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**For Northrop Grumman & TRW Legacy Retirees**

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## **Al Hausrath, Our Esteemed NNG Editor, Stepping Down After 23 Years**

Al Hausrath is stepping down after 23 years as editor of the No Name Gazette. His many creative and consistent contributions to this publication have been uncountable and extraordinary. Al retired in 1988 after 21 years with TRW as a Project Manager. His interest in computers led to an avocation of desktop publishing. Al is a Fellow in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He is a past President of The Retiree Association, and continues to serve as a TRA Director-at-Large.

Dena Bouskos, current TRA President, says, "Al has been the the mainstay, the connection, the tie that has bound us for many years! He's a gentleman, a delight and so dedicated to TRA." Charles Clendening, current Director-at-Large, writes, "In the years I have been a member of the TRA, Al has been the key architect of the NNG and exhibited an amazing amount of skill and dedication. ... His hand in the activity will be sorely missed." Budd Cohen, past TRA President, says, "Without the NNG, TRA could not survive. And, without Al, the NNG would not flourish."

Al will continue to support the NNG by providing the Mail Pouch and In Memoriam articles.

We are fortunate that Michael Narigon, a relatively new member of TRA, is willing to step into this critical position and offer his excellent capability to ensure continuation or our fine newsletter. Michael retired from Northrop Grumman in 2014 as an Engineering Director. He totaled almost 30 years between Northrop Grumman and TRW, starting in the TRW Control Systems Engineering Department in Building 82. Please send any comments or suggestions for the NNG to [TRA@tra-spacepark.org](mailto:TRA@tra-spacepark.org). ♦♦♦

## **Northrop Grumman Recreation Clubs Available at Space Park**

At a recent Northrop Grumman Recreation Club Space Park Site Council meeting it was verified that interested retirees are eligible to become associate members of the local recreation clubs. A club list and club contact information are available on the website at [www.tra-spacepark.org](http://www.tra-spacepark.org). ♦♦♦

## **Make Reservations Now for the Annual Alice Lord Spring Fling**

Thursday, April 14 - Mark your calendars. Time for us to treat ourselves to seeing old friends over a wonderful lunch accompanied by great music at the Alice Lord Spring Fling.

This year, because the Proud Bird is closed for renovations, we will be at the Ports O'Call Restaurant in the Ports O'Call Village, San Pedro. Ports O' Call Restaurant is everything that waterfront dining should be with a comfortable unrushed atmosphere that is simultaneously cozy and classy. We will dine in the Bridgeview room, overlooking the bustling Port of Los Angeles, the largest working port in the nation, with views of the cruise ship docks and the Vincent Thomas Bridge.

Elevator access is available. There is plenty of free parking.

We have selected the plate lunch, which includes chicken, salad, and sides. Cheesecake with strawberry drizzle for dessert will finish the meal. Iced tea, soft drinks, and coffee are included.

To make the event even more memorable, we have brought back the great 2-person duo, Main Street, for your listening and dancing pleasure.

The Alice Lord Spring Fling will be **Thursday, April 14, from 11:00 to 3:00, at the Ports O'Call Restaurant, 1200 Nagoya Way, San Pedro, CA.**

Come meet your friends, enjoy a great meal, all for just \$30 per person for reservations made by April 6th. Guests are welcome, no limit. (Attendees without advance reservations, but who opt to pay at the door, will be charged \$35 per person.)

**Please make your reservations by April 6th by sending in the form on Page 5.** Reserve promptly; this is bound to be a full event. ♦♦♦

### **Upcoming Events**

Alice Lord Spring Fling  
Summer Reunion

April 14, 2016  
August 18, 2016

## TRA for Northrop Grumman Retirees

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

### 2016 Officers

Dena Bouskos	President
Jack Trost	Vice President
Bob Doll	Treasurer
Jay Seidman	Secretary
Darrell Ausherman	Immediate Past President

### 2016 Directors-at-Large

Mary Ann Chory, Charles Clendening, Reggie Jue, Marcy Morrison, and Carol Schamp.

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### Publication Staff

Michael Narigon, Editor; Al Hausrath, Frank Warren, Contributing Editors; Mary Ann Chory, Reggie Jue, Sydelle Rothstein, Contributors; Carol Schamp, Kim Lewis, Copy Editors.

