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## Membership Dues Reminder

**Membership Dues For 2017 Must Be Paid No Later Than  
March 15.**

**Dues Not Paid by March 15 Will Result In Your Removal From  
The Club's Mailing List.**

**Check the Mail Label on the Back Cover of This Newsletter.  
If You Already Paid Your 2017 Dues, and the Mail Label Does Not  
Say "2017", Call the Bethpage Office (516-515-3777) or Your Chapter  
Treasurer to Verify Your Status.**

**If You Have Not Paid Your 2017 Dues, your membership can be  
reinstated by making your dues payment. (Allow approximately two  
months from date of payment until your Newsletter delivery resumes.)**

## You're Invited to the Cradle of Aviation Museum's Celebration of the Last Mission to the Moon . . . Apollo 17

The Cradle of Aviation Museum will host the Apollo 17 Reunion/Dinner on April 26th. The reunion will begin at 4PM. The guest panelists will join the reunion visitors for a buffet dinner starting at 6PM. After dinner, there will be a panel discussion featuring Apollo 17 Astronaut and Lunar Module Pilot Harrison H. Schmitt; NASA Flight Director Gerry Griffin; and Clive Neal, Professor of Planetary Geology at the University of Notre Dame. (Professor Neal examined the samples collected during Apollo 17's stay on the Moon.) The panel discussion will be moderated by former Grumman PR representative, Dick Dunne. Sadly, Apollo 17 Commander Gene Cernan passed away a few weeks ago.

Admission for Grumman employees/retirees and their guests - \$75pp. Admission for the public is \$100pp. To reserve your seat, Call 516-572-4066. Questions? Call Carol Nelson at 516-572-4026.

**It's Scholarship Application Time  
Time Grows Short!**

**Make sure your scholars have our application form, and remind  
them to complete and submit the application!**



## Scholarship Program Contributors

To: All donors to our Scholarship Program:

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

**Many Thanks.**

## **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](http://www.grummanretireeclub.org)), or by sending a request for the application, together with a stamped, self-addressed envelope, to the mail address below. Again, thank you. Your continuing, generous support will help to ensure our twentieth 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 your students have of our Scholarship program is through you, the members.

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

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

**Winners announced in the Newsletter.**

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

**Each raffle entry is \$5.**

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

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

### Scholarship Program 50/50 Raffle Ticket

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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,

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## Bethpage Chapter 2017 Calendar

### **Luncheons/Meetings**

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

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

Luncheon Reservation forms are in this Newsletter, on Page 19.

**March 22 - luncheon / meeting  
April 19 - luncheon / meeting  
May 24 - luncheon / meeting  
June 28 - Scholarship Luncheon**

July and August – no meetings

**September 6 - Picnic  
September 27 - luncheon / meeting**

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

**Tuesday, November 14 - luncheon / meeting**

**December 13 - Holiday Luncheon**

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## Bethpage / Parent Chapter

**February 20, 2017**

With weather in the 60s, the locals came out in droves for our February luncheon meeting. 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 wellbeing of the men and women in the service of our country who fight and die for our freedom.

President Bob Ripp greeted everyone, then turned the meeting over to Pat Sullivan who introduced guest speaker Ray Mascolo. Ray has a unique life as a dentist, and as Chief Consulting Surgeon for the Suffolk County Police Department, and as Head of the volunteer service, the Long Island Veterans Bureau. The Bureau tends to homeless veterans at the Northport VA Hospital.

Ray related that this journey started ten years ago when a friend's son was killed in battle. To show respect, Ray and friends decided to go the shelter for homeless veterans and provide them with a meal in the friend's son's honor. They saw so much appreciation from the vets that they decided to continue the luncheon every month. Now, it has grown to one full Friday, Saturday, and Sunday each month, providing meals to the welcoming crowd.

## GRUMMAN RETIREE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Ray told heart tearing stories of some of these brave men, now broken, homeless, and all but forgotten. Everyone in the audience was moved emotionally. Ray's organization is a 501c3 tax exempt charitable group and Ray assured us that every single penny donated to the organization is used for the homeless vets. Not a penny goes to salaries as in many of today's charitable organizations that do good but whose founders and/or officers are richly rewarded.

Ray says that he sees his mission in the analogy that, if you borrow something from a friend, you wouldn't give it back broken. Ray says that we borrow these brave men from society to be in our military and when we are done borrowing them, we should do everything in our power to return them unbroken. His efforts are a small step in letting the vets know that we want them back and unbroken.

VP Pat Sullivan presented a check for \$300 to Ray. Ray pledged that our donation will be used entirely for the vets. *Thanks, Ray . . .* your good and kind work is inspirational.



L to R; Pat Sullivan, Ray Mascolo

#### **Business: President Bob Ripp**

- Bob asked for changes to the minutes as they appeared in the Newsletter. There being none, the minutes were accepted as written.
- Bob noted that a glitch in the Club's office computer caused a number of people in the Bethpage Chapter to not get the January Newsletter. The glitch has been corrected. Bob brought extra copies of the Newsletter to today's meeting for anyone who wanted one.

- A member called the Club office, claiming that her monthly Health Reimbursement statement reflected a significant decrease in her total yearly benefit. Bob referred the caller to the NGC Benefits department and the issue was promptly resolved. **Bob reminded everyone that the Club is not in a position to provide support in these financial cases. Direct contact with the appropriate company organization is the way to resolve the issue correctly and timely.**

- **The annual Dues deadline is March 15.** Anyone who has not submitted dues prior to that date will have future issues of the Newsletter stopped, until dues are paid.

