

Newsletter

VOL. XXVIII NUMBER 2

FALL 2019

In This Issue!

Board Notes		News from Corporate	
President's Column	1	AFCU Updates	7
ARC Board Highlights	3		
From the Editor	3	In Every Issue	
2019 Holiday Luncheon		ARC Board of Directors	2
Announcement	9	Local Tours	8
Reservation Form	10	Recent Retirees	11
Map & Directions	back	Membership Application Form	12
2019 Spring Luncheon		Membership Report	5
Report	8	Treasurer's Report	5
Photos	8	In Memoriam	13
Member Articles		Newsletter Deadline	back
Of Elections and Volunteers	6	How to Contact Us	back
Trailing Dorian	12		

President's Column

Ken Holden



I'm very pleased to share with all of you the Fall 2019 edition of our Aerospace Retirees' Club (ARC) Newsletter. As noted later in this newsletter, our Holiday Luncheon is set for 3 December (Tuesday) at the Proud Bird Restaurant. Once again, we expect Steve Isakowitz, the President and CEO of Aerospace, to join us and offer his insights on the current status of the corporation. If Steve keeps with past tradition, he will take the time to go around the room to each table to say hello to everyone at the luncheon. I hope to see you at this year's Holiday Luncheon.

Please read Barb Hainey's article later in this newsletter related to why we have elections when having only one candidate for each position and also about volunteer opportunities in ARC.

On occasion, as the president of your club, I envision that I should be the poster boy for retirement. Unfortunately, several of my fellow retirees have suggested that I have been an utter failure at retirement. Let me offer some comments in my defense.

When I retired in March 2011, it was possible to retire on a certain day and then come back the very next day as a Casual Retiree. At the time, we were in the midst of a launch campaign. Since I had been on-console for all of the Integrated Crew Exercises up to that time, it seemed reasonable that I was expected to maintain my role throughout the campaign, including launch and post-flight reviews. In retrospect, I may have started retirement on the wrong foot.

(continued on page 2)

President's Column (continued from page 1)

Then, during a launch in October 2012, an upper stage engine underperformed. Fortunately, the onboard guidance system compensated for the underperformance and the mission was deemed a success. However, because the engine was common to both Atlas V and Delta IV, an Accident Investigation Board (AIB) was convened to ensure full understanding of the engine anomaly. I was asked to be a part of the AIB for the estimated two to three months that it was expected to exist. The AIB was finally closed 19 months later, after extensive investigations. While the engine anomaly was fully understood, the "why?" it had occurred was never learned.

In an earlier newsletter, I shared my experiences as an escort for construction workers in A5 (Aerospace's most secure facility). My escort work began about two-and-a-half years ago, when it appeared that there was a desperate need for people with the necessary clearances to act as escorts. I could never have imagined the level of renovations currently underway in A5, and the ongoing need for qualified escorts. On any given day, there may be more than 20 construction workers, and up to 8 escorts to support the workers' efforts.

One current renovation project involves the northeast corner of the third floor of A5. Some of you know that for many years, that area was the home to senior level management. The area was completely gutted, and is being rebuilt as the Space Analysis and Collaboration Center. It has been amazing to watch the transformation of this space to support Aerospace's ability to meet our customers' needs in National Security Space.

While I hope to do better at "retirement" in the future, I am thankful to still be connected with Aerospace, and to be able to share some of what is happening there. (P.S. When I escort in A5, I wear jeans and tennis shoes; not a suit and tie. Maybe there is still hope for me....)◆

Aerospace Retirees' Club Board of Directors FY 2019-2021

Executive Committee

President: Ken Holden	9/20
Vice President: Barbara Hainey	9/20
Secretary: Leila Jennings	9/21
Treasurer: Tina Pool	9/20
Membership Chair: Erwin Perl	9/21
Newsletter: Donald Town	9/20
Program Chair: Judy Gonser	9/21

Ex-Officio:

Bill Deacon
Linda Drake
Dave Evans
Shirley McCarty
Joe Meltzer

Appointed

Auditor: Bill Deacon	9/20
Historian: Sharon Waterous	9/20
Hospitality: Pat Bohlke	9/20
Past Editor: Linda Stephenson	9/20
Tours: Tom Freitag	9/20
Website/Facebook: Jim Carroll	9/20
 Col. Springs: Carl Scheerer	9/21
Col. Springs: Cathy Steele	9/21
East Coast: Janet Hiatt	9/20
East Coast: Lisi Jackson	9/20
 At Large: Louise Chavis	9/20
At Large: Pat Downing	9/20



As this is the fall issue of the newsletter, the club's end of the fiscal year reporting is provided in the membership and treasurer's reports. An election of officers was also held and the results summarized. Bios for those elected officers and new Colorado Springs ARC Board members are provided. Also included in this issue are articles about the AFCU, a trip on the East Coast trying to avoid Hurricane Dorian, a description of what the ARC election means and why we have one, and a discussion of the results of a West Coast luncheon survey. There is also the invitation and reservation form for the Holiday Luncheon, as well as a report on the Spring Luncheon. Hopefully, you have already received the reservation form. Again, I hope you enjoy this issue, and I welcome comments and suggestions. ♦

ARC Board Highlights

Election Results

Elections were recently held for three of the seven elected board positions, in accordance with the Aerospace Retirees' Club By-Laws. The terms for the current holders of the Secretary, Program Chair and Membership Chair positions were expiring September 30, 2019, and ARC members Leila Jennings, Judy Gonser and Erwin Perl were, respectively, the candidates named by the Nominating Committee to be placed on the ballot for the election.

Of the 629 ballots (538 e-ballots and 91 paper ballots) sent out, 308 (292 e-ballots and 16 paper ballots) were returned; all of the ballots supported the presented slate of candidates. Judy Gonser and Erwin Perl were elected for second terms as Program Chair and Membership Chair, respectively, and Leila Jennings was elected Secretary, replacing outgoing secretary Pat Downing. Judy, Erwin and Leila will hold these positions for two years, from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021. Their willingness to serve in support of all ARC members is appreciated.

