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**** MARK YOUR CALENDAR****

**** LUNCHEON, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2007 ****

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LUNCHEON ENTERTAINMENT

Jeffrey Gonder (Irish Tenor)

Think green and wear something green

Do you have future luncheon entertainment suggestions?

Your ACS board would be most happy to have your recommendations. If you have seen a good performance or if you - or someone you know - has an interesting hobby or talent and would be willing to share it in a 30 minute presentation, LET US KNOW.

AEROSPACE CHARTING SENIORS LUNCHEON

Cocktails 11:30 am Lunch 12:15 pm

Viking Banquet Center, 10709 Watson Road

(314)-821-6600

Price: \$17.00 per person

MENU your choice of either:

Baked Whitefish: baked with a butter crumb topping, served with fresh vegetables, and a house salad.

London Broil: marinated and served with continental potatoes, fresh vegetables, and a house salad.

Rolls and Butter Choice of Water, Coffee or Ice Tea Chef's Choice of Dessert

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March 2007 Luncheon Reservation Form

Entrée Choice (Select one per Attendee) **Beef** **Fish**

Member name: _____

Spouse name: _____

Guest name: _____

Please mail to arrive by **March 19, 2007**

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DECEMBER 20, 2006 LUNCHEON NEWS

Pat Wiese

Randy Pratt led us in the pledge of allegiance before the start of our meeting.

John Kristman said the invocation before a delicious meal of roast beef or baked fish. There were 98 people in attendance at this luncheon.

After the meal Larry Knopfel thanked everyone for coming from around the globe to attend the luncheon, especially Jim Nelson and his wife Helen, who came from Arkansas. We then had our pledge of allegiance to start the business part of the luncheon. Larry recognized our new member, Bob Bentrup and his wife, JoAnne. He also recognized Gail Evans, Bill Gass, Ernie South, Bill Volk, and Harley Jennings and his wife Shirley, Wells Huff and his wife Bette, and Paul Hurlburt. Larry thanked the Hospitality Committee (Pat Wiese, Barb Speiser, and Pat Keller) for their efforts of selling 50/50 tickets and taking care of the name tags at each luncheon. Larry mentioned that Gene Knight has resigned from his duties of preparing the newsletter. Gene was thanked for his tireless effort and dedication to the organization these past years. Unfortunately, Gene was not at the luncheon to hear all the praise he received.

Mr. Gordon Stine was recognized as being in attendance at the luncheon. He said he has been retired 33 years. No one at the luncheon has been retired longer.

Dennis Terhaar recognized the new officers and other members of the board.

John Kristmann has completed his board responsibility and was recognized for his long service to the board. The eleven positions on the new board are filled.

Dennis Terhaar	Senior Advisor
Larry Knopfel	Board Chairperson
Randy Pratt	President
Harold Howard	Executive Vice-President
Bob Eddy	Treasurer
Jimmie Hilterbrand	Vice-President Membership
Jerry Lenczowski	Vice-President Communications
Pat Wiese	Hospitality Chairperson
Larry Knopfel	Golf Committee Chairperson
Doug Nolte	Member-at-Large
Linda Mooy	Mailing Committee Chairperson

The president, vice-president, and treasurer were sworn in. Randy Pratt noted that Larry's last responsibility as executive president had been to provide good weather for our meeting. We had rain most of the day.

Larry only said a few words about golf (hard to believe) – the 25 courses on the schedule, which begins in April, are listed later in this newsletter.

In Gene Knight's absence, Wells Huff agreed to lead our traditional festive sing-a-long with three Christmas songs.

Mark your calendars in advance. The luncheon

dates for 2007 are: **Mar 28, June 27, Sep 26, and Dec 19.**

50/50 winners

\$5 – Nancy Watson, Rose Bird, Bill Hemple, JoAnne Bentrup, Joe Pfeifer, Lou Decker, JoAnn Hemple (2), Fred Meister, Jim Nelson, Frank Aufmuth, Bill Burchard, Harry Lemakis, Gordon Stine, Bill Volk.

Popcorn tins – Lou Decker, Grace Boyd, and Gordon Stine.