Bob asked if we had any first-time members in attendance, or visitors from other chapters, or first time guests. Wonderfully, there were three new members and one first time guest.

*Welcome to All.*

**Birthdays:** Ed Kopack (87 on 2/28); Jim Oakes (73 on 2/20); Dick Eberl (81 on 2/22); and Ernie Finamore (91 on 2/22), to whom the audience sang Happy Birthday.

*Happy Birthday to All!*

**Anniversary Celebration:** Sid & Claudia Weihs, 21 yrs. on 2/23. *Congratulations.*

**Get Well Wishes** go out to Tony Scaturro, Charles Farley, Kay Juner, Conrad Petersohn, Isabel Vanuck, and Andy Tomaiko. We hope all of you Get Well Soon!

**Community Relations:** VP Pat Sullivan announced that like the Scholarship Fund, the Club has received wonderful donations this year to date. These donations go to the charities that the Club supports. We've just donated to the Cradle of Aviation and to LI Rebuilding, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary.



### Treasurer Reports:

**Retiree Club Treasurer's report** was presented by Bob Ripp for Frank Rizzo.

**Scholarship Fund Treasurer Linda Perrotta** provided the monthly Fund report. Linda thanked all members who have so generously donated this year to the Scholarship Fund. She reminded everyone that the Scholarship Award Luncheon is June 28, at the Crest Hollow CC.

Both reports were accepted as read.

**Travel: Nick Bazzicalupo** highlighted the following three trips:

1. The Essex Steam Train Retiree Club trip is being rescheduled from June 1st to somewhere around June 21st. More info to come.

2. 5/16/2017: Thimble Islands and Trolley Museum. Cruise the islands off the coast of Connecticut. Tour the Trolley Museum. Ride on an authentic turn-of-the-century Trolley car. \$102pp

3. 6/21/2017: Rediscover Downtown NYC and visit One World Observatory. Guided walking tour of Battery City from St. Paul's Chapel to 9 One World Trade Center. Enjoy the 360-degree view of NYC, Westchester, and New Jersey areas. \$94pp

\*\*\*\**NOTE: For Nick's trips DO NOT call the Retiree Club Office. Call Rendezvous Travel (516-867-8747).*

**Luncheons:** Pat reminded everyone that we will celebrate the Grumman Retiree Club's 50th Anniversary on October 23, with a luncheon gala at the Cradle of Aviation. Cocktail hour, dinner and dancing. A show of hands indicated that a large part of the audience would plan to attend. Details will be forth coming.

### Prize Winners- the lucky winners were:

**Community Relations 50/50:** Ray Mason, Louise Kubat, Jim Oakes, and Peter Pales.

**Door Prizes:** Rose Maginiss, Karl Christ, and John Vosilla, who generously donated the prize back to the club.

**Scholarship 50/50:** Sid Weihs.

### Next Meeting:

**March 22,** at the Crest Hollow CC.

By: Lou Kubat, Sec'y.

### CALIFORNIA / Golden West

Twelve members attended our February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Eagles Lodge in Oxnard, California. John Ugo led the Pledge of Allegiance, and President Fred led the prayer.

Lunch and a business meeting followed.

Dues for 2017 are now due. Checks (\$17) should be made out to the Grumman Retiree Club and sent to our President, Fred Syrett, at 313 Revere Ave. Ventura, CA 93004.

Fred and Eleanor Syrett celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary this month.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Ralph Rossbach.

By: Fred Syrett, President.

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### CALIFORNIA / San Diego

The first meeting of the San Diego Chapter for 2017 will be on Monday, March 13. We'll be getting together for lunch at Marie Callender's Restaurant in Carmel Mountain Ranch. Hope to see you there!

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

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### FLORIDA / First Coast

**February 21, 2017**

Twenty-eight members attended today's luncheon and - as always - enjoyed the get-together. At Noon, President Fred Bauer called us to open the meeting, and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

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After lunch, President Fred pointed out Don Kowalski's presence. Don is recovering from recent back surgery. Fred also mentioned that Tom Mutschler is having a second hip surgery and asks that we keep Tom in our thoughts.

With no new correspondence, Fred announced Birthdays and anniversaries for February:

Birthdays: Audrey Umbach, William Lainhart, Josephine Soldt, Don Schroeder, Betty Rosone, Linda Long, Robert Lynch, John Dengler, Tom Shaughnessy, Lynn Wright, Sandra Drajna.

And one anniversary: Fran & George DeAngelis.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have roughly thirty members who have not paid their 2017 dues. The Club would appreciate you folks to mail your dues (\$15) to the Club via Bob Rathje, 11046 Castlemain Circle E., Jacksonville, FL. 32256. Checks may be made payable to either the Retiree Club or to Bob Rathje. Remember: you run the risk of no longer receiving the Grumman Newsletter from Headquarters as early as April of this year.

With no further business, we held the 50/50 drawing and several \$10 prizes were awarded.

#### **This just in (2/22):**

Fred informed me that the St. Augustine facility has invited our Club members (up to 50 members + one spouse or guest, 18 years old or older) to a St. Augustine Family Day open house.

You must sign up and provide full names and birthdates of those attending. The event will be held on Saturday April 29, 2017, time most likely will be 11AM – 2PM, to be confirmed.

Tee shirts and wrist bands will be supplied before the event. Inside and outside exhibits. Wear comfortable shoes. Hot dogs and hamburgers for lunch.

