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Eric Boehm, Aviation Curator, at the Intrepid Sea, Air, & Space Museum, accepting a Grumman anniversary medallion from Club VP Pat Sullivan. Eric spoke at the Bethpage Chapter April meeting, presenting information about many programs at the Intrepid.. He also discussed Grumman aircraft on display at the Intrepid Museum. [For details, see the Bethpage Chapter report, page 3.]

. . . and we have a winner!

Angelo Ferrara won \$350 in the All-Chapter Mail-In Quarterly Scholarship Fund Raffle, at the Bethpage Chapter March meeting.

Congratulations. Angelo!!

Next Mail-In Raffle drawing will be held at the June Scholarship Awards Luncheon.

And: We have more winners!

Our Scholarship winners will receive their awards at the Scholarship Awards Luncheon, on June 27. Make your reservations now so you can be there to meet and applaud our Scholars.

Luncheon reservation form is page 19 of this Newsletter.



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Thank You for your generous donations to this program. Your contributions will help accomplished students attend college.

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Scholarship Program Contributors

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

Remember: Your Scholarship Program donations are tax deductible.

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

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

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

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

Each raffle entry is \$5.00

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

This Raffle benefits the Scholarship Fund only.

<u>Scholarship Program 50/50 Raffle Ticket</u>	
Name	
Address	
Town _____	State ____ Zip _____
Phone (optional) _____	
Number of Raffles Purchased _____	



Bethpage Chapter

April 25, 2018

Well, the "April showers that bring May flowers" were in full operation today but that didn't stop the brave from coming to the Crest Hollow CC for lunch.

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

Our guest speaker, Eric Boehm, Curator of Aviation at the Intrepid Museum, was introduced. Eric said that he grew up around aircraft, his father having been a WW2 Avenger turret gunner. Photos of Grumman planes were all around his home. Furthermore, he spent 20 years in the Air Force as an aircraft mechanic, followed by museum exhibit fabrication experience that ultimately brought him to the Intrepid Museum.

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After a brief history of the Intrepid from WW2 through Viet Nam, Eric provided an overview of the thrust of museum activities for the million or more visitors each year and included lots of interesting stories about each activity. He told us about:

Special Programs for NYC disadvantaged children, children with autism, children that are blind, and seniors with dementia.

Exhibits, including an aircraft collection comprised of tens of restored aircraft and helicopters, both domestic and foreign. The foreign exhibits are from Italy, the United Kingdom, Israel, France, Poland, and North Viet Nam. The US service exhibits include the Grumman Avenger, Cougar, Tiger, Tracer, Intruder, and Tomcat. Larger exhibits include the Space Shuttle Orbiter *Enterprise* (on display in the Shuttle Pavilion), the A-12 Blackbird, the Concorde, and the Growler. The Growler is an American guided missile submarine, which offers visitors a firsthand look at life aboard a submarine and a close-up view of the once top-secret missile command center.

Simulators and Video Programs, showing behind the scenes operations, tour guide talks, Intrepid education, Museum News and Events, and Special Event Venues (parties, weddings, etc.).

In conclusion, Eric thanked all Grumman retiree volunteers for their tireless efforts to keep the exhibits ship-shape. He specifically thanked Retiree Club member and Northrop Grumman employee Jim Eng for his efforts.

The members expressed Thanks to Eric, and VP Pat Sullivan presented a commemorative plaque and medallion, with all Grumman aircraft shown, to Eric as a memento of his time with us.

Business: Pat made the following



announcement:

To guard against Identity Theft, all Medicare participants will be issued a new Medicare ID card. The Social Security Number will be replaced with a combined alphabetic and numerical code. NY State plans to have cards after June. We will provide updates as we receive them.

Birthdays: Rose Finamore, 88 (4/27); Betty Bohlander, ?? yrs. (4/12). **Congratulations.**

Anniversaries:

Justin & Linda Perrotta, 50 yrs. (4/27); and Curt & Lorraine Fogarty, 44 yrs. (4/1).

Get Well Wishes: VP Pat Sullivan announced that Get Well Wishes were sent to Pat Patalano, Bill Schwendler, and Kathy Ferro. **Get Well, soon.**

Treasurer Reports:

- Frank Rizzo was not in attendance to provide the Retiree Club's Treasurer Report.
- Scholarship Fund Treasurer Linda Perrotta provided the monthly Scholarship Fund report. Linda thanked the members who have generously donated to the Scholarship Fund. She emphasized that the deadline for

Scholarship Application materials to be received by the Scholarship Fund is May 9th and the Award Luncheon is coming on June 27, at the Crest Hollow CC.

