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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope this newsletter finds all of you doing well. The most important thing in this newsletter is the signup sheet for our fall get-together in Nashville, TN. We are short on attendees compared to what we expected. I hope all of you will take the time to look at the registration material, sign up for the reunion, and join us in Nashville. It will be great to see all of you.

We have had a volunteer step forward and offer to update us in terms of computer technology. We are losing volunteers faster than we are gaining them so we need to look for ways to continue doing what we are doing with less effort. It is time to consider whether we should go 100 percent digital or not. We have laid out some options for the directory in this newsletter (see page 7). Please let us know your thoughts.

Please join me in welcoming two new volunteer representatives for the Retirees' NE Director and the IL State Contact, Jay Kiesler and Jeff Martin respectively. Their contact information is shown on page 22. I would also like to express my appreciation to Sharon Goss for initially volunteering as both the NE Region Director and the IL State Contact. Sharon is stepping down from these positions, and it should be noted that she has been an active volunteer within the Retirees' organization since her retirement. Thank you, Sharon.

I don't have much new news in this newsletter. I am still hoping someone will give me some new ideas or even volunteer to help with the organization. A volunteer organization needs lots of volunteers. Please drop me an email or give me a call (303-638-3404) with any ideas you may have or if you are willing to help in any way.



## RETURNED ENVELOPES

Once again the officers are asking for help from our membership in identifying and locating our missing retirees. Each member was sent the Newsletter and/or the Directory in May 2016, as we do every May. Over the past 6-8 months we have had many of these large brown envelopes returned to us with a number of notes scribbled on them (wrong address, doesn't live here, deceased, etc.). We have tried different ways to locate these members, with no success. We are again asking, not only the State and Regional Representatives, but the general membership to help us locate these members.

**Note:** Each envelope with the Newsletter in it cost \$1.99 each x 30 = \$59.20, the envelopes containing the NL and the Directory, cost is \$2.42 x 30 = \$72.60, when mailed. We buy Newsletters and Directories relying on the Database we maintain. As you can see the returns cost us, and the returned NL's and Directories also cost extra, and a larger number to recycle.

*A list of names by region can be found, with their last known address, on page 23.*

**UPDATE**  
**EIGHTEENTH USGS RETIREES REUNION 2016**  
**Nashville, TN**  
**Sunday, November 6 through Tuesday, November 8, 2016**

By Pete Anttila, Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC)

By the time you receive this newsletter, the 18<sup>th</sup> Retirees Reunion will be less than 4 months away. The LAC has spent considerable time and effort in planning to provide attendees an enjoyable and memorable event. When Nashville was selected 2 years ago for the next reunion, nobody realized the difficulty in reserving a quality hotel in downtown Nashville, especially in the fall. Luckily, after considering feasible dates and room rates, the LAC selected the Hutton Hotel, Nashville's only Forbes' 4- star-rated hotel. In order to hold a number of rooms and to provide free meeting and dining rooms, hotels today require written agreements that contain monetary liability for minimum guest room nights and food and beverage expenditures. Expected attendance was based on previous reunions with a slight increase for Nashville's popularity and accessible location.

To date, the number of registrations received has not met expectations. Hopefully for the future viability of our Retirees' organization, the slow registration is a matter of procrastination and the projected attendance will be met or exceeded. This newsletter is our last chance to encourage retirees to attend the Reunion. Although the registration deadline is September 30, 2016, early registration is extremely helpful to the LAC for planning purposes and providing tour transportation.

Again, based on registrations received, we strongly urge current and future registrants planning to attend the Tuesday night Grand Ole Opry performance to purchase Opry tickets as soon as possible to obtain desired seating (see subsequent reunion information for purchasing tickets).

