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Florida / Space Coast Chapter Scholarship Winners



Left: Emily O'Brien - George Skurla Scholarship recipient
Right: Emily Brooks - winner of the Chapter's Scholarship

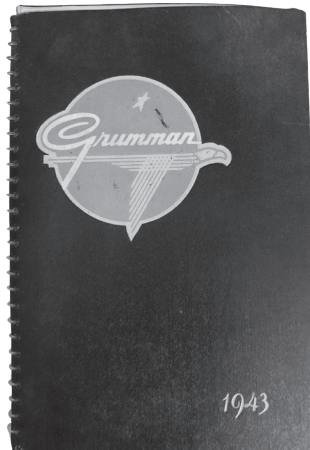
Details of the awards and of the winners' accomplishments are on page 7.

A Special Piece of Grumman History . . .

From John Zinna, Florida / Manasota West Chapter:

" . . . I thought I'd share a 75-year-old Grumman calendar with our chapter and the Club. My father-in-law, Charles Klecak, was a tool & die maker, working at Grumman at the time (1943) during WWII. He loved everything Grumman and they treated him well. In 1953-54, he became deathly ill and Grumman sent him to the Mayo Clinic for treatment. Unfortunately, his illness affected his motor skills and he never returned to work. This was his calendar."

We will publish pages from the calendar book in our Newsletters, as space permits. Page 12 of this Newsletter has the first installment.





Charitable Activities Contributions

Thank You for your generous donations to our Charitable Activities Program. So far this year, we were able to make donations to the American Cancer Society, the Center for Alzheimers Research and St. Jude's Childrens Hospital.

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Scholarship Program Contributors

Thank You for your generous donations to this program. Your contributions will help accomplished students attend college.

Barone, Robert

Bischoff, Willard
Datz, John W.

Denk, Paul J.

Dietz, Charles L.
Dwyer, William

Easley, Norman

Fishberg, Irwin
Grumman, David L.

Koster, Robert

Leiz, Arthur
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Scholarship Program Contributions

Bethpage Chapter

Our 2019 Scholarship Program begins now!

May 23, 2018

Every little bit counts . . . It all adds up. Please keep your donations coming . . . Send your checks (payable to Retiree Scholarship Fund) to: Scholarship Fund, PO Box 0748, Bethpage NY 11714-0748.

The weeklong rain stopped, the sun came out and so did the hungry retirees to the Crest Hollow CC. After a great lunch, the meeting began with Sergeant-at-Arms Nick Bazzicalupo leading the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was then observed for our departed friends and for the well-being of the men and women in the service of our country who fight and die for our freedom. Also remembered were the victims of yet another school shooting in Texas.

**QUARTERLY 50/50 SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE
Members of All Chapters May Participate!**

**Enter often. Multiple winners possible.
Max prize: \$500 for any one person,
in any one drawing.
Winners announced in the Newsletter.**

President Bob Ripp introduced guest speaker Roger Kilfoyle, Vice President of the organization "Honor Flight of Long Island." They are a 501c3 charitable operation formed in 2005, one year after President Bush dedicated the WWII Memorial to honor the "Greatest Generation." Roger detailed the program which, reportedly, has flown over 159,000 veterans to the Washington, D.C. memorials since 2005. Honor Flight has grown to 133 chapters serving veterans in 41 states and the District of Columbia. Each visit could include the WWII Memorial, the Navy Museum, the Women in Military Service for America Memorial, the Marine Museum, and Arlington National Cemetery.

Send a filled-in raffle ticket (below) and a check (payable to *Grumman Retiree Club Scholarship Fund*), to: Retiree Club Scholarship program, PO Box 0748, Bethpage, NY, 11714-0748.

Each raffle entry is \$5.00

**Please indicate how many raffles
you are purchasing.**

This Raffle benefits the Scholarship Fund only.