Travel –Nick Bazzicalupo:

11/14/18: *The Staaten "Byrne Brothers Three Irish Tenors"* - Fabulous singing entertainment, a comedian, 1 hour Open Bar, full lunch, and dancing. \$94 pp. 40 people needed for a Retiree-only bus.

******NOTE:** For Nick's trips, DO NOT call the Retiree Office.

Call Rendezvous Travel at 516-867-8747.

Of course, Nick provided his ever-popular Joke of the Month.

Luncheons: Betty Bohlander announced that the 2018 Scholarship Award Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, June 27 at the Crest Hollow CC. The reservation form for this luncheon is in the March, April, and May Newsletters. Send the reservation form to the address on the form. Singles, couples, and full tables of up to ten can be accommodated. The entrees are listed on the form as is Betty's

CREST HOLLOW COUNTRY CLUB

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018

LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Member Name (PRINT) _____

Guest Names (PRINT) _____

No. of Members attending _____

No. of Guests attending _____

No. of Chicken _____

No. of Fish _____

Luncheon coupons should be mailed to

Attn: Retiree Club

Northrop Grumman Corporation

925 South Oyster Bay Road, Bethpage NY 11714

\$10 per member - \$20 per guest

PLEASE RESPOND BY MAY 16, 2018

**JUNE MEETING WILL BE
 THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
 LUNCHEON**

Reservation form for this luncheon
 is the next-to-last page
 of this Newsletter.

Reserve now!



phone number to call for questions. Come and celebrate these outstanding scholars from the "Grumman family" who are recognized every year.

Prize Winners:

Community Relations 50/50:

Ruth Carr, Howie Schilling, Arline Vosilla, and Dave Durst.

Door Prizes:

Two tickets to Cradle -

Betty Bohlander and Ruth Winners

Starbucks Gift Card - *Lou Luceri*

Free lunch - *Charlotte Scaturro and Dorothy Leogrande*

VIP tickets to the Intrepid - *Pat Heeger.*

Scholarship 50/50:

Pat Sullivan & Kathy Ferro. Kathy donated her prize back to the Scholarship Fund.

Thank You, Kathy.

Next Meeting: May 23.

Scholarship Award Luncheon: June 27.

Both will be at the Crest Hollow CC.

By: Lou Kubat, Sec'y.

Meeting Schedule:

May 23

Scholar Luncheon June 27

September 26, October 24, November 28

Holiday Luncheon December 19

CALIFORNIA / Golden West

Twelve members attended our April 10th meeting at the Eagles Lodge in Oxnard, CA.

John Urgo led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Fred Syrett led the prayer.

Lunch was followed by a short business meeting.

Good to see Bob Nastali and Don Davis at our meeting.

Ralph & Eliane Rossbach celebrating their 53rd Anniversary.

Winners of the 50/50 were Don Coler and Leroy Chavez.

By: Fred Syrett, President

CALIFORNIA / San Diego

Chapter did not meet in April.

May meeting plans are TBD.

Difficulty finding a place to meet.

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

FLORIDA / First Coast

April, 2018

President Fred Bauer welcomed the twenty-nine members attending today's meeting. Fred then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and recited an opening prayer. After we enjoyed our ample buffet lunch, Fred called us to order and announced that our planned guest speaker was unable to be present.

Having no new correspondence, Fred announced Birthdays:

April: Rhoda Lonnie, Joan DiGilio, Anne Leone,



Peter King, Alex Gaillard, Lloyd Gillespie, Arlene DeStefano, Janice Porter, and Robert Fitzgerald.

Note: Fred mentioned that he has heard that Mark Fontana has moved to California.

Anniversaries: Madeline & Paul Coronato, Susan & Patrick Shoemaker, Ginny & Ed Deane, Jinny & Robert Rathje, and Nancy & Gerald Bernie.

Congratulations to all.

Treasurer Bob confirmed we have 93 paid members.

Bob also spoke of learning that there is a new, much improved, Shingles immunization shot available. It is a two-dose process and people who have had the older shot more than five years ago should ask their doctor for advice. If you have not had the shot at all, please ask your doctor.

