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For Northrop Grumman & TRW Legacy Retirees

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It's Time to Renew Your Membership!

We want to let you know that your TRA membership has expired. If you have renewed since the first of the year, don't worry, we will be up to date by the next newsletter. Because of the publication lead time, we can't account for renewals that we receive after the mailing list is generated but before the newsletter gets to you. You can always check your membership status by looking at your mailing label and checking the "Paid Thru" year.

TRA membership is a real bargain at just \$10.00 per year! The No Name Gazette newsletter provides you with happenings at Northrop Grumman, the Mail Pouch, special articles with information about our members, and sign-ups for and articles on special events for our members. Your dues also support the operation of our web site with its articles, news, and member forums.

You have two choices on how to renew: on-line or by mail. To renew on-line, go to our web site, www.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 on-line with a credit card. We really appreciate those who have used the website in the past to renew. Especially with the pandemic, it limits the need for our volunteers to process the mail and deposit checks at our local credit union branch.

To renew by mail, please cut out or copy the form below, fill out the requested information, and mail to TRA with your check.

Remember it's now 2021 when you date your check. Each year our banker bounces a few checks because of a previous year's date!

Finally, renewals for more than one year are welcome because they reduce our in-house paper shuffle. So, consider renewing for four years to save time and stamps.

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. Thank you for your support!

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Please plan to join us online for this special event. ◆◆◆

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Member Name: _____

Street Address: _____ Check if new address

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

E-mail Address: _____ Check if new 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!

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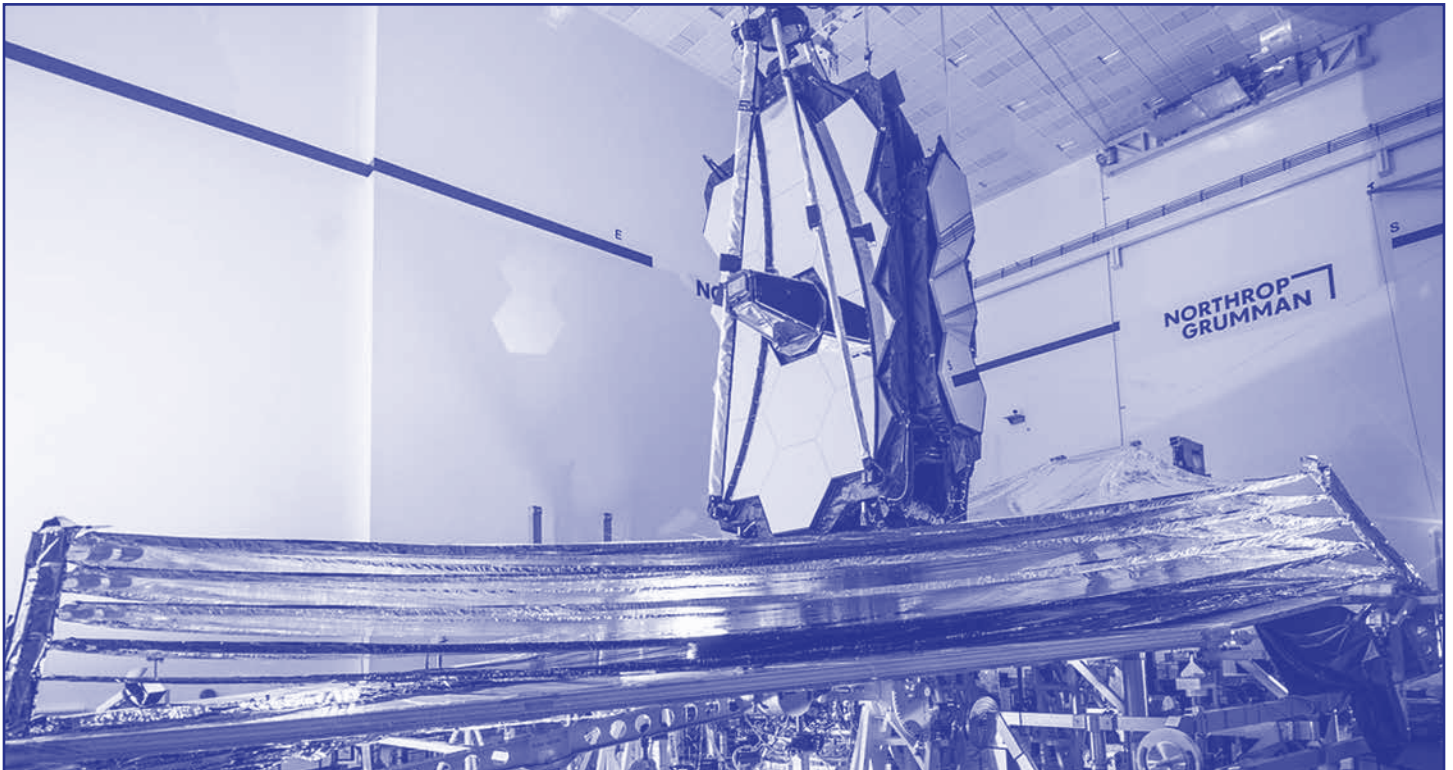
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James Webb Space Telescope in Highbay after the Last Sunshade Deployment and Tensioning Test Before Shipping

