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Don't Miss TRA's Big Holiday Party!

Looking Ahead to 2017

By Mary Ann Chory

It is a privilege to have been elected to serve as TRA president for the next term. On behalf of all of our 2000+ members, I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to our outgoing officers for their efforts and leadership: Dena Bouskos, Jack Trost, Jay Seidman, Bob Doll and Darrell Ausherman. Jay Seidman is stepping down from the board after over two decades of service. He will be missed. Dena, Jack, and Bob will remain on our board and will continue to help guide and direct us. We are very fortunate to have this continuity.

The mission of the TRA, as stated in our by-laws, is: *"to provide retirees with a forum for the exchange of information, experiences and ideas in areas of mutual interest, to provide opportunities for participation in planned activities, and to provide continuity for employees who are about to retire."* We are still compiling the results of our survey that many of you filled out when you voted and will summarize the recommendations you made for TRA in our next NNG. Preliminary analysis shows that our members agree that we are meeting their expectations. The past two years, with a lot of work by Carol Schamp, new retirees have been recruited for the board and have been mentored by our long-serving board members who are the founding "glue" of the organization. We are all concerned with the continuity of our TRW/NG legacy/culture and it will be a focus next year to continue to recruit new TRA members and to also keep our current members more actively connected. Our webmaster, Reggie Jue, has done innovative work on our website and more recently on an NG/TRW closed-group Facebook page which has resulted in over 1300 people sharing stories, news and pictures.

Our board really wants to continue to hear your feedback. Marcy Morrison, our tireless activities chair, is always looking for more volunteers and is open to your ideas. Over the next year, we will continue to focus on making sure that we are inclusive of all our members regardless of geographic location including our off-site clubs (Charlie Clendening is our coordinator for these groups.) More "e-communications" initiatives will be rolled out to increase member interaction. Rosalind Lee will be our focal point. Our NNG editor, Michael Narigon, with continued mentorship/contributions from Al Hausrath, will continue to focus on our members' requests and desires for the newsletter. You can always reach our TRA board by going to our website at tra-spacepark.org

For our members who live in or can come to the Los Angeles area, we hope to see you at our annual Holiday Party on December 2nd. Please reach out to your NG/TRW colleagues to join you at the festivities. It is a great party and a great way to catch up. And to all of you, from our board, here's to a happy and healthy 2017!

Friday, December 2, 2016 from 11:00 to 3:00 Reservation Deadline - November 23, 2016

WHERE: Ports O' Call Restaurant, 1200 Nagoya Way, San Pedro.

FOOD: A sit-down three course dinner with your choice of one of three great entrées - Fettucini Alfredo with Chicken, King Salmon, or London Broil. There will be a mixed green salad, vegetables, and for dessert chocolate cake.

BEVERAGES: A no-host bar with a wide assortment of offerings.

MUSIC: The same great 2-person group that we had last year, with very danceable music.

THE ROOMS: The party will be in the beautiful upstairs rooms at the restaurant - the Breakwater Room with its great view of the Los Angeles Main Channel and the harbor breakwater to the south, and the Bridgeview Room, also on the channel and with great views to the north, including the Vincent Thomas Bridge.

PARKING: Plenty of free parking close to the front door of the restaurant. Elevator access is available.

ATMOSPHERE: Holiday Season. Invite your friends - there is no limit on guests - put on your party clothes and your dancing shoes and join us for a great party. We are expecting a sellout crowd, so please send in your reservations promptly.

COST: Because of our long relationship with Ports O'Call we were able to keep the cost to only \$32 per person with advance reservations by November 23; \$37 at the door on December 2nd.

RESERVATIONS: You can mail in your reservation with your payment using the form on Page 3. If you'd like to make a reservation and pay electronically, please go to www.tra-spacepark.org, (if you're not already registered take a few minutes to register) and then you can pay with a credit card through the Paypal system.