## Contacting TRA

### By Mail:

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

### By Phone:

310-813-7745

### 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 all Northrop Grumman and TRW-legacy retirees at \$10 per calendar year. First year 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	Tuesday, November 1, 2016	Social, Nostalgia and Lunch, Reserve by October 21, 2016	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 gzais@cloud.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	Ryan's Buffet, East University Ave 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	SS. Brigid & Branden Room, American Martyrs Church, MB, CA	2nd Thursday, 12:30 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

## IN MEMORIAM

**Betty Kay Addis**, 81, February 13, 2016,  
Secretary, 29 years at TRW

**James L. Basso**, 82, January 2, 2016, 28 years  
at TRW/NG

**Murray Brown**, 85, February 7, 2016

**Rolf H. Conrad**, 95, June 18, 2015

**Hugh H. Cox**, 82, January 31, 2016, Electrical  
Engineer, communications

**Terry Croft**, 64, January 11, 2016, 30 years at  
TRW/NG, rtd. 2012

**Buddy Culbertson**, 72, 2015, Aerospace  
Engineer, rtd. 2011

**Hubert Maurice "Reece" Frank**, 71, January 20,  
2016, 18 years at TRW/NG

**Agnes "Aggie" Kamemoto**, 83, June 19, 2015,  
30 yrs at TRW

**Alva Fremont Keplinger, Jr.**, 82, December 16,  
2015

**Robert K. Mac Nicol**, 85, September 29, 2015,  
Aeronautical Engineer, rtd. 2005

**Robert Steven Melendez**, 62, April 4, 2015

**Yukio Miyatake\***, 86, December 16, 2015

**Clay Olsen**, 87, January 27, 2016, Manager on  
LMDE

**Donald F. Reeves**, 79, February 8, 2016, Various  
project and operations management positions  
at TRW

**Janet A. Scott**, 77, December 24, 2015,  
Affirmative action programs administrator at  
TRW

**Agnes Serra**, 88, July 14, 2015, 33 years at TRW

**Dale Elden St. John**, 93, June 21, 2015, rtd. NG  
1997

*\*Previously reported, but with incorrect first name.*

The first step in notifying Northrop Grumman of a retiree's death is to call the NG Benefits Service Center at 800-894-4194. For many retirees, there is a Burial Benefit which will be paid to the beneficiary upon proper notification of death. The Benefits Center does NOT notify TRA of the death due to privacy laws.

If you know of a deceased retiree that should be included in the "In Memoriam" column in future NNGs, 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.

## HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

### GAO Denies Protest, Northrop Grumman to Get Back to Work on America's New Bomber

Feb. 16, 2016 - Northrop Grumman is pleased that the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) has denied Boeing's protest and reaffirmed the Air Force's decision to award Northrop Grumman the Long-Range Strike Bomber (LRS-B) contract.

This confirms that the U.S. Air Force conducted an extraordinarily thorough selection process and selected the most capable and affordable solution.

Thanks to those of you who let your opinion be known through the [www.AmericasNewBomber.com](http://www.AmericasNewBomber.com) website.

### Northrop Grumman Announces Organization and Leadership Changes

Oct. 14, 2015 - Northrop Grumman Corporation announced structural changes that include the streamlining of business sectors from four to three. Two new sectors will be created by merging elements of the company's current Electronic Systems, Information Systems and Technical Services sectors.

Gloria Flach will become chief operating officer of Northrop Grumman. She was corporate vice president and president of the Electronic Systems sector.



By Frank Warren

Kathy Warden, corporate vice president and president of Information Systems, will be corporate vice president and president of the new Mission Systems sector. It will be composed of the company's existing Electronic Systems sector and the businesses from the Information Systems sector focused on the development of new capabilities for our military and intelligence customers around the globe.

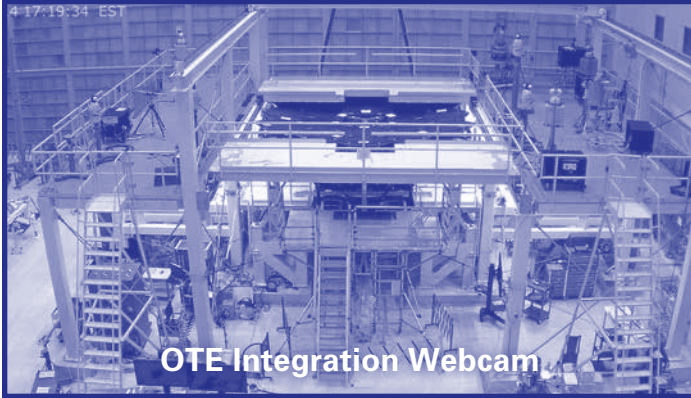
Chris Jones, corporate vice president and president, Technical Services, will lead the new Technology Services sector. It will contain the services portfolio in the Information Systems sector and the current Technical Services sector portfolio.

Tom Vice will continue to lead the Aerospace Systems sector. The space hardware business in Azusa, California, currently reporting to Electronic Systems, will move to the Aerospace Systems sector and the electronic attack business currently in Aerospace Systems will move to the Mission Systems sector.

