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Steve F. Kalman

November 6, 1921 – October 12, 2015

Steve Kalman was a proud American who served his country in the United States Army, was a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and a man who flew the American flag at every opportunity.

At the end of his career at Grumman, he joined the Grumman Retiree Club. In 1995, the Club was incorporated and Steve, Mary Harse, and Augie Ripp signed the Articles of Incorporation. All three served as Club Presidents and by tenure on the Board of Directors.

In 1998, Steve was inspired to begin a scholarship program for the grandchildren of retirees. It began as a \$250 scholarship for one male and one female student and the first scholarships were awarded in 1999. Through the hard work of a number of people, the scholarships have increased over the years. In June of 2015, the Scholarship Fund presented ten \$2000 scholarships to students. He remained active from our beginning until now. It was his passion. He loved the Retiree Club and the Scholarship Fund and supported both fully over the years.

He was a friend, a mentor, a leader and was well respected by those who were lucky enough to know him. His family requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Retiree Club Scholarship Fund in memory of Steve, knowing full well that it would be the best gift to Steve.

We will all miss his presence, his counsel, and his enthusiasm for the Club. He has earned his rest.





Scholarship Program Contributors

The Scholarship Fund Directors and the Retiree Club thank the following for their donations:

Bischoff, Willard

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The 18th Annual Scholarship Awards, in 2015, were possible only because you, our Club members, provided donations and support. Your continuing support will enable us to have our 19th Scholarship Awards, in 2016. Your contributions are the Engine that allows our Scholarship Award Program to be an on-going Retiree Club Program for all Members.

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

Scholarship Awards Program applications for 2016 are now available. Applications 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. It is the members' responsibility to provide the application and encourage our Grand kids to participate! Remember: the only awareness our Grandkids have of our Scholarship program is through you, the members.

**Scholarship Program
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.)

Everyone has a chance to win.

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

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**Scholarship Program
SCHOLARSHIP 50/50 RAFFLE TICKET**

Name

Address

Town _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone (optional) _____

Number of Raffles Purchased _____



Bethpage / Parent Chapter

October 28, 2015

Special, Once-In-A-Lifetime Announcement!

Bert Moeller, President of our Eastern LI Chapter is the proud grandfather of Steve Matz, pitcher for the NY Mets.

Grandson Steve, in his rookie year, is scheduled to be a starting pitcher in the World Series.

Congratulations to Bert and to Steve!!

Bethpage Chapter Calendar

Luncheons/Meetings

Membership luncheon-meetings are generally held on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

Note:

All luncheons in 2016, including the Scholarship and Holiday luncheons, will be held at the Crest Hollow CC.

November 18: Milleridge Inn

Speaker: Nurse Manager Bonnie Edsall, Good Samaritan Hospital. Topic: Breast cancer treatment improvements, early detection, and staying well.

**December 9 - Crest Hollow CC
Holiday Luncheon**

**See next-to-last page of this Newsletter for
Holiday Luncheon Reservation Form.**

Blood Drive

Next Blood Drive Date: TBD

Drive dates for 2016 will be listed when the Club receives the schedule.

Please call the office (516-575-3777) if you wish to donate on December 3, in Plant 15, in Bethpage.

In spite of a rainy Fall day, the Grumman Retirees came out in numbers for their October meeting at the Milleridge Inn. The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Betty Bohlander. A moment of silence was then 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.

This meeting was particularly saddened with the passing of Steve Kalman who, along with Mary Harse and Augie Ripp, signed the Articles of Incorporation of the Grumman Retiree Club. All three served as Club President and by tenure on the Board of Directors.

It was Steve who championed the formation of the Scholarship Fund and led it to its 501(c)3 status. The Fund started with two annual awards of \$250 each, to one girl and one boy. Today, it has grown to ten \$2000 annual awards. Over the years, Steve and his wife Anne ran many events for the club.

Who can forget the wonderful Spring and Fall golf outings at places like The Nevele or Villa Roma in upstate New York? Steve always prided himself that he could shoot his age (in the 80s) and that's for 18 holes. The rest of us shot our age by the 12th hole. Steve will be strongly missed. His wife Anne asks that any donations in his name be made to the Scholarship Fund.

Betty then introduced the guest speaker Lisa Gatti. Lisa founded Pal-O-Mine Equestrian, Inc, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization in Islandia. A native Long Islander, Lisa was a competitive horseback rider as a child. When college time came, her parents insisted that she attend a private all-girls college in Virginia. Here, periodically, she received packages of books from her Dad, who was a VP in the Doubleday Book Company. One shipment included Danielle Steel's *Palomino*, which changed Lisa's life. In the book, a woman has a horse ranch that is converted into a riding school for paralyzed children. The book describes how the riding procedure became a catalyst for healing. Suddenly, Lisa realized her



career goal: to combine her elementary and special education background along with her love of horses into equine therapy to facilitate growth, learning, and healing for troubled individuals.

These individuals now include high-risk youth, people with a myriad of disabilities (muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, autism, ADHT, traumatic brain injury, bipolar disorders, addictions of all types, and those exposed to any number of abuses over the years). The list has recently been extended to returning vets with their unique post war issues.

