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# **GAZETTE**

**For Northrop Grumman & TRW Legacy Retirees**

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Our 35th Year

January/February 2023

## **Please Renew Your Membership**

This is a reminder that your membership will expire this year.

We pull the membership renewal status from the membership database the last week of December. If you have already sent in your renewal, thank you and don't worry. We will get your membership information updated for the next newsletter.

**TRA membership is a real bargain at just \$10.00 per year.** The No Name Gazette newsletter provides you with happenings at Northrop Grumman, the Mail Pouch, special articles with information about our members, and sign-ups for and articles on special events for our members. Your dues also support the operation of our web site with its articles, news, and member forums. We plan to have in-person gatherings again this year. Your membership will be a way to reconnect with your former co-workers. We also plan to print a new membership directory this summer.

You have two choices on how to renew: online or by mail. To renew online, go to our web site, [www.tra-spacepark.org](http://www.tra-spacepark.org), and follow the prompts. We process your renewal dues securely through Paypal. You do not need a Paypal account - you can pay your dues online with a credit card using the PayPal guest account option.

To renew by mail, please cut out or copy the form below, fill out the requested information, and mail to TRA with your check.

Finally, renewals for more than one year are welcome because they reduce our in-house paper shuffle. So, consider renewing for four years to save time and stamps.

**Please include a note for the Mail Pouch about what you are doing.** And don't forget to spread the word about TRA to new retirees and encourage them to join. Thank you for your support!

### **New TRA Members**

Harry Chen	Torrance, CA
Ann Clark	Torrance, CA
Erlinda Dy	Torrance, CA
Deanna Holleman	Manhattan Beach, CA
Snobia Kekaula	Torrance, CA
Mark Korsmo	Hermosa Beach, CA
John Mora	Walnut, CA
Daniel Muleady	Scottsdale, AZ
Nadia deCordova	Lomita, CA
Laura Oczachowski	Redondo Beach, CA
Patty & Jeff Reed	El Segundo, CA
Maggie Sarkuni	Los Angeles, CA
Tina Sathoff	Redondo Beach, CA
Sonya Sepahban	Marina Del Rey, CA
Cynthia Torsney	Torrance, CA

We hope these new members will send a note to us at [mailpouch@tra-spacepark.org](mailto:mailpouch@tra-spacepark.org) telling us a little about themselves and where they worked at Northrop Grumman/TRW.

### **Save the Date**

We are planning for our **2023 Spring Fling** to be on **Tuesday, April 25th** at the **Vegas Seafood Buffet** in Torrance. More details and registration information will be in the next NNG.

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  Check if new address

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership No. (from mailing label): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  Check if new address

Annual dues are \$10 per year. I would like to renew for:

\$10 for one year    \$20 for two years    \$30 for three years    \$40 for four years

Mail with a check payable to "TRA" to the following address: TRA, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

**And, please, include a note for the Mail Pouch about yourself, your family, and your doings!**

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## **Thank You for Being a Member**

Thank you for paying your dues for 2023. You can always check your membership status by looking at your mailing label and checking the "Paid Thru" year. It saves us from having to remind you to renew your membership.

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### **HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN**

#### **Former Northrop CEO joins Tech Investor, Incubator**

Former Northrop Grumman CEO Wes Bush has lined up his next industry gig that takes him to a technology investment and incubation firm.

As a director and adviser at Red Cell Partners, Bush will work with other members of its leadership team to help identify and further develop companies whose creations present potential innovation to the national security and health care markets.

Red Cell is led by Grant Verstandig, who started the firm in 2021. He is a co-founder and former CEO of the national security tech startup Epirus. Verstandig also founded Rally Health and led it as chairman and chief executive for nearly 12 years.

"(Wes') successful leadership of some of the most significant science and engineering organizations as well as his unparalleled experience across critical U.S. industry, will prove invaluable to Red Cell as we build solutions that address our nation's most pressing problems," Verstandig said.

