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Holiday Party Time Again

2006 Benefits Enrollment

Northrop Grumman will be mailing your individualized Benefits Enrollment kit in November. We don't anticipate plan changes for heritage TRW retirees. Information on the new Medicare Prescription drug plan (referred to as "Medicare Part D") will also be provided in the kit. Eligible retirees will have sufficient time to evaluate this new prescription drug plan offered by Medicare and enroll, if they decide that coverage is best for them.

Over the next few months, retirees will receive information on the new Medicare Part D benefit from a variety of sources. In the meantime, if you have questions or need more information about the Medicare prescription drug plan, please visit www.medicare.gov or www.cms.hhs.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

New Location -3 Course Dinner

TRA's Holiday Party has changed, and will be bigger and better than ever! It's at a new location, the beautiful Bridgeview Room at the Ports O' Call Restaurant in San Pedro. It's at a different time, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the better to enjoy the beautiful view of the harbor and all its activity. It includes a sit-down 3 course dinner, served at your table. It has plenty of close-in free parking.

And still unchanged from 2004, the price (\$12 pp), the music and dancing, and the holiday atmosphere. So put on your party clothes and your dancing shoes and join us on Friday, December 9 for a great party.

The 3 course dinner includes a choice of two entrées: Chicken Paccata or King Salmon. Please indicate your choice on your reservation form below.

A no-host bar will be available. There is elevator access to the Bridgeview Room.

Alice Lord, Activities Coordinator

2005 Holiday Party

Friday December 9, 2005, 11:00-4:00

\$12.00 per person

Reservation Deadline — November 18, 2005

Retiree Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Membership No. (from mailing label) _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone No: _____

Total Number coming _____ at \$12.00 each _____

Entrée choices: (indicate number)

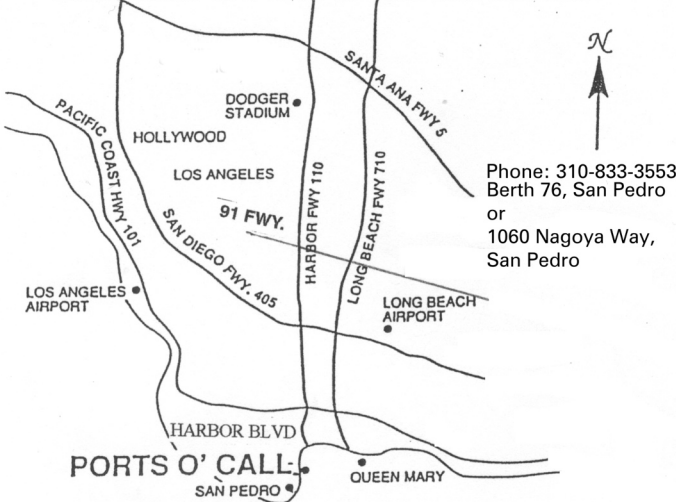
Chicken Paccata

King Salmon

Please detach and mail with a check to :

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

Directions to Ports O' Call Restaurant



- South on Harbor Fwy (110) to Harbor Blvd.
- Right on Harbor Blvd. to 6th Street
- Left on 6th Street, across train tracks, and bear right into the village
- Ports O' Call Restaurant is on the left in the center of the village

Contacting Us

By Mail:

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

By Phone:

310-813-7745 (Our office is staffed only a few days a week. Please leave a message and we will get back to you.)

By E-mail:

TRA@trwretirees.org Your e-mails will be routed to the appropriate source. And, if we have your e-mail address on file, we send out special alerts at infrequent intervals. To get on the TRA e-mail list, just send us a brief e-mail requesting to be added to it.

By Web Page:

Our web page is at www.trwretirees.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. Come in and browse.

Membership:

TRA Membership is open to all TRW, NGST & NGMS retirees at \$7 per calendar year. First year free. Application on web page or call Betty Stover: 310- 370-0109

Important Phone Numbers for Retirees

Northrop Grumman Benefits Center

www.benefits.northropgrumman.com

Select "Retiree Connection"

Or by phone:

800-894-4194

Options:

- 1) Health & Welfare Benefits
- 2) Pensions
- 3) Savings
- 4) Benefits Service Representative

Caremark

1-800-407-9435

Savings Account Line

800-676-7211

Northrop Grumman Benefits Services(Space Park)

800-537-7694

One Space Park, S/2451
Redondo Beach, CA 90278

TRW Retiree Meetings Around the U.S.

