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# NEWSLETTER

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## NOTES FROM THE POTOMAC

**John Stierna**

**The Congress**—Congress is on recess during the month of August, allowing the DC area some respite from political spin and conflict. However, many bills still require Congressional action, including appropriations for many Federal agencies. Agricultural appropriations, as reported here in June, continue to wait for floor consideration in both the House and Senate. If the committee-approved bill is passed in each chamber, the agricultural appropriation bill will still require some form of conference action to iron out differences, and then final passage in both chambers before it can be sent to the President for his signature. With November elections on the horizon, it is likely that agriculture will be bundled with other agencies into an omnibus appropriation bill that could be considered in September or more likely will be considered after elections. That means that **NRCS will not have final appropriation numbers for several months into the new fiscal year.**

Following is the pattern for recent appropriations for the **conservation operations** account for NRCS, in millions of dollars.

FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	House 2015	Senate 2015
\$828.2	\$831.0	\$812.9	\$843.1	\$849.3

For watershed rehab work, the House bill provides \$25 million in appropriation funds and allows another \$92 million from the Commodity Credit Corporation, while the Senate provides no funding from either source.

The “mandatory” funding for several farm bill programs would be capped in both the House and Senate committee bills. However, the Senate bill would also permanently cancel \$136 million in EQIP funding, and thus block NRCS from seeking to recover those CCC funds in any later year.

**RCPP**—NRCS has received nearly 600 pre-proposals for conservation work under the new Regional Conservation Partnership Program enacted in the 2014 Farm Bill. Although only \$394 million is available for FY 14-15, these submitted pre-proposals requested about \$2.8 billion, while offering to provide about \$3.0 billion for the conservation work in partnership with NRCS. From those submitted, 543 were considered eligible and included 277 for the state pool, 61 for the national pool, and 205 proposed for the pool covering designated critical conservation areas.

Of these pre-proposals, 231 were rated high enough for NRCS to invite the entity to submit a full proposal by the October 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline. NRCS will evaluate final proposals and make awards soon thereafter.

**Lake Erie Water Quality**—USDA has provided an additional \$2 million in conservation funding for Ohio to help implement conservation techniques that will help improve water quality. Earlier this month, water service in Toledo, Ohio was disrupted by algae blooms in Lake Erie that was blamed on phosphorus run-off. The funds are in addition to regular program funding for Ohio NRCS to address a broad array of resource concerns affecting the state and Lake Erie.

**Weather**—Drought and fires in the West, flooding in the Midwest and East, and scorching temperatures in the South and south central regions foreshadows some serious conservation challenges in the days and months ahead. There is an opportunity to assist NRCS in this conservation work through the Agricultural Conservation Experienced Services Program (ACES). NRCS enters into agreements with nonprofit organizations that provide ACES workers on a part-time or full-time basis. Wages earned do not impact retirement annuities. For information, go to <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farmbill> and scroll down and click on Agricultural Conservation Experienced Services Program.

**Jim Jeffords**—We note the passing of Jim Jeffords, former Congressman and Senator from Vermont. He was best known for political apostasy, switching in 2001 from being a Republican to an independent, but caucusing with Democrats, thereby shifting control of the Senate from Republican to Democratic. What is not widely known, however, is that he also was one of the pioneers of the farmland protection movement as the sponsor of the Farmland Protection Policy Act that became part of the 1981 federal Farm Bill. The legislation was inspired by food shortages in New England supermarkets occasioned by a Teamsters strike in the wake of the so-called Arab oil embargo during the Carter Administration. This prompted calls for saving New England farmland to assure the region's food security. The Act requires federal agencies to consider alternatives to projects that would convert farmland to non-agricultural uses. But the law has been largely ignored because there is no enforcement mechanism.

Jeffords' original bill, which did not pass, would have created a \$2 million purchase of agricultural conservation easements pilot program. Instead, Jeffords got an authorization of several million dollars to fund the National Agricultural Lands Study (NALS), and his legislative director **Bob Gray** went to USDA to run it. More than anything else, NALS was responsible for calling attention to the farmland protection issue. Jeffords' original idea for an agricultural conservation easement program was picked up a decade later by the current senator from Vermont, Patrick Leahy, in what became the Farms for the Future Program in the 1990 farm bill. It can be argued that subsequent federal farmland easement programs such as the Farmland Protection Program in the 1996 Farm Bill and agricultural land easements in the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program in the 2014 Farm Bill, as well as several state and local efforts, have been built on the foundation laid by Jim Jeffords. May he rest in peace under the fertile soil he worked so hard to protect. (Adapted from an article by Ed Thompson in a recent American Farmland Trust newsletter)

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

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During our annual meeting it was a privilege to honor three individuals who are very worthy of recognition.

The President's Community Service Award was given to **Scott Hoag, Jr.** from Bozeman, MT. Over the past several years **Scott and Nancy** have volunteered thousands of hours to the Habitat for Humanity organization, assisting over 60 families to build homes for themselves. Thank you for your service.

We honored **Mark Berkland** for his leadership in reducing the operating costs of ARCSE by implementing the electronic delivery of the majority of newsletters distributed to our membership and for his efforts in membership recruitment in South Carolina. Thanks, Mark for your continued leadership.

We honored **Marlene Mechelke** for her efforts in maintaining a strong ARCSE group in Minnesota. Great job, Marlene!

I wish to thank the Soil and Water Conservation Society for allowing us to piggy-back our meeting with their annual meetings. It allows members of both organizations to participate and to keep our costs down. I also want to thank **Lee "Crash" Bridgeman** for serving as our emcee. Lee and I worked together in the national office and it was fun to catch up again.

More details concerning the President's Meritorious Service Awards follow. The President's Community Service Award will be covered more extensively in the next newsletter.



Some of the participants at the Annual ARCSE Meeting: Jerry Richard, Cecil Currin, Arnold King, and Dana York

### PRESIDENT'S MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS: 2014

Name: **Mark Berkland**

Mark grew up on a farm in north central Iowa where he graduated from Central High School and later from Iowa State University. Mark received his Bachelor of Science degree from Iowa State University in 1970 where he majored in Agronomy and double-minored in mathematics and chemistry. He worked with the Soil Conservation Service and later the Natural Resources Conservation Service as a Student Trainee, a Soil Conservationist, a District Conservationist, an Area Conservationist, a State Resource Conservationist, a Deputy State Conservationist, a State Conservationist and Division Director of Conservation Operations, before retiring in 2003. His work found him in Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, South Carolina and Washington D.C.

In 2009, Mark became President-Elect of the Association of Retired Conservation Service Employees. He served on the Board as President-Elect until he became President in July of 2011. The Retirees organization had been dipping into the reserve fund at an unsustainable level for several years. While the reserve fund was large, it needed to remain so to cover the cost of future services to life time members and comply with ARCSE policy of maintaining two years of operating budget in reserve. Mark saw that some changes needed to be made in order that the organization remains viable. With Mark's

encouragement, the board decided to cut expenses. Since the Newsletter was the largest expense for the organization (printing and mailing) the board decided to encourage Members to receive the Newsletter electronically. Because so many members are now receiving the Newsletter electronically, the ARCSE has reduced expenses by approximately \$4,000/year and has either balanced the books at year's end or substantially reduced the amount needed from the reserve funds. In 2013 Mark became Past-President but continued being active by being in charge of several Membership initiatives and worked directly with State Representatives and NRCS Center Directors to implement them.

**ARCSE Activities:** Shortly after retiring to South Carolina 2003, Mark was appointed South Carolina State Representative for ARCSE activities. At that time, South Carolina ARCSE members had not met for several years, nor were they contributing to the newsletter. Because Mark had worked with many of the now South Carolina retirees while he was State Conservationist, he was able to develop a retiree email and address listing that was used to invite folks to an organizational luncheon. By the end of 2013, South Carolina ARCSE membership had grown to 38 members which included 18 new members (a 47% increase in membership) from 2010-2013. The South Carolina Retirees meet each spring and fall. The meetings usually consist of a meal and either a speaker (short-winded is a requirement) or a tour.



**Cecil Currin presenting President's Award for Meritorious Service to Mark Berkland**

Name: **Marlene Mechelke**. Retirement date: January of 1996. Nomination submitted by Norman Kempf, ARCSE Midwest Vice-President

Marlene is a native of St. Paul, MN and still lives in the house in which she was born and which her father built. She will be 82 years old on "Flag Day," June 14<sup>th</sup>. Her Austrian/Hungarian parents immigrated to the U.S. in 1906 and were great gardeners; thus, her predilection to be involved with soil related activities.

In 1979 Marlene began her Federal career working for the Department of Defense. Shortly after, she took a position with the Soil Conservation Service working as a secretary for the Soils/Plant Science Division. She then spent the next 16 years as a computer specialist. Her responsibilities included setting up the entire computer training program for Minnesota, creating training manuals, and providing training to employees in the field.

**ARCSE Activities:** After attending only two metro-area quarterly retirees' luncheons in Roseville, MN, Marlene volunteered to be the MN state representative for the ARCSE. Since the former representative, Martin Ziebell, did not have a computer, one of her first jobs was to organize a huge box of papers and create an e-mail list of retirees (living, deceased, or having moved out of the area) to better inform retirees about each other's health, welfare, location, and travels. She was also able to keep the retirees informed about State and National affairs. She states that spending hours developing the MN contact list has made it easier for her to be a faithful contributor to the ARSCS Newsletter.

A MN Retirees' Reunion had not been held since 2002, so in 2009, Marlene organized a reunion luncheon in St. Cloud, MN. Seventy-five people attended. Another reunion was held in 2012 at St. Cloud, MN with 39 people attending. Marlene developed a questionnaire to assess people's interest in holding another reunion.

As a result of this questionnaire, another reunion is tentatively planned for 2015. Marlene freely gives credit to her "partners-in-crime," Dave and Kay Breitbach, and several other good volunteers whose help was essential to the success of these reunions.

Marlene says that the greatest joy of being the state ARCSE representative is the opportunity to keep in contact with everyone throughout the state.



**Norm Kempf presenting President's Award for Meritorious Service to Marlene Mechelke**

*A new Web Master is still needed for the ARCSE web site.*

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## A BIT OF HISTORY

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### **Helmand Valley Project Revisited**

My recent reading prompted me to harken back to the item in the November-December 2012, newsletter, "The Soil Conservation Service's Work in the Helmand Valley, Afghanistan in the 1970s," for this month's contribution. Some time ago I bought and read *Polk's Folly: An American Family in History* by **William R. Polk**. In addition to **President James K. Polk**, born near Charlotte, the family included **Leonidas Lafayette Polk**, the Populist leader and founder of the *Progressive Farmer*. He also founded Polkton, where my mother lived with her grandmother during the school year in order to attend high school.

The author, **William R. Polk**, studied Middle Eastern history, languages, and literature in the 1950s, when these subjects were little taught in American universities. I have since read his autobiography, *Personal History*, as well as *Violent Politics*, and *Humpty Dumpty*. As a member of the Policy Planning Section in the State Department, he drove some 2,000 miles throughout Afghanistan in 1962 to learn about the USAID projects. His impression was that the Helmand Valley Authority had concentrated exclusively on the water supply to the neglect of the farmers' needs for credit, more land and technical assistance. He concluded "Finally, America, which had put out so much money to build the project, failed to provide a single irrigation expert to advise on how to manage it." (*Personal History*, page 262). His report on the needed redirection of USAID projects was promptly filed away as Afghanistan received little attention in the mid-1960s State Department. SCS participation in the 1970s detailed in the November-December 2012 newsletter sought to correct some of this oversight.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Ron Marlow, Secretary Treasurer Please welcome the following new member to the ARCSE:

Read, Hershel Kitty Hawk, NC

*Note that the 2014 Member Locator listing is included at the end of this newsletter.*

### **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Member	\$18 per year
Affiliate	\$18 per year
Life (One-time payment)	
Age 64 or younger	\$250
Age 65 thru 74	\$200
Age 75 or older	\$125

## ARIZONA

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**Chris Williams, Chandler AZ—Karen and I** left home on June 23<sup>rd</sup> along with two of our grandchildren who had flown down from Olympia, WA to travel with us. They are **Cade**, 15 and **Natalie**, 12. We loaded up the trailer and traveled to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon that day. We stopped at Marble Canyon on the way and were delighted to have a pair of condors sail over our heads as we walked out on the foot bridge over the Colorado River. They had two fledglings along the cliffs above the river.

Driving down to the Canyon the next morning we found a herd of bison grazing along the road with many calves frolicking among them. After hiking along the rim for a while, we returned to the trailer and moved into Utah and visited Bryce Canyon NP that afternoon. The next day we visited both Zion NP and Cedar Breaks National Monument. How amazing are the colorful rock formations in these areas!

Two days later we arrived in West Yellowstone, MT after a quick stop in the Grand Tetons. A highlight of this visit was a close encounter with a moose and her calf along the road. Cade snapped a wonderful picture of them nuzzling each other.

We spent two days exploring Yellowstone NP. We got caught in a brief thunderstorm with sleet during one of our longer hikes and had to get some new "Yellowstone" sweatshirts to keep from getting too chilled. The combination of the geysers and hot springs along with the variety of wildlife made this visit exciting and educational for all of us. Cade captured a picture of two bear cubs and "momma" in a tree some distance off the road and Natalie caught a sleeping young grizzly bear in her viewfinder. We also found a fox walking along the road up near a snowpack where we had stopped to throw some snowballs.

Our next stop was at the Oregon Trail Historic Museum in eastern Oregon where we decided traveling with our trailer was a lot easier than the way these pioneers arrived from Missouri. Before making the last leg of the trip into Olympia we drove along the Historic Scenic Highway along the Columbia River east of Portland, OR and marveled at the beautiful series of waterfalls found here.

Karen and I then went into teaching mode with a large Vacation Bible School at our son's home church in Olympia. The official registration showed 834 children from preschool through 6th grade, along with nearly 370 volunteers. Karen taught four different Bible stories over a four-day span with three preschool groups each day for three days and four groups of elementary kids on one day. What a blessing and joy to watch these youngsters grow in their understanding and knowledge of God's Word.

Following this, we flew to Pennsylvania where, at this writing - August 11<sup>th</sup>, we are now participating in our third week-long Bible camp. The first two were day camps and the current one is a resident camp. There have been between 50 and 60 elementary kids in each camp, and Karen teaches once a day. Although we are not small group leaders, we also find other ways to help out during the day when Karen isn't teaching. In the middle of this time we were able to spend 5 days at a friend's cabin in the Pocono Mountains and just relax and enjoy hiking, boating and visiting with friends.

On August 18<sup>th</sup> we return to Olympia where we visit for a couple of days and then begin our return trip to AZ. We plan to do the Oregon coast and the northern CA Redwoods before making our final dash to AZ with plans to arrive on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Rodney M. Alt, Surprise, AZ—Sally and I** went on a road trip from Surprise, AZ, to Corolla, NC (Outer Banks) and back from June 24 to July 22. We were in Amarillo, TX for the first two nights, staying with son **Rod and wife Mary** before they move to Phoenix, AZ.

We spent June 26 in Oklahoma City, visiting the National OKC Memorial and the National Cowboy and Western Museum. We also took the water taxi and learned about Oklahoma City. The National OKC Memorial was great, and everyone should visit it.

Our Next stop was Memphis, TN. We went to see the famous ducks do their walk from the pond to the elevator at the Peabody Hotel. Also, we saw their penthouse at the top of the hotel. (*Editor's note: Peabody is pronounced pee-buhdee. The hotel actually has a "Duck Master."*)

We also visited Graceland and learned a lot more about Elvis. We took in the bars and sights on Beale Street for two nights. We left Memphis on Sunday morning in a terrible rainstorm and learned later that there was lots of flooding.

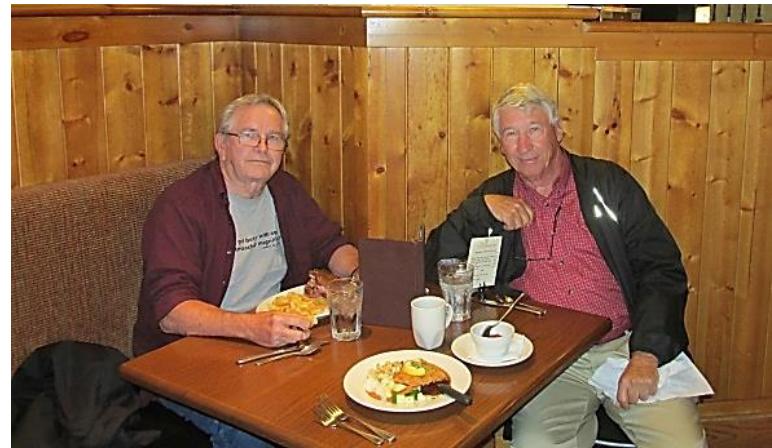
We stayed in Asheville, NC and toured the famous Biltmore Mansion. We survived Hurricane Arthur on July 4<sup>th</sup>. We were at the north end of the Outer Banks, and Arthur came in at the south end. We enjoyed every day we were there. We golfed, went to a bluegrass concert and a wine tasting event.

We left the Outer Banks on July 17 and arrived Nashville, TN and stayed there for three nights. We took a bus tour, and we saw the Ryman Auditorium, Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, and the Parthenon. We saw Brad Paisley and others at the Grand Olde Opry and toured the Gaylord Opryland Resort. We visited the District during the day and then went to the Bluebird Café and then back to the District for the night life. We arrived home on July 22 after being gone for four weeks, and enjoyed it all.

**Ken Cookson, Tucson, AZ—My wife, Connie, and I** went on a four-week trip to the northwest, visiting family and friends in MT, WA, OR and CA. Our first stop was in Hamilton, MT to visit **Ron and Barb Moreland**.



Barb and Ron Moreland; Connie Cookson



Maurice Jernstedt and Ken Cookson



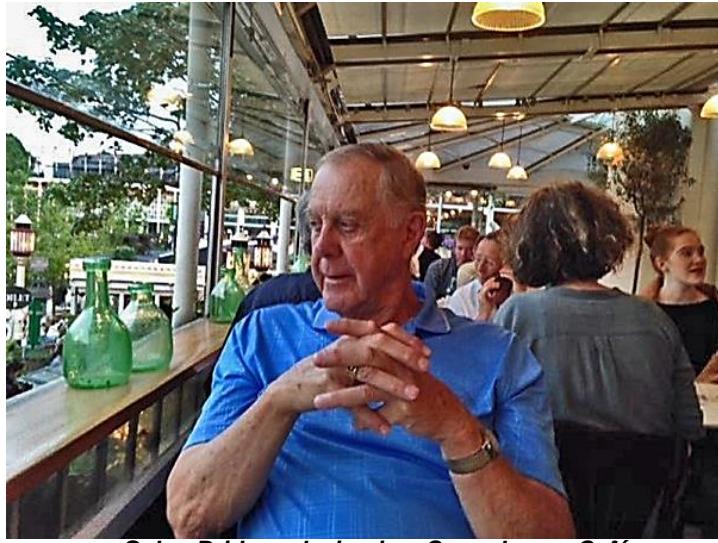
*Tom and Jean George; Connie and Ken Cookson*

We arrived at noon and quickly hit the trail for some "huckleberry" picking. We had good luck and found enough to make a pie. We did some other hiking and picnicking in beautiful country. We also had time to play a couple of rounds of golf.

**Marion Strong, Tempe, AZ**—My activities are limited; mostly to doctors' appointments and lab visits. Occasionally I get to visit a new specialist.

**Galen Bridge, Tucson, AZ**—Just returned from a month's trip to Iceland, Norway, Sweden and Denmark. My perception of these countries was wide off the mark. They are beautiful scenes of geography at 66 degrees of north latitude. In spite of being the land of the midnight sun, they produce significant amounts of grains, livestock and grass. Iceland has a unique and unlimited supply of thermal energy. It produces 80 percent of their energy needs and also melts the ice and snow from the streets of Reykjavik. Of course there is a slight threat of a volcanic eruption on any particular day, but these people have a deep-seated love for this place and a so-what attitude.

The Scandinavian people have some of the highest tax rates in the world, but the revenue provides free health care, a universal retirement system, free education through four years of college, child-care, etc. They also live longer than the rest of us and lead the polls in just plain being happy.



*Galen Bridge relaxing in a Copenhagen Café*



*Norway Fjord*

**Karl Klingelhofer, Tucson, AZ**—I turned 88 on August 11. Maybe this gives me license to continue with some foolish (?) activities. On my birthday, I circled the San Manuel airport twice solo in a rented light sport airplane and landed safely twice. After my Biannual Flight Review a few days later, my instructor renewed my Light Sport License for another two years. So, I am good until 90. Give it up then? I know many of you are experienced pilots, but I didn't start until I was 85.

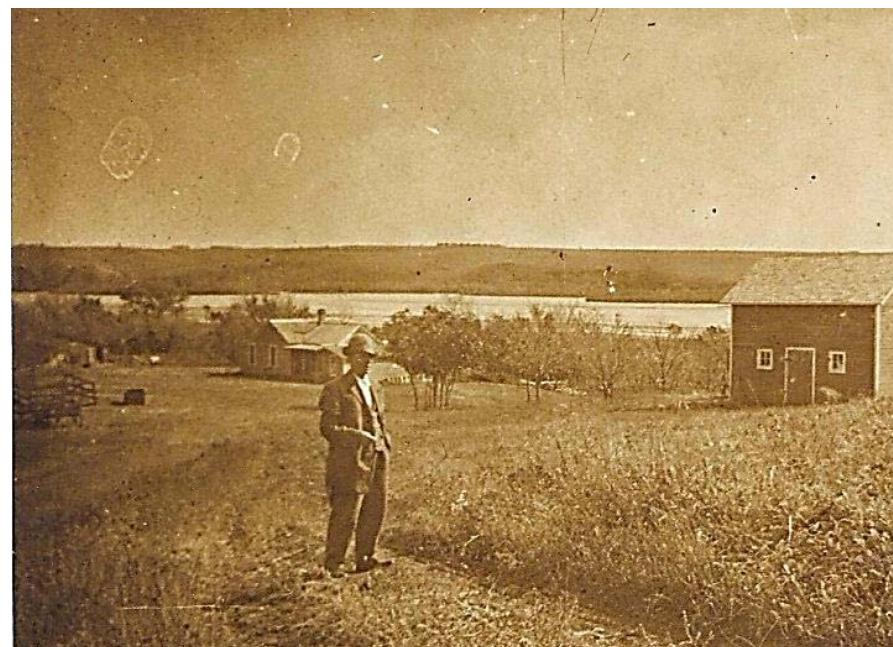


*Ercoupe 415 C, 65 years old*



*Karl Klingelhofer: Pilot at 88!*

**Bill Fobair, Cottonwood, AZ.** Here is a story that leads up to pioneers and homesteaders of the late 1880s and early 1890s of Boyd County, NE. The farm buildings you see in the attached photo were built by Henry's brother in 1894 with his tools, some of which date back to the 1850s and are a part of the museum display. The story follows: From 1995 to 1999 **Bill and his wife Joyce**, researched Bill's family history in Upstate New York and Quebec, Canada. The first Fourbert, a Staff Sargent arrived in D'Oká, Quebec to fight in the French Indian War in 1750. Following the first War they settled in Vaudreuil and Rigaud, Canada. They then migrated to Upstate New York, Cherokee, IA, Farmer, SD, and then Bill's grandparents homesteaded in Boyd County, NE, southwest of Butte where Bill was born. Bill and Joyce have developed a flash drive depicting the early pioneers and homesteaders that will be on permanent display at the Butte Public Museum commencing in early September.



