowles, and of course we had our usual chitchat. Dan told of

some of the happenings going on in Bethpage, and what has happened to a couple of the remaining buildings.

We discussed locations for our last three meetings of the year. The following was finally decided upon:
- October 20 - Kays Restaurant, in Lake Ariel
- November 17 - The Boathouse, in Hawley
- December 15 (Our Annual Christmas Party) - Kays Restaurant, in Lake Ariel.

September Birthdays: James Blair, Elizabeth Deluca, and Fred Heppler.

September Anniversaries: John & Barbara Janis.

Treasurer Fred Rademacher reminded all that dues are coming due again. More details in next month's Letter.

SOOOOOO: See you all at **Noon, Oct 20**, at Kays, in Lake Ariel.

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

SOUTH CAROLINA
Coastal Carolinas Chapter

September 7, 2016

Our September 7th, meeting f was held at the Sunny Side Up Diner, in Calabash, SC.

There were twelve members in attendance and it was good to see everyone.

We want to wish the following members a Happy Birthday: Shirley Culleton, Marie Smith, Vincent Stano, Janice Hanlon, and Ed Raulsome.

And, a Happy Anniversary to Marge & Artie Rapenport.

Ed & Barbara Raulsome shared the news that they are new, first-time Great-Grandparents to a baby girl. Congratulations!!!



Our May 2016 meeting minutes were read by Secretary Kathy Fleischer, and were accepted and approved as read.

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

Sunshine Committeeperson Carol Joyce reported that she spoke to Judy Scott and learned that Eldon is at home with homecare. Carol left a message for Lee Mascara's sister and is waiting to hear back from her. Carol sent a card with a note to Janice Hanlon. We were informed that Dottie Hoffman fell and broke her arm. We'll find out more.

We didn't have the 50/50 drawing. So much of the time was spent catching up with everyone that the time went by too fast.

Next Meeting: Oct. 5, 2016 at Noon, at Damon's Restaurant, 2985 South Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach, SC. (843-626-8000)

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

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

VIRGINIA / Central Virginia

Our first meeting of the season was held on September 14, 2016, at the "BBQ Exchange", in Gordonsville, VA. Prior to starting the meeting, Margie said a prayer, giving thanks for our food.

After a very HOT & DRY Summer, we are all looking forward to cooler weather. We were happy to reconnect and talked about our Summer travels. Some of our members had ventured as far as Albany, NY; Long Island; and New Hampshire, which were not any cooler.

ATTENDEES: We had 11 attendees: Harold (Ed) Case, Ed Samson, Rich Benske & Jackie, Frank & Beverly Purstell, Fred & Marjorie Meiners, Maryanne Muller, Dot Marsh and Frank Edwards.

Over the summer Frank Edwards had two strokes but - with excellent care - is recovering very well.

Business:

1. We're still collecting cell phone numbers for reference. Please send to Frank Purstell [spurs@gmail.com].
2. Treasury was reported as being solvent.
3. Places were suggested for future meetings.
4. Our dues for 2017 will remain the same, at \$15.

Next Meeting: October 12, 12:30PM, at Crab Louie's Seafood Restaurant, 1352 Sycamore Square, Midlothian, VA.

Future Meetings:

November 9, 12:30PM, at the Silk Mill, 101 Woodmark Street, Orange, VA (540-672-4010). [Directions: Exit 136 off I-64 onto US 15 North; go approx 22.3 miles (approx 40 minutes); after car dealership on Right, make Right turn onto Woodmark St. The restaurant is on the Left. If you pass Sheetz Station on US 15, you have gone too far.]

December 14, 12:30PM, at the Purstell residence, 317 Meadow Beauty Court, Waynesboro, VA. [Directions: West on Rte 64, Take Exit 91, Rte 340 North one traffic light; turn left onto Lou Dewitt Blvd; go about 2 miles, cross Rte 250; road becomes Phelam Drive. Go seven streets on left, and then turn left onto Meadow Beauty Court. End of street on left corner is number 317, a Red Brick House.]

Hoping to see MORE of you Grummanites . . . we'd like "y'all" to join us!

By: Marjorie Meiners, Recording secretary



Grumman History - Chapter 39 **1987 - “Pressure Cooker” Year**

This Grumman History chapter and the chapters to follow are dedicated to Ken Speiser, Grumman History Center volunteer who was the co-author, along with Larry Feliu, of the Grumman History chapters that have previously appeared in Retiree Club Newsletters.