John Leslie, president of Vietnam Veterans 1084, in St John County, announced that a golf outing fund raiser will be held on May 25, at the Royal St Augustine Golf Club. Please contact John or Ralph Davies for details. (Their e-mail addresses are available upon request.)

Learn more about the organization at: VVA1084.org for general information.

There were five 50/50 prizes awarded

Next Meeting: May 15, at Treaty Park for our Spring Picnic. The usual goodies will be served; bring something to share. Water and

soda and trimmings supplied with grilled burgers at Noontime. Hot dogs served earlier, starting at 10am.

June meeting will be at the buffet on June 19.

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

FLORIDA / Manasota West

The Chapter is on Summer break.

The next meeting is planned for October 2018; date, time, and location: TBD. Chapter Members will be kept apprised via email

FLORIDA / SouthWest

Just another beautiful day in paradise for our April 10 meeting at the Golden Corral, in Punta Gorda. There were sixteen of us in attendance for the Pledge, prayer and reading of the March minutes.

We had many birthdays and anniversaries to celebrate as we will not gather again until October.

George Daly led us in song.

The treasurer's report was without change from last month.



Tony Perre is still hospitalized and Mary Cumminsky is getting treatment at home. They and their spouses are missed.

We determined that we would have the Crime Prevention speakers back to update us on the latest scams and pitfalls of life of which we should be aware. Suggestions for future speakers were health insurance and hurricane preparedness.

George & Janet Daly generously offered their clubhouse and lunch for a future meeting. Details will be provided in a forthcoming email.

Next Meeting: October 9, at Tara Woods' Clubhouse, on Route 41 North, Fort Myers.

11/13: Final meeting of the year, at Golden Coral.

By: Clem Moors, President
[clemtony@juno.com; 631-513-1737]
Linda Baldwin, Sec'y.
[lsbaldwin48@gmail.com]

FLORIDA / Space Coast

April 25, 2018

The facility-packed crowd of retirees, a 2018 record, was rewarded with an entertaining and informative speaker who kept the attention of our attendees for over an hour. Following the Pledge, the prayer, and our usual varied buffet, President Bob Prais introduced our speaker, Mark Rutledge, of the Crime Prevention Task Force. The CP Task Force is a 22-year-old community service organization developed by former law enforcement officers (local and state police, FBI, CIA, etc.) to make the public aware of the increasing criminal threat in our communities. The Task Force also highlights

procedures to avoid and counteract many of the threatening activities.

The first matter of import is Awareness, as history has shown that 74% of this type of localized criminal activity could be avoided. He indicated that the No. 1 city in the USA for criminal activity is Miami, with Tampa No. 2. The Murder Capital, Chicago, trails as No. 3. In fact, eight of the top crime cities are in Florida where burglary is growing 37% faster than the population growth!

As Mark related that the biggest increases in criminal activity were in purse snatching and armed robbery, he switched over to another aspect of the CP Task Force's activity: resistance and active deterrence. The first order being: "Let go of the purse" — but have your valuables (cash, credit cards, jewelry) located in a safer place such as a purse "necklace." Add a noise maker device to a "purse string." Mark also dwelled on various supermarket scams including devices which could record your ATM info as you were remotely locking your car doors.

After reviewing the variety of household defenses, Mark displayed a new, low-cost wireless system, which works on air pressure changes and monitors every external opening in the house. His closer was a discussion of pepper sprays including one used by park rangers in Yellowstone Park to stop enraged grizzly bears in their tracks. The mini mob scene around Mark at the close of his presentation was testimony to the avid interest he generated with his fact filled talk.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Waldron's monthly status report indicated that both General and Scholastic accounts were in healthy shape as we approach the significant expenditures anticipated for our two new scholarship winners,



plus our prior year scholars. Bill then introduced our three new members:

***Welcome Aboard to
Scott Hoffman
Chris Mullen
Alan Metzcor***

Scholarship: Jim Glover reported on the meeting of the Scholarship Committee to select this year's winners of the Club Scholarship and the Skurla Scholarship. Jim had to personally screen out various students seeking support for legal, interior design, and liberal arts degrees. The ten-member board, after four hours of review and discussion, came up with the following two winners:

Emily O'Brien is the recipient for the George Skurla scholarship. Emily's college field of study will be Aerospace Engineering at Florida Institute of Technology.