When Honor Flight started, only WWII vets were invited; however, the trip is now offered to WWII vets, Korean War vets, and terminally ill vets of other periods. Roger said his chapter departs from Islip airport for this one-day trip. The veterans on the honor flights are escorted by volunteer guardians, who help them on the flight and around the D.C. tour. Upon returning from the trip, the vets are often greeted by a crowd of up to 1000 people at the airport. Presently, the LI chapter has flights in the Spring and the Fall.

<u>Scholarship Program 50/50 Raffle Ticket</u>			
Name _____			
Address _____			
Town _____	State _____	Zip _____	
Phone (optional) _____			
Number of Raffles Purchased _____			

Roger was joined by Roy Tringali, Grumman Retiree and past Honor Flight participant. Roy spoke fondly about his trip. Finally, Roy introduced Stephanie Folwell, who has served as a guardian on several flights. It should be noted that these guardians not only generously give of their time but also pay their own way on the flights. The three were greeted with



a round of applause. Bob Ripp presented Roger with a \$400 check, which is the cost for one veteran for an upcoming flight.

Club Business – Bob Ripp:

April Meeting Minutes - Bob asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes as presented in the May Newsletter. None were offered, and the April minutes were accepted as written.

Birthdays: Andrew Tomaiko (77 years); Elaine Visconti (70 years), and Dave Durst (70 years).

Happy Birthday, All.

Get Well Wishes were sent to Frank Carroll, Eleanor Christ, Grace Grignoli, Maryann Puma, and Sal Manziello.

Get Well Soon.

New Member with us today: Bill Shepard.

Welcome Aboard, Bill!

Retiree Club Treasurer’s Report: Frank Rizzo gave the Club’s financial report year-to-date. He also noted that he has completed and submitted the Club’s annual Income Tax return, which was due on May 15.

Frank noted that, due to the recent tax changes, he expects most retirees will no longer have to itemize deductions but will be better off using the new, improved Standard Deduction. He also informed the audience of a tax rule that has been established for a while but now, if using the Standard Deduction, would be even more important to the taxpayer: When using the Standard Deduction, the person loses the deductibility of charitable contributions unless those contributions are made [directly] from IRA funds. When IRA monies are contributed, they have a two-fold benefit: (1) the contributed amount counts as part of your RMD, but (2) the contributed amount is not included in your taxable income.

[Editor’s Notes:

(1) This is officially known as a “Qualified Charitable Distribution” (QCD). Information about QCD can be found easily on the Internet.

(2) QCDs can also help to prevent the increase in Medicare premiums and the increase in tax on Social Security that can result from higher taxable income.

(3) **Disclaimer: All of the above is for information only; it is not to be taken as tax advice.** You are urged to consult a competent tax advisor to determine the applicability of QCDs to your particular situation.]

Scholarship Fund Treasurer’s Report: Linda Perrotta provided the monthly Scholarship Fund report. She thanked all the members who have so generously donated this year to the Scholarship Fund. Linda reminded everyone that the Award Luncheon will be held on June 27, at the Crest Hollow CC.

Bob called John Vosilla, President of the Scholarship Fund, to the podium. Bob presented John with a check from the club for \$2500 for one scholarship award in June. John thanked the club and announced that 10 scholars will be given awards.

Travel - Nick Bazzicalupo:

11/14/18: the Staaten Byrne Brothers Three Irish Tenors. Fabulous singing entertainment, a comedian, one hour Open Bar, full luncheon, and dancing. \$94 pp. 40 people are needed for a Retiree-only bus.

8/23/18: Billy Joel “Live in Concert” at Madison Square Garden. side stage seats plus deluxe motor coach transportation. \$195pp

11/10-11/18: “The Rat Pack”. One night at Resorts Casino Hotel, on the Atlantic City Boardwalk. Two shows, \$30 meal voucher, \$15 slot play, deluxe motor coach transportation. A trio of imitators (Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis, Jr.) are joined by Marilyn Monroe. \$249 pp twin, \$344 pp single, \$249 pp triple.

NOTE: For trips DO NOT call the Retiree Office.
Call Rendezvous Travel at 516-867-8747.



