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# **GAZETTE**

**For Northrop Grumman & TRW Legacy Retirees**

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## **Make Your Reservations for the TRA Spring Fling**

It's time to make your reservations for our annual Spring luncheon. The Spring Fling is a great way to reconnect with former co-workers and see what they've been up to in retirement! This year we will be at the:

**Sea Empress Seafood Restaurant**  
**1636 W. Redondo Beach Blvd**  
**Gardena, CA 90247**

**Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 11:15AM to 2:00PM**

The restaurant is on the south side of W. Redondo Beach Blvd between Western and Normandie in the Pacific Square Shopping Center. There is plenty of free parking available. Sign-in will start at 11:15AM, so no need to arrive before then. There will be plenty of time to mingle before lunch, which will be served starting at 12:00 noon.

We're offering something a little different this time with a family-style banquet lunch.

This means each table of eight will share their food on a lazy susan and pick and choose what they want from the different offerings. Offerings include vegetable spring rolls, vegetable chow mein, chicken with straw mushrooms, shrimp with snow peas, beef with ginger and green onions, steamed rice, and hot jasmine tea. We've tried to include items that all will enjoy. Our events committee found them all to be excellent.

Soft drinks, beer, and wine will be available from a no-host bar.

Unfortunately, because of the meal format, we will not be able to accommodate any special dietary restrictions.

The price for the Spring Fling is only \$25.00 per person, which includes tax and all service charges. Please invite your friends and co-workers to join us to welcome spring.

To reserve your spot at the luncheon, go to [www.tra-spacepark.org](http://www.tra-spacepark.org) and pay on-line with a credit card or PayPal (both through

PayPal processing). Or, you can mail in your reservation with your payment using the form below.

If you do mail in your reservation, please be sure to postmark it by **April 21st**. Reservations are required and we won't be able to take walk-ins the day of the event. This event has limited space, so be sure to make your reservations early. We hope to see you there!

### **Please Check Your Membership**

Please take a moment and check your mailing label. If it says "Paid Thru 2024" this means that unless you have renewed this is the last newsletter you will receive. 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.

We plan to again print an updated member directory this year so you won't want to miss out.

To renew on line, go to our web site, [www.tra-spacepark.org](http://www.tra-spacepark.org), and follow the prompts. **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**

Charlene Brock  
William Burt  
Steve Cohn  
Diane Dvorsky  
Kevin Moore

Las Cruces, NM  
Placitas, NM  
Torrance, CA  
Manhattan Beach, CA  
Sierra Madre, 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.

### **SPRING FLING RESERVATION FORM: Postmark by April 21, 2025**

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

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$25 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## TRA for Northrop Grumman Retirees

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

### 2025 Officers

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## Contacting TRA

### By Email:

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. 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:

If you need to phone, call 310-813-7745 to reach our voice mail. Our office hours are 10 AM to 2 PM on each non-board meeting Wednesday.

### For Membership:

TRA Membership is open to Northrop Grumman and TRW-legacy retirees at \$10 per calendar year. New members receive two years membership for their first dues payment. 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.

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
ATD Friends & Colleagues	Lido di Manhattan, 1550 Rosecrans Ave, MB, CA	4 November 2025, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Social, Nostalgia, Lunch	Jack Trost, Dena Bouskos, Cindy McCully 310-377-2194 cschamp@aol.com
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
Controls Systems (& Friends) Breakfast	Mimi's Cafe, 25343 Crenshaw Blvd, Torrance, CA	1st Wednesday, 8:50AM	Social	Michael Narigon 424-200-2971 mnarigon@gmail.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	Various Locations	2nd Tuesday, 11:30 AM	Lunch and Social	Jim Troy 850-797-0044 jtroy28x@gmail.com
Northern Virginia	Zoom	2nd Friday, 11:30AM	Social	Jim Miller 703-483-5448 jmiller158@gmail.com
Utah	Layton Cracker Barrel	1st Thursday, 8:30 AM	Breakfast Social	Charles Vono 801-745-5879 charlesvono@comcast.net
Temecula Valley	Various Locations	2nd Wednesday, 11:30 AM	Social	Judy Lebovitz 951-461-0065 judylebovitz@gmail.com
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	Investment info based on monthly newsletter reviews	Bob Eshbaugh 310-376-5880 eshonnet@yahoo.com

## TRA On-line Resources

by Stephanie Sundius

Did you know that TRA on-line resources include a website and a Facebook group?