Lisa described how it took lots of hard work, to overcome problematic setbacks, difficult community relations problems, and all kinds of discrimination. Finally in 2007, after many location moves, she bought a horse ranch owned by Computer Associates that had functioned as a summer camp for employees' children. This eight-acre facility is their present home, along with two additional parcels that were recently acquired for vocational training of persons who graduate the horse program and now are seeking training to successfully enter or reenter society.

Lisa started the operation by hosting 80 "students" with eight horses. This has now grown to a weekly hosting of 419 "students" supported by 20 horses, four goats, a sheep, four miniature Sicilian donkeys, three miniature horses, a rabbit, two cats and a pit bull. Lisa is supported by up to 125 volunteers.

At her facility, the troubled visitors experience the riding program and therapy transpires. Many join various competitions around the world. Recently, one of Lisa's students competed in the Para Olympics, which features elite riders who have disabilities. Her student, who is from Seaford, NY, was the youngest member of the US Team and came in fourth. The wonder of the accomplishment is that the student has cerebral palsy and is wheelchair bound. However, once on the horse, nobody can tell his disability.

This is the common theme of the riding program: that the disabled can achieve degrees of freedom never thought possible. Lisa recited a number of the great accomplishments that the program has achieved. She also described a non-riding program where

equine specialists work alongside a social worker or psychologist who use the horses as mirrors of our behavior to result in behavior modification.

Many local school districts use Pal-O-Mine as school trips. Lisa's "student" population now extends from 83 year olds down to eighteen-month-old infants. Of the total population, 30% have experienced trauma or abuse, 40% are on the autistic spectrum, and 30% have physical disabilities.

At the end of her talk, Lisa was given a huge round of applause and Betty presented her with a \$300 donation to her wonderful operation.



L to R: Lisa Gatti, Betty Bohlander

Business – Betty Bohlander

** Our November meeting will be at the Milleridge Inn. We will have Bonnie Edsall, the Nurse Manager for the Good Samaritan Hospital Breast Health Center and the Radiation Oncology Department, as our guest speaker. Thanks to dramatic improvements in cancer research, early detection, and treatment, millions of women are surviving breast cancer surgery today. Betty is currently recovering from a second breast cancer and can vouch for the effectiveness of the Good Samaritan Breast Cancer program. Bonnie will discuss treatment improvements, early detection, and staying well. Her husband Wayne Edsall works for Northrop Grumman, in the Contracts department.

** Our January meeting will have Ken Speiser as the speaker. Ken writes the History articles for our Newsletter. He has just written a book composed of his first 12 articles.

** In February, we will have Nancy Bazzicalupo



(Nick's wife) who is the President of the Huntington Meals on Wheels program.

** Northrop Grumman is undergoing another reorganization and the facility in Plant 15 will be renamed Mission Systems. Betty also announced that Northrop Grumman just won a major contract named the Long Range Strike Bomber, which will have engineering done in Melbourne, FL and manufacturing in California.

** Betty received a call from April Chapple of Luminati Aerospace, a company located on the old Grumman Calverton property, now called the *Enterprise Park in Calverton (EPCAL)*. Luminati presently utilizes the Eastern runway for business flying in the manufacture of UAVs. The present Riverhead Town Supervisor and Town Council both support keeping the runway open but the Supervisor is up for reelection and his opponent is opposed to keeping the runway open. April asked if we could write a letter to the Town Council in support of keeping the runway open. We reviewed the company by examining the resumes of all of the science and engineering department heads and found that they have prestigious credentials as leaders in their fields, namely flight controls, robotics and automation, aerospace systems, fluid mechanics, simulation and flight-testing, aerodynamics, and composite material design. Most have been academics at name universities around the world while others have had highly respected careers at Northrop Grumman. We are aware that a number of past Northrop Grumman employees have applied for employment at Luminati, since their technical backgrounds identically match those desired by the company. These employees, who chose not to leave Long Island in a 2014 company reorganization that resulted in moving a core aircraft program off Long Island, had an opportunity to extend their careers in aerospace with employment at Luminati. However, success for the future of Luminati is contingent on keeping access to the EPCAL runway. Therefore, we wrote the letter of support. The Council was very pleased with the letter.

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**Bert Moeller of our Eastern LI Chapter
is the proud grandfather of
Steve Matz, pitcher for the NY Mets.
GO METS!!!**

Committee Reports - First VP Bob Ripp announced that we will be maintaining the annual dues at \$15, which primarily serves to pay for the printing costs and mailing costs of the Club Newsletter.

Treasurers' Reports

Frank Rizzo gave the Club Treasurer's report followed by **Harry Daum**, who gave the Scholarship Fund Treasurer's report and thanked everyone for all of the contributors for their donations to date. Both reports were accepted as reported.

Harry noted that he was stepping down as Fund Treasurer. He introduced Linda Perrotta, who volunteered to permanently replace him. Welcome Aboard, Linda.

Harry also noted that the Scholarship 50/50 sales at the monthly meetings will shut down 15 minutes prior to lunch being served, to allow those members who manned the ticket sales to close up and have lunch with everyone else.

Prize Winners

Door Prizes: Fred Donohue, Ruth Winnes, Isabel Cava, and Pat Hegarty

Scholarship 50/50: Lou Luceri

Community Relations 50/50: George Young, Harvey Knopf, Harry Daum, and Cecelia Wiechering. Cecelia donated her winnings to the Scholarship Fund. Thank You very much for being so generous, Cecelia.

