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**For Northrop Grumman & TRW Legacy Retirees**

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## **Check Your Mailing Label and Renew Now!**

### **San Diego TRA Chapter News**

The San Diego TRA chapter holds events every other month and has several outings each year. In May 2016, the San Diego TRA chapter visited the Roynon Museum of Earth Science and Paleontology in Escondido, and were given a private tour of the large collection of fossils and gems by the founder himself. An attendee picture is shown below.

For the past three years they have also had an annual July outing to Del Mar Racetrack during the thoroughbred summer season. A few hours of wagering on the ponies are then followed by a delicious dinner at the nearby seafood restaurant, Brigantine.



Photo, left to right: Front row: Mr. Roynon, Paul Jordan, Elaine Jordan, Judy Hertzberg, Barbara Newman, Esther Guilfoyle. Back row: Gary Hall, Carol Denton, Jim Denton, Jim Everett, Jon Negaard, Paul Guilfoyle, Judy Dobrotin, Boris Dobrotin.

Please check your mailing label right now. If the year shows 2016 your membership has expired and you will need to renew your membership to continue to receive the No Name Gazette. If the year shows 2017 (or later) you are all set for this year and don't need to do anything other than continue to read the NNG!

If you have renewed in the last month and the label still shows 2016, no need to panic. It just takes us some time to update our membership records.

TRA membership is a real bargain at just \$10.00 per year! The NNG provides you with happenings at Northrop Grumman, the Mail Pouch, special articles with information about our members, and signups for and articles on the Spring Fling in April, the Summer Reunion in June, and the Holiday Party in December. Your dues also support the operation of our web site with its articles, news, and member forums.

You now have two choices to renew: by mail or online.

To renew by mail, please cut out the form below, fill out the requested information, and mail to the TRA with your check. Remember it's now 2017 when you date your check. Each year our banker bounces a few checks because of a previous year's date!

To renew online, go to our web site, [tra-spacepark.org](http://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 with a credit card.

Renewals for more than one year are welcome because they reduce our in-house paper shuffle. We will honor paid memberships at the current dues rate if dues need to be increased in the future.

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.

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

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

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

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

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

E-mail 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!

## TRA for Northrop Grumman Retirees

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

### 2017 Officers

Mary Ann Chory	President
Al Hausrath	Vice President
Charles Clendening	Treasurer
Michael Narigon	Secretary
Dena Bouskos	Immediate Past President

### 2017 Directors-at-Large

Robert Doll, Reggie Jue, Rosalind Lee, Marcy Morrison, Carol Schamp, and Jack Trost.

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### By Phone:

310-813-7745 for voicemail.

### By Email:

TRA@tra-spacepark.org - Your emails will be routed to the appropriate source. And, if we have your e-mail address on file, we send out special alerts to TRA members as the need arises. To get on the TRA email list, just send us a brief email requesting to be added to it.

### By Web:

Our web site 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. Register, log on, and browse.

### For Membership:

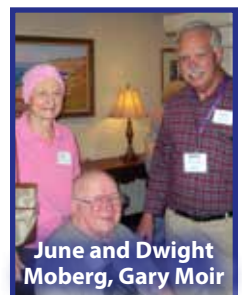
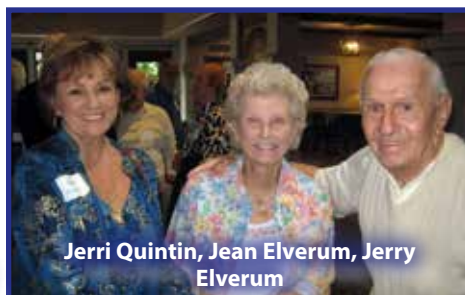
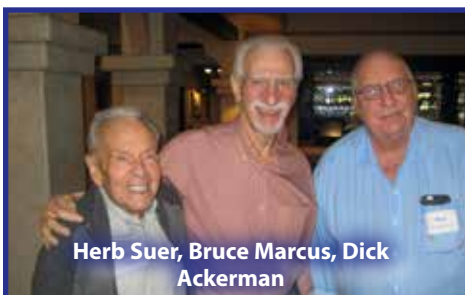
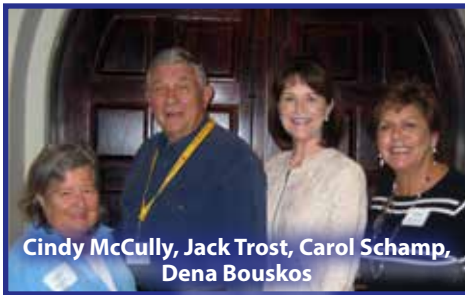
TRA Membership is open to Northrop Grumman and TRW-legacy retirees at \$10 per calendar year. The first year is free. The application is available on the website.