In addition, three Appointed positions were at the end of their current two-year terms. Pat Boelke has agreed to continue for another term as Hospitality Chair, and Janet Hiatt and Lisi Jackson are continuing as our East Coast representatives. In the position of Auditor, Dick Farrar is stepping down and Bill Deacon has agreed to serve as our new auditor. We appreciate their support.

This year's Nominating Committee members were Barbara Hainey, chair, Tom Freitag, Louise Chavez, and Sharon Waterous; Jim Carroll provided the technical expertise for the electronic ballots.

Many thanks to all of the ARC members who took the time to complete and return the ballots this year. A 49% return rate is phenomenal – and you made it happen! ♦

ARC Board Highlights

Recently Elected Officers and New Board Members



Leila Jennings, Secretary: I joined the Aerospace Corporation in 1970 in San Bernardino, as a scientific FORTRAN programmer. My career spanned 31 years before I took early retirement 18 years ago. Has it really been that long?

The high point of my career was being a Systems Director in Launch Vehicles, working with the security of DoD payloads on the Space Shuttle and working on CSOC (Consolidated Space Operations Center) which was initially planned to consolidate the DoD Shuttle and satellite control operations at Falcon AFB. Then there was cost modeling for the Strategic Defense Initiative. Those were fun days, even if the projects didn't work out!

During retirement, I've enjoyed having time for reading, church projects and travel. I'm still hoping for that first grandchild! Being on the ARC Board allows me to keep in touch with retirees (and meet some I never knew while employed) and what's going on at the Corporation today. ♦

(continued on page 4)



Judy Gonser, Program Chair: I am happy to be serving a second term as ARC Program Chair. The past two years have been a wonderful opportunity for me to interact with other retirees, especially members of the ARC Board. As I have gotten to know some of them better, I continue to be impressed with everyone's dedication and willingness to volunteer to keep this organization a viable entity. It has been exciting to see the West Coast club continue to offer field trips in addition to our bi-annual luncheons. The East Coast team continues to sponsor retiree events, and a group in Colorado is working hard to organize activities in their area.

Personally, my life has been very busy in the five years since my husband and I retired. We have done some international traveling, and we take an annual trip to Frenchville, Maine, to visit my relatives and give me an opportunity to practice my French. Our next international trip is a Viking cruise from Barcelona to Rome to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary, which is October 25. We enjoy spending time with my 92-year-old mother, our children and grandchildren. In addition, we make it a point to socialize with former Aerospace colleagues by periodically scheduling lunches and dinner dates. Between traveling, socializing with family and friends, and volunteering at our church, retirement is wonderful!

I am looking forward to seeing many local retirees at the December 3 luncheon or at one of next year's field trips. ♦



Erwin Perl, Membership Chair: I retired in 2016 as a Principal Engineering Specialist in the Structural Mechanics Subdivision, Vehicle Systems Division, Engineering and Technology Group. My career at The Aerospace Corporation started in 1977 as an MTS in the Structural Dynamics Department, where I became a Section Manager, and then Senior Engineering Specialist. I joined the Environmental Test and Assessment Department in 2001 as its Director, a position I held for fourteen years.

Since retirement, I have taken advantage of the additional free time to enjoy family, friends, auto racing, skiing, and trap and skeet practice with Aerospace friends. My wife, Susan and I follow our grandchildren's activities and spend as much time as possible in Seattle, WA, where two out of four of our grandchildren live. We spend many weekends at gymnastics competitions where one of our granddaughters has been making a name for herself as a young elite gymnast. For the past year, I've been a volunteer at the California Science Center in the Space Shuttle pavilion, giving tours and answering questions about the Orbiter and the other space related exhibits. I also work at Aerospace on a casual basis.

I joined the Aerospace Retiree Club Board to help make a difference in the Aerospace retiree community. I welcome your questions on joining and staying connected to your fellow Aerospace retirees. ♦



Carl Scheerer, C. Springs: I retired from Aerospace in September 2013. My last position was Principal Director of the Space Control Directorate in Colorado Springs.

Since retirement, I learned to play bridge and now play two or three times a week at the local bridge center. I also work with Goodwill for a series of contributions. Finally, I have done quite a bit of traveling. I have visited The Netherlands, Germany, France, Switzerland, Hungary, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Russia, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Cambodia, Thailand, Viet Nam, and Hong Kong (before the recent unrest). ♦



Cathy Steele, C. Springs: After 28 years at Aerospace, I retired in May of this year. My last position was Senior Vice President of the National Systems Group in Chantilly, VA. My plans in retirement - in addition to slowing down and relaxing - include house remodeling, travel, volunteering, playing golf, and visiting family and friends. ♦

Cathy and Carl are the new representatives to the ARC Board from Colorado Springs. An initial meeting of the Colorado Springs group was held on September 26 with around 15 participants. At that meeting, it was decided that the next get-together would be Wednesday, 22 January at Marigold's Restaurant. All interested individuals are encouraged to attend this meeting! ♦

Membership Report

Erwin Perl

As of September 30, 2019, the Retirees' Club had 677 members. Of these, 237 are life members and 71 were free first-year members (free memberships expire on October 1). 546 members (81%) have given us an e-mail address. If you have an email address and we don't have it, please give it to us. It helps keep our mailing expenses down.

Our membership is spread over 31 states and the District of Columbia. The most members are in California with 519. Our presence in the Washington, D.C. area is continuing to grow with Virginia being second with 48 members, augmented by 11 in Maryland/D.C. Other areas where Aerospace has a significant presence are Arizona with 13 members, 12 in Colorado, and 8 in Florida.