Luncheons: **Betty Bohlander** announced that the 2018 Scholarship Award Luncheon will be held on June 27 at the Crest Hollow. The reservation form was in the May Newsletter. Send your completed form to the address on the form. Singles, couples, and full tables of up to ten can be accommodated. Entrees are listed on the reservation form as is Betty's phone number to call for questions. Come and celebrate these outstanding scholars from the "Grumman Family."

Prize Winners:

Community Relations 50/50: Irene Wallace, Betty Bohlander (2 prizes), and Charlotte Scaturro.

Door Prizes: Tony Scaturro, Linda Perrotta, Jane Klinger, and Diane Bryers

Scholarship 50/50: Howie Schilling and Frank Rizzo. Frank donated his prize to the Scholarship Fund. **Thanks, Frank.**

Next Meeting: Scholarship luncheon on June 27, at the Crest Hollow CC.

No meetings in July and August.

Club Picnic: September 5 (see next-to-last page of this Newsletter for details and reservation form).

First meeting in the Fall: September 26.

The meeting was adjourned with the singing of "God Bless America."

By: Lou Kubat, Sec'y.

Meeting Schedule:

Scholar Luncheon June 27

September 26, October 24, November 28 Holiday Luncheon December 19

CALIFORNIA / Golden West

The May meeting of the Grumman West Retirement Club was held on May 8 at the Eagles Lodge in Oxnard, CA.

Fourteen members attended. John Urgo led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Fred Syrett led the prayer.

Jim Smith and John Urgo gave a presentation on their trip to Arizona. They went to several Aircraft Museums and did a picture presentation of the old Aircraft they saw.

Next month we will have our annual Picnic on June 12 at the Conejo Park in Thousand Oaks, CA.

50/50 winners were Bob Killian and Dick Bartick.

No meetings in July and August.

We will meet again on September 11, 2018.

By: Fred Syrett, President

CALIFORNIA / San Diego

On May 23, our Chapter gathered at a new place. Our old favorite, Marie Callender's Restaurant, closed suddenly so we decided to try another local favorite, the Broken Yolk Café. There were 13 retirees and guests in attendance. Everyone seemed pleased with the many choices on the menu.

President Pete Belay called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Nancy Roeckl gave the invocation, praying for protection for all first responders and for all those who support our freedom at home and abroad.

From January through May, the following folks celebrated birthdays: Charlie Askins, Marge Cargill, Seymour Glick, Frank Huttle, Dennis Klapwyk, Sherry Lossick, Gayle Quebedeaux, John Reika, Mitzie Reika, Bill Roeckl, Santi Salvi, Ed Vasely, and Lou Wilson.

Congratulations go out to those with wedding anniversaries from January through May: Jim & Betz Bartels, Pete & Mary Belay, John & Mitzie Reika, Bill & Nancy Roeckl, Tom & Ella Whitehead, and Lou & Maryam Wilson.

Looking forward to our next get-together.

By: Bill Roeckl, Sec'y. [billroeckl@cox.net]



FLORIDA / First Coast

May 15, 2018

About thirty members braved threatening weather to attend our Spring Picnic. We had some downpours between 10 and Noon, but then we were spared more rain. At 10AM, Tom Walsh and Pete Foster fired up the portable grill, protected by the Gazebo roof. Hot Dogs, as always, were a hit, *Thanks, guys*.

President Fred welcomed us at Noon, led us in the Pledge, and recited an opening blessing. Then, under a clearing sky, we grilled the burgers and enjoyed all the goodies brought by many members.

We did manage to get the bocce games in with the following results:

- First place went to Pete Foster & Vic Smits
- Second to Tom Walsh & Bob Rathje
- Third place to Gene Earley & Joe (Waxey) Decrescenzo.

Our thanks to all who helped with setting up, cooking, and cleanup. And Thanks to all who brought Food and Desserts to share with the group.

Next “regular” meeting: June 19
at Ichiban Buffet.

July & August: No meetings.

September 18: back to Ichiban.