Former Defense Secretary Mark Esper joined Red Cell in the spring as partner and chairman of its national security practice, whose portfolio of investments includes Epirus.

Red Cell's other national security backings include Reveal Technology, an edge computing firm in which Booz Allen Hamilton is also an investor in.

Bush led Northrop as its president and chief executive for nine years beginning in 2010 and added the chairman title in 2011.

He started at the Falls Church, Virginia-based aerospace and defense contractor upon its 2002 acquisition of TRW's global aeronautical systems unit, where he previously held the president and CEO roles.

#### **NASA and Northrop Grumman Receive Aviation Week Grand Laureate Award**

Northrop Grumman, in partnership with NASA, received the Aviation Week Grand Laureate Award for its development of the James Webb Space Telescope.

This honor recognizes NASA and the Northrop Grumman industry team for building and delivering the world's largest, most technologically advanced and powerful space telescope. Aviation Week announced the Grand Laureate winners at its 65th Annual Laureate Awards, highlighting major milestones in the aerospace field. The winners were selected from a total of 18 candidates.

"Northrop Grumman is honored to receive this prestigious award on behalf of the engineers, scientists, technicians and the entire team who brought this engineering marvel to reality," said Tom Wilson, corporate vice president and president, Northrop Grumman Space Systems. "This important recognition represents Northrop Grumman's groundbreaking engineering, mission success and partnership with NASA and the science community."

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## TRA for Northrop Grumman Retirees

The Retirees Association (TRA) welcomes the retirees and the spouses of retirees of Northrop Grumman and TRW.

### 2023 Officers

Dena Bouskos	President
Mary Ann Chory	Vice President
Janis MacRae	Secretary
Joyce Komatsu	Treasurer

### 2023 Directors-at-Large

Charles Clendening, Marcy Morrison,  
Michael Narigon, Jim Nelson, Pam Overton, Carol Schamp,  
Steve Smith, Stephanie Sundius, Jack Trost

**Email Coordinator:** Jim Nelson

**Membership/Facebook Coordinator:** Stephanie Sundius

**Website Coordinator:** Steve Smith

The No Name Gazette is the official publication of TRA. It is published six times a year.

### Publication Staff

**Editor:** Michael Narigon

**Contributor:** Pam Overton

**Copy Editors:** Kim Lewis, Carol Schamp

## Contacting TRA

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TRA@tra-spacepark.org - Your email questions will be routed to the appropriate source. Also, if we have your e-mail address, we can notify you of information of interest to our TRA members. Send us an email to get added to the TRA email list.

### By Web:

Our website is at [www.tra-spacepark.org](http://www.tra-spacepark.org). It is an excellent source for the latest news, lists of the new retirees, travel details, party photos (more than get into the NNG), forms of all sorts, personal photographs, and much more.

### By Mail:

TRA, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

### By Phone:

The pandemic has limited our office hours and email is the best way to reach us. If you need to phone, call 310-813-7745 to reach our voice mail.

### For Membership:

TRA Membership is open to Northrop Grumman and TRW-legacy retirees at \$10 per calendar year. The application is available on the website.

## TRW/NG Retirees Meetings Around the U.S.

E-mail or call the contact to make sure the event is occurring before you go. Changes from last issue are marked in **bold**. If you have a group that you would like to have listed here, please contact us by email at [tra@tra-spacepark.org](mailto:tra@tra-spacepark.org).