Finally, if your membership expires in 2019, now is the time for annual membership renewals. To maintain your membership and continue receiving the biannual newsletter and club notices, please renew as soon as you can. Our membership year runs from October 1 to September 30. Membership cost remains a low \$5 per year. We encourage multi-year memberships and we offer Lifetime memberships for \$75. The membership application can be found on page 12, or online at <http://aeroretirees.org>. ♦

Treasurer's Report

Tina Pool

The primary source of the club's operating income is members' dues. At the end of the fiscal year, September 30, 2019, \$4,970 was collected in annual dues (including pre-paid). The total of the Retirees' Club credit union and bank balances was \$21,171.00. The bulk of this (\$12,710) consisted of prepaid dues that must be set aside for use in future years. Thus, the net available funds were \$8,461.00.

The expenses of two luncheons held in Los Angeles and an event held in the East Coast area totaled \$9,086.00; of which \$984 was subsidized by the club. For the convenience of members, PayPal was added so that luncheons could be paid for online, which resulted in a new club expense.

Other expenses for the year were:

- Printing and mailing of the two newsletters (\$1,202.69);
- Flyers and ballot printing and mailing (\$904.63);
- Club post office mailbox rental (\$206);
- Web license and management (\$281.35);
- December 2019 Luncheon deposit (\$722);
- Miscellaneous operating costs.

The board continues to make an effort to control costs by communicating electronically with members, and providing information on the website and Facebook. The board is also looking at options to control luncheon costs; a survey was sent out to members for their input. ♦

ARC Luncheon Survey Results

Tom Freitag

Recently a survey was sent to the Los Angeles area retirees in an effort to find out if we could increase the attendance at the West Coast semiannual luncheons. The survey was sent to about 340 members with 64 of them responding to the survey (or 19% response rate). The hope was that the number of respondents would have been larger. The questions and responses are summarized below.

Question 1. Attendance at latest spring and winter luncheons [39 responses]

The spring luncheon had 24 responses while the winter luncheon had 31.

Question 2. Reasons for not attending; the responses fell into these four categories:

- Too Far
- Other Priorities
- Didn't see invitation
- Not a club member then

(continued on page 6)

(continued from page 5)

Question 3. Willing to attend a less expensive venue, such as Las Verdes CC or El Dorado Golf Course:

Yes: 48

No: 16

Question 4. Recommended Luncheon Venues:

- Blue Water Grill, Kincaids
- Cheese Cake Factory, Boca de Beppo
- PV country club
- None, what we have attended have been fine
- Light lunch

Question 5. Maximum dollar amount to spend on luncheon

\$25 - \$30: 4

\$35 - \$40: 20

\$45 and over: 40

Question 6. Would you attend if cost was less, but had only one menu option?

Yes: 36

No: 28

Question 7. Is it important to you to be able to purchase an alcoholic beverage?

Yes: 13

No: 51

Question 8. Provide suggestions on increasing attendance

The responses fell into seven categories:

- Give luncheon discount to first-time attendees
- Meet on Saturday
- Follow up with reminders
- You are doing a good job
- I want to see my former colleagues
- Hold meeting at Aerospace
- Interesting Aerospace or Air Force speaker

In summary, the survey results included:

- Eliminate the bar,
- Luncheon cost is a minor issue for most attendees,
- Attendees prefer menu options,
- No new venue options were provided other than those discussed at our board meetings, and
- Driving to the luncheon was mentioned as an impediment to attending. ♦

Of Elections and Volunteers

Barbara Hainey

The Nominating Committee, in tallying votes, found that a few members sent comments this year along with their ballots. One comment sent in from an ARC member noted the ballot provides no information about the duties of the positions being filled, nor any background or information about the candidates. As Nominating Committee chair, I brought the comment to the ARC board and there will be changes on next year's ballot that we hope you will find helpful. It's a lot to fit into a single page, but we are blessed with optimistic board members.

Another comment noted that, with only one candidate named for each open position, this isn't exactly an election in traditional terms, where two or more people vie to be selected. The ARC member who made the comment is right! Seems rather pointless, one might say. So, let's explore that . . .

As with most volunteer organizations, ARC doesn't have a long line of members jostling to be first in line to take on monthly meetings and duties. Did you ever vote for officers for the Ski Club or the Aerospace Women's Committee? I remember dutifully marking ballots each year where there was only one candidate per position.

We've found that most retirees are happily engaged with their dream retirement activities and haven't the time or inclination to add ARC responsibilities to their plates. So, we find ourselves in the position of being happy a member is willing (perhaps after having their "arm twisted" just a wee bit) to serve a two-year term. Frequently, a volunteer is close at hand and interested in getting involved. Other times, many bushes were beaten half to death trying to find someone willing to add ARC board duties to their busy lives.

If we have a name to offer you for every position up for election – we are thrilled (and, ok, relieved).

Then why do we "vote"? Why don't people just start doing the job they volunteered to do? Aside from the requirement in our bylaws to hold an election, I believe getting input from membership via the annual election is valuable in ensuring members – that's all of us! - have an opportunity to voice support for – or,

(continued on page 7)

(continued from page 6)

potentially, concerns with – those volunteering to lead the club. That's something I think is important in maintaining the vitality of the club.

There are, of course, other opportunities throughout the year for members to help out in ways they are comfortable, such as assisting with our semi-annual luncheons. Many non-elected roles evolved from a member comfortable, such as assisting with our semi-annual luncheons. Many non-elected roles evolved from a member seeing a need or opportunity and volunteering to help out. A great example is Jim Carroll who created our ARC website and Facebook page. He's also created many of the electronic processes we now enjoy, including the convenience of voting electronically if we choose, rather than addressing and stamping an envelope. Another valued role that grew out of a member's willingness to help out is "Trips with Tom." Tom Freitag agreed to help plan a couple of club outings; they were so popular that he became the club's de facto outing planner. When Louise Chavez retired, she expressed interest in helping out; with her experience in Facilities, she has become the ARC board's go-to person to find meeting rooms and resources for the board's monthly meeting. And Tina Pool has ushered in PayPal, for those of us who prefer to pay for luncheons electronically.