Emily Brooks is the recipient for our Space Coast Chapter scholarship. Emily's college field of study will be Chemical Engineering. She has been accepted at Georgia Institute of Technology.

We anticipate that both these young ladies will attend our luncheon on May 23rd, when we will have a speaker from Eastern Florida State University.

Historian: Grumman Gremlins - George Graeffe reported on what turned out to be an especially exciting show at the Valiant Air Command's Annual Display. A fire was inadvertently ignited in the grass field where the huge boxes of fireworks were stored on tables — sufficient devices to simulate the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. *BANG!* went the

fireworks and the display went off hours earlier than planned!!

To attempt some brevity in this report - the misadventures of the two "Tora-Tora" Japanese attack aircraft will be covered in a future set of minutes. (Note: Laurel and Hardy did not participate!)

New Business: Treasurer Bill Waldron, while noting the solid condition of our current treasury, gave advanced warning that next year we might anticipate an increase in the annual dues which would of course require a vote of concurrence by the membership. The immediate response was a motion from John Soucheck to increase the annual dues to \$20. Without discussion, it was passed unanimously.

KUDOS: After discussing this year's scholarship awards, President Bob paid tribute to the energetic member who founded our scholarship program over ten years ago - Angela Romano.

The general membership expressed their appreciation to our president for his quick return to service after being discharged from the hospital just nine days ago. Best wishes for a speedy full recovery Bob.

Don Powell called for recognition of the following members for their special efforts:

Joe Mullings - Supports Honor Flights by attending departing and returning flights at 3AM & 1AM.

Joe Mullings and Ray Droll - Provided transportation for members who could not attend otherwise.

John Firrolo, Frank Finkelstein and Bob DeVoe – who have brought in new members recently

Chet Emery - Honoree on Honor Flight (Korean era vet)



Employee Birthdays March: James Lawler, Robert Filipi, James Williams, Ron Sidorski, Harriis Graber

Spouse Birthdays March: Elizabeth SanFilippo, Pat Belmont, Diane Bennett

Anniversaries March: James & Carol Lawler, Joe & Pat Mullings

Employee Birthdays April: Don Powell, John Kirwin, Frank Daidone, Bill Waldron, Carol Sidorski, Anne Adams

Spouse Birthdays April: Beverly Heuer, Virginia Saladino, Anne Cioffi,

Anniversaries April: Ron & Jackie Winter, John & Blanche Soucheck, Jim & Diane Glover

50/50 Drawing: We had nine 50/50s. The gift basket with two bottles of wine, mixed nuts, and a \$20 gift card to Publix was won by Camille Steenson. **Congratulations to all**

**Next Meetings ... May 23rd and June 27th
SUMMER BREAK
Meetings Resume...9/19, 10/17, 11/14 and
12/12**

FLORIDA / Treasure Coast

April 19, 2018

Our meeting was held at Manero's Restaurant.

We had 25 attend the meeting. Lawrence Regier led the group thru the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer for all.

Our treasurer reported that we are solvent.

A Scholarship was presented to James Beard. He is a member of the Junior ROTC Program. He said that he will be taking courses in Mechanical Engineering. His father was an Engineer. James thanked our Club for picking him to receive this award.

Birthdays: Ceil L'Homedeux
Claude Rathgeber
Harold Praeg (91)

Visitors: Ellen & Al Heineman

Sick Member: John Churchey

The meeting was adjourned by Dan Knowles.

Next Meeting: May 17, at Manero's

By: Janet Cuce [jucuce@comcast.net]

GEORGIA / Peach Pit

APRIL 17, 2018

The meeting at El Tequila Mexican Restaurant, in Milledgeville, GA, started at 12:30PM. There were 10 present when President Paul Bernichon called the meeting to order and asked Sergeant-at-Arms Ted Zarkowsky to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Then, Chaplain Mary Archer gave the Blessing, which was followed by the meal and fellowship.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Guil Mauldin, and seconded by Earl Seagle, to waive reading of the March 20, 2018 minutes. There being no changes either by proxy or by those present, the motion passed. (Due to some administrative issues regarding the March Meeting minutes, these April 17th minutes contain highlights of the March meeting.)



The March Meeting was held at the former Grumman Plant 66, but, due to severe weather the evening before, the Plant closed for business at 1:30PM. so there was no Plant overview or Tour.