The social event and tours are the highlights of our reunions. Attendees this year can also look forward to a most informative Business Meeting that will include discussion on the status and future of our organization and two excellent guest speakers. Bill Werkheiser, Deputy USGS Director and former WRD hydrologist and Associate Director for Water, will discuss current programs, current and planned initiatives, and how today's Science Centers, especially Water Centers, collaborate to provide the needed science and technology. The second speaker will be Bill Wolfe, Associate Director of the Lower Mississippi Gulf Water Science Center. Bill will discuss the scientific issues in the Lower Gulf Coast Region and the programs, investigations, data activities, and latest technologies the Center is using to address those issues.

Every LAC Member (Bob Burchett, Charles and Rebel Gamble, Jerry Lowery, Jim and Ruthie Baker, Gwen Hoover, Pete and Joyce Anttila, and current USGS employee Lori Weir sincerely hopes you will be able to attend the Reunion and can't wait to meet you at the "Check-In" desk and provide any needed assistance. The agenda provides many opportunities to meet with former colleagues and friends to reminisce and get updates on lives and activities. Reunions also result in meeting other retirees for the first time and sharing of experiences during their USGS careers. A good attendance in Nashville will assure holding the next biennial reunion in 2018 (scheduled to be held in the Central Region).

**See "Y ALL" in Music City**

**EIGHTEENTH USGS RETIREES REUNION 2016**  
**Nashville, Tennessee**  
**Sunday, November 6 through Tuesday, November 8, 2016**

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**Hotel and Transportation from airport**

The Reunion will be held at the Hutton Hotel, centrally located in Nashville's vibrant Midtown and Nashville's only four-star hotel rated by Forbes Travel Guide. The hotel features modern, yet comfortable, design with 247 guest rooms, 13,600 square feet of functional space, Fitness Center, Business Center services, Spa services, the four-star 1808 Grille Restaurant, a 7,000 square-foot Ballroom with panoramic windows overlooking downtown Nashville, eco-friendly features, and pet-friendly programs.

The Hutton's address is: 1808 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37203. **For Hotel Reservations:** call 866-894-4609 or by emailing [groupreservations@huttonhotel.com](mailto:groupreservations@huttonhotel.com)

A block of 80 rooms has been reserved for the Reunion at a rate of \$209 per night. If additional rooms are needed, we will request the hotel to increase the number of rooms at the \$209 rate. The hotel also made the Reunion Group Room rates available for the two nights before and after our event, provided that the rooms are reserved before 80-percent occupancy of the hotel.

Self-parking is available at the hotel at \$10 per car per day and \$18 for overnight Reunion attendees. Valet parking is available for \$32 per day, with in and out driving privileges. Valet parking for non-guests attending a day function at the hotel is \$12 per day.

Nashville International Airport is located 15 minutes from Downtown Nashville and currently served by 11 airlines with 385 daily leaving and arriving flights. It is a focus city for Southwest Airlines and a previous hub for American Airlines. The Hutton Hotel does not operate a shuttle to and from the Airport. Jarmon Transportation (615-275-1714) provides transportation to all downtown hotels, including the Hutton, at a cost of \$15 one-way and \$25 round-trip per person. The Jarmon shuttles run every 15 to 20 minutes. A Jarmon Kiosk is located at the ground level of the Airport on the left side near the doors. Ground level is one floor below baggage claim. Taxi cab service is \$25 plus tip with \$1 for each extra person. The Hutton Hotel offers free shuttle service within a 3-mile radius of the Hotel.

**Please register for the Reunion and make your hotel reservations beginning March 1, 2016.**

The Reunion registration deadline is September 30, 2016. Hotel Reservations must be made by October 7, 2016. Hotel reservations received after the deadline will be based on availability at the Hotel's prevailing rate. To register, please print, complete, and mail the form at the end of this message or print the online form at: <http://www.wrdretirees.org/Reunion2016>

Payment by check is requested and should be mailed with the completed registration form. PayPal will not be an option for payment because a three percent transaction fee is charged now with credit card payments.

**Weather and general information about Nashville**

Nashville is a great place to visit in early November, temperatures average in the low to mid 60s during the afternoon and in the low to mid 40s at night. The fall foliage colors will be near their peak.