ARC is a club for Aerospace retirees – both to enjoy activities and to help create them. Reach out and let us know what you'd like to see the club do! Reach out and let us know you're interested in helping out! Find us on our website: <https://aeroretirees.org/> where there is information on how to contact us via email, envelope or the web page. "Like" the ARC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/aeroretirees> to find news, useful information and just plain inspiration. Check out other helpful things on our website, such as a member directory, the club bylaws (ok, they're a bit dry - but useful) and links to nearly everything we Aerospace retirees need to access. ♦



Credit Union Updates

Ian Freshman



We're pleased to be able to highlight here a few of the exciting things happening at the credit union:

Extra, Extra Visa Rewards! Read All About It!

We value our members! Without you, the credit union would not exist, and that is why we are always striving to return more value back to the membership. In January 2019, we revamped our credit card rewards program so AFCU Platinum Visa® Credit Cardholders receive up to 5% Cash Back or five CU Rewards Points per dollar spent on select categories. And, to enrich the holiday season, we are offering the same rewards (5% Cash Back or five CU Rewards Points per \$1 spent) in ALL spending categories from Thanksgiving Day (November 28, 2019) through New Year's Eve (December 31, 2019)! So, be sure to use an AFCU Platinum Visa Credit Card so you can enjoy these extra rewards this holiday season! For full details and to apply, visit aerofcu.org.

Also, you can transfer a balance from another credit card to a new or existing AFCU Platinum Visa Credit Card and receive 2.99% APR for TWO YEARS with NO balance transfer fee. For full details, to transfer a balance, or to apply for an AFCU Platinum Visa Credit Card, visit aerofcu.org/transfer

You Could be the Next Person to Win with AFCU!

You could be our next winner! We are giving away \$500 monthly prizes and a \$2,500 grand prize in January 2020! Make five or more purchases each month with an AFCU Visa® Debit Card to be automatically entered to win. The more purchases you make, the greater your odds of winning! For official sweepstakes rules and to open an AFCU Checking Account, visit aerofcu.org/WinwithAFCU.

Online Financial Education for Free!

Aerospace Federal Credit Union is proud to partner with Banzai, the award-winning financial education program used by millions of teachers and students around the country. Now your family can experience real-world financial lessons in a fun, safe way. AFCU is offering this financial literacy program totally free to our members! Banzai is a "learn by doing" program that teaches healthy spending habits, planning ahead and financial responsibility through online interactive games. Get started today at aerofcu.org/learn. ♦

Tours with Tom

Tom Freitag

As a note - the last West Coast tour was L.A.'s Great Observatories which occurred on October 30. Because of time considerations for getting out the newsletter in early November, no write-up will appear this time, but should make the Spring 2020 issue.

Based on the ballot responses related to the four tours proposed in the last newsletter, Tom is planning to schedule EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE including NASA's Armstrong Flight Research Center after the winter luncheon and COASTAL MISSIONS BY RAIL including San Luis Rey and San Juan Capistrano Missions with buffet lunch after the spring luncheon. More information should be forthcoming in early January for the Edwards Air Force Base and in early June for the Coastal Missions by Rail. ♦

Spring Luncheon



The Aerospace Retirees' Club Annual Spring luncheon was held in the Avalon Room of the Bluewater Grill Restaurant on Wednesday, June 5, 2019. The restaurant is located in Redondo Beach at 665 North Harbor Drive. It was a beautiful sunny California day and the marina view from the Avalon Room was spectacular.

There were 77 attendees including Ellen Beatty (pictured at right), Chief Financial Officer of Aerospace who spoke about the Aerospace Employees' Retirement Plan (AERP) and the associated investment portfolio. The plan was created in the 1960s, and incorporates a 4.0% hurdle rate as a feature. As a result, the investment gain of 4.5% in 2018 could only contribute a 0.5% gain to our benefits. Over the past decades, AERP has performed quite well, and the plan itself is unique in the aerospace industry. Other attendees included Lianne McGinley from Corporate Communications, who is in charge of the Aerospace STEM Scholarship program and, Ian Freshmen and Jeri Smith from the Aerospace Federal Credit Union. The Credit Union donated two \$50 gift cards for the raffle. Winners of the \$50 gift cards were Myron Miller and Carol Skrinska. The Aerospace Players donated two pairs of vouchers to their summer production of Joseph and The Amazing Dream Coat. Winners were Carol Ness and Drew Milstead. Ken Holden donated two tickets to the Wedding Singer at the Morgan Wixson Theater in Santa Monica. The winner of the theater tickets was Jim Slattery.



Thanks go to the Hospitality Team led by Patty Bohlke: Evelyn Sotack, Dot Hino, and Lois Kumm. This team greets everyone and gives attendees their name badges and lunch tickets. Evelyn Sotack was recognized for her 92nd birthday and her years of participation on the luncheon hospitality team. Thank you also to Terry and Linda Stephenson for taking pictures for the newsletter.

As usual, the luncheon was a wonderful opportunity to renew old acquaintances and to catch up on retirement adventures. ♦

Photos from the Spring Luncheon

By Terry and Linda Stephenson



Geula and Shmuel Ben-shmuel



Gary and Barbara Mueller



Jan and Karen Schatz

(continued on page 9)

(continued from page 8)



Pat Bohlke, Evelyn Sotack, Dot Hino, Lois Kumm



John Gleiter



Jeanne Kirschner



Emily Lewis



Cynthia Jenkins



Allen Lee



Angela Burke, Susan Painter



Edward Serhal, Steve Robertson



Roberta Gleiter, Leila Jennings

Holiday Luncheon

Judy Gonser

The 2019 Holiday luncheon will be held in the Aviator Room on the first floor of the Proud Bird Restaurant. The Proud Bird is located at 11022 Aviation Blvd in Los Angeles. The luncheon will be held on **Tuesday, December 3, 2019**, beginning with a social hour at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon. Cost is \$45 per person.

