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WE'RE HAVING A "HUNG-OVER PARTY"

What will you be doing on March 17?



Will you be partying? Will you be sort of Irish by default? Or perhaps you will just put on a green outfit and paraded around the house. Whatever - we hope you don't destroy your St. Patrick's Day enthusiasm. We want you to find the green that you wore the week before our Luncheon and put on your best Paddy's day outfit and come help us celebrate an "After St. Patrick's Day Luncheon" Green is the name of the game and let's see how green you can be. Now we don't mean how sick green you can be; just how much can you look like you might have or wanted to be a week or so ago. We don't plan on having corned beef and cabbage and there may not be leprechaun's dancing around; but I feel sure that, if you will come and help us celebrate, you will be happier than you would be at home watching it rain - or snow- or just plan blah. So "Sure 'tis a fine Irish person you can be, be gosh and be gorah!" Come and enjoy a March luncheon on **March 22** with all your ACS buddies and friends. We'll save a shamrock or two, just for you!!

IT WAS A GREAT PARTY !!

The room at the Viking was filled with about 129 members, spouses and friends at the annual Christmas Luncheon. For some it was old home week. For others it was a way to begin the Holiday Celebrations.

As usual, There were many "hello's" said and attendees scrambled to find places to sit. For some, it was a time of talking again with persons they had not see in years. Words like "Gee, you

haven't changed much" were prevalent. It seemed that everyone was having a good time!

IT WILL BE A MAGICAL TIME !!

Abracadabra!! Just like that, your mind will be challenged. How did he do that? The entertainment for this Luncheon will bring back Bob Gittemeiger, a magician "extraordinary." He has dazzled us before and you are sure to be amazed as he mystifies us again. Shazam! We bid welcome to Bob on March 22.



At the Christmas Luncheon

MORE LUNCHEON NEWS

As shown above, it was a challenge at the December Luncheon for your Executive Vice President, Randy Pratt, to be able to get everyone to their tables and lead them in the Pledge of Allegiance. Barbara Walker, wife of Clint Walker, lead in the table blessing prayer. We had a delicious meal of either roast beef or baked fish. Some tables had 10 people rather than 8 because of the large number of attendees.



Gathering at the Christmas Luncheon

After the meal, Board President Larry Knopf welcomed everyone. A special thanks was given to Barbara Walker and then to Mary Ann Vandermullen who has volunteered to be the vitally needed luncheon photographer assisted by

her husband Neil, who recorded the names of those photographed. Special notice was given to new members Bill Hogan, and Bill and Jo Ann Hemple. Lillian Burr, long time employee from ACIC was the guest of Sarina Biskar. A sad notice was given when it was announced that Dr. William C. Mahoney had passed away suddenly on December 14. Dr. Mahoney had been previously honored as a member of the Hall/Wall of Fame and was a long time member of ACS. Larry announced that, as of that day, ACS has 313 active members. Of that number, 128 are life-time members. Comments from letters sent to members regarding delinquent dues were favorable and Larry read a few of the comments. Larry briefly reviewed the history of ACS including the contribution made by the late Sue Carter. He noted the changes made in the luncheon and newsletter intervals ending with restating the new organization now directing ACS by the Board of Directors instead of elected officials. He recognized Bob Haddad for stepping in when then President Ken Whitfield moved to Chicago in the middle of his term of office. He thanked George Cline for the attendance prizes that he brought. Larry then asked for a show of hands of those in attendance who had computers and if they would consider using the Internet to get the Association Newsletter. In each case, a majority seemed in favor of the opportunity.

Gene Knight got the entertainment started with a short sing-a-long. He then introduced a group of 8 Carolers who came as the Appleby Singers. Dr. Dan O'Donnell and Sharon Byers were the Directors of the group. They sang several songs from around the world focusing on the Holiday Season and wished everyone a Happy Holiday. Then Santa (AKA as Randy Pratt) appeared. He gave out \$10 to five 50/50 winners – Rose Bird, Eileen Sypniewski, Richard Hallowell, Bob Dains and Ken Swehla. \$15 went to Joe Aromando and then gifts were taken from Santa's bag for the following winners: Cookies: Harry Lemakis, Rich Hallowell, Don Riggs, Bill Burchard, Helen Nelson, Judy Barnes, and Connie Sherertz. A folding chair went to Anita St. Clair. Candy went to: Don Granberry, Bob Eddy, Andrew Jackson and Jim Nelson. Binoculars went to Charlie Bird, Anita St. Clair, Frank Aufmuth and Clarice Jackson. Jack Brueggeman and Glen Burgdorf won Duffle

Bags. Rolling coolers went to Harry Lemakis and Andrew Jackson. The table prizes were tins of Cookies and a scratch off ticket. Sure hope the IRS was busy with other things!!