Ken passed away suddenly on March 25, 2016. His devotion to preserving and keeping the Grumman heritage alive will always be remembered. I am honored to continue writing the subsequent chapters of the Grumman History.

Jim Eng

Editor’s Note: James “Jim” Eng, a Club member and currently active employee of Northrop Grumman Corporation, has generously volunteered to continue the research and writing of Grumman’s history. From the members, Jim: A very hearty, Thank You!

The start of the year marked a new era for Grumman. On a nice “Spring-like” day in Melbourne, Florida on January 16, company officials and dignitaries gathered to dedicate the new headquarters for Grumman Melbourne Systems. The new headquarters, called the Integration & Test Facility (ITF), would house the division’s Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System (Joint STARS) program for the U.S. Air Force and Army. Led by Division President Al Verderosa, Grumman Melbourne Systems was the prime contractor for Joint STARS, an airborne battle management, command & control, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capability built into a modified Boeing 707 airframe. The Joint STARS primary mission is to provide theater ground and air commanders with ground surveillance to support attack operations and targeting that contributes to the delay, disruption, and destruction of enemy forces. At the height of the program, 600 Grummanites supported the Joint STARS program. About 200 of these employees were transplants from Long Island.

Later that same day, but almost 1000 miles away on a cold freezing day in Bethpage, the company announced its plan to reduce the Long Island work force by 1,500 employees; about 300 through attrition and the rest by a reduction in force. Based on the operating plans from each of the ten divisions, John O’Brien stated that the company couldn’t meet its 1987 objectives without reducing staff. The numbers wouldn’t add up. Notifications would begin in February and severance pay would be provided to those being laid off and would be based on years of service.

Down under off the Southwestern coast of Australia, on February 4, Skipper Dennis Connor reclaimed the America’s Cup with the racing yacht Stars & Stripes. Connor and his 10-man crew scored a resounding 4-0 sweep over Australia’s Kookabura III after beating New Zealand convincingly in the semifinal. Grumman was part of an industry team that had designed Stars & Stripes over nearly two years. They helped design the winglets on the keel and other enhancements to the sailboat to improve fluid dynamic efficiency. Using the Cray supercomputer to run sophisticated test simulation, the Grummanites were able to evaluate numerous but subtle variations in design and their impact on performance. All of that effort paid off: America’s Cup came back home.

to be continued in the November Retiree Club Newsletter . . .

In Memoriam

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

Barnes, Robert	Estero, FL	05/16/2016
Cannon, Raymond	Leesburg, FL	09/25/2015
Ciavarella, Helene	Riverhead, NY	05/07/2016
Cogliati, Ronald	Smithtown, NY	07/02/2016
Daidone, Rosemary	Hampstead, NC	07/27/2016
Dircks, Henry	Palm Harbor, FL	07/10/2016
Ditch, William	Leesburg, FL	09/01/2015
Drapeau, Charles	Massapequa, NY	03/06/2016
Frenzel, George	Babylon, NY	08/10/2016
German, Joseph	Melbourne, FL	06/16/2016
Glenn, Albert "Goldie"	Bluffton, SC	06/25/2016
Guarino, Richard	Shallotte, NC	08/10/2016
Hedges, Herbert C.	Leesburg, VA	06/15/2016
Jacobs, Margaret "Peggy"	Lisle, IL	06/28/2016
Lucidi, Anthony	Center Moriches, NY	06/16/2016
Mascara, H. Lee	Johnsonville, SC	08/31/2016
Mc Cormack, Robert	Melville, NY	11/08/2015
Mc Mahon, Theresa	Shallotte, NC	07/03/2016

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In Memoriam

Morris, Edward A.	St. Augustine, FL	06/16/2016
Munro, Joyce	Granville, OH	07/30/2016
Polcer, Frank	Huntington Station, NY	06/28/2016
Post, Gloria	Levittown, NY	08/02/2016
Rios, Louis	Patchogue, NY	07/11/2016
Sangesland, Odd E.	Plainview, NY	09/11/2016
Schaeffler, Fred	Southold, NY	09/12/2016
Scholl, Donald	Auburn, CA	05/28/2016
Steinmetz, Friedrich	Amityville, NY	07/05/2016
Swanson, Arthur	Malverne, NY	07/24/2016
Vincent, Robert	Melville, NY	06/04/2016
Walsh, Robert V.	West Islip, NY	07/13/2016
Weinert, Russ	Titusville, FL	07/29/2016

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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- All tables seat twelve. A minimum of ten is required to reserve a table.
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