Downtown Nashville is alive during the day and evenings. Numerous restaurants, bars, honky-tonks, museums, art galleries, parks, western shops and more are available to the visitor. Sightseeing tours are offered by many vendors. A Music City Circuit offers free bus service with 75 stops. More information on local tours will be given in later Newsletters.

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### **Sunday, November 6, 2016**

**Reunion Check-in: Noon to 6:00 p.m.** (Official hotel room check-in time is 3:00 p.m.)  
Information packages containing Reunion functions and more will be available at "Reunion check-in" desk between noon and 6:00 p.m. The Hospitality Room will open at 2:00 p.m. (cost is included in the Registration Fee).

**Informal Reunion kickoff-gathering 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**  
The event will include hors d'oeuvres and a free first drink coupon for each attendee. The cost is included in the Reunion registration fee. A cash bar will be available.

### **Monday, November 7, 2016**

**Pre-Business Meeting Breakfast 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** -- Breakfast is for all attendees with the cost included in registration fee.

**Business Meeting 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** -- All attendees are invited to participate in the business meeting. An agenda for this meeting will follow at a later date. Associated costs are included in registration fee.

**Information Technology (IT) Meeting 1:00 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the hotel** -- This will be an open meeting for all interested attendees. Topics will include updates on NWIS and other IT related USGS issues and programs.

**Gala Banquet 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.** – Event is hosted in the beautiful Vista Ballroom of the hotel, and the event will include a cash bar, dinner, remarks by the USGS Retirees President, and an awards and recognition ceremony.

### **Tuesday, November 8, 2016**

#### **Taste of Tennessee Whiskey, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p. m. (Optional Tour)**

This taste of Tennessee Whiskey tour consists of a 200+ mile bus trip and will visit three distilleries. Because tours at each distillery have size restrictions, the Whiskey Tour will be limited to the first 110 reservations (two-full buses), so that the tour can be completed successfully and on time. Participants will get an opportunity to see a part of rural Central Tennessee during the prettiest season of the year. November 8 should be near the peak of fall foliage. The first stop will be at the Short Mountain Distillery in Woodbury, TN with a tour of the Distillery and tasting of its products. Short Mountain is located on Tennessee's Eastern Highland Rim and is the highest mountain between the Appalachians and the Ozarks. The Distillery is unique for employing former Moonshiners as distillers. Participants will view and learn how authentic Tennessee moonshine is made. A breakfast brunch buffet is included at the Stillhouse Restaurant on site. During the buffet the Restaurant's bar will be open for purchases of drinks. The Stillhouse's "Liquid Breakfast" Bloody Mary is outstanding. The "all you can eat" buffet will be the only meal opportunity on the tour.

The second stop is the George Dickel Distillery, located in Cascade Hollow, Tullahoma, TN, for a tour and tasting. The Distillery produces a smooth sour-mash whiskey by using the sweet water from Cascade Spring.

The last stop is at Jack Daniel's Distillery (the nation's oldest registered distillery) in Lynchburg, TN for a tour of the famous distillery. The tour takes visitors through each step of the Tennessee whiskey-making process and Jack Daniel's charcoal-mellowing process. The mostly outdoor tour involves quite a bit of walking and steps, so participants need to wear comfortable shoes. The Visitor Center includes the story of Jack's life and rare mementos. Because the Distillery is in a dry county, tasting is not offered on site. However, participants are assured of tasting a couple of Jack's sour-mash whiskies.

### **Nissan Auto Plant and Fontanel Mansion, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Optional Tour)**

This tour consists of visits to two sites near Nashville and requires most of the day. Because of logistics at each site, the tour will be limited to the first 55 reservations (one full bus).

The first stop will be the Nissan Vehicle Assembly Plant in Smyrna, TN. This plant builds five-models of vehicles in a 5.4 million square-foot facility sitting on 884 acres. Vehicles are built from scratch: from stamping body parts to pre-delivery. A tram takes visitors on a fascinating tour of the plant to view all phases of auto building. After the tour, participants will load up and travel to the Fontanel Mansion where they will have lunch and tour.

