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Robert W. Bradshaw **March 6, 1929 – February 11, 2019**

Following graduation from Stevens Institute of Technology in 1950, Bob served in the U. S. Army until the close of 1952. He joined Grumman in 1953, where he stayed for the next 40 years.

Bob served in Manufacturing Engineering until 1961, when he transitioned to administration as Assistant Personnel Director. He was promoted to Personnel Director in 1963, Deputy Director of Administration in 1965, Director of Administration the following year, and in 1970, Director of Corporate Services for Grumman Aerospace Corporation.

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ROBERT E. WATKINS **March 10, 2019**

Robert (Bob) Watkins began his career with Grumman in 1954, after he was discharged from the aviation branch of the United States Navy. He spent 12 years in the Field Service Department, prior to being named Chief of Support for the Grumman Lunar Module Program in 1965, which led to a nine-year assignment at the Kennedy Space Center. The following year, he joined the staff of George Skurla, Director of Grumman Operations at the Kennedy Space Center.

Bob was named Vice President and General Manager of the Grumman Corporation, Stuart Operations, in 1984. He had been with Grumman for 38 years, 17 of which were spent as executive assistant to George M. Skurla, during George's term as Chairman of the Board and President of the Grumman Aerospace Corporation.

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Edward J. Anderson **February 23, 1948 – March 15, 2019**

Eddie died unexpectedly in his sleep on March 15th, a shock to the family he loved and to everyone who ever knew him. Eddie gave 52 years of his life to making Grumman, and later, Northrop Grumman, work. Every executive, any person who wanted to stage an event or meeting, anyone who needed still photos or near-feature length movies or videos to promote the company or product went to Eddie. If a laptop didn't work at the beginning of a presentation, call Eddie. If a roll-out ceremony for a new aircraft was being planned, call Eddie and the ceremony would be perfection.

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Florida Lunar Landing Anniversary Celebration: see pages 16 & 17



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.

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.

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

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Donor Recognition

***Thank You* to everyone who has so generously contributed to the Club's Charitable Giving Program and to the Scholarship Program.**

Space limitations prevent donor recognition this month. We'll catch-up in the May issue.

Scholarship Application Deadline

***MEMBERS:* Remind eligible students in your family that Applications must be received by the Scholarship Program by May 1.**

Bethpage / Parent Chapter

March 27, 2019

Spring is here, the weather was perfect, and the merry LI crew came out in large numbers for the March meeting. After a fantastic lunch (Crest Hollow Country Club outdid themselves), the meeting began with Sergeant-at-Arms Nick Bazzicalupo leading the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was 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.

President Betty Bohlander welcomed everybody back after a one-month meeting gap. Everyone certainly returned with a good appetite!!

Betty introduced guest speaker Tim Denis, CEO and independent financial advisor for TM Consulting Group, Inc. Prior to starting his own company, Tim held executive positions in Fortune 500 companies such as MET Life, Mass Mutual, and Ameriprise Financial Advisors (formerly American Express). In his present practice, he advises seniors, executives, and business professionals. Tim came to us with his partner Michael Kogan, who - with Tim - has over 40 years of experience assisting seniors and retirees with the management of their investments and assets.

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Robert W. Bradshaw

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In 1973, Bob was transferred to Grumman Corporation, the parent company, as Assistant Secretary and Director of Personnel. In 1973, the Board of Directors of Grumman Corporation elected him Secretary, effective 1974. He also served as Secretary of Grumman Data Systems, Paumanock Insurance Company, and CallData Systems, Inc.

In 1983, he was elected a vice president of Grumman Corporation. He retired in December 1992 as Vice President, Human Resources & Administration, and Corporate Secretary.

Bob was active in many professional organizations: American Society of Tool and Manufacturing Engineers, the Human Resources Council of the Aerospace Industries Association, the Personnel Roundtable, and the American Society of Corporate Secretaries.

Throughout his career at Grumman and within his professional organizations, Bob was a consistent contributor. He was the epitome of a gentleman, he was pleasant, cordial to all, compassionate, and always fair in his dealings with others. He was the perfect fit for the positions he held. The Bradshaw family asked that Bob be remembered by acts of charity: when there is a need . . . look, help, give.

Robert E. Watkins

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Bob was also active in the community. He served as Vice President of Planning and Manpower for the Suffolk County Council of Boy Scouts and he served as a trustee of Dowling College. He was a Vice President and a member of the Executive Committee of the Martin County (Florida) YMCA; a charter member of the Economic Council of Martin County; and a board member of WXEL, Public Broadcasting, West Palm Beach, Florida.

He was intent on working with the Committee for the Apollo 11 50th Anniversary and enjoyed the planning. Sadly, he will not be with everyone that weekend except in spirit. He was a huge fan of the Grumman Corporation, Grumman employees and products, and proud of the company's accomplishments. He always wanted what was best for Grumman.

Edward J. Anderson

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As intelligent as Eddie was, so he was humble and principled. He could stand up to any executive who was way out of line but he did it with class – and he always right. He would make the same effort to help everyone, at all levels on the corporate totem pole. To Eddie all were equal. To work with Eddie on anything was to truly enjoy the work. Life was to be enjoyed; he made life around him a joy.