## CALIFORNIA

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Hello from California to all our fellow SCS and NRCS retirees across the nation. Our California retirees continue to enjoy a first Wednesday of the month lunch and a third Wednesday of the month breakfast for folks to get together and catch up with the latest on what is going on in our group. Shown below from our July 9<sup>th</sup> lunch are **Tom Smith and Danny Maxim** who were on the Engineering Staff under State Conservation Engineer **Ted Gerbaz**. The six of us shown below enjoyed breakfast together August 20<sup>th</sup>.



*Tom Smith and Danny Maxim*



**Breakfast 8/20.** From left to right, Walt Sykes, Darwyn Briggs, Bill Ward



**Breakfast 8/20.** From left to right, Charles Davis, Ed Schmidt, Stan Moorhead

**Darwyn Briggs** is recovering from a mild stroke that he had in late July. He is recovering from the stroke very quickly and is anxious to get back to fly fishing soon. Me (**Bill Ward**) being one of his fishing partners, I am anxious for that to happen as well.

**Mario Milani**, former State Construction Engineer has been dealing with a painful case of “shingles” for some time to the point of losing mobility and pretty much being confined to a recliner in his home. He recently took a fall at home requiring hospitalization. He has now been moved to a care home to undergo rehabilitation. His family is hopeful the rehabilitation process will help him regain strength and some ability to walk soon so he can then return home.

NRCS retiree **Mike Simmons** attended a memorial for **Alex Sheydayi**, Retired Director and Leader of Ventura County Flood Control District (now Ventura County Watershed Protection District). With Leadership provided by Alex during his 35-year career, Ventura County became one of California's strongest local Sponsors for the successful implementation of important watershed protection measures. Together, California SCS/NRCS and Ventura County successfully implemented the Beardsley and Revlon Watershed Projects and many other Conservation and Emergency Watershed Projects that were vital to the protection of important property and resources in Ventura County. A letter of appreciation was prepared by California retirees for the memorial with contributions from **Ted Gerbaz, Charles Davis, Mario Milani, Bill Ward and Mike Simmons**. Fortunately for California NRCS, Alex's role with Ventura County has been effectively taken over by his Son **Peter Sheydayi**, exhibiting the same strong leadership and partnership with NRCS today.

**Bill Ward** continues to enjoy playing music with either his full Western Lights Band, and more recently with three of his band members playing as a trio. Here is a photo taken from a recent fun performance at a back yard summer BBQ.



**Western Lights trio playing at a back yard summer BBQ**

In addition, here is a little sample of our music from that BBQ: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4kPh5ELRkaU>  
Have a wonderful rest of the Summer and best wishes from all the California retirees!

## GEORGIA

**Edward Ealy, ARCSE Representative**

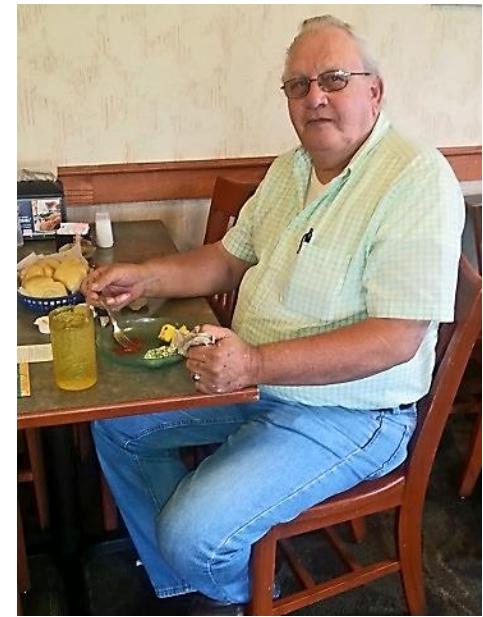
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Twenty-nine NRCS/SCS retirees attended the quarterly luncheon at Ryan's Restaurant in Athens. Those attending meeting were, **Carolyn Adams, Elaine Stephenson, Linda Dipietro, Claudette Norman, Beverly Walker, Fred Dilbeck, Bob and Frances Wilkes, Talbert and Beth Gerald, Evelyn and Gerald Sadler, Edna Firor, Edward Ealy, Jimmy Dean, Jim and Judy Helm, June Andrews, Bill and Norma White, Cecil and Gene Martin, George and Ellen Norris, John Mark Hamilton, Don and Evelyn Stewart, Lorraine and Jack Hahn.**

George Norris' grandson, **John Mark Hamilton**, was our special guest.



*Beverly Walker, Claudette Norman, Linda DiPietro, Carolyn Adams, Elaine Stephenson*



*Fred Dilbeck*

**Pat Norris**, daughter of **George and Ellen Norris**, is leading a group of "study abroad students" from the University of Michigan on a trip in New Zealand. **Cecil Martin and Jean** saw **Arneal and Colleen Scott** at the Athens Mall and visited with them a few minutes. **Ron Mize** sends greetings from Florida where he is vacationing. **Edward Ealy** thanked **Linda Dipietro** for updating the contact list for the retirees' meetings.



*Jimmy Dean, Jim and Judy Helms, Cecil and Gene Martin, E. Ealy, June Andrews, Bill and Norma White*



*John M. Hamilton, Edna Firor, Ellen Norris, Don and Evelyn Stewart*

**Joyce Smith's** grandson, **Randy** is in the hospital at Augusta. **Kitty Stevens** has had leg surgery and was unable to attend the luncheon. **James Huff** has bad knees and is not getting around very well. **George Norris** had rotator cuff surgery and is doing well. **Richard Higginbotham**, retired Cartographic Technician on the Soil Survey staff in Athens, GA, is suffering from Parkinson's disease. He is now confined to his bed and receiving Hospice care. **Maurice and Louise Schaffer** are not doing very well.

Announcements were made that **Terrance Rudolph** is the new State Conservationist in GA. He reported to GA from Tennessee. **Katura N. Wright** is the new Assistant for Programs. She previously worked in Missouri.

**Edna Hinson**, retired Administrative Services employee, has passed away. **Richard Lee Higginbotham**, 69, passed away Thursday, August 7, 2014. See the In Memoriam section for more details.

## HAWAII

**Strat Waiting, ARCSE Representative (NEW)**

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Retirees meet in Hawaii, 5/6/14: Ken Kaneshiro, Dudley Kubo, Keith Harada, Glenn Ahuna, Saku Nakamura, Mike Hayama, Jolene Lau, Francis Lum, Gail Ichikawa, Larry Yamamoto, Florence Ouchi, Bob Joy, Lorraine Weatherton, and Strat Whiting.



Many of the group also met again in July.

## ILLINOIS

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Sixteen retirees and spouses gathered for lunch and visiting in Litchfield on July 9. Attending were **Don and Martha Long**, **Dave and Maribeth Rahe**, **Lee and Nancy Bridgman**, **John and Patty Paden**, **John Burns**, **Charles Sykes**, **Bill Sykes**,

**Mook and Helen Allen, Albert Dowland, and Dale and Nancy Benz.** Albert Dowland recently retired as a Soil Conservationist in the Carlinville Field Office. **John Paden** has been the coordinator of events for the Southwestern Illinois retirees for many years and has turned the reins over to **Dave Rahe**. You have been a great leader, John. I think we decided **Mook Allen** has more heart stents than all the rest of the group combined! Mook is District 1 Vice President of NARFE in Illinois, which is most of the southern one-third of the state. His district hosted the 2014 Illinois Federation of NARFE's annual convention in Carbondale in May, and they did a super job as hosts. Mook urges, and I agree, that retired and working SCS/NRCS's should belong to NARFE.



*Pictured seated left to right is Martha Long, Maribeth Rahe, Nancy Bridgman, Patty Paden, Nancy Benz, and Helen Allen. Standing left to right is Don Long, Dave Rahe, Lee Bridgman, John Burns, John Paden, Dale Benz, Charles Sykes, Albert Dowland, and Mook Allen.*

**Judy and John Hummel** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in August. Congratulations and we wish you many more.

**Earl and Barb Voss** took a ten-day trip to visit their daughter and family in Texas in August. Barb gave a new meaning to the "red eye flight!" The night before they were to fly to Texas, Barb's eye became very bloodshot. Obviously, they were worried because of flying, so they contacted her doctor who gave her the ok to fly. It was caused by medication and wasn't from other possible causes. Sounds like they had a good trip.

We extend our sympathy to the **Jesse Keller** family on his passing in June. Jess is survived by his daughter, Julie, and sons **Brad** and **Mike**.

The next gathering of the Illinois retirees will be October 2 at Ryans Steakhouse in Champaign beginning at 11:30. Hope you can attend and enjoy lunch and visiting.

## IOWA

**Maralee Sarasion, ARCSE Representative**

Fifty retirees, spouses and guests gathered June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the SCORE Pavilion in Nevada for the summer picnic. It was hosted by **Herb Wilson** and **Bob Dayton**. The lunch was catered by Hickory Park, a favorite eating place of many from Ames. It's always fun visiting with those we haven't seen for a while. Following lunch, the movie "Dirt-The Movie," an informative and interesting movie about our valuable resource, was shown. It reminded us how "Dirt" was formed in the beginning and our need to continue its formation and preservation. The need for preservation was needed in Central Iowa that day as we had a very bad thunderstorm with a downpour that lasted awhile. The picnic notice stated if it was a nice day there was ample space to eat outside overlooking the duck pond. The day started out that way, but before long even the ducks couldn't maneuver the water. However, the weather did not dampen the spirit of the group.

Attending were: **Chuck and Phyllis Fisher, Eldon Weber, Sam Shreve, Tom Gust, Ames; Russ and Donna Knutson, Herman and Helen Kopitzke, Gerald and Marion Stevens, Boone; Ron and Marcia Snyder, Burlington; Dick Birchmier, Centerville; Lyle and Charlotte Asell, Chariton; Brian Peterson, Corning; Ken and Marge Meyer, Denison; Ron Kuehl, Elkader; Lew and Connie Brent, Knoxville; Roger and Donita Link, Maxwell; Ernie and Pat Aust, Keith McCall, Shenandoah; Roger and Arlene Greenough, Slater; Don and Donna Redman, Van Wert; and from Des Moines and**

immediate area, **Jim Ayen, Tom Birkhiser, Bob Dayton, Mark Jensen, Duane and Mary Jo Miller, Tom O'Conner, Joe Ausan, Deane Glen, Mark Linflot, Don and Kay Peterson, Volney Smith, Don Ummel, Herb Wilson, Rosie and Bob Gaudette, Maralee and Jack Sarasio**. Thanks to the hosts for another retirees' get-together.

Mark your calendar for the holiday party November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Machine Shed in Des Moines. Contact **Volney Smith** (515) 987-3388 for further information.

RAGBRAI XLII (the bike ride across Iowa) is history. This year it was across northern Iowa from Rock Valley to Guttenberg. Several retirees, along with others, passed out water and bananas to riders throughout the week. This year, I understand, the Banana Mobile was without its usual navigator, **Duane Miller**, except for the first day. It seems that granddaughters had a way of getting to grandpa. They decided on a train ride to Colorado and lined up a lot of fun things to do after they got there.

Congratulations to **Bob and Nancy Mettetal**, Leeds, AL, celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this month. Bob retired from the Design Unit in the state office.

**Dixie Currier**, wife of Honorary Soil Conservationist **Raymond (Ray) L. Currier**, passed away April 19, 2014. They had only recently moved from their home in Ogden, IA to the Eastern Star and Masonic Home in Boone, IA. Ray retired as the DC in Webster City, IA where he had worked most of his career. They had spent winters in Lillian, AL. See the In Memoriam section for details.

## KANSAS

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The end of June brought the Annual Meeting of the Kansas SCS/NRCS Retirees Association. On June 27, 2014, we gathered at the Quality Inn in Salina, Kansas, to visit and reminiscence. This was followed by a carved sirloin and rosemary lime chicken dinner buffet. Attending were, **Mike Ahern, Nova Atwood, Tom and Elaine Badger, Don Cooper, Arlie and Dorothy Cox, Duane Evans, Jim and Lorraine Gaskell, Bob and Dorothy Gerdes, Gary and Annetta Kelley, Deanne and Ron Lull, John and Linda Ourada, Loren and Darlene Pearson, John Reh, Bill and De Roth, Robert and Carolyn Roth, Eldon and Betty Schwant, Mary Shaffer, Malcom Strom, Bobby and Glennis Trecek, and Lawrence and Phyllis Wetter**

The program speaker, **Mark Baxa**, is a realtor and auctioneer in the Salina area and also a member of the Army National Guard. He has spent several overseas tours in recent years. His last tour was in Afghanistan where he led an Agricultural Development Team. Their mission was to teach the Afghans how to farm for better production and market for more profit. He shared many slides showing the people, the countryside, and some of their projects, running the gamut from chicken coops to irrigation systems that his team completed. A short business meeting followed in which the following officers were elected: President, **John Ourada**; Vice-President, **Duane Evans**; and Secretary/Treasurer, **Mary Shaffer**.

**Kayla Ascher and Greg Henderson** are joining the retirement ranks. **Kayla**, Human Resources Specialist in the Salina State Office, retired on July 1, 2014, completing 36 years of service. She began her career in 1978 on the Soils Staff as an intermittent employee assisting with soil survey map compilation. In 1991 she was assigned to the Personnel Staff as a Personnel Management Specialist, and she held that position until 2002 when she was reassigned as Human Resources Specialist. Also retiring was **Greg Henderson**. Greg retired on July 4, 2014, as the District Conservationist in the Kinsley Field Office,

Congratulations to **Roger Haberman** who is celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday at an open house on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. **Roger** lives in Larned, KS.

Condolences are sent to the **Keith Messenger** family. Keith passed away on August 15, 2014. He retired in 1990 after serving many years as the District Conservationist at the Dighton Field Office. His wife, **Virginia**, survives.

We were saddened to learn that two of our retirees recently lost grandchildren. **Reed Ash**, grandson of **Debbie Kaiden**, was killed in a car accident on July 26, 2014. He was part of the 2014 high school graduating class. **Zach Kindler**, 35, grandson of **Dorothy Gerdes**, died of an apparent heart attack on August 4, 2014. He was the track and cross country coach at Baker University in Baldwin City, KS.

## KENTUCKY

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We currently have 180 Kentucky retirees. Seven retirees live out of state.

**Ray Barker**: Ray is recovering from surgery on his ankle and doing well. He reports his roses were the worst he's ever seen this year, but his red peonies were the "prettiest you ever saw." Ray is hoping to attend the annual meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup> at

Natural Bridge for the first time and getting together with old friends. Ray does not have email but would enjoy hearing from you. His address is 819 KY 504, Box 578, Olive Hill, KY 41164.

**Anthony Burns:** I have taught the NRCS course "Orientation for New Employees" as an Earth Team volunteer during the summer (Greensboro NC, Columbus OH, Beltsville MD and Davis CA). I have been on the training cadre for the course since 2002 and have continued working with the cadre since retirement.

**Les Carrithers:** A few months after retiring I started a small consulting business that has gone well. Most of my work is now with one company in Uniontown, KY. We are a large farming operation and an oil production company. I do everything from permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, irrigation on row crops, to growing the office garden. It is so much easier to work in the private sector than putting up with all the government stress.

**Randy Giessler:** I really appreciate the newsletters and read every word. **Martha Jo** and I are doing fine and stay busy going to church and enjoying our family: two grandsons and a new great grandchild are expected in April.

**Allan Heard:** Following my retirement from SCS in 1993, I was hired by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County government as a senior municipal engineer. My job involved overseeing construction of a variety of intersections and rebuilding of paved streets and sidewalks. I retired from that job in 2004. Since retiring I've done those handyman chores I'd been putting off. My wife and I traveled to China in 2005—a memorable trip. The Parkinson's disease that I've had for 10 years has finally caught up with me. I'm finding walking particularly difficult. Writing yarns has been one of my favorite pastimes. Recently my wife put together a collection of stories that I'd written about my childhood over the years. Recent cataract surgeries have made it possible for me to enjoy reading about your lives on my computer. I have been blessed. Here's a sample of Allan's writing:

#### **Shoo fly pie—by Allan Heard**

As the end of my sophomore year of high school approached, I dislocated my right foot while practicing for the school's annual field day. The foot popped back into joint, but the joint was cracked. As a result, I got a cumbersome cast and a pair of crutches for company. This was something like having an anchor. It was so depressing that I lost nearly 20 pounds before I shed the cast.

My buddy Clyde and I had been scheming for some while about damming up a spring-fed hollow to make a clean, cool, swimming hole. At about the time of the mishap, his dad consented to hire a bulldozer to construct the dam. Now the only problem was that the hollow was so wet and swampy, a dozer would have sunk out of sight.

Thus it was that on the day after my cast was taken off we set about the process of draining the hollow. After six weeks in a cast, the ankle was completely rigid, which made walking fairly difficult. Nonetheless, I was free again. I was so happy to be off crutches that I was singing as I walked. The fact that school was out for the summer may have had some bearing on my high spirits.

At this time in my life, I was very much into scouting. Boy Scouts of an earlier era had worn what we now call a Mountie hat. Because of my fair skin, I had long worn a hat during the summer. When I found that the Boy Scout store in Tupelo still had some of these antiques in stock, I got one as my official outdoor symbol.

Thus it was that I set out afoot for the hollow with Clyde, shovel on shoulder and Mountie hat on head. I'm not kidding when I say we were both thrilled and excited at the prospect of draining the swampy hollow and building a pond. As we walked along, we were dreaming aloud of swimming and fishing in the pond that was about to be built.

As we approached the hollow, we came out to a shaded area where some of Clyde's Angus cows had been hanging out. Suddenly, my eyes fell on what I instantly thought to be a wonderful opportunity. There was a large, crusted cow pile. Unfortunately, I did not correctly evaluate the implications of the hundreds of flies resting and feeding on the pile. What I saw was an opportunity to annihilate literally hundreds of flies with one swat of my shovel. Quickly, before they could disperse, I delivered a blow. I sent hundreds of flies to their maker. I also sent several pounds of fresh manure straight to my head and face. The pile was not even close to dry—just crusted.

My eyes were full, my nose was full, my face was covered, but fortunately my mouth was closed. My hat looked hopeless. The top of it was literally paved in manure. I tossed it away and headed for a spring to wash up. It was several days before I quit smelling my offensive coating.

**Billye Haslett:** I'm enjoying serving on the Fayette County Conservation District Board. It's pretty amazing what you forget over the years. I'm re-learning conservation from the ground up. Carl and I are planning on going to Beaufort, SC for a vacation in September. Beaufort was recently recognized as one of the best small towns in America. We plan on experiencing "Low Country Cooking" to find out what it's all about. We haven't been to this part of the U.S. yet, so are looking forward to the visit. Most people have flower gardens. I have managed weed plots. If a plant decides it wants to grow in my perennial flower beds I let it grow there—except dandelions. Maybe I should make dandelion wine. My motto is, "There are no weeds, only wildflowers."

**Don Henry and Marge Whitley:** Amtrak to the Big Apple. We spent five days in NJ and NY, visiting with a granddaughter. One of the main places visited was The Duke Farm, near Somerville, NJ; native vegetation and a large greenhouse full of orchids. It was a beautiful place.

**Doug and Drecilla Hatchett:** Before we see you at Natural Bridge this fall, Drecilla and I will be taking a trip to a part of this country we haven't seen yet. We will be flying to Seattle in late August, then travelling with a group from here in south central KY down the west coast, then across the lower tier southwestern states. We will be gone 15 days. We're looking forward to this trip. See you in October! We've made our reservations at Natural Bridge State Park for the annual meeting.

**Jim and Thelma Haagen:** Greetings to all, it seems just like yesterday, but I've been retired now for 2 1/2 years. My bride of 42 years and I have been enjoying retirement. We still live in Hardinsburg. Thelma does substitute teaching at the elementary school where she was employed and tutoring students in our home after school. I have volunteered some for the soils folks and for **Calvin Bohannon**, who, by the way, is still working. Last winter I started doing a little fur trapping to eliminate an overpopulation of raccoon and beaver that were trying to flood some crop fields. Picture below. This spring, my younger son Jeremy and I went fishing in Alabama and caught a few fish. The largest one was 41 lbs.



**Jim Haagen, "Trapper Jim," retired Soil Scientist**



**Jim Haagen, retired Soil Scientist, showing his blueberries.**

Also here is a recipe that I made recently since my blueberry bushes (3) produced about 19 quarts of tasty berries.

**LEMON BLUEBERRY BREAD:** 1/3 c melted butter, 1 c sugar, 3 tbsp. lemon juice, 2 eggs, 1 1/2 c all-purpose flour, 1 tsp baking powder, 1 tsp salt, 1/2 c milk, 2 tbsp. grated lemon zest, 1/2 c chopped walnuts optional, 1 c fresh or frozen blueberries

**GLAZE:** 2 tbsp. lemon juice, 1 tbsp. butter melted, 1 c confectioner's sugar

**DIRECTIONS**

**BREAD:** In a mixing bowl, beat together butter, 1 cup sugar, juice and eggs. Combine flour, baking powder and salt; stir into egg mixture alternately with milk. Fold in lemon zest, nuts, and blueberries. Pour batter into greased loaf pan. Bake at 350 for 60 to 70 minutes.

**GLAZE:** Combine all ingredients mix well. Drizzle over bread.

**Gene and Hazel Jarvis:** I am a member of Fleming County Conservation District Board. I do consulting work as an independent contractor for land owners. I also drive for a community action program. Hazel is doing income taxes. We look forward to attending the meeting in October.

**Joel Legris:** Right after retiring, we sold our larger farm in Mason County and moved to a tract of land adjoining Brashears Creek in Spencer County. My wife **Ann** and I enjoy kayaking and have taken advantage of the many streams in the area. We also like being closer to Louisville and friends and family. Currently I work part time as a land-use consultant/manager and volunteer as an environmental educator at the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Parklands in Jefferson County and the Clarence Miller Outdoor Education Center in Shelby County.