TRA for Northrop Grumman Retirees

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

2021 Officers

Mary Ann Chory	President
Michael Narigon	Vice President
Charles Clendening	Treasurer
Pam Overton	Secretary
Dena Bouskos	Past President

2021 Directors-at-Large

Joyce Komatsu, Jim Nelson, Carol Schamp, Stephanie Sundius, Jack Trost

Archives Coordinator: Bob Doll

Facebook Coordinator: Stephanie Sundius

Membership: Joyce Komatsu

Website Coordinator: Reggie Jue

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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 application is available on the website.

TRW/NG Retirees Meetings Around the US

As everyone knows by now, Covid-19 protection protocols have affected meetings and get-togethers. Before you go, e-mail or call the contact to make sure the event is occurring.

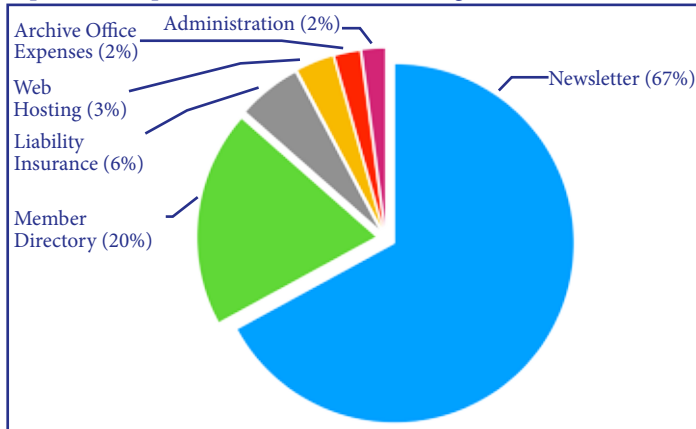
If you have a group that you would like to have listed here, please contact us by email at tra@tra-spacepark.org.

GROUP	MEETING LOCATION	DATE & TIME	OTHER INFO	CONTACT
TRA Board Meeting	Zoom	3rd Wednesday, 9:30 AM, Monthly except December	Decisions, planning and actions on archives, events, NNG, coordination with NG	All members welcome. Contact TRA to receive meeting link
ATD Friends & Colleagues	Send ideas for meeting location	2 November 2021, 11:00 AM	Social, Nostalgia, Lunch	Jack Trost, Dena Bouskos, Cindy McMully 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	On hold due to COVID-19		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	Red Lobster	2nd Tuesday, 11:30 AM	Lunch and Social	Jim Troy 850-797-0044 jtroy28x@gmail.com
Northern Virginia	Zoom	3rd Friday, 11:30 AM	Social	Jim Miller 703-483-5448 jmiller158@gmail.com
Utah	Zoom	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	On hold due to COVID-19		Social	Maureen Locken 951-818-6811 Maureen_Locken@yahoo.com
The Mountain Folks	On hold due to COVID-19		"We do have fun!"	Carl Winkelman 303-693-0034 winkelman@att.net
TRIN	Zoom	2nd Thursday, 1:00 PM, Optional lunch at 12:30	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

2020 TRA Expenses

Here is how your dues were spent in 2020. About two-thirds of TRA funds were used for printing and mailing the newsletter. The next largest expense was printing the Member Directory. Because of Covid-19, we did not host any in-person events last year.