The website, [www.tra-spacepark.org](http://www.tra-spacepark.org), is a great place to learn about TRA. You can use the website to join TRA, renew your membership by credit card or PayPal, update your membership information, and register and pay for TRA social events.

TRA members with website accounts can also view and download from our archive of No Name Gazette newsletters and photos of TRA social events. We have pages on TRW history and recent news as well as information from our TRA chapters and meet-ups around the country.

To access the website members-only content, you need to register for a website account as we do not automatically create one for you with your TRA membership. On the web site home page under the "Welcome to the TRA Website" banner, click on the "On-line Account" link to create your on-line account. Once registered, if your paid membership is current, you will be able to access all of the resources on the site.

The Facebook group, NG/TRW (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1785434901701597/>), is a private membership group. It currently has over 3,300 members who work at or are retired from Northrop Grumman and/or TRW.

The purpose of this Facebook group is to support social connection primarily among people who were legacy TRW employees. Posts for selling products or services are not allowed, and we stay away from politics, religion, and negative comments about TRW or Northrop Grumman. Of course, we don't allow any proprietary or protected information to be posted.

The Facebook group started out in 2016 as primarily a retiree group, and has evolved to include people still working at the company. The "TRW"-shared experience is still the primary theme, but as time passes, it also includes post-acquisition connections.

There have been some interesting conversations and postings about shared history and memories, and life approaching or in retirement. It is a fun way to stay in touch with people via social media. Conversation threads that generated a lot of involvement included: retiree benefits, moving out of California (over 100 responses), unexpected work opportunities, career game changers, and lessons learned from some of the retirement inflection points (before, at, after).

Membership in the group is controlled. Content is viewable only by group members. You can be added to the group in one of three ways: First, existing group members can add people with whom they are already Facebook friends (we ask that existing group members only add people who meet the group criteria).

Or, anyone with a Facebook account can go to the group and request to be added. On Facebook search for "NG/TRW" to find the page, or go to the group URL shown above. A group administrator then approves the join request after having a group member vouch for the applicant. Many thanks to the group members who help in vouching for people. Mention that you are a TRA member to get approved by the administrator.

Or finally, a group administrator can add a person if they know the email account associated with that person's Facebook account and know that they worked at the company. Send a request to [tra@tra-spacepark.org](mailto:tra@tra-spacepark.org) to get started.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Sally Abling**, 84, January 8, 2025. Sally worked at TRW/NG for 45 years, retiring in 2004.

**Otto Brock**, November 30, 2024.

**Paul Dixon**, 78, December 28, 2024. Paul worked for TRW for 16 years.

**George Dvorsky**, 76, January 19, 2025. George started working for TRW in 1977 as a Materials Engineer. After dedicating 32 years of service he retired in 2009.

**Joanne (Jo) A. Hall**, December 30, 2024. Jo was an active member of the TRW SEA Travel Club and led many trips for the club. Whether with the Travel Club or on her own she managed to travel to Spain, China (stood on the Great Wall!), Tibet, Shanghai, and to several cruise destinations.

**Robert Lahs**, January 6, 2025.

**Robert Lowe**, 73, January 2, 2025. Robert worked at TRW Space Park, then Northrop Grumman Corporation, where he was known for his dedication, expertise, and leadership. Robert's contributions to the Aerospace Industry were significant, earning him the respect and admiration of peers and colleagues. The projects he was involved in ran from Voyager I and II to The James Webb Telescope and those that he couldn't discuss due to security. We are all safer in our lives due to those projects.