As usual, at the December luncheon, we will have speakers from Aerospace who will provide a status of the Corporation and the Aerospace Employees' Retirement Plan (AERP). The keynote speaker is President and CEO, Steve Isakowitz. Representatives from Finance and Total Rewards (formerly Compensation and Benefits) have also been invited.

You have two options for registering for the luncheon:

- 1) Complete a registration form (next page) and mail it with your check to the ARC post office box.
- 2) Complete your registration online and pay for your lunch via PayPal at <http://aeroretirees.org/paypal-payments/>

The deadline for reservations is **Monday, November 18, 2019**. Please note that space is limited to 120 attendees, so get your reservations in as soon as possible. I hope to see you there! ♦

The Aerospace Retirees' Club (ARC)

Invites you and your guest to join us for our Holiday Luncheon

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

Proud Bird Restaurant

11022 Aviation Boulevard

Los Angeles, CA 90045

(See map and directions on back page)

Aviator Room

No-host bar opens at 11 a.m.

Lunch will be served at 12 noon

- Cost is \$45 per person.
- Response due no later than **Monday, November 18, 2019.**
- Please phone Judy Gonser (310) 968-9655 or Pat Bohlke (310) 674-1882 for questions or last-minute changes. A refund will be made only with a 72-hour cancellation notice. Refunds after that are subject to approval by the ARC Board.

Reservation for ARC Holiday Luncheon

Space is limited. To ensure your reservation(s), please return this form as soon as possible with a check for \$45 per person payable to the "Aerospace Retirees' Club." Indicate name(s) and menu choice(s) below.

Member Name (as you want it to appear on the name badge)

_____ Chicken marsala

_____ Cedar-smoked salmon with habanero-orange buerre blanc

_____ Parmesan eggplant zucchini pasta - thinly sliced eggplant over zucchini pasta, fresh basil, roasted garlic
with marinara tomato sauce

Guest Name (as you want it to appear on the name badge)

_____ Chicken marsala

_____ Cedar-smoked salmon with habanero-orange buerre blanc

_____ Parmesan eggplant zucchini pasta - thinly sliced eggplant over zucchini pasta, fresh basil, roasted garlic
with marinara tomato sauce

Your telephone number _____ Email _____

Please mail this form to:

Aerospace Retirees' Club
Attn: Luncheon Reservations
P.O. Box 2194
El Segundo, CA 90245

Recent Retirees

April

A. Terica Bryant
David Chiang
Gary Glass
J. Michelle Jones
John Maul
Fred Ovadia
Barney Sasaki
Myra Watts
Susan Wilkerson
Gayle Wilridge

May

Gail Kellner
Sharon Moore
Annie Parkhurst
Paul Zacks
Stanley Saloff

June

Rouh Bow
Alfred Britting
James Bulman
Shlomo Dolinsky
Jorge Encalada
Gregory Hoffman
Heywood Paul
Joyce Pedrino
Peter Rosenberg
Steven Saks

Gilbert Takahashi
Sara Thomas
Richard Walterscheid
Sherrie Zacharius

July
Kimberly Britzman
Ira Gura
Bonnie Keillor-Slaten
Billie Joyce Nealy
Domenic Rigoglioso
Elizabeth Woish

August

Violet Barghe-Sharghi
Henry Bazak
Leslie Belsma
Vincent Bilardo
Mary Brady
Rhonda Brown
Benjamin Cano
Frank Casserino
Lindsay Chaney
Peter Chang
John E Clark
Leonard Domenic
Joseph Fatt
Gregg Gereaux
James Gin

John Gladwell
Linda Halle
Clark Hanley
Wayne Hartman
William Hatton
Stephen Hill
Sherry Hsia
Susan Jones
Timothy Jones
Francis Knight
David Landis
Jeffrey Lince
Regina Lozano
John Lozano
Gary Marshall
Harriet Mizuno-Moyer
Randall Onishi
Allan R. Osborn
Jan Prazak
Diana Robertson
Donald Rudy
Cynthia Sabarudin
Susan Sanchez
David Schmitt
Charles Spiekermann
Darlene Turner
Allen Unell
Jeffrey Walters
Jack Yahner

September

Vera Bledsoe
Geraldine Chaudhri
Stephen Gowen
Kathleen Hollison
Stanley Kohn
Tung Lam
Craig Mueller
Heinrich Muller
Ana Rubio
Richard Rudy
Manuel Salinas
Kenneth Sieck
Kevin Wheaton
James Zalinski

October

Jan Donselman
Kirstie Bellman
Daniel Bursch
Allen Compito
Pamela King
Geoffry Larsen
Donald A. Lewis
Michael Quinzio
Jeffrey Sokol
Catherine Steele
Miguel De Virgilio

Notice

The expressions of opinion in the ***Aerospace Retirees' Club (ARC) Newsletter*** are the opinions of the writers and the editor and not necessarily those of ARC or the Aerospace Corporation.

To see the full disclaimer for the ARC Newsletter, Website, and Facebook Page,

[click here](#). ♦

Aerospace Retirees' Club Membership Application

DATE _____

Please enter all of the data below:

NAME _____ NEW _____ RENEWAL _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

(To minimize the cost of running the Club, we will send newsletters and other mailings (approximately 3-5 per year) to your email address, if you have one.)

****All information is for Club use only and will not be released to anyone without your permission.****

Annual Membership Dues are \$5 per FISCAL YEAR, which ends on September 30.

Multi-year memberships are encouraged, and we offer LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS for \$75.