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## JWST Webcam

Goddard Space Flight Center is hosting a webcam of the James Webb Space Telescope Optical Telescope Element integration currently ongoing at GSFC. Find the webcam and more information at [jwst.nasa.gov](http://jwst.nasa.gov).



OTE Integration Webcam

## HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

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### MQ-4C Triton UAS Completes Operational Assessment

Feb. 16, 2016 - The MQ-4C Triton unmanned aircraft system (UAS) built for the U.S. Navy by Northrop Grumman Corporation has successfully completed Operational Assessment (OA). Pending final data analysis, the completion of this milestone signals the maturity of the system and paves the way for a positive Milestone C decision. Milestone C will transition Triton into low rate initial production.

### NG Board Declares Quarterly Dividend

Feb. 16, 2016 - The board of directors of NG declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.80 per share on NG common stock, payable March 16, 2016, to shareholders of record as of the close of business Feb. 29, 2016.

### US Navy Selects Northrop Grumman to Design and Produce Shipboard Laser Weapon System Demonstrator

Dec. 22, 2015 - The U.S. Navy will get a peek at a future where high energy laser weapons could defend its ships against attack under a contract awarded Oct. 22 to Northrop Grumman Corporation by the Office of Naval Research (ONR).

Under the three-phase Laser Weapon System Demonstrator (LWSD) contract, the company will design, produce, integrate, and support the shipboard testing of a 150-kilowatt-class solid state (electric) laser weapon system. ◆◆◆

## Important Contacts for Retirees

### Northrop Grumman Benefits Center

[www.benefits.northropgrumman.com](http://www.benefits.northropgrumman.com)

Select "Retiree Connection"

Or by phone: 800-894-4194

Here you can get help on health benefits, pensions, savings, and to report a death. It's all voice activated, so just listen to the instructions and answer the first few questions to reach a representative.

### Towers Watson's OneExchange

<https://medicare.oneexchange.com/NGC>

Or by phone: 855-832-0976

If your Medicare Supplemental Insurance coverage has been transferred from the NGBC to OneExchange, this is your contact information.

## ADVICE FOR STAYING HEALTHY

*By Sydelle Rothstein*

If you want to reach a ripe old age,  
Here is the advice from Dr. Sage.

Healthy numbers should be kept down,  
Not to cause his brow to frown.

Blood pressure, cholesterol, and weight,  
Should be just right at your appointment date.

Don't eat too much sugar, and watch your salt,  
Do you really want to have that chocolate malt?

Eat your veggies and fresh fruit,  
They will help to keep your body cute.

Chicken, turkey, salad, and fish,  
Each will provide a tasty dish.

Fried chicken, pizza, burgers, and fries,  
Fast foods that end up on your hips and thighs.

I find it most amazing that I still thrive,  
Having just reached the age of 85,

And I am mostly well, and very much alive,

Even though I may not seem too bright,  
I guess I must be doing something right.



Sydelle and Sweetie Pie

## Redesigned TRA Website Launched

By Mary Ann Chory and Reggie Jue

There is a good chance that when you retired you said the same thing many of us did, "I'll miss the people." That doesn't need to be the case!

Our redesigned website at [www.tra-spacepark.org](http://www.tra-spacepark.org) makes it easy to connect with your fellow alumni. If you haven't accessed the website recently please take a look. A link on the site front page takes you through a simple one-time registration process for full website access. New TRA members can now join the TRA online through the website since no payment is required for the first year.

Reggie Jue, webmaster, is soliciting ideas for improvement so we need your input.

What's currently new?

**Improved Member Forums** - Do you have a question about health care? Have you been on a trip recently? Heard a good joke? Want to share an interesting link? Are you a pilot or have other interesting hobbies? Go to the Member Forums and start a dialog with your fellow members.

**Member Search** - Are you interested in finding other members with similar interests or who worked the same program as you did? Use Member Search to find other members based on their profile.

**Messaging** - Is there another retiree that you would like to contact but don't have an email address? If they are registered you can message them through the site. If they are not registered send an email to [TRA@tra-spacepark.org](mailto:TRA@tra-spacepark.org) and we'll forward it if we have an email address on file.

**Archives and Photos** - Do you want to read through

old copies of the NNG? The site has archives that go back to 2004. Or, see photos from past TRA events. Email [webmaster@tra-spacepark.org](mailto:webmaster@tra-spacepark.org) if you have material to add.

**Feedback** - Member Poll allows you to comment or vote on topics. We are always looking for feedback on how we can improve TRA.