**Connie McKinney:** Connie is rested after a week-long vacation with family at Topsail Island, a place where they have visited for over 30 years. Topsail (pronounced "topsul") is a 26-mile-long barrier island between Wilmington and Jacksonville, NC. While there they toured the USS Battleship North Carolina, which participated in every major naval offensive in the Pacific during World War II, earning 15 battle stars. It is an authentically restored World War II battleship, a National Historic Landmark and a memorial honoring those who gave their lives in World War II.

**Marcia Kelly:** My husband **Dan** and I have gone camping with our 3 dogs a couple of times at Cave Run Lake - Twin Knobs Campground. We really enjoyed it and will be heading back down there again when the weather is a little cooler. Both of my daughters have visited us this summer and we will be heading to North Carolina soon to visit my oldest daughter, son-in-law and grandson (for his 1<sup>st</sup> birthday!). My youngest daughter **Kaitlin** works for NRCS in New Jersey and has just been selected to be on the NJ State Resource staff as the State Agronomist. She will be starting that position in early September. We are very proud of her and she is really excited to start her new position.



**Marcia Kelly, Retired Resource Conservationist**

**Taylor Morgan:** I have a new addition to the family, a great granddaughter, **Paislyn Daily**, born this past July to my granddaughter **Carissa Foley**. That makes three great granddaughters.

**Linda Rhinehimer:** I have been busy this summer. As some of you know, **Dea** has been going through lung cancer. We were in the hospital 32 days. Found a wonderful doctor at UK Markey Cancer Center. And as of August 14<sup>th</sup> (our 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary) **Dea** is cancer-free. I have been making yellow squash relish, recipe below.

**SQUASH RELISH:** 12 c. yellow squash (remove seeds and cut very small pieces), 2 green peppers, 2 red peppers, 4 c. onions, 6 c. sugar, 2 1/2 c. cider vinegar, 2 T. salt, 1 T. dry mustard, 3/4 tea. turmeric, 1 1/2 tea. celery seeds, 1 tea. black pepper

Cook vinegar, sugar, and spices to a good boil. Add veggies and bring to a second boil and cook 5 minutes. Put in hot jars and seal. I eat by the spoonful.

**Randal Rock:** I have been retired but really changed jobs for almost a year. I am working for a farmer in Shelby County as a consultant for crops. I have about 55 beef cows and grow about 3 acres of sweet sorghum. I forget what day of the week it is most of the time. After 34 years with NRCS/SCS, life is different. I do miss seeing people who I worked with.

**Ed Scott:** I volunteer with the Life Line Ministry in Northern KY. The ministry is supported by eighteen churches that contribute food and clothing to those in need. They also provide household goods when available. I had surgery on August 15<sup>th</sup> at the University of Cincinnati. I'm recuperating at home, with the help of my wife **Bonnie** and my daughter **Cheryl**, who's visiting from Florida. Cheryl is a nurse. So glad she's available to interpret the medical lingo.

**Roy Toney:** News from Roy's Corner. I was recently selected to serve as chairman of the FSA County Committee which comprises Anderson, Franklin and Woodford Counties. In addition, I am serving a third term chairmanship of the Anderson County Conservation District. This year marks the 28<sup>th</sup> year for planning an educational tour for the Anderson County Cattlemen Association. The August tour for this year will be visiting the states of North and South Dakota. These tours have allowed me to travel to all 50 states as well as Canada and Mexico. The most rewarding activity that I am involved in is the mentoring program in the elementary school system. I'm happy to announce that **Bill Craddock and his wife Deborah** will soon become citizens of Anderson County. Welcome Bill - it's amazing what grandchildren will cause you to do. Hope to see everyone at the fall gathering.

We remember those who have passed since our last newsletter. In Memory: **Arlin J. Barton**, Russellville, KY June 13, 2014; **Thomas P. (Tom) Etherington**, Richmond, KY July 2, 2014; **Archie B. Gragg**, Bowling Green, KY July 28, 2014; **Cornell Rhoton**, Age 93, Tompkinsville, KY July 6, 2014

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## MAINE

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Our **July breakfast** was on the 8<sup>th</sup> and was attended by **Art Taylor, Bruce Champeon, Judy and Charlie Boothby, Bob Lagassey, and Noreen and John Simon**. It was so nice to enjoy the warm weather we are having and catch up on others' lives. I think it is recharging our souls. We humans are meant to be social animals.

A reminder to all Mainers (especially the new additions): we are still having our 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month 9AM breakfast at The Dysarts truck stop in Hermon/Hampden at the I-95 interchange (mile 180). We have been there for the 16 years since I have been in the Bangor area.

I have added the name of retiree **Winston Mahan** to our list - hooray! Another live body. This deserves a story. Last Friday **Noreen** and I were at our afternoon supper at the Eagle's Nest restaurant in North Brewer. On exiting the place I passed a fellow who looked awfully familiar, but I did not follow up at the time. Well, that night about 3AM I woke up with the name Winston Mahan in my mind. I went to the kitchen and wrote the name down and went back to bed. On Monday I called Winston and asked if he wanted to be on my list of SCS/NRCS retirees. He said OK but indicated that he works varying hours at LL Bean and may not be attending very often, but at least he is on our contact list! Welcome Winston! Winston had left SCS at the State Office and went to work for FmHA before retiring.

Some of you may be wondering how the mini-split I put upstairs in my raised ranch for heating is working in the Air conditioning mode. It is cooling and dehumidifying the whole house quite well, thank you very much. This is the first summer we have been comfortable in our house in June-July-August! Hooray! For the 33 days from June 23, 2014 to July 26, 2014 the mini split used 160.09 kW or 4.8512 kWh/day (\$0.86 per day). This is equivalent to a 202-watt bulb running continuously. I put in a separate watt-hour meter for the mini-split so I know exactly how much I am using. On the opposite note the mini-split only heats the upstairs. Heat rises, colder air settles downstairs. These mini-splits are cropping up all around the Bangor, Maine area like weeds. The word is getting out as to how good they are and very reliable and economical. On a side note, my refrigerator uses 3.38 kWh per day or the equivalent of a 141 watt light bulb running continuously.

I visited **Art Taylor** at his new house, and he is coming along fine. The interior wall framing is all in, and he is roughing out the electrical outlet locations. Art is an amazing carpenter! Art indicates that his superinsulated house stays about 70 degrees even with the doors open in his unfinished home. No heat or AC, just the thermal mass in the 4-inch concrete floor underlain by 4 inches of styrofoam insulation.

**August 2014:** I got caught up with the Senior Little League World Series and lost track of time from August 10 through August 16. Wow, what great baseball, and the Bangor team was able to keep up with the best from around the world! Bangor was undefeated until the semifinals when it lost to Houston, TX. Texas went on to beat Latin America in the finals. Those other teams were good, so that says something about the Bangor Area baseball quality.

I contacted and got the approval of **Susan Watson and Skip Babineau** to add their names to the list of retirees who are interested in keeping informed of other retirees and possibly attending breakfasts or other functions we hold. Susan is an early retiree resulting from the RC&D office shutdowns. Sue now has a farm (Midsummer Night's Meadow Farm) to supplement her income. Congratulations, Sue. You can see her farm on the web at [www.uniquemaineferms.com](http://www.uniquemaineferms.com).

**Skip Babineau** recently retired and indicated that he is in remission from a brain tumor and feeling quite well. God bless you Skip. Skip spent years driving from Easton up to Fort Kent, acting as DC and indicated he does not miss all the driving at all, especially in the winter.

I also heard from **Don Collins** up in Aroostook. I haven't heard from Don for many years. Come to find out he had been battling cancer and is a "cancer survivor" and in remission from the cancer and the Crohn's disease he has been plagued with for many years. So glad to hear Don is healthy and active. Don is very thankful for his renewed health. Don indicated that he has a small consulting business (started in 2005) and is busy (especially in the summer) installing 319-type projects and related type water quality practices. Don indicated he may see us at a breakfast in Bangor "when the ground freezes."

I Heard from **Bill Moulton** recently, and he indicated he is recovering nicely from his broken leg (during one of our ice storms this winter). He indicated he recently harvested a bunch of hay on his farm with the help of his wife **Pat**, son, and friends.

Maine retirees met for their Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> of **August breakfast**. We all had a great time updating each other about family "stuff." Fun was had by all.

It was good to see **Art Dearborn** and his wife. Obviously many folks in other states knew Art in his years as state engineer. **Norm Kalloch** always schedules his annual eye examination for the second Tuesday in August so it was good to see him again this year. Norm and I both go to Dr. Moulton in Bangor who did our cataract surgeries. We are both seeing very well, thank you very much.



**Maine retirees' breakfast, left to right, clockwise: Norm Kalloch, Bruce Champeon, Francis Dearborn, Arthur Dearborn, Charlie Boothby and Judy Boothby, and John Simon.**

**Art Taylor** was doing the "river keepers" program this month and could not attend. This time, his group was taking the teachers from Hermon HS down the Penobscot River on an environmental education canoe ride. They use several very large canoes to navigate the river for quite a few miles. Talks are given on various aspects of the ecology of the river and the restoration of salmon after the recent removal of several large dams on the main portion of the river.

As our group of retirees ages, more and more of us are struggling with health issues of various kinds. However, we are a tough bunch and keep plodding forward. It is good for us to get together as often as possible to keep up our spirits. Knowing we are not alone is comforting to many of us. In subtle ways we can sometimes help each other out.

## MINNESOTA

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On Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014, a small group met for lunch at Pippins in Roseville: **Laurie Otte, John Brach, Vic Ruhland, Susan Ploetz, Margy and Micki Gangl, John Handler, and Marlene Mechelke**. We haven't seen **John Brach** in a while and it was **Laurie Otte's** first luncheon. Much spirited conversation and reminiscing!

A while back I met with **Norm Kempf**, Midwest Regional Vice-President, and received the ARCSE President's Award for Meritorious Service. This award is in appreciation for leadership in membership recruitment and retiree activities as the ARCSE representative. Thanks to Norm for nominating me for this award and to other officers for their consideration. I enjoy keeping in touch with all the great folks we worked with over the years and appreciated getting this award.

Minnesota is short on news this time, but "Old Faithful", **Vic Ruhland**, has a few words of interest: (He's really quite "Young.")

I enjoyed reading the excellent article on soil quality, "The Roots of Healthy Habitat," in the January-February 2014 issue of the Minnesota Conservation Volunteer. The importance of reducing soil erosion, an important component for maintaining/improving soil health was described in an easy understanding manner. I couldn't help but reflect on my learning about soil erosion and conservation from original soil conservationists of our agency. I became familiar with most of them – who they were – while doing my research on the history of soil and water conservation in Minnesota (Through These Eyes The First 70 Years of Soil and Water Conservation in Minnesota – April 2005). They were truly dedicated individuals. They taught me well for my career with the Soil (Natural Resources) Conservation Service.

A statement in the article also reflecting my views deals with the increase of soil erosion in recent years - ". . . soil conservationists worry that the news (reducing soil erosion) won't be so good when USDA's updated figures come out later in 2014." As I travel through Southern Minnesota primarily to my home area I've seen lots of soil erosion. I'm sure those dedicated original soil conservationists would be most discouraged at seeing above normal rainfalls in recent years together with increased row cropping causing the increase of sheet-rill-gully erosion.

## MISSOURI

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The annual statewide luncheon of SCS/NRCS retirees is planned for Thursday, September 11, 2014. This year's meeting will be held in the Columbia Senior Center in Columbia, Missouri.

The Columbia area retirees' quarterly breakfast was held at the Country Kitchen in Columbia on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Those attending were: **Neil and Louise Randall, John and Carol McCarthy, Jean Herman, Bob Ball, Bob Hummel, Ed and Judy Smith, Frank Miller, Bill Pauls, Virgil and Joy Gardner, Bob and Rosy Herschbach, Clayton Lee and Dave Rastorfer.**

**Clayton Lee** reports that he is in the process of moving to Smithville, MO as soon as he sells the house in Columbia and buys a house in Smithville.

**Jerry McElhiney:** It has been a good spring-summer for my garden. However, I got tired of pulling weeds and went looking for some excitement at the Butler Airport. Skydiving has been on my bucket list for some time, so I thought why not! After some training with a tandem jumper and hooking up with a camera man I was ready for the Sport Tandem Jump. Sixteen of us boarded a twin-engine King Air and headed for the blue sky.

*Jerry McElhiney goes skydiving!*



At 14,000 feet the green jump light came on and we began to file out the door. Our free-fall was 8,000 feet, reaching speeds between 120-130 mph. The final 6,000 feet under the chute was beautiful and a bird's-eye view of the countryside. Here are a few pictures.

The organization has helpers get me on my feet again. Sure hard on the hair!

**John McCarthy:** We've been spending a lot of time in Peoria the last few months. My mother (95) is dealing with dementia and **Carol's** brother (85) is having some of the same issues. Actually there isn't much we can do for them except to let them know we are there and care.

**Dennis Shirk:** Hello Folk. We are finally well, **Lois** with a broken arm and me with a severe sinus infection. We are very dry here in the central part of the state. I have forage in front of livestock but no re-growth behind them. I will be feeding hay within two weeks. We are meeting friends from Kentucky in Illinois for a brief visit. Hope all is well. See y'all down the trail.

**Bill Pauls:** Marathon season starts the next weekend after our annual retirees' luncheon. I have three planned: OH, CA, and NM "Run For It!" I'm starting to get my girlish figure back, dropped about 10lbs, need 10 more. I'm actually the featured marathoner in the 50 States Marathon Club newsletter for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter. Go figure! I'm also busy with the lake happenings/family, Neighborhood Watch Board, Parks Board, and K of C/LIFERunner Pro-LIFE work. This retirement gig is a hoot. Keep yer head down.

**Ed Smith:** With plenty of rain the grass has needed more attention this summer and I've been on the golf course more this year. I even saw you (Dave) there a couple of times! I also attended a reunion of first cousins, some I hadn't seen in 30 years. It turned out that four generations showed up. It was a great day.

We continue to spoil our great-grandson, much to his parents' dismay at times. Will spend this Wednesday through Sunday attending a Southern Gospel Singing Convention at Lebanon, MO, staying at Bennett Springs State Park in the lodge. Next on the agenda is our annual trip to the mountains of the lovely state of Colorado. We plan to meet my "baby sister" and husband from Yuma, AZ during part of this time. Then we will need to start preparing for our 12<sup>th</sup> trip to FL for a few months. That's always an enjoyable time for us.

**Lane Thurman:** I have been down on the lake for a few days, but had to go home because I got food poisoning, am now over it and will be going back today or tomorrow, but the fishing is not worth going back for. Just got to fish one evening late, and didn't even get a good bite. They are deep right now and really hard to catch, at least for me anyway. We will be heading south to Louisiana for one of grandson's La. Tech graduation. This will be the first of the third generation graduating from La. Tech. I was the first, then three of my sons--now one of the grandsons. Maybe we are starting a tradition here. Stay cool and catch a lot of fish when you can. They don't bite all the time.

**Bob Ball:** **Lenore** and I visited our daughter, **Laura**, and husband, **Chris**, in Orlando in May, stopping to see the Atlanta Aquarium along the way. While in Florida we visited with **Tom Sommer** (Sarasota) and **Don Butz** (Tampa). They are both retired from the NRCS national office. **Tom, Don and I** were area conservationists in Ohio a long time ago! We flew to Seattle to attend a family memorial service. While there, a family member guided us to several wonderful natural attractions in that part of the State of Washington. I have lots of digital photos from that trip and would gladly share if you are contemplating a visit to that area. We've made a few trips to our farm in Ohio and will be headed there again soon. We hosted the spring meeting of the Ohio Chapter Walnut Council in May and talked with a busload of grassland farmers from Ohio in July about management intensive grazing. We purchased a weed wiper from Grassworks, Inc. here in Missouri, and this group of easterners was not too familiar with using it on pastures. Later in July we attended the American Tree Farm Conference in Pittsburgh. Currently, I'm working with our consulting forester in planning a timber harvest during 2015, and networking with the Missouri Chapter Walnut Council about hosting the national meeting in the St. Charles area in June 2015. **Laura and Chris** will be coming to the Missouri vs. University of Central Florida game in Columbia September 13. Both teams' colors are black and gold, so cheering could be confusing!

**Mike Blaine:** We enjoyed the Sally Mountain Bluegrass Festival in July. It rained the last two days, and some of the big bus-type campers had quite a time getting out. The evening that *Daily and Vincent* were there was the largest attendance that they ever had in 28 years. I am still taking out old fence rows on the farm that have grown up with lots of Cedar trees. Also I've had several bouts with poison ivy from that work. I sure have enjoyed the cooler summer. Much better to work outside!

**Lyle Noblitt:** It's been a busy spring and summer. I attended Masters Golf tournament on Friday, then stayed in Atlanta and played Bears Best golf course, the trip sponsored by Missouri State Alumni. **Horton Smith**, the first Master winner in 1934, attended SMS, now Missouri State. Eight couples made our golf trek to Springfield and played four courses. We had a week's vacation in California and visited Pebble Beach. Didn't get to play. Four couples made our regular golf trip to Branson and played three courses there. We are looking forward to a great fall and more golf.

News from **Jess and Phyllis Epple** in Indian County (Muskogee, OK): Fall calves are arriving, grass is green, growing strong, and the 1<sup>st</sup> cutting of hay was awesome! We had our 4<sup>th</sup> great-grandchild in K.C., MO, about 2 months ago and he is a keeper! We recently found out that there will be another addition from the Nashville, TN area arriving in March, 2015. Are we blessed or what? Stay healthy, be happy, and keep smiling. It's the NRCS/SCS (retirees) way, you know!

**Peggy Fricke:** Most of my summer was spent staying with the grandkids in South Missouri--lots of ballgames during June and July. Both grandkids' teams were undefeated this year and both took 1<sup>st</sup> place in their final tournaments. After that I was very fortunate to go to Colorado to spend eight days with my cousin **Patty**, who is fighting cancer, and some of her family. We laughed a lot, and we sat out on the deck every morning and most evenings; took sunrise, sunset, hummingbird and chipmunk pictures almost every day; talked endlessly and sat quietly; explored; hiked; went tubing down snow hill (found out I wasn't too old); saw elk, deer, moose, magpies, marmots and alpacas (ranch); sat around a fire pit until well after dark and roasted hot

dogs/marshmallows; took hundreds of pictures of landscapes, flowers, animals and each other; drove up to an old, abandoned train trestle, through canyons and up mountains; stood on the continental divide; walked in the snow on the mountains; picked up rocks; shopped and—then there was kayaking, the Alpine Slide, bike riding and horseback riding by the younger ones. But, most of all, we made memories that I will look back on and cherish for the rest of my life. Back from there and it was three days with the grandkids at Lake of the Ozarks before starting back to school. We hit the miniature golf courses, go-carts, old time pictures, the pools and ended the three days with shopping for school supplies and a ride through Fantastic Caverns. Now for some down time and catching up on the home front. Next year, Alaska?

**Laura Cowart:** Retirement? Really? Enjoying every minute, obviously! I have been to Brazil, a bucket list item for me. I was there for 10 days, part fun and part building a church in one of the slum areas of Fortaleza. A family friend has taken a group there for more than 20 years, and it was one item on my bucket list that I wanted to accomplish. I did enjoy a few days in Carnival City-Rio seeing all the famous sights of Rio and enjoying the beaches. **Walter** and I made a trip to South Dakota last September and got in on the last day, the 30<sup>th</sup> before the government shutdown! We got lucky but many visitors did not. We also included travels through Custer State Park and visiting Chief Crazy Horse Monument and museum. It will be 10 years before it's completed--it is huge! We left early to beat an early blizzard that left many of the members of our group stranded for a week with no power in the lodge where we stayed. We came back to 82 degrees in Missouri. Go figure! Walter completed a bucket list item in February as we both traveled to New York with "The Messiah Project," a local choral group that was asked to participate in a celebration of Sewanee Press' 75<sup>th</sup> year of printing choral music. He sang on the stage at Carnegie Hall on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. We enjoyed New York even though the weather wasn't great but a great place to spend a Valentine's Day, which we did with a wonderful but expensive meal along with a play, "Beautiful - The Carole King Story," fantastic!

Walter and I are headed to Orlando, FL on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to attend the National convention of National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) as members of our local chapter. We are both delegates as I am President of the local chapter and Walter is Legislative Chair. There are big changes ahead for NARFE and if you are not a member, I encourage you to join as it is the *only* national organization in DC that solely looks out for you! We are extending our trip to include Key West, another bucket list item I get to check off my list. Hopefully the hurricanes will stay away during our Florida visit. We are staying busy, as you can see, with traveling and of course, enjoying our five grandchildren, ages 6, 4, 2, 19 months and 18 months. They can be a handful but we love it. Looking forward to the college football season as I watch Alabama Crimson Tide roll!

## MONTANA

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**Gordon Decker Report:** I've missed the last few breakfasts. We spent a few days at the Family Ranch in Eastern MT the first week end in August. Replaced the hail-broken window, trimmed up the place and had fun with my sister, husband and grand-niece. She got some pickup and ATV driving lessons and practice. The country is still kinda green but getting very dry. The hay crop is less than half of normal because of the hail damage in June. Otherwise, we have just been tending the flower and vegetable gardens, using lots of water, but filling the freezer and pantry with garden goodies.

**James Johnson Report:** On the first Friday in August, **Joan** and I spent a delightful evening with **Roman Statz** and his grandson when they stopped in Bozeman on their return trip to Wisconsin, after spending a week in Yellowstone National Park. More than 50 years ago we worked together in Janesville, WI, where Roman was the District Conservationist and I was getting started as a Soil Conservationist. We had a very enjoyable Friday evening in Bozeman, going out to dinner together and then taking in the first night of the *Bozeman Stampede* rodeo. It was great to spend a few hours together and share some memories of our time with SCS and the people we worked with in Wisconsin during the early 1960s. Roman and his wife **Bea** now live in Baraboo and are very active in Wisconsin's ARCSE activities.

**Scott Hoag Jr. Report:** **Scott and Nancy** traveled to Ashton, ID to help with a Habitat for Humanity house. The team sanded the house and installed the fascia wrap. Dad, Mom and three kids will have a clean, safe home when they move in this fall. Nancy continues to write. She sold three articles this past month. In September they will travel to Port Townsend, WA for a HfH build and then spend time with daughter and granddaughters on Bainbridge Is.

**Gooby Ranch Report:** Last fall **Mary Ann** went to a horse sale where they were selling Rocky Mountain horses. They ran one in that had never been touched by humans. No one would bid on it. Mary Ann felt sorry for the owner and made a real low bid just to get the bid going. Five seconds later she owned her new horse. What a bummer.