To the end of his career, his talents were known and used by people from coast to coast throughout the Northrop Grumman Corporation. He retired from the company and was brought back as a consultant to delve through the contents of the Grumman History Center and to prepare them for preservation. With his 52 years of knowledge of the company, and the fact that much of what Eddie had produced is in the History Center, who could have been better than Eddie for the task? All who knew Eddie are already missing him terribly.



Bethpage / Parent Chapter
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Tim started his discussion very uniquely: By offering a simple prayer for all the Grumman retirees who literally made LI what it is today. Very nice touch. Tim's addressed the biggest threats facing a senior's assets and what can be done to protect them, namely:

1. Set up a comprehensive Financial Plan, including identifying all assets and all debts, and compute net worth.
2. Choose experienced, knowledgeable, unbiased, and unemotional executors – not necessarily children or family.
3. Have a current Will, a Living Will, a Power of Attorney, etc.
4. Choose the correct financial advisor who works for *you*, not for a bank or financial institution.
5. Diversify investment choices after establishing near-term and long-term financial goals.
6. Update all asset titling and beneficiary selections (deceased beneficiaries will complicate estate settlements).
7. Establish a tax ID number and set up accounts for ease of estate settlement.
8. Be aware of scams by executor and/or caretaker. Watch out for Internet, mail and email scams.
9. Shred all financial paperwork when disposing.

Tim held a brief Q&A and provided informative answers. All retirees were offered a free one-hour consultation with Tim's company. Betty gave Tim and Michael a Thank You gift for their kindness.

To illustrate the scam threat, Betty read from a recent Newsday article that talked about a new scam operation. This starts with a phone call with a fake Police Caller ID. The caller then demands money or outstanding warrants for arrest will be processed against the person. To create awareness of this scam, public forums are being held across LI. Both County Executives have announced that Police will never call your home or business and ask for money. Always be aware that somebody wants your money

Business: Betty introduced Club VP Cathy Ferro. Cathy reported that the Club has acquired 25 new members (across all chapters) since the beginning of the year. Club member Chuck Gosline has posted an invitation to join the club on a Facebook page. We should all speak to our friends who are not members and encourage them to join, to breathe life back into this great organization.

Treasurer Reports:

Frank Rizzo provided the Club Treasurer's Report year to date.

Linda Perrotta gave a detailed Scholarship Fund Report and thanked all the members who have so generously donated every year to the Scholarship Fund. She reminded everyone that the deadline for Scholarship Applications to be received by the Scholarship Program is May 1. She also reminded the attendees of the Scholarship Award Luncheon, which will be held on June 26, at the Crest Hollow CC. The hope is to again give ten \$2500 awards to relatives of active Club members. Linda also noted that the quarterly raffle entry fee of \$5.00 is not tax deductible as a charitable donation.

Donations- Cathy announced that, last year, the Club made donations of close to \$7000 to deserving charitable organizations

CREST HOLLOW COUNTRY CLUB

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019

LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Member Name (PRINT) _____

Guest Names (PRINT) _____

No. of Members attending _____

No. of Guests attending _____

No. of Chicken _____

No. of Fish _____

Luncheon coupons should be mailed to

Attn: Retiree Club

Northrop Grumman Corporation

925 South Oyster Bay Road

Bethpage NY 11714

\$10 per member - \$20 per guest

PLEASE RESPOND BY APRIL 17, 2019



Betty gave details of the upcoming *Apollo at 50* celebrations at the Cradle of Aviation:

June 6, 2019 at 6PM – Anniversary Dinner

- Elegant dinner and program
- All astronauts invited for Apollo Astronaut Tribute
- Space Memorabilia Auction

July 20, 2019 9:30AM-5PM- Moon Fest

- Fun, family friendly festival
- Oculus VR experiences
- Shuttle Astronaut experiences
- Model Rocket launches
- Countdown to celebrate the Lunar Landing:
A model of the LM will be lowered at exact time of Eagle touchdown
- New Apollo 11 IMAX movie

July 20, 2019, 7PM-11PM – Countdown Celebration

1. Champagne dinner
2. 60's music and dancing
3. Photo op in a re-created 60's living room
4. Shuttle Astronaut experiences
5. Countdown to the exact time of "One small step..." to celebrate first moonwalk by Neil Armstrong.

Also, the Club is trying to plan a "Grummanites only" event at the Cradle, possibly on July 19th. We will make the appropriate announcement if-and-when the event is finalized.

Birthdays: Charlotte Scaturro, 82yrs. on 03/18; Pat Sullivan, ?? yrs. on 03/21; Jim Oakes, 75yrs. on 02/20; Harry Daum, 86 yrs. on 03/29; Bernie Kurz, 82 yrs. on 02/21; Robert Blauvelt, 99yrs. on 03/04; and—ta da: Elsie Barone: 100 yrs!

Congratulations.

Anniversaries: George & Carol Capa (57 years) and Carol & Joe Glasser (41 years).

Congratulations.