NGA WEST 2006 GALA

NGA West held their Second Annual Gala Event on Friday, February 17, 2006. The event was held in the Crystal Room atop the Renaissance Grand Hotel in downtown St. Louis. The Gala was open to all NGA employees, NGA contractors and ACIC/DMAAC/ NIMA/NGA retirees. The Gala was a dress up event with suit and tie required for men and equivalent attire required for the women. The music was provided by Jeter Thompson and the Trio Tres Bien. The price for the event was \$39 which included a choice of beef, chicken, seafood or vegetarian dinner, tea, coffee, music and dancing. A cash bar was also available. ACS regrets not being able to notify the membership of the NGA Gala. We were notified of the event after the December 2005 Newsletter was mailed to the members and the event took place before the March Newsletter was mailed out.

NGA EXECUTIVE TO RESIGN

The following news is from the Washington Post: The head of the U.S. intelligence agency that analyzes data from military spy satellites and U2 aircraft will leave his post in June, officials said. James R. Clapper Jr., a retired Air Force general, will step down as director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency on June 13, three months short of his fifth anniversary as head of the Defense Department operation, officials said.

The Baltimore Sun, which first reported Clapper's departure, said Clapper was forced out after angering Defense Secretary Donald R. Rumsfeld by telling Congress his agency would not be ill served by a director of national intelligence, which Pentagon officials initially opposed.

2005. An unusual part of the tour was visiting the cemetery where the victims of the Titanic were buried. In November they toured the Smoky Mountains stopping in Ashville, North Carolina at the Biltmore Castle which was the Vanderbilt Castle. It takes hours just to tour the interior but worth every minute. Dollywood and the Grand Ole Opera were interesting side trips along the way. ****A letter came from Edna Daily with the sad news that husband Bob, ACS President in 1989/90, has found it necessary to go to the Charlesvoix Health Care facility in St. Charles. Bob has fallen numerous times and Edna could no longer get him back up. Per Edna, he "is getting pretty well adjusted to his new 'home.'"

****A bit more about the untimely death of Dr. Bill Mahoney. The stated cause of death was associated with a condition referred to as "c-diff." That stands for clostridium difficile which is a deadly germ causing bacterial infection usually resulting in the death of good bacteria caused by bad bacteria left after taking antibiotic medications. The result is hemorrhaging from places attacked by the bad bacteria. So remember to prudent in your use of antibiotics.

President's Corner(Larry Knopfel)

The Holiday Luncheon proved to be the highlight of the year. As usual it was well attended and many faces we normally don't see during the year were in attendance. Our photo coverage of the luncheon provided by Maryann Van Dermuelen and Doug Nolte in this newsletter reflects many of the luncheon attendees. A special thanks to all who helped make the luncheon a success specifically, Bob Eddy, Jim Hilterbrand, Gene Knight, Randy Pratt, and Pat Wiese. As this new board begins the process of guiding the organization I expect to see changes in the way we have been doing business. In my opinion some of the newer members will bring some fresh ideas that will deserve our attention. We'll also make sure that the newer board members take an active role and get prepared to head the organization in the future. A financial assessment of the organization by Al Poertner will require us to take a look at the current dues structure and luncheon prices, hopefully we'll find a way to mitigate the findings by Al. I'm looking forward to the luncheons this year and especially seeing the friends who have become a

part of my retired life, attend as often as possible and become a part of the fun.

Golf News (Doug Nolte & Larry Knopfel)

Personally I've played golf 11 out the first 21 days this year, who needs Arizona or Florida. Our season begins on April 13, 2006 at our traditional spot Columbia Golf Club in Illinois. I made a new friend this month who is the Vice-President of Walters Golf Management Group, don't be surprised if we add Pevely Farms Golf Club and Missouri Bluffs to our schedule. Ed Nolde who once headed this golf group and who has been instrumental in the way we operate has agreed to leave the committee and he will be replaced by Randy Pratt. Our committee this year will be Ed de la Pena, Doug Nolte, Dennis Terhaar, Randy Pratt, Harry Trammel, and Larry Knopfel. I'm sure our ranks will increase this year and we'll have some of the finest golf outing's we've ever had. Mark your calendar for April 13, 2006, 9 AM start, the 2006 schedule should be ready by the March 22, 2006 luncheon.