By: Steve Cacace Sec’y [sremkkc@comcast.net]

FLORIDA / Manasota West

The Chapter is on Summer break.

The next meeting is planned for October 2018; date, time, and location: TBD. Chapter Members will be kept apprised via email.

FLORIDA / SouthWest

The Chapter is on Summer break.

Here’s a little info to whet your appetite for our first meeting in the Fall:

On October 9th, George & Janet Daly will provide roast beef sandwiches, homemade tomato soup, homemade potato salad, Carolina coleslaw, dessert, and drinks for \$10 at Tara Woods Clubhouse (Route 41 North Fort Myers).

Please send payment, by September 30, to:
Janet Daly, 2590 Tara Blvd, NFM, FL 33917.

For more info.: Call 239 567-2285 or email
georgedaly@yahoo.com or janetdaly@yahoo.com

See you there. Have a good summer.

By: Clem Moors, President
[clemtony@juno.com; 631-513-1737]

11/13: Final meeting of 2019, at Golden Coral.

FLORIDA / Space Coast

May 23, 2018

A supportive Mother Nature gave us the first clear sunny day in many weeks to welcome our retirees to the Suntree Country Club to greet this year’s winners of our two STEM college scholarships.

A still obviously ailing President Bob Prais called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge was followed by a timely prayer by Sergeant-at Arms Ed Romano, who included a moment of silent prayer for departed member Tom Rothwell.

In keeping with the academic theme for the day’s program, we were very fortunate to have as our speaker the Director of the Eastern Florida State College foundation, Jennifer Kriete. Jennifer briefed us on the ongoing transition of that former two-year community college to a multi-faceted, four-year college.



How refreshing to hear from one so talented and informed and so dedicated to her work. Jennifer quickly led us from the school that started in 1960, with a handful of programs, to today's school with 40 new academic programs and more being added every year. Emphasis is placed on programs which support local needs such as health, fire, and police. In support of this growth, there has been a vigorous building program on the main campus, including a \$20M Health Science center which includes - get this - robotic, simulated patients which cry out if treated improperly. Next year will see the first on-campus residence, followed in 2020 by a new Student Union building.

Miraculously, all this has been accomplished with no tuition increase in recent years. In fact, the school has been ranked as the 18th least costly in the nation. Jennifer concluded with a short presentation about the Foundation she heads and how it raises funds to support the college's programs (try the Annual Backyard BBQ Cook-Off!) and recruits for non-monetary support. She also volunteered to give tours of the main campus for our members. Thank You, Jennifer, for a truly enlightening presentation!

Next on our program was recognition of the two winners of our 4-year scholarship awards. Emily Brooks, winner of our Chapter's scholarship, will be studying Chemical Engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, GA. She has had numerous school and community activities, finished first in her class with a 4.0 GPA, and has interned at Mi-Tech Tungsten Metals. She is thrilled at the thought of being in the heart of bustling Atlanta.

Emily O'Brien, the George Skurla Scholarship recipient, will be studying Aerospace Engineering at Florida Institute of Technology. As such she will be attending classes in the Skurla building and passing in front of the mural depicting the halcyon days of Grumman, from the "Cats" of Roy Grumman and Jake Swirbul, to the Tomcat and Lunar Module of George Skurla. With a GPA of 3.85, Emily still found time to be project manager of the robotics team and captain of the varsity soccer team. Last year, she had an internship at Northrop Grumman. In addition

to the plaques and coffee mugs both girls received, Emily was presented with a copy of the book, "Inside the Iron Works" by George Skurla, Sr.

Our members were impressed with both the girls and their families and look forward to seeing them again next year for the presentation of the second installment of their scholarships.

Following the scholarship awards, President Bob turned to the normal order of business:

Grumman Gremlins: No report - George and Peggy are out of town.

Treasurer's Report: Due to the time consumed with our special program, Bill Waldron gave us his condensed report. All accounts are in healthy shape with acceptable balances.