President Paul read the very nice letter from Retiree Club President Bob Ripp extending congratulations on our Chapter's 30th Anniversary.

New Business:

President Paul welcomed those present and thanked Plant Management for their hospitality then continued with:

* Happy Birthday wishes extended to: Tom Blenk (3/25), Geraldine Collins (3/20), Dennis Klingener (3/20), Joe Sansotta 3/26), Roberta Ciampa (4/25), Russ Ewers (4/15), Gwen Foster (4/10), and T. Vince McNeese (4/6).

* April Anniversary congratulations to: Gene & Pat Donovan (23rd), Gwen & Larry Foster (11th), Tom & Maddie Main (23rd), and Ted & Linda Zarkowsky (21st). [No March Anniversaries to report.]

* Club/Chapter members with health issues:
- Bill Schwendler, Jr. Well-wishers may send Bill a message addressed to 4576 Village Drive, Dunwoody, GA 30338.
- Joe Sansotta, at home following knee replacement surgery.
Both are in our prayers for a speedy recovery.

Treasurer Joe Sansotta gave President Paul a Treasurer's report, which Paul conveyed to members. The report included Funds in the Bank, and an April 10, 2018 Chapter membership roster indicating several members have not renewed. Those wishing to renew dues, or who want to send gift checks for the Chapter's Fund, may do so by making checks payable to: *Grumman Retiree Club*. Contributions to the Club's High School

Graduate's College Scholarship Fund should make those checks payable to: *Grumman-Northrop Grumman Retiree Club Scholarship Fund*. Mail all checks to: Joe Sansotta, 3748 Sussex Drive NE, Milledgeville, Ga. 31061-9360.

In Memoriam

Club member James A. (Jim) Hicks passed away March 15, 2018 in Milledgeville.

Joe Lasker passed away March 19, 2018 (Milledgeville, GA)

Bill Phillips Jr. passed away March 11, 2018 (Milledgeville, GA)

Thurman (Lee) Hicks passed away April 4, 2018 (Eatonton, GA)

*They are in our prayers.
Our condolences are extended
to their families.*

Ernie Godbee won the March 75/25 Fund raiser raffle and Josephine Harrelson won the April raffle. Both donated their winnings back to our Community Service Fund.

Thank You, Ernie and Josephine!

A Community Service/Donation Plan for Year 2018 is being sent to all members for vote. It's the same Plan followed for several years. Votes are due back to the Secretary by end-of-day Monday May 14, 2018 so results can be reported at the next meeting.

Community Service:

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

Program:

Past President Earl Seagle reminisced on the Founding and History of this Chapter as we continue to celebrate our 30th Anniversary. He pointed out there were many visitors to the



Plant, over the years, that included Grumman's Board of Directors, several Governors, several U.S. Senators, a Congressman, two Nuclear Navy Captains (Launch/Dry Dock & First Deployment) in town for the ensuing commissioning of the U.S.S. Carl Vinson Aircraft Carrier (deployed to the Pacific theater. Congressman Vinson is reputed to be the Father of the Pacific Navy), to cite only some of the many that Chapter members assisted with their visits.

Also, two Club/Chapter members participated in the Georgia State Flag signing by City/County Officials, in the middle Georgia Counties, which - when signed by all Counties - was presented to the Captain of the U.S.S. James E. Carter Boat/Submarine stationed at King Bay, Georgia.

Thanks, Earl, for the great overview wherein the composite Products produced at Plant 66 drew not only high profile visitors from domestic Agencies/Companies but also many from other Countries as aircraft produced by Boeing, Aerospatiale, Fokker, and Gulfstream incorporated assemblies from Plant 66. Hence, the Grumman legacy lives on everywhere and includes the Aero-built Postal Vans delivering our daily mail. And, it's great to reminisce over 30 years of Club/Chapter Community Service that has impact beyond the local area.

A motion by Earl Seagle, and seconded by Ted Zarkowsky, to end the Business meeting carried and adjournment was at 1:30PM.

Next Meeting: May 15, 12:30PM, at El Tequila Mexican Restaurant on Garrett Way, in Milledgeville.

By: Lew M. Iulucci, Sec'y.
(iulucci@windstream.net or 478-452-1357)

Maryland / Glen Arm

(The Chapter met too late in March for their report to be in the April Newsletter. They did not meet in April.)