Lottery Tickets – Gordon Stine, Larry Knopfel, Bill Hemple

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Our Membership Chair has informed us of the following new members. We encourage them to join our upcoming luncheons.

William E. Dowell [REDACTED]

dowell@att.net

Gary A. Duncan [REDACTED]

gduncan1@mindspring.com

Joseph Mullins [REDACTED]

mullinsj1@sbcglobal.net

Arthur E. Pekarek and Donna L. Pekarek [REDACTED]

pekarekd@aol.com

Updated email addresses:

Don Gardner donaldw46@sbcglobal.net

Is your contact information current?

If you have changed your address, phone number or email account, please MAIL IN an update using the Membership Application Form or contact Jimmie Hilterbrand at jrhilt@charter.net

SICK MEMBERS / FORMER CO-WORKERS

Bill Sypniewski
Luke Burns
Fred Paris
Alpha Finklang
Ted Barkau
LaDon Bernhardt
Norma Bernhardt
Tony Caiazzo
Jim Stayton
Don Gardner

Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



REST IN PEACE

Members:

Angelo Colona	05/22/06
Charles (Mac) McIntyre (Peggy's husband)	11/11/06
Vera Stine (Gordon's wife)	12/26/06

Non Members:

Nancy Grunzinger (Tom's wife)	07/14/06
Jerry Krauss	08/18/06
Estella Jernigan	10/06/06
Roe Davenport	10/19/06
Carl Roberts	10/29/06
Edith Picarelli (Robert's wife)	11/09/06
Margaret (Peggy) West	11/06
Carl Lam	12/06
Melvin A. Lindauer	12/06
Dale Rees	12/24/06
Clarence (Moe) Kaiser	12/30/06
Ann Kovach	01/04/07
Walter E. Stevenson, Jr.	01/24/07
Glenn H. Leaderbrand	01/28/07
Carl Yancey	01/29/07
Richard P. Toney	02/07/07

By-Law Amendment Changes Pass by a Large Margin

The three proposed changes to the Association's by-laws were approved. Your Executive Board thanks you for voting on these issues. 66 ballots were returned to the Executive committee during this election process.

The final results are:

1. Amendment to Article IV (Increases annual dues) passed with 95.5% of votes cast favoring this change.
2. Amendment to Article III (Allows non-retired, age 55+ NGA employees to join ACS) passed with 95.5% of votes cast favoring this change.
3. Amendment III (Creates an Associate Membership status) passed with 78.8% of votes cast favoring this change.

SPORTS

Bowling News

ACIC/DMAAC/NIMA/NGA Leagues

Arsenal Mixed League

In the following 'Men's League' article, Doug Nolte could not define a specific beginning. However, Pat Wiese indicated that on Jan 14, 1998, the American Bowling Congress and the Greater St. Louis Bowling Association recognized the *Arsenal Mixed League at Shrewsbury Lanes* for its dedication to sanctioned league bowling since 1947.

Now in 2007, the league is still going strong. The names and faces have changed, but the competitive spirit

is still there. Diana Harwell is showing her son, Chris, how good a bowler she is. She bowled her first "clean" 600 series on Dec 6, 2006. Chris joined her team this year. We really miss seeing Shirley Fitzgibbons, Ray Sovar, Lloyd & Chris Hollenbeck, and Russ & Arlene Anderson. It's great to have Tom Christoffel come by and watch every week.

Men's Bowling League

aka "Thursday Invitational League"

Doug Nolte

The Stretch Runners, The Marauders, The Toads, The Easy Marks, The Jollys, the Malaysian Lounge Lizards, Uff Dah, The X-Men, The Roadrunners, Stokes, etc. etc. Do any of these names sound familiar? These are team names. It all has to do with a collection of former and present employees that have been rolling a lot of bowling balls for over 50 years at various bowling establishments in the St. Louis metro area. Unfortunately, attempting to pin down the inaugural season for the league has proven about as successful as picking up a 7-10 split. Some of the curmudgeons who've been around the longest (Jeff Delaplain, Harry Lemakis, and Glenn Burgdorf) could only date this organization to 1955, but they all admitted that it was in existence even before that time. And at that time they were rolling 16 pound bowling balls. Inexplicably those balls have gotten somewhat lighter, probably explaining why their scores have also gotten somewhat lighter.