Honor Flight: Joe Mullings reported on the next honor flight scheduled to take WW-II and Korean veterans to Washington, DC, to visit the memorials. Joe has a schedule delineating the trip dates, briefing sessions, and post-tour participant reunions for the next several months. Ask Joe for details.

Apologies for missing Rob & Maria Van Name from April Anniversaries

Employees Birthdays May: Ed Stone, Vic Belmont, and Anne Korothy

Spouse Birthdays May: Gloria Schreiber, Margaret Dauber, Pat Postupack, John Korothy, Anne Milonas, Peggy Graefe, Joan Orlando, Elaine Prime, and Barbara Leahy

Anniversaries May: Ron & Carol Sidorski, Thomas & Ruth Feeney, Ed & Geraldine Stone, and Charlie & Lee Kelley

50/50 Drawing: There were six 50/50s and two Grand Prizes. The first prize (a bottle of wine and a \$25 Publix gift card) was won by Maria Van Name. The second grand prize - brunch for two at the Suntree Country Club - was won by Ellen Devoe.



Congratulations to all our winners and celebrants!

**Next Meeting ... June 27th
SUMMER BREAK JULY and AUGUST**

Meetings Resume...9/19, 10/17, 11/14 and 12/12

FLORIDA / Treasure Coast

May 17, 2018

President Dan Knowles led the Pledge of Allegiance, and was followed by Chaplain Larry Regier's invocation. The Chapter recognized Deb Bartfield's birthday along with Marian & Albert Moses' 60th anniversary and Walt & Connie Ludwig's 65th anniversary. Werner Bols, Vice President of the Chapter, is recovering from a double knee replacement. A deceased member, John H Lamplough, was also announced

Following dinner, Dan introduced long-time member Ken Tolve, who has organized four years of dinners for former Grumman, Northrop Grumman, Vought, and Triumph retirees. These events grew out of the Grumman 25-year luncheons that were held throughout Grumman for so many years. Ken suggested that next year we combine the Grumman chapter and his Remembrance group for the Dinner. It seemed to be an idea that should be considered for next year.

A letter was sent to 48 members who hadn't paid their dues for 2018. We managed to get a number of late-dues members to sign up, but we need more members to join our monthly luncheons.

A discussion followed pertaining to our scholarship program. This year, we had to invade our treasury to make up the amount to pay for the scholarship. We need a way to fund the scholarship or confine the scholarship to the Grumman [Retiree Club] headquarter plan. There are very few chapter scholarship programs. Since Werner Bols has run the scholarship program, we have deferred the discussion until our next meeting in September.

Since we don't meet for the Summer, everyone was wished a healthy Summer until September.

Bob Watkins, retired Vice President of the Stuart facility, is recovering from a recent operation and was unable to attend the meeting but will surely be at the September meeting

Future Meetings: September 20; October 18;
November 15.

By: Dan Knowles, President
[772-288-2758; Dan Knowles4264@comcast.net]

GEORGIA / Peach Pit

The May 15, 2018 meeting at El Tequila Mexican Restaurant, in Milledgeville, GA, started at 12:30PM. There were 15 present when President Paul Bernichon called the meeting to order and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Designee Betty Johnson gave the Blessing, which was followed by the meal and fellowship.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Jesse Griffin, and seconded by Tom Blenk, to waive reading of the April 17, 2018 minutes. There being no changes either by proxy or by those present, the motion passed.

New Business:

President Paul welcomed those present and wished the Mothers present a belated Mother's Day best wishes. Then, we continued with the below:

1. Secretary Lew Luliucci asked if any present wished to cast a vote regarding Donations. Then, he reported that all votes that had been received were for acceptance of the Chapter's Year 2018 Donation Plan.
2. A motion to accept the Secretary's Report was made by Mike McCabe and seconded by Ernie Godbee. All present agreeing, the motion passed enabling Treasurer Joe Sansotta to release gift checks per Plan.
3. Happy Birthday wishes were extended to: Joyce Brady [31st], Pat Donovan [29th], Ernie Godbee [1st], Tom Main [12th], Dorothy Minicozzi [15th], and Pat Sansotta [30th].