#### **Next Meeting: March 21.**

Future meetings: April 18, May 16 (picnic)

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

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#### **FLORIDA / Manasota West**

**February 8, 2017**

President Ted Martins initiated the meeting with the Pledge and was joined by five attendees at this mid-winter (78 degrees & Sunny) meeting. John Zinna provided the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports. We are awaiting dues from three members and have submitted checks to Bethpage to cover eleven who have paid.

Ted recommended we send out a request to Chapter members inquiring of their planned attendance at March, April, and May meetings so we can continue to hold our reserved room at Pier 22 or possibly cancel a meeting.

With the business component of our meeting over, VP Bob Nyberg entertained us with his monthly collection of funny stories and levity pulled down from the internet.

We also had a discussion of the movie "Hidden Figures," a story about Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, and Mary Jackson, all of whom were brilliant African-American women working at NASA, and who served as the brains (computers) behind the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, and turned around the Space Race. The visionary trio crossed all gender and race lines to inspire generations to dream big. Katherine Johnson,



who is now 98 years young, received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2015. Great movie!

**Next Meeting:** March 8, at Noon, at Pier 22 restaurant in Bradenton, FL. We would be very glad to get to see some you chapter members we've been missing this season.

Our chapter is also wishing Howard Schlobohm a very Happy Birthday. This is a milestone: Howard turned 100 years-young on February 13th. Best wishes to you and continued good health. We hear 100 is the new 70!

By: John Zinna

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### **FLORIDA / SouthWest**

**The Chapter was not scheduled to meet in February..**

**Next Meeting: March 14,** at the Golden Corral in Punta Gorda.

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### **FLORIDA / Space Coast**

**February 15, 2017**

A rousing crowd of regulars, supplemented by guests and new members, filled the Suntree Country Club dining room to partake of a tasty luncheon and listen to an excellent briefing on senior services available in our county.

Our premier speaker was Joe Stickler, founder of *Brevard Alzheimer's Foundation* (Joe's Club) and organizer in 2011 of *Helping Seniors of Brevard*. In this latter capacity, he has created numerous regular media programs on TV and radio, and in local publications aimed at guiding

seniors to services available to help them. An oft decorated and tireless worker for promoting senior aid, Joe describes the main thrust of his latest organization as, "to aid seniors by telling them where to go to get help".

Aided by his assistant Kerry Fink, Joe detailed a sampling of 1700 cases they have counseled within the last few years, many involving widows of veterans who were not aware of the \$1400 per month payments that they were entitled to as a result of their husbands' war time service.

Kerry, owner of TYG media, works at supporting the daily "Helping Seniors" TV programs as well as the weekly radio program, always emphasizing that "we can't always provide the answers, but we can guide you to someone who can."

Joe cautioned about donating to many agencies which promote themselves as aiding veterans but consume as much as 50 to 70% of the funds donated in overhead costs. He called attention to IRS Document 990 as a source of information in this matter. Kerry deplored the strange attitude of Brevard County government regarding senior care – seniors comprise 50% of the county population but only one tenth of one percent of the budget is designated for programs for their support.

The enlightening session concluded with a brisk discussion of a common senior malady – eye deterioration. Thanks, Joe and Kerry, for your service to the community and for taking the time to brief us. We will keep your email address ([HelpingSeniorsofBrevard.org](http://HelpingSeniorsofBrevard.org)) handy for when we have problems.

President Bob then took the microphone to once more express his appreciation for the generous response of our members to our call for support in setting up an emergency "cushion" for our scholarship fund to ensure our ability to deliver on our multiyear commitment to our scholarship winners.



**Treasurer:** Bill Waldron endorsed Bob Prais' tribute to our membership for their response to our request for support for the Scholarship Fund, indicating that contributions were still coming in at this meeting. He detailed the status of both Scholarship and General Funds as of our last meeting, and introduced two new members, Patricia Rodriguez and Douglas MacArthur. Welcome Aboard!

**Valiant Air Command - Grumman Gremlins:** George Graefe reminded us of the coming visit of the Thunderbirds at the Tyco Air Show on March 10-12. The Friday night show in particular sounds exciting with the addition of an event called "The Wall of Fire". Work continues on the F-100, F-11F and B-52 cockpit restoration.

Note:, the news of February 14, 2017 mentioned that the Russians were re-activating their mid-range ICBMs, a breach of their treaty agreement. The site selected for the installation? Kapustin Yar! The same site selected for their original development in 1953, when our specific Canberra bomber was picked by the RAF to fly a clandestine aerial reconnaissance mission and get pictures of the activation. Our Gremlins are talented, but I don't think they can get old WJ-574 back in flyable condition to make a return visit!!

#### **Two historical side notes -**

1. Handley Paige Aircraft, Ltd (a British airplane designer and builder) delivered Canberra WJ-574 to RAF Squadron 540 in early June 1953, where it was modified to a long-range photo reconnaissance configuration.
2. Squadron 540 had flown in World War II, but in the plywood airplane known as the Mosquito (Yes, it really was made of plywood!). The squadron continued to fly Mosquitos until 1953, when they were transitioned to the Canberra airplane. In honor of their days flying the renowned Mosquitos, the squadron insignia features the insect (the mosquito) with its forelegs

raised as a boxer would position his arms during a prizefight.