One of the more touching stories of the league revolves around **Don Granberry**. When Don first came to work at ACIC in 1955, he was known as an outstanding bowler by his fellow workers. He applied to bowl in a tournament sponsored by the Civilian Welfare Council but was informed that because of the social mores at the time, the bowling center management would probably not welcome his participation. He withdrew his application. Some time later the league moved to a different bowling center where he was encouraged to join the league by coworkers Darryl Crumpton, Tom Berra and Jim Barth. Shortly after that acceptance he was on the championship teams in the mixed league (Wednesday night) and the men's league (Thursday night). Thanks to Don's perseverance, he and his fellow teammates on the Pacesetters have been mainstays ever since.

Today this league of twelve teams meets every Thursday (thus the name of the league) at the Shrewsbury Lanes at 3:50 in the afternoon. Each team consists of 4 members, which leads to a relatively early finishing time, a time to hit the lounge and exchange "what should've been" stories. Peering through the smoke and shouting above the jukebox reveals what wonderful games so-and-so shot and how close what team came to winning it all if it hadn't been for the mistake made by the anchor bowler on his last ball. Ah, such is the life of the avid government bowler, who constantly dreams of that perfect game, or that converted split.

Speaking of perfect games (300s), we have had

some tossed by quite a few members of this group. The first 300 game I personally witnessed was rolled by Ron Pierce's son sometime back in the 1980's at Western Bowl. Steve Pierce, at the time, was probably a 160-170 average bowler blessed with a less-than-perfect delivery, but for one magic twelve ball sequence on that night he did everything right or at least the pins did. The sad part about this was his father was not there to see the feat, Ron being out of town on a government mission. Another 300 game of note belongs to Dennis Shannon. I personally didn't see his crowning achievement, but I do know this for a fact; Dennis Shannon is the only person I know who has bowled a 300 game and has had a hole-in-one on a golf course. What's next Dennis? There have been other perfect games rolled, many by the legend of the lanes Earl Phillips. Hopefully there will be many more, as our intrepid keglers vie for that bowling nirvana every week.

As mentioned earlier, the league is comprised of both retirees and those still working. Those still working are both government employees and contractors of the government who ply their trade, working side by side at NGA. Many of those contractors formerly were government employees. We've welcomed all aboard and hope everyone continues with us in the tradition of the Thursday Night Men's Bowling League.

If you'd like a sporting glimpse of some of your acquaintances from the past, stop by the Shrewsbury Lanes on any early Thursday evening and watch these guys, young and not-so-young, roll for glory, and occasionally some money.



“The Stretch Runners”

Dennis Terhaar, Tom Hudson, Ed de la Peña, Dennis Rumley



“Old Style”

Harry Lemakis, Dave Cowgil, Jerry Lenczowski, Jack Harmon



“The Marauders”

Ed Fank, Doug Nolte, Bob Moore, Jeff Delaplain



Lounge time with Lemakis



Yet more lounge time with de la Peña

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| May 31-Links at Dardenne | June 7-Aberdeen |
| June 14-Golf Club of Wentzville | June 21-Emerald Greens |
| June 28- Stonewolf | July 5-WingHaven |
| July 12- Pevely Farms | July 19-Crystal Springs
Quarry |
| July 26-Wolf Hollow | August 2- Far Oaks |
| August 9-Links at Dardenne | August 16-Bear Creek |
| August 23- Gateway National | August 30-The Falls |
| Sept 6- Golf Club of Wentzville | Sept 13-Acorns |
| Sept 20- Spencer T. Olin | Sept 27-Landings at Spirit |
| October 4-Crescent Farms | October 11-Missouri Bluffs |

HERE AND THERE WITH ACS MEMBERS

Fern Reichert said to tell everyone hello. Fern spends her time volunteering at Lehigh Valley Hospital in Allentown, PA.

ACS Golf News

Golf Tips 101

Randy Pratt

SO YOU WANT TO HIT IT FURTHER!