We hauled the horse home. Then Mary Ann decided she would break the horse and see if it could gait. After she ground-worked the horse using all the big time horse trainers' techniques, she got on the horse. After a half hour riding her in the round pen, the horse hadn't bucked, so I untied Mary Ann's feet and removed the bungee cords I had tied her to the saddle with. That was just a safety precaution. The horse couldn't have bucked her off even it wanted to. In the process of riding the horse it showed it could gait. Mary Ann was one happy dude.

After a few days of round-penning, Mary Ann was riding the horse around the place and it was gaiting great. So off to the hills we went to see if the horse could handle riding in the mountains, crossing creeks, jumping logs and going up and down steep hills. I took the lead for the ride and the horse did great. The next ride out in the hills Mary Ann took her horse in front and it did super. The only problem was that my horse doesn't gait and my horse had to trot all day long. My behind was

sore for a week. The next ride we went on the same thing happened. That's when we decided to get another Rocky Mountain horse but I didn't want to pay any more for it than Mary Ann had paid for hers. We went to a horse ranch where they raise Rocky Mountain horses. They had one they had been trying to sell for the last two years but no takers. We looked at the horse and mentioned everything we could think of that was wrong with the horse. It also had never been touched by humans and it was seven years old. Finally I told the owner how much we would pay her for the horse. The price I offered her was \$10 less than Mary Ann paid for her Rocky Mountain horse. After a lot of kicking the ground and growling, she finally said okay as long as we gave it a good home. On way home we stopped at MacDonald's and bought two burgers. When we got home I still had 8 bucks in my pocket.

Mary Ann started working with the horse and after a couple weeks of round-penning and doing ground work, she rode the horse, and after a few days she got it gaiting. Then she made me get on it. After making a few trips around the arena everything looked good. Mary Ann decided to take the horse to a trainer and have them ride the horse to evaluate it. After the trainer got done he said the horse was very trainable, but she had picked up a lot of bad habits from the one who rode her last. When he found out I had rode the horse last, I overheard him recommend to Mary Ann that she send me to a horse trainer.

**Jerry Thompson**, retired NRCSer from Wisconsin, was visiting his mother over in Oregon. On his way home he got lost and ended up at our place. I made a deal with him that if he would repair fence for two days, I would take him fishing. He agreed, and on the third day we went fishing and I loaned him one of my secret lures. He caught a fish that weighed about four pounds. Then we headed back to the ranch. Jerry took a picture of his fish and sent it to his mother. His mother loves to fish and she wanted to know what the secret lure was. I had to get Jerry to sign an affidavit that he would not tell his mother what the lure was.

## NEBRASKA

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SCS/NRCS breakfast meetings were held on July 16, 2014 and on August 20, 2014. The meetings were called to order by President, **Gus Dornbusch**.

**Steve and Jan Stover** traveled to Kansas to help one of Jan's cousins celebrate a 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. **Gus Dornbusch** attended his 60<sup>th</sup> high school class reunion in Wamego, Kansas. **Roger Hammer** had been in Valentine to visit with family including his new granddaughter. **Norm and Linda Helzer** attended the International Kiwanis convention in Japan. They were accompanied by Norm's daughter, who used to teach in Japan, which made the trip go more smoothly.

**Bill and Colleen Hance** made their first trip to the British Isles, touring England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. **Dave Camper** spent time in Connecticut with family. One of Dave's nephews works for ESPN on a contract with NSA, which we all know more about than we did a year ago!

The annual SWCS golf tournament was held on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. This tournament was long organized by **Dave Langemeier** to raise money for scholarships. Dave passed away this spring, and the event was named in his honor. A scholarship in Dave Langemeier's name will be given. Fifty-two golfers participated in the event.

**Helen Stewart** died on July 10, 2014 at Age 92. She served as a secretary in the Midwest NTC for many years. **Helen M. Stewart**, age 92, of Lincoln, died July 10, 2014. See the In Memoriam section for more details.

**Joe Kuenning** is presently at Tabitha for physical therapy following surgery. **Sylvia Kempf, Chris Chapman and Charline Woodside** have all spent time in the hospital in recent weeks. Charline was scheduled to undergo surgery on July 16<sup>th</sup> to remove stones in her bile duct. **Keith Sheets** reported on his great grandson who was born with a tumor behind his lung. The little one had surgery and seems to be doing fine.

**Norman and Sylvia Kempf** attended a friend's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 19<sup>th</sup>. From there they went on to Minneapolis, MN where they visited their oldest son. Norman left Sylvia there and went on to attend the National SWCS Conference and the national meeting of the Association of Retired Conservation Service Employees. Norman is Vice-President of ARCSE for the Midwest. He also picked up the President's National Service Award for **Marlene Mechelke** who was honored for her service to the Minnesota retiree's group. Upon his return to Minneapolis he presented Marlene with her award.



## NEW YORK

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NY SCS/NRCS Retirees' Picnic, July 16, 2014



Left to Right: Paul Dodd, Rose Dodd, Fred Gilbert, Keith Reese, Steve Indrick, Tony Esser, Lisa Lindrick, Ellen Luchsinger, Erwin Rice, Mel Lee, Nancy Lee, Paul Ray, Dick Winnett, Gary Lamont, Phil Metzger, Steve Machovec. Not in picture: Mary Gilbert, Gwen Rice, Kathleen Esser, Pam Lamont

**Jim Calhoun writes:** I have been enjoying retirement and there is no worry about not having anything to do. The problem is to schedule time to get it all done. The first weekend in August, I attended the 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion of the Class of 1964 from the New York State Ranger School at Wanakena, NY. Of the 66 who graduated, 27 returned; nine others are deceased.

I made 2 two-hour presentations on Model Railroading to an Adult Education class at Empire State College in Saratoga Springs, and in September will make one on Soil Conservation. I have put together three different Powerpoints: one on the history of Soil Conservation, one on my years spent in Horseheads, and Cooperstown and one on Columbia County.

After coming back from Florida, I was scheduled to start radiation treatment for prostate cancer and completed the treatments in July--45 days. Have to wait and see the results in a few months.

**Bruce Ayers'** wife, **Kathy**, passed away. She had cystic fibrosis of the pulmonary system. **Bruce** was bio science technician at the PMC for over 30 years, retiring in September 2007. **Bruce's** cancer was in remission up until recently when lumps started appearing again. He is scheduled to have chemotherapy soon in Rochester. His good news is that his daughter got married about three weeks ago.

**Nancy Lee** attended her 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion in August in southern Pennsylvania. It was good to see former classmates that had not attended reunions before.

## NORTH DAKOTA

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To continue with the story of **Russ Christianson** as a POW in WWII. Russ wrote an article for the Jamestown Sun newspaper in May of 1995 about his POW camp liberation towards the end of the war.

Fifty years ago this week, I awoke in a German prison camp at Barth, Germany, Stalag Luft 1. I looked around at my roommates, 23 of them, from all parts of the United States and all walks of life. We were all officers in the Army Air Corps and had all been shot down over Europe. We had something else in common; we were all cold, hungry, dirty, malnourished and miserable. We ate, slept and lived in a room 16 feet by 24 feet. Our bunks were triple decked and took up all the floor space except for narrow aisles, a small coal stove and a table with two benches.

At daybreak they heard loud explosions, assumed to be artillery fire, and they knew the Russian Army was advancing from the East. At morning roll call that morning the German guards hurried through roll call without the usual harassment and were nervous and agitated. The German commandant verified that the Russians were only a day away and his orders were to make a last ditch stand at the prison camp. The compounds ranking American officer announced that they should dig trenches for protection. Problems were no tools and everyone weighed less than 100 pounds and so weak they could barely drag themselves around. They took the wooden bed slats off their bunks to dig in sandy soil with a water table within a couple feet. By evening the camp was criss-crossed with trenches, but with 2,000 men in camp there would have been room for only a fraction of them. They went to bed with real tension in the air, the explosions tapered off and stopped, and there was a real eerie silence. After midnight someone looked out and saw no guard dogs patrolling and no guards in the

towers. Everyone poured out of the barracks and there was absolute pandemonium. Someone fashioned a crude American flag and flew it from a guard tower and all 2,000 sang the National Anthem. Russ was very moved and would never forget that moment.

The next day they found out the German guards had all taken off to head West and surrendered to the American forces and had shot all the guard dogs. About 10 AM a Russian general came into camp in an American jeep. He made a stirring speech in Russian to the whole camp of 10,000 men. Every time he paused they cheered and applauded. The American Camp commander understood Russian and later told them what he said. In the afternoon Russ and a friend went to see the Baltic Ocean about a half mile away. On the beach they saw an unforgettable scene. There was an infant in a baby buggy, a little 5-year old boy, three young women, and a woman in her mid-forties. The grandmother had a P-38 pistol in her hand and all of them had a bullet hole in their head. They were well dressed and they figured they were the family of the Burger meister of Barth. The Russians targeted the Burger meisters as fair game. They reported it and a British chaplain buried them in a common grave on the beach. A rag tag outfit of Russian soldiers poured into their camp with little organization and/or discipline. Some rode horses; some drove horses and wagons; and there were American made trucks and jeeps. They all had a bottle of vodka and insisted you take a drink. Russ noted that most had a submachine gun and when drunk became dangerous. He didn't think any of them knew where the safety catch was. The local Germans were terrified of them and wanted the Americans to live with them so the Russians would leave them alone. These were the same Germans that spit on them and threw rocks at them on their way to the prison camp.

In their condition they needed food and discovered a warehouse full of Red Cross parcels that the Germans had withheld. A foraging party found a herd of Holstein cattle. Since most were milk cows, Russ the ND farm boy went to work milking and had his first taste of fresh milk since leaving the US and he described it as pure nectar. Some British doctors were afraid of Brucellosis or milk fever so a 24-hour butchering party turned those cows into hamburger. The medics warned them to take it easy on food and everyone got sick. The line at the outdoor latrine grew steadily and it wasn't unusual for someone to come out and get right back in line.

The U.S. High Command negotiated with the Russians to have the 8th Air Force fly them out in B-17s to Rheims, France, where General Dwight D. Eisenhower had accepted the German surrender a few days before. They were met at the airport by some beautiful Red Cross girls with coffee and doughnuts and he couldn't resist. That night he got about as sick as he has ever been and it was years before he tried another doughnut.

From **Ott Johnson**: This link shows photos taken in 1944. Hold and drag your mouse from left to right, and it will transform to the exact same location today.

<http://interactive.guim.co.uk/embed/2014/apr/image-opacity-slider-master/index.html?ww2-dday>

I'd like to thank **Kim Christianson** for preserving this story of his father, **Russ Christianson**. I'd also like to acknowledge the Jamestown Sun for publishing his story.

In other news, I just saw in the paper that **Herb and Diane Mittelstadt** were celebrating their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. **John Combs**, who worked for the SCS for 30 years, mostly in the Killdeer field office, retired in 1980. After this he became a land surveyor for over 20 years and served as Secretary-Treasurer for the Badlands Professional Land Surveyors for over 15 years. Shortly after moving to Killdeer, an acquaintance insulted John by calling Killdeer a sack town. This motivated John to devote his time to improving the community of Killdeer and Dunn County. A long-time member of the Lion's Club, he received the Melvin Jones Award for Humanitarian Service in 1997. He was a member of the Rural Life Committee, a Past Commander and 60-year member of the American Legion. He started the Killdeer Area Development Corporation which led to the building of the Killdeer Mall. He worked on the Town Criers Tourism Committee adding a tourism information center and improved road signs for Highway 22 North. He received a tourism award from **Governor Schaefer** for his work in having it designated a scenic byway. He helped get the Hilltop Home of Comfort built and served on the Board of Directors for many years. The last project he was involved with was the High Plains Cultural Center, which when completed should be a great addition to the area. **Bob Vaudrin** recently died at Fordville, ND and previously worked for the SCS in Grafton when I was stationed there in the 1970's. He also worked at Grand Forks for a while. He enjoyed buckskinning and the outdoors. I really enjoyed the time we spent together in Grafton.

The North Dakota Retirees' Annual Reunion luncheon will be at the Bismarck Elks Lodge at 11:30AM on Thursday, September 18. The Elks noon lunch menu has changed to soup, salad and sandwich for \$6.95 from their a-la-carte buffet. Hope to see everyone there.

**John Combs**, 88, died Sunday, June 29, 2014 at Hilltop Home of Comfort in Killdeer, ND. **Robert L. Vaudrin**, 67, died Thursday, July 24, 2014 near Fordville, ND. See the In Memoriam section for more details.

## OREGON

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It seldom rains during the month of July in Oregon's Willamette Valley. But wouldn't you know it, on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, the day of the quarterly lunch, the Portland area experienced a deluge of record-breaking daily rainfall. The previous record high for

Portland was 0.06 inches in 1959. The day of the lunch it rained 0.62 inches. Despite the rain, or perhaps because of it, 26 braved the downpour to attend: **Stefanie Aschmann, Keith Cromwell, Kay Denfeld, Gary Formanek, Roy Fox, Tom Fujii, Bobbie Hart, John Hedlund, Greg Johnson, Lowell and Marian Kenedy, Jim Marron, Chad McGrath, Lamont Robbins, Leland Saele, Joe Sahlfeld, Pat Smith, Dick and Kathy Sylvester, Eldena VanderZanden, Dick Verboort, Gail Voge, Ralph Wadleigh, René Walls, Beth Zetter and yours truly, Don Stettler.**

Several sent me their regrets. **Dick Kulver** told me his cancer is back. I assured Dick we would all be cheering for him in his fight. **Marsel Tingey** said he hated to keep singing the same old song, but he could not come to the lunch. He did ask me to tell all the other *old* folk, hello. **Dave Johnson** was busy with visiting family and couldn't come. He went on to tell me he recently had his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Congratulations!

**Gary Formanek** announced to the attendees that it was his 48<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Gary told us that he was an hour late for the ceremony held in St. Paul, MN. Finding out the formal wear shirt didn't have buttons took the country boy from Iowa a bit off guard. It took him some time to find cufflinks and studs.

**Eldena VanderZanden** told the group that she attended **Ken Krug's** memorial service in Torrington, WY. Ken, a one-time wildlife specialist at the West National Technical Center, passed away at his home in Rapid City, SD on March 3, 2014. Eldena said the service was well-attended, mentioning that one of Ken's college professors was present.

**Greg Johnson**, leader for the NRCS Air Quality and Atmospheric Change team at the West National Technical Support Center, gave us an update on the ongoing funding and staffing challenges the agency is facing. He also mentioned several air quality efforts, one being the funds funneled through NRCS from the 2008 Farm Bill to cost-share with farmers in replacing older and most polluting combustion engine tractors. It is a very popular program.

Recently I encountered **Tom Perkins** and his family at the Hillsboro Costco. They were dining in style at the food court on those wonderful \$1.50 hotdogs. Tom told me that soon he and his family will be moving to Hawaii. Aloha!



Keith Cromwell and Dick Verboort



Danny Moore, Pat Smith, and Gail Voge



Kathy and Dick Sylvester, and Kay Denfeld



Beth Zetter, Jim Marron, and René Walls



John Hedlund and Greg Johnson



Leland Saele, Bobbie Hart, and Lamont Robbins

The fall quarter lunch will be held at the Clackamas The Old Spaghetti Factory on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Watch your email inbox for details.

## PENNSYLVANIA

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Please circle September 15<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for the PA Retirees' annual outing, this year to the McKeever Environmental Center, located in Sandy Creek Watershed, Mercer County! **Harvey Pinkerton** and committee are planning a great event with lots to see and hear. It will be our first trip to northwest PA in quite a few years, so we expect to see all you northwest folks.

**Annual meeting Host, Harvey Pinkerton**, invites all to come to the great Northwest Territory for the trip of your lifetime, where the deer and the antelope (elk) play. Come early and stay late. Trips are planned to Benezette (Elk County and the new Elk Visitors Center), Grove City Outlets, the new Wendell August Flagship Store, Volant (antique district), Mercer County's only winery – "The Wilhelm Winery," and much more.

Begin the adventure **Sunday evening** at the **McKeever Center**, a "show and tell" session with **Bill Bowers**, showing some of the 80 flood control dams across the state, topping it off with a wine and cheese fest (local wine, local cheese.)

Monday, registration, coffee, donuts at the center between 9–9:30AM. Then **Fran Bires**, Director of the McKeever Environmental Learning Center, [www.mckeever.org](http://www.mckeever.org), along with surprise guests, will present a synopsis and a tour of the facilities. The annual meeting will be from 11:00-12 noon and lunch in the dining hall. At 1:00PM we will migrate to Goddard State Park where **Bill Wasser**, Park Manager, will give an overview of the park, along with some more surprise guests. Bill will then lead an excursion on Lake Wilhelm with pontoon boats, showing wildlife in the park, including eagles and ospreys.

The basic registration fee for the Sunday evening and Monday events will be \$25.00. If desired, Sunday dinner can be added for a cost of \$8.70 and Monday breakfast for \$6.15. For those coming a distance and not wanting to travel the 15-20 miles from Grove City, Franklin, Mercer or Meadville, the center can provide full accommodations in their adult retreat houses. The only item you provide is your favorite pillow. The full cost for lodging, meals, pontoon boat will be \$74.00 per person. The Retreat Center can only accommodate 20 people, two per room, single beds. It will be first come, first served. With these rooms, you will be in the center of all activities and not have to travel. There are two fully handicapped rooms, and each of the 10 rooms has its own bath accommodations. Other accommodations within 15-20 miles include the Best Western and Comfort Inns at Grove City and Mercer. Check [www.bestwestern.com](http://www.bestwestern.com) and [www.comfortinn.com](http://www.comfortinn.com) for more information and rates. Two campgrounds are in the vicinity for campers.

We want to welcome three recent PA NRCS retirees: **Donna Via**, State Office; **Bill Weaver**, Indiana FO; and **Lou Pearce**, Bedford FO. Welcome to the world of retirement and especially to the PA Retirees' group! Another retirement to note is that of **Lenora Jordan**. Lenora spent many years in PA in contracting and finished her career as contracting officer in New Jersey. I understand Lenora has returned to PA to enjoy retirement and be near family. Congratulations to each of you! We hope to see you at our events and read your stories in The PA Bugle.

**Carl DuPolt** sent this: Pennsylvania leads the nation in the number of farms and acres permanently preserved for agricultural production. The program guarantees a future food supply and contributes to a healthier economy. It also assures a way of life Pennsylvanian's cherish and will continue for generations to come. The program is a partnership between all levels of government and non-profit organizations, with a common goal of saving prime farmland <http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us>.

August 12-14 is **Ag Progress Days** on Penn State's Ag Research Farms at Rock Springs, just west of State College on Rte. 45. August 12<sup>th</sup> is Alumni Day, and the 13<sup>th</sup> is government/industry day. No better place to experience the latest in agriculture and meet a lot of old friends.

A dual retiree party and picnic was held for **Joel Myers** and **Barry Isaacs** on Joel's farm in Spring Mills, Centre County. Over 30 retirees and spouses joined in celebrating their newly gained "freedom."

From **Bill and Mary Ann Bowers**. When spring finally arrived, **Bill** was busy with the garden, yard and his master gardener activities. He reports the sugar peas, lettuce and spinach are plentiful, cucumbers and zucchini are growing, peach branches are hanging full, the blueberries are netted (we don't share with the birds), and the deer are eating the apple trees (and little apples). In March we visited daughter **Amy** in Corpus Christi, TX. **Mary Ann** is keeping busy in her new kitchen. We have a vacation planned for Lake Placid in August. Life is good!

**John Akers** says it was a long and cold winter and cool spring, so just really getting out and doing all the jobs around the house and yard that I thought would have been done by now. **Ann** and I did take a day trip with the Fulton Co. Historical Society to Winchester, VA in May. We got to see the Natural History Museum which had a lot of early history and Civil War events that took place there. In addition, we toured the Patsy Cline house. She grew up in Winchester. Ann and our youngest daughter **Janice** spent a hot week at Ocean City, MD enjoying the ocean here in June. I went that week to see my son **Jerry**, who lives at Big Island, VA about 20 miles north of Lynchburg. We took a day-trip to see the Cyrus McCormick museum on the farm where he perfected the reaper to cut grain. One day we went to the Appomattox battlefield where Generals Grant and Lee ended the Civil War

**Larry Staley** writes: I haven't written for so long because my routine remains pretty much the same. I continue to spend my winters in Stuart, FL and my summers somewhere north of the Mason-Dixon line. My default location is in Butlerville, OH, where I am the Maintenance Mgr. for a not-for-profit org. that trains dogs for handicapped persons. Then I leave for Dallas, PA to house sit for my daughter and her three dogs (one in diapers) while she and her husband tour Ireland. What we won't do for our kids! Later in the fall I plan to visit Pittsburgh, PA for my 65<sup>th</sup> High School Class reunion and then out through the Dakotas on my way to Oregon for a repast with another daughter and her family. While in South Dakota, I will get my driver's license renewed for another 5 yrs. (a residual left over from my full-time RVing days). I still retain my SD residency. I will return from OR by way of Terre Haute, IN for Thanksgiving with my stepdaughter and her extended family, usually about 45 in attendance. I begged off last year because of an early winter, but don't think that excuse will fly this year. Then on back to FL and the balmy breezes off of the intercostal waterway.

**Don and Shirley Lindsey** have been busy lately celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Enjoying hearing from old friends and collecting their comments for our "Memory Album". If anyone wants to contribute any remarks, just send to [shirleylindsey580@gmail.com](mailto:shirleylindsey580@gmail.com)

From **Bill Brannigan**: On July 8<sup>th</sup>, I turn 85 and on the 10<sup>th</sup> my wife, **Robin** and I will celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. On 4 July, we will be visited by our granddaughter, who we do not see very often because she lives in Utah. She will bring her daughter (a great granddaughter, age 18) who we have never met. Those two will be accompanied by our grandson, also from Utah, and his year-old son (great grandson) who we will be seeing for the first time. Altogether, we have four great-grand kids. Needless to say, we are very excited. After that excitement, I will be getting a knee replacement on 16 July. I should need the rest of the month to rest. And congratulations to Bill as he is now an **ARCSE Senior Conservationist**.

**Bob Heidecker** writes: **Carole** and I have been in a struggle since March 4<sup>th</sup> of last year when Carole had a hemorrhagic stroke which affected her right side and ability to speak. This happened in Florida, so I had to stay there until June 1<sup>st</sup> of last year when I moved her back to PA. We have been in and out of many facilities trying to get her stabilized. Recently I moved her home and I am attempting to care for her. With the Lord's help she is making improvements. She gets home-care nursing and therapy twice per week. She would like to hear from her friends. She can read cards and receive visitors.