The Fontanel Mansion is the former home of Barbara Mandrel and family. The Mansion is a 27,000 square feet log house built from logs shipped from the Northwest and consists of 20 rooms, 13 baths, 5 fireplaces, 2 kitchens, an indoor pool, and a shooting range. It contains memorabilia from the Mandrels plus some from the current owners and from some of the stars they manage.

### **Grand Old Opry, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Optional)**

The Grand Old Opry is presented at the historic Ryman Auditorium in downtown Nashville for the winter, starting approximately November 1. The Ryman is located at 116 5th Ave. North, which is 1.2 miles from the Hutton Hotel. Unlike a typical concert, the Opry presents eight or more artists on each show, giving the audience a sample of each artist's musical style. Show times are Friday at 7:00 p.m., Saturday at 7:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., and Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Both self-guided tours and backstage tours are offered daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.opry.com](http://www.opry.com) or by calling customer service at 800-733-6779. Please be advised that The Grand Old Opry cannot guarantee the authenticity of tickets obtained through any other source.

For registrants planning on **attending the Opry on Tuesday November 8, 2016** the registration form has a line for the number in your party that will be attending that performance. You will still need to purchase your own ticket by calling their customer service phone number above and arrange for your own transportation to the auditorium. This information will be used by the Committee for planning purposes only.

For more information, contact: Pete Anttila at: [petejoycea@frontiernet.net](mailto:petejoycea@frontiernet.net)

**EIGHTEENTH USGS RETIREES REUNION 2016**  
**Nashville, Tennessee**  
**Sunday, November 6 through Tuesday, November 8, 2016**

Complete the following form, keep a copy, and mail the completed form, with check payable to "USGS Retirees Reunion 2016" to:

USGS Retirees Reunion  
c/o Peter W. Anttila  
117 Fairway Dr.  
Fairfield Glade, TN 38558

**REGISTRATION--Deadline September 30, 2016** - Refunds are available prior to the September 30 deadline.  
**Use first name(s) you want on name tag(s).**

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

<b>REGISTRATION FEE:</b>	<b>NUMBER</b> _____ <b>@ \$95 per person</b>	<b>\$</b> _____
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Includes costs of the Sunday evening ice-breaker reception, A Monday breakfast before the business meeting, and Hospitality Room activities for the three days.

**Sunday November 6, 2016**

Reunion Check-in Noon to 6 p.m. Hospitality Room will open at 2 p.m. Informal Reunion ice-breaker reception from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Hospitality Room will be closed during the reception and subsequently reopened.
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**Monday November 7**

Gala Banquet in the Vista Ballroom at the hotel, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. The Hospitality Room will be closed during the banquet and subsequently reopened.
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Check your entrée choice

Salmon	Steak	Chicken	Vegetarian		
\$75	\$75	\$75	\$55	NUMBER _____ @ \$55 per person	\$ _____
				NUMBER _____ @ \$75 per person	\$ _____

**Tuesday November 8 -- Tours**

Tours capacities are limited and will be filled based on date of registration. Refunds will be given for applications received after maximum capacities have been reached.

Taste of Tennessee Whiskey Tour, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tour includes breakfast buffet at the first distillery.
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Maximum Capacity 110	NUMBER _____ @ \$ 75 per person	\$ _____
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Nissan Auto Plant and Fontanel Mansion Tour, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tour includes lunch.
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Maximum Capacity 55	NUMBER _____ @ \$70 per person	\$ _____
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Number _____ Planning to attend Grand Ole Opry at Ryman Auditorium, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
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<b>TOTAL (Registration, Tours, and Banquet)</b>	<b>\$</b> _____
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Questions?      [usgsreunion2016@gmail.com](mailto:usgsreunion2016@gmail.com)      or call Pete Anttila 931-248-7480 (cell)

## HOW TO IMPROVE PUBLISHING THE NEWSLETTER AND DIRECTORY

**INTRODUCTION:** As time goes on we have had fewer members who volunteer to help with various tasks. You may be aware that some retirees meet quarterly at the USGS National Center in Reston to stuff envelopes with the latest newsletter that some want in paper copy. As of now, about 400-500 want a paper copy, and about 800 receive it as a PDF file or look it up on the web site. Mostly this process works out well, but in May of each year we also publish the telephone directory, which goes in paper copy to almost all 1300 members. Needless to say, this is quite a job.