## NG/TRW Retirees Meetings Around the US

GROUP	MEETING LOCATION	TIME & DATE	OTHER INFO	CONTACT
TRA	Bldg. S/Cafeteria, Space Park	3rd Thursday Monthly	Business Meeting 1:30 p.m.	No reservations needed, All members welcome
ATD Friends & Colleagues	Palos Verdes Golf Club, 3301 Via Campesina, PVE, CA 90274 310-375-2533	First Tuesday, November 7, 2017	Social, Nostalgia and Lunch	Jack Trost, Dena Bouskos, Carol Schamp 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
Brevard Retirees	Various Locations in Brevard, NC	1st Wednesday 8 AM, 3rd Wed 5 PM	Social	Al & Daughn Connarn 828-884-4993 aconnarn@yahoo.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	2nd Tues Varies: E-mail for Location 4th Tues Macaroni Grill, Madison Mall	2nd Tuesday, 11:30 AM 4th Tuesday, 11:30 AM	Social	www.TRA-Huntsville.org Jim Troy 850-797-0044 jtroy@troysig.com
Las Vegas	Various Locations in Las Vegas Metro Area	Last Tuesday, 11:30 AM	Social	Carol Noblet 702-889-6773 cannob70@gmail.com
Northern Virginia	Old Brogue Pub, Great Falls, VA	3rd Friday, 11:30 AM	Social	Bill Gehrke 703-759-0527 wgehrke@att.net
Ogden	Cracker Barrel Restaurant, Layton, UT	1st Thursday, 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	J. Carters Grill, 40365 Murrietta Hot Springs Rd, Murrietta, CA	2nd Wednesday, Lunch	Social	Maureen Locken 951-244-7654 maureen_locken@yahoo.com
The Mountain Folks	Various Locations in the Denver Area	First week of each quarter	"We do have fun!"	Carl Winkelman 303-693-0034 winkelman@att.net
TRIN	Holy Family House, American Martyrs Church, MB, CA	2nd Thursday, 1:00 PM	Investment Info based on monthly newsletter reviews	Bob Eshbaugh 310-376-5880 eshonnet@yahoo.com
Ventura Romeos	Mimi's Cafe Thousand Oaks	1st Tuesday, Lunch	Social	Fred Blaich 805-499-0012, Harry Stroud 805-653-5117

# ATD Colleagues and Friends Luncheon, November 1, 2016

Photos by Jack Trost



TRA's Holiday Party

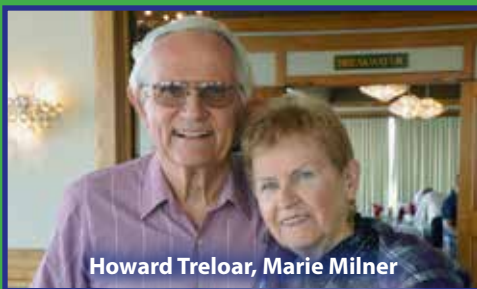
These photos are by Mary Holcomb. To see all



Bob and Yvette Paulson



Gerry and Norma Kiper



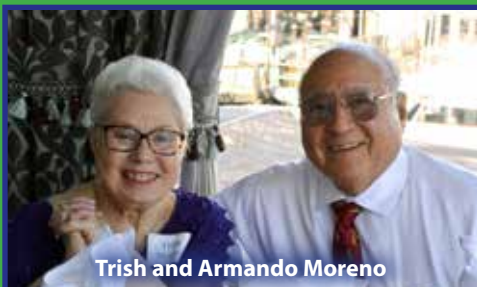
Howard Treloar, Marie Milner



Jack Trost



Evy Paulson, Martha Thom



Trish and Armando Moreno



Pauline Yim, Lydia and Bill Smith



Stan and Donna Reib



Dena Bouskos



Charlee Fitzgerald, Glenda Smith-Lee, Linda Venczel, Jean Reid



James and Bonnie Windsor



Mel and Al Hausrath

December 2, 2016

For other photos of this event, visit [tra-spacepark.org](http://tra-spacepark.org).



Leroy and Barbara Herold, Brenda and Ronald Haky



Roger Mills and Carol Jeung-Mills



Dale and Norma Mooney



Caroline Northrup



Jacob and Esau Wilder



Jerry and Joan Sozio



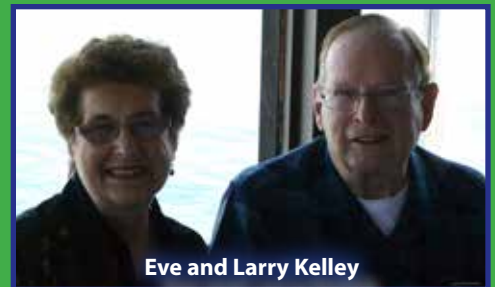
Rose Marie and Richard Keidel



Bud Orlando, Trish Lange



Judy Gagnon



Eve and Larry Kelley



Judith Stewart, Richard Sherwood



Steve Lucas, Rhonda MacDonald

### TRA Holiday Party December 2, 2016 (continued)

To see all of Mary Holcomb's photos of this event, visit [tra-spacepark.org](http://tra-spacepark.org).