**Alan and Judy Wood** went with the Penn State Alumni to Australia and New Zealand in February. Judy even bungee-jumped! Judy went back (for her 6<sup>th</sup> time) to Ethiopia to do training on hygiene. Alan is headed to Tanzania in September, so will miss the annual meeting/picnic.

**Nevin and Judy Ulery** have been busy recently as they visit Judy's 99-year old mother in a nursing home in Greensburg. Nevin has also kept busy working with the Hands of the Carpenter program through their church as they build ramps for handicapped folks, repair roofs, paint and make minor repairs for the elderly members of the community. They also recently sold their camper and Nevin has his garden producing well at this time. In their spare time they took a land tour and a cruise to Alaska starting in Fairbanks and ending in Vancouver. Alaska is very large and very beautiful, as is Mt. McKinley. Their daughter **Amy** and husband **Mike** met them at the ship and took them to Oak Harbor, WA where they spent the Memorial Day weekend before flying home from Seattle. They plan to return to WA in July for their granddaughter Kate's wedding.

On a sad note Judy's 74-year old brother **Joe** was killed in February by a drunken driver at four o'clock in the afternoon while he was plowing snow for a neighbor. Nevin and Judy attended the funeral in Eau Clair, WI.

Another great April day for seeing wildlife on the **Don McCandless** farm. Shirley's two nephews, Mark and Vernon, came at 5AM to go wild turkey hunting. The spring gobbler season opened here in PA on Saturday. I had the John Deere UTV Gator

ready when they arrived and we were on our hunting spots by 5:30AM. At 5:45 five deer came running by me at about 25 yards distance. Not hearing any gobblers, I decided to go back south and get in my hunting blind in our field. On the way back out I saw five deer running east in our field. At 6:43 there was a shot down in area where Mark was. Turns out that was Jake. A long beard came by his decoy, and he shot the long beard. He figures it was a three-year old tom. At 7:15 I notice movement in the 16-year-old spruce wildlife area, and it looked like a large cat. It routed two grouse that flew east. In a few minutes the animal came back and looked at my decoy. I got a good look at it this time, and it was a large bobcat. In a half hour period it came by me two more times. In the past fifteen years this makes the fourth bobcat I have seen on our farm. The 85 acres of Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program land holds a lot of mice, and I think this makes a good feeding area for the bobcats. Now another unusual thing happen--the grouse that the bobcat routed earlier came flying back and one landed on top of my hunting blind.



**Don McCandless, Jr.—fully equipped and dressed to work on the farm.**

I received a note from **Pat Cecil** in TX that she had sold her home and was moving. She gave me a temporary e-mail address but said nothing as to where she is going. I know we will hear from her soon, right, Pat?

**Carl Dupoldt** sent the following item which is all new information to me. **Fisher Cat** (A critter that looks like a small groundhog) in the last 20 years has made a substantial comeback in Pennsylvania after having been killed off in large part by deforestation during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. By the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the fisher was gone from the state. Over time, some of the forests grew back, and from 1994 to 1998, the state imported about 190 fishers and released them mostly in the north central region. Except for the far southeast part of the state, fishers are now throughout Pennsylvania, including Berks County and possibly upper Bucks.

#### **Editor needed for the PA Bugle**

After almost 20 years of editing “**The PA BUGLE**,” it is time to step down. It is wonderful as it allows one to keep in touch with those we shared a portion of our life. Technology has passed me by but it has been a joy hearing about and being able to share that information. In plain English, **Fred Bubb** is stepping down as editor as of the annual meeting. Willing to do a fun thing in your retirement? Contact Bill Bowers ([wbowers@comcast.com](mailto:wbowers@comcast.com)) or Fred Bubb ([fredbubb@aol.com](mailto:fredbubb@aol.com)).

**Norina Barber**, 91, died on April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Forest Park Nursing Home in Carlisle. She retired as a clerk in the SCS State Office in 1988. Private services and burial were held by the family in the East Harrisburg Cemetery.

**Geneva Gingrich**, 90, passed away at her home on May 9<sup>th</sup>. She served as Area Clerk in the Lebanon Area Office. She was a member of Palmyra First United Methodist Church, and past-president of the Palmyra and Lebanon County Women's Club.

A memorial service was held for **Wayne Ray**, former Susquehanna County DC and Endless Mountains RC&D Coordinator, on August 9<sup>th</sup> at the Methodist Church in Kingsley, PA. Wayne died March 15<sup>th</sup> of a heart attack as he was leaving a cruise ship. Phyllis asks that those planning to attend the lunch after the service make a reservation at [suscon2@epix.net](mailto:suscon2@epix.net) or call 607-372-0205.

**Melvin Engle**, 74, Ashland, died January 7<sup>th</sup>. Mel was a soil conservation technician in Berks County for 20 years. He retired in 2004. He was also a Little League coach, an avid coon hunter, member of the American Kennel Club and was a bench show judge for hounds for 20 years.

**Frank Resides** reported that the July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Southeastern PA Retirees' Group met for lunch at Roger's in West Chester. Those present: **Bob and Nancy Escheman, Carolyn Gehlen, Tom and Joyce Iivari, Jean Kirkaldie, and Frank and Jane Resides**. As usual, we had a great time discussing memorable events from our working days, where some of our former colleagues are now and our aches and pains.

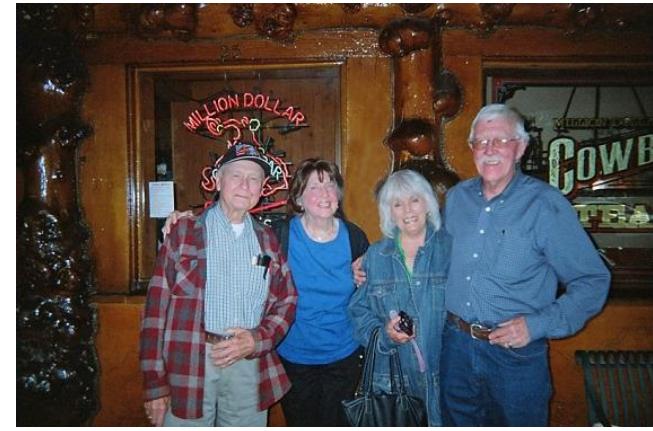
Our ranks have been depleted by people moving away, by illness, disabilities and even death. We now have people in DE, FL, MT, NJ, NC, SC, TX, and VA and maybe some other places. Sadly, I must report that the **Eschemans** are moving to North Carolina, even farther away.

**Art Holland** wrote that he and his son took in NC and WV to see some of the water resources projects he had worked on. I visit some of the ones I worked on occasionally. We find it very gratifying to see that these projects are usually well maintained and are still serving the intended purposes. Art sends his regards to all. **Carl Dupoldt** said he is still adjusting to his prosthesis. We wish Carl well. Like Jimmy Doolittle's Raiders, from that raid of April 18, 1942, on Tokyo and 4 other Japanese cities, we will continue to meet as long as we have people to meet with. Our next meeting at Roger's will be in November or December of this year.

**Frank and Jane Resides** made a trip to some National Parks of the West.



**Frank and Jane Resides at Kepler Cascade in Yellowstone**



**Frank and Jane Resides, and Scott and Nancy Hoag, in Jackson, WY.**

They stayed at the Grouse Mountain Lodge in Whitefish, took the Going to the Sun Road to Logan Pass at Glacier Park, and visited the Mammoth Hot Springs at Yellowstone, where they saw hot springs, mud pots, geysers, canyons, waterfalls, cascades, calderas, and bison-bison in the woods, the fields and on the roads! They also saw Grand Teton National Park, where they met **Scott and Nancy Hoag** and enjoyed a great time and a gourmet dinner at the Million Dollar Cowboy Bar. The next morning they rafted 13 miles on the Snake River and saw Mule deer, pelicans, egrets, a beaver, ospreys and lots of Bald eagles. After a stop at Salt Lake City's Mormon Complex, they boarded the California Zephyr for Sacramento and arrived in San Francisco on August 7<sup>th</sup> where they stayed in the Fishermen's Warf area. The next day they had a 4-hour bus tour of the city in the AM and a cruise on San Francisco Bay.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

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**Bill Melvin** retired. He wrote: I started to work with SCS in 1959 after graduating from college at Southern Illinois University in 1951. I spent 2 years active duty in the Army and then 6 years Army Reserve. My first job with USDA was as a WAE in Harrisburg, IL. I was accepted as a Conservation Trainee with SCS in 1959 and located at Shelbyville, IL.

The SCS biologist position was announced at Champaign, Illinois and I was accepted in the early 1960s. A few years later West Virginia announced a biologist position opening. I applied and was accepted to fill that position at Morgantown, West Virginia. This tour of duty was a long way from my home and aging parents in Southern Illinois.

A position on the Tennessee Watershed and River Basin staff was announced at Nashville. Again I applied and was accepted and about a year later I was placed in the State Biologist position. After a few years in Tennessee, South Carolina announced that their biologist was retiring. I applied and was accepted to fill that position in 1976. I retired from SCS in Columbia, SC in 1986.

Three years later I started to work with the Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District and the Board asked me to be their District Manager. I left this position in October 2013 and took a temporary position on the County Department of Public Works staff in the Stormwater Division and retired March 2014.

I have been given several awards, for which I am very grateful for the recognition: 1993, Conservation Award from the Woodmen of The World; 2001, National Conservation District Employee Professional; 2008, Conservation Technical Award, SC Soil and Water Conservation Society; 2012, NACD, Southeast Region, inducted into the Conservation Hall of Fame; 2013, Distinguished Service Award, the SC Aquatic Plant Management Society.

I really miss my work with the pond owners' problems in Lexington County SWCD.

## TEXAS

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**The August 2014 meeting** of the SCS/NRCS Alumni Club will be at 10:00AM on Friday, August 15, 2014, at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 100 SW Alsbury Blvd., Burleson, TX. Refreshments will be furnished by **Bill Kuenstler** and **Dennis Gaster**. **Marie Garsjo** will present a program on a recent trip to Washington State.

**Marie Garsjo** presided over the July business meeting. Nineteen people were present for the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting: **Earl Blakley, Dennis Gaster, Elaine and Billy Don Davis, Barbara Gillum, Joyce Petty, Don Kapalka, Wes Fuchs, Harland Dietz, Anita Plummer, Joe Nichols, Arnold King, Marie Garsjo, Dave Drennan, Bernie Owen, Douglas Seibel, Dennis Erinakes, and Lovell and Merl Glasscock.**

**Dave Drennan** reported that he and his wife have a trip planned to Jackson Hole, WY. Planning has also begun for his father-son annual sports trip, possibly to North Carolina in the fall.

**Marie Garsjo** completed the edit of a 198-page geology publication. **Merl and Lovell Glasscock** are back to their routine after their lodger left this month. They recently attended a funeral in Post, TX.

**Doug Seibel** will be going in for a heart procedure on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Others in our group have also been through it. His wife was recently hospitalized for nine days. **Bernie Owen** reported that **Frank Richardson** is in Plaza Medical Center in Fort Worth where they are contemplating a heart procedure that may be performed in Dallas. Bernie also talked to **DeWayne Williams**, and he said that he and Freddie will try to attend the meeting next month. Bernie will be celebrating his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 28<sup>th</sup> and he has been attending pre-diabetic classes as part of a 16-week course. He is reading food labels more closely. He is planning a trip to his high-school reunion in late August.

**Harland Dietz** mentioned that his youngest granddaughter got married recently. **Joe Nichols** is still cooking for the homeless through his church.

**Elaine Davis and Billy Don** have been attending family reunions and recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They had planned to take an Alaskan cruise, but then decided not to. Not to worry though, because Elaine still got her "ice" in the form of a beautiful ring.

**Barbara Gillum's** mother is 94 years old and recently broke a bone in her neck. She is in re-hab and is determined to continue living in her house.

**Anita Plummer's** daughter and son-in-law helped her with a garage sale. Anita continues to send out cards to our members as needed. Thanks Anita. **Wes Fuchs** enjoys working on genealogy and has traced his family back to 1848. However, he has recently renewed contact with a relative in Romania, and now the line can be traced back to 1399!

**Don Kapalka** is excited about his son's upcoming wedding in October and has been helping with the planning. **Dennis Gaster** reported that his third grandchild, **Samantha Marie Gaster**, was born on July 6, 2014. July 6<sup>th</sup> would have been his father's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. **Dennis Erinakes** continues his work on groundwater modeling of the Trinity Aquifer. He noted that recharge of the aquifer is almost nil.

**Dick and Marjorie Folsche** have new e-mail addresses: [dfolsche@outlook.com](mailto:dfolsche@outlook.com), [mfolsche@outlook.com](mailto:mfolsche@outlook.com). **Pat and Paul Larson** wrote that their email address has also changed: [pflarson@outlook.com](mailto:pflarson@outlook.com). I do believe that Bernie is being very honored on his birthday by his family. Tell him we extend our best wishes also. Pat has been in rehab for her back and

knees but she is still going strong. Plans to teach another Precept Bible Study this Fall. Wish we could see our kids and grandkids more, but they are so far off and busy. We are doing well.

**The September 2014 meeting** of the SCS/NRCS Alumni Club will be at 10:00AM on Friday, September 19, 2014, at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 100 SW Alsbury Blvd, Burleson, TX. Refreshments will be furnished by **Bonnie McKee and Barbara Gillum**. **Arnold King** presided over the August business meeting.

Nineteen people were present for the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting: **Earl Blakley, Dennis Gaster, Elaine and Billy Don Davis, Barbara and Rex Gillum, Joyce Petty, Arnold King, Dave Drennan, Bernie Owen, Douglas Seibel, Bonnie McKee, Rita and Bill Kuenstler, Barb and Dave Stockbridge, Clyde Goodman, Tom Hodges, and Bernelle Baxley**.

**Barbara and Rex Gillum** are working on their 57<sup>th</sup> year together, although they did sit at separate tables during the meeting. Possibly a secret to their long relationship?

**Bonnie McKee's** son and wife have adopted an 8-year-old grandson whom they have taken care of for three years. All are very happy.

**Bernie Owen** reported that **Frank Richardson** will be going home from rehabilitation after a recent hospital stay. Also mentioned was the obituary of **Richard Wayne Hart**, son of **John Wayne Hart**, a former Cartographic Staff employee. **Richard** had a 21-year career as a peace officer. **Clyde Goodman** reported that **Joe Nichols** has been very sick with a virus. We learned a day later that **Joe** had to be taken to the emergency room to be rehydrated and to be placed on a liquid diet. Cards would be appreciated.

**Douglas Seibel** recently underwent a heart procedure (stent) that many of our members have gone through. He did not like the 6-hour wait, lying on his back after the procedure. He plans to be riding his bicycle soon.

**Clyde Goodman** also had a heart procedure (stent) and did not like his 14-hour wait lying on his back either. All of us who have had stents think the removal of the catheter from the groin was not any fun at all. However, we thank God for the cardiologists who perform this life saving heart plumbing repair.

**Bill Kuenstler** reported that he is getting in a retirement routine now and that he enjoys catching up on his reading, but tends to dose off. Naps are one of the great benefits of retired life. **Barbara Stockbridge** enjoyed their recent trip to the Grand Canyon and other National Parks. **Bernelle Baxley** will be taking a trip to Dollywood in the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. **Dave Drennan** is still providing taxi service to his grandkids.

**Dave Stockbridge** will be going to the Texas coast next month for some wade fishing for sea trout, red snapper, black drum, and with luck maybe a flounder. **Dave** is involved with the Neighbors Feeding Neighbors program which is helping needy schoolchildren in the Granbury School District.

**Bernie Owen** recently celebrated his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday and received a 50-inch television set. His son from Arizona spent a week with **Bernie** and **Maxine**. **Bernie** will be attending a high school reunion over the Labor Day weekend. **Maxine** is back to full strength after injuries from her fall. **Tom Hodge's** grandson, a U.S. Marine, recently got married, and Tom said it seems like only yesterday that the boy was 8 years old.

**Arnold** and **Willeene King** will soon be making another trip down to Guadalajara with friends who have a home down there. Their granddaughter **Rachel** has moved to Grapevine, and **Willeene** misses her not being close-by. Arnold attended the 68<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the SWCS at Chicago and participated in the Association of Retired Conservation Service Employees (ARCSE) board meeting held in conjunction with the SWCS meeting. Arnold reported that the National board of directors is concerned about lack of participation of new retirees.

**Dennis Gaster** attended a very informative meeting concerning Chesapeake Energy royalty owners. Chesapeake has overcharged royalty owners \$5 billion dollars for costs of compression, transportation, and marketing. The McDonald Law Firm will try its first cases in Johnson County (Cleburne) in March or April 2015. For additional information see [www.royaltyripoff.com](http://www.royaltyripoff.com).

## VIRGINIA

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From **John Moore**: My wife and I spent 10 weeks in Iceland and Greenland this summer in the Arctic zone, between 60 and 70 degrees north latitude and were surprised by the mild weather. People are friendly, the countries are clean, almost crime-free, and speak and write impossible languages: Inuit, Greenlandic, and Icelandic, as well as Danish and English. Did not encounter many Americans, but others from all over the world were there. We rented a 4x4 Toyota in Iceland and got off the main "Ring Road" and saw mostly out of the way places. I was amazed at the bizarre volcanic and glacial geologic features that are just not discussed in the text books. I was very interested in modern ice recession in outlet valley glaciers that "squirt" out of the much larger ice cap ice sheets. I even did a 3 day solo backpack trip to examine recessional moraines--the winter debris that piles up at the snout of a valley glacier in winter time. Greenland is totally amazing with innumerable fjords, outlet valley glaciers, and of course, the awesome inland ice cap. We did a 15 day expedition on foot

and got around various SW parts of Greenland in Zodiak boats; we had wonderful and knowledgeable Inuit guides. Then we flew (no roads) north to Disko Bay (70 degrees N) and hired, twice, small twin engine planes to get a closer look at several active glaciers from 500 ft up. We spent several days viewing by plane, boat, and on foot, a UNESCO World Heritage Site--the world's most productive valley glacier--an iceberg generator that is absolutely astounding and mind boggling--the icebergs are up to 1 cubic km in volume, and float down a 1000-meter deep fjord for 11 km (which is 7 km wide). The large bergs get hung up and grounded in shallow water (200 m) at the fjord's outlet and they back up the smaller bergs. It produced the berg that took out the Titanic. We ate seal, Minky whale, reindeer, lamb, musk oxen, and smoked, dried, salted, or just plain old fresh fish daily. We now have seen the homesteads of Eric the Red, and his son Leif Ericsson in Iceland, Greenland, and Northern Newfoundland. We hope all our retired NRCS friends are doing well, and we enjoy reading the news!

## WASHINGTON, DC, NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA

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**Warren and Barbara Lee** visited **Bill and Grace Richards** at their farm near Circleville, OH, in route to the ARCSE meeting in Chicago. They had a great tour of the farm and a wonderful visit. Following their trip to the Midwest, they spent a long weekend with **Hershel and Barbara Read** and had the opportunity to see **Dennie Burns and Lee Frederick**.

The annual ARCSE luncheon was again held in conjunction with the Soil and Water Conservation Society's 69<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference, this year at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Lombard, IL on July 28<sup>th</sup>. **Lee Bridgeman (IL)** served as the MC, and ARCSE President **Warren Lee (VA)** and President-Elect **Cecil Currin (MA)** talked. Past ARCSE President **Mark Berkland (NC)** will be the next SWCS President. SWCS Executive Director **Jim Gulliford** also spoke. There were 27 in attendance. Those from the DC area were **Rich Duesterhaus and Jude Mollenhauer**, **Warren and Barbara Lee**, **Ron Marlow**, and **John Peterson**, all of VA. States represented at the luncheon were NC (2), MO (1), IL (6), MA (1), VA (6), IN (4), IA (1), NE (1), TX (1), AL (1), WA (2), and TN (1).

A number of ARCSE retirees attended the celebration of the life of **Lavona Haas** at a memorial service on Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> in Purcellville, VA. Among them were **Joe and Terry Haugh**, **Bob Kohnke (and Bob's children, Scott and Kaye)**, **Dave and Margie Ralston**, **Wally and Connie Ochs**, **Neil and Eleanor Bogner**, and **John and Blanche Peterson**. I hope your representative hasn't missed any other attendees. **Lavona's** only living sibling, **Bill Green**, and his wife **Shirley**, along with most of her nieces and nephews, all from Illinois and Indiana, came for the services. And last, but not least, her two beloved grandchildren **Lavona and Joe's daughter Cindy Siler** provided some very poignant thoughts and memories of her mother, and many of Lavona's family were present as were granddaughter **Jessie Siler** and grandson **Tim Siler**.

**Joe Haas and Blanche Peterson** talked of having a walker race as they both were using the same model walker. Thankfully the aisles were too narrow. **Joe** mentioned to me that the outpouring of phone calls, emails, cards, and letters expressing condolences was awesome, and he asked that I express his gratitude for all of them, most of which noted her kindness and loving nature. Her genuine and loving concern for people she knew was always at the forefront. Even in her delirium, when anyone entered their home, she would order **Joe** to "go make coffee" for them. She was hospitable to the very end! **Joe Haugh** reported that Joe Haas is recovering from some pretty serious back surgery, but he is making better progress, albeit a little slower than he would like.

In early July, family and friends gathered together in northern Virginia to celebrate the 50th anniversary of **John and Ruth Stierna**. Son and granddaughter came from New Zealand, daughter and family from California, siblings and nieces and nephews and families from Florida, Georgia, Michigan, and many others from near and far. It also became an opportunity for a family reunion lasting nearly a week, and it had to include the traditional family golf tournament. Younger brother **Ray** beat out **John** for longest drive on the 18<sup>th</sup> by 14 yards. Fun times were had by all.



**Grace and Bill Richards**

Recently three members of the old Program Integration Division, **Doug Helms, Maxine Baron and John Peterson** met for lunch at National Harbor. The picture below also includes John's wife **Blanche** (seated). In addition to Maxine, Doug and John, the division included economist **John Lowry** (now retired in AZ) and secretary **Gloria Frazier**. The division was in the Planning and Evaluation Deputy Chief area, and the Deputy Chief was **Kenneth L Williams**. **Norm Berg** was the SCS Administrator, later to be retitled Chief. *PS: There is no period after L in Ken's name. We had at least one other person I know of who did not have a period after their middle initial, and that was MT STC **Van K Haderlie**. The letter is the middle name by itself.*



*Doug Helms, Maxine Baron, Blanche and John Peterson*

**Elayne Swackhamer** reported that many should remember **Harry Slawter**, who worked as Delaware DC, then transferred to the S.O. before relocating to other states. He retired from his Washington, DC position after an ALS diagnosis and settled in Wisconsin to be near his two daughters.

