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# **GAZETTE**

**For Northrop Grumman & TRW Legacy Retirees**

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## **Make Your Reservations Now for the TRA Holiday Party**

Summer is ending, the days are getting shorter, and it is already time to make your reservations for the TRA Holiday Party. This year we will be at:

**The Proud Bird Restaurant  
Tuskegee Ballroom  
11022 Aviation Blvd  
Los Angeles 90045**

**Friday, December 6, 2019, 11:00AM to 2:00PM**

The elegant and beautifully remodeled Proud Bird has refurbished and updated their "Airplane Park," which features full-scale vintage aircraft models with views of the Los Angeles Airport landing approach. We will be in the Tuskegee Ballroom, which is located right next to the main restaurant entrance. Doors will open at 11:00AM so no need to show up early.

We have planned a sit-down, plated lunch. Your entree choices are: Cedar-Smoked Salmon in a habanero-orange beurre blanc sauce; or Bludso's Smoked Brisket, with BBQ sauce on the side. Entrees will be served with herb mashed potatoes, local organic seasonal vegetables, and Rockenwagner Bakery rolls and butter. For dessert, we'll have their most popular sweet - cheesecake with fresh berries.

Iced tea or lemonade is included with the meal. In addition, a no-host bar with beer, wine, cocktails, and soft drinks will be available. If you have a dietary restriction or would like a vegetarian entree, call us at 310-813-7745, leave a message, and we will make arrangements with the restaurant.

See's Candy certificates will again be available this year. The discounted price is \$17.00 each - a savings off the \$21.50 retail price.

The price for the Holiday Party is \$46.00 per person, which in-

cludes tax and all service charges. Please invite your friends to join us.

Free parking is available in The Proud Bird parking lot. Overflow pay parking is available in a city lot adjacent to the restaurant.

To reserve your spot, save a stamp by going to [www.tra-spacepark.org](http://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.

When you sign up, indicate your selection for entrée including the number; for example, if both you and your guest desire the Salmon, put a "2" next to the Salmon item on the form.

Please be sure to postmark by November 20th. Reservations are required and we won't be able to take walk-ins the day of the event. This event is limited to 240 people. We hope to see you there!

### **James Webb Space Telescope Tours Available**

Thanks to Reggie Jue and our tour volunteers, TRA is pleased to announce that sign-ups are available for our third and fourth James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) tours. We currently have scheduled two tours, one on Tuesday, October 15, from 10:00 AM to noon, and the second on Wednesday, October 30th, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Both tours are at the Space Park facility in Redondo Beach, CA.

JWST is currently in the Observatory Integration and Test phase, where the OTIS (Optical Telescope Element and Integrated Science Module) and the Spacecraft Element are being

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### **HOLIDAY PARTY RESERVATION FORM**

**Mail-In Reservation Deadline: Postmark by November 20, 2019**

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

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

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

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

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

Entrée Selection (indicate number): \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Brisket

Total Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$46 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Go on-line to [www.tra-spacepark.org](http://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.

### 2019 Officers

Dena Bouskos	President
Jack Trost	Vice President
Charles Clendening	Treasurer
Michael Narigon	Secretary
Mary Ann Chory	Immediate Past President

### 2019 Directors-at-Large

Robert Doll, Reggie Jue, Joyce Komatsu, Marcy Morrison, Carol Schamp, Stephanie Sundius

**Facebook Coordinator:** Stephanie Sundius

**Membership:** Joyce Komatsu

**Webmaster:** Reggie Jue

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### Publication Staff

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**By Phone:**

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](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 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	<b>3rd Wednesday, 9:30 AM, Monthly except December</b>	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	Los Verdes Golf Club 7000 Los Verdes Drive Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275	First Tuesday, 5 November 2019, 11:00 AM	Social, Nostalgia, Lunch Golf Club Phone: (310) 377-7888	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 samgary@att.net
Huntsville Chapter	Various Locations in Huntsville, AL	2nd Tuesday, 11:30 AM	Lunch and Social	Jim Troy 850-797-0044 jtroy28x@gmail.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	<a href="http://sandiego.tra-spacepark.org">http://sandiego.tra-spacepark.org</a> 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

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integrated for the final time. This phase is scheduled to run through June 2020 and is followed by three months of shipping and launch preparation activities. Launch is currently scheduled for the end of November, 2021.