#### **Space Coast Honor Flights:**

Our final topic of the meeting was an emotionally charged report by Joe Mullings on the demise of "his vet". Joe was the initiator of our Chapter's interest in the Space Coast Honor Flight program, which provides all-expense-paid excursions to Washington, DC for World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam Veterans to visit the various war memorials and the National Cemetery. He paid to participate as a Guardian escort, pushing the wheel chair for a charismatic Canadian veteran who served on frigates and destroyers on convoy duty in the turbulent North Atlantic in the early 40s. Joe's obvious deep sentiment while reporting on the passing of his friend lent a special urgency to his regular promotion of our support of this effort.

**50/50 Drawing:** There were eight 50/50 winners with Ann Kaniige winning the grand prize of \$25 gift card to Public and a box of chocolates... Congratulations to all!

By: Bill Steenson, Sec'y.

**Next meeting March 15, 2017**

**Meeting Dates for 2017**

**4/19, 5/17, 6/21**

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

**No meetings July & August**

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#### **FLORIDA / Suncoast**

Our February 15, 2017 meeting started at Noon, at the Hibachi Buffet in Pinellas Park, FL. The meeting was opened by President Ben Hurley with five members and one guest in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sergeant-at-Arms John Kucin, and the Prayer was given by Secretary Patricia Newark.



The first order of business was to consider dissolving the chapter due to declining membership and attendance. We agreed to continue the chapter thru December 2017, but with fewer meetings this year. Therefore, the meeting dates for 2017 are: Wednesdays April 19, October 18 and December 20.

On that happy note of continuing the chapter, we then went on to our Holiday Party. Following the Grumman tradition of passing out turkeys, President Ben distributed Publix gift cards.

The 50/50 was won by Patricia Newark, John Kycin and Lyn Mohr, and grab bag gifts were exchanged.

**Birthdays:** Anna Hurley and Tony Giouvalakis in February; Patricia Newark in March; John Kycin in April; John Newark in June; Bill Pierce in December; Jack Sullivan and Edith Murway in August.

**Anniversaries:** John & Patricia Newark in December; Ben & Anna Hurley in June; and Bill & Florence Pierce in October.

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

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### FLORIDA / Treasure Coast

**February 16, 2017**

Dan Knowles opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Larry Regier giving the Invocation. Larry also reported on our sick members: Judi Crespo, John Goetke, and Mary Borgen.

We had ten visitors: Anne & Paul Kaloski, from Cutchoque, Long Island; June Schlock; Ellen & Al Huienan; Bill & Brenda Gruwell; Nick & Marie Maniscalc; and Ron Mygve.

Dan announced that he had mailed almost 70 members, reminding them that their dues are due. There was immediate response as 15 members sent in their dues in the last week. We look for more to pay so that their Newsletters won't cease as a result of not paying their dues.

Dan's letter also encouraged more members to attend our monthly luncheons, and listed a number of Grumman retirees who have been recent speakers: Dick Scheuing, VP of the Research Department, who was also the first Grumman scholarship winner in the late forties; Bob Bradshaw, Vice President and Secretary of the Grumman Corporation; Bill Steenson, Grumman Vice President and former President of the Melbourne Retiree Chapter. In addition, we heard from Rick Mathews, Vice President of Northrop Grumman in Melbourne, and Billy Mang, Manufacturing Manager at the Stuart facility. We also had Don Combes give a talk on the airplanes of both Grumman and Republic

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### GEORGIA / Peach Pit

The February 21, 2017 meeting at El Tequila Mexican Restaurant in Milledgeville, Ga. started at 12:30PM. There were 21 present when President Paul Bernichon called the meeting to order and asked Sergeant-at-Arms Ted Zarkowsky to lead attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Mary Archer asked former Chaplain Willie Collins to give the Blessing, which was followed by the meal and fellowship.



### **Old Business:**

A motion to waive reading of the January 17, 2017 meeting minutes was made by Tom Blenk and seconded by VP Vince Ciampa. There being no further changes, either by proxy or by those present, the motion passed.

### **New Business:**

President Paul welcomed those present and extended Happy President's Day wishes to all.

1. Treasurer Joe Sansotta gave his Report on finances, our bank balance, and membership renewal status. [Note: please mail dues and any donation checks (payable to: *Grumman Retiree Club*) to: Joe Sansotta, 3748 Sussex Drive NE, Milledgeville, Georgia 31061- 9360.]

2. Secretary Lew Iuliucci extended February Happy Birthday wishes to: Ruby Avant [18th]; Willie Collins [11th]; Al Duspiva [15th]; Delores Hicks [20th]; Betty Johnson [20th]; and Fred Peterson [6th].

3. February Anniversary wishes were extended to: Bill & Jackie Holsenbeck [12th]; Lew & Kathy Iuliucci [17th, and Bill & Barbara Schwendler [20th].

Jesse Wall, the spouse of long term Grummanite Chris Wall, passed away on February 12, 2017 in Milledgeville, Georgia. He is in our prayers and our condolences are extended to their family.

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

Long term Grummanite Janelle [Thompson] Tucker was recently elected into the collegiate Hall of Fame at Georgia College & State University for excelling in Gymnastics. *Congratulations, Janelle.*

### **Program:**

We did not have a guest speaker. Attendees enjoyed each other's conversations.

A motion to end the Business meeting was made by Ernie Godbee and seconded by Wanda Stanley. The motion carried and adjournment was 1:30PM.