Travel –Nick Bazzicalupo:

The Staaten "Mazel Tov" - October 15, 2019: A Mazel Tov theme show with a comedian, one hour Open Bar, full luncheon, & dancing. \$99 pp. (and, you may include all your friends).

NOTE: For Nick's trips, **DO NOT** call the Retiree Club Office. Call Rendezvous Travel at 516-867-8747.

Naturally, Nick provided his always-popular Joke of the Month.

Prize Winners:

Community Relations 50/50: Jane Klinger, Peter Fales, Harry Daum, and Gordon Bell

Door Prizes: Ernie Finamore, Tim Denis, Poppy Caloritis, and Charlotte Scaturro .

Scholarship 50/50: Lorraine Kenney and Lou Kubat

Quarterly Scholarship Raffle: Richard Fox

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

By: Lou Kubat, Sec'y.

Meeting Schedule:

- April 24;** May 22,
- June 26 - Scholarship Luncheon
- July & August – No Meeting
- September 4 - Picnic
- September 25; October 23;
- November – No Meeting
- December 18 – Holiday Luncheon

CREST HOLLOW COUNTRY CLUB
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019
LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Member Name (PRINT) _____

Guest Names (PRINT) _____

No. of Members attending _____

No. of Guests attending _____

No. of Chicken _____

No. of Fish _____

Luncheon coupons should be mailed to
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CALIFORNIA / Golden West

Our March 12 meeting at the Eagles Lodge in Oxnard, CA was attended by 12 members.

The pledge of allegiance by John Urgo and a prayer given by Fred Syrett got the meeting started.

Club dues have been collected and sent to New York.

The 50/50 was won by Dick Bartick.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 9.

By: Fred Syrett, President

CALIFORNIA / San Diego

Chapter did not meet in March.

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

FLORIDA / First Coast

March 19, 2019

Fred opened the meeting with the Pledge and an Invocation. After the meal, Fred made several announcements:

** Pete Foster is recovering at home from stomach surgery.

** Art Goehler is rehabilitating at home after surgery on a double tear in his shoulder.

** Our May 21 picnic will take place at Treaty Park as usual. The Pavilion and the Barbecue have been repaired.

The March issue of Aviation Week magazine noted that the last squadron (VMAQ-2) flying the EA-6B has been deactivated. This marks the final retirement of the electronic-attack aircraft after 42 years of service. **Well Done, Prowler!

There was a discussion about having one's credit card hacked at gas pumps. One of our members has been hacked twice at the BP station on US-1, South of the Walmart in St Augustine. I posted a short video on how to detect gas pump "skimmers," as they are referred to. Go to "**St Augustine Retirees**" on Facebook.

Treasurer Bob Has sent the final 2019 roster of 90 members to headquarters, in NY.

March Birthdays: Werner Langhauser, Ralph Davies, Chuck Osborne, Art Maguire, Bob Mehl, Jim McDonald, Ruth Goehler, Gerri Newman, Eileen Cacace, Allen McCaffery, Tony Miller, Kay Heagy, Shirley Jennings, Joe (Waxy) Decrescenzo, Ann Walsh, Nancy & Gerard Bernie, Rena Oakley, Eileen Shaughnessy, Robert Wolsky, and Maureen Karpinski

Anniversaries: Gwen & John Saar, Jennifer & Pete Foster, Ann & John Walsh, and Alice & Tom Downs . . .

And a special shout-out for Fred & Marge Bauer and for Paul & Kay Heagy, who are celebrating 62-year anniversaries!!

There were four 50/50 prizes winners.

Next Meeting: April 16, at Ichiban buffet.

Future luncheons: May 21 (picnic) and June 18.

Happy Spring!

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

FLORIDA / Manasota West

Chapter did not report March activity.

Contact: John Zinna, Sec'y/Treasurer
[ezjohn1028@gmail.com]



FLORIDA / SouthWest

Our numbers dwindled to 11 at our March meeting, but we had an enjoyable time. In attendance were three guests: Tony & Clem Moors' friend, Carol Nonnenmacher, as well as Tony & Celeste Perre's daughter Pat Bradley and Pat's husband, John . . . all from Long Island.

After our salute to the flag, a prayer, lunch, and reading of the February minutes. we had our Treasurer's Report.

Regarding old news, not only did we get a call about the Grumman Store article, but also a call regarding the U-tube videos mentioned in last month's minutes. It's heartening to know that people are reading the Newsletter and are interested in what is going on in other clubs.

Tony Perre mentioned that long time member Dick Fritz called from Marietta, GA, to report he is doing well.

Our meeting time was spent reminiscing about various past incidences in our Grumman lives. We spoke about the fun times at the Calverton picnics with goodies being thrown in the car windows for us "kids" (now 75 years young) as we drove into the picnic grounds. Celeste Perre got Tony his job at Grumman by filling out applications for him as he was away from home traveling too much with Fairchild. When Tony was being promoted, he had his daughter Pat come in to apply and she filled his old job.

Clem recalled an incident where an employee at Plant 25 was "moonlighting" during his working hours as a college professor. He was not happy to be fired nor did he understand why he could not receive severance pay! Great stories and we hope to hear more at our meeting in April. We will then break for the Summer.