Holiday Luncheon – Bob Ripp

Our Holiday (Christmas) luncheon is planned for December 9, at the Crest Hollow. Cocktail hour from Noon to 1PM, followed by dining and dancing. Cost remains at \$35pp.

Birthdays:

Marion Abbott (today!!) 10/28, Diane Bryers 10/1 and Jerry D'Agostino 10/10.

Very Special Note: First VP Bob Ripp added a last minute entry to the Birthday list. Just minutes before the Birthday announcements were made, he was texted that he had just become the grandfather of a 9-pound, 11-ounce "little" boy. Congratulations to Bob and little ripper.



Happy Birthday all.

A Get Well card was sent to Jan Byrne who fell at home last week. Jan is 96 years old.

Travel- Nick Bazzicalupo announced that he is planning trip to the Staten, on Staten Island, to celebrate the Italian Festival of St. Joseph somewhere between March 13th and the 31st, with a show and dinner. The three-course meal options include soup, followed by pasta and Beef sirloin, chicken parm or sole oreganato. A travel date will be selected. He would like to have a bus full of retirees, which requires 40 people. Nick is still getting prices on buses. Let him know of your intention to go. Cost will be available next month.

The meeting was adjoined with the singing of "God Bless America".

By: Lou Kubat, Sec'y.

CALIFORNIA / Golden West

Our October meeting was held at the Eagles Lodge in Oxnard. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Sergeant-at-Arms John Ugo, and a prayer by Fred Syrett.

Sixteen members were present. Lunch was served, followed by a business meeting and the Treasurer's report.

Our speaker was Lt. Colonel Irvin Poff, former US Army/Air Force pilot, now 96 years old. Irvin flew B-17s during WWII. He told us about his experiences and combat missions during the war. Craig Kaston assisted during the presentation with pictures of B-17 airplanes.

50/50 winners were Paul Cooper and our speaker, Irvin Poff.

Meetings: We meet on the second Tuesday of the month.

By: Fred Syrett, President.

CALIFORNIA / San Diego

No report of October activity.

FLORIDA/ First Coast

Our Fall picnic was held at Treaty Park in St. Augustine, on October 20th. Thirty-eight members and friends gathered for the fun on a mild Fall day. As always, we had plenty of friendship and conversation.

Congratulations to Carla Congro who recently retired from the St. Augustine facility.

Thanks to all who brought something to share and to those who helped out with set-up and clean up. Thanks to Pete Foster for the grilled Hot Dogs, and to Bob Rathje and Fred Bauer for grilling the burgers.

Of course we had our traditional Bocce contest with Bob Rathje & Pete Foster taking first place, the "Lindy Brothers," Waxy & Gene Earley, second, followed by Ralph & Ron Davies in third place.

Next Meeting: Nov 17, at Icibahn Buffet in St. Augustine, US 1 South.

December meeting: Dec 8, at Icibahn Buffet in St. Augustine.

FLORIDA / Manasota West

No report of recent activity.

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FLORIDA/ Mid-West

October 15, 2015

We all remember the Grumman picnic out in Calverton, when our children were young and we were younger. We would pack up donuts, fried chicken, potato salad, cookies, chips, and all kinds of fun stuff to eat and head to the picnic grounds. There were always hamburgers, hotdogs, ice cream and drinks provided by Grumman. And we always made sure we had the baseball equipment and any other games we might want. Those were the days!

This week, the Mid-West Chapter had our version of the picnic. We all walk a little slower and lift a little less at one time, but the day dawned glorious with lots of sunshine warm temperatures and a slight breeze.

We tried something new this year: We went to the beach where we spent the morning visiting, with coffee and donuts. Then, at lunchtime, we walked to Willy's Tropical Breeze and we each ordered what we wanted to eat. That is my kind of picnic. Thanks to Rich Arso for finding the place. It really was fun and no pressure.

We will be back to our normal routine next month at Buffet City, on November 19, 2015. Don't forget to bring your Non-Perishables for those that we can help. We look forward to seeing you.

By: Kathy Cornacchia
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FLORIDA / SouthWest

We gathered for our October meeting at Tara Woods Clubhouse, in North Fort Myers, where our hosts George & Janet Daly, with their helpers, served a tasty luncheon of chicken stew, biscuits, appetizers and dessert. Delicious!

Clem Moors opened our meeting with the Pledge and a prayer. We had 17 in attendance, including Tony & Celeste Perre's daughter and son-in-law, Patty & John Bradley.

We reviewed our May meeting and heard that our treasury was solvent.

The majority of our meeting was spent as a round table discussion of our Summer vacations. What an interesting group! Barbara Roland mentioned visiting the 9/11 museum in NYC, which was quite an emotional experience.

Reminder: Treasurer Willy Wolter has started collecting dues for 2016. Checks can be mailed to him (5061 Winter Rose Way, Venice FL 34293-8212) or given to him at our next meeting. Please make the check payable to "Grumman Retiree Club" in the amount of \$15.

Next Meeting: Nov 10, at the Golden Corral, 1451 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda

By: Clem Moors (239-283-8294)
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FLORIDA / Space Coast

October 21, 2015

Our meeting was called to order by President Bob Prais promptly at Noon, in the Suntree Country Club. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Sergeant-at-Arms Ed Romano gave his usual thoughtful invocation, followed by a moment of silence to honor the passing of member Stan Sniegoki.