Otherwise, the balance of your dues goes toward running the organization, with insurance, office expenses, and administrative expenses like post office boxes and banking fees.



Looking Back on 2020 and Ahead to 2021

By Mary Ann Chory, 2021 TRA President



Looking back on 2020 is a very humbling experience. On behalf of our TRA board, we offer our most heartfelt condolences to our members impacted by the pandemic. We have sadly lost some of our esteemed colleagues and we extend our sympathy to their beloved families. Throughout the year, the resilience of our

membership as reflected by our interactions and the tremendous communication amongst our Facebook group participants was heartwarming. In April, newly hired Northrop Grumman engineers led by Austin Olson (a recent UCLA graduate) contacted our board and offered grocery shopping assistance to our South Bay members until the city infrastructure got in place. We were reminded that the TRW culture we all hold dear is still alive and well at Space Park.

We would like to thank all our members who took the time to vote for our 2021 officers and directors. It is important to TRA to hear from as many members as possible. I want to recognize Dena Bouskos and Jack Trost for their service as president and vice president the past two years. Their commitment to TRA over the last several years and their subject matter expertise working with the current Northrop Grumman management has kept TRA a vital part of the NG Resource Council. Dena has helped set up a robust liaison with Space Park with Northrop Grumman's ongoing STEM activities with local schools. We are happy that Dena and Jack will remain on the board in 2021. We are grateful that Charlie Clendening has agreed to continue as treasurer. Throughout the pandemic, he has taken care of all our deposits and money transactions in a much more challenging environment. We also want to thank Pam Overton for volunteering to be secretary and Michael Narigon for vice-president.

2020 saw TRA continuing to provide constant communication with our members. TRA is blessed to have a very dedicated and hardworking board. Our activities chair, Marcy Morrison, had to cancel all our plans for live events. As for most Americans, Zoom

has become an invaluable tool for TRA. We continued to have board meetings and have been able to offer the TRA Zoom Pro account to our off-site groups for their events. Pam Overton, Reggie Jue and Stephanie Sundius have offered Zoom training. We had a successful virtual event with Jeff Grant (former vice president and general manager of Space Systems) attended online by over 70 people. Our NNG editor, Michael Narigon, published our bimonthly newsletter with the help of Pam Overton, who writes our In Memoriam and Mail Pouch columns. A big project that Michael led last year was publishing our Member Directory. Our membership chair, Joyce Komatsu, is the gatekeeper for all our member data. Her painstaking work helps make the directory possible. Michael also counts on copy editing assistance from Kim Lewis and Carol Schamp. Many of you have let us know that you appreciated this effort. Bob Doll continues to lead our Archive committee. Since March, the Archive volunteers have not been able to meet, but Bob still has worked with NG on their many requests for TRW archive information.

Our website coordinator, Reggie Jue, continues to update and maintain our website. Our Facebook group, managed by Stephanie Sundius, has over 2500 members including TRA members and current Northrop Grumman employees. Our NNG, Facebook website, and membership data have provided the glue that has kept us together. Special thanks to Michael Narigon, Joyce Komatsu, and Stephanie Sundius for their efforts.

How can you help us in 2021? Here are a few ideas - and please see the article on our request for volunteers. Our NNG editor, Michael Narigon, is always looking for stories of interest to our members, especially articles on how people have made the transition from working to being retired. Pam Overton needs your input for the Mail Pouch. And, we are always looking for off-site group opportunities.

We will continue virtual events until we can meet live again. Any ideas for speakers or topics would greatly be appreciated. We also need to expand our board. Jim Nelson, newly retired, will be joining us in 2021. Any nominations or volunteers would greatly be appreciated.

Our board really wants to continue to hear your feedback. You can always reach us by emailing tra@tra-spacecraft.org or contact us using the information on Page 2.

I am optimistic about what 2021 will bring us. The development of safe vaccines in such record time makes me proud of our incredible scientific community and innovation. My wish for all of you is to remain safe and healthy and a sincere belief that "We will hug again."