4. Anniversary wishes were extended to: Willie & Geraldine Collins [27th], and to Jesse & Gloria Griffin [29th].

In Memoriam

** Club member Bill Schwendler, Jr. passed away May 1, 2018 in Dunwoody, Georgia.

** Grummanite Betty Beck passed away April 27, 2018 in Sandersville, Georgia

** Grummanite Jane Smith Brown Ward passed away April 18, 2018 in Milledgeville, Georgia.

All are in our prayers and our condolences are extended to their families.

Betty Johnson won the 75/25 Fund raiser raffle and donated her winnings back to our Community Service Fund. *Thank You*, Betty.

Community Service:

An Educational financial gift is being made to the Mary Vinson Memorial Library on Memorial Day [May 28, 2018].

Program:

Speaker Bill Lanzilotta, from the Triumph Group, gave the Plant Overview that was rescheduled from our cancelled March meeting. Site President Phil Treadway was originally scheduled to speak to our Chapter, but Phil is on Vacation this week. The presentation was comprehensive and informative, and indicated a bright future for the next decade, minimum. *Thank You*, Phil, and Bill, for keeping our Chapter Members, many of whom participated in the first 43 years growing this business to World Class status, up to date, and enabling us to see job security for years to come.

A motion by Paul Bernichon, and seconded by Lew Iuliucci, to end the Business meeting carried. Adjournment was at 1:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 19, 2018, 12:30PM, at El Tequila Mexican Restaurant on Garrett Way, Milledgeville, Georgia 31061.

By: Lew M. Iuliucci- Sec'y.
[iuliucci@windstream.net; 478-452-1357]

Maryland / Glen Arm

The Chapter did not meet in May.

Next Meeting: June 19, at 6:30PM, at the Golden Corral, in Aberdeen, MD. (706 S. Philadelphia Road.)

New England North

No report of Chapter activity.

NEW YORK

Eastern Long Island Chapter

May 16, 2018

Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Dwyer led 13 attendees, including guests Rachel Robb (Lou Puccio's granddaughter & chauffeur) and Millie Roth from the "buffeteria," in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Bert Moller read a prayer for all members and for our troops in harm's way.

Prez. Bert then read an article of memorabilia about the F-14 from 2006.

Bert also explained a "snafu" with the post office affecting 2018 dues collection. Problems? Call Bert at 631-864-4377. He reported 77 dues payers for 2018 and asked the group about 2018 donations.

No report from "Dutch" Rotzinger. Any illnesses, deaths, etc: contact Bill Mytko [1-864-225-4927 or ermytko@yahoo.co].

June Birthdays: Thomas Conway, Timothy DeWitt, Marilyn Miller, Carole Pallisco, James Simms, and Joseph Tagliavia.

June Anniversaries: JoAnn & Ronald Christiansen, and Anna & Lou Puccio.

Any birthdays or anniversaries missed or listed incorrectly, contact Bob Albert [631-585-7987].
NO 6AM calls, please!



Bill Hamilton had three 50/50 winners drawn.

Next Meeting (last before summer break): June 20, at the Coram Diner (Route 112 & Route 25, Coram, NY). Lunch at Noon (\$15) with meeting to follow. All are invited!

NO Meetings in July and August.

Remember to fly your Flags on Independence Day!

By: Bob Albert, VP/Sec'y. [631-585-7987]

NORTH CAROLINA
Eastern Carolina Chapter

May 15, 2018

Our May meeting was held on May 15th, at McCarthy Court in New Bern with 11 members present. Tony & Carol Peralta were also planning on attending but had to cancel after Tony had a nasty fall recently resulting in the fracture of a femur in two places. Our prayers go out to Tony with our hopes he will heal fully and have a quick recovery.

Pete McNamee opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Then, we heard a thoughtful invocation by our Vice President, Tom Schroder. Lunch quickly followed the social hour, with a sumptuous meal of salmon, barbeque ribs, chicken, and vegetables. And that was followed by an unusual Italian cake, which we all raved about. Our thanks to the McCarthy Court chefs and support staff along with Rudi & Marlene Wiehl, who served as Program Directors for the meeting. I believe everyone will agree the lunch was exceptional.