While waiting for the tour (we will shuffle subgroups to and from the viewing area,) we will have video playing in the E2 Presentation Center. Also, our visitors will get to enjoy the recently updated "Aerospace in Motion Museum" that is on the first floor of Building E2.

These free events are for TRA members and guests who are U.S. citizens. Sign-ups are available first-come, first-served, on our website at [www.tra-spacepark.org](http://www.tra-spacepark.org). No mail-in or phone sign-ups will be accepted.

If you haven't registered for our website, there is a simple, one-time registration process available through the home page. Sign-ups will close October 10th (or earlier if we fill up) for the October 15th tour so that we can forward the tour attendee list to Northrop and get visitor badges printed. The October 30th tour will close on October 25th (or earlier if we fill up.)

Note that the Building S Cafeteria is open for lunch from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM, so you could consider meeting up with friends and have lunch at the cafeteria before/after the tour.

Upon your sign-up and notification that you have been accepted for the tour, please plan to meet in the Space Park Building E2 lobby 20 minutes before the start of the tour to be signed in. Parking space is currently tight around Building E2. The North side of the parking lot between Building R3 and Building E2 seems to have the most space available.

You will need to bring a valid form of government-issued identification, such as a state driver's license or U.S. passport.

As part of the tour, we will be walking between buildings and going up and down stairs. No cameras or photography is allowed.

### New TRA Members

Robert Wyka

Marina del Rey, CA

### Please Vote for the 2020 TRA Board

Each summer the TRA Board nominates its Officers and Directors-at-Large for the coming year. These names are then submitted to the members to ratify or nominate other candidates. Officers serve for a one-year term, while the Directors-at-Large

are elected for a term of two years. The longer term for the latter group helps bring continuity to the management and operation of TRA.

Please take the time to vote. Your votes show that you support the nominating committee and those other hardworking individuals that help make TRA strong. Go to [www.tra-spacepark.org](http://www.tra-spacepark.org), (if you're not already registered, take a few minutes to register) and click on the "2020 TRA Ballot" button on the home page to vote. Or, you can vote by completing the enclosed ballot and mailing it in. Just follow the instructions on the ballot. Your ballot must be postmarked by November 15, 2019 to be counted.

Here are the nominees:

**President: DENA BOUSKOS:** Dena retired from Aerospace Systems Sector in 2011 after almost 38 years of service. During her career in Human Resources she held a number of senior HR positions in various organizations across the Sector. She became familiar with TRA when it reported to her for 5 years while she was the Director of Compensation, Benefits and HRIS. Dena served as TRA's President for the 2015/2016 term and as Past President for the 2017/2018 term. In addition



she has been handling office administration/management for TRA since 2015. When not working on TRA, Dena spends her time catching up with friends and family, travel and trying to keep up with the 'never ending' projects around the house. Dena is currently TRA President.

**Vice President: JACK TROST:** Jack retired from TRW in 1995 after serving 34 years with the company. In addition to his systems engineering contributions to the ballistic missile and spacecraft programs, Jack developed the Fluid Mechanics Laboratory (Building 67) where he directed experiments in many of the company's first high energy chemical lasers. He received a B.S. in General Engineering from UCLA and an M.S. in Aerospace Engineering from USC. He was president of the



TRW/SEA square dance club, the Pioneer 8's. Jack is a docent at the Los Angeles Maritime Museum and the Western Museum of Flight. He serves on the board of the Peninsula Symphony Association. Jack is a past president of TRA and is currently TRA Vice President.

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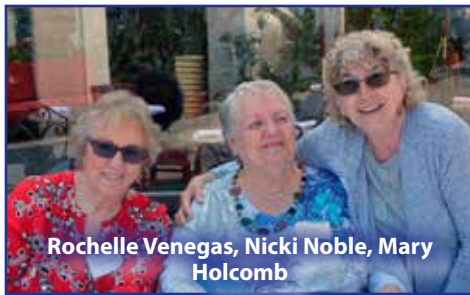


From Charles Vono: Utah Retirees at our usual first Thursday breakfast at the Layton Cracker Barrel. From left to right: Harry Amalfitano, Marty Stampick, Stu Flood, Orest Gogosha, Jim Meyers, Toni Martinez, Glen Flocken, Charlie Vono, Mark Parsons, Tony Spehar



### TRA Summer Reunion, August 13, 2019

For our 2019 Summer Reunion we enjoyed a beautiful summer day on the patio at the Marmalade Cafe in El Segundo, CA. Sector Vice President **John Daegele** brought us up to date on Northrop Grumman and Space Park developments. **David Vandervoet** provided samples of Hawaiian chocolate. Photos by **Mary Holcomb**. To see all of her photos of the event go to [tra-spacepark.org](http://tra-spacepark.org).