The older we get, the further the ball seems to fly since we can no longer see it land. Then we find out it's our failing eye sight and not our prowess with a driver. But all is not lost!! If you truly wish to add a little distance to those golf shots, try these tips:

Don't get hung up on the backswing. At our ages all we want our backswing to do is load up the right side (for right-handed golfers, the left side for those "others") and that is the sole purpose of a backswing.

To add some distance to those hits, focus on your follow-through. That is where the speed through the ball is generated. To achieve a good follow-through, you turn your front foot at about 45 degrees to your target line and focus your attention on the front of the golf ball.

Then, when you swing, focus on letting the shaft of the club hit your back on the follow through. Your only swing thought should be to follow-through to a high finish. This will allow the club to swing through the ball and finish against your back. You should find this adds some distance to those golf shots and will add some consistency to your game.

Coming in our next issue: Putting with confidence and control.

2007 Golf Schedule News

Larry Knopfel

I'm writing this today while a blizzard rages outside, but it's always pleasant to think of golf. The golf committee met two weeks ago and agreed on a schedule that we think will meet everyone's approval. We plan to play 26 times beginning on April 19th and finishing on October 11th. both times at the Missouri Bluffs. Our group now has a pool of 150 golfers and we fully expect to exceed 80 golfers at each outing. The expanded hard copy schedule will be distributed at the first outing.

Here's the 2007 schedule:

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| April 19-Missouri Bluffs | April 26-Old Hickory |
| May 3-Pevely Farms | May 10 -Innsbrook Resort |
| May 17-Normandie | May 24 -Mid-Rivers |

DUFFY'S CORNER

Duffy's Informal Luncheons (DILs)

December 2006 Report

Doug Nolte

Twenty-five retirees showed up the first Wednesday in December at Mike Duffy's Bar and Grill in Kirkwood, extending the tradition for yet another month. And this time Ellen Wallace got the correct Wednesday. Evidently, in November she appeared at Duffy's on the wrong day and had to wait another month to renew acquaintances with fellow workers. And yet another familiar face made an appearance for the first time, someone we could all look up to. Bob Coambes came in from his country estate to grace us with his usual wit and wisdom. Also returning after an extended hiatus was Dick Distler, who shared his ruminations with "old" friends. Surprisingly, near the end of the 11:00 luncheon, a stranger appeared amongst us, and after some time shed his disguise (chapeau) to reveal none other than Cliff Youngstrom under the hat. Welcome Cliff!!

January 2007 Report

Larry Knopfel

On 1/6/07, the January lunch at Duffy's was sparsely attended (for this group) with only 21 souls attending, and even our usual host, Tony Valenti, was away visiting in Houston, Texas. Barb Speiser and Otto Henschen filled in for Tony and we're sure the books will be okay when he gets back. Otto Henschen is leaving for Mexico and will be gone about 6 weeks so Barb may go solo in February. The death of "Moe" Kaiser was the primary topic of discussion since he was probably one of the most "colorful" characters that any of us worked with. Lunch went without a hitch and most left Duffy's by 1 PM.

Open Invitation

And a gentle reminder to all: the Duffy's Informal Luncheons are held the first Wednesday of every month at 1100 hours. The next ones, following the mailing of this newsletter, will be March 7th and April 4th.

DON GARDNER'S PHOTOGRAPHIC NEWS

Excerpts from Reports

Don publishes his news each month to over 70 recipients who primarily are former photo lab employees.

Meetings

The group normally meets the 4th Monday in the month at 0930 for breakfast at Gingham's at Lindbergh and Lemay Ferry. Recent attendees were: Tom Ahonen, Frank Aufmuth, LaDon Bernhardt, Jerry & Ann Cook, Clyde & Verna Creel, Ray Cummins, Dick Diekres, Don & Barb Gardner, George Huelsman, Fred Meister, Danny & Jackie Nash, Gene Neiderschmidt, Jim Stayton, Bill Reeb, Ron Updegrave, Bill Volk, Warren Tabichek.

Next breakfast meetings at Gingham's are March 26th and April 23rd.