Following the Suntree bountiful buffet, VP John Lau introduced Dr. David Paterno, Past President of the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation Board of Directors. Dr. Paterno briefed us on the history and current restoration efforts by the Foundation. The Cape Canaveral site of the lighthouse is noted on maps dating back to 1508. The structure itself was moved 1-1/2 miles to its present location in 1892,



re-assembled, and has been working ever since. Its oil lamps have been replaced by halogen lights, which now are visible 22 miles at sea.

The original facility included three cottages and two sheds and was owned by the Coast Guard. Unfortunately, the authorities were unaware of the historical significance of the site and the Air Force was permitted to burn down the five outbuildings as exercise for their fire department. The Lighthouse Foundation was formed locally to restore the buildings and insure the continued operation of the historic lighthouse, a challenging task.

Dr. Paterno cited the type of unexpected problems one runs into in this type of undertaking. As an example he told us about the Foundation's first task, which was to restore the footpath to the lighthouse. Representatives of local Indian tribes protested against the project: the spirits of ancestors buried there would not be able to rise through the selected paving material. Solution: crushed local seashells were substituted and all are happy.

Since the facility is now part of Patrick Air Force Base, anyone wishing to tour it should contact the Base Public Relations Department as only scheduled groups accompanied by military guards are permitted. Once there, the challenge of climbing the 163 steps to the top of the lighthouse can yield a breath-taking view. We wish Dr. Paterno and the Foundation best wishes for success in this challenging endeavor.

Veterans Transitional Facility Thanksgiving Dinner: Joe Mullings reported progress on our club sponsoring this annual festive dinner for veterans temporarily residing in our local facility. Donations are coming in nicely, which should permit the designated club funds to be allocated to Christmas gift cards for the veterans' children as has been done in previous years. What a great way to kick off that inner Christmas glow! The facility chef, "Ranger Bob", should have the number of participants for us shortly.

Joe also reported on activity related to the Veterans Honor Flight. Now, both Korean and Vietnam veterans are invited to participate in this 23 hour, all expense paid trip to the Washington Memorials. The organizers are planning seven flights in 2016. Our club has traditionally supported this effort.

Chet Emery reported that get-well cards were sent to Ron Sidorski, John Lopopolo, and Tom Rothwell. A sympathy card was sent to Stan Sniegoki's family on Stan's passing.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Waldron reported on receiving a "Thank You" card from the Brevard School Foundation for our participation in the scholarship program. Bill also detailed the movements in our scholarship fund as we continue to honor invoices for all prior year scholarship winners.

Guests at the luncheon were Carolyn Burby and John Boyd.

Scholarships: Jim Glover reported on the problems associated with tracking down our scholars to make our follow-on awards when both the family and students have changed addresses and phone numbers. A meeting of concerned members is being held after this meeting to address the recurring problems.

Old Business:

The joint picnic with the Treasure Coast Chapter has been postponed until this coming Spring (2016).

Christmas Luncheon Meeting: This festive affair is always well attended and a great chance to socialize with members you may not have seen in a while. Volunteers are needed to help with our own special decorations, which supplement the country club's beautiful trees.

New Business:

President Bob announced that he regrettably accepted John Casco's resignation as vice president due to recent family problems. John remains as a member and hopes to be able to be active in the future when conditions stabilize.

Bob noted a major recent newspaper article citing the threat to our wildlife from discarded plastic in our local waterways. The author particularly noted the loss of Leatherback turtles from ingesting sea borne plastic bags, which the turtles mistake for jellyfish. This was in accord with a warning given us by last month's speaker.



November Program – Our scheduled speaker for the November 18th meeting is Rick Matthews, Vice President of Northrop-Grumman Melbourne Operations.

50/50 Drawing: There were seven 50/50 winners. The grand prize, consisting of a \$25 gift card to Publix and a bottle of Pinot Grigio, was won by Jim Glover

Congratulations to all!

October Employees Birthdays: Leonard Anderson, Everett Bennett, Peter Saladino, Terry Vourakis, Frank Filipo, Richard Cheslak, and Gary Bigel.

October Spouse Birthdays: Cindy Roberts, Trish Woodruff, Pietrina Deneau, Martha Masiello, M. Jane Miliore Mahler, Barbara Waldron, Joan Buckley, Patricia Cardile, and Susan Reilly.

October Anniversaries: Ron & Beverly Heuer, Chet & Anna Lee Emery, Leonard & Barbara Anderson, Belford & Josephine Carter, Peter & Virginia Saladino, Salvatore & Anne Cioffi, Gordon & Trish Woodruff, Bill & Camille Steenson, Ed & Katherine Barty, and Larry & Winnie Pike.

By: Bill Steenson, Sec'y.

Next Meeting: Nov 18.
Last Meeting in 2015: Dec 16.

FLORIDA / Suncoast

Our October 21 Meeting was opened at Noon at the Hibachi Buffet, in Pinellas Park, FL by President Ben Hurley, with 11 people in attendance.

Ben announced that Caesar Colasuonno died on June 23, 2015. He was 89 years old. Caesar was on the team for the first lunar landers. He was always ready to help a friend. Caesar took up golf later in life when he moved to Florida, remarkably using only a putter.