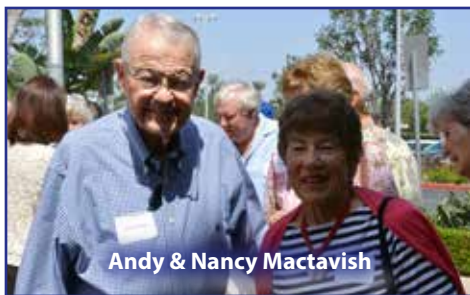
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Charles Clendening, Tom Thompson



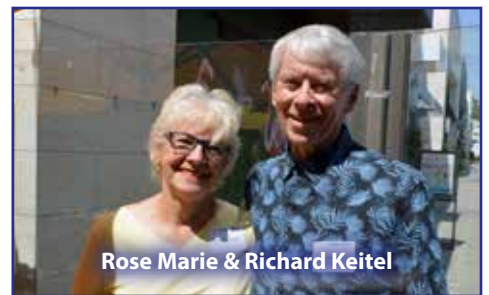
Evelyn Ung, Stephanie Sundius



Andy & Nancy Mactavish



Reggie Jue, David Vandervoet, Carol Schamp, Mary Ann Chory



Rose Marie & Richard Keitel



Michael Hirsch, Carole Urfrig, Bill Klenk, Don Urfrig



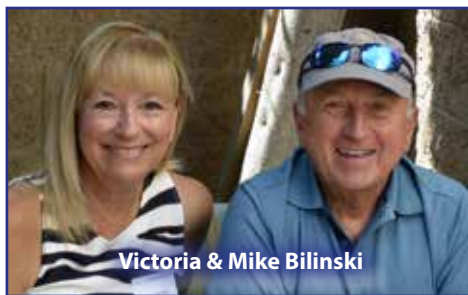
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Anne Rose, Shirley & Robert Eshbaugh, Richard Rose



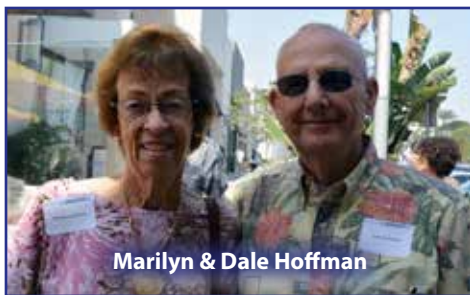
Sol & Annette Lutwak



Victoria & Mike Bilinski



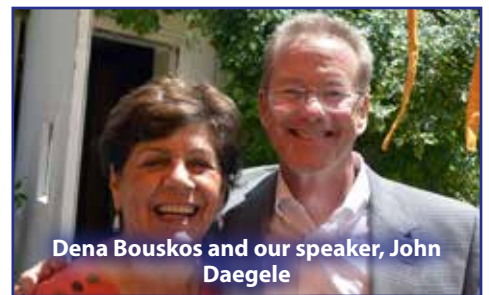
Michelle & George Reppucci



Marilyn & Dale Hoffman



Hawaiian Chocolate



Dena Bouskos and our speaker, John Daegele



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**Treasurer: CHARLES CLENDENING:** Charles retired from TRW/NGC in 2012 after 35+ years at TRW/NGC. He joined the TRW ATD Engineering Sciences Laboratory after a short Air Force tour. Charles received a B.S. degree from Case Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. in Physics at Cornell University. He supported a number of diverse programs primarily in laser-related areas. His final assignment was as a Technical Fellow and the Chief Scientist on the ABL Program. Charles is currently serving as the TRA Treasurer.



**Secretary: MARY ANN CHORY:** Mary Ann retired from NG in 2013 with 33 years of service. She joined TRW in 1981 after working three years at TASC. Mary Ann received an M.A. from University of Minnesota, an M.A. in Teaching from University of Chicago and a B.A. from St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN (all in mathematics.) She worked the majority of NG's space programs in all phases of development. Her assignments ranged across many disciplines: systems engineering, control systems, and hardware development. These included Director positions in program, functional and technology development. Mary Ann is the current TRA Past President and was previously TRA President, Secretary, and Director-at-Large.