Your membership expiration date will appear in one of the following places:

- a) In the email message your newsletter is attached to, or
- b) On the mailing label for your newsletter.
- c) By checking the ARC website [member directory](#)



Enclosed is my check for \$_____ for _____ year(s) dues, or _____ Lifetime Membership

Please make your check payable to Aerospace Retirees' Club and mail it with this entire form to:

Aerospace Retirees' Club - Membership, P.O. Box 2194, El Segundo, CA 90245

Please note: Your Club will exist only as long as there are volunteers to run it. If you are able to become involved as an officer, in planning events, or in other roles, please check here _____ A board member will contact you.

Trailing Dorian

Pat Downing

When Dora Vallarta and I booked a cruise leaving New York City and heading north to Canada, we never thought about the possibility of this area being involved in a hurricane situation. But it was. We left NYC on September 3 knowing there was a hurricane, named Dorian, coming up from Florida. However, the prediction was that it would head east out into the Atlantic Ocean. Unfortunately, it had other plans. Dorian was headed directly for Nova Scotia, as were we. Fortunately for those of us on the Regent Navigator, our Captain was tracking the situation very closely and decided to adjust our itinerary. We would stay in Boston an extra day. So, we decided to check out the original "Cheers" bar. We would also go to Portland, Maine, with its beautiful lighthouses instead of Bar Harbor, and we would completely by-pass Halifax and the Bay of Fundy. Plus, we would have another day at sea. As it turned out, Dorian hit Halifax, with winds of about 100 mph, at the very time we would have been there had the Captain not changed course. From there, Dorian headed into the North Atlantic. We finally got back on schedule and arrived in our next four ports as planned. Those Canadian ports were Sydney, Saguenay, Quebec City and Montreal, where we disembarked. Throughout this cruise, the ship remained stable



(continued on page 13)

(continued from page 12)

at all times. Although there was one evening where the ship's motion "gently rocked us to sleep", it was not a big deal. We've been in a lot worse.

We went ashore in Sydney, Nova Scotia, home of the world's largest fiddle (about 50 feet tall), built in recognition of the local musical talent. There we saw first-hand some of the damage from Dorian, as many tree branches were down. We also visited the Cape Breton Fudge Company which had been without power up to a few hours before we arrived. At the fudge company, we all had an opportunity to make fudge to take home. A side note is that this fudge company is owned by the son of a best-selling country singer, Rita MacNeil. Several residents we spoke with said that they only had power at their homes because they had a generator.

In Saguenay, Quebec, we visited an art studio of a famous glass blower and were able to observe him making wonderful art pieces. We went to the Boivin, a local cheese factory, where we saw cheddar cheese and delicious curd being made and tasted it. We ended the day visiting an Alpaca farm which was delightful.

In Quebec City, we had high tea at the Chateau Frontenac. Dora and I also stopped by Aux Anciens Canadiens, a restaurant in a 400-year-old house where we had lunch over 40 years ago.

As always, the accommodations, service, food, and entertainment onboard the Navigator were outstanding. Our ten-day cruise ended in Montreal and even with additional flight delays, a good time was had by all. ♦



In Memoriam

Sincere sympathy is extended to the families of:

Robert Ammons, member of technical staff, hired Oct. 4, 1977, retired Oct. 1, 1996, died June 19, 2019
Ernest Baldini, member of technical staff, hired June 12, 1962, retired Aug. 1, 1986, died March 4, 2019
Robert Beck, member of technical staff, hired March 13, 1967, retired Oct. 1, 1985, died March 27, 2019
Bernard Beskind, member of technical staff, hired June 12, 1961, retired Oct. 1, 1996, died June 2, 2019
Stanley Blumenstein, member of technical staff, hired July 24, 1961, retired May 1, 1992, died Aug. 5, 2019
Jean Bopp, office of technical support, hired Nov. 5, 1973, retired Aug. 1, 1983, died June 12, 2019
Edward Breig, member of technical staff, hired June 20, 1966, retired Nov. 1, 1997, died Aug. 1, 2019
Jack Brick, member of administrative staff, hired Aug. 27, 1962, retired Jan. 1, 2003, died Sept. 1, 2019
Marice Burks, member of administrative staff, hired May 31, 1977, retired Dec. 1, 2017, died April 3, 2019
Leopold Cantafio, member of technical staff, hired June 21, 1965, retired Feb. 1, 1983, died May 12, 2019
Robert Carlton, member of technical staff, hired Oct. 9, 1980, retired July 1, 1989, died April 8, 2019
Thomas Carr, member of technical staff, hired April 5, 1965, retired April 1, 1986, died July 16, 2019
Samuel Claridge, Jr., office of technical support, hired May 19, 1969, retired Feb. 1, 1986, died Feb. 17, 2019
Barbara Corn, member of technical staff, hired Sept. 17, 1973, retired Dec. 1, 1993, died June 8, 2019
Lawrence Cothran, member of technical staff, hired Aug. 24, 1981, retired June 1, 2009, died Feb. 17, 2019
Ronald Covey, member of technical staff, hired Aug. 15, 1972, retired July 1, 1994, died Aug. 16, 2019
Charles Daugherty, office of technical support, hired Sept. 26, 1960, retired Jan. 1, 2013, died Sept. 6, 2019
Donald Davies, member of technical staff, hired Sept. 17, 2007, died March 4, 2019

(continued on page 14)





In Memoriam

(continued from page 13)