March 27, 2018

Our First Quarter meeting for 2018 began at 6:30PM, at the Golden Corral, Aberdeen, MD.

Despite the fact that we had to postpone the meeting from the original scheduled date of March 20 because Chapter President Rick was stranded in Florida. . . NO, NO, Not Really. Yes, Rick was stranded in Florida, but the real reason we had to reschedule the meeting was: The Glen Arm / Bel Air, Maryland area got 10 inches of snow that evening and into the next morning. **(That, by the way, was the First Day of SPRING!)**

We had a very Good showing at our March 27 meeting, with 18 people in attendance.

Our Chapter sends out wishes for a Happy Spring!

Primary topics of discussion at the meeting were: Treasury Report, Club attendance, Meeting schedule/location, and the death of one of our past members.

We took a few minutes to remember our past member and friend, Lou Raspe, who passed away in January. He was one of the original employees at the Glen Arm Plant when it first opened as Grumman General Engineering.

A brief Treasury report /status was given by Al Showalter. Our account continues to remain stable. Al said that the chapter has 39 paid up members as of the meeting date. He expects there may be a few more stragglers to come. Anyone needing to get in touch with Al can call or email: afshow@verizon.net or 410-272-6397.



Meeting attendance and schedule were reviewed.

Next Meeting: June 19. SNOW date: June 26 . . . (Well June 19 is close to the first day of Summer and Mother Nature gave us snow on the first day of Spring. . . .)

So, we're planning ahead!

We had hoped to see a few other members and friends at the meeting, but because of the Snow Storm and the reschedule meeting date, they weren't able to make it. We have high hopes that we may get to see them at our next meeting.

Conversations of the Old Days and plant expansions were held. The 68 Building, the 69 Build, the 78 Building, etc., all reflecting additions or new constructed buildings that housed the machines and workforce for new and old projects. We expanded quite a bit back then, even building on the opposite side of the road from the original General Engineering building. Talking about the old plant buildings brought back many old and fond memories. The original site buildings are now owned by Baltimore County and used as a maintenance facilities for their many types of vehicles. The buildings on the opposite side of the road are commercial buildings and warehousing.

The Oliver Stifler Plane News Article from 1968 that the Historian and the group in Bethpage researched for us was republished on the cover of the February 2018 issue of the Retiree Club Newsletter. Ollie was a Glen Arm employee and "Water Witch" who found the wells that produced the water needed for machine coolants

The Glen Arm Chapter again thanks the Historian and his volunteers for the research and the News Letter team for republishing the article.

Ollie Passed away a number of years ago, but we are sure his son and family appreciate the Article.

Known April, May and June Birthdays:

Jerry Lambert - April 16; Dan Rutherford - June 6; Cas Swinder - May 29; Mike Taylor - June 9. ***Happy Birthday to you all!***

The club is still recruiting members. If any current members have contact info for fellow Glen Arm Grummanites that aren't members, please pass on our club contact info.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact President Rick Swinder [410 977 7829; rickswinder@gmail.com]

REMEMBER: our next meeting is scheduled for June 19 at 6:30PM, at the Golden Corral, in Aberdeen, MD. (706 S. Philadelphia Road.)

By: Joe Svach

New England North

No report of Chapter activity.

NEW YORK
Eastern Long Island Chapter

April, 2018

In the absence of Pres. Bert Moller, Treasurer/ Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Dwyer led the 12 members in the Pledge of Allegiance. VP Bob Albert read the minutes of our previous meeting. Bob also read a tribute to Pauline Sandmann (aka Aunt Sissy!) from Retiree Club President Bob Ripp.

Thanks, Bob!



Members questioned why Chet Zelinski wasn't listed in the "In Memoriam" section of the Club Newsletter. They also asked when his Memorial Service will be. Past Prez Leo Jasinski is investigating.

May Birthdays: Marguerite Gibbons, James Henderson, Leo Jasinski, Andrew Swallow, Peter van Hensbroek, and - back from Florida - Nick Maniscalco. We added a late April *Happy Birthday* to John Kucin (4/10).

No May Anniversaries reported.

For any Birthdays or Anniversaries missed or listed incorrectly, contact Bob Albert [631-585-7987].