50/50 winners: Lyn Mohr, Patty Newark, and guest Mary Jane Hyatt.

Next Meetings: Christmas Party on Dec. 23. Keeping the Grumman Tradition alive: giving out gift certificates.

Following Meetings: Jan. 20. Feb. 17, Mar. 16, and April 20

By: Patricia E. Newark, Sec'y. (727-360-7339)
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FLORIDA / Treasure Coast

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

President Danny Knowles led the Pledge of Allegiance. Our Chaplain gave the invocation preceded by the sad news that Philip Sameck passed away on October 9th Philip was 93.

October Birthdays: John Churchey and Robert Fink.

Visitors: Sal & Betty DeLuca, Charlie Teufert, and Lee Parisi.

Danny Knowles introduced a representative from Martin County Waste Management. She said that Martin County has set a goal of 75% recycling. As of 2014 it was at 62%. The county has a recycling site on what was a garbage dumpsite; they were sending their recyclables to St. Lucie County.

She stressed the importance of not putting certain materials (e.g., Styrofoam, rubber hoses, batteries, plastic bags, and cloth) into recycle places. These items have special places to bring them. If these waste products get into the recycler, they cause problems.

Some of the different wastes are recycled into other products:



- Yard Waste is changed to Ethanol fuel
- Tires recycled to make artificial reefs on the beaches.
- Plastic bags (turned into Publix or other stores that collect these bags) have been manufactured into benches that are displayed around shopping centers.

We learned a great deal about waste management and what can be used for other products

President Knowles adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting: Nov 19, at the Martin Downs Golf Club.

By: Janet Cuce (772-344-1838)
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GEORGIA / Peach Pit

Our October 20, 2015 meeting at Georgia Bob's, on Hancock Street in Milledgeville, GA, started at Noon. There were fourteen present when President Janet Sills called the meeting to order and asked Sergeant-at-Arms Designee Mike McCabe to lead attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Designee Mary Archer gave the Blessing, which was followed by the meal and fellowship.

Old Business:

A motion to accept the September 15, 2015 Business Meeting Notes was made by Earl Seagle and seconded by Vince Ciampa. There were no changes by those present or received by proxy so the motion passed.

New Business:

1. President Janet welcomed those present and pointed out the Business Meeting would end at 12:45PM to allow time for those taking the Trolley Tour to get to the Tourism Building down the Street.
2. October Happy Birthday wishes were extended to: Jesse Griffin [2nd], Joe Lasker [19th], Mike McCabe [17th], Earl Seagle [22nd], Jim Vinson [31st] and Stella Winnicki [30th].

3. October Wedding Anniversary congratulations were extended to: Mike & Pam McCabe [26th] and Steve & Kathleen Willis [27th].
4. Treasurer Joe Sansotta reported the bank balance is near depletion, per the annual Donation Plan's gift giving expenditures. Income expected from the 75/25 Fundraiser raffles, held at each meeting, will cover the Firefighter's Fund gift in November, while the Club's annual stipend will cover a Food Pantry gift at Christmas. However, any member checks, payable to the Grumman Retiree Club and earmarked "for: year 2015 Community Service Fund" will all be donated to the Food Pantry at Christmas. The reason for this plea for money is that Baldwin County has the third largest unemployment rate in the state, out of the total of 157 Counties. [The County is in the top 2%.] Accordingly, send any checks for the 2015 Food Pantry gift to: Joe Sansotta, 3748 Sussex Drive NE, Milledgeville, GA 31061-9360. Thank You.

Year 2016 Club membership dues remain at \$15.

Member Gloria Griffin is recovering from recent surgery. She is in our prayers for a speedy recovery. *Get Well Soon, Gloria.*

Lew Iulucci won the 75/25 Fundraiser raffle and donated the winnings to the Community Service Fund. *Thank You, Lew.*

Community Service:

- a] Volunteerism continues as members and spouses, aid various causes, including Pints of Blood/Platelets.
- b] A Charitable gift check, with a cover letter, was given to the Boys & Girls Club of Baldwin and Jones Counties, on Columbus Day/October 12, 2015.

Adjournment:

A motion to end the Business Meeting was made by Ernie Godbee and seconded by Ted Zarkowsky. The motion carried and adjournment was 12:45PM. Then, on to the Tour!

Program: A Trolley Tour of Historic Milledgeville.

A one-hour ride to view Federal Register sites of historic or significant importance. Milledgeville was the fourth State Capital and is called the Antebellum [ie, Pre- Civil War] State Capital. The city was the



first Capital to be centrally located in the State. It was a planned city, consisting of four primary blocks and eighty-four sub-blocks of land, alongside the Oconee River, which was the primary means of long distance transportation in colonial days. The land was purchased from the Native American Indians. Following the end of the Civil War, and during Reconstruction of the war torn South, the State Capital was moved to Atlanta, while the history of bygone days continues here in Milledgeville.



Front Row, L to R: Tour Guide Sara Brantley; Joe Sansotta; Mike McCabe; Pat Sansotta; Penny Seagle; Roberta Ciampa; Nancy Godbee; Brenda Miller; Ted Zarkowsky; and Janet Sills.

Back Row; L to R: Lew Iuliucci; Earl Seagle; Vince Ciampa; Ernie Godbee and Linda Zarkowsky.