John Vecchione brought in the following historical books to share. All of these books were published by "Arcadia":

- *Images of Aviation: Airplane Manufacturing in Farmingdale;*

- *Long Island Aircraft Manufacturers;*
- *Images of America: Building Moonships, The Grumman Lunar Module;*
- *Bethpage;*
- *Long Island Aircraft Crashes 1909-1959;*
- *Long Island Airports.*

Meeting schedule for the year:
February, March, April, October and November on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. All meetings at the Golden Corral, Route 41 Punta Gorda.

See you at 11:30AM, on April 9th. Lunch is \$12.

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

FLORIDA / Space Coast

March 20, 2019

Traditional Meeting Day Sunshine greeted our band of retirees as we made our way to the pre-lunch social hour at the Suntree Country Club, but things took a bit of a downward turn just as the programmed part of our meeting started at Noon. Our attempt to speed up the dispensing of the buffet luncheon by setting up separate lines for salads and main course items backed up the food service due to the country club's errors in set up. It will be corrected in April. The other "hiccup" was the complete failure of the PA system. Fortunately, our speakers were all trained in the Parris Island (USMC) school of verbal communication and all the important information was transmitted to all hands.

Following our Pledge and prayer, President Ayers introduced guest speaker Susan Boorse, Director of the Central Brevard Nature Program. Before briefings on specific activities, Susan described her job as being primarily "open ended" and that she had been told what results were expected and not how to achieve those results! She therefore has a very free hand to develop and implement new programs to educate and/or entertain the people of Brevard County or, as she expressed it "Can I plan a program for you"?



Susan showed slides she of the interactive displays in her facility, items which the viewers are free to touch with special exceptions for the snakes. She had interesting words for her two adoptive owls, which live with her and go to work with her every day - Dora, a "non-releasable" Eastern Screech Owl, and Boots, a Great Horned Owl, "with an attitude problem."

Susan then took us through some of the county's outdoor park facilities where they conduct free field trips for both adults and school children, including a ¼-mile elevated walkway thru the marsh and brush where they can view the wild life in their natural habitat. Particularly interesting was the guided tours of the inland waterways via powered two-man "U" drive cat boats, with speakers.

This week Susan is conducting tours of the exotic gardening at the FIT Campus, and she is starting the planning of the Fall activities — "Owl-O-Ween," Hay Rides, campfires, and cookouts. How refreshing to be asked "Tell me what you want and we'll plan a program for you"!

Thank You, Susan—we'll try to get back to you!

Scholarship: **Jim Glover** brought us up to date on the trials and tribulations of how to learn about the new computerized evaluating system for selecting the recipients of our college awards. Maybe we should make the award to Jim for his patience.

Communications: **Don Powell** reported on receiving a letter from Frank Finkelstein who suffered a multiple fracture of his leg while on a scenic mountain top in Santos, Brazil. Frank's recounting of the numerous forms of transportation involved in getting him down the mountain to the tender boat to Rio de Janeiro, to Atlanta, and to Melbourne and Holmes Regional Hospital has the making of a TV series - - - the follow-on could cover the subsequent three hours of surgery. We might get to see Frank by the June meeting.

Frank's closing words, re-iterated by our travel maven, were (1) Always buy travel insurance for all non-refundable travel sites and (2) Travel with friends, especially when going out of the country.

Travel: **Frank Van Langen** expanded on and endorsed Frank Finkelstein's caution on Travel insurance and what Medicare doesn't cover, including trip cancellation . . . and, don't go alone to foreign countries. He then reported on the results of his poll to determine the tour interests of our club members - Bok Tower being the favorite. Frank also touched on Tarpon Springs and some Group Cruises as getting some interest. Closer to home, he mentioned the 35th Annual Melbourne Art Festival as being worthy of attendance.

Sunshine - Chet Emery (321-254-2562): Chet forwarded a Get-Well card to Frank Finkelstein. A sympathy card was sent to the family of Bob Watkins on his passing.

Treasurers Report: **Bill Waldron** gave account balances for both our regular account and the scholarship fund, both of which are in good condition.

Old Business: **President Ayers** noted the she already had spoken to the Country Club management about the single line setup for the two food lines. The problem will be corrected for April's meeting. She reminded all attendees that their comments regarding the proposed new serving system, pro or con, are due by next month's meeting—see the pads on the speakers table.

Coming Programs:

- April 17: Susan Hann, the person in charge of the distribution of the 1/2 cent sales tax put in place to support our schools
- May 15: - Bob Klein, Northrop Grumman VP in charge of the Melbourne facility
- June 19: Bill Waldron, retired NGC Apollo Space Craft Readiness - 50th Anniversary of Apollo 11, First Lunar Landing
- September 18: One Senior Place

Addendum:

Club members were saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Bob Watkins, former Grumman Vice President and staunch right hand of George Skurla in the wild days leading up to the national triumph of the lunar landing, Apollo 11. It was later, as an officer of the Treasure Coast, Florida



Chapter, that Bob played a key role in cementing the relationship between that Chapter and our Chapter: joint picnics, lunch with the Gremlins, interface with FIT, and a LEM bi-club re-union meeting that set a record for attendance. Right to the end Bob, was very actively involved in organizing the official 50th anniversary celebration of the first landing on the moon.