GROUP	MEETING LOCATION	TIME & DATE	OTHER INFO	CONTACT
TRA	Bldg. S Park Patio Cafe, Space Park	See notice elsewhere in NNG	Business Meeting 1:00 p.m. followed by Forum at 2:15 p.m.	No reservations needed. All Members Welcome
ATD	Alpine Village, Torrance, CA	Nov. 7, 11:30 a.m.	Social and Nostalgia	Don Brown, Sandy Friedfeld, Bob Traylor 310-541-1917 or sandjol@aol.com
Brevard Retards	Various Locations in Brevard, NC	1st Tues. 8 a.m. 3rd Tues. 5 p.m.	Social	Al & Daughn Connarn 828-554-4993 aconnard@yahoo.com
Central Coast Chapter	Various Locations in the Central Coast Area	2nd Monday 10 a.m.	Social	John Mason 805-771-9560 jmason@aol.com
D.C.	Frederick MD		Sporting Events	Lew Schneider 301-984-0977 scribblew@starpower.net
Huntsville Chapter	Barnhill's Buffet University Drive, Huntsville	2nd Tuesday 11:30 a.m.	Social	Jim Troy 256-534-7136 troys@comcast.net
Las Vegas	Various Locations in Las Vegas Metro Area	Last Tuesday 11:30 a.m.	Social	Carol Noblet 702-889-6773 fiftysumthn@aol.com
Northern Virginia	Squire Rockwell Restaurant Fairfax, VA	3rd Friday 11:30 a.m.	Social	Bill Gehrke 703-759-0527 wgehrke@att.net
Ogden	Cracker Barrel Restaurant Layton, UT	1st Thursday Breakfast	Social	Fred Zeuthen 801-476-0656 fzeuthen@earthlink.net
San Bernardino	Norton AFB Golf Club	October	Social plus programs of interest	Joe Daruty 909-792-8022 jdaruty@aol.com
SE Chapter	Savannah, GA	Fall, 2005	Social	Robert Baris 803-648-3142 sirabb2@peoplepc.com
San Diego Chapter	Event Dependent	3rd Tuesday	Social or Board Meeting	Jim Denton 858-385-0150 jandc_denton@msn.com
Temecula Valley	Various Locations in Area	Quarterly for Lunch	Social	Judy Lebovitz 909-461-0065 jlebo6720@aol.com
TRW Retirees of the Desert	Elmer's Steak House Indio, CA	Every Tuesday 1:00 p.m.	Social and Nostalgia trwdesertretirees.blogspot.com	Joe Clopton 760-342-8171 joeclopton@dc.rr.com
The Ventura County Romeos	Du-Pars Thousand Oaks, CA	1st Tuesday 12:00 noon	Social	Fred Blaich 805-499-0012 harrison_stroud@hotmail.com

TRAvel News

2005-6 TRIPS AND EVENTS

LAS VEGAS – MIRAGE

December 4-7, 2005

Deluxe motor coach 4 day, 3 night trip includes \$35 Mirage food vouchers plus one breakfast, fun day back-stage tour, Neon museum and the Fremont Experience. \$284 ppdo; \$374 sgl. Tom Tucknott, 310-530-4992

PALM SPRINGS FOLLIES

January 25, 2006

Featuring The Four Coins from “Shangri-La.” Deluxe motor coach. Coffee and rolls before departure. Refreshments en route. Lunch on your own in Palm Springs. \$65.00 pp. Betty Kay Addis, 310-379-6988

FRENCH AND ITALIAN RIVIERAS

April 6-14, 2006

R/T LAX, Nice, (Canes, Grasse, St. Paul de Vence, Monaco), Viareggio, Pisa, Rome, \$250.00 ppdo deposit (refundable until January 6, 2006). \$440.00 ppdo extra 2 night option in Rome. \$2779.00 Hy Chase 310-274-1548

PANAMAL CANAL CRUISE

September 18, 2006

From Los Angeles on NCL Sun to New Orleans (or Baltimore Philadelphia, or NY with an added day– same price) via Puerto Vallarta, Ixtapa, Acapulco, Puenta Arenas, transit Canal, Aruba, Curacao and New Orleans(?), From \$1757 ppdo (including taxes to \$2405 (outside w/balcony). \$150 pp deposit to ensure space (refundable until 30 June). Jay Seidman, 818-343-5171

Future Travel Opportunities

Other travel plans for 2006 include the following exciting trips. Please contact the identified coordinator if you are interested.