We have used a call list of local Reston-Herndon people to come help each time, but the number of names on the list is dwindling. In 2016 we had between 3 and 6 people during the day, and by the end we were all exhausted, and the room was full of envelopes to be mailed out. So, this article is about possible ways to address the problem, at least for the May event. We earnestly want your reactions to these ideas, to lay the groundwork for possible future changes.

Here are some ideas so far, with whatever implications we can spot at the moment. There is no particular order to the ideas, except the first one could be done easily.

**IDEAS:** Here are some ideas so far, with whatever implications we can spot at the moment. There is no particular order to the ideas, except the first one could be done easily.

- 1. ASK FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS:** When the Reston-Herndon group meets again for the September luncheon, we can raise this problem and ask for more people to put their names on the call list. This is the easy way out, but it depends on getting members to volunteer.
- 2. CONTRACT THE JOB OUT:** Sometime in the past the mail out was done on contract, but this was changed awhile back to save money. Maybe now the job has become too much for volunteers. The cost has not been estimated for this idea, but if it becomes too much for the budget perhaps it is time to raise the dues. We have been at \$10 per year for some time now. What do you think about going to \$15 per year or some other amount? (**Corollary:** An increase in dues might also give us more money for hydrologic intern scholarships, which we give each year about August. This is one of our most important functions.)
- 3. GO TO A BIENNIAL DIRECTORY:** Since the big problem occurs with the May mailing of the telephone directory to all members, maybe we should do this only every two years. This might at least coax more members to be on the call list, if they don't have to face it every year.
- 4. GO FULLY ELECTRONIC:** Some members still want paper copies, but is it now time to publish only electronically, and send out the newsletter and directory only as PDF files? The newsletter can also go on the web site, but the directory has private member information that we would not want to make publicly available. Again, if the directory is the real cause of the problem, should we publish the directory electronically in PDF, but continue the newsletter in paper copy for those who want it?
- 5. TALK TO THE GEOLOGISTS:** We know that the geologic members have their own newsletter delivered to the National Center loading dock on their own schedule. We suspect that similar problems are arising elsewhere in the building, and they have all the same problems that we do. Suppose we offered to help them in their mail out, if they help us in turn? Might this also foster the idea that we are all one family? Should we try this?

So these are the ideas thus far. Do you have other ideas, or ways to mix and match among the ideas described here? If so, please let us know. Don't hesitate to send in ideas to the P.O. Box or to [wrdretirees2014@gmail.com](mailto:wrdretirees2014@gmail.com). This issue can also be discussed at the business meeting during the Nashville reunion. It may be prudent to aim for a decision for 2017. What do you think?

## MEETINGS AND GATHERINGS

Colorado Retirees' Spring Luncheon  
Denver, CO  
April 18, 2016



**Front Row:** Anita Livingston, Zelda Bailey, Mary Kidd, Donna Lambert (G. Garklavs' wife), Chris DeHerrera, Carole DeHerrera, Judy Cornwell, John Moore

**Middle Row:** Russ Livingston, Karen Lystrom, Dave Lystrom, Sharon Powers, Paula Blakey, Dee Teasdale, Cynthia Norman, Barbara Kastner, Bill Kastner, Bill Emmett, Saundra Duncan

**Last Row:** John McLean, Jim Kircher, Pat Tucci, Jim Blakey, Neville Gaggiani, George Garklavs, Mike Reddy, Debi Treseder, Mark Eaton, Bob Meade, John Flager

**Not pictured:** Jim Bennett (had to leave early)



**Texas District Retirees Luncheon  
Blanco, TX  
June 15, 2016**



We enjoyed the largest turnout of retirees in many months. Those present are shown in the photo below from **left to right**: Willard Gibbons, Bob Burchett, Stan Sauer, Virginia Sauer, Frank Wells, Rea Wiruscheske and Paul Rhone.