GROUP	MEETING LOCATION	DATE & TIME	OTHER INFO	CONTACT
TRA Board Meeting	Zoom	3rd Wednesday, 9:30 AM, Monthly except December	Decisions, planning and actions on archives, events, NNG, coordination with NG	All members welcome. Contact TRA to receive meeting link
Beach Cities Get-together	Grunions Restaurant, 1501 N Sepulveda Blvd, MB, CA	Last Monday, Even months, 11 AM to 2 PM	Social	Allen Parker 310-780-0712 777allendsp@gmail.com
Central Coast Chapter	Various Locations in the Central Coast Area	Various days: contact Zaiser for details	Social	George Zaiser 805-473-2105 gzais34@icloud.com
Houston Chapter	Baybrook Denny's, 19212 Gulf Fwy, Friendswood, TX	3rd Tuesday, 8:30 AM	Social	Gary Dinsmore 281-461-6270 samngary@att.net
Huntsville Chapter	Red Lobster	2nd Tuesday, 11:30 AM	Lunch and Social	Jim Troy 850-797-0044 jtroy28x@gmail.com
Northern Virginia	Zoom Lunch at the Old Brogue	2nd Friday, 11:30AM 3rd Friday, 11:30 AM	Social	Jim Miller 703-483-5448 jmiller158@gmail.com Contact Jim for more information and for the Zoom link
Utah	Layton Cracker Barrel	1st Thursday, 8:30 AM	Breakfast Social	Charles Vono 801-745-5879 charlesvono@comcast.net
San Diego Chapter	Event Dependent	3rd Tuesday, Alternate Months	Social or Board Meeting	<a href="http://sandiego.tra-spacepark.org">http://sandiego.tra-spacepark.org</a> Jim Denton 858-385-0150 JWDenton@san.rr.com
Temecula Valley	Various Locations	2nd Wednesday, 11:30 AM	Social	Sue Marbut 951-723-1157 dnsmar@verizon.net
The Mountain Folks	On hold due to Covid-19		"We do have fun!"	Carl Winkelman 303-693-0034 winkelman@att.net
TRIN	Zoom	2nd Thursday, 1:00 PM, Optional lunch at 12:30	Investment info based on monthly newsletter reviews	Bob Eshbaugh 310-376-5880 eshonnet@yahoo.com



# ATD Colleagues and Friends Luncheon, November 1, 2022

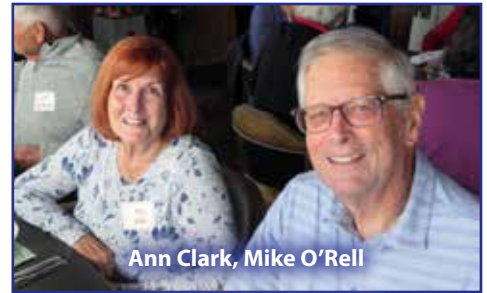
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Cindy McCully, Bob King, Dena Bouskos



Lido in Manhattan Beach



Ann Clark, Mike O'Rell



Dan & Judy Goldin



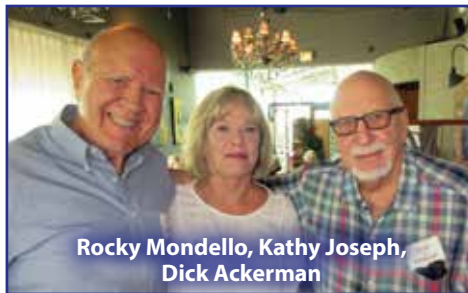
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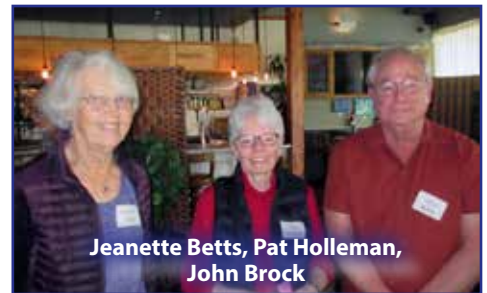
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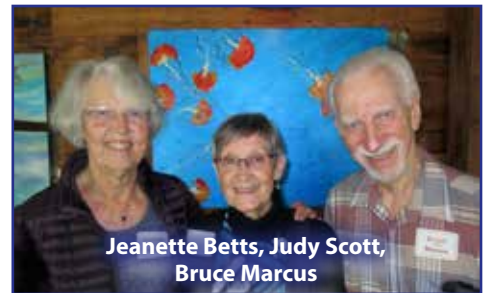
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Mac Chapman, Bruce Marcus