Please indicate your preference for dinner seating in the music room or conversation room on your reservation. While we will use this information to have the rooms arranged, the choice of room will be first come, first served. Of course there will be time to talk and mingle through both rooms. Indicate your selection for entrée including the number; for example, if both you and your guest desire the London Broil, put a "2" next to the London Broil item on the form.

See you on December 2nd!

Election Results for 2017 Officers

Thanks to all of our members who took time to vote. The 2017 Officers will be Mary Ann Chory, President; Al Hausrath, Vice President; Michael Narigon, Secretary; and Charles Clendening, Treasurer. Newly elected Directors are: Robert Doll, Rosalind Lee, and Jack Trost. Carry-over Directors from 2016 are Reggie Jue, Marcy Morrison, and Carol Schamp. Ballots were received from 29% of our members; 51% by mail and the remainder by website.

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
Mary Ann Chory	Acting 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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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. 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 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	http://sandiego.tra-spacepark.org 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

IN MEMORIAM

- Florence (Peggy) Berg**, September 18, 2016.
- Robert J. (RJ) Calvert**, 96, April 23, 2016.
- Leo C. George**, 83, June 23, 2016, Flight Control Engineer with STL/TRW 1963-1988.
- Robert G. McCaman**, 91, July 15, 2016, Project Manager, 11 years at TRW.
- Louis (Lou) T. Petroni**, 76, September 27, 2016, VP New Business Initiatives, 35 years at TRW.
- Sol Rocklin**, 91, June 3, 2015, Program Manager on PSP Program, Retired 1991.
- Oscar Rodriguez**, August, 2016, NASA Engineer on TDRS program working at TRW.
- Robert (Rob) P. Stillwell**, 62, August 18, 2016.

The first step in notifying Northrop Grumman of a retiree's death is to call the Benefits Service Center at 800-894-4194. The Benefits Center does NOT notify TRA of the death due to privacy laws.

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 in October 2016. Pension plans will transition in April 2017. Retirees are impacted if they are receiving coverage through the Northrop Grumman Retiree Medical plan. After October 3rd you will view and manage your Health and Insurance benefits on line at Fidelity NetBenefits. NetBenefits is available by selecting the link at benefits.northropgrumman.com or directly at www.netbenefits.com/northropgrumman. If you have questions please call the Northrop Grumman Benefits Center at 1-800-894-4194.

HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

REDONDO BEACH, CA – Northrop Grumman has submitted a proposal to the United States Air Force to modernize the nation's intercontinental ballistic missile system with the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent program. GBSD will replace the existing ICBM missile system, including the weapon systems command and control; flight, launch and ground systems; and cyber elements.

"The ICBM system has been an effective deterrent since its inception," said Carol Erikson, GBSD vice president and capture manager. "Northrop Grumman has submitted a proposal leveraging our comprehensive ICBM weapons system understanding to deliver a low-risk, adaptable solution within cost and schedule."



By Frank Warren

REDONDO BEACH, CA – Northrop Grumman has taken the next step in creating the Northrop Grumman Institute of Optical Nanomaterials and Nanophotonics by selecting seven research projects to fund in 2016 with USC's Viterbi School of Engineering. The company has committed \$500,000 to fund those projects.

SAN DIEGO, CA – Northrop Grumman successfully flew an Optical Bar Camera broad-area synoptic sensor on an RQ-4 Global Hawk, marking the first time the legacy U.S. Air Force camera has been flown on a high altitude unmanned aircraft.

The successful flight is the second of three planned demonstrations of sensors previously unavailable on the Global Hawk. Northrop Grumman successfully flew a SYERS-2 intelligence gathering sensor in February of this year and plans to fly an MS-177 multi-spectral sensor later in 2016.

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.

HOLIDAY PARTY RESERVATION FORM, Friday, December 2, 2016 11:00 to 3:00

Advanced Reservation Deadline: November 23, 2016

Member Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Membership No. (from mailing label): _____ Phone: _____

Guest Name(s): _____

Entrée Selection (indicate number): _____ Fettucini with Chicken _____ King Salmon _____ London Broil

Seating Preference (space available): _____ Music Room _____ Conversation Room _____ No Preference

Total Attending: _____ at \$32 each = \$ _____

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

Or go online to www.tra-spacepark.org and make your reservations and pay using Paypal.