*Thanks for everything, good friend.
Hope to see you at the Big Reunion.*

50/50 Drawing: There were five 50/50s. Our St. Patrick's Gift Basket was won by Camille Steenson.

Employee Birthdays March: James Lawler, Robert Filipi, James Williams, Ron Sidorski, Harriis Graber

Spouse Birthdays March: Elizabeth SanFilippo, Pat Belmont, and Diane Bennett

Anniversaries March: James & Carol Lawler, and Joe & Pat Mullings,

Congratulations to all!

Next Meeting - April 17, 2019

Meeting Schedule for 2019
5/15, 6/19,
NO MEETINGS..... JULY & AUGUST
9/18, 10/16, 11/20, 12/18

FLORIDA / Treasure Coast

Our monthly luncheon was held on March 21 at Maneros, as usual. After the pledge, Chaplain Larry Regier announced the passing of three members: Bob Watkins, Fred Savio, and Frank Schaeffer.

Following a eulogy for Fred, it was also announced that Joan Savio. Fred's wife, was gravely ill. Larry said a prayer, and later prayers were asked for Joan.

Instead of a speaker, the time was spent on a eulogy for Bob Watkins. Bob not only was the Vice President of the Stuart Plant, but had been President of our Chapter for many years. Dan Knowles led off the remembrance of Bob by talking of his friendship with Bob for over 50 years. He then talked about Bob as a family man and his devotion to his wife, Mary Ann, and daughter Diane, who were present for our luncheon.

Dan spoke of Bob as a totally dedicated Grummanite, whose arteries were red blood but his veins were Grumman Blue. Bob, who worked for George Skurla for most of his career, was probably George's closest associate. Dan concluded by discussing Bob and his spirituality.

Pete Meier then spoke about his relationship with Bob at the Cape during the Apollo days. He also worked with Bob at the start of the YMCA. Bob had been working, up to his passing, on the Celebration, at the Cape, of the 50th Anniversary of the LM landing on the moon. Pete will try and fill in for Bob on this event.

Ken Tolve talked about coming to Stuart and discovering how both of them had been involved with the Boy Scouts for many years. Finally, Claude Rathgeber had several comments about Bob, who was Claude's boss at Stuart, He knew Bob as a gentleman and a fair boss and Grummanite.

The luncheon ended with the Chapter members missing a favorite Grummanite.

The Chapter made a donation to the YMCA in honor of Bob and with the hope that individual members would make a contribution to the YMCA instead of sending flowers.

By: Dan Knowles, President



GEORGIA / Peach Pit

The March 19 meeting at El Tequila Mexican Restaurant, in Milledgeville, GA started at 12:30PM. There were 16 present when President Guil Mauldin called the meeting to order and asked Sergeant-at-Arms Designee Wendell Barr to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Betty Johnson gave the Blessing.

We proceeded to the meal, fellowship, and the meeting:

Old Business:

V.P. Paul Bernichon made a motion to waive reading of the February 19, 2019 minutes. The motion was seconded by Bill Lanzilotta. There being no changes by proxy or by those present, the motion passed.

New Business:

1. Happy Birthdays to: Tom Blenk [25th], Geraldine Collins [20th], Gene Donovan [7th], Barbara Mauldin [5th], and Joe Sansotta [26th]. (There were no March Wedding Anniversaries to Report.)
2. Treasurer Joe Sansotta gave a financial status and reported there are forty-eight year 2019 Chapter Members. [Note: Five are out of State; three are in Georgia, but outside a fifty-mile radius; and forty are locals inside a fifteen-mile radius. Today, 40% of locals turned out for the meeting; 50% last month; and 35% this past January]. Also, the four who did not renew have the Club's/Chapter's best wishes.

V.P. Paul Bernichon won the 75/25 Community Service Fund raiser raffle and donated his winnings back to the Community Service Fund. Thank you, Paul.

In Memoriam

Grummanite Brady Green passed away on March 16, 2019 in Eatonton, Georgia. He is in our prayers and our condolences are extended to his Family.

Community Service:

Volunteerism continues as members, and spouses, aide various causes including Pints of Blood/Platelets

Today's Program:

Fellowship discussion.

A motion by Frank Campbell and seconded by Florella Crouch to end the Business meeting carried and adjournment was at 1:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 16, 2019, 12:30PM, at El Tequila Mexican Restaurant on Garrett Way in Milledgeville, Georgia 31061. The Program: TBD.

By: Lew Iuliucci, Sec'y.

[iuliucci@windstream.net; 478-452-1357]

Maryland / Glen Arm

Our Chapter's first-quarter meeting for 2019 was held on the 19th of March, starting at 6:3PM, at the Golden Corral, White Marsh, MD.

We had good attendance this meeting

Topics covered were: Treasury Report; 2019 Membership and dues; Club attendance; Meeting schedule/location; the 25th-year anniversary of the closing of Plant 56; the book: "The Last Chapter," and the passing of a fellow Grummanite.