**Next Meeting: March 21, 2017, 12:45PM** at the Triumph Group's Vought Aerostructures Plant, located at 90 Highway 22W, Milledgeville, Georgia 31061. The Program will be a Site Operations Overview, possibly followed by a Plant Tour [Note: **Because preapproval for admittance to the plant is MANDATORY, please advise Lew Iuliucci as to your attendance as soon as possible so clearances and meals may be established.**

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

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### **Maryland / Glen Arm**

The Glen Arm Retiree Club Chapter did not meet in February

Dues for 2017 are now due. The renewal reminders and forms were mailed to our Chapter members, and a number of members have already submitted their dues. If you have not submitted your dues, Please contact Al Showalter directly: [410-272-6397; [AFShow@verizon.net](mailto:AFShow@verizon.net) ASAP].

**Reminder: Our next meeting is scheduled for March 2, at 6:30PM, at the Golden Corral in the White Marsh / Fullerton area (7908 Rossville Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21236).**

Remember, Our 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 suggestion, ideas, or questions, please present them at the next meeting or contact President Rick Swinder [410-977 7829; rickswinder@gmail.com].

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### **New England North**

No report of Chapter activity.

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### **NEW YORK** **Eastern Long Island Chapter**

Hectic start to 2017: "Groundhog Day" produced mixed signals (six weeks more winter or not?); a Super ending to the Super Bowl; then snow, then ice, then snow!

Fourteen members, together with guests Gerry DiPierro and Andy Ortiz, gathered at the Coram Diner for **our February 15 meeting**. Snowbirds (including Prez. Bert Moller) were not in attendance.

Our January "report" (no meeting in January, so no actual minutes) was read by VP Bob Albert. Treasurer Pauline Sandmann reported our finances are in order

#### **Mytko Report:**

- Bill Hamilton reported the passing of Frank Rath on 11/14/16.
- Mrs. Donald R. Peters called about the passing of her husband on 1/19/17.
- Bob Dudonis passed on 2/10/17 (Great bowler & Golfer).

Condolence cards have been sent to their families.

- Lou Puccio reports that Kenny Becker had a stroke and is currently in Stony Brook Hospital.
- George Adesso (Calverton & Great River Alum) is in the LI Veterans Home in Stony Brook.
- Chet Zelinski (our golf ace) fell and had multiple injuries, including a broken wrist. He went from hospital to rehab, and is now home.
- Treasurer Pauline Sandmann is wearing a heart monitor.
- Paul Ziems reports that our Sergeant-at-Arms, Richie Myers, is battling many illnesses.
- Dutch Rotzinger had surgery on a vein in his right leg, but managed to attend our meeting! (He's our faithful "tab & label" guy).

Dutch reported the passing of: Richard C. Bonelli, 1/25/17; Richard Konig, 1/7/17; Albert A. DeGennaro, 12/17/16; Richard V. Lertura, 1/12/17; Walter S. Koegel, 1/14/17; LeRoy E. Dorn, 12/23/16; Allen I. Johannsen, 12/23/16; Joseph M. Doran, 12/7/16.

Our Thanks to our loyal Community Service Duo, Bill & Eva Mytko.

We send our wishes to Bill for a speedy recovery (recent heart attack and stent recipient).

Our hopes for speedy recoveries for all ailing members and our sincere condolences to all who have lost a loved one.

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

**Birthdays:** Joseph Pipczynski, Sr. (3/4), Victor Rutkowski (3/12), Salvatore Rubino (3/19), Ronald Oldenborg (3/21), Frank Kowalesky (3/22), Barrett Whitman (3/25), and Ralph Cirone, on January 3rd – sorry I missed you!

**Anniversaries:** Bill & Joyce Hamilton (our 50/50 folks) in March; Angela & John Calendrille, Sr. (65 years back on 10/14); Tina & Rick Brown (50 years back on 10/1).

– Congrats to all celebrants!



Reminder: 2017 dues (\$15) are due. Make check payable to **ELI Grumman Retiree Club**. Use the application/renewal form that is in the Club Newsletter. Send to: Bert Moller, 33 Ramsey Road Commack, NY 11725 [631-864-4377]. Please list birthday and anniversary dates, and address changes if applicable. Thanx!

We had 3 50/50 Winners (including "Lucky" Bill Dwyer).

**Next Meeting: March 15**, at the Coram Diner (Route 25 at Route 112) Coram, NY. Lunch (\$15) at Noon; meeting to follow.

Future meetings:

April 19, May 18, June 15.

No Meetings in July & August

Baseball Spring Training is back!  
and Happy St Patrick's Day!

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

Note: past Prez Jo Albert scheduled for surgery in Feb – our prayers go with her!

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### NORTH CAROLINA Eastern Carolina Chapter

**February 8, 2017**

Our meeting was held at the newly renovated "Famous Restaurant" on. Twenty-two members attended and were treated to a delicious lunch, drinks, and wonderful desserts from the restaurant's new on-site bakery. The Reuben sandwich looked like it came from a New York deli and the Gyros were great! Prior to lunch, President Pete Mc Namee welcomed everyone; Tom Schroder led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Dottie Karika said the prayer.

After lunch, President Pete told members that we lost 2 members since our last meeting. Grace Lamberson passed away on February 1st; and Joe Walsh on November 18th.

Pete introduced our newest member; Steve Foster. Steve and his wife; Theresa, live in Havelock. Steve was in the Air Force, at the base in Westhampton Beach. He went to work for Grumman at Calverton's Plant 7, in September of 1965. As a Field Operations A-6 Tech Rep, he travelled all over the world from his base at Cherry Point. He retired from Grumman after 28 years and then worked for the DOD in the same position, retiring again to settle in Havelock, NC. He found our chapter on the Grumman Retiree Club website. Great to have you, Steve!