NEWS FROM OUR SISTER RETIREE'S GROUPS

There are 2 retirees groups in the Washington D.C. area that are comparable to our ACS; DMCA and AMS. DMCA celebrated their 25th anniversary just as ACS did. Officers over the years have included many former ACIC /DMAAC alumni: Bob Kingsley, Col. Bob Herndon, Bill Riordan, Col. Sam Custer, Col. Walt Chappas, Mark Macomber, Bill Durbin, Col. Ray Kazanjian, Buddy Lee, Larry Ayers, Clay Ancell, and Paul Peeler. DMCA elects officers and send ballots to its members. But their Newsletter seems to be computer oriented and delivered by e-mail. AMS publishes a multi color, multi page Newsletter; AMS LIFE; their latest was 16 pages. It is, like DMCA's, also available on their web site. Their 2005 President was Merle Biggins.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

As we grow older, our view of the inevitable changes. Project CPER was started to keep a record of those who were employed at the Center and currently contains 12,880+ names. CPER is also attempting to maintain records whether those names are for persons who are known to be living, known to have died or have a status unknown. A quick scan of the 2005 Newsletters show that we have lost at least 49 people we

called "fellow employees." This month adds 16 names including: Ben S. Carter, a former ACS member; Joseph M. Dicus (Joe and his now deceased wife, Eleanor, were former members of ACS); Cecil L. Garrison: John W. Johnson; Virgil Johnson: Charles J. Maher; Dr. William C. Mahoney, an active ACS member; Michael J. Nolan; Charles A. (Swede) Olsen; Maurice C. Palmer; Grace H. Reichmann, also an active ACS member; Jerome R. Rothweiler; Rita C. Seigler; Kenneth D. Tucker; Oliver M. Voelkel and Willard W. Wood. We also learned of the death of Marilyn Imhof, wife of ACS member Ralph Imhof and Joyce Mullins, wife of ACS member Tommy Mullins. We have unconfirmed reports of the passing Tony Tyus. If you learn of any retiree's passing, please send along the information to our mailbox.

ALL HAIL ! - NEW MEMBERS

The good news is that so far we have added eight new members this quarter to our organization: John and Carol Crawford (sent life time dues from their home in Indianola Iowa); Lester W. Dreiman; Robert G. Edwards (life membership); William N. Hogan; William and Jo Ann Hemple (life memberships); and William P. Wall. We are hoping for additional members by Luncheon time. Complete update information including addresses, telephone numbers and E-mail addresses will be included in the ACS Directory Update/Addendum which hopefully will be included with this Newsletter.

SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER

Bud and June Brown were recently asked by a retiree spouse about where to get information concerning Civil Service retiree benefits. So they spent time collecting addresses of places where helpful information is available. We are sending what they collected along to you for possible use: First you need a CSA Number, a Date of Birth and an official name. Contact with the new NGA (formerly ACIC/DMAAC) can be made at: NGA-National Geospatial/Intelligence Agency, 3838 Vogel Rd., Arnold MO 63010; Office of Human Resource & Development; Personnel Office - 314- 263-4888, Ext 173. The Chief of Public Affairs is James G. Mohan, 314-263-4142.

All retiree personnel records are transferred 90 days after retirement to:

U.S. Office of Personnel Management
P.O. Box 45

Boyers PA 16017-0045
Toll Free 888-767-6738 or 724-794-2205

www.opm.gov

Other Offices & numbers which may prove useful are; Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery 2900 Sheridan Rd. St Louis MO 314-260-8691
Headstone & Marker Information: 800-697-6947
Veterans Affairs Dept: www.va.gov
Benefits, Claims & Information Assistance 800-827-1000: Life Insurance Info 800-669-8477;
Federal Employees Group Life Insur. 1-888-767-6738: Forms & FEGLI Info - www.opm.gov/insure/life. Social Security Info - www.socialsecurity.gov. We can't vouch that all this is 100% accurate but hope it would be helpful if needed. Thank you, Bud & June!

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LUNCHEON**

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

Cocktails (Bartender) 11:30 am Lunch 12:15 pm
Viking Banquet Center, 10709 Watson Road
(314)-821-6600

Price: \$15.00 per person

MENU (choice of one)

Baked Breast of Chicken with Lemon Butter Sauce. Served with rice pilaf, fresh vegetables and the Viking House Salad.

OR

Baked Whitefish; baked with a buttercrumb topping, served with fresh vegetables and the Viking House salad.

Rolls and Butter

Choice of Water, Coffee or Ice Tea

Chefs Choice of Dessert

LUNCHEON RESERVATION

Entree Choice (Select one per Attendee) chicken fish

Member name _____

Spouse name _____

Guest Name(s) _____

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