April

Huntington Library & Rose Garden Sue Anderson, 310-371-5318

May

Laughlin Betty Addis, 310-379-6988

June

Pachanga Betty Addis, 310-379-6988
 Yosemite Tom Tucknott, 310-530-4992
 Harrah Rincon Sue Anderson, 310-371-5316

July

San Luis Obispo (train) Hearst Castle Tom Tucknott, 310-530-4992
 Los Angeles tour and lunch Betty Addis, 310-379-6988

August

Seafarer Mediterranean Cruise Jay Seidman, 818-343-5171

September

Reno/Balloon Festival Sue Anderson, 310-371-5316
 Jim Addis, 310-379-6988
 Panama Canal, from \$100 per day Jay Seidman, 818-343-5171

October

Mesquite, Zion and Bryce Betty Addis, 310-379-6988

November

Las Vegas Tom Tucknott, 310-530-4992

SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED ON ANY OF OUR BUSES

Because it is unlawful to furnish alcoholic beverages to bus passengers, we serve only soft drinks.

The Travel Committee meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in Bldg. E2/1200. The meeting is open to everyone.

The No Name Gazette is published six of seven times a year, and is the official publication of the TRA, with offices in Bldg. E2, Room B114.

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Upcoming TRA Meetings

- Thursday, Oct. 20 TRA Board meeting (1-2 p.m.) followed by a Forum program on Medicare D. (2:15 – 3:15 p.m.)
No Board or Forum meetings in November and December
- Friday, Dec. 9 Holiday Party at Ports O' Call Restaurant, San Pedro. (11:00–4:00)
- Thursday, Jan. 19 TRA Board meeting (1-2 p.m.) followed by a Forum Program. Speaker to be announced.

HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

Reported by Andrew W. Bairden

NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORPORATION (NG)

- NG, responding to the damages caused by Hurricane Katrina, will contribute an initial \$2 million for relief assistance. This contribution is based on current needs and will support the company's Gulf Coast employees through a relief fund. Local communities will receive support from the company through a contribution to the American Red Cross. Direct assistance to employees impacted by Hurricane Katrina will be provided through the new NG Employee Disaster Relief Fund, established by The NG Foundation. NG will match, dollar for dollar, employee contributions to the fund.
- NG announced today that it will compete as the prime contractor for the U.S. Air Force's next-generation air refueling tanker. Northrop Grumman's KC-30 tanker will be tailored to meet the Air Force requirements and provide a robust mission-enabling capability that is expected to create greater than a thousand jobs for Americans. The U.S. content of the KC-30 program will exceed 50 percent, further expanding the U.S. industrial base in modern wide-body aircraft. As the prime contractor, NG will include EADS (the parent company of Airbus) as a principal subcontractor and teammate. EADS North America recently announced its U.S. assembly site in Mobile, Ala., for the advanced refueling airframe based on the successful A330 commercial aircraft currently in production. In recent global competitions, EADS has been selected to provide military tankers for the United Kingdom and Australia.

MISSION SYSTEMS SECTOR (NGMS)

- NG's board of directors elected Jerry B. Agee, 62, corporate vice president and president of the company's Mission Systems sector. Agee, an 18-year veteran of the company, assumes his new position immediately. He was named acting president in August of this year. Agee will report to Ronald D. Sugar, Northrop Grumman's chairman, chief executive officer and president. In addition, Agee was named lead executive for the company's missile-defense business. The Mission Systems sector had sales of \$5 billion in 2004. In his new position, Agee will oversee operations of the Mission Systems sector and the 18,000 employees worldwide serving three business areas: missile systems; command, control and intelligence systems; and technical and management services.
- Defense industry leaders NG and Indra have formed an international team to pursue a systems engineering and integration contract that is a key part of the new NATO active-layered theatre ballistic-missile defense program. This NATO ballistic-missile defense program will be the first to link the assets of member nations into a multi-layered system that will effectively protect deployed alliance forces from short- and medium-range ballistic-missile attack.
- President George W. Bush announced his intent to nominate Donald C. Winter to become Secretary of the Navy. Winter was corporate vice president and president of NGMS, a position he has held since January 2000. Given the time demands of the confirmation process and to avoid any perception of conflict of interest, Winter stepped down immediately from his NGMS position.