Treasury Report:

Al Showalter, Treasurer gave an overview of the Chapter's account standing. With the 2019 membership dues applied, the Glen Arm Chapter bank account remains stable.

Membership:

As of meeting night, we have 34 paid up members. Al said he sent out membership renewal forms in January to all members not paid up for 2019. Anyone who has not paid up: Please do so ASAP. (If a current member knows of a Grummanite who is not a member but would like to join, please let Al know their contact information.)

We encourage current members to invite Grummanites who aren't members to stop in at one of our meetings/socials. They do not have to be a member to sit in and socialize. Anyone



with questions regarding membership (joining or renewals) can contact Al Showalter [afshow@verizon.net or 410-272-6397].

Meeting Schedule and Attendance:

In an effort to maintain a relatively high level of attendance, we've tried to select locations that are convenient to members. We've been holding meeting in Aberdeen and White Marsh Golden Corral restaurants. During the December Quarterly meeting, it was proposed that we consider expanding the venues / restaurants where we hold our meetings. In follow-up discussions at this meeting, we decided to hold the next meeting at the Double "T" Diner, in Perry Hall, MD, on June 18th, at 6:30pm.

Closing of Plant 56: 25th-Year Anniversary

We discussed plans to hold a reunion social to commemorate the 25th-year anniversary of the closing of Plant 56, in Glen Arm, MD. The plan is to have the event the last Saturday of September (on the 28th) or the first Saturday of October (the 5th), Inviting not only Club members, but anyone we can contact who worked at Plant 56. The tasks to contact employees and to find a viable location (indoor or out) for the event have been assigned. We will follow up at our next meeting.

Book:

Secretary Joe Svach presented a copy of the book, "The Last Chapter," written by Jake Bussolini, who had an Executive role at Grumman. The book is an inside story of the 1994 acquisition of Grumman. Joe said he received the book only a few days ago and has only read the first few chapters, but it presents some interesting facts. He ordered the book from the website referenced in last month's newsletter.

***The Loss of a Friend and Co-member:
We took a moment to remember
Ed Stricklin.***

We were sorry to hear of his passing. Ed was well liked by all who worked with him during their time at Plant 56. He was an all-around talented guy. Although Ed hadn't attended meetings over the past few years, he was often asked about. He has been a member and supporter of our group for a number of

years. Ed passed away in May of 2018. Our belated condolences go out to Ed's family.

As always, we enjoyed the buffet at the Golden Corral, and we all had our last-minute dessert(s) and coffee before adjourning,

April, May and June Birthdays:
Jerry Lambert - April 16th; Dan Rutherford - June 16th; Cas Swinde - May 29th; and Mike Taylor - June 9th.

Happy Birthday, Guys!

If anyone was omitted, Happy BD to you too. (Please help us update BD's on our roster, Thanks.)

Remember: Our Next Quarterly Meeting is Scheduled for Tuesday June 18, 6:30PM, at the Double "T" Diner in Perry Hall, MD. Located at 9010 BelAir Road, near the corner of Joppa and Belair Roads.

Questions? Suggestions? Please contact President Rick Swinder [410-977-7829; rickswinder@gmail.com]

***Our Chapter wishes all Grummanites a
Happy Spring!***

By: Joe Svach, Sec'y.

New England North

No report of Chapter activity.

**NEW YORK
Eastern Long Island Chapter**

Our March 20th meeting at the Coram Diner was attended by 11 members. In the absence of President Bert Moller and VP Bob Albert, Treasurer Bill Dwyer called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was given in honor of departed members.



Bill gave an update on the Chapter's finances.

Dutch Rotzinger reported the passing of:

- Richard C. Kosse (2/15)**
- Stanley Frank Miller (3/7)**
- Robert A. Carlstrom (1/22)**

Our condolences to family and friends of all the dearly departed.

Bill Mytko, our community relations guru, is recovering at home after a serious operation - Get Well Quick, Bill!

To report any illnesses or passings, contact Bill Mytko [1-864-225-4927; ermytko@yahoo.com]

April Birthdays: Donald Buniski (4/3); Gerald DiPierro (4/22); Treasurer/Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Dwyer – (4/13); Bill Mytko (4/13); John Kucin (4/10) – *Congrats to all!*

One anniversary to report – Rose & Bob Smith celebrated 50 years on February 8th!

Any errors or omissions of birthdays or anniversaries: Contact Bob Albert [631-585-7987] – Please do NOT call before Noon!

Millie Roth was the lone 50/50 winner.

Next Meeting: April 17, Noon, at the Coram Diner (Routes 112 & 25 in Coram, NY). Lunch is \$15, with meeting to follow!

Happy Easter!

By: Bob Albert, VP/Sec'y. [631-585-7987] – with a big help from Bill Dwyer! *Thanx. Bill!*

NORTH CAROLINA
Eastern Carolina Chapter

Our March 13th meeting, the first this year, was held at the "Golden Corral" in Jacksonville, NC. Due to illness and other circumstances, only nine members attended. President Pete Mc Namee led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation.

We then enjoyed a delicious lunch. With so many items to choose from, it was hard to make a choice, but it was enjoyable.