You may have heard of the "Ice Bucket Challenge":

<http://www.alsa.org/news/archive/als-ice-bucket-challenge.html> and [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ice\\_Bucket\\_Challenge](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ice_Bucket_Challenge).

It is a campaign to create awareness for ALS, and in the past few weeks numerous celebrities have helped it to become a minor phenomenon.

**Gene Kenny** (Harry's son in-law) said that **Harry** is a low-key guy, and last week he said he didn't want to take part in the challenge, but we thought it would be a nice opportunity to let Harry and **Rhea** know that their family and friends are thinking about them.

Our family is going to do the challenge (dump buckets of ice water on our heads), film it, and we are hoping you will consider it, too. Anyone interested in joining us, please videotape yourselves (with a short message for Harry if you like) and email it to me in the next few days. I'm going to make a DVD for him at the end of the week to bring it to their house to watch.

Thank you for your help in this. I think he will really appreciate it. Please pass this on to anyone you think would like to support Harry. Unfortunately, I have an incomplete list of his friends and work colleagues, so if anyone could forward the email I would be grateful.

And now from the past:



*Manly Wilder and Coy Garrett at the SCS 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, 1985*

## WASHINGTON

**Gerald Richard, ARCSE Representative**

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Present at our July luncheon at the Timber Creek Grill and Buffet were: **Joe Carmack, Jud Melton, John Gomez, Harry Riehle, and Hans and Kathryn Krauss.**

**Jud and Karen Melton** hosted our second annual summer potluck at their river-front home in Post Falls, ID for SCS and NRCS retirees and their spouses. It was held on August 25<sup>th</sup> and news and pictures of the event will be in the next newsletter.

**Jerry and Phyllis Richard** travelled to Colorado in July and on the return trip to Spokane visited with **Dick and Betty Porter**, and had lunch with **John and Bonnie Geter** in Fort Collins. They then stayed with **Stan and Kathy Hobson** in Boise with **Paul and Kip Malone** joining them for a very pleasant evening of food and friendship. In August they visited their daughter and son-in-law in Ann Arbor, MI and got in some quality fishing time.



**Jerry Richard with 34-inch Northern Pike, Michigan**

## WEST VIRGINIA

**Peg Reese, ARCSE Representative**

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Annual SCS/NRCS Luncheon is scheduled at 11AM on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Regatta Bar and Grill in the Waterfront Hotel in Morgantown. This year's event will feature a delicious buffet lunch that will cost \$12 per person to be paid directly to the Regatta Bar and Grill. Music expert **Joe Paull** will give a special musical presentation about the life and music of **Johnny Cash**. In addition to the opportunity to spend time with old friends, we will have a few door prizes and a 50/50 drawing. Parking will be complimentary. Out-of-Towners might want to stay for the Mountaineer football game against the Baylor Bears on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available at [www.ticketcity.com](http://www.ticketcity.com). For info contact **Jim Clevenger** at (304) 599-3533.

**Charlotte Friend**, Assistant State Conservationist for Outreach and Civil Rights, retired on July 31, 2014.

**Angela Greene** shared the following: "I married **Paul Gragg** on July 22, 2014. Never thought I would get married again, but God had a different plan for my life. Right now, I am at a Conservation Employees Training session in Greenville, NC (NC coastal plain). I am one of the instructors for farm pond design training. Then I have a pre-construction meeting on a stream enhancement site in the NC mountains on Monday. I struggle not to work too much. I do enjoy being retired. My next priority is to pack up my apartment and move my stuff to Paul's house (on the west edge of Boone, NC). Life is good for me. Please give my regards to the WV NRCS retirees."

## WISCONSIN

**Jim Enlow, ARCSE Representative**

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The Wisconsin retirees met for lunch on June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Tuscumbia Country Club in Green Lake, WI. **Erv Lesczynski and Steve Prissel** were the hosts. Thirteen retirees and spouses attended on a beautiful day at the Lodge of Tuscumbia. Some of the retirees golfed in the afternoon after lunch.

The Wisconsin retirees also met on August 14<sup>th</sup> for lunch at the Minocqua Brewing Company in Minocqua, WI. **Ken Lubich** was the host. Those attending were **Ken and Joanne Lubich, Howard and Sue Gundlach, Kim and Sue Goerg, Dave and Jean Omernik, Greg Rebman and Sue, Wilbur and Gloria Petrosky, Jim Barnes, Gene and Ann Nimmer, John Campbell, Dan Lynch, Dave and Betty Gruber, John and Joanne Baker, Peter Lindgren, Kate Kelly, and Joan Wells**. The group had a good time visiting.

The next luncheon is scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup> at Fitzgeralds Restaurant, 3112 Parmenter St., Middleton, WI. **Jim Enlow** will be the host.

**Greg Rebman**, NRCS State Forester, retired from NRCS on June 3, 2014, after 34 years of service. His retirement party will be on September 6<sup>th</sup> in Oconto, WI. We hope you can attend and celebrate with him. If you have photos, stories and memories to share, or would like to donate for a gift, please send them to **Lori Van Hulle** at the state office. If you have questions please call Lori at 608-662-4422 x221.

**Clarence Austin** passed away at home in Fond du Lac on July 12, 2014. **Harry Barnett**, 89, of Honeybrook, died on June 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. See the In Memoriam section for more details.

**NEW SENIOR CONSERVATIONISTS:** We welcome two new Senior Conservationists since the last Newsletter. They have reached the minimum age of 83 years and have completed the Senior Conservationist Questionnaire. Congratulations! The new Senior Conservationists are:

**Harold B. Dull** **Soldiers Grove, WI**      **James H. Spitz** **Hardy, VA**

See IN MEMORIAM for the Senior Conservationists who left us since the last Newsletter. Please help us identify retirees who should be named Senior Conservationists. Please provide their contact information to your ARCSE Representative or Regional Vice-President.

## SENIOR CONSERVATIONIST CHRONICLE

*Marc Safley, Chronicler*

*Senior Conservationist*

**James H. Spitz**

Senior Conservationist **James H. (Jim) Spitz** was born in Rochester, New York. Jim grew up on a "hill farm" on the west side of Keuka Lake in the Finger Lakes region of New York. He attended high school in Hammondsport, NY, during which time he participated in baseball, basketball, and track and field sports. His hobbies included racing a Star Class sailboat on local lakes, in Canada, and other Eastern waters. Upon graduation from high school, he enrolled in Baldwin Wallace University (Berea, Ohio). He graduated in 1953 with an A.B. degree in rural sociology and business. Jim then served in the US Army in Korea and was honorably discharged after two years' service.

Following discharge from the Army in 1956, Jim took a job as an Investigator with the Civil Service Commission. He held this position for about 16 months, during which time he worked in New York City, Buffalo, Binghamton, Philadelphia, Trenton, and Atlantic City.

A reduction-in-force necessitated a career move, and Jim entered SCS as an Administrative Trainee in Syracuse, NY, in 1957. Following this trainee work he moved to Connecticut where he was a member of the SAO staff for both Connecticut and Rhode Island. In 1965 he took an administrative position in Indiana. In 1968 he was selected SAO for Indiana and served in that position until 1977. Jim reports that those were exciting years for SCS in the state, with two watershed planning staffs in addition to all the other programs. He also reported that during those years he developed many close friendships and had some very memorable experiences.

In 1977 Jim accepted the position of Chief of the Budget Branch in SCS National Headquarters. He reports that during his tenure in that job he was able to get the budget management of Conservation Operations moved from his Budget Branch to the Programs Division. Following his work as Chief of the Budget Branch he became a Program Analyst. He held this position until 1984 when he accepted the Departmental position of Special Assistant Deputy Secretary. He retired from that position in September, 1989.

After retirement Jim moved to the Smith Mountain Lake area of Virginia. There, in addition to enjoying boating, fishing, and hunting (for both game and antiques/collectibles), he has remained active in resource conservation. He has been a member and President of the Smith Mountain Lake Association (1992-1998). Other related activities include serving as a member of the Virginia Lakes and Watershed Association 2001-2002 where he served on the steering committee (established by the Virginia Lakes and Watershed Association) that helped establish the Upper Roanoke River Roundtable. He also was chairperson of VLWA's Lakes and Watersheds Committee. Jim also served on Virginia-Governor-appointed commissions such as the Tri-County Lakes Administrative Commission. He served on the Steering Committee that developed the initiative and legislative draft that led to creation of the Roanoke Bi-State (Virginia and North Carolina) River Basin Commission. It is very active today with a mix of political and business leaders.

He has remained active in his church including holding leadership positions in it. He has also served since 2001 in various ways with the Scruggs Fire, Rescue, and Dive rescue squad (as an EMT, a fund-raising chairperson, and

as board member since 2007). Lastly, he continues to serve as an auctioneer and floor manager for an auction house south of Roanoke, VA.

Jim and his wife **Hilde** continue to enjoy life in their Smith Mountain Lake community. He has great memories of his work with SCS and the lasting friendships that conservation work gave him the opportunity to make.

Please email Ron Marlow at [arcse@cox.net](mailto:arcse@cox.net) to report recent In Memoriam notices.

## *In Memoriam* (Note: These are recent notices. For a complete list, please see [www.arcse.org](http://www.arcse.org))

Surname	
<b>Austin</b>	<b>Clarence "Bobby" Austin</b> (71) passed away on July 12, 2014 at his home in Fond du Lac, WI. His Christian faith and life foundation began at an early age at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Horntown, Virginia. At his passing, he was a member of the Albright United Methodist Church in Milwaukee, WI. <b>Clarence</b> graduated from Delaware State University in Dover, Delaware. He was a very proud veteran of the United States <a href="#">Army</a> . After a tour in Vietnam, he was assigned to various soil and water conservation (Natural Resources Conservation Services) districts in the state of Wisconsin as well as the National office, retiring in 1998 from the Administrative Service Division in Washington, D.C. <b>Clarence</b> was united in Holy Matrimony to <b>Mary Council</b> in Beloit, WI on June 20, 1981. They made their home in Fond du Lac, WI. After retiring, he devoted his years to family, church ministries and educational projects in the Fond du Lac community. <b>Clarence</b> and his good friend, <b>Dr. John Lent</b> , inspired the vision and development of Community Education Opportunities (CEO) to empower children and youth of Fond du Lac with a strong educational foundation. He leaves to cherish great memories: his wife, <b>Mary</b> and his father, <b>Irving Austin</b> . Memorials can be directed to the Fond du Lac Area Foundation – Community Education Opportunity Organization in Clarence's name. They are at 384 N. Main Street, Suite 4, Fond du Lac, WI 54935.
<b>Barber</b>	<b>Norina Barber</b> (91) of Harrisburg, PA, passed away on April 28, 2014 at the Forest Park Nursing Home in Carlisle. She will be remembered as a clerk in the Harrisburg SCS State Office, retiring in 1988. She is survived by two brothers and a sister.
<b>Barnett</b>	<b>Harry Barnett</b> (89) of Honeybrook, PA passed away on June 1, 2014. <b>Harry</b> worked as a Conservation Technician in the Dauphin County field office, when it was located on Locust Lane in Harrisburg. He retired in 1990 and became very active in the Twin Valleys Fire Co. He was Chief of the Fire Police at one time and Chief of the Ambulance Unit at another time. <b>Harry</b> is survived by his wife and three sons.
<b>Branigan</b>	Member and Senior Conservationist <b>William J. Branigan</b> of Mount Jackson, VA passed away on July 30, 2014 from complications (pneumonia) following knee surgery. <b>Bill</b> retired in 1987 as an RC&D Coordinator with the Soil Conservation Service in Maine, having been a District Conservationist in Allentown, Media (Delaware Co), and Meadville, PA. After retiring, he owned and operated a bed and breakfast called the Roaring Lion in Waldoboro, ME for 25 years.
<b>Coffing</b>	Member <b>Charles H. Coffing</b> (72) of Covington, IN, passed away on May 10, 2014 in Fountain County, IN. He first married <b>Ruby Yang</b> who preceded him in death. He later married <b>Faith "Jody" Tanesky</b> on September 1, 1984. She also preceded <b>Charles</b> in death. He is survived by his three children, <b>Rachel Sueann (Nick) Hilweh</b> of Oregon, <b>Angelia K. (Chris) Compton</b> , also of Oregon, and <b>James Frances (Angela) Coffing</b> of Ft. Wayne, IN; a stepson, <b>Dave (Marge) Smith</b> of Ft. Wayne, IN; and ten grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, <b>Brianna</b> . <b>Charles</b> served his country by enlisting in the US <a href="#">Army</a> where he was a Green Beret in the Special Forces. He served active duty from 1960-1967 and later retired from the reserve. <b>Charles</b> was a Covington High School Graduate and earned his bachelor's degree from <a href="#">Purdue University</a> . He worked with the US Department of Agriculture as a certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control and was a member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. <b>Charles</b> was a pilot and had a passion for flying. He was a member of the EAA and enjoyed skydiving. Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.
<b>Combs</b>	<b>John Combs</b> (88), passed away on June 29, 2014 at Hilltop Home of Comfort in Killdeer, ND. He worked the majority of his SCS career at the Killdeer Field Office. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, <b>Ferne</b> ; daughter, <b>Carolyn Moyer</b> of Colorado Springs, CO; step-daughters <b>Doreen (Dale) Orf</b> of Grassy Butte, ND; <b>Candace (Charlie) Jerke</b> of Florence, MT; step-son, <b>Kenton Nordin</b> of Glendive, MT; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a step-son, two brothers and a sister.
<b>Currier</b>	<b>Dixie Currier</b> , wife of Member and Honorary Senior Conservationist <b>Raymond (Ray) L. Currier</b> , passed away April 19, 2014. They had only recently moved from their home in Ogden, IA to the Eastern Star and Masonic Home in Boone, IA. <b>Ray</b> retired in 1980 as the District Conservationist in Webster City, IA where he had worked most of his career. They had spent winters in Lillian, AL.

**Etherington** **Thomas Paul "Tom" Etherington** (92) of Richmond, KY passed away suddenly on July 2, 2014, after arrival at Baptist Health Richmond. **Tom** was a retired District Conservationist in Richmond, KY with the Soil Conservation Service. After his retirement, he was the caretaker of Million Park of Richmond for many years. **Tom** was an active member of the St. Mark Roman Catholic Church and a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He volunteered for many years with the Boy Scouts, the 4-H organization, and was a member of the American Legion, Knights of Columbus and Association of Retired Federal Employees. Survivors include: his wife, **Anna Manning Jones Etherington** of Richmond; two sons, **Thomas H. Etherington (Kimberely)** of Richmond and **James L. Etherington (Maria)** of Lexington; five daughters, **Rebecca "Becky" Etherington** and **Dottye Etherington Burton**, both of Richmond, **Carolyn Etherington Hornback (John)** of McDonough, Georgia, **Patti Etherington** and **Janet Etherington Short (Bill)**, both of Richmond. He also leaves 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to St. Mark School, Richmond, KY 40475. Condolences may be expressed at [www.orph.com](http://www.orph.com).

**Gish** **Donald L. Gish** (86) of Yadkinville, NC, passed away on July 15, 2014. **Don** retired in July 1983 as Engineering Technician in Yadkinville, NC. He was born in Little Falls, MN. Prior to joining SCS, **Don** worked for the Army Map Service, Corps of Engineers. He was a veteran of the Korean War where he received three Bronze Stars. Most of **Don's** career with SCS was an inspector on several watershed projects including Deep Creek and Muddy Creek. His work locations included Yadkinville, Hendersonville, Marion, Columbus, Lumberton and back to Yadkinville. He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, **Dorothy Martin Gish** and his three daughters, **Donna Bowman** and **Linda Gish** of Yadkinville, NC and **Janet (Norman) Bartlett** of Clemmons, NC. He is also survived by three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. **Don** was a member of the Yadkinville United Methodist Church and a devoted Christian. He was a member of VFW Post #10346 who provided full military honors at his memorial service.

**Gragg** **Archie B. Gragg Jr.** (84) of Bowling Green, KY passed away on July 28, 2014. He is survived by his wife, **Bessie L. Morgan Gragg**; a daughter, **Kimberly Botner (Dr. Bryan Botner)** of Bowling Green; and four grandchildren. **Archie** was a member of Eastwood Baptist Church and retired as a District Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service in 1991. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War. **Archie** was retired past president of Federal Employees Organization and High School Band Boosters and was a former director of Chamber of Commerce. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Eastwood Baptist Church, 500 Eastwood Ave., Bowling Green, KY 42103.

**Haas** **Lawona Belle Haas** (82) of Sterling, VA passed away quietly at home on August 16, 2014. She is survived by her husband, ARCSE member **Joe Haas** of Sterling, VA. **Joe** retired from the Soil Conservation Service as the Deputy Chief for Programs in Washington, D.C. Also surviving are her daughter **Cindy Siler** of Lovettsville, VA; granddaughter **Jessie Siler** of Lexington, VA; and grandson **Tim Siler** of Lovettsville, VA. Memorial contributions may be given to Capital Caring, 2900 Telestar Ct., Falls Church, VA 22042 or the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Ave., 7<sup>th</sup> floor, New York, NY 10001.

**Haszel** **Orville Haszel** (94) of Waupaca, WI passed away on August 21, 2014 at Park Vista Senior Center in Waupaca. **Orville** married **Elsie Vergauwen** on May 28, 1977, who died on January 31, 1988. He attended the one room Krok School in West Kewaunee and graduated from Kewaunee High School in 1937 and from the University of Wisconsin at Madison with a degree in Agricultural Engineering in 1950. **Orville** accepted a position with the U.S. Department of Agriculture which he held until retirement in 1985. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from October 1942 to November 1945 as a radar operator and saw combat in the South Pacific. He was a member of St. Mary Magdalene Parish and a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus. **Orville** was a very devoted husband to his wife **Elsie**, and a loving and caring father to her four children. He will be **greatly** missed by his 12 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren. **Orville** is survived by one brother, **George** of Oshkosh, WI and one sister, **Ellen Grutz** of Beaver Dam, WI. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in memory of **Orville** for the new chapel of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist, 405 Allen Avenue, Meriden, Connecticut 06451.

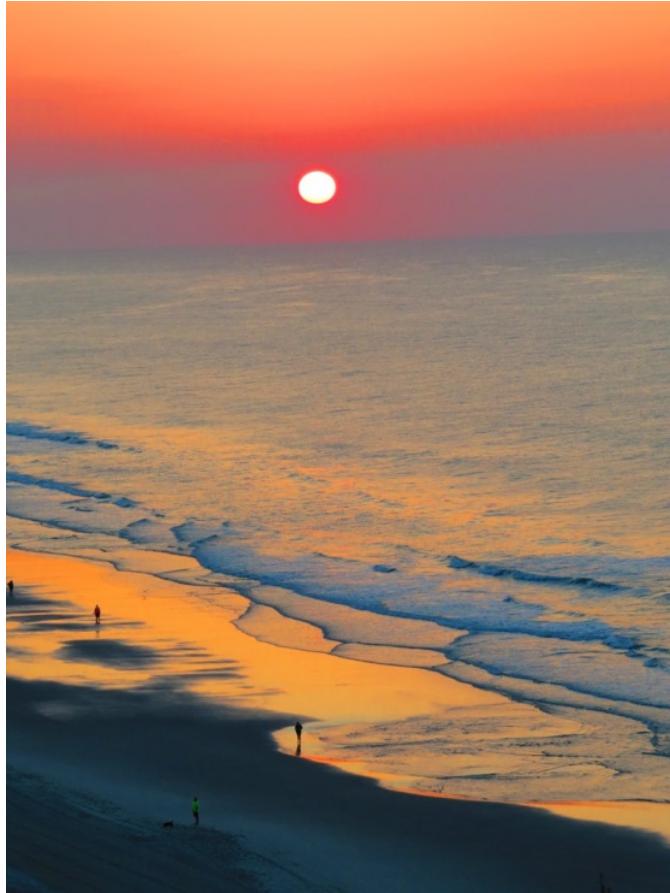
**Higginbotham** **Richard Lee Higginbotham** (69) of Hull, GA passed away on August 7, 2014. A native of St. Petersburg, FL, he was the owner and operator of Piedmont Azalea Nursery for 35 years and retired from the USDA NRCS after 31 years of service. He served his country in the US Navy. As a hobby he collected old cars, antiques, especially toys. Survivors include his wife, **Wanda Arnold Higginbotham**, son and daughter in law, **Ricky and Tammy Higginbotham** of Colbert and a grandson. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, c/o Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 6012, Albert Lea MN 56007 or Gideons International, P.O. Box 238, Hull, GA 30646.