The next NNG will be
mailed in January.

THE MAIL POUCH

◆◆◆ Al and Daughn Connarn (Pisgah Forest, NC) have been enjoying the visual and culinary treats of Beaufort, NC a small fishing village with good food on the Atlantic Coast. Blackbeard's ghost is a sometimes companion. The TRW group in nearby Brevard, NC still meets regularly twice a week. Their last dinner was at the Connarn's, with Tom and Vicki Moore, Bob and Karen McNiel, and Raoni Parshall attending. Other locals who missed this meeting are Susan and Sandy Wright, Sue Ledbetter, Nancy Burlew, and Jim Holmbeck ◆◆◆ Birdie and Marion Martin are only into their first five years of retirement, but have traveled to Tahiti, Europe, the Eastern and Southern Caribbean, Kauai, Dominican Republic's Dream La Romania, the Mexican Riviera, plus a week on the Rocky Mountaineer train in British Columbia. For their 2017 trip they are taking a cruise of Venice and the Mediterranean. When they are at home in Carson, CA they spend time dancing, playing cards with friends, and being active in their church. During her early retirement years Birdie served as a Court Appointed Special Advocate, but discontinued this activity shortly after moving her ailing mother in with them ◆◆◆ Jack and Laura Dreyfus have been enjoying the wonderful life in Phoenix, AZ for the past few years ◆◆◆ Remember Mike Cerneck, the Director of Space Systems in the Space and Laser Programs Division, always neatly attired in a business suit and tie? He's now a serious biker down in Naples, FL. He and his wife Marie have rebuilt custom Harley motorcycles, and he claims that Biker Mike has long hair, a long beard, and tattoos! No photo was enclosed to substantiate ◆◆◆ Sharon Cavin (El Segundo, CA) is enjoying monthly trips of Singles RV-ing with her Rollin' Singles group under Good Sam. And when not RV-ing, she traced her ancestry and is now a Daughter of the American Revolution as is her daughter, Melissa ◆◆◆ What can one do in Reno, NV?



By Al Hausrath

Answer: Skiing, hiking, golfing, and camping. Pablo and Carol Gomez, even after 17 years of retirement, take part in all these activities plus spending time with their six g'kids and lots of travel, both U.S. and foreign ◆◆◆ Robert Dettloff (Huntington Beach, CA) is president of the non-profit Huntington Beach Council on Aging (www.hbcoa.org). Their purpose is to insure that all Huntington Beach Seniors have access to services, programs, information, and education that promote quality of life and dignity ◆◆◆ Life in Las Vegas still agrees with Carol Noblet. Since the death of Ralph Tice, she attempts to keep their retiree group active with monthly meetings. She also goes to SoCal once a month for a week at a time to help her ailing mother and visit with family and friends ◆◆◆ The very active retiree group in Huntsville, AL has added a second monthly luncheon reports Jim Troy. They now meet on both the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. In March they hosted some Northrop Grumman executives who talked about forming a single retiree alumni organization with improved support by the company. So far, no further information on this possible merger ◆◆◆ What do you do in the summer if you live in the perfect climate of Valley Center in North San Diego County? Judy and Boris Dobrotin took a boating trip to San Francisco (cold) and the Delta (hot). They visited Sacramento where they had kids/g'kids aboard (crowded), walked the Golden Gate Bridge, and anchored under the new Bay Bridge. All with just one flat tire ◆◆◆ After 12 years, Bonnie and Dave Gill (Torrance, CA) seem to have perfected the art of retirement. Obstacles such as knee replacement (Bonnie) and a 15 day hospital stay for Gill, are easily overcome with a 15 day cruise to Hawaii with their daughter and family. When not in the hospital, they keep busy with church, family, and friends ◆◆◆