Pete turned the floor over to Treasurer Bob Lamberson. Bob completed collection of 2019 Dues and we presently have 37 paid members for 2019, a slight decrease from 2018. He also related that Evelyn Erath, besides paying her dues, made a \$25 donation to the Club and similarly Ada Peoples added \$5 to her dues payment. We thank both of you for your generosity!

The Chapter made a donation of \$50 to Lower Cape Fear Hospice in memory of Tony Peralta, a longtime member of the Club who passed in February. A \$200 donation was made to the Disabled American Veterans as an annual charitable donation.

Though our treasury is still in good shape, Bob wanted members to understand that of the annual \$15 dues collected from each member, \$13 is sent to Bethpage to cover the monthly newsletter and other budgetary items and \$2 is kept for the chapter. Bob also noted that due to Hurricane Florence, our New Bern members were hit pretty hard by the storm and he has been unable to contact some of our them who relocated due to flooding. This is part of the reason why attendance was so low this month.

Bob then called the 50/50: the winners were Allen Brown and Joan Willemsen.

Pete held a discussion regarding locations of future meetings. It was noted that of those who regularly attend the monthly meetings, many are from the Hampstead area and their presence usually exceeds the number of members traveling from the New Bern vicinity. Based on this, we decided to hold a majority of our Monthly Meetings in Jacksonville in the future since it is equidistant for members traveling from both New Bern and Hampstead. Therefore, our Tuesday, April 9th meeting will be held at "Logan's" in Jacksonville with Jim Karika as Program Director.

January Birthdays: 1/3 - Robert Glowacki & Michael Savastio; 1/6 - Joan Willemsen; 1/12 Vynne Wendel & Marlene Wiehl; 1/14 - Bernadette Bird; 1/31 -Evelyn Erath.



January Anniversaries: 1/1 - Diane & Irv Peterson (30 yrs); 1/2 - Kathy & Bernie Kuntz (59 yrs).

February Birthdays: 2/10 - Tom Schroder; 2/29 - Mary Olstad

February Anniversary: 2/26 - Barbara & Ron Betts (67 yrs).

March Birthdays: 3/3 - Kathy Kuntz; 3/7 - Al Brown; 3/8 - Katherine Torrens; 3/10 - Janet Savastio & Pete Mc Namee; 3/19 - Rudi Wiehl

No March anniversaries.

Next Meeting: April 19, at Logan's, in Jacksonville.

By: Dottie Karika, Sec'y. [dotjimk60@gmail.com]

PENNSYLVANIA
Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter

We met at the Erie Hotel & Restaurant, in Port Jervis, on March 2. This last meeting of the Lunch Bunch for this season was a very entertaining day. It was raining, but it was a nice respite from all the snow. We were surprised to have a visit from Richard Saint Dennis. (Barbara could not make it). It was so nice to hear Rich tell some of his stories. Overall, it was most enjoyable with a lot of laughter and everyone getting a dig in about something that was said. In other words, a great day.

Secretary Sparkowski found out that our President had some minor surgery during the month and was all healed.

We discussed the start-up of our Chapter in April for our Spring, Summer and Fall meetings. The schedule will be printed in the next issue of this letter. Our April meeting will be held on April 18 (see below for details). We are looking forward to the GAC start up, with the hope that a few more of the members who are still close can come to a meeting or two.

As far as the Lunch Bunch is concerned, the cannoli twins were at it again. This time they ordered the

Pecan Turtle Cheesecake. Alberta Rademacher did the honors, splitting it in half, and did a good job. The only thing they could not find was the Turtle in the Cheesecake. They found the pecans and the cheesecake, but the turtle was missing. *Oh, Well!*

You might be asking: Why do they split a dessert? Well, with what we have for the lunch, and the desserts being sooo large, some of us need to split whatever we order in order to have dessert, at all. (That's why I usually have ice cream, which I always have room for.)

March Birthdays - Peter Conigilo, Cheryl Hirsch, John Janis, John O'Malley, Fred Rademacher, and Edward Sparkowski.

March Anniversary- John & Mary O'Malley.

So, thanks to Rich for showing up, and we will see you-all at Kays, in April.

Next Meeting: April 18, Noon, at Kays Restaurant, Route 191, Lake Ariel, PA.

By: Edward J. Sparkowski, Sec'y/Chaplain [570-698-7182; firefly417@verizon.net]

SOUTH CAROLINA
Coastal Carolinas Chapter

March 6, 2019

Our meeting was held at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Myrtle Beach. There were several people missing due to illness or medical appointments, but we still had 13 members in attendance. It was nice to see James & Dorothy Hofer at the meeting. We don't get to see them often enough. It was an enjoyable luncheon, as usual.

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Raulsome. Sergeant-at-Arms Nancy Webber led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

March birthdays were announced: Linda Bookman (3/1), Carol Joyce (3/6), Angela Hodgman (3/23), and Marty Fleischer (3/29).



The Secretary's minutes were accepted as sent and the Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Frank Daum and Nancy Webber were the lucky winners of the 50/50 drawing.