Recent tidbits of exchange

LaDon & Norma Bernhardt's correct phone number is (314) 831-2983

Frank Aufmuth proudly announced that after 18 years of hunting deer he finally nailed a 9 point buck in Piedmont, Missouri.

John Scharfenberger now works for the Missouri Highway Patrol as a dispatcher. So if you are stranded or in a fender bender on one of Missouri's highways and you dial *55 on your cell phone, you just MIGHT end up talking to him.

Don Gardner had a fourth benign tumor removed in November and on Jan 11th, 2007 underwent a lung biopsy. On Feb 1st, 2007 Don provided a new email address donaldw46@sbcglobal.net

POINTS REPORT

Bob Eddy

A lunch group, mainly of former Points people and normally attended by 6 to 10 individuals, meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Hometown Buffet located on South Lindbergh Blvd. The attendees at the January lunch were Charlie Bird, Sam Brewer, Charlie Castro, Robert Eddy, Jim Hilterbrand, Jim Huettenmeyer, Jim Raby, and Larry Rambo.

The first topic of conversation generally is reminiscing about those whose obituaries have been published the previous month. From there the conversation fluidly moves along to the always interesting and often humorous ACIC and DMAAC stories of our shared past and of the many colorful characters who were our fellow compatriots.

During the January meeting the conversation

eventually got around to the rebate on Federal taxes for the excise tax on our phone bills, so we ended on a positive note, money. The meeting broke up about 1300.

The next meetings will be March 7th and April 4th, 2007 at 11 AM.

HEALTH THOUGHTS FOR CONSIDERATION

Warning Signs of a Stroke

Saint Louis Post Dispatch 2/8/07

In our daily activity, we may experience someone in distress. The American Stroke Association has published a list of signs to look for:

- ✓ Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side
- ✓ Confusion or trouble speaking.
- ✓ Sudden vision problems.
- ✓ Dizziness, loss of balance or trouble walking.
- ✓ Sudden severe headache.

Take the first three letters STROKE and use them as a filter test. Ask the individual to:

- ✓ S for Smile
- ✓ T for talk
- ✓ R for read.

If they cannot smile, or talk to you coherently, or read an item, CALL 911 immediately.

Another test is to ask them to stick out their tongue. If it is turned to one side, CALL 911 immediately.

The reason for prompt response is that immediate professional medical attention reduces the risk of serious, permanent damage.

YOUR NEWSLETTER

If there is information you would like to share with others, please let our newsletter staff know.

Send News Items to:
ACS Editor


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OLD TECHIES' REPORT

Bill Heidbreder

The following photo from the meeting on 14 December 2006 at Krieger's 13735 Riverport Dr. at the Holiday Inn Riverport was provided by Bill Heidbreder, NGA. You should recognize the names and maybe some faces.



From left to right, Ray Helmering, Gordon Barnes, Dave Fahy, Charlie Bird, John Kristmann, Bob Ballew, Bill Heidbreder, Pat Reed, Judy Hodge, John Unruh, George Lacy, Dave Alspaugh, Joe Goines, Hack White, Jim St. Clair, Ron Pierce and Jim Stanton.

A few notes:

December 14, 2006 was one year since Bill Mahoney passed away;

Lou Decker, who helps Bill H. organize these gatherings, was sick;

Marshall Faintich, Ron Olson, Terri Higgins and Don Light all sent their greetings; and

Gene Betz sent his digital Holiday Card.

Thanks to all who could make it.



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We meet the fourth Wednesday of the month four times a year (March, June, September, and December). The December date will vary due to Christmas. During these times we have a social hour, lunch, business meeting and entertainment and informative programs. We meet at a location decided upon by the Executive Board and we try to stay at one location for all luncheons. Our newsletter, which we publish and distribute to members the month prior to the luncheons, include all the details of the upcoming luncheon related to place, menu, entertainment and cost for each person attending. Our newsletter also includes information about member activities and association business.

If you are a golfer, many members play a four person scramble every other Thursday, beginning in mid-April and ending in mid- October. But the true fun of belonging to the Aerospace Charting Seniors is that it provides the opportunity to renew acquaintances and talk about the good old days.

JOIN NOW OR UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION.

COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE MEMBERSHIP FORM BELOW

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