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For Northrop Grumman & TRW Legacy Retirees

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Make Your Reservations for the TRA Holiday Party Friday, December 7, 2018, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

This is your last chance to make your reservations for the annual TRA Holiday Party. This year the party will be held at:

**The Automobile Driving Museum
610 Lairport Street
El Segundo, CA 90245
Friday, December 7, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

We will have a buffet-style dinner featuring turkey with dressing, mahi-mahi, and roast beef with brown gravy. Sides include mashed potatoes and gravy, yams, green beans almondine, steamed vegetables, and macaroni with cheese. A selection of desserts is included.

If you have a specific dietary restriction, let us know by calling 310-813-7745. Leave a message with your name and phone number and we will contact you to make arrangements.

Coffee and iced tea are included. A no-host bar with beer, wine, cocktails, and soft drinks will be available.

The cost includes access to the Automobile Driving Museum antique and vintage auto collection and displays. As their automobiles on display change, if you have a favorite, contact us at the phone number above with the year, make, and model, and we will check its availability with the museum.

For a treat, we will have See's candy certificates available at \$17.25 each - a savings off the \$20.50 retail price. Get some for stocking stuffers or for yourself. (Note, the previous newsletter had an incorrect price.)

Free parking is available adjacent to the building. Disabled parking is by the entrance.

Paypal reservations or mail-in reservations postmarked by November 26 are available for \$36 per person. Paypal reservations will still be accepted after November 26 through December 3 for \$40 per person. After December 3, the at-the-door price is \$40 per person if space is available.

Save a stamp by going to www.tra-spacepark.org. (if you're not already registered for access to the web site take a few minutes to register) and pay with a credit card through Paypal. Or, you can mail in your reservation with your payment using the form below. Please be sure to mail by November 26.

We hope to see you there!

New TRA Members

Richard Brehove
Percy Carpenter
Dan DiSanti
Cathleen Ely
Carrol England
James Glendening
Joseph Gross
Hal Hart
Betty Nash
Carey O'Bryan

Lomita, CA
Ashland City, TN
Albuquerque, NM
Moorpark, CA
Bullhead City, AZ
Sacramento, CA
Franklin, PA
Redondo Beach, CA
Satellite Beach, FL
Torrance, CA

We hope these new members will send a note to us at mailpouch@tra-spacepark.org telling us a little about themselves and where they worked at Northrop Grumman/TRW.

HOLIDAY PARTY RESERVATION FORM

Mail-In Reservation Deadline: Postmark by November 26, 2018

Member Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

Guest Name(s) (for name tags): _____

Total Attending: _____ at \$36 each = \$ _____

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

Or, 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 of Northrop Grumman and TRW.

2018 Officers

Mary Ann Chory	President
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310-813-7745 for voice mail.

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 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. 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.

TRW/NG Retirees Meetings Around the US

Find a group in your area and give them a call. Changes from last edition are in **bold**.

GROUP	MEETING LOCATION	DATE & TIME	OTHER INFO	CONTACT
TRA Board Meeting	Bldg. E2/B114, Space Park	3rd Tuesday , 1:30 PM, Monthly except December	Decisions, planning and actions on archives, events, NNG, coordination with NG	All members welcome. Contact TRA prior to attendance to arrange for escort
ATD Friends & Colleagues	Automobile Driving Museum 610 Lairport Street El Segundo, CA 90245 310-909-0950	First Tuesday, November 6, 2018, 10:30AM - 2PM	Social, Nostalgia, Lunch, and Classic Cars	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 Wednesday, 5 PM	Social	Tom and Vicki Moore 828-883-8080 seneca75@verizon.net, thistle33@verizon.net
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	Various Locations in Huntsville, AL	2nd and 4th Tuesday, 11:30 AM	Lunch and Social	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	Jim Miller 703-483-5448 jmiller158@gmail.com
Utah	Cracker Barrel Restaurant, Layton, UT	1st Thursday, 8:30 AM	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	Franklin's Cove, 40675 Murrietta Hot Springs Rd, Murrietta, CA 92562	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	Frank Yunger 805-444-1541, Harry Stroud 805-653-5117

Looking Back and Looking Ahead

by Dena Bouskos, Incoming TRA President

Wow, another busy year is coming to a close quickly! Thank you to everyone who sent in their ballots as well as feedback comments. So far, we've heard that our members are satisfied with TRA, really enjoy the newsletter, and are positive about our TRA events. We'll provide final ballot results and more specifics on the feedback comments in the next newsletter.

This year, under Mary Ann Chory's leadership, we were able to bring in new folks to the TRA Board. In addition to Mary Ann, Jack Trost, Bob Doll, Charlie Clendening, Michael Narigon, Reggie Jue, Carol Schamp, Marcy Morrison and Stephanie Sundius all made important organizational contributions.

We are happy to tell you that Joyce Komatsu (Membership), Pam Overton (Mail Pouch & In Memoriam) and Kitty O'Dell McPherson (Offsite Chapter Liaison) have volunteered for roles on the Board. We're so happy to have them.

Of course, we want to express our thanks and appreciation to Katherine Reed, who is our Northrop Grumman liaison and sponsor! Loud applause also goes to Al Hausrath who served on the Board and was the stellar Editor of the NNG newsletter for over 25 years. Many thanks to Al for his hard work and contributions to TRA over the years!! Happily, you'll still see Al and his wife, Mel, at our social events.

IN MEMORIAM

CW 'Bill' Bennett, 91, October 5, 2018. Bill worked for TRW from the 1960's to the 1980's.