We have good news to report: We received a confirmation on the restaurant for our Christmas party. We will celebrate at the Sea Captain's House, in Myrtle Beach. *Thanks* to Kathy Fleischer for her help.

We are still trying to get information on Sam Snead's Oak Grill & Tavern as to whether they will be serving lunch this year. We will make another call to them in April.

Our President is trying to get information on the Lunar Landing Anniversary Celebration in Florida, in July 2019. Hopefully, he will have info by the next meeting.

Next Meeting: April 3, 2019, Noon, at the Sunny Side Up Diner, 10068 Beach Drive, Calabash, NC. [910-579-5101].

Our May meeting will at Brunswick Plantation's Champion Grill, Calabash, NC.

No meetings in June, July, or August.

Hope everyone is staying well and not suffering too much with allergies.

See you in April.

By: Barbara Raulsome, Sec'y.
[910-579-3049; tomcat14d@verizon.net]

VIRGINIA
Central Virginia Chapter

This week turned out to be a Prelude to Spring, warm & mild, with broken clouds, partially Sunny, and approaching 65 degrees. You could not ask for a nicer day in the middle of March.

We met on March 13, 2019 at Edelwiess German restaurant, with a happy group of seven people. This restaurant serves your selected entree with bowls of German (all you can eat) dishes to go with. Our luncheon was enjoyed by Fred & Karen Meiners, Frank Edwards, Dot Marsh, MaryAnne Mueller, Bev & Frank Purstell. As usual, several of us brown bagged it home.

Following our meal, we had a general meeting.

Our Treasurer reported all dues are paid and we remain solvent.

Fred is having an ongoing problem with left arm/hand and will need additional surgery.

Next Meeting: April 10, Wednesday at 12:30PM, at Crab Louies Seafood Tavern [804-378-4977] 1352 Sycamore Square, Midlothian VA 23113

Directions: From the West, take Route 64 to Route 288 South of Richmond. Exit Midlothian Turnpike (Route 60) East. After about 4 or 5 traffic lights, start looking for yellow building in shopping center on left. Turn left immediately at traffic light. Yellow building on left is Crab Louies.

We look forward to seeing Harold Case and Ed Samson (who we haven't seen this season) and Anne Dannenhoffer, our Midlothian member.

If you are in the area, please come and join use. All are welcome!

SEE y'all there!

PLEASE notify Frank Purstell [434-280-1303 or fcpurs@gmail.com] by Monday, one day prior to meeting if you will or if you will not be attending. Thanks.

Meeting places for the remaining two months:
May 8, Fork Union Restaurant
June 12, Blue Ridge Café

All remaining meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, at 12:30PM.



In Memoriam

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the families and friends of these deceased members:

Budney, Edward	New Port Richie, FL	02/16/2019
Hoene, Raymond	Tunkhannock, PA	03/14/2019
King, James J.	West Babylon, NY	02/14/2019
Kosse, Richard C.	Indian Land, SC	02/15/2019
Latchford, Raymond	Manhattan Beach, CA	02/09/2019
Leoniak, John	Austin, TX	02/23/2019
Miller, Stanley	Rocky Pt., NY and Stockton Springs, ME	03/07/2019
Salvi, Armando J. (Armand)	San Diego, CA	01/18/2019
Savio, Ferdinando (Fred)	Stuart, FL	03/09/2019
Tsark, Paul	Melbourne, FL	02/26/2019
Zajic, Jerome (Jerry)	Melbourne, FL	11/13/2018

When reporting a death, provide the person's Name, Date of death, & the City/State of residence prior to death. Notices of member deaths should be e-mailed to grumrc@gmail.com, with "Death Notice" as the subject.



Grumman LM Team 50th Year Reunion July 19th and 20th, 2019

All Events require Coded Badges.

Registration Process and Employee Poster signing starts at Table #1. Hats and Shirts at Table #2. The optional 50/50 purchase will be at Table #3.

The Welcome Package will contain your badges and will be labeled with your hat and shirt information. **Please do not gather around the tables when you are finished.**

Friday, July 19: BBQ at the Warbird Museum at Titusville's Airport

Noon until 4PM. Cost: \$25 per person (\$10 admission; \$15 for lunch)

Registration starts at 11:30AM

If you are not badged for this event, you will be denied entry.

First opportunity to receive your Welcome Package, Hats, Shirts, and Badges. Buy optional 50/50 tickets: You could win half the pot; the other half will be donated. [BBQ Chicken, Beef & Pork, 3 sides. Buffet Style. Drinks. Cash Bar]

Friday July 19, at Radisson Resort Hotel in Cape Canaveral

5PM to 10PM. \$40 pp. Your last opportunity to receive your Welcome Package, Hats, Shirts, and Badges. **You must have your badges before entering.** Buy optional 50/50 tickets: You could win half the pot; the other half will be donated. [Heavy Hors-oeuvres. Buffet Style. Drinks: Cash Bar]

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Saturday July 20, at the Saturn 5 Facility on KSC



Grumman LM Team 50th Year Reunion July 19th and 20th, 2019

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Guest Name: _____ Guest Name: _____

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7/19 Hotel \$40pp # Attending: _____	\$	# Attending _____	\$
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