SPACE TECHNOLOGY SECTOR (NGST)

- NASA's James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) team completed the initial step in manufacturing all the primary mirrors for the next-generation space observatory's telescope — an important program milestone. NGST is the prime contractor, leading the JWST design and development effort.
- Diane Murphy was appointed director of Communications for NGST. She succeeds Dan McClain, who joined the NG Corporate Communications team as corporate director, Media Relations. In this key position, Diane will lead the Communications team in planning and implementing integrated communications strategies to support NGST's business goals and further our competitive advantage. Her responsibilities include media relations, marketing communications, advertising, trade shows, media production and animation, as well as executive and employee communications.

MORE MAIL POUCH

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been full time RVing for a year now and are totally pleased to be out of the noise and congestion of Redondo Beach. In June they spent the month as volunteers at Silver Falls State Park in Oregon for their ninth year. Don often thinks of the TRW friends they left behind but the RV life style with summers in the NW, winters in the CA desert with side trips to Puerto Penasco, Mexico, always wins. You can reach her at kzski@earthlink.net. **Katherine Z. Zogorski**, no less, reports in that she is in the beautiful South Lake Tahoe area of Nevada with days filled with golfing, fishing and snow skiing (when there is snow). She is wondering if there are any other retirees in the Carson Valley area. **Sandy Friedfeld** remembers when applying for a job at STL in 1964 that **Roy Acker** was one of the interviewers. Roy was noted for his "chalk talk" problems and he gave one to Sandy to solve. It was a lengthy one so Sandy, in turn, gave one to Roy for a solution, which he quickly arrived at. Later, while working together Roy told Sandy that this was a "first" and that he never had that happen before or after Sandy gave him the problem. Sandy spoke for many as he concluded his message, "He was a great engineer and he will be missed." **Takako (Tak) Hamachi** reports from Redondo Beach that she and husband **Joe** live part time in Las Vegas but she wasn't betting when she renewed her membership for four years. "Don't

recognize many of the people mentioned (in the NNG) but it is interesting. Joe's honeydo list keeps him busy and I received my Nevada real estate broker's license a few years ago and that keeps me out of the malls." If you have questions you can reach Tak at tick-tak@att.net. **Betty (BJ) Willard** reports in from Spartanburg, SC with three years' dues and the news that the area has been welcoming Katrina survivors. Fortunately her area was spared any damage with only one day's rain and some wind. Betty's days are busy. She is statistician of patient services for St. Luke's free medical clinic plus being with her children, grandkids and "Great Grands." "South Carolina has been good to me!" **Bea Morgan** has assured herself of at least five more years of reading the NNG while living on the prairie in Arnold's Park, IA. She loves it but does admit to spending the cold months in California. (She didn't mention if Arnold's Park was named for the current California governor).

ATD Reunion

This year's ATD reunion will take place at Alpine Village on Monday, November 7th at 11:30 AM. Bob Sackheim is our guest speaker and the subject of his talk is, "NASA's Preliminary Plan for Implementing Exploration Visit." Please call or e-mail Sandy for a head count at 310-541-1917 or sandjol@aol.com.

IN MEMORIAM

Retiree Name	Date of Death
Roy Mitchell Acker	August 19, 2005
Richard F. Cavanaugh	May 1, 2005
John J. "Jack" Doherty	March 23, 2005
Edwin J. Goff	June 8, 2005
Herbert K. Hanson	April 13, 2005
Kenneth Tamio Hirano	April 26, 2005
John H. Mason	August 13, 2005
Aubrey B. Mickelwait	April 23, 2005

The first step in notifying Northrop Grumman of a retiree's death is to call the Benefits Service Center at 800-894-4194, Option 1. For many retirees, there is a Burial Benefit which will be paid to the beneficiary upon proper notification of death.

The above names were submitted by TRA members. If you know of a deceased retiree that should be included in the "In Memoriam" column in future NNGs, please submit the following by mail or e-mail to the TRA office.