President Pete told members he received a Thank You from the American Heart Association; for our donation in the name of Rudy Ramcke. Pete also noted that Artie Miller, 95 years old and a charter member of the club, is ill.

Pete then read Treasurer Bob Lamberson's report. He asked those members who have not paid their dues to please do so.

We were then entertained by Tom Schroder with his stand-up comedy. After his performance; Tom, who took care of the 50/50 this month for Bob, had Steve Foster pick the first number, which ironically was his own. He graciously donated his winnings to the treasury. Tom then asked Inge Parker to pick, and she picked her husband's number. The next winner was Tom Schroder, who didn't take the winnings. Bill Parker won for the second time, and our last winner was Mary Rice.

Tom Schroder and Tony Peralta volunteered to be Program Directors for our March meeting, which will be held in Jacksonville, NC on either March 8th or March 9th, depending on the availability of the restaurant they want.



**Birthdays:** Robert Glowacki - 1/3; Mike Savastio - 1/3; Frank Bollero -1/5; Joan Willemsen - 1/6; Vynne Wendel - 1/12; Marlene Wiehl - 1/12; Bernadette Bird - 1/14; Dick Schneider - 1/25; Marty Olstad - 1/31; Evelyn Erath - 1/31; Audrey Bollero - 2/1; Helen Guarino - 2/1; Tom Schroder - 2/10; Mary Olstad - 2/29.

**Anniversaries:** Irv & Diana Peterson – Jan 1, 28 years; Bernard & Kathy Kuntz – Jan 2, 57 years; Bill & Inge Parker – Jan 2, 42 years; Ron & Barbara Betts – Feb 26, 65 Years.

Pete wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and a safe trip home.

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

went very well with what we ordered. Keep that in mind, if and when you visit Northeast PA.

By now you all should have paid your 2017 dues. If you haven't, then for some of you this may be your last Newsletter. Once I get the new roster from Treasurer Fred Rademacher, I will be updating the e-mail list and the snail-mail listing. You can rejoin the Club, but you will be coming back as a new member, as per the Club's bylaws. So hopefully, I will not be making many deletions this year.

**February Birthdays:** Joseph Belding, Barbara Knowles, and Marianne Sparkowski.

**February Anniversaries:** Alberta & Fred Rademacher, and Judy & Bob Zupp.

For you snow birds, the weekend of February 18/19 was very warm here in NEPA, so a lot of that white stuff (I think they call it snow) has melted. The weekend saw temperatures in the high 50s to low 60s. Believe me this respite from the cold was very much welcomed. Hopefully, we will be shedding the heavy coats soon.

Our next Lunch Bunch gathering will be on March 16, at Noon, at the China Castle Restaurant, 1143 Main Street, Honesdale, PA, [next door to the Fiesta On Main, where we met in February]. We will start to discuss meeting sites for the Chapter when meetings start up again. So, if you enjoy Chinese food come on out and join us.

Otherwise, you snow birds stay warm. For us brave souls who have been here for the winter months, stay safe and hope to see you all soon.

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

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

### **Lunch Bunch Edition**

We met in the Fiesta On Main Restaurant, in Honesdale, for our February gathering. The Dowds, Rademachers, Zupps, and Sparkowskis met at Noon for a most enjoyable meal.

The Fiesta On Main is a Mexican style Restaurant, in classic downtown Honesdale. If you enjoy Mexican fare, then I recommend you try Fiesta On Main; you will not be disappointed. They serve all style of food, from mild to hot flavoring. Only drawback: they do not have a liquor license, but you can bring your own and they will mix it for you. We brought Margarita mix with us and it

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

**February 1, 2017**

Our monthly meeting was held at the SUNNY SIDE UP DINER, in Calabash, NC.

There were nine members in attendance.

We did not hold a formal meeting. Instead, we enjoyed great company, good conversation, and a pleasant meal.

We wish a Happy Birthday to Lorraine Girardin, Ronald Girardin, Marilyn Jelis, Harold Katzenburger, Mary Moran, Tom Mungo, Sylvia Stano, Helen Timoney, and Don Webber.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Harold Katzenburger. Congratulations!!

**Next Meeting:**

**March 1, 2017**, at Noon, at DAMON's Restaurant, Myrtle Beach, SC.

**Future Meetings:**

April 5, 2017, at 12 Noon, at Carbone's Restaurant, 1521 Hwy. 17 N., Little River, SC. [843-280-2271].

May 3, at 12 Noon, Club Picnic, at Ron and Lorraine Girardin's Home.

As we do not hold meetings during the months of June, July and August, our next meeting will be on September 6, at the Sunny Side Up Diner.

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

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

**VIRGINIA**  
**Central Virginia Chapter**

**No report of February activity.**

**Scheduled Meetings:** All to be held on Wednesday:

**March 8, 2017 – 1:30PM (Note Time Change),** at Boychiks Deli, Lakepointe Center (Innsbrook), 4024B Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA

April 12, 2017 - 12:30PM: Crab Louies Seafood Tavern, 1352 Sycamore Square, Midlothian, VA

May 10, 2017 - 12:30PM: Edelweiss Restaurant, 19 Edelweiss Lane, Staunton, VA (near Greenville)

June: TBD

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***Editor's Note:***

*Several readers have reported some errors in the History chapter text in our February newsletter.*

*One of those readers asked if your Editor had intentionally included those errors, to see if anyone was paying attention.*

*Alas, No. . . it wasn't a test.*

*The errors were completely unintentional, and totally the fault of yours truly.*

*Mea Culpa . . .*

*Once in a while, the pressures of life cause haste and distraction. This was one of those times.*