New TRA Member

Kelly Green

Ringgold, GA

Volunteers Needed

TRA needs volunteers. As my Grandmother said, "Many hands make light work." Most of our volunteer activities take an average of a day or two a month (maybe with some peaks at busy times of the year), so being a TRA volunteer isn't something that will take over your life. If helping with any of these activities interests you, contact us using the information on Page 2.

There are two positions to highlight. Charles Clendening, who has been our Treasurer for the past six years, will be termed out of office in 2022, so we will need a replacement for this position next year. Reggie Jue, who is our website coordinator, has decided he

wants to take a break from the website, so we have an immediate need for website volunteers.

Here are the descriptions of the activities our volunteers do:

President - The TRA President prepares and distributes the board meeting agenda, presides over the monthly board meeting, delegates work to and empowers board members to accomplish their tasks, and ensures that TRA operates within the annual budget. The President coordinates with NG management in matters of budget or in ways that TRA can support NG; for example, the Tour Guide program, Employee Appreciation Day booths, or the Archives.

Vice-President - The Vice President attends monthly board meetings and acts as the President when the President isn't available.

Treasurer - The Treasurer tracks income/expenditures against the annual budget and reports this at the monthly board meeting. Tasks include recording TRA income/expenditures on a cash basis, reconciling records with account statements, and filing necessary IRS forms. The Treasurer also acquires and maintains board and event liability insurance.

Secretary - The Secretary records and distributes the monthly board meeting minutes as well as generates and records formal correspondence.

Directors-at-Large - The Directors-at-Large attend monthly board meetings where tasks may be assigned and accepted.

Activities Coordinator - The Activities Coordinator plans and executes TRA social activities, which in a normal year includes the Spring Fling, the Summer Reunion, and the Holiday Party, with the occasional special event. Tasks include contacting event venues, restaurants, caterers, and entertainment to determine location suitability, dates, menu, prices, and activities. The coordinator reviews event plans and budgets with the TRA board for approval. A volunteer manages event registrations and uses the registration

list to print name tags. On the day of an event, the coordinator and event volunteers ensure that the venue is set up, manage the sign-in/attendee list, and ensure the event runs OK.

Newsletter Editor - Every other month, the Newsletter Editor publishes the TRA No Name Gazette. Tasks include planning newsletter content, coordinating with TRA offsite groups for member news and photos, generating the mailing list from the membership database, and coordinating with the printing and mailing service vendors to have the newsletter printed and mailed.

The role requires a computer with internet access, a color printer, a high-resolution color scanner, email, Microsoft Office or its equivalent, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Illustrator, and Adobe Photoshop. TRA provides a budget for any needed publishing software.

Newsletter Article Contributors/Writers - Our readers enjoy first-person company history articles by other TRA members. The newsletter has a point of contact for the In Memoriam and Mail Pouch articles.

Newsletter Copy Editors - Copy editors review the newsletter for correct grammar, spelling, punctuation and content.

Archive Office Coordinator - The Archive Office Coordinator coordinates the activities of the volunteer archivers who catalog, file, and store TRW historical records dating back to 1953.

The office contains over 40 four drawer file cabinets to house major program documents, key corporate executives' libraries, TRW internal and external publications, marketing material, films, photographs, miscellaneous electronic media, TRW memorabilia, and an extensive collection of satellite launch patches.

The archive database is available to Northrop Grumman corporate management, public relations, and marketing. The Archives office has responded to inquires from program managers, other NG libraries, and outside authors researching the aerospace industry.



The Utah group meets once a month on Zoom. Charles Vono is the organizer and sent this screenshot. Attendees from top-to-bottom, left-to-right are: Stu Flood, Charles Vono, Flynn Naylor, James Meyers, Dennis Stoner, Bob Luzitano, and Stan Endo.

Membership Coordinator - The Membership Coordinator reports on membership metrics at the monthly board meeting and keeps current a master Microsoft Excel member spreadsheet with any renewals, new members, and member contact information changes.

The role requires a computer with Internet access, email, and Microsoft Excel. Excel skills needed are fairly basic and include using the lookup and subtotal functions, sorting, filtering and graphing.