**Lynch** **Lloyd Eldon Lynch** (74) of Davis, OK passed away on May 18, 2014 in Norman. He attended school in Jesse through the eighth grade and then attended high school in Stonewall, graduating in 1957. **Eldon** worked for the Soil Conservation Service as a member of its survey crew and later as an inspector of area flood control lake dams. His career with the USDA began in Ada, then Davis with SCS and then the Ardmore and Sulphur ASCS offices. He retired in 1990. In his younger days, **Eldon** was an avid bowler, holding a 300 series title in Ft. Smith, AR. In his spare time, he enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was awarded Top Lot Trapper by the North American Trappers Association. He spent many hours tooling leather, making powder horns and turkey calls. Survivors include his loving wife of 56 years, **Joy**; two sons, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

McVay	<b>Reta McVay</b> (86) passed away August 10, 2014 in Fort Myers, FL. She served as secretary for the Ottawa County Conservation District and SCS in Miami, Oklahoma until retirement. She married <b>Earl McVay</b> Aug. 31, 1949. After Earl's death in 2005, <b>Reta</b> moved to Fort Myers to be with her daughter's family and enjoy the sun and her citrus trees. She is survived by her daughter, two grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the School Backpack Program at First United Methodist Church of Fairland, 122 West Church Ave., Fairland, OK, 74343. Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Mrs. McVay's Tribute Page at <a href="http://www.brown-winters.com">www.brown-winters.com</a> .
Messenger	<b>Keith Glenn Messenger</b> (80) passed away on Aug. 15, 2014 at Hays Medical Center in Hays, KS. <b>Keith</b> graduated from Roxbury High School and attended Kansas State University. He served in the U.S. Army. He served in Dighton from 1958 to 1990 except for a couple of years in Ulysses as the District Conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, retiring in 1990. He was a member of First Christian Church where he was also a deacon and an elder. He was a charter member of the Dighton Lions Club. Survivors include his wife of 54 years <b>Virginia Messenger</b> , Dighton; son <b>Alan Messenger</b> Guymon, Oklahoma; daughters <b>Diane Barrett</b> , Oberlin and <b>Lisa Moomaw</b> , Dighton; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Memorials will be accepted at First Christian Church or Dighton Lions Club in care of Boomhower Funeral Home. Condolences may be posted at <a href="http://www.garnandfuneralhomes.com">www.garnandfuneralhomes.com</a> .
Pease	Member and Senior Conservationist <b>Douglas Shelley Pease</b> (84) of Tempe, AZ passed away unexpectedly, but peacefully on June 15, 2014. Born in Jackson, PA, he grew up on a dairy farm, met and married the love of his life, <b>Sophia Andrychuk</b> at Houghton College and graduated from Penn State in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education. He voluntarily enlisted in 1952 and served in Battery B, 980 <sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion, 40 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in Korea as a Sergeant First Class. After his honorable discharge, <b>Doug</b> entered civil service employment as a soil scientist. For the next 30 years, he advanced his career by obtaining two graduate degrees and moving with his family to New Mexico in 1960 and later to Arizona in 1976. <b>Doug</b> retired in 1986 as the head Soil Scientist of the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Arizona and established his own soil consultation firm. <b>Doug</b> taught geology and physical geography at Grand Canyon University and through the Elderhostel program. He also traveled extensively with <b>Sophia</b> and taught English as a foreign language for several summers in Eger, Hungary and Vilnius, Lithuania. He leaves behind his cherished wife of 62 years, <b>Sophia</b> , children <b>Shelly Woodward (Colleen)</b> , <b>David Pease (Lynn)</b> and <b>Stephanie Cox (Mike)</b> . In lieu of flowers or gifts, <b>Doug</b> requested donation of Bibles through the Gideons. ( <a href="https://www.gideons.org/sendtheword/">https://www.gideons.org/sendtheword/</a> ).
Person	<b>Walton A. Person</b> (85) passed away on May 2, 2014 at St. Gabriel's Community Care Center, Bismarck, ND. He was the husband of <b>Vi Person</b> , who worked in the SCS/NRCS Administrative Section in the Bismarck State office for many years. He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, <b>Vi</b> ; a daughter <b>Susan (Wallace) Hopkins</b> , Seminole, FL; a son <b>Kerry Person</b> , Shakopee, MN; 2 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, a sister, 2 brothers-in-law and 2 sisters-in-law.
Reed	<b>Bettie L. Reed</b> (84) of Winchester, VA passed away on June 9, 2014. <b>Bettie</b> is survived by her husband of 35 years, <b>D.J. Reed</b> who retired from the Soil Conservation Service in 1986 as a Real Property Officer in Washington, D.C. She is also survived by a son and a daughter from a previous marriage and two grandchildren.
Rhoton	<b>Cornell Rhoton</b> (93) of Tompkinsville, KY passed away on July 6, 2014, at his home. His wife of 67 years, <b>Alice Marie (Bean) Rhoton</b> , preceded him in death on March 13, 2013. <b>Cornell</b> spent his life working in agriculture. He was retired from being a soil conservation technician for the USDA Soil Conservation Service. He also was a farmer. He served as a Sgt. in the Army Air Force. He was a member of Corinth Church of Christ. <b>Cornell</b> is survived by a daughter, <b>Judy</b> and husband <b>Larry Tim Ross</b> , of Tompkinsville; two sons, <b>Terry Rhoton</b> , of Alvaton, <b>Jeffrey</b> , and wife <b>Windy Rhoton</b> , of Hendersonville, Tenn. He is also survived by six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to Corinth Church of Christ or to American Heart Association.
Shaw	<b>Evelyn A. Shaw</b> (74) of Hollywood, FL passed away Wednesday, May 21, 2014, at the home of her daughter, <b>Elizabeth Connally</b> . She graduated from Fisher College in Boston, Mass., and the University of Maine in Orono, Maine. <b>Evelyn</b> is survived by her son, <b>Scott</b> ; daughter, <b>Elizabeth</b> ; son in law, <b>Chris</b> ; and two grandsons. She was preceded in death by her husband, <b>Robert R. Shaw</b> , who retired from NRCS in 1996 as Director of the Conservation Engineering Division. Those who wish, may make a contribution in Evelyn's memory to the Hospice of Palm Beach County, FL; the <a href="http://www.alz.org">Alzheimer's Association</a> ; or the <a href="http://www.komen.org">Susan G. Komen Foundation</a> for Breast Cancer.
Shepherd	<b>John Watkins Sheperd Jr.</b> (86) passed away July 18, 2014 at his home in Stillwater, OK. He married <b>Anna Hatchell</b> in 1950 at Cordell, OK. They later divorced. <b>John</b> served in the Korean War and then attended Cloud Chief Public Schools, Florida State University and Oklahoma State University. He received an associate's degree in civil engineering. He worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service as a civil engineer tech from 1960 until 1989. <b>John</b> owned Oklahoma Hoops and scouted girls basketball and softball. He was preceded in death wife <b>Jackie Sheperd</b> . He is survived by a daughter, a step-daughter, a step-son, and eight grandchildren.

**Stewart** **Helen M. Stewart** (92) of Lincoln, NE passed away on July 10, 2014. . She served as a secretary for the Soil Conservation Service in the Midwest NTC for many years. **Helen** was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees, Beta Sigma Phi, and Senior Bowling League. She is survived by: Sister: **Alice Spomer**, Lincoln; two Nieces, Great Nieces and Nephews. Memorials: Alzheimer's Association or First Presbyterian Church. Condolences may be left @ [www.bmlfh.com](http://www.bmlfh.com).

**Vaudrin** **Robert L. Vaudrin** (67) passed away on July 24, 2014 near Fordville, ND. He worked for the SCS in Grafton and Grand Forks, ND. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, **Stephany**, Grafton, ND; his sons, **Robert Jr**, Fordville, ND; **Michael (Diana)**, Minto, ND; **Phillip (Anita)**, Grand Forks, ND; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren with another expected in November; and two sisters. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, grandson, granddaughter, and a sister.



*Sunrise on the Atlantic*



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**September 1, 2014**

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Meetze	John C	Auburn	AL	Braker	William L	Lancaster	CA	Highfill	Richard E	Fort Meyers	FL
Murphy	Ronnie D.	Auburn	AL	Slabyack	Robert D	Lodi	CA	Strus	Barbara J	Ft Meyers	FL
Norton	Earl L	Auburn	AL	Velasquez	Charles	Marysville	CA	Miller	Clayton R	Ft. Meyers	FL
Todd	Ernest V	Auburn	AL	Jolley	Leonard	Napa	CA	Austin	William E	Gainesville	FL
Tucker	Kermit N	Decatur	AL	Gerbaz	Olice "Ted"	Orangevale	CA	Bassett	Lawerence B	Gainesville	FL
Schertz	David L	Northport	AL	Garlinghouse	Jennings W	Orleans	CA	Johnson	Robert W	Gainesville	FL
Jones	J G (Jodie)	Bentonville	AR	Todd	Hewlett F	Redding	CA	Goke	Lester	Hobe Sound	FL
Garner	Billy A	Booneville	AR	Danielson	Mervin G	Roseville	CA	Halstead	Robert G	Homosassa	FL
Whittington	Paul F	Charleston	AR	Wehri	Thomas	Roseville	CA	Marshall	Raymond L	Mt Dora	FL
Mashburn	Ralph	England	AR	Andreuccetti	Mary	Sacramento	CA	Watson	Bruce G	N. Fort Myers	FL
Knight	Emily J.	Hope	AR	Ward	William A.	Sacramento	CA	Caple	Sterling B.	North Port	FL
Hackbart	Dennis	Little Rock	AR	Milani	Mario J	Stockton	CA	Jolly	Janie	Ocklawaha	FL
Spears	M J (Whitey)	Little Rock	AR	Koluvek	Paul	Winters	CA	Quilliam	Robert E	Okeechobee	FL
Mathis	Marion T.	Mansfield	AR	Mullaney	Richard J.	Akron	CO	Hytry	Jerome C	Orlando	FL
Babeu	Richard G	Maumelle	AR	Jordre	Nyle L	Aurora	CO	Reid	Janice	Palm Coast	FL
Dahlke	George	N Little Rock	AR	Bauer	Ronald F	Brush	CO	Ross	Irvin F	Pinellas Pk	FL
Henry	Johnnie F	N. Little Rock	AR	Johnson	Duane L	Cedaredge	CO	Ackerson	Kenneth T	Pompano Bch.	FL
McCullough	Bruce M	Ozark	AR	Glocker	Carl L.	Colorado Spgs	CO	Brooks	David C	Pompano Bch.	FL
Chenoweth	John W	Van Buren	AR	Olmsted	Edwin W	Denver	CO	Holeman	John N	Pompano Bch.	FL
Williams	Christopher P	Chandler	AZ	Wilkinson	Ivan R.	Estes Park	CO	Pirie	John S	Punta Gorda	FL
Cavanaugh	J P (Pat)	Chino Valley	AZ	Carlson	Jack R.	Fort Collins	CO	Cuthbertson	Ida	Sarasota	FL
Fobair	I W "Bill"	Cottonwood	AZ	Green	Allen	Fort Collins	CO	Howard	Paul M	Sarasota	FL
Johnson	A Glen	Glendale	AZ	Lytte	Dennis	Fort Collins	CO	Hardy	Richard W	Sebring	FL
Calhoun	Thomas E	Green Valley	AZ	Brubacher	John I	Ft Collins	CO	Butz	Donald	Tampa	FL
Klofstad	Gordon O	Mesa	AZ	Ohland	Paul J	Ft Collins	CO	Langlois	Karl H.	The Villages	FL
Black	Stephen	Phoenix	AZ	Geter	John	Ft. Collins	CO	Kile	David O	Wellington	FL
Sanders	Aubrey C	Phoenix	AZ	Collins	Monte J	Grand Junction	CO	Frederick	William E	Winter Haven	FL
Addison	Albert C	Portal	AZ	Johnson	Emery C	Grand Junction	CO	Adams	Carolyn C	Athens	GA
Nordstrom	Gary	Prescott Valley	AZ	Fisher	James R	Lakewood	CO	DiPietro	Linda R	Athens	GA
Odell	J Gordon	Saddlebrooke	AZ	Gonzalez	Flavio R	Littleton	CO	Firor	Edna Bartlett	Athens	GA
Bathurst	Verne M	Scottsdale	AZ	Sage	Terri	Littleton	CO	Gerald	Talbert R	Athens	GA
Cohen	Herman C	Sun City	AZ	Porter	Richard L	Longmont	CO	Oertel	Bob	Athens	GA
Fitzgerald	Warren J	Sun City	AZ	Ververs	W. Kent	Loveland	CO	Wilkes	Robert L	Athens	GA
Jordan	Robert H	Sun City West	AZ	Christenson	Carter	Lyons	CO	Olliff	John B	Douglas	GA
Lowrey	John C	Sun City West	AZ	Jones	Alvin	Meeker	CO	Adams	John W	Lyons	GA
McManus	Kenneth G	Sun City West	AZ	Boecking	Robert H	Monrose	CO	Stovall	Robert T	Martin	GA
Maguire	Connie	Surprise	AZ	Schwien	Jerry D	Northglenn	CO	Ulmer	Ross L	McDonough	GA
Collins	Harlan G	Surprise	AZ	Miles	Larry D	Pagosa Springs	CO	Carter	Walker G	Statesboro	GA
Alt	Rodney M	Surprise	AZ	Dansdill	Robert K	Parker	CO	Hadarits	Phillip	Toombsboro	GA
Enz	Richard W	Tempe	AZ	Wingard	Angela	Ramah	CO	Ealy	Edward P.	Watkinsville	GA
Pease	Sophia	Tempe	AZ	Lindahl	Bruce A	Steamboat	CO	Martin	Cecil N	Watkinsville	GA
Strong	Marion E	Tempe	AZ	Vescio	Laura	Spgs		Walker	Beverly H.	Watkinsville	GA
Wilimek	Frank E	Tempe	AZ	Ireland	William	Wesminster	CO	Poss	Hilda G	Winterville	GA
Bridge	Galen S	Tucson	AZ	Faber	Margie	Chaplin	CT	Norris	George C	Zebulon	GA
Cookson	Kenneth M	Tucson	AZ	Kolesinskas	Kip	Coventry	CT	Kaneshiro	Kenneth M	Aiea	HI
George	Tommy A	Tucson	AZ	Offerman	Elmer E	Manchester	CT	Lum	Francis	Honolulu	HI
Hedlund	John D	Tucson	AZ	Csiki	Joseph	Storrs	CT	Gaudette	Rosemary	Altoona	IA
Klingelhofer	Karl R.	Tucson	AZ	Polulech	Joseph E	Willington	CT	Breitbach	David D	Ames	IA
Knisley	Joseph L	Tucson	AZ			Woodstock	CT	Fisher	Charles S	Ames	IA
Moreland	Ronald E	Tucson	AZ			Valley		Skerritt	John K.	Ames	IA
Ard	R G	Willcox	AZ	Boyer	William	Washington	DC	Weber	Eldon C	Ames	IA
Davis	Marilyn	Yuma City	AZ	Lawrence	Douglas J.	Washington	DC	Ausan	Joseph F	Ankeny	IA
Myszka	Romy	Antioch	CA	Bennett	Richard P	Georgetown	DE	Jeske	Carol	Ankeny	IA
Harben	Ron	Arroyo Grande	CA	Stingel	James W	Lewes	DE	Miller	Dennis G	Ankeny	IA
Pitney	Kenneth	Bonita	CA	Bouchard	Carl E	Milford	DE	Walker	Ronald D	Ankeny	IA
Neu	Albert	Cathedral City	CA	Brune	William J	Bonita Springs	FL	Wilson	John H (Herb)	Ankeny	IA
Gilgert	Wendell	Chico	CA	Huffman	K Keith	Bonita Springs	FL	Currier	Raymond L	Boone	IA
Briggs	Darwyn H	Davis	CA	Belcher	Robert W	Brooksville	FL	Kopitzke	Herman W	Boone	IA
Honeyfield	Harold R.	Davis	CA	Bennett	Lee	Cape Coral	FL	Snyder	Ronald D.	Burlington	IA
Wyman	Henry	Davis	CA	Ferguson	Buell	Cape Coral	FL	Birchmier	Richard W	Centerville	IA
Borst	George	Fallbrook	CA	Law	Robert G	DeLand	FL	Asell	Lyle W	Chariton	IA