Rosalind Lee, Karen Czerwinski, Shirlene Conklin, Carol Schamp



Muriel and Paul Nordin



Clifford and Winnie Pang



Fred Ricker, Bill Stieritz, Reggie and Kay Jue



Sandy Rawls, Robin Carnine



John and Marina Piacentini



Anne and Dick Rose



Noble Smith, Lourdes Monzon



Jo Ann and Ralph Kaye



Robert and Shirley Eshbaugh



Mary Ann Chory, Reggie and Kay Jue

## IN MEMORIAM

**Vincent M. Aguilar**, 96, June 30, 2016, Ret. 1985, 25 years at TRW.

**Edmund K. Burchman**, 88, October 15, 2016.

**Joseph F. Carter**, 82, November 27, 2016.

**Margaret (Maggie) Ferguson**, 74, December 12, 2016, Security Specialist, PSP Program, 31 years at TRW.

**Steven Gurnik, Jr.**, 84, October 9, 2016.

**Marion L. Henderson**, 82, December 16, 2016.

**Edward L. Horgan**, 88, December 10, 2016, Engineer in Hardness & Survivability Lab.

**Elliott John Livingston**, 86, September 30, 2016, Worked for TRW/NG at NAFB.

**Timothy Charles Melough**, 53, October 16, 2016, Accountant at TRW/NG.

**T. George Pickering**, October 15, 2016.

**Janice Makino Pulici**, 72, October 12, 2016.

**Donald A. Shults**, 85, August 12, 2015.

**Stewart R. Spengler**, 86, July 27, 2016.

The first step in notifying Northrop Grumman of a retiree's death is to call the Northrop Grumman Benefits Center at 800-894-4194.

If you know of a person that should be included in the "In Memoriam" column, please inform us by either mail or email to the TRA office. As a minimum, we need 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.

## Health & Welfare Transitions to Fidelity

Northrop Grumman is transitioning the administration and record-keeping services for its employee and retiree benefit plans to Fidelity Investments. Savings Plan administration transitioned to Fidelity in April 2016, Health & Welfare plans (now called Health and Insurance) in October 2016. Pension plans will transition in April 2017.

Retirees were impacted if they received coverage through the Northrop Grumman Retiree Medical plan. Information on Health and Insurance benefits for those retirees is now accessible on line at Fidelity NetBenefits.

NetBenefits is available by selecting the link at [benefits.northrop-grumman.com](http://benefits.northrop-grumman.com) or directly at [www.netbenefits.com/northrop-grumman](http://www.netbenefits.com/northrop-grumman). The main contact number for benefit questions is still the Northrop Grumman Benefits Center at 1-800-894-4194.

Some retirees receive their medical benefits through the Northrop Grumman Benefits *Service* Center. This center is staffed by Benefits Outsourcing Solutions, Inc. and their number is 1-800-410-6605.

## Mail Pouch Items

Al tells me he is getting low on Mail Pouch items. Please let us know what you are up to by mailing your news to TRA using the information on Page 2, or e-mailing directly to the Mail Pouch at [mailpouch@tra-spacepark.org](mailto:mailpouch@tra-spacepark.org).

## HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

### Northrop Grumman Receives Aviation Week Program Excellence Award for JWST

REDONDO BEACH, Calif. – Northrop Grumman Corporation received a Program Excellence award from Aviation Week for leading the industry team building NASA's James Webb Space Telescope. The award honors program teams for exemplifying the best in value creation, leadership, adapting to complexity and executing with excellence as evidenced by metrics that gauge program goals.



By Frank Warren

Northrop Grumman is designing the Webb telescope's optics, sunshield and spacecraft for NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, in Greenbelt, Maryland. The Northrop Grumman Webb telescope team, led by Scott Willoughby, vice president and James Webb Space Telescope program manager, Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems, was the winner of the subsystem research and design category for the completion and delivery of the telescope and Integrated Science Instrument Module (ISIM) subsystem

elements. The telescope subsystem team is led by Dr. Scott Texter, telescope manager, Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems.

"All of the elements require a team effort, and our commitment to collaboration allows us to develop an integrated tool that will inspire future generations of scientists and engineers," said Texter. "The degree of complexity and challenges of developing the largest telescope ever built for space are immense, but we continue working together to find innovative solutions to perplexing technical issues that have never been encountered before."