The business meeting began with Pete announcing our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12th and will also be held at McCarthy Court, in New Bern. Traditionally, Chapter officers are elected during each June meeting. All positions are again available this year, so if you would like to nominate one or more candidates, please contact Pete

McNamee or Tom Schroder with the name(s) of your candidate(s).

Treasurer Bob Lamberson's April Treasurer's Report indicated the Treasury still has a healthy balance. He also stated a charitable donation in the amount of \$225 was made to the Disabled American Veterans. An acknowledgement was received from that organization in April.

Tom Schroder continued the meeting with a number of humorous stories and jokes from his endless supply. *Thank You, Tom.*

Next up was Bob Lamberson who held the 50/50 drawing. This month's winners were Barbara Betts and Nidda McNamee.

Birthdays: Nidda McNamee (5/10); Patricia Johnson (5/20); Dolores Brown (5/25).

Anniversaries: 5/7 - Dorothy & James Karika, 58 yrs; 5/9 - Arlene & Stanley Ramsden, 59 yrs; Katherine & Leo Torrens, 61 yrs; Janet & Michael Savastio, 9 yrs; Carol & Anthony Peralta, 63 yrs.

Pete asked for a motion to adjourn which was provided by Ron Betts and seconded by Bob Lamberson.

Next Meeting: June 12, at McCarthy Court, in New Bern.

The chapter does not meet during July and August.

By: Peter McNamee, President
[pmcnamee@suddenlink.net]

PENNSYLVANIA
Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter

May 17th, 2018 was a beautiful day here in Northeast Pennsylvania. Warm, sunny, a real nice day to be out and about and having a luncheon. The Group was there: Rademachers, Dowds, Sparkowskis, Judy Zupp and her son, Nick, and his wife.



Judy looked great and had a great time being back with the group. Nick and his wife had a good time and joined right in with the various conversations of the day. Judy will soon be moving to New Jersey, to a Senior Housing Complex near her son.

The Boathouse was excellent, and we had a very good lunch. In honor of Bob Zupp (the Ice Cream King), Fred Rademacher, Chuck Dowd, and Edward Sparkowski had ice cream, which was one of Bob's favorite desserts when we met. The only thing we did not have was a Black Russian, which was what Bob would always order at lunch. The rest of the day was light conversation. In fact, we did not leave the restaurant until two thirty, we were having such a good time.

May Birthdays: None

May Anniversaries: Jeffrey & Carol Lee

50X50 was won by Marianne Sparkowski (why am I not surprised)

Next Meeting: June 21, Noon, at Kays Restaurant, Route 191, Lake Ariel, Pennsylvania.

So, stay safe and we'll see you in June, at Kays. Our group is getting smaller. Maybe some of you who still live in the area can make a luncheon. We would very much like to see you.

By: Edward J. Sparkowski, Sec'y./Chaplain
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SOUTH CAROLINA
Coastal Carolinas Chapter

May 2, 2018

The May meeting of our Chapter was very informal. We had a lovely picnic at Ron and Lorraine Girardin's home in Myrtle Beach, S.C. The weather was perfect and we were able to sit outside and enjoy the nice warm sun (finally!) and the cool breeze coming off the water. The hot dogs and hamburgers were provided, and the members

brought covered dishes and desserts. We had everything from fried chicken, potato salad, cole slaw to home-made rice pudding. Everything was delicious and we all walked away stuffed. The members would like to thank Ron and Lorraine for opening their home to us and allowing us to enjoy this informal time together.

We were so happy to see Kathy & Marty Fleischer attending this meeting. They have been away from us for a long time due to illnesses. Welcome back and we hope to see you at some more meetings.