John Brock, Don Miller, Jack Trost, Charlie Clendening, Jackie Gish



Jeanette Betts, Judy Scott, Bruce Marcus



Jarka Wilcox



Maria Caponi, John Brock



Lynn Bridgman, Ann Clark, Tom Romesser



Arnold Silver





We had a good crowd at the Proud Bird for our first Holiday Party since the start of the pandemic



Yvette & Robert Paulson



Al Bitetti, Scooter & Charles Morse



Larry & Terri Zinkiewicz, Phil Pavesi



Tami Amberik, Linda Williams



Joan & Dorr Looman



Ray & Emma Sczesniak



Roger Schamp, Judith Stewart, Carol Schamp



Cynthia Torsney, John Darraugh



Sheila & David Bloodgood



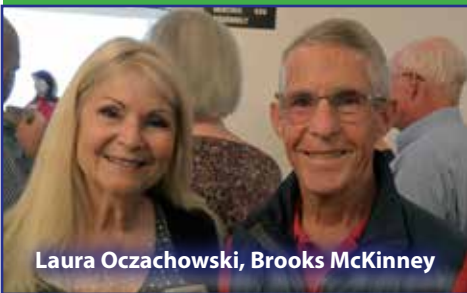
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Pam Overton, Stephanie Sundius, Nadia deCordova



Marie Milner, Howard Treloar



Laura Oczachowski, Brooks McKinney

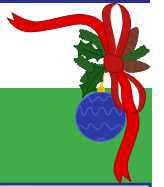


Jack Trost, Marcy Morrison



Phuong Lotte, Annamarie Ellington





December 9, 2022

mic. Photos by Mary Holcomb. To see all her photos of this event, visit [www.tra-spacepark.org](http://www.tra-spacepark.org).



Susan & Bernard Bronstein



Karen & Robert White



Judy Gagnon, Cathy Wittig



Joanne Pichardo, Barbara Giba



Patti Patterson, Karen Czerwinski



Bob Cash, Brooks Vogt



Valerie Reece, Patricia Reed



George Stowe, Snobia Kekaula,  
Mary Elwell



Roger Schamp, Marliese Dayen



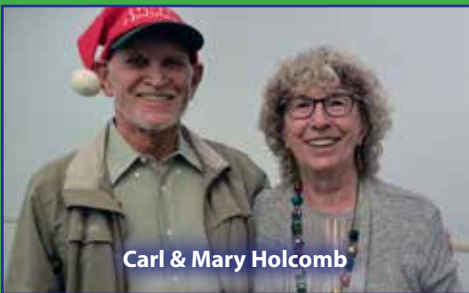
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Carole & Don Urfrig



Joyce Komatsu, Charlie Clendening



Carl & Mary Holcomb



Norma & Gerald Kiper



Sonya Sepahban, Dena Bouskos



TRA Holiday Party, December 9, 2022



Ralph & JoAnn Kaye



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Nickie & Arnold Devine



David & Robin Zabalaoui,  
Dave Vandervoet



Nanci Shawger, Mary Ann Chory,  
Nancy Andreas



Ric Agardy, Suzanne Stewart,  
Judith Stewart



Valerie Reece, Jay & Marsha Kelly



Etild Asjian, Maggie Sarkuni



Michael Balale, Phil Pavasi



Sandy Cash, Annette Hamilton



Don Standefer, Margie Matsui



Fred Ricker, Lynn Bridgman



Jim Wright, Tom Mota



Dena saying a few words



Alan Ross, Eric Eisemann

## Looking Back at 2022 and Looking Forward to 2023

by 2023 TRA President Dena Bouskos

Goodbye 2022 and hello 2023! Many of us were able to branch out and begin to have in person visits with family and friends, travel, and try some new activities - which probably felt like a breath of fresh air compared to the prior two years.