Facebook Coordinator - The Facebook Coordinator administers the private Facebook group, NG/TRW. The Coordinator manages group membership by: ensuring prospective members meet the criteria for joining the group; maintaining a Facebook group membership list in Microsoft Excel and reporting membership metrics at the monthly board meeting; and welcoming new members each week via posted announcements. The Coordinator is responsible for monitoring postings and taking action as appropriate to maintain posting guidelines. The Coordinator promotes discussion within the Facebook group, communicates items related to TRA to the group and reports on notable group activity at the monthly board meeting.

NGRC Commissioner - The Northrop Grumman Resource Council (NGRC) has representatives from all the Space Park extracurricular clubs, of which TRA is one.

The TRA NGRC Commissioner attends (or provides an alternate to) the mandatory monthly NGRC meeting and records and reports on any items at the monthly board meeting. Any immediate actions are escalated to the board.

Website Coordinator - The Website Coordinator administers the TRA website and web and email hosting services.

Web Hosting - Tasks include: communicating with the service vendors to maintain account status; maintaining domain name registrations; maintaining website operations (consisting of configuring and updating the Wordpress framework and plugins, performing backups of website configuration and data, and configuring and monitoring website security); managing website membership, registration, and access; managing website member services (articles, photos, documents, forums, comments); and generating and deploying event sign-up pages, registration pages, and articles.

Mass Email - Tasks include: administering the TRA mailing list and mass email account; communicating with the service vendor to maintain account status; generating mass email mailing lists from the membership database; editing and sending mass member emails; and updating mailing lists based on email bounces or unsubscribes.

Zoom - Tasks include: administering the Zoom meeting account; communicating with the service vendor to maintain account status; and scheduling Zoom meetings.

Paypal - Tasks include: communicating with the service vendor to maintain account status; and generating and testing website pages linking to the Paypal account for membership renewals and event-payment processing.

These roles require a computer with Internet access, email, and Microsoft Excel. Website administration requires experience with Wordpress and familiarity with SQL databases, HTML, CSS, and an FTP client. The website is moderately complex, but it is up and running, and there is a test website available to experiment with and try out changes. For the mass mailing account experience with mass mailing applications would be helpful. For generating web pages, articles, and mass mailing messages computer literacy is helpful but no website coding experience is required.

IN MEMORIAM

Carmel (Lee) Ayres, November 8, 2020.

Verda Hiebert, 92, November 12, 2020.

Neal Johnson, 70, November 5, 2020. Neal retired from the Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel after 24 years of honorable and proud service. Neal transitioned into the civilian world and completed his successful professional career with TRW/Northrop Grumman.

Clark Kirby, 88, October 22, 2020. After a 38-year career as an Aerospace engineer at TRW, Clark retired in 1992. He was fondest of his time as avionics APM on the HEAO program, launched in 1977. Clark started with STL in the Control Systems Laboratory in the 60's. After a number of successful programs, as a final assignment Clark ran a sizable group of Sr. Staff Engineers under Paul Mayhew, Spacecraft Division Manager, which Clark liked to characterize as "herding cats"!

Howard Korman, December 18, 2020. Howard was a systems engineer in M4/R5 for many years. He also spent time in San Bernardino on the Minuteman program. Following his retirement, he became very active in Omnilore, a learning-in-retirement organization in the South Bay, where he served as President for two years.

Henry "Hank" Luhrs, 89, September 5, 2020. Hank was a notable mechanical engineer in design analyses and was best known for conducting mechanical design reviews for Quality Assurance.

Carole Morse, December 13, 2020. Carole was an administrative assistant in various positions within the company and an active member of the TRW Travel Club and the Space Park Employee's Association. Sadly, Carole passed away due to Covid-19.

Carol Ann Noblet, November 18, 2020. Carol worked as an Executive Administrative Assistant for Marv Stone. She worked at TRW for 25 plus years.

Sue Ellen Reardon, December 18, 2020. She was a retiree of TRW/NG.

Kirk Rochester, December 16, 2020. A great colleague who will be missed. He was an amazing, intelligent man who loved art, music, aerospace, golf, world travel, and photography.