**Michael J. Madigan**, December 12, 2024. Michael retired from TRW in June, 1999 after 33 years of service.

**Walt Maki**, 81, December 16, 2024.

**Jeffrey Scott Shinagawa**, 66, December 10, 2024.

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.

## HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

### Australian MQ-4C Triton Program Preparing Next Aircraft for Delivery

Northrop Grumman Corporation successfully completed testing of Australia's third MQ-4C Triton at the company's Palmdale, California, facility. The company is preparing to ferry the aircraft to Naval Air Station in Patuxent River, Maryland, where it will join Australia's second Triton for calibration testing before delivery of both aircraft to the Royal Australian Air Force. Robust flight testing and validation of these uncrewed high-altitude, long endurance aircraft are key milestones ahead of delivery to Australia this year. Australia's air force is collaborating with Northrop Grumman and the U.S. Navy to field the most advanced maritime intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance and targeting capability available today.



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## THE MAIL POUCH

◆◆◆ From **Lynn Bridgman**, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA. I left TRW in 1978 after about 10 years and went to work at the Aerospace Corporation and retired from there in 1998. At TRW I worked in the ATD division on several of the chemical laser systems (MIRACL and NAEL). I worked in hardware acquisition and was involved in getting hardware built using many outside vendors and in-house manufacturing facilities. TRW was able to get the test article built and tested ahead of their competition and won the follow-on program. I live in R.P.V. and have lived there for 57 years. We have two daughters, four grandchildren, and one great-grand with a second one soon to arrive. After retiring, I volunteered at the South Coast Botanic Garden for 15 or so years. I also volunteer at our church. One of my activities is fishing in the High Sierras for trout. We have done a fair amount of traveling and thoroughly enjoyed seeing other parts of the world. Even though I didn't still work at TRW I started attending an annual ATD get together and still attend it yearly. I am happy to report that I am still active and enjoying life. I turned my back on the great-granddaughter and quick as a cat, she went to work on the membership form. ◆◆◆ From **JoAnne Ayres**. Just a short note to let all know I am in Oregon, on the outskirts of Salem, in Keizer. Our winter is here and letting us experience some rather cold nights and gloomy days. I am doing okay - I lost my husband, **Lee** (Carmel L.) a couple of years ago - it is a great loss and void in my life. I am busy always doing or going somewhere. I am busy in the

senior center - we have many activities. I like to go to the coast every few months and play bingo. Do not have time to be bored. Our son is here with me now. He is a great help and that allows me to stay in the home we have here. Lee and I have been in Oregon for over 20 years. I think about the people/friends we worked with at TRW. Lee was there for 30+ years. Will close on that note and let everyone know I am doing okay. Say "hi" to everyone and hope all is well and busy. ◆◆◆ From **Ron Cline**, Escondido, CA. I graduated from USC (MSME) and joined TRW in 1962. Started on the Orbiting Geophysical Observatory, went on to the VELA nuclear test monitor satellite, and on to the Model 35 Satellite, followed by the Gamma Ray Detection Satellite, and then worked on several studies and proposals before retiring in 1997 and moving to our new home in San Diego. We now live close to our son, **Craig**, who has just recently retired from the TRW San Diego Facility. ◆◆◆ From **Hunter Chang**, San Marino, CA. I am honored to be elected to City Council on November 5, 2024. I am the first engineer to be elected since 1988. ◆◆◆ From **Bob and Judy Billett**, Ojai, CA. Retired for over 20 years and living the good life in Ojai. ◆◆◆

*By Pam Overton*

### Mail Pouch Items

It is easy to send in a brief note about what you are up to. Contact us by e-mailing the Mail Pouch at [mailpouch@tra-spacepark.org](mailto:mailpouch@tra-spacepark.org) or by mail to TRA Mail Pouch, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA 90278.