#### Directors-at-Large



**REGGIE JUE:** Reggie retired as a Director in 2014 after 32 years at TRW/NG in various leadership roles in System Engineering. He was the Chief Engineer for Protected SatCom, and retired as the System Engineering lead for the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST). Reggie received his B.S. from Harvey Mudd College, M.S. degrees from UCLA and Stanford University. Since retiring, Reggie has been a volunteer for the TRA, learned to be webmaster for several volunteer organizations, became involved in local politics, helped with JWST tours, and has been trying to learn golf. Reggie is currently a TRA Director-at-Large.



**PAM OVERTON:** Pam joined TRW in 1966 and retired in 2013 after 47 years with TRW/NG. She served in a number of clerical positions and in 1986 moved to Proposal Operations. In her position as a proposal production coordinator and technical editor she supported a wide variety of TRW/NG proposals. During her career at TRW/NG she served on the TRW Employee's Association Board for over 20 years and was an active member of the Travel Club. As a travel coordinator she escorted groups on trips to Mexico, Europe, Hawaii, the mainland U.S. and the Orient. She is a quilter and is a member and active board member of the South Bay Quilters Guild, Santa Monica Quilt Guild, and Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds. In her spare time she and her business partner, Lynn Crawford, plan and lead tours for their business, the Traveling Quilters.

### Space Park Chorale

The Space Park Chorale is seeking singers, ESPECIALLY TENORS AND BASSES. No audition required. Contact Linda Van Der Baan at 310-812-2452 for more information.

### IN MEMORIAM

**Norma Jean Bates,** July 7, 2019.

**Harry W. Card,** 77 February 25, 2019. He worked at TRW for 23 years as Director of Warehouse Operations and Material Control and other assignments in Business Management.

**John D. Caldwell,** July 31, 2019. For almost two decades John was an employee of TRW/Northrop Proposal Operations, retiring in 2007 and continuing to work as a contractor. His professionalism was recognized across the company as he worked on proposals for aircraft, helicopters, and space missions.

**Clarence Budd Cohen,** 94, July 16, 2019. Budd had a long and distinguished career at TRW where he held many positions – Head, Hypersonics Research Section; Manager, Aerodynamics Department; Manager, Aero Science Laboratory; Director, Technical Application; Director, Technology.

**Robert W. Homan,** 92, June 2, 2019. Bob worked at TRW and Northrop in the 1950s and 1960s and was involved in projects that supported the early stages of the space industry.

**J. Fred Martin,** 80, July 17, 2019. Fred worked on Apollo in Houston and on projects in Sunnyvale. He ran a software group on TDRSS and retired in 1996 after 11 years as TRW site manager at the TDRSS White Sands Ground Terminal.

**Jill Morales,** July 18, 2019.

**Alfred Neukuckatz,** 94, August 26, 2019. Al worked as a reliability manager in Missile Systems and completed 20 years of service with TRW before his retirement in 1987.

**Arnold Ohashi,** 77, June 14, 2019. He worked at TRW for 30+ years and was a communications engineer and manager.

**Joe Pontius,** August, 2019. Joe worked in the Metrology Lab for many years (70s – 90s).

**Marge Smith,** August, 2019.

**Dana Southwood,** August, 2019. With 39 years of service, Dana joined TRW in 1980 as a Spacecraft Attitude Control System Design Engineer. Most recently, he supported the Webb program at Northrop Grumman as Director, Commissioning, Engineering and Baseline Control.

**Jackie "Jack" Jeff Williams,** 83, July 20, 2019. Jack joined Ramo-Wooldridge Corporation in 1959 and retired in 1991. He worked his way up from clerk/typist to Operations Manager and then moved to Sunnyvale, where he was Executive Administrator responsible for all TRW facilities. He served as President and Treasurer of TRA.

Please inform us by either email or mail to the TRA office if you know of someone that should be included in the "In Memoriam" column. Northrop Grumman does not notify us of retiree's deaths. As a minimum, we would like the name of the deceased, date of death, and the name of the person submitting the information. If more information is desired, include age, position and years at NG/TRW, any notable programs, and special skills.

Call the Northrop Grumman Benefits Center at 1-800-894-4194 to notify Northrop Grumman of a retiree's death. For many retirees there is a benefit paid upon death.