Robert Sharples, 83, November 22, 2020. Bob had a long career in aerospace as an engineering and proposal manager. He managed numerous proposals for Northrop Grumman/TRW, including James Webb, National Polar-Orbiting Environmental Satellite System, and Jupiter Icy-moons Orbiter. Bob will always be remembered for his inquiring mind, his ability to speak on most any subject, his love of poetry and the arts, his warmth and charisma, his outgoing and fun personality, and his truly loving spirit.

James (Sweets) Sweetsy, December 24, 2020. Sweetsy had worked for TRW in Bldg M2 in the 60s and 70s in the Applied Technology Division, and then on various technology programs directed at air quality improvement and energy production. None of us who knew him will forget what an amazing and interesting character he was.

Glo Walton, 92, February 1, 2020

Arthur H. Williams, 94, September 19, 2020. Art retired after more than 30 years with STL/TRW.



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THE MAIL POUCH

By Pam Overton

◆◆◆ From **Judy Hertzberg** – Moved last November to our one-level Rancho Bernardo home with husband **Gary** and dog **Josie**. Love the solar panels we just installed – keeping cool all summer, and no gas needed with our new all-electric car. After retiring, was a substitute teacher for Poway School District for 10 years; retired from this just before the pandemic. Having a good time shopping on-line (thank you Mr. Bezos!), cooking, playing at gardening (no green thumb here), walking, Zoom QiGong, and Zoom get-togethers with friends and family. ◆◆◆ **Dave Vandervoet** has been stuck in California and not been able to get to Kauai due to the 14-day quarantine for all arriving visitors. So his wife made him clean out the garage from all of the home-repair supplies of the last 45 years. He also digitized the old letters between his mother and father when his father was away fighting in WWII to share with the younger members of the family. ◆◆◆ From **Fred Brown** – I'm pleased to renew my TRA membership for another 3 years – after all, I lived through the last three-year renewal. I doubt 2020 turned out anything like any of us planned thanks to Covid-19. Certainly, true for **Marilyn** and me. None of our family was affected by the disease. But, we did have to cancel a Hawaii vacation for us, our kids and grandkids to celebrate Marilyn and Fred's 80th birthday and our 50th wedding anniversary. Bummer indeed! It's been over a year since I retired as the Director of the Systems Engineering Leadership Program at Loyola Marymount. I do miss the energy of the campus and the students. We still maintain homes in West LA and Sun Lakes, AZ. When the craziness and chaos of LA gets to be too much, we drive over to the

Phoenix area – even though the summer heat can be trying – you just don't play Pickleball in the afternoon. ◆◆◆ From **Jacqueline Johnson** – As I am 100 years old as of last fall, I will sign up for 1 year at a time. I am in good health but like many old folks have aches. Every morning I check “the malady of the day.” It is difficult to be “not busy” and to forget travels. But, of course, with the virus, no travel is the norm. ◆◆◆ From **Linda Williams** – In the middle of October my brother and I came down with Covid-19 and pneumonia and ended up in the hospital for a week. Recovery is taking a long time as the virus really takes it out of you. So, we are sleeping a lot and dealing with home health nurses for my brother. This virus is no fun! We ended up missing a planned trip to Desert Hot Spring sat the Catalina RV and Spa Resort. Our favorite place to go. (Editor's note – So glad to hear you are on the mend.) ◆◆◆ From **Lourdes Monzon** – Hi, not much to report this year – 2020! Isn't it fabulous?? At least we have some entertainment with the politicians. I had to cancel two trips to go visit the family in Mexico and a trip to Hawaii for Christmas and New Year's Day. Well, 2020: perfect vision! I am happy it is over and hope 2021 will be better. Maybe if we wear pink glasses, we will see a better world. P.S. I loved the zoom Virtual Speaker Event with **Jeff Grant**. Thank you! ◆◆◆ From **Jerry** and **Diane Klayman** – Just took delivery of an eight-week-old, four-pound Pug puppy named **Bella**. Our five-year old granddaughter, **Amaya**, quickly became best friends with Bella. The two are inseparable. It's now a little more exciting being a shut in! ◆◆◆ From **Elizabeth Roerick** – Thank you for the directory. I love all the patches on the cover! ◆◆◆