Finally, if you know of retirees who are not members of TRA, please let them know that our association exists and is working to keep our members informed. We need your support. ♦♦♦

## THE MAIL POUCH

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Minuteman days and beyond ♦♦♦ Too busy to write a longer note, **Bob Goldstein** reports after the first seven years of retirement, he doesn't know how he found the time to ever go to work! ♦♦♦ TRW was very good to me, writes **Hazel Valdez** of Poway, CA. She started in Redondo Beach, 1965, and moved to San Diego in '81 with that engineering group. She retired in '98. Enjoying retirement, but miss the great group of people ♦♦♦ On stationery from the Golden Tulip Hotels, and in an envelope from the Palace Hotel in Beijing, **Homer McPherson** (Hermosa Beach, CA) writes that for 2016 they are going on a BIG trip, an exploration of Japan ♦♦♦ What has **Hank Warzybok** (Lakewood, CA) been doing in his 20 years of retirement? Many things, including taking care of his plants and garden. And it must be great care, because The California Garden Clubs awarded him their Outstanding Private Garden Certificate for his outstanding display of succulents ♦♦♦

### SPRING FLING RESERVATION FORM, Thursday, April 14, 2016 11:00 to 3:00 Reservation Deadline: April 6, 2016

Retiree Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Guest Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Total number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$30 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Mail with a check payable to "TRA" to the following address:

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

**The next NNG will be  
mailed in May.**

## THE MAIL POUCH

◆◆◆ **Bill Berks** (Manhattan Beach, CA) was just awarded his eighth career patent, five of which came during his 26 years at TRW. The new patent is the result of some of his post-TRW-retirement work on detecting and quantifying very small fatigue cracks in metallic structures (like bridges) ◆◆◆ **Virginia (Ginny) Oliver** is still hanging out in El Segundo, CA, with some trips up to Clovis, CA to visit her daughter, Cinda, son-in-law, Mike, and, of course, her two charming g'daughters, Anneliese and Caroline ◆◆◆ While most of our retirees have been busy traveling or working through their Bucket List, **Vince Kovacevich** has been hospitalized in Las Vegas. At 80 he had proudly never spent a night in a hospital. That all came to an end in 2014, when he went in for a routine knee replacement, which turned out to not be routine. Blood poisoning! 22 days in the hospital plus 30 days in a recovery facility! Now he's working to recover his gait and balance ◆◆◆ World travelers **Dick** and **Carol Sparks** are kicking back and relaxing at home in Henderson, NV. But they are still getting around; golf, Bocce Ball, and some workouts in the pool and gym, in between visits to their 5 kids, 11 g'kids, and 12 g'g'kids ◆◆◆ Highlights of 2015 for **Evy Palson** (Torrance) were getting her photo in the January NNG (good) and having unsuccessful shoulder surgery (bad) which leaves her unable to drive. But more good news. Her best friend and neighbor **Martha Thom** will do the driving in Evy's Saturn car ◆◆◆ For Sale: a wonderful home in Chatsworth, CA. **Lynn** and **Larry Boro** will be moving to Arkansas after the sale is complete to be with his family ◆◆◆ **Joan Rugtve** (Valley Center, CA) liked the photos of the ATD reunion in the last



By Al Hausrath

NNG so much that it is inspiring her to drive down to the L.A. area for the next reunion. She retired from TRW in 1987 ◆◆◆ Here come some more travelers. **Mary Robinson** is enjoying retirement in Los Angeles, but with husband **Solomon** retiring this year, they are getting ready to pack their bags ◆◆◆ A terse and pithy note from **Ed Luedke** reports he is alive and well in Lake Forrest, CA. He still sees his Heat Transfer and other cronies from the good old days ◆◆◆ **Elva Reed**, 230 S. Catalina Ave, Redondo Beach, CA 90277, continues her national and international travel, bowling team, movies, including travels with her 3 g'kids. She would love to hear from her friends ◆◆◆ [Hotlegsterry@netscape.net](mailto:Hotlegsterry@netscape.net) (AKA **Terry Grosvenor**) volunteers two days a week at the Long Beach Memorial Hospital and once weekly at the LB Meals on Wheels. She loves the duty and has brand new friends, but misses her work friends in the R6 basement. Terry and husband plan to add travel to their busy schedule next year ◆◆◆ Another traveler, widow **Dolores Wallig**, travels to Acton, CA, Mexico, San Antonio, TX, and South Dakota, while calling Scottsdale, AZ home. **Ken Wallig** died last October, and she still misses him very much ◆◆◆ **Frank** and **Carol Holmes** (Torrance, CA) boast a combined 70 years at TRW. Now they are enjoying retirement, have completed one Bucket List, and are working on a new one ◆◆◆ Small town living appeals to **Bob** and **Judy Billett**, up in Ojai, CA. They live close to their two daughters and their kids ◆◆◆ Remember RW's Arbor Vitae facility? **David Siegan** does, and would like to hear from any of the old gang (RW/STL/TRW) from the Thor/Atlas/Titan/

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