**RETIREMENT**

David L. Adams, Hydrologic Technician, Oklahoma Field Office, Oklahoma City, OK retired in January 2016.

## NEWS OF RETIREES

**Harriet Allen** writes: Hello, fellow retirees. A lot has been happening in my life. I met a wonderful man, David, two years ago, and I have moved to western Wisconsin. It's quite a change after 43 years in New Mexico. We live on 15 acres in the woods on a high ridge in what is termed the Driftless Area. At first, not being a geologist, I wondered, why? Are people here lazy? But now I know why tall bluffs are here and the topography is beautiful. I can see the Mississippi (not Russia) from my house! I have become one of those unfortunate people I used to pity who long for New Mexican enchiladas and breakfast burritos from afar, although I brought a case of different chili products. I never saw a rattlesnake in the wild until I moved here, and my cats look quizzically at me when they're outside. Grass? Green? The mosquitos and chiggers find me delicious. Perhaps it's because, as David gently reminds me, that this is not an area in which to wear flip flops. It's hard to get the New Mexican out of me, but I'm happy. (Those flannel-lined jeans don't make me look fat, do they?) (*Reference 'New Members and Directory Changes', page 21*)

**Gil Bertoldi** writes: Celso – I hope all is well with you and my old friends at the USGS and retired. Farming has been very good. Please wish everyone well for me. Attached is my check for dues and the scholarship fund.



**Jim Blakey** writes: **John George** looks good and sounds good, but his memory is very limited. He seems happy and content. The picture with this news is of John and his wife (Lee), it was taken on May 29, 2016 at John's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.

**John Briggs** writes: Enclosed is my dues check, plus some extra. I recently bought a portable disk drive at Costco to do off site backups of our home computers. For \$88 dollars, I have a fast, 2-terabyte external drive that will fit in my pocket. I was thinking back to the introduction of the Prime mini computers to the District offices in the early 1980's. There was a lot of concern because the larger districts would have to buy a second 300-megabyte disk drive to hold all of their data. These disk drives were the size of a dishwasher and cost about \$10,000 each or about \$33 dollars per megabyte. To get the storage in my \$88 Costco disk drive in the early 1980's would have cost about \$66 million.

**Richmond Brown** writes: Sorry I won't make it to the reunion in Tennessee. We are not up to trips like that now. I am still able to do most things but more slowly and with great caution. Still bicycle and ride my motorcycle. But not as far. Built a twelve-foot canoe a few years ago and paddle that a few miles most days in the summer. Still work with the lake associations, trying to keep catastrophic changes to a minimum. We are close to the largest trichloroethylene groundwater plume in the U.S. An auto parts manufacturer every day for 20+ years poured fifty-five gallons onto the ground at a plant near Mancelona, MI. It now has traveled down gradient to wells that supply water to hundreds of homes and is heading towards hundreds more on Lake Bellaire. A project is underway to service the entire area with water piped from a new well field east of the existing groundwater divide near Mancelona, MI. I understand that there are similar plumes at most of the military airports. I would guess that we are just beginning to see the effects of plumes that are now moving away from landfills and thousands of other sites of local contamination.

**Hector Colon-Ramos** writes: Enclosed is my check for my dues and please add the additional contribution to the USGS Retirees' fund. Thanks so much. Really is impressive to know about how our colleagues are doing at the present time after a retirement. Keep up the good work.

**Mary Dunn** writes: I wanted to let you know that Dick Bloyd passed away on October 7, 2015 (see *Memorials*). He had a stroke on August 12<sup>th</sup>, and didn't recover from it. We had been together for 8 ½ years and it has been very difficult for me. I am enclosing his obituary from the newspaper and also the church bulletin with his picture. Please feel free to edit and use whatever part of it, as I wasn't sure about the various locations he was in with the USGS. I appreciate you taking care of this as he worked with many people in the Survey. Sorry this is so late. Feel free to call me if I can be of any help.