TRA was able to sponsor two social events: The Summer Reunion (80 folks) at the Marmalade Café in El Segundo, as well as the Holiday Party (150 folks) at the Proud Bird Restaurant. Everyone was so delighted to catch up with colleagues. I hope more of you will join us at events this year! We are also planning to arrange more “Zoom” events so that members from all across the U.S. can participate. Please send your ideas for topics to the Board to our email address: TRA@tra-spacepark.org.

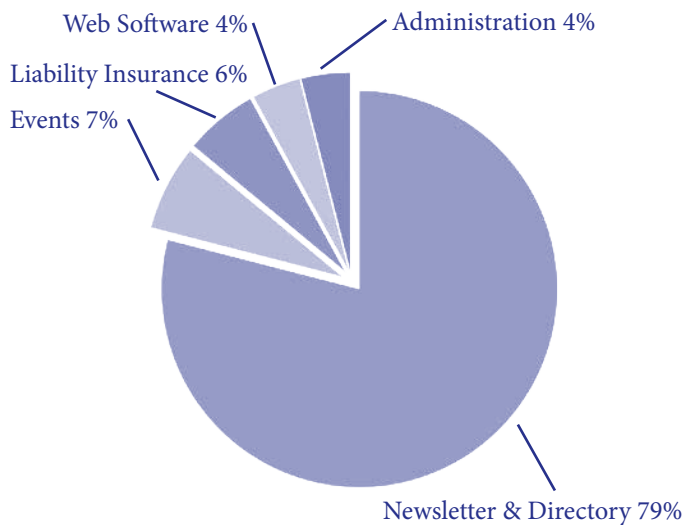
I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the board members who volunteer their time to serve all of TRA's members! They are Mary Ann Chory (Vice President), Joyce Komatsu (Treasurer), Pam Overton (2022 Secretary), Stephanie Sundius (Membership), Michael Narigon (Editor NNG), Jack Trost (Archives), Charlie Clending (NGRC Rep), Jim Nelson, Stephanie Sundius and Steve Smith (E-Communications), Carol Schamp and Marcy Morrison (At Large) and our newest member Janis MacRae (2023 Secretary). A great big thank you goes to them!

I'd also like to take this moment to acknowledge Bob Doll, who we lost suddenly in 2022. Bob was a long time member of the board and volunteered for many years. His last position was heading up TRA's Archives. We miss him!

We are finally able to head back to our offices in Building E2 this year. Volunteers will staff our office on Wednesdays. On behalf of the Board, I wish you a healthy and happy 2023!

### 2022 TRA Expenses

Here is how your dues were spent in 2022. The majority of TRA funds were used for printing and mailing the newsletter, directory update and renewal postcards. The balance of your dues goes toward hosting events and running the organization including insurance, web software and administrative expenses.



### IN MEMORIAM

**James “Jim” Hughes**, June 7, 2022, from dementia, after a long struggle with various physical maladies, including blindness and Parkinson’s disease. He and Judy had moved to Prescott, AZ, to retire in 2003, but they returned to Southern California in 2014 to be close to their sons and grandkids. Jim began working at STL in 1963 as a tech and then in 1967 as an electrical engineer, after finishing his BSEE at the University of Nebraska. He worked on Minuteman, the Boston traffic light project, various other projects and finished his career with four launches at Cape Canaveral, retiring in 1998. **Debbie Minard**, December 21, 2022.

**Paul Nordin**, July 5, 2021.

**Bill Quintin**, 83. November 12, 2022. Bill was a 30-year TRW employee employed as Reprographic and Facilities Manager. He retired to Las Vegas in 2015 where he resided with his son, Jeffrey.

**Marie Schenfisch**, 95. November 22, 2022. Marie appreciated the employment by TRW giving her family a middle-class livelihood in Los Angeles and she loved the work, company, coworkers and friends.

**Frank Michael Stepczyk**, 79. November 25, 2022. Frank worked at TRW Space and Defense for 25 years in the computer science field.