- Name of the deceased
- Date of Death
- Name of person submitting the information
- Relation of this person to the deceased (family member, or if friend, how you knew the deceased)
- A printed Funeral Service Announcement, when available, should also be included to help establish the authenticity of the information.

Roy Mitchell Acker 1918-2005

A Man Of Many Fine Seasons

Roy Acker, who thought "retire" meant settling down for a good night's sleep, finally left the workplace on August 19, 2005, just a few days short of his 87th birthday. He had joined R-W in 1954 following his WWII naval service. He liked the place and didn't change jobs (retire) until he was 74. He then became one of the several mainstays of the TRW Archives organization colocated with TRA.

He was born in the San Joaquin Valley on 18 September 1918, received his BS in Mechanical Engineering from Cal Tech, and his Master's degree from USC. He was heavily involved in the design work for some of the most important space and defense programs, including the Atlas missile, the Apollo Lunar Module, and the Pioneer spacecraft.

In addition to his day jobs, Roy wrote and published a family history, traveled, took up flying, and golfed.

He suffered a stroke in December of 2004 but it slowed him little. In his last weeks he attended his high school reunion and visited friends in the San Joaquin Valley. Another stroke on 19 August 2005 ended his life.

He is survived by spouse, Ruby, daughters, Cheryl, Janet and Marilyn, and many grandchildren.

Address Service Requested

The next NNG will be published in early January, 2006.

THE MAIL POUCH — Sorted and Delivered by Bob Crowe

Sharon Confer wonders from Cerritos, CA if there can be a more automated way of notifying members when dues are due. (Sorry, Sharon, the best we can offer at the present is the date on the upper right of your address on the NNG.) ♦♦♦♦ **Norma Bougher** is still in the travel business in Kimberling City, MO and is in weekly contact with **Betty Kay, Joan Wallace** and **Carole Morse** in the LA area. In fact, during September she was hostess and guide for one of their trips to Branson. If you are heading that way you can reach her at NJBTOURS@interlinc.net ♦♦♦♦ **Bill** and **E. Beverly Beggs** are still living in the senior community of The Colony in Murrieta, CA. He is playing tennis, paddle tennis, bowling and golf. You can schedule a game at murrbillyb@msn.com ♦♦♦♦ **Jerry** and **Marcia Joseph** are faithfully renewing their membership from Encino, CA. In noting the passing of **Sam Lehr** and **Myron Lipow**, Jerry recalled that he and they were the original reliability team of the 60s. Also, any retirees in the Encino/Sherman Oaks that would like to get together are invited to contact him at 818-789-2966 ♦♦♦♦ **Al** and **Frances Liefke** are now reading the NNG in the Sunrise Assisted Living Facility on Topanga Canyon Blvd in the San Fernando Valley. Al had a health problem that necessitated the move, which resulted in their being much closer to their daughter and her family. They now have six great grandchildren within 15 miles. No longer on e-mail but sends an "NNG



Hello" to **Bill Faulds, Steve Harris, Dave Carmer, Betty Stover, Lee Leventhal, Jay Seidman** and **Hank Dimond** ♦♦♦♦ Attention readers: **Evelyn Fiet**, widow of **Owen** sends the following request from Redondo Beach. "A widow with no automobile can't attend many functions. Why not have a car pool for us stay at homes?" Evelyn can be reached at 310-375-8094 ♦♦♦♦ **Lillie Fort** enjoys reading about how her fellow retirees are doing. She has done all the normal "free time" tasks in her Rialto, CA home plus traveling, quality time with three grandchildren and generally having fun since 2001. But wait a minute. how about this job for an unemployed person? As of January 0f 2005 she is now a full time state employee with the Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board. "My days are full and it's meaningful work. I'm just too blessed to be stressed!" (Lillie didn't mention whether or not she would consult with any readers who had their claim denied. Just in case, she can be reached at mzlily@msn.com) ♦♦♦♦ **Ray** and **Barbara Renken** let EVERONE know when they moved from Palos Verdes to Oregon City, OR, just outside of Portland, except TRA of course! Now TRA knows that they are proud of their new home. It has insulation; something their 58 year old house on the hill was missing! They are warm and cozy at rbrenken@comcast.net ♦♦♦♦ **Don** and **Jean Bull** send a great retiree report along with two years dues. They have

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