"Dutch" Rotzinger, who volunteers at Brookhaven Hospital, reported via snail mail the passing of:

- Robert T. Irvine (03/20)
- John S. Shlonsky (03/05)
- Dennis G. Hansen (02/26)
- Frank Giacomazzo (03/12)
- Pasquale J. (Pat) Troise (02/24)
- Dr. Robert Edward Melnik (03/14)

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

We had three 50/50 winners drawn. Joyce Hamilton returned her winnings to our club! *Thanx!*

Ralph Cirone donated some wood art (etchings) that were raffled off. *Thanks, Ralph!*

Bill Dwyer reminded all to apply for the Retiree Club's 2018 scholarships (\$2500) for your

children, grandkids, etc. Applications due May 9th.

Next Meeting: May 16th at the Coram Diner (Routes 25 & 112, Coram, NY). Lunch at Noon with meeting to follow.

Following Meeting: June 20.

No Meetings in July & August

All are invited to Club Meetings!

Remember Memorial Day: May 29.

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

NORTH CAROLINA
Eastern Carolina Chapter

April 11, 2018

On a cool Carolina day at "Golden Corral" in Jacksonville, NC, 14 members enjoyed a delicious lunch. The variety of the food was great and no one went home hungry! President Pete McNamee led the Pledge of Allegiance and VP Tom Schroder gave the invocation. Tom & Jim Karika were the Program Directors for this meeting.

Pete told members that the May and June meetings will be held at McCarthy Court, in New Bern, with Rudi & Marlene Wiehl as the Program Directors. McCarthy Court is a lovely place and the food is always very good!

Treasurer Bob Lamberson said, since our treasury is in good shape, we could make another donation to a charity that members agreed on. We voted to donate \$225 to the Disabled American Veterans. Bob reported that we have 40 dues paying members, down from last year's 46.



Tom Schroder took the stage and entertained us with his litany of jokes.

Pete announced the birthdays and anniversaries for April.

Treasurer Bob had the 50/50 winners picked. Nidda McNamee and Bob Lamberson were the winners, which was appropriate since that day was Bob's birthday!

Sadly, we report the April 19th death of Artie Miller, who was a charter member of our club. He and his lovely wife, Fran, were very active in the club until health problems made them unable to attend. Both in their 90s, Fran passed a while ago and now we've lost Artie who was such a wonderful and gracious guy. He will be missed!

Birthdays: 4/5 - Jim & Dottie Karika; 4/9 - Ginger Reynolds; 4/10 - Ron Betts; 4/11 - Bob Lamberson; 4/19 - Inge Parker; 4/20 - Ada Peoples

Anniversaries:

4/9 - Audrey & Frank Bollero

4/24 - Ray & Mary Rice

Pete wished all present a safe trip home. We are hopeful that he will be at the next meeting. He has some health issues he to take care of. Pete, you'll be in our prayers!

Next Meeting: May 9.

Following meeting: June 12.

By: Dottie Karika, Sec'y.
[dotjimk60@gmail.com]

PENNSYLVANIA
Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter

Thursday, April 19, 2018, was a cold, blustery, snow squally, rainy (depending on location) day here in Northeast Pennsylvania. The loyal members of the Chapter (Dowds, Rademachers, and Ed Sparkowski [without Marianne]) made it to the Alpine Restaurant in Honesdale for the first Chapter meeting of the year.

Marianne Sparkowski was not there, as she was at a medical appointment in Wilkes-Barre. The rest of us treated ourselves to a most enjoyable time with good food and very light conversation.

The meeting started off on a down note, as we talked about our missing Member Bob Zupp, who passed away on March 29. Our Chapter asks the rest of the Retiree Club to keep Judy Zupp and the rest of the Zupp Family in your prayers. We did learn Judy will be moving into a Senior Citizen Housing Complex near her sons, in New Jersey.

As mentioned above, Marianne was not present because she had a medical appointment. She had a good report and does not have to see the wound doctor in WB anymore. The wound has healed sufficiently that he discharged her. Now she only needs to see the surgeon, to keep track of her progress with numbness and flexibility. However, that will be in his office in Scranton, not Wilkes-Barre. So, that was good news.

Birthdays April - Betty Heppler, Kathie Herling, Carol Lee, and Barbara St Dennis.



Anniversaries April - Joseph & Jane Belding, Ed & Cheryl Hirsch, and Richard & Sally Petrusa.

Next Meeting: May 17, Noon, at the Boathouse Restaurant, on Route 507, in Hawley. Some of you still live in the Honesdale, Hawley, Lake Ariel, Greentown area, so come on down and join us. We have not seen many of you since we left the Raintree. It would be nice to see you and to find out what you have been up to.