Caron Davison, office of technical support, hired Feb. 4, 1971, retired April 1, 1989, died April 11, 2019
Jeffrey Denner, member of technical staff, hired Oct. 29, 1979, retired Oct. 1, 2004, died June 18, 2019
Anthony DiGiacomo, member of technical staff, hired April 9, 1962, retired Oct. 1, 1993, died July 14, 2019
Joseph Dorian, member of technical staff, hired July 10, 1978, retired Jan. 1, 1988, died Jan. 15, 2019
Virginia Ford, member of administrative staff, hired Aug. 17, 1971, retired Sept. 1, 1995, died Aug. 12, 2019
Toshi Fujikawa, office of technical support, hired Dec. 31, 1964, retired Oct. 1, 1993, died April 16, 2019
Warren Germain, member of administrative staff, hired June 26, 1961, retired Feb. 1, 1995, died Sept. 20, 2019
Joseph Glowacki, member of administrative staff, hired June 8, 1998, died July 6, 2019
Donald Gordon, member of technical staff, hired Jan. 16, 1973, retired Oct. 1, 1996, died Sept. 2, 2019
John Grantham, member of administrative staff, hired Dec. 28, 1992, retired Aug. 1, 2005, died Aug. 14, 2017
Lester Hackathorn, office of technical support, hired March 23, 1964, retired April 1, 1993, died June 19, 2019
Joseph Hartman, member of technical staff, hired March 16, 1981, retired Feb. 1, 2007, died July 14, 2019
Gerald Herntenstein, member of administrative staff, hired Sept. 24, 1962, retired Nov. 1, 1991, died Aug. 2, 2019
Thomas Hill, member of technical staff, hired April 15, 1964, retired Sept. 1, 1996, died July 22, 2019
James Holt, member of technical staff, hired July 24, 1961, retired Nov. 1, 1991, died May 6, 2019
Eli Howard, member of technical staff, hired July 20, 1961, retired Nov. 1, 1991, died Aug. 3, 2019
William Huffman, member of technical staff, hired April 10, 1961, retired Nov. 1, 1994, died Oct. 29, 2018
David Johannsen, member of technical staff, hired Aug. 17, 1987, died March 16, 2019
John Kleissas, member of technical staff, hired April 3, 1961, retired Nov. 1, 1975, died Sept. 18, 2018
Richard Labonski, member of technical staff, hired Aug. 29, 1977, retired Feb. 1, 1994, died March 25, 2019
Ronald Lash, member of technical staff, hired March 4, 1963, retired Oct. 1, 2004, died Sept. 14, 2019
Elizabeth Laudadio, office of technical support, hired Oct. 29, 1984, retired Oct. 1, 1998, died Aug. 26, 2019
Charlotte Lenander, member of technical staff, hired Sept. 29, 1965, retired July 1, 1998, died Sept. 17, 2019
Charles Lewis, member of administrative staff, hired May 7, 1981, retired Oct. 1, 1990, died April 8, 2019
Richard Ludlow, member of administrative staff, hired Sept. 15, 1962, retired Nov. 1, 1991, died April 8, 2019
Elaine Lydon, member of administrative staff, hired Nov. 5, 1973, retired April 1, 2004, died June 18, 2019
Dorothy Mahaley, member of administrative staff, hired Oct. 17, 1960, retired March 1, 1980, died July 28, 2019
Judith McAfee, member of administrative staff, hired Oct. 23, 1973, retired Oct. 1, 1993, died April 27, 2019
Robert McCoy, office of technical support, hired Aug. 18, 1966, retired Nov. 1, 1988, died May 16, 2019
Eunice McGee, member of administrative staff, hired Oct. 27, 1960, retired April 1, 1984, died Aug. 13, 2019
Monte Miller, member of technical staff, hired Jan. 14, 1980, retired Feb. 1, 1994, died May 2, 2019
Loretta Mills, office of technical support, hired May 15, 1979, retired Feb. 1, 1989, died April 20, 2019
Marjorie Mims, member of technical staff, hired Dec. 17, 1962, retired Dec. 1, 1990, died Aug. 26, 2019
Richard Moore, office of technical support, hired June 12, 1961, retired Dec. 1, 1990, died July 18, 2019
Frederick Morse, member of technical staff, hired Aug. 17, 1964, retired Aug. 1, 1998, died April 12, 2019

(continued on page 15)



In Memoriam

(continued from page 14)