Next Meeting: Nov 17, 12:30PM, at Crockett's Cafeteria, located on N. Columbia Street Milledgeville. The Program: "Benefits," presented by a Triumph Group Specialist.

By: Lew M. Iuliucci. Sec'y. (478-452-1357)
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Maryland / Glen Arm

No report of October activity,

Meeting Schedule:

Nov 17, at 1PM; Dec 15, at 6:30PM

Questions? Suggestions?

Contact: President Rick Swinder

410-977-7829 or rickswinder@gmail.com

New England North

No report of Chapter activity.

**New Jersey
Garden State Chapter**

No report of October activity.

Contact: Carolyn Kerr, Sec'y. (732-244-4483)

**NEW YORK
Eastern Long Island Chapter**

President Bert Moller convened our October 21 meeting. Sergeant-at-Arms Richie Myers led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Prez. Bert asked for a moment of silence and prayers for all our ailing members and everyone serving in our Armed forces around the world.

VP Bob Albert read the minutes of our last meeting. In the absence of Treasurer Pauline Sandmann (tending to her sister in Carolina after she suffered a fall), Prez Bert reported our Club is still solvent. The minutes and the Treasurer's report were both approved as read.

October Birthdays: Paul Ziems (10/21); Pauline Sandmann (10/2); Gordon Baylis (10/2); and Arthur



Gustavson (10/27).
Congrats to All!
(If I missed anyone's B'day, let me know.)

NORTH CAROLINA
Eastern Carolina Chapter

No Anniversaries were reported

The Mytko Report:

Our Community Relations Director Bill suffered a serious heart attack (multiple stents); he is now resting comfortably at home.
Get Well Quickly, Bill!

Prez Bert reported the passing of Percy Ray Sharp on 9/23/15. Percy was a WWII Vet and a Calverton foreman.

Bert also reported the passing of John Wojciechowski, on 10/10/15. John was a WWII Vet who saw action in nine battles, including the Battle of the Bulge. He served under General Patton.
Condolence cards have been sent to their families.

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

Prez Bert told us of his vacation that included stops at Nova Scotia, Boston, and Salem (Witch Trials . . .). Bert recommends all!

Very Special Note:
Grandpa Bert is rooting for the Mets, and especially for his grandson Steve Matz, in the World Series!

Bert is looking into having a speaker who offers financial strategies for Seniors.

Three 50/50 Winners were drawn.

Next Meeting: Nov 18, at the Coram Diner (Route 112 and Route 25). Lunch (\$15) at Noon; meeting to follow.

Future Meetings:
Dec (TBD) and Feb 16, 2016.

We hope all ailing members are recovering well!

By: Bob Albert. VP (631-585-7987)

Logan's, in Jacksonville, NC, was the venue for our October 14 meeting. We only had 12 members arrive for a very nice lunch, which included drinks and dessert. It was an enjoyable time for those attending. Tom Schroder & Jim Karika were Program Directors.

Tom led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation. Bob Lamberson was there to give the Treasurer's report (we're in excellent shape) and also take care of the 50/50.

Bob told members he received a *Thank You* from Hospice in Florida, for our donation in memory of Terry Walker. He also said Ken Greubel was in the hospital with pneumonia.

Tom announced that Bob Damarodas passed away in a Wilmington facility this month. Bob was a Vice President for our Club during Tom's tenure as President. Paul Albers, another long-time and very active member, passed on Oct. 20th. Paul and his wife Chris, along with Mary & Marty Olstad, were Program Directors for many of our picnics at Fairfield Harbour. They will certainly be missed by all of us.

On a lighter note, Tom told some of his many jokes, including some funny limericks.

In the absence of President Pete Mc Namee, Bob Lamberson announced the birthdays and anniversaries for the month:

Birthdays: 10/3 - Mary Rice; 10/6 - Grace Lamberson; 10/7 - Jeanette Buchham; 10/10 - Peggy Dunlop; 10/14 - John Sullivan; 10/17 - Carol Peralta; 10/18 - Sandy Sullivan; 10/27 - Chris Albers; 10/30 - RoseAnn Dispennett.

Anniversaries: 10/9 - Pete & Nidda Mc Namee; 10/15 - Bob & Grace & Bob Lamberson; 10/27 - Fredrick & Patricia Jinks.

Bob called the winners of the 50/50: Rudy Ramcke and Tony Peralta.



Next Meeting: Dec 8, in PineKnoll Shores, NC, at the Clam Digger Inn

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

PENNSYLVANIA
Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter

Our October meeting was held at Kays in Lake Ariel, with the Zupps, the Dowds, the Rademachers, and the Sparkowskis attending. It was a very beautiful, warm, and sunny day.

Since we did not have a quorum again, the conversations centered around some politics, things that do not last anymore, weddings, golf, the old days and dues.

Secretary/Chaplain Sparky reported that he and Marianne would be going to Arlington, Virginia to the National Cemetery, for the internment of Ed's Cousin with full Military Honors.

Speaking of dues, they are due again. Remember our dues are still \$15, payable by December 31st, 2015. Make checks out to "The NEPA Grumman Retiree Club", **Not To Fred Rademacher**. Send the checks to: Fred Rademacher, PO Box 1012, Milford, PA 18337-1012.