Otherwise, keep praying for continued good weather, and see you at the Boathouse.

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

SOUTH CAROLINA
Coastal Carolinas Chapter

April 4, 2018

The meeting was held at Sunny Side Up Diner, Calabash, NC. There was a total of 13 members and two guests. One guest was the grandson of Ron & Lorraine Girardin; the other was the niece of Dottie Hoffmann.

Welcome to our members and guests.

President Robert Joyce opened the meeting and introduced our guests. Then Sergeant-at-Arms Nancy Webber led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to remember the ones absent, our country, and especially our military.

There were no Birthdays, but a lot of Anniversaries. We congratulated the following: Nancy & Don Webber (4/3), Frank & Kathleen Daum (4/9), Geri & Bob Widman (4/11) and Sylvia & Vincent Stano.

The Secretary's minutes were accepted as sent last month.

The treasurer's report was accepted as read, seconded and approved.

Sunshine Committee reported that Kathy & Marty Fleischer are still dealing with health issues.

50/50 drawing was won by Carol & Bob Joyce and Linda Bookman.

New Business: We will have a guest speaker at the September meeting. An estate attorney, Mrs. S. Denise Watts, from Shallotte, NC, will speak about estate planning. Hope all will attend and bring friends who are interested in Mrs. Watts' topic

We are trying to get together to attend the Christmas Show at the Alabama Theater, on Tuesday, November 6th at 2PM. The cost is \$31 per person. We need 22 people to get the group rate and two free tickets. We currently have 10 people signed up. If you are interested, please contact the secretary.

Next Meeting: May 2, 2018, at Noon - Picnic at Ron & Lorraine Girardin's house. Address: 2035 Woodburn Dr., Myrtle Beach, SC. [843-903-7116]. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be supplied. Members attending should bring a covered dish or dessert.



Hope to see all at the picnic. Hope for good weather!

There will be no meetings in June, July, and August unless we plan to do something special.

By: Barbara Raulsome, Sec'y.
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VIRGINIA
Central Virginia Chapter

Hopefully we have seen the last of the 2017-2018 winter!!

Our meeting was held on April 11, starting at 12:30PM, at the Edelweiss German Restaurant in Staunton, VA. It was a typical sunny, cool spring day. We are all looking forward to warmer weather.

We opened our meeting with a discussion of Marjori's battle with cancer. We miss her and pray that God will give her peace. Hospice has been assisting Fred with her care.

We ordered our main course from the various choices on the menu. The meal was served family style with bowls of vegetables prepared in the German tradition. This is one of the few places in the area where you can get good imported German beer. We all took home doggy bags and some took home bottled German beer.

We had seven people in attendance, four members and three guests: Mary Anne

Muller; Benita Drexler; Beverly & Frank Purstell and their guest Dot Marsh; Frank Edwards; and Dot Marsh's grandson, Sam.

Treasurer Frank Purstell handed out copies of our roster. Frank reported we have 14 paid members. He also stated we are still solvent.

Future meetings, all to be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 12:30PM:

Next Meeting: May 9, 2018, 12:20PM, at the POMME Restaurant, 115 South Main Street, Gordonsville, VA, 22942, [540-832-0130].

Directions: Restaurant is located on US Route 15, approx. one mile South of the traffic circle, which is 12 miles North of Exit 136 off I-64. Take Route 15 North. The restaurant is on the Opposite side of the street, close to the Barbeque Exchange Restaurant.

June 13, 2018: Our last meeting of the season will at the Blue Mountain Brewery, in Afton, VA on Route 151, off Route 250.



In Memoriam

We extend heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of these deceased members:

Carr, John	Bethesda, MD	03/14/2018
Castro, Rafael	Copiague, NY	03/12/2018
Hicks, James	Milledgeville, GA	03/15/2018
Irvine, Robert T.	West Islip, NY	03/20/2018
Lasker, Joseph	Milledgeville, GA	03/19/2018
Miller, Gustave Arthur (Artie)	Pine Knoll Shores, NC	04/13/2018
Muller, Raymond	Palmyra, VA	01/25/2018
Nastali, Lola	Newbury Park, CA	02/08/2018
Rothwell, Thomas	Satellite Beach, FL	04/03/2018

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