**Steven J. Tomsic, Jr.**, 89. December 8, 2022. Steven worked at TRW for over 25 years and retired in 1992. He worked for Configuration Management and was assigned to many programs, notably TDRSS for many years and launches, plus other unnamed programs. Yes, he was at the Challenger launch in the stands with parents and students. It surely was an unforgettable day!

The first step in notifying Northrop Grumman of a retiree’s death is to call the Northrop Grumman Benefits Center. If the deceased was a member of TRA, please notify TRA whether you want the NNG continued or you want to be removed from future mailings.

If you know of a person that should be included in the “In Memoriam” column, please inform us by either email or mail to the TRA office. As a minimum, we request the name of the deceased, date of death, and the name of the person submitting the information. If more information is available and desired, include age, position and years at NG/TRW, any notable programs, and special skills.

### Arvind Krishna Joins Northrop Grumman Board of Directors

Northrop Grumman announced it has elected Arvind Krishna to its board of directors. Krishna is the chairman and chief executive officer of IBM.

“Arvind is a proven business leader and technologist, with deep knowledge of the technology landscape,” said Kathy Warden, chairman, chief executive officer and president, Northrop Grumman. “He brings an important perspective that will be incredibly valuable for our company’s innovation journey and continued growth trajectory.”

Krishna became IBM’s CEO in April 2020, and chairman of the board in January 2021.

He is a member of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York Board of Directors.





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## THE MAIL POUCH

*By Pam Overton*

◆◆◆ From **David Moore** – before TRW (STL) I worked for 10 years at Northrop and North American. I started out in September 1956 with a BSME. At Northrop my experience included: rocket sleds, ejection seats, centrifuges, and high-speed gear boxes on the F-5. I worked on Apollo at North American (Downey) in the structures analysis department. I was hired by Dr. Kaplan at TRW and worked on classified projects from February 1966 to November 1992. Then I was called back to TRW in October 1993 and worked to 1998. A true engineer never quits working, designing, analyzing, building and inventing, but he gets old (88) and loses his tolerance. Over the years I took many UCLA extension courses on up-to-date engineering subjects and also got a professional engineering license (ME). Since 1998 I have started a small railroad business in the live steam (real steam) hobby. The railroad locomotives are 1/8 size and you ride on the tender. I supply pumps, fire doors and reversing cylinders (over 130 reversing cylinders have been sold). My own locomotive is 17.4 feet long, 2 feet high and 1.5 feet wide. The most popular track gage is 7.5 inches. The photo shows the engine at the Riverside, CA track. I am also a veteran of the Battleship USS Iowa (BB-61), which is now a museum in San Pedro/Long Beach. ◆◆◆ From **Dana Spears**, Nolensville, TN. After living in San Pedro CA for 17 years, we (**Kerry** and I) moved to Tennessee, just south of Nashville, 7 years ago. For the last 11 years, I've been leading proposals for major aerospace firms. The last few years, the proposal business has been very challenging due to COVID. Many firms have been trying to develop proposals remotely. Fortunately the trend is shifting back

to collocated proposal teams since proposal development is very collaborative and dynamic. Hopefully this trend will continue and accelerate. By the way, we love the Nashville area and are enjoying the Southeast. ◆◆◆ From **Arnold Silver**, Palos Verdes, CA. I am still living in the same house in Palos Verdes that we bought when we moved to SoCal from Michigan with our 5 children in 1969. During the last two years, my wife **Irene** and I each passed the ages of 90. We celebrated our 70th wedding anniversary, two grandchildren completed their Ph.D.'s, and our extended family grew by marriage and new births. We avoided Covid-19 by quarantining. These good tidings were at least partially offset by new medical problems. We should expect some declining health due to advancing age. However, these made doctor and physical therapy visits a dominant part of our calendars. Most seriously, my wife was diagnosed with a brain tumor that required surgery. It was successful and she is recovering and thankfully doing well. ◆◆◆