**Jim Eychaner** writes: Life is good, with plenty to do and no one pushing me too hard on a schedule. Barb and I travel quite a bit (in a not-yet-recalled VW diesel wagon) and contribute time in a church community. I visited Stan Leake in Tucson, AZ in January and hiked with him to Tanque Verde Falls; he and Lydia have some health problems. In May we spent two weeks in Portland, OR for the worldwide Methodist general conference (once/4 yrs.). It stretched our spirits with great worship throughout, seeing friends old and new, and a lot of effort on church maintenance and repair from 864 voting delegates using simultaneous translation in 8 verbal languages plus Sign. While there, I visited the OR/WSC and saw Chauncey Anderson, Dar Crandall, Micelis Doyle, and Stewart Rounds. All are doing well and the Center has some great work going on. See their website! I heard that Joe Rinella is doing better after some health problems (Hi, Joe!). I was delighted recently to learn that Passau (Germany, on the Danube) updated their historic flood elevation scale to show that the 1501 flood was about 2 ft. higher than the 2013 one, perhaps nudged by my paper of the 500-year record to look again at their archives. I wrote it as a basis for updates to the Wikipedia article on 100-year floods, saying things that every hydrologist knows but much of the public doesn't. About 80 people look at the article every day and more during major floods. Nothing else I ever wrote gets that kind of traffic! We're planning a small-ship cruise in August through the Alaskan panhandle, just for fun. Best wishes to everyone.

**Linda Friedman** writes: Enclosed is a check to cover my dues – hadn't realized how far behind I was! Since my husband's death I've been splitting my time between California and Virginia – which is fun, though tiring. Best to all.

**Craig Hutchinson** writes: Tai and I are looking forward to Nashville.

**Harvey Jobson** writes: Enclosed is a check for 5 years of dues and a donation to the scholarship fund with whatever is left over. Barbara and I just returned from a fun cruise up the Mississippi River from New Orleans to Memphis. Unfortunately, I tripped on a brick sidewalk at Vicksburg and broke my knee cap. Thus my mobility will be limited for the next five or six weeks.

**Ben Jones** writes: Enclosed is a check to bring us up-to-date. Because both Mae and I are WRD retirees, we've always thought we should both pay; but we'll abide by your rules on this. As we approach the middle of our eighth decade we often talk about our pride and satisfaction in having been part of one of the most prestigious scientific agencies in the world. USGS – from Mapping Division, which made GPS possible, and made nuclear war an exercise only for those bent on self-destruction; to the WRD, where we dealt in facts and data; without which management of water became a matter of money and politics. I wish some of those who talk about lazy bureaucrats could accompany our field men in freezing rain on a cableway measuring a flood when redwood logs surface like whales trying to snag our meters and samplers! Mae and I treasure memories of the wonderful and dedicated people we worked with, and we appreciate that you younger ones are continuing this mission. Fondest Regards.

**Bill Kastner** writes: Enclosed please find a check to cover dues for the directory and newsletter. Barbara and I have moved from Evergreen, CO to Highlands Ranch, CO. A change of address form is enclosed (*change of address was reflected in newsletter NL170-February 2016*). We felt that it was time to move someplace where we could have a separate apartment, but if, in the future we need assisted care, we could have it here without another move. Our E-mail and phone have not changed. The place we now live is Windcrest; it is a large retirement complex with beautiful grounds and excellent food. Since we like to

cook we fix many of our own meals and just eat occasionally in one of the five restaurants. I will miss gardening but not snow shoveling. I enjoy getting the monthly newsletter and the directory. It is easier to make the monthly get-togethers with USGS folks here than when I was in Evergreen. I am still involved with working on the annual Denver USGS luncheon. Best to all of you.