Barry Moss, member of technical staff, hired Nov. 17, 1960, retired Nov. 1 1991, died Sept. 21, 2019
James Murrell, member of technical staff, hired March 7, 1983, retired Sept. 1, 2005, died July 9, 2019
Bonita Newsom, office of technical support, hired May 14, 1962, retired Dec. 1, 1986, died May 21, 2019
Darryl Newton, office of technical support, hired June 11, 1973, retired June 1, 2000, died April 2, 2019
Marco De Nicolai, member of technical staff, hired June 30, 1961, retired Dec. 1, 1985, died Sept. 18, 2019
Edward Paulsen, member of administrative staff, hired Oct. 7, 1960, retired Nov. 1, 1991, died June 4, 2019
James Pierson, member of technical staff, hired March 6, 1961, retired Jan. 1, 1984, died July 23, 2019
Robert Pruett, member of technical staff, hired Aug. 28, 1962, retired Nov. 1, 1985, died Sept. 9, 2019
Michael Quandt, member of technical staff, hired Jan. 2, 1962, retired Feb. 1, 1994, died May 28, 2019
Mohamed Refaie, member of technical staff, hired Dec. 3, 1979, retired May 1, 1982, died March 5, 2019
Janice Riley, office of technical support, hired Nov. 14, 1960, retired Dec. 1, 2002, died April 11, 2019
Michael Russi, member of technical staff, hired Feb. 21, 1961, retired March 1, 1990, died April 1, 2019
Floyd Sabin, member of technical staff, hired Jan. 8, 1962, retired July 1, 1993, died March 31, 2019
Richard Schoolar, member of technical staff, hired Feb. 26, 1979, retired March 1, 2000, died April 14, 2019
Klaus Schroeder, member of technical staff, hired Nov. 2, 1970, retired July 1, 1993, died May 9, 2019
Charles Shaffer, office of technical support, hired July 3, 1967, retired Oct. 1, 2003, died Aug. 23, 2018
Harold Solomon, member of technical staff, hired Jan. 30, 1961, retired May 1, 1993, died Aug. 10, 2019
Ray Spreier, member of technical staff, hired April 5, 1976, retired June 1, 2000, died June 25, 2019
William Stinger, member of technical staff, hired Oct. 16, 1972, retired June 1, 2012, died March 29, 2019
Kenneth Shogren, member of technical staff, hired May 15, 1962, retired Oct. 1, 1986, died July 24, 2019
Helen Siegner, office of technical support, hired Jan. 21, 1963, retired May 1, 1981, died Jan. 17, 2019
Harvey Sigler Jr., member of technical staff, hired July 29, 1965, retired Nov. 1, 1991, died July 17, 2019
Eric Stroud, member of technical staff, hired Aug. 24, 1987, retired Aug. 1, 2015, died Aug. 24, 2019
Charles Sve, member of technical staff, hired July 17, 1968, retired March 1, 2010, died April 9, 2019
Melvin Sweet, member of technical staff, hired Feb. 17, 1981, retired Nov. 1, 2007, died Feb. 13, 2019
Kenneth Tanaka, member of administrative staff, hired Oct. 3, 1960, retired Oct. 1, 1996, died Feb. 16, 2019
Joseph Thames, Jr., member of technical staff, hired Sept. 2, 1980, retired Sept. 1, 2003, died March 1, 2019
James Tourdote, member of technical staff, hired March 17, 1969, retired Feb. 1, 2006, died Sept. 2, 2019
Bernice Varnado, office of technical support, hired Aug. 26, 1991, retired Sept. 1, 2001, died March 21, 2019
Neal Vocke, member of administrative staff, hired Oct. 3, 1960, retired Oct. 1, 1977, died June 12, 2019
Fred Voss, member of administrative staff, hired June 13, 1966, retired Jan. 1, 2002, died July 26, 2019
Marga Weber, office of technical support, hired Jan. 19, 1961, retired Aug. 1, 1987, died April 10, 2019
Fletcher Wicker Jr., member of technical staff, hired March 14, 1977, retired Aug. 1, 2013, died Aug. 11, 2019
Thomas Willis, member of technical staff, hired Sept. 8, 1987, retired May 1, 2002, died May 4, 2019
Wai Wong, member of technical staff, hired Sept. 10, 1973, retired Nov. 1, 2004, died Feb. 21, 2019
Earl Wright, member of technical staff, hired June 28, 1983, retired Oct. 1, 1993, died Aug. 16, 2019
David Yustein, member of technical staff, hired Nov. 3, 1997, retired May 1, 2008, died May 7, 2019

Aerospace Retirees' Club Newsletter

Fall 2019

Holiday Luncheon!

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

11 a.m. at the Proud Bird Restaurant

11022 Aviation Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90045

Telephone: (310) 670-3093

(see page 10 for reservation form)

Directions to Restaurant:

[Click here](#) to let Google Maps give you turn by turn directions

From The Aerospace Corporation:

- ◆ Take El Segundo Blvd east to Aviation Blvd
- ◆ Turn left and go 1.3 miles north
- ◆ The Proud Bird will be on your right

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Spring 2020 Issue

Please submit items no later than March 15, 2020, for inclusion in the Spring 2020 issue of the newsletter which will be mailed to our members on about May 1, 2020.

We need your stories!

(~600 words — **or less** — preferred)

E-mail to:

aeroretirees@gmail.com

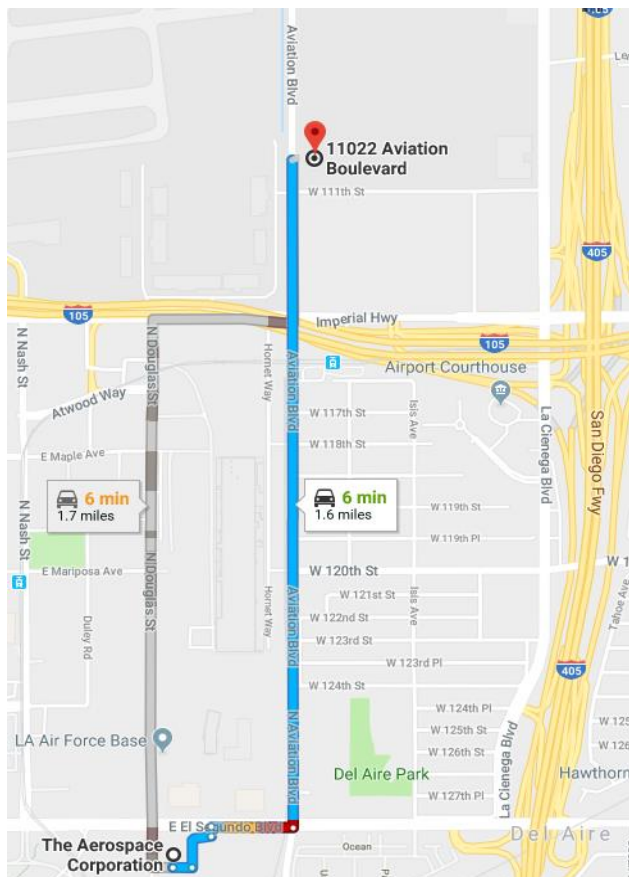
Or mail to:

Aerospace Retiree's Club

Attn: Newsletter Editor

P.O. Box 2194

El Segundo, CA 90245



If you wish to contact us:

- ◆ Use the [Contact Us](#) link on our website
- ◆ Send an e-mail to:
aeroretirees@gmail.com
- ◆ Use the Club's P.O. address:
Aerospace Retirees' Club
Attn: Newsletter Editor
P.O. Box 2194
El Segundo, CA 90245
- ◆ Call the ARC voicemail:
310-336-2582