Joanne Fitzgerald, October 2018. Joanne was a supervisor of the Tinning Skill Center and the Procurement Front End Load input group.

Phyllis Friel, October 2017.

Bill Gehrke, 87, October 24, 2018.

Craig M. Gilbert, May 15, 2017. Craig started in the company mail room out of high school in 1965 and retired in 2002 from Material Control.

Bill Hallmark, September 14, 2018, worked at Space Technology/Systems as a Product Integrity Manager.

Alan Tomo Ishikawa, September 28, 2018.

Henry Kaperl, 82, October 10, 2018. On Milstar MDR, as the mass properties lead, Hank had the very difficult job of predicting the weight and power of payload subsystems.

Royce D. Loveland, 84, September 21, 2018. He was a Systems Engineering manager in the Hardness & Survivability Lab for over 23 years before retiring in 1992.

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

If the deceased was a member of TRA, please notify TRA whether you want the NNG continued for the duration of their subscription or 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 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.

In 2019, TRA plans to continue to support Northrop Grumman's STEM tours of JWST and Ngenuity In Motion displays, and the Space Business Archives. Bob Doll, who leads the TRA Archive support, now has Anna Marie Ellison, Rose Marie Keidel, Michael Mears, Howard Okano, and Dave Wright volunteering.

We continue to support our web site and Facebook group, which has grown to over 2,000 members.

One thing we would like to do this year is increase participation in our off site chapters.

We're always looking for new venues or ideas for our events. So, if you have a suggestion, please let us know by emailing us at tra@tra-spacepark.org or calling the TRA office at 310-813-7745 on Wednesdays when we volunteer.

Finally, let us know what you are up to by sending us a note or emailing us. People always tell us they enjoy hearing about other retirees; but it takes your input.

Whether you live in the Los Angeles area or farther away we hope to see you at one of our upcoming events. The next one is Friday, December 7th at the El Segundo Automobile Driving Museum!

On behalf of the TRA Board, we wish you and your loved ones a happy holiday season and a bright 2019!

Important Contacts for Retirees

The main contact for Northrop Grumman employee and retiree benefits is:

Northrop Grumman Benefits Center

www.benefits.northropgrumman.com

Or www.netbenefits.com/northropgrumman

phone: 800-894-4194

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

Information on Health and Insurance benefits for those retirees on the Northrop Grumman Retiree Medical plan is accessible on line at Fidelity NetBenefits. The link is available on the Benefits Center web page.

If you have Medicare Supplemental Insurance coverage through Towers Watson OneExchange, they are changing their name to Via Benefits. This is your contact information:

Via Benefits (a Tower Watson Company)

viabenefits.com

phone: 855-832-0976

For Medicare Supplemental Insurance, Via Benefits administers various accounts including Health Care Flexible Spending and Reimbursement, the Limited Flexible Spending Account, and the Retiree Reimbursement Account.

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

If you continued your life insurance coverage on the Northrop Grumman group plan, this is administered by Metlife. They have a website at the link below but phone calls should be directed to the NGBC.

Metlife

www.metlife.com/NGC



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THE MAIL POUCH

By Pam Overton and Joan Merritt

◆◆◆ **Lin Somera Dy** reports that she's enjoying retirement with more time to work in her garden.

◆◆◆ **Jacqueline Johnson** retired from Pricing many years ago and has been busy quilting since her retirement. In November she will celebrate her 98th birthday!

◆◆◆ Retirees **Janet Clements** and **Patricia de la Cuesta** were traveling again earlier this year. They started with a transatlantic cruise from Orlando to Barcelona. After a couple of days they flew to Tirana, Albania where they joined a land tour of the Dalmatian coast (Albania, Montenegro, Croatia, and Slovenia), which ended in Venice. From Venice they flew to Frankfurt and then went by train to Boppard am Rhein where Patricia has friends who own a B&B. The four days in Boppard were a welcome rest. While there they took a river cruise of the castle district on the Rhine River, ate delicious food, and did much wine tasting. From Frankfurt, Janet flew home to Redondo Beach, while Patricia took the train to Prague to visit friends. After about 6 weeks of travel, Patricia finally came home to Redondo Beach.

Mail Pouch Items

Pam and Joan need your help! They need Mail Pouch items! Did you decide to travel after you retired? Please let us know your favorite spots, or just let us know what you are up to by e-mailing the Mail Pouch at mailpouch@tra-spacepark.org or by mail to Mail Pouch, P.O. Box 1276, Redondo Beach, CA 90278.

HAPPENINGS AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN

NASA's James Webb Space Telescope Speaks for the First Time at Northrop Grumman

The two super elements of the James Webb Space Telescope successfully communicated for the first time. The test was completed by Northrop Grumman Corporation, in partnership with NASA, and demonstrated the compatibility of the electrical interfaces between the Optical Telescope Element/Integrated Science Instrument module (OTIS) and the Spacecraft Element (SCE).

With hardware for the telescope 100 percent complete, this is the first in a series of integration and test efforts for Webb. In the test, the team had the SCE command the motors that control the position of the 18 mirror segments of the primary mirror. Like earlier simulation tests of hardware and software, the completion of this test was a continuation of new, ongoing risk reduction efforts designed to ensure the success of future integration activities.

"The successful completion of this test was a significant event in the testing and integration phase of the SCE and OTIS for the program," said Scott Willoughby, vice president and program manager, James Webb Space Telescope, Northrop Grumman. "Completing tests such as this one are among many firsts for Webb, and they retire risk on our critical path forward toward launch."

Once the telescope is fully integrated, the entire observatory will undergo more tests during observatory-level testing.