At our November meeting we will discuss our December meeting/Christmas Party, which will be our last meeting of the year. If you have any ideas for the party, let us know what they are when you come to the November meeting.

October Birthdays: Sal DeLuca, Albert Hey, Dan Knowles, and Richard Petrusa.

October Anniversaries: Albert & June Hey, Albert & Elsie Schrage, and Edward & Marianne Sparkowski.

The canoli twins were at it again, when Alberta Rademacher and Marie Dowd ordered one for dessert.

50/50: - Since Sergeant-at-Arms/Social Director Charlie Teufert was not at the meeting, Bob Zupp pulled the winning ticket. You'll never guess who won. That's right: Alberta Rademacher. Surprise, Surprise.

Next Meeting: Nov 19, Noon, at Kays Restaurant in Lake Ariel. Remember: This is the next-to-the-last meeting of the year, so come on down.

By: Edward J. Sparkowski Sec'y/Chaplain
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SOUTH CAROLINA
Coastal Carolinas Chapter

October 7, 2015

It was a lovely Fall day for our meeting, which was held at Damon's Restaurant, in Myrtle Beach. Thirteen members were in attendance. After lunch, President Ronald Girardin called the meeting to order. In the absence of Sergeant-at-Arms Eldon Scott, Secretary Nancy Webber led the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by a moment of silence.

"Happy Birthday" to Theresa McMahon and Barbara Raulsome.

"Happy Anniversary" to Judy & Eldon Scott, Janice & Ed Hanlon, and Faye & Harold Katzenberger.

The minutes of our September meeting were read by the Secretary, seconded, and approved.

As stated in the September meeting minutes, the balance in the treasury was satisfactory. The Treasurer's report, was read, seconded, and approved.

Congratulations to our 50/50 drawing winners! Theresa McMahon won the 1st prize; Mary Moran won 2nd prize. Congratulations, ladies!



Dot Hoffmann, who is in charge of the Sunshine Committee, mentioned that Lee & Bernard Mascara, Judy & Eldon Scott, and Shirley Culleton all need your prayers, as well as Sally Banker.

Dot also announced the passing of John Lewis, a member of our Club. Our condolences go to his family.

It was good to see Mary Moran and Marty Fleischer, who were not at our previous meeting because of health issues.

If you know of anyone whose hobby or profession would be of interest to the club, and who would agree to speak at one of our meetings, please submit that person's name, company/hobby and telephone number to me, Nancy Webber, at 843-347-2113 or nfwebber@twc.com

Since we are approaching the end of this year, all suggestions for meeting places would be greatly appreciated. The only criteria: the restaurant must have a private room suitable for meetings. Our standard time for all meetings is 12 Noon, on the first Wednesday of each month.

Next Meeting: Christmas Luncheon, December 2, at Noon, at the Sea Captain's House, 3002 North Ocean Blvd, Myrtle Beach.

All Grumman, Northrop Grumman and Northrop retirees and their guests are welcomed.

By: Nancy Webber, Sec'y. (843-347-2113)
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TEXAS / Houston

No report of October activity.

Contact: Angelo LaCognata (281-326-1665)

VIRGINIA / Central Virginia

October, 2016

We had our second meeting of the 2015-2016 season, at "Crab Louie Seafood Restaurant" in Midlothian, VA. There were six members in attendance: Mary Anne Muller, Rich Benke, Harold Case, Edward Samson, and Beverly & Frank Purstell. As always, the food was very good and was enjoyed by all. The weather was great: a beautiful, warm, and sunny Fall day.

The members in attendance signed get well cards for Doris Parsons, who has kidney failure and is now on dialysis, and for Rich Benke's dear friend, Jackie, who had a bad fall. We pray and hope they get well real soon.

With only six members in attendance, we decided to have a very short business meeting. The Treasurer's report indicated we were still solvent.

We discussed the desire to restart our 50/50 raffles.

We truly wish to see all our members from Williamsburg, Chesapeake, Norfolk, etc. We try to have our meetings at a different restaurant each month throughout the year, selecting our restaurants from a list based on members' recommendations. We are always looking for good and reasonably priced eateries. We will select our Spring meeting places from the following and from other member recommendations:

Shadwell's, Fork Union Family, Michies Tavern at Monticello, Edelweiss, and Sal's.

We reminded everyone present of our next luncheon, at "Francesco Italiano Restaurant," on November 11, in Williamsburg, VA.

By: MaryAnne Muller

In Memoriam

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

Cardillo, Ronald	Woodbury, NY	09/26/2015
Crouzet-Pascal, Jacques	Huntington, NY	09/25/2015
Deibler, Walter	Northport, NY	07/20/2015
Fritz, Robert	Commack, NY	10/02/2015
Lewis, John	West Babylon, NY	08/16/2015
Siperko, Fred	Owings Mills, MD	09/19/2015
Sniegocki, Stanley	Indialantic, FL	0/06/2015
Tiefenwirth, Eugene	East Meadow, NY	10/01/2015

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.

Grumman History - Chapter 34
An Independent Grumman Gets Down to Business
1982

The fight for corporate independence was over . . . as was the short-lived celebration. It was time to get back to business and accomplish the “better than ever” future that Grumman’s Chairman of the Board Jack Bierwirth had promised in a January article in *Grumman Plane News*. The production line was committed to build five different aircraft, with anticipation that the production restart of C-2A Greyhounds would begin shortly.