*Neil Klaskin, Editor*

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In Memoriam

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

Bernardis, Maxim	Jacksonville, FL	02/07/2017
Bonelli, Richard	Baldwin, NY	01/25/2017
Ciulla, Peter	North Bellmore, NY	02/09/2017
Diana, Jack	Huntington Station, NY	02/10/2017
Doherty, Thomas	Holbrook, NY	01/03/2017
Dudonis, Robert	Boca Raton, FL	02/10/2017
Foster, Patricia	Huntington, NY	01/26/2017
Heitshusen, Rose Marie	Hicksville, NY	01/30/2017
Hey, Albert	Lancaster, PA	01/21/2017
Kaufhold, Gerard	Dayton, OH	01/10/2017
Kelly, Edward	Hingham, MA	01/23/2017
Kennedy, John	Fort Walton Beach, FL	02/01/2017
Kennedy, Thomas J.	Levittown/Oakdale, NY	01/16/2017
Koenigsamen, Henry	Potsdam, NY	11/01/2016
Lamberson, Grace	Oriental, NC	02/01/2017
Marciante, Stephen	Lake Grove, NY	01/23/2017
Peck, Edward	Seaford, NY	01/17/2017
Scott, Eldon	Myrtle Beach, SC	01/24/2017
Sorrentino, Frank	Stillwater, OK	01/18/2017
Walsh, Joseph	Durham, NC	11/18/2016

**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 43

### Grumman Planes Go to War & F-14 Takes Budget Hit (1991)

On January 7, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney cancelled plans to build the Navy's new attack airplane, the A-12 Avenger. The A-12 was supposed to be the next generation radar evading stealth aircraft that would replace the aging Grumman A-6 Intruders. In a statement released by the Pentagon, the builders of the A-12 aircraft had defaulted on the program by failing to design, develop, fabricate, assemble, and test the airplane within the contract schedule. The contractors were McDonnell Douglass Corporation and General Dynamics Corporation.

Grumman had teamed with Northrop and LTV when they lost the 1987 competition to build the Navy's Advanced Tactical Aircraft (ATA). The winners of that competition were industry team consisting of McDonnell Douglass and General Dynamics.

On January 16, in the Middle East, Operation Desert Shield became Operation Desert Storm, a U.S. led military operation to expel occupying Iraqi forces from Kuwait, which Iraq had invaded and annexed months earlier. All Grumman aircraft types were involved in the action against Iraq. That included F-14 Tomcats, A-6 Intruders, EA-6B Prowlers, EF-111 Ravens, E-2C Hawkeyes, A-10 Thunderbolts, C-2 Greyhounds, OV-1 Mohawks, and Joint STARS aircraft.

On January 17, the Grumman Board of Directors (BoD) elected Bob Myers President and Chief Operating Officer of the corporation. This occurred a little more than a month after the BoD confirmed Renso Caporali as Grumman's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Caporali wanted to return to a familiar organizational style where Grumman had both a chairman and a president. Gerry Sandler was appointed to succeed Bob Myers as the president of Grumman Data Systems.

The Administration's 1992 defense budget, released on February 4, contained no money for new or remanufactured F-14s. However, Tom Kane, Grumman's senior vice president for Business Development, was optimistic that the decision would be reversed. He said the Navy wanted the new F-14s, and the Tomcats were performing very well in the Persian Gulf war against Iraq. As veterans of the fiscal 1990 budget battle well know, the road to reinstating the F-14D into the fiscal 1992 budget would be long and winding.

On February 21, the BoD approved the consolidation of the company's seven operating divisions into four operating groups, to better position the company for the nineties. The four groups consisted would be: Aircraft, Systems, Data Systems & Services, and Allied. Grumman Chairman Renso Caporali said that the realignment would allow the company to focus management talent on businesses that were more sharply defined. The Aircraft Group would be run by Pete Oram; the Systems Group by Al Verderosa; Data Systems & Services Group by Gerry Sandler; and Allied Group by Len Rothenberg.

On February 26, the Navy issued a termination order for the fiscal year 1991 F-14D remanufacturing program. Congress had authorized and appropriated \$988 million for the remanufacturing of existing F-14As to the newest F-14D configuration in the fiscal year 1991 budget. The contract termination was at the government's convenience and would not cause Grumman to bear any costs. According to Grumman President Bob Myers, the action taken by the Navy came as major disappointment to all Grummanites.

On February 28, Operation Desert Storm was over. After 100 hours of ground war, President Bush ordered allied forces to halt all offensive military operations against Saddam Hussein's battered and demoralized army. Kuwait was freed seven months after Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 2, 1990 and six weeks after Operation Desert Storm commenced on January 16.



### Grumman History - (continued)

All of the Grumman airplanes in production – F-14s, A-6s, E-2s, EA-6Bs and some of the golden oldies (OV-1s and C-2s) served in the Persian Gulf War. No other company had as many different airplanes in the Gulf as Grumman did. Even Joint STARS, with its airplane and its systems still in the development stage, saw action in the Middle East.

Joint STARS had not been scheduled to go into service until the mid '90's, but General Schwarzkopf asked for it. Two development aircraft were pulled out of the laboratory several days before the war started and were sent to Saudi Arabia, along with 41 Grummanites who worked with Air Force and Army crews to fly and operate Joint STARS. According to Army and Air Force officials, the Joint STARS system contributed significantly to the war effort and proved its worth. It found mobile SCUD launchers, tracked the movement of armor and artillery, and gave Allied commanders a real tactical advantage. Joint STARS provided a more accurate picture of the battlefield than had ever been seen before. It had shortened the war and saved lives.