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Dorgan	Lawrence L	Creston	IA	Scott	J Wiley	Mahomet	IL	Badger	Tom	Scranton	KS
Hurtz	Dennis L	Decorah	IA	Fasig	Joe A	Marion	IL	Rector	J D	Sedan	KS
Johnson	Paul	Decorah	IA	Schoeck	Fremont C	Marshall	IL	Schwant	Eldon W	Seneca	KS
Kleckner	Lowell H	Denison	IA	Rutherford	James L	McLean	IL	Jorgensen	George N	Troy	KS
Davis	Larry D	Des Moines	IA	Pellmann	Neil	Mokena	IL	Kinsey	Franklin C	Troy	KS
Glen	Deane S.	Des Moines	IA	McLeese	Bob	Monticello	IL	Mitchell	Michael J	Bowling Green	KY
Sarasio	Maralee J	Des Moines	IA	Phalen	Nancy	Monticello	IL	Milliken	Billy W	Fulton	KY
Ummel	Donald K	Des Moines	IA	Coombes	Raymond	Paris	IL	Cora	Andrea M.	Lancaster	KY
O'Connor	Tom	Des Moines	IA	Ray	Merrill D	Quincy	IL	Rock	Randal	Lawrenceburg	KY
Will	Roger A	Emmetsburg	IA	Steinkamp	James F	Quincy	IL	Haslett	Billye Morgan	Lexington	KY
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Carpenter	Daryl L	Ft Dodge	IA	Davis	Loren E.	Shelbyville	IL	Kelley	Glenn E	Lexington	KY
Lawyer	C Merle	Harlan	IA	Velazquez	Judy E	Sterling	IL	Myers	Richard A	Lexington	KY
Bryant	Arthur A	Indianola	IA	Nielsen	Charles R	Taylorville	IL	Overhults	Kenneth W	Lexington	KY
Betts	Lynn	Johnston	IA	Leonard	Jerry W.	Tuscola	IL	Scudder	Frank C	Murray	KY
Link	Roger	Maxwell	IA	Evans	James L	Urbana	IL	Burkeen	James O	Paducah	KY
Lindgren	Gary	Oskaloosa	IA	Hummel	Judith C	Urbana	IL	Benson	Billy K	Union	KY
Dayton	Bob	Polk City	IA	Lowery	Ron	Woodstock	IL	Johnson	Ralph C	Warsaw	KY
Aust	Erwin O	Shenandoah	IA	Martin	Robert C	Albion	IN	Henry	Donald S.	Winchester	KY
Hall	Richard W	Sioux City	IA	Farr	Jay E	Bloomington	IN	Branco	Joseph	Alexandria	LA
Carlson	Donald	Storm Lake	IA	Peden	Joe R	Bloomington	IN	Rucker	Harry	Alexandria	LA
Pate	Dennis	Urbandale	IA	Brock	Rex	Bourbon	IN	Anliker	Jeffrey G	Belchertown	MA
Redman	Donald D	Van Wert	IA	Weesies	Glen A.	Brownsburg	IN	Currin	Cecil B	Hadley	MA
Jensen	Mark	W Des Moines	IA	Gilbert	Dick	Carmel	IN	Wesoloski	James A	Hadley	MA
Peterson	Don C	W Des Moines	IA	Shrode	Howard T	Columbus	IN	Konieczny	Chester H	South Deerfield	MA
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Smith	Volney H	Waukee	IA	Kracht	B Harold	Crown Point	IN	Riekert	Edward G	Bowie	MD
Brown	Melvin D	Westfield	IA	Bollman	Robert V.	Danville	IN	TeSelle	Gale W	Bowie	MD
Brownfield	Shelby H	Boise	ID	Thompson	Harold	Danville	IN	Bogner	Neil & Eleanor	Catonsville	MD
Calverley	Paul H	Boise	ID	McCain	Dan	Delphi	IN	York	Dana	Centreville	MD
Gallup	Darrell L	Boise	ID	Hardisty	Jane	Greenfield	IN	Rohaley	George	Clarksville	MD
Garrison	Amos I	Boise	ID	Kerrigan	Ronald J	Greenfield	IN	Ashford	Obie D	Columbia	MD
Hobson	Stanley	Boise	ID	Bloom	Elias	Indianapolis	IN	Butler	Valorie	Columbia	MD
Larson	Gerald G	Boise	ID	Eddleman	Robert L	Indianapolis	IN	Foland	Stephen and Judy	Crofton	MD
Malone	Paul L	Boise	ID	Gossett	Charlie	Indianapolis	IN	Hannawald	James E.	Denton	MD
Norris	Sharon	Boise	ID	Larson	Jerry D	Indianapolis	IN	Morse	Diana	District Heights	MD
Weatherstone	Mark	Boise	ID	Sisk	Fred C	Indianapolis	IN	Lauster	Cindy	Easton	MD
Wilton	Neil D	Boise	ID	Kile	David O	Kendallville	IN	Reybold	William U	Easton	MD
Van Klaveren	Richard	Hayden	ID	Earnhart	Nery Foy	Kimmell	IN	Gordon	Wesley M	Flintstone	MD
Evans	Wm (Bill) R	Kooskia	ID	Mullin	Wayne C	LaFayette	IN	Maresch	Wayne F	Ft Washington	MD
Clarke	Charles D	McCall	ID	St. Claire	Samuel	Larwill	IN	Theurer	Margaret and Fred	Gaithersburg	MD
Ellis	Sue R.	Meridian	ID	Creech	Harold F	Linton	IN	Woodward	Donald	Gaithersburg	MD
Holstine	Leland L	Meridian	ID	Roeske	Roger	Lucerne	IN	Shields	Lee B	Greenbelt	MD
James	George R	Meridian	ID	Smith	Daniel H	Mooresville	IN	Cronshay	Roger	Huntington	MD
Nutt	Ellen	Meridian	ID	Ferguson	Donald T	Muncie	IN	Holder	Betty	New Carrollton	MD
Somerville	Mike	Nampa	ID	Reichenbach	William H	North Vernon	IN	Brzostek	Edward J.	Ocean View	MD
Drechsel	Leroy J	Albion	IL	Schafer	Richard L	Plainfield	IN	Mister	Hagner R	Prince Frederick	MD
Lowe	Robert L	Amboy	IL	Pearson	Jerry J	Plymouth	IN	Miller	Norman	Rockville	MD
Kraut	Harold	Batchtown	IL	Weaver	Donald E.	Richmond	IN	Rakestraw	Edward J.	Rockville	MD
Mitchell	Ronald G	Bourbonnais	IL	Swern	William E	Rockville	IN	Holder	Helen L	Rockville	MD
Allen	Malvern	Bunker Hill	IL	Robbins, Jr.	John M	Scottsburg	IN	Brzostek	Edwin S	Salisbury	MD
Benz	Dale	Champaign	IL	Diehl	Carl S	Warsaw	IN	Mister	Hardy	Salisbury	MD
Beyer	Dennis	Champaign	IL	Terpstra	Earl A	Washington	IN	Miller	Geiger	Silver Spring	MD
Bushue	Lester J	Champaign	IL	Arnold	Richard	West Lafayette	IN	Rakestraw	Alfonso F	Silver Spring	MD
Dalzell	David W	Champaign	IL	McKee	Charles C	West LaFayette	IN	Underwood	Wesley	Silver Spring	MD
Dickerson	Richard L	Champaign	IL	Furr	Franklin	Winamac	IN	Talbot	Janelle J	Silver Spring	MD
Evans	Earl Eugene	Champaign	IL	Gaskell	James L.	Chanute	KS	Klumpe	James	St Leonard	MD
Gradle	William J	Champaign	IL	Foerschler	William T	Chapman	KS	Calhoun	Shirley	Stevensville	MD
McKinney	Doris	Champaign	IL	Lytton	Warren	Derby	KS	Boothby	Sharon	Upper Marlboro	MD
Mingo	Ben	Champaign	IL	Maddux	C Owen	El Dorado	KS	Tidd	Charles L	Bangor	ME
Voss	Earl E	Champaign	IL	Pearson	Loren J	Hays	KS	Minnick	Peter M	Belfast	ME
Cerven	Andy	Charleston	IL	Haberman	Roger L	Larney	KS	Unger	Edwin L	Berwick	ME
Misek	Jerry	Elizabeth	IL	Roith	William E	Linsborg	KS	Champeon	David G.	Castine	ME
Johnson	James B.	Forsyth	IL	Cooper	Donald L	Manhattan	KS	Simon	D Bruce	Glenburn	ME
Paulsgrove	Glenn H	Galesburg	IL	Smithhisler	John	Manhattan	KS	Stevens	John J	Hampden	ME
Long	Donald R	Hillsboro	IL	Smith	Richard F	Marysville	KS	Boothby	George and Nancy	Lincoln	ME
Rahe	David B	Hillsboro	IL	Sorensen	William B	Ness City	KS	Tidd	Michael J	Bowling Green	KY
Gebhardt	Ronald	Island Lake	IL	Crawford	Robert B	Newton	KS	Minnick	Billy W	Fulton	KY
Bridgman	Lee H	Jacksonville	IL	Klaege	Harold	Salina	KS	Unger	Andrea M.	Lancaster	KY
Jones	Martha J	Kankakee	IL	Lull	Deanne	Salina	KS	Champeon	Glenn E.	Lexington	KY
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Thompson	Mary E.	Union	ME	Watson	Gordon	Bozeman	MT	Muckel	Gary B	Lincoln	NE
Ferwerda	John A	Veazie	ME	Gooby	Dick	Twin Bridges	MT	Noonan	Kenneth E	Lincoln	NE
Berndt	Loren W	Bridgman	MI	Evans	Steven T.	Albemarle	NC	Smith	Paul D	Lincoln	NE
Purkey	Thomas H	Gaylord	MI	Holt	Francis T	Asheville	NC	Stout	Maurice	Lincoln	NE
Pigott	Julius O.	Jackson	MI	Guthrie	J Elwood	Blanch	NC	Stover	Steven C	Lincoln	NE
Fude	William J	Lansing	MI	Canterberry	James H	Cary	NC	Thiele	JoAnne	Lincoln	NE
Hicks	Robert N	Lansing	MI	Smith	Shawn E.	Charlotte	NC	Woodside	Charline A	Lincoln	NE
Howell	J Roger	Lansing	MI	Stevens	Jesse R	Clayton	NC	Gertsch	Marion	North Platte	NE
Griffin	Frank A	Lapeer	MI	Johnson	Rodney W.	Elizabeth City	NC	Gerding	Jim	Omaha	NE
Kesselring	Daniel F	Marshall	MI	Spencer	C Wilson	Faison	NC	Snyder	Dana	Seward	NE
Quisenberry	Dwight and	Okemos	MI	Giessler	Randall W	Faith	NC	Vrana	Tony & Elaine	Seward	NE
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Blair	Jay & Karen	Swartz Creek	MI	Phillips	Richard L	Gibsonville	NC	Dingle	Charles H	Exeter	NH
Reetz	Mary Jane	Brainerd	MN	Bingham	Dean K.	Goldsboro	NC	Sherman	Dean F	Plymouth	NH
Neitzel	Kenneth K	Edina	MN	Andrews	John W	Greensboro	NC	Layton	Robert	Portsmouth	NH
Teschke	Edgar H	Faribault	MN	Basinger	Donald L	Greensboro	NC	Luhtala	Nick	Rumney	NH
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Strus	Barbara J	McGregor	MN	Kirby	Robert M	Greenville	NC	Dunne	Tim	Belvidere	NJ
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Murray	Justin L	Rochester	MN	Short	J Wayne	Lilleton	NC	Irelan	Laurence R	Pennsville	NJ
Gangl	Margaret	Roseville	MN	Robinson, Jr.	P. Benjamin	Lincolnton	NC	Hillis	John H	Las Cruces	NM
Mechelke	Marlene	St Paul	MN	Pate	Phyllis K	Lumberton	NC	McDougal	Luther F	Mimbres	NM
Ruhland	Vic	St. Paul	MN	Price	Lane	Mill Spring	NC	Bailey	Oran F	Peralta	NM
Brach	John	Stillwater	MN	Clay	David	Millers Creek	NC	Centopani	Wm (Bill)	Rio Rancho	NM
Brune	William J	Victoria	MN	Pigg	Rick	Monroe	NC	Leiting	Kenneth B	Rio Rancho	NM
Jacobson	Erling T	Walker	MN	Hill	John C	Mt Gilead	NC	Vaught	William L	Rio Rancho	NM
Handler	John F.	Welch	MN	Jennings	Helen M	Oriental	NC	Thornton	Jim P	Sante Fe	NM
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Hunt	William	Woodbury	MN	Zaik	Francis	Pine Knoll	NC	Houston	Charles R.	Reno	NV
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Smith	Burns (Ed)	Columbia	MO	Berkland	Mark W.	Rolesville	NC	Calhoun	James	Clifton Park	NY
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Collins	Ralph	Higginsville	MO	Clearfield	Frank	Southport	NC	Lake	Donald W	Erieville	NY
Simmons	George T	Higginsville	MO	Fetterer	Dominic	Southport	NC	Reece	B. Keith	Fayetteville	NY
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Sturm	James E	Princeton	MO	Stelling	Donnel L	Deshler	NE	Connell	Allan S.	Southold	NY
Mueller	Rita	Republic	MO	Calder	Joe	Lincoln	NE	Machovec	Steven	Vestal	NY
Klopfenstein	Norman R	Rocheport	MO	Camper	Dave	Lincoln	NE	Lee	Nancy	Waterloo	NY
Habiger	James N	Shell Knob	MO	Culver	James	Lincoln	NE	Potter	Harry E	Watertown	NY
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Love	Orville W	Village of Loch	MO	Helzer	Norman	Lincoln	NE	Brooks	David C	Columbus	OH
		Lloyd		Hromadka	Neola	Lincoln	NE	Nolte	Byron H	Columbus	OH
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Tisdale	Charles B	Raymond	MS	Kempf	Norman &	Lincoln	NE	Hirth	Harry G	Dublin	OH
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Derickson	Richard W	Grove City	OH	Ross	Elwin	Redmond	OR	Nicholson	Henry L and
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Urban	George L	Lancaster	OH	Hardy	Leland A	Salem	OR	Dennis	Esley
Brown, Jr.	Donald R	Lebanon	OH	Reckendorf	Frank F	Salem	OR	Eubanks	Gilbert
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Conrad	Norman	New Paris	OH	Robertson	Donald R	Tigard	OR	Patrick	James C
Skiles	Daniel L	Pataskala	OH	Robertson	Donald R	Tigard	OR	Black	Greenwood
Mapes	Mervin S	Pickerington	OH	Calvert	Thomas W	Berlin	PA	Caldwell	Lancaster
Newberger	D Rex	Powell	OH	Young	Samuel E	Bloomsburg	PA	Deaderick	Laurens
Reinhardt	George J	Ravenna	OH	Heidecker, Jr.	Robert T	Boiling Springs	PA	Reeves	Hugh
Ross	Karl H	Sidney	OH	Krebs	Donna	Centre Hall	PA	Reeves	Doug
Tornes	Dan	Stow	OH	Munkittrick	Graham T	Dillsburg	PA	Welsh	Delores (Dory)
Baltes	Larry	Sunbury	OH	Parrish	William R	Edensburg	PA	Martin	Lexington
Losh	Gene F	Tiffin	OH	Du Poldt	Carl A	Edgemont	PA	Thompson	Lexington
Gray	Lennie	Westerville	OH	Ulery	Nevin L	Elizabeth	PA	Glover	Little River
Bureau	Ralph E	Willoughby	OH	Thomas	Shirley	Elizabethtown	PA	Demarest	Benny
Steiger	Marvin F	Wooster	OH	Maresch	Wayne M.	Emlenton	PA	Comer	Lugoff
	Joseph R	Zanesville	OH	Bowers	William J	Enola	PA	Stevens	McCormick
Rhoads	Clifford E	Ardmore	OK	Akers	John R	Everett	PA		Moncks Corner
Moreland	George W	Atoka	OK	Licsko	Francis R	Fairview	PA	Williams	George H
Maples	Robert C	Chandler	OK	Pinkerton	Harvey	Fryburg	PA	Berry	Murrells Inlet
Anderson	Dellas N	Chickasha	OK	Mickley, Jr.	John W	Gettysburg	PA	Guy	Azle
McMasters	Jesse	Duncan	OK	Probst	Steven A	Gettysburg	PA	Krider	Lexington
Jantz	Donald R	Enid	OK	Swank	Rollin N	Graysville	PA	DeFrancesco	Timmons
Miller	Timothy N.	Indianola	OK	Murphy	Timothy J.	Harrisburg	PA	McGill	Orangeburg
Oneth	Wes	McAlester	OK	Malot	Jana L.	Harrisonville	PA	Dove	Pickens
Lambeth	Nickey J	Okemah	OK	McMullen	James R.	Hillsdale	PA	Anderson	Seneca
Thomas	Jimmy D	Okmulgee	OK	Bowers	Donald	Indiana	PA	Drown	Ned
Williams	Clifford L	Sayre	OK	Hilliard	Robert L	Lancaster	PA	Kuck	Starr
Caldwell	Larry	Stillwater	OK	Wood	Alan	Lebanon	PA	Watson	Surfside Beach
Clark	Ronnie L.	Stillwater	OK	Wolfrom	Norman G	Lock Haven	PA	Staley	Bunyan W
Fortney	Fred J	Stillwater	OK	Burgess	James	McKees Rock	PA	Hendricks	Timmons
Freeland	Randy	Stillwater	OK	Boyd	Hurshal	Mechanicsburg	PA	Lebeda	SD
Frie	Jimmie W	Stillwater	OK	Bubb	Frederick E	Mechanicsburg	PA	Nelson	SD
Johnson	Ottie G	Stillwater	OK	Mahood	Jeff	Mechanicsburg	PA	Hunt	SD
Putnam	Billy & Pauline	Stillwater	OK	Mank	John J	Mechanicsburg	PA	Vlieger	SD
Willis	Roland R	Stillwater	OK	Magee	Anna R	Media	PA	Haefner	SD
Apple	Jess C	Warner	OK	Tindall	David C.	New Hope	PA	Labahn	SD
Witty	John E	Adrian	OR	Beck	Leonard R.	Newtown	PA	Galatin	SD
Greiner	Donald E	Albany	OR			Square		Larsen	Pierre
Hedlund	John D	Aloha	OR	Ford	Charles	Philadelphia	PA	Schmidt, Jr.	Rapid City
Yeomans	Gerald W	Baker City	OR	Hall	Howard W	Quarryville	PA	Smith	Sioux Falls
Woolcock	Bill	Beavercreek	OR	Sokoloski	Edward	Scott Township	PA	Baumberger	Spearfish
Johnson	David & Joan	Beaverton	OR	Hughes	Judith L.	Shiremanstown	PA	Pope	Rod
Rallison	Robert E	Beaverton	OR	Krotzer	Gene	Somerset	PA	Meuer	A. Wayne
Stettler	Donald L.	Beaverton	OR	Coller	George N	State College	PA	Wilcox	Julian L.
Wadleigh	Ralph S	Beaverton	OR	Schuetz	Frederick H	Trappe	PA	Pointer	Adams
Schaefer	Garry L.	Clackamas	OR	Pysher	Duane E	Wernersville	PA	Newton	Algood
Mitchell	Terry	Fairview	OR	Busch	Howard W	West Chester	PA	Elmore	Brookings
Dugan	William L	Forest Grove	OR	Resides	Frank E	West Chester	PA	Jones	Deer
Formanek	Gary E	Forest Grove	OR	Welle	Paul	West Chester	PA	Lansford	Brookings
Kover	Richard W	Forest Grove	OR	McCandless,	Donald E	West Sunbury	PA	Bush	Elmore
VanderZanden	Eldena	Forest Grove	OR	Jr.				Dotson	Joseph L.
Carlson	Roy M	Fossil	OR	Ramsey	Wesley W.	Youngsville	PA	Crowe	Harold D.
Deal	Clifton E	Gresham	OR	Hutchins	Richard G	Charlestown	RI	Cloutier	Bean Station
Styner	Wendell A	Hillsboro	OR	Stuart	Everett A	North Kingstown	RI	Blackwell	Cookeville
Sylvester	Richard (Dick)	Hillsboro	OR	McGee	Bobby D.	Aiken	SC	Allman	Crossville
Weber	Edward E	Keizer	OR	Holland	Arthur B	Bluffton	SC	Waldrip	Franklin
Fillmore	Matthew H.	Lebanon	OR	Miner	John H	Blythewood	SC	DeGroot	Gallatin
Straka	Patricia L	Milwaukie	OR	Douglas	Walter W	Chapin	SC	Hicks	Germantown
George	Gerald O	Molalla	OR	Turner	Walley A	Chapin	SC	Brasfield	Jackson
Zetter	Beth	North Plains	OR	Wells	Wm Burton	Chapin	SC	Sanders	Johnson City
Bright	Roy E	Portland	OR	Zeck	Peter	Chapin	SC	Sims	Kingston
Gilson	Leonard L.	Portland	OR	Adkins, Jr.	H Grady	Columbia	SC	Headden	Knoxville
Hart	Roberta L	Portland	OR	Glasgow	Niles	Columbia	SC	Lorenz	McEwen
Hillebrandt	Cliff	Portland	OR	Melven	William J	Columbia	SC	Kuenstler	Nashville
Kanalz	Jack P	Portland	OR	Morrow	Ellis D.	Columbia	SC	Owen	Arlington
Newton	Bruce	Portland	OR	Morrow	Ellis D.	Columbia	SC	Heizer	Arlington

Black	Glen E	Belton	TX	Murray	Neil R	Orem	UT	Smith	Daniel A	Chelan	WA	
Hicks	Vernon M	Belton	TX	Coombs	Phillip D	Salt Lake City	UT	Donaldson	Norman C	Colville	WA	
Wallace	Marie	Belton	TX	Page	Leland	Sandy	UT	Patterson	Esther	Ellensburg	WA	
Wenberg	Mary	Belton	TX	Nethery	J Michael	Smithfield	UT	Lea	Jon	La Center	WA	
Guerrero	Rafael	Benbrook	TX	Begovich	Eileen	Alexandria	VA	Edmonds	Larry	Nine Mile Falls	WA	
Abbott	Everett L	Bryan	TX	Clark	Lawrence	Alexandria	VA	Hough	Glenn H	Olympia	WA	
Bertsch	Walter J	Bryan	TX	Sampson	R Neil	Alexandria	VA	Pringle	Russell F	Olympia	WA	
Thomas	Ed	Bryan	TX	Smith	Peter F	Alexandria	VA	Sporcic	Michael A.	Othello	WA	
Vavra	Martin E	Bryan	TX	McLoda	Niles A	Amelia	VA	Landtiser	Gilbert R	Sequim	WA	
Trevino III	Rosendo	Bulverde	TX	Helms	Douglas	Arlington	VA	Hughey	William	Shelton	WA	
Lowe	Douglas R	Clarendon	TX	Helms	Douglas	Arlington	VA	Spofford	Thomas L.	Soap Lake	WA	
Boysen	Mark	Crowley	TX	Reaves	Robert K	Arlington	VA	Fechter	A. Stefan	Spokane	WA	
Buland	David V.	Crowley	TX	Haugh	Joseph S	Ashburn	VA	Kaul	Kenneth D	Spokane	WA	
Erlon	William	Crowley	TX	Darby	Gerald M	Blacksburg	VA	Krauss	Hans	Spokane	WA	
Smith	Harry L	Early	TX	Hollins	Rachel E	Bumpass	VA	Olson	Robert J	Spokane	WA	
Moody	Wendell	Eden	TX	Root	Gerald W	Bumpass	VA	Richard	Gerald	Spokane	WA	
Haenisch	Charles	Floydada	TX	Peterson	John W	Burke	VA	Carmack	W J "Joe"	Spokane Valley	WA	
Crowley	Claude	Fort Worth	TX	White	David C	Charlottesville	VA	Husa	V. Lennie	Spokane Valley	WA	
Fuchs	Westal W	Fort Worth	TX	Nelson	Edgar H	Cross Junction	VA	Johnson	Gary L.	Spokane Valley	WA	
Goodman	Clyde L.	Fort Worth	TX	Gilkeson	Ronald W.	Dayton	VA	Collins	Harlan G	Vancouver	WA	
Rockenbaugh	Thomas G	Fort Worth	TX	Bowling, Jr.	Ernest H	Dillwyn	VA	Liggett	F Eugene	Vancouver	WA	
Gonzalez	Hector	Fremont	TX	Knight	Bruce	Fairfax	VA	Matthews	Richard M	Vancouver	WA	
Scott	Swayne	Frisco	TX	Osgood	Barbara	Fairfax	VA	Robbins	Lamont	Vancouver	WA	
Alexander	Edward L	Ft Worth	TX	Ralston	David C	Fairfax	VA	Omernik	David L	Antigo	WI	
Blakley	Earl R	Ft Worth	TX	Schmude	Keith O	Fairfax	VA	Stanke	Gary B	Appleton	WI	
Dietz	Harlan E	Ft Worth	TX	Marlow	Ron	Fairfax Sta.	VA	Statz	Roman A	Baraboo	WI	
Hodges	Thomas C G	Ft Worth	TX	Marlow	Ron	Fairfax Sta.	VA	Jakel	Dale E	Barron	WI	
Jackson	John W	Ft Worth	TX	Page	Ron	Fairfax Sta.	VA	Conner	William	Madison	WI	
Jackson	Calvin M	Ft Worth	TX	Gelburd	Diane	Falls Church	VA	Enlow	James L	Madison	WI	
Nichols	Joe D	Ft Worth	TX	Anderson	Mike W.	Fredericksburg	VA	Patronsky	Richard J	Madison	WI	
Richardson	Frank	Ft Worth	TX	Gross	Gary R	Fredericksburg	VA	Schendel	Michael C	Menomonie	WI	
Moffitt	David C	Ft. Worth	TX	Judy	Harris	Fredericksburg	VA	Wettstein	Carol A	Middleton	WI	
Newman	Don F	Ft. Worth	TX	Hogg	June J	Glen Allen	VA	Leavenworth	Patricia	Mount Horeb	WI	
Twitty	W Ken	Ft. Worth	TX	Spitz	James H	Hardy	VA	Christensen	Emeron P	Onalaska	WI	
Perritte	Barbara C	Garland	TX	Lincoln	Ernest E	Harrisonburg	VA	Goke	Lester	Platteville	WI	
Bogard	Michael H	Gatesville	TX	Stierna	John H	Haymarket	VA	Ten Haken	Irwin	Portage	WI	
King	Arnold	Granbury	TX	Carter	Kenneth E.	Henrico	VA	Barber	Louis C	Siren	WI	
Stockbridge	David A	Granbury	TX	Jeter	Helen S	Henrico	VA	Price	Steven J	Spring Valley	WI	
Stewart	Samuel J	Greenville	TX	Thomas	Brenda	Herndon	VA	Wozniak	Norbert E	Stevens Point	WI	
Poenisch	John	Helotes	TX	Campbell	Carol	King George	VA	Maguire	Connie	Sun Prairie	WI	
Scaling	Wilson	Henrietta	TX	Albertella	Joan	Locust Grove	VA	Lorenz	Glenn E	Viroqua	WI	
Erinakes	Dennis C	Joshua	TX	Lee	Warren M	Locust Grove	VA	Fimreite	Olin C	Whitehall	WI	
Doughty	Jim W	Livingston	TX	Warren, Jr.	Jasper J	Louisa	VA	Michael	James R	Berkeley	WV	
Cecil	Patricia	Lufkin	TX	Benedict	Paul	Manassas	VA			Spring		
Fischgrabe	O Dale	Moody	TX	Lahren	Ross S.	Manassas	VA	Judy	Richard	Beverly	WV	
O'Connor	John D	Mt Pleasant	TX	Kintzer	Barry L.	Mechanicsburg	VA	Wetsch	Carrie	Elkins	WV	
Englerth	Carl F	New Braunfels	TX	Branigan	Robin	Mount Jackson	VA	Burns	David F	Fairmont	WV	
Mitchell	Wayburn D	Paducah	TX	Weber	Tom	Nellysford	VA	Gwynn	Gary A	Hambleton	WV	
Peace	Richard L	Paris	TX	Maetzold	James A	Spotsylvania	VA	Sharp	Curtis	Harpers Ferry	WV	
Tucker	Norma	Rogers	TX	Irwin	Bill	Springfield	VA	Newman	Pearl	Huntington	WV	
Miles	Larry D	Round Rock	TX	Kohnke	Robert E	Springfield	VA	Austin	Shirley R	Morgantown	WV	
Mills	Van C	San Angelo	TX	Moore	John S.	Springfield	VA	Chase	Debbie	Morgantown	WV	
Brister	Rayford J	San Antonio	TX	Newcombe	Paul R	Springfield	VA	Clevenger	James P	Morgantown	WV	
Folsche	Dick	Savoy	TX	Ochs	Walter J	Springfield	VA	Cooper	James M	Morgantown	WV	
Larson	Paul F	Sherman	TX	Otte	Karl F	Springfield	VA	Hayhurst	Eileen	Morgantown	WV	
Abbott	James D	Temple	TX	Bernard	Jerry M.	Stafford	VA	Noonan	Tom	Morgantown	WV	
Brown	Robert C	Temple	TX	Bernard	Jerry M.	Stafford	VA	Reese	Margaret (Peg)	Morgantown	WV	
Burt	John P	Temple	TX	Margheim	Gary A	Stafford	VA	Shutts	Lynn M	Morgantown	WV	
Camp	Joe B	Temple	TX	Haas	Joseph W	Sterling	VA	Weston	Delores R	Morgantown	WV	
Crews	Logan W	Temple	TX	Duesterhaus	Richard L	Vienna	VA		(Dee)			
Newman	Allen L	Temple	TX	Schaefer	George W	Virginia Beach	VA	Ridenour	Willis J	Parkersburg	WV	
Thompson	Charles M	Temple	TX	Louviere	Donald F	Weber City	VA	Cooper	John	Point Pleasant	WV	
Porter	Marion S	Terrell	TX	Julian	Bruce	Weems	VA	Parks	Orland C.	Scherr	WV	
Presley	J Mack	Tyler	TX	Reed	D.J.	Winchester	VA	King	Michael F	Spencer	WV	
Vanderstucken	Alfred	Victoria	TX	Tuttle	Ronald W	Winchester	VA	Ball	Betty A	Williamstown	WV	
Werner	Jon G	Eden	UT	Safley	John Marc	Woodbridge	VA	Gilbert	Ted	Casper	WY	
Nelson	Phillip J	Farmington	UT	Keeler	Francis M	Colchester	VT	Schadegg	Veronica (Roni)	Casper	WY	
Goddard	Wm "Bill"	Fillmore	UT	Van Houten	David G	Essex Junction	VT		Taylor	David O	Casper	WY
Baird	Richard	Logan	UT	Watson	Bruce G	S Hero	VT	Jons	LeRoy	Wheatland	WY	
Haderlie	Van K	Logan	UT	Brown	Raymond N.	South	VT	Bell	Jimmy R	Worland	WY	