Next generation aircraft development activities were intense, focusing on the Forward Swept Wing (FSW) X-29 fighter technology demonstrator and Vertical Take Off & Landing (VTOL) concepts. Manufacturing capability was in for a big leap to the future with a plan to invest \$250 million for high productivity machinery, automation, and plant improvements. Grumman was optimistic and poised to grow by expanding its current businesses.

Automatic Test Equipment (ATE) and Integrated Logistics Services (ILS), which were – at the time - 25% of Aerospace’s annual sales, offered significant growth potential. ATE greatly improved an aircraft’s availability by rapidly and automatically locating faulty electronic gear on Grumman airplanes. This also saved the Navy tons of money. US Navy ships and shore installations were being populated with Grumman Computerized Automatic Test Systems (CATS) and the CAT IIID, which was becoming the Navy’s standardized digital tester. Soon to be deployed was the new RADCOM (Radar Communications) tester to support the Hawkeye radar upgrade activity at the Miramar Naval Air Station (NAS). The cadre of ATE engineers who developed these great testers now eyed capturing the upcoming Navy Consolidated Support System and the Air Force’s F/FB-111 Avionics Intermediate Shop Program. Grumman’s goal was to become #1 in military ATE.

The plants in Milledgeville, GA and Stuart, FL were also proving their mettle, with deliveries of composite spoilers for Boeing 757s, and engines/nacelles for the McDonnell Douglas DC-8. In the Spring, the Stuart plant celebrated the delivery of the 1000th ship set of nacelle/thrust reversers for the Garret TFE 731 engines that powered business aircraft manufactured by Westward, Dassault, Rockwell International, and British Aerospace.

Grumman’s plant in Great River, Long Island was also making news. While its primary activity was being an electric/electronic parts feeder plant for Grumman aircraft and ATE, it was developing its own business by both accepting outside manufacturing work (contract manufacturing) and creating a product line for the television broadcast industry. Great River Operations (GRO) was achieving success. It was manufacturing memory and logic testers for IBM, the Number One computer company in the world, which used these Grumman devices to test the unique chips they manufactured for their mainframe computers. Further, under a \$2 million contract from the NBC TV network in New York City, GRO delivered its first internally developed electronic equipment for the broadcast industry, the SynchProc, a unique device that greatly facilitated video editing. Upon NBC’s acceptance of the SynchProc, it would also be made available to the television industry at large.

One thousand thirteen Flixible buses, each with 200 pounds of additional steel strengthening their undercarriages, were now back on the streets of New York City. Their return to service in record time was due to over 500 people diligently working double shifts. Unfortunately, the bus business was no longer

favorable; by year-end Grumman would sell the Flixible 870 bus business to General Automotive and write off \$24 million (1982). The Dormavac, a once hopeful concept for transporting highly perishable foods, faced a similarly bleak outlook and it was discontinued with an accompanying \$8.4 million write-off.

Aerospace business was more than offsetting these losses. In early February, Grumman received a multi-year contract for \$700 million to restart Greyhound production; the airplane had been last produced in 1968. This groundbreaking contract, as opposed to annual funding that required Congressional approval each year, saved so much money that the Navy was able to get 39 re-procured C-2As for the price of 35. Later in the year, the Arab Republic of Egypt ordered four E-2Cs, becoming the Hawkeye's third international customer.

The Hawkeye's world reputation continued to grow as its value was being demonstrated in many ways. During a three-month demonstration to spot drug smugglers approaching Florida, Hawkeye's capabilities led to seizing 45 aircraft and \$360 million of illicit drugs. Hawkeyes deployed by Israel during the Lebanon crisis detected enemy fighters and vectored interceptors that destroyed 80 fighters and 19 Surface-to-Air missile (SAM) sites with no losses. Finally, the British learned what it was like to conduct naval operations without the air early warning (AEW) capability provided by the Hawkeye. Their destroyer, the Sheffield, was sunk due to an undetected Argentine fighter-launched missile during the Falklands War. Japan would soon have AEW capability as the Japanese Self Defense Force accepted the first of its eight Hawkeyes; this airplane would become operational next year.

Grumman continued to invest in the space program by opening a plant in Irvine, CA to develop/refine next generation mosaic sensors for advanced U.S. Air Force surveillance satellites and by joining the Lockheed team to bid for the NASA Space Shuttle Processing Contract; this contract was viewed as the biggest NASA opportunity of the decade.

Ever mindful of its employees' well being and with the holiday season fast approaching, Grumman launched an all out campaign against "Driving While Intoxicated". This multi-year awareness campaign was kicked off with a major article in *Plane News* and was followed up with posters, updated bi-monthly, placed throughout the company.

Even as December was coming to a close, St. Augustine, FL received orders that solidified its business base: conversion of A-6Es to KA-6D tankers for the Navy and a contract from the Malaysian government to modernize 40 A-4 aircraft.

The more than \$2 billion in 1982 sales was a record, and the 59% increase in net profit pleased shareholders who saw their dividends increase. Grumman had truly rebounded.

1982 F-14 Scorecard: 17 Iraqi aircraft destroyed (2 unconfirmed), including MiG-21, MiG-23, Su-22, and Mach 3 MiG-25s were downed by Iranian F-14s, using Phoenix and Sparrow missiles.

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