On March 6, about a week after Operation Desert Storm was over, members of the 4411th Joint STARS squadron – composed of Air Force, Army, Grumman, and other contractor personnel – came home in their E-8 Joint STARS airplanes to a hero's welcome in Melbourne, Florida. On hand to greet them were Melbourne Systems President Marty Dandridge and numerous military, government, and company officials and dignitaries. Also on hand were more than 1,500 cheering and flag waving family members, friends, and co-workers filled with enormous relief and pride: the war was over and the Joint STARS crew came home safely.

On March 19, Grumman was awarded a \$155.8 million contract for the EF-111A System Improvement Program. The EF-111A Raven was the Air Force's tactical jamming aircraft, recently used in Operation Desert Storm to suppress enemy radar. Grumman was very familiar with the EF-111A Ravens. Under a 1978 contract, Grumman converted 42 F-111A fighter/bombers into the EF-111As. The first production aircraft was delivered in 1981 and the last in 1985. The new contract called for the development and upgrade of hardware and software to improve the aircraft's radar jamming capabilities.

At the April 18 annual shareholder's meeting on, Renso Caporali told the shareholders that the company's efforts to reduce costs and improve the quality of its products had paid off. He told the audience that the company's sales reached a record high of \$4 billion, an increase of 14 percent over the prior year, and that the net income rose 27 percent to \$2.48 a share against 1989's \$1.91. He noted that the total debt went down by 18 percent. Caporali said it took a lot of hard work to get the company to do better, even a lot of pain as well. And, it was going to take some more pain: in another year, the work force would be further reduced by about 1,900 employees.

On June 20, Grumman Corporation announced that J. Robert Anderson had been elected Vice Chairman of the board, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), and member of the Board of Directors. Anderson replaced Bob Freese who was retiring on June 30. Grumman Chairman Renso Caporali stated that Anderson's addition, along with the January 17 election of Bob Meyers as President and COO, completed the corporate senior executive team.

On June 27, Grumman and Lockheed announced an agreement to jointly market the airborne early warning and control system of the Grumman E-2C Hawkeye aboard Lockheed's C-130 Hercules and P-3 Orion. Grumman Aircraft Group president Pete Oram said, "With Grumman's expertise in AEW and in Command & Control technology, and Lockheed's expertise in adaptable, durable platforms and systems integration, we see a perfect match for this project." The C-130 and P-3 were chosen for their versatility and durability. In addition, more than 2,600 of those aircraft had been delivered to customers in 62 countries.



### Grumman History - (continued)

On July 16, Grumman, Lockheed, and Boeing teamed up to pool their expertise in pursuit of a clean sheet design for the Navy's next-generation medium attack bomber, the A-X, which would replace the A-6 Intruder and the canceled A-12. Grumman was the prime contractor for the three-company industry team. The strengths of each member of the team were a perfect match to the Navy's stated requirements for the A-X. Grumman brought to the team 60 years of experience in building and supporting carrier-capable aircraft, along with a thorough understanding of the Navy's attack and fighter missions. Lockheed, prime contractor on the F-22 Advanced Tactical Fighter and F-117A stealth fighter, offered expertise in low observables and cost-effective prototyping. And Boeing provided the team with advanced avionics and composites expertise. Aircraft Group President Pete Oram said, "We're going to give it everything we've got to make sure that we're on the team that puts the A-X into production."

On September 19, the U.S. Postal Service announced that it would add 43,505 more Long Life Vehicles (LLVs) to its original order of 99,150. The contract was worth more than \$555 million and would further extend the work on the production line at Allied Group's LLV Division until at least 1995. The first LLV was delivered in April, 1987.

On November 1, the final agreement on the Fiscal Year 1992 defense authorization bill by the House and Senate Armed Services authorization committee did not include funding to continue the F-14D remanufacturing program. Instead, the authorization bill allocated \$173 million to terminate the F-14 production line. Although the authorization and appropriation bills required a few more steps before going to President Bush for his signature, the final nail was just about hammered into the coffin of the F-14 Tomcat. Closing the production line assured the demise of the company's effort to develop the Tomcat-21, an advanced F-14 for the next century.

Third time's the charm. After being named a finalist for the George M. Low Trophy (NASA's Quality and Excellence Award) for the third year in a row, Grumman's Technical Services Division came up big, being named the winner of the prestigious award on November 6. Tech Services took home the trophy for the first time. NASA awarded the Low Trophy each year in recognition of sustained excellence and outstanding achievement in quality and productivity. Grumman's Technical Service Division work at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida involved operating and maintaining the computer hardware and support services that launched the space shuttle.

On December 25, Mikhail S. Gorbachev put an end to the cold war and arms race by resigning and dissolving the Soviet Union. The collapse and dismantling of the Soviet Union removed the threat of nuclear war between the world's two superpowers. The end of the Soviet Union would cause severe cutbacks in military spending by the United States for years to come. Grumman was not immune to these cutbacks. The pain of layoffs and early retirement was worsened by the downturn in the U.S. economy that was happening at the same time. Things were getting tougher and feeling more painful.

At the end of the year, on December 30, the Grumman-Lockheed-Boeing industry team was awarded a 10-month, \$20 million contract to perform Concept Exploration and Definition (CE&D) for the Navy's A-X, the proposed successor to the cancelled A-12 program. Four other industry teams, also competing for the A-X program, were awarded \$20 million contracts as well.

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