There were a few birthdays and anniversaries for the month of May: Nancy Webber (5/17), Robert Joyce (5/26), Barbara & Gary O'Loughlin (5/4), and Carol & Robert Joyce (5/25). We would like to wish Nancy and Robert a Happy Birthday, and Happy Anniversary to the O'Loughlin's and the Joyce's.

Since we are not holding meetings in June, July, and August we wish the following members a *Happy Birthday*: Faye Katzenberger (6/19), Kathy Fleischer (7/3), Marilyn Seidler (7/13), Geri Widmann (7/26), Kathleen Daum (8/17), and Judy Scott.

Also, we would like to wish the following a *Happy Anniversary*: Lorraine & Ronald Girardin (6/15); Kathy & Marty Fleischer (7/29;) and Barbara & Ed Raulsome (8/27).

Reminder: We still need some more people to sign up for the Christmas show at Alabama Theater on Tuesday, November 6th, at 2PM. The tickets are \$31 per person and two people could get free tickets (there will be a drawing for these free tickets). We only have ten signed up now, but we need twenty-two to get the two free tickets **and** get the discounted rate. Please let the secretary know if you are interested.

Next Meeting: September 5, 2018 at Noon, at Ryan's Family Steakhouse, 3607 Hwy 17S, North Myrtle Beach, SC. [843-272-1051]. Remember: We will have a guest speaker at this meeting. An estate attorney, Mrs. S. Denise Watts, from Shallotte, NC, will be speaking on estate planning.



Hope all have a pleasant Summer and safe traveling.
See everyone in September.

To Ron and Lorraine: *Thanks*, again, for your generous hospitality, and good luck on your move.

Happy Summer Everybody.

By: Barbara Raulsome, Sec'y.
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VIRGINIA
Central Virginia Chapter

May non-mtg report

Our May luncheon meeting had been scheduled for May 9, 2018 at the POMME Restaurant, in Gordonsville. However, the restaurant was closed. Hence, no meeting.

The four gang members who showed up proceeded down the street and had lunch at an old favorite, the Baraberville Exchange.

Beverly and I were on vacation in Colorado Springs, CO. from May 5th thru May 12th, visiting our middle son and his family, and our first Great Granddaughter who is-year-old on May 26, 2018.

Next Meeting

(Our last meeting of the season):

June 13, 2018 at the Blue Mountain Brewery, Critzer Shop Road, Afton, VA, 22920 [540-456-8020]. The restaurant is located on Route 151, 1.4 miles off Route 250.

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In Memoriam

We extend heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of these deceased members:

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Gluck, Angelista	Port Charlotte, FL	04/26/2018
Lossick, Michael	Bullhead City, AZ	12/26/2018
Miller, Marilyn	Commack, NY	03/13/2018
Nestor, Stephen	Bayside, NY	02/09/2018
Rothwell, Thomas	Satellite Beach, FL	04/03/2018
Schwendler, Jr., William	Dunwoody, GA	05/01/2018
Staiano, Frank	Plainview, NY	05/05/2018
Waters, Catherine	Farmingdale, NY	04/19/2018
Zupp, Robert	Hawley, PA	03/29/2018

We Remember . . .

Bill Schwendler, Jr., who, in 1966, began a 25+ year career with Grumman Corporation, a diversified aerospace company his father co-founded before World War II. In 1969, he was appointed director of the newly formed ecosystems department. In 1974, Bill was elected President of Grumman Ecosystems. Subsequently, he held the positions of Assistant to the Chairman of the Board of Grumman Corporation, Director of Paumanock Development Corporation, and Secretary of the Intercompany Advisory Committee. As Grumman's commercial product business expanded, Bill moved in 1978 to Georgia to become manager of Grumman's new Southeastern Regional Office. Among other Community service activities after his retirement, Bill was instrumental in developing the carrier deck exhibit at the Cradle of Aviation Museum on Long Island. That exhibit includes three restored Grumman Aircraft.

John Caruso, listed in last month's *In Memoriam*, was one of the members who was very influential in establishing the Grumman Memorial Park in Calverton and the placement of the F-14 on display at the Park. John was also Director of the Memorial Park.

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