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## THE MAIL POUCH

◆◆◆ **Gary Hall** writes: I belong to the Santa Margarita Yacht Club on the Camp Pendleton Base. I sail 16-foot boats, race 30-foot boats, and work with active and retired military. I also belong to the TRA Group in San Diego. We're an active and fun group! ◆◆◆ **Donald Variano** has been busy traveling since retiring. Great Britain, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Switzerland, France, Soviet Union, Turkey, Greece, Hawaii, Alaska, New Zealand, Bora Bora, Tahiti, Philippines, Mexico, Canada, Caribbean, and Central America to name a few destinations. He and his wife also vacation in Oak Park, IL to visit their daughter and son-in-law and three granddaughters. Other destinations include Idaho and Palm Desert at least six times annually. ◆◆◆ **Howard Mandelstam** renewed his TRA membership. He celebrated his 87th birthday. ◆◆◆ **Lillian White** renewed her membership as well. She retired in 1995 after 33 years with TRW. She's living in Henderson, NV and enjoying retirement to its fullest. ◆◆◆ **Dee Henderson** recently moved to Danville, IN to be near her daughter. She is looking forward to this new adventure in her life. ◆◆◆ **Dorothy LaMare-Balla** is enjoying retirement in Orofino, ID. She reports that there is still snow in the middle of March in Idaho, but it's beautiful. She is almost 83 but can still plant flowers and vegetables in her big garden. She is writing her autobiography and several short stories about her family. She is also doing genealogy research. She is trying to publish a memoir, *A Couple of Redheads*. Unfortunately, health issues plague her. In the meantime, she says, "Hello to my friends at TDRSS, GWEN, GSS, and others." ◆◆◆ From **Cora Van Wormer**: I live in an independent living place and have for the past 7 years. I am now 96 years old and "sort of

*By Pam Overton and Joan Merritt*  
healthy". I'm thankful for my life now and enjoy simple things. I do miss the TRW days of my life but have great memories of them. If anyone remembers me, and wants to get in touch, my phone number is 760-732-0901. ◆◆◆ **Steve and Dee Tomsic** are doing OK and enjoying their life in Arizona. We're slowing down and not traveling as much – just taking it easier! Just want to say hello to our friends and co-workers at TRW! ◆◆◆ **Allan and Margie Strayer** continue to enjoy their thirty years of retirement in their townhouse in Westlake Village. However, with their travel years behind them, age making itself known, and none of their adult offspring living close by, they have begun to give serious thought to downsizing. "As much as we hate to give up our very comfortable niche where we live, it really is a necessary move at this point", Allan says. "There are nice facilities in both Westlake Village and Thousand Oaks, so we plan to stay in this area if at all possible", he added. Incidentally, Allan reports, while their area was threatened by last November's fires – with three nearby homes burned – they were spared. They did, however, out of due caution, voluntarily evacuate for several days. ◆◆◆ **Virginia (Ginny) Oliver**, after living in the same apartment for 46 years, moved from El Segundo, CA to Clovis, CA, which is in the middle of the state and next door to Fresno. She says it's the place to be if you like a lot less traffic and a slower pace. She's living with her daughter, Cinda, son-in-law, Mike, and her two granddaughters. It's a busy household. Oh, don't forget the mixed German Shepherd, Buster, and the stray cat, Meow Meow. She says "Hello to everyone out there." ◆◆◆ **Lee Berta and Tom Graham** are living in Porter Ranch. Tom is 93 years old and is wheel chair bound for now. ◆◆◆

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Reggie Jue\*

Joyce Komatsu\*\*

Marcy Morrison\*

Carol Schamp\*

Stephanie Sundius\*\*

*\*Completes term in 2019, \*\*Completes term in 2020*

**2020 TRA Officer and Director Ballot**

I vote for all the candidates; or, vote position by position below

**Officers** (One year term)

*President*

*Vice President*

P-1: Dena Bouskos

VP-1: Jack Trost

P-2: \_\_\_\_\_

VP-2: \_\_\_\_\_

*Treasurer*

*Secretary*

T-1: Charles Clendening

S-1: Mary Ann Chory

T-2: \_\_\_\_\_

S-2: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directors-at-Large** (Two year term) (Vote for two)

D-1: Reggie Jue

D-3: \_\_\_\_\_

D-2: Pam Overton

D-4: \_\_\_\_\_

Don't forget, if you prefer, you can go to the [tra-spacepark.org](http://tra-spacepark.org) website and click on the "2020 TRA Ballot" button on the home page to vote electronically. It saves a stamp.

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**Ballot must be postmarked by November 15, 2019 to be valid.**

*Thank you for participating!*

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