### Air Force, Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman Celebrate 100 Years of Flying Protected Satellite Communications

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - When it comes to transmitting sensitive information in highly contested areas, the Advanced Extremely High Frequency (AEHF) system and Milstar satellites are proving their value, achieving 100 years of combined successful operations.

Designed as a protected, global network, the first Milstar launched in 1994 aboard a Titan IV rocket. Since then, the constellation has served as a critical resource for troops and national leaders in delivering secure and reliable communications. In 2010, the first AEHF launched as the follow-on to Milstar, providing expansive coverage and five times faster connections.

The Military Satellite Communications Systems Directorate at the U.S. Air Force Space and Missile Systems Center leads the team, with Lockheed Martin as the prime contractor and Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems as the payload provider.

"We are proud to provide this most crucial communications capability for our nation's leadership and warfighters," said Tim Frei, vice president of Communications Systems at Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems. "We are committed to advancing this capability into the future to stay ahead of the evolving threats."

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◆◆◆ Looking for a cane with a light and a place holder for pepper spray? **Robert Macintyre** (Redlands, CA) has a small business building health care products for seniors and that cane is one of his products ◆◆◆ **Pam Overton** (Manhattan Beach, CA) likes to stay busy. Here's her idea of busy: 1) active in three local quilt guilds; 2) president of the So Cal Council of Quilt Guilds which represents 91 local guilds; 3) travels frequently with the Traveling Quilters and been to Panama Canal, Alaska, New Mexico, Chicago, western New York, and Shipshewana, IN; 4) was chairperson for her 50-year high school reunion; and 5) still had time to write TRA and tell us about it first ◆◆◆ **Don Lee** (Whidbey Island, WA) is counting on his pacemaker to keep working for five more years as he just renewed his TRA membership for five. That anniversary will also mark his 33rd year in what he calls retirement: Master Gardener, Director at the Meerkerk Botanical Gardens, and Chairman of the Island County Water Resources Board. Don really plans ahead. He still has a supply of personalized TRW note paper from back in those working days ◆◆◆ **Norm Schroeder** was home in Carmel, CA long enough to send TRA a note of advice. If any of you readers are offered a position as President of your Homeowners Association, immediately turn around and run for your life. He is president of his Homeowners Association, and doesn't like the pain and suffering that seems to go with the job. But to relieve the tension, he and his wife TRAVEL! Over 100 trips in the 22 years of his retirement; Alps, Southeastern Alaska, Hawaii, and the western National Parks. Norm is still hiking, just not as far as in the older days ◆◆◆ Norm's warning comes too late for **Allan Strayor**. He's already active with his homeowners association in Westlake Village, CA. **Allan** and **Margie** continue to enjoy their retirement there, all 27 years of it. No major traveling anymore, but are active in



By Al Hausrath

their community ◆◆◆ Happy retirees **Walter** (from TRW) and **Angela Forman** (from Aerospace) are still enjoying their home in Torrance, CA. Activities? Maintaining their home, and most of all, spending time with their three sons and the grandkids, who are now all college graduates ◆◆◆ Is **Ken Goldman** running out of countries to visit? Last March he and his daughter **Lisa** visited St. Kitts, the smallest sovereign state in the Americas, a jewel of an island in the Southern Caribbean. Not content to stay home in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, in June he joined his son **Keith**, family, and friends on a one week cruise of the Norwegian fjords, all the way up to the Arctic Circle. Next year, it will be a two week cruise of the Baltic Sea with **Lisa** and her family. That trip will mark his travels to 102 countries ◆◆◆ TRA received a pleasant note from **MaDonna McKittrick** (Mattoon, IL). She finds it very rewarding to be doing volunteer work for the Salvation Army and works at the high school running a Friday pantry for needy students; they come each week and shop for food for their families. She never married, but now receives lots of hugs from her young friends, 15 to 20 and counting ◆◆◆ **Charles** and **Dorothy Buckley** enjoyed a 12-day cruise of the Mediterranean this past September which included visits to Barcelona, Spain, Nice, France, Florence/Pisa, Rome, Salerno, Ravenna & Venice, Italy; Kotor Montenegro & Dubrovnik, Croatia. They are still enjoying their retirement and plan to do more traveling ◆◆◆ **Carol Noblet** is enjoying retirement and as of the end of 2016, still doing volunteer work with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. She hasn't travelled out of country this year but travels to So. Calif. almost every month to spend time with her 94 year old mom and her sisters and their families ◆◆◆ **Karen Kovacevich** keeps busy in her fiftieth year supporting the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary. And yes, she has been a bell ringer ◆◆◆