**Clayton Kauffman** writes: Enclosed is a check for dues. Brenda and I have cut back on our activities, but are still doing OK and enjoying family and friends. I'm still working part-time at the Hershey Park.

**Gail Keeter** writes: I just returned from a 4-week road trip around the US, accompanied by my border collie 'Nico'! I drove 8,000 miles, visited 21 states and a slice of Canada. Went as far south as northern MS, as far east as VA, and as far north as Bismarck, ND. It's an amazing country, and it was a great trip.

**John Klein** writes: Dues enclosed. We are working in West Yellowstone again this summer. It's a great way to avoid the Tucson heat.

**Christine Kinnison Gray (aka Muffy)** writes: Dear Newsletter Staff: I'm writing to inform you that my mother, **Pat Kinnison**, passed away on April 1, 2014. My dad, **Hal Kinnison** (Tacoma, Washington DC, Menlo Park) and mom enjoyed the USGS Retirees group gatherings from Menlo Park and National, for years! I was even lucky to attend several of the monthly luncheons with them - so many almost life-long family friends gathered - Loren and Renee Young, Bob and Evelyn (and Barry) Smith, John and Eleanor Crippen, and many more! I've enjoyed reading through your newsletters over the years, especially when I have occasionally spied the name of an old family friend from Menlo Park, Washington DC, or Tacoma (especially Don and Jesse Richardson or Hank and Marilyn Broom). I treasure the old photos of my Grandfather, **H. Banks Kinnison**, when he worked for the Survey in Austin, Topeka, Boston (District Manager, I believe), and then Menlo Park, where he worked on reorganizing the western offices (I've been told). I have group photos, and a couple from the office in Boston - it was near the top of the clock tower building? So, with a bit of regret and a lot of nostalgia, I'd like to suggest you take my mom's name off of your mailing list - save the trees!

**Chuck Lamb** writes: Enclosed is a check for dues and some extra. I always enjoy reading about our retirees in the Newsletter. In March I passed my 10<sup>th</sup> year in retirement as a full-time team member. I still do and enjoy some contract part-time work sorting, cataloging, and submitting data and ground-water project files to the Federal Records Center.

**Lee Lenfest** writes: Hi Folks... I am enclosing a check to cover several years of dues, my apologies for not keeping up. Please use any remainder for supporting the Retirees. We are just beginning to get some nice weather up here in Maine. My dock has been installed in East Pond; Corey (my terrier) and I have enjoyed several days on the dock watching the loons swim by. On two particularly warm days we enjoyed a refreshing swim. I try to stay busy by playing Bridge 3 times a week, including 1 day of duplicate bridge. I traveled to Alabama to visit with an old friend; I have known Wanda since 4th grade. I returned by train, spending one night of travel in a "roomette", and stopped long enough in Baltimore to visit with my Maryland siblings. I will be traveling to Seattle, WA to attend my youngest niece's wedding. I plan on returning by train after the wedding. The trip is 5 days long with 3 nights spent on the train...I understand part of the trip takes me close to Glacier National Park on the first leg to Chicago. Meals in a dining car are included. Best wishes to my friends and colleagues.

**Pat McKinley** writes: Cheers – Been busy volunteering with the Colorado Mountain Club, teaching 'Wilderness Trekking School', 'Trip Leader School' and leading 'Adventure Travel Trips'. All good fun! I seemed to read the newsletter more often when I got it in paper. Just old fashioned I guess.

**John Musser** writes: In today's mail, I received my May newsletter and the 2016 Retirees' Directory. In the Directory, I noted that my name is omitted from the membership listing on pages 26 and 42. I assume these omissions are due to my being listed as 'Dead' in the Necrology list, page 47. I don't know how the 'death error' occurred, for I am alive and well in Baton Rouge, LA. Perhaps you have me confused with Nancy

Musser (my wife), who passed away on September 7, 2015. You published her obituary in the November 2015 newsletter. Please include a statement in the next newsletter that I am still alive in Baton Rouge, and restore my name to your membership listings and mail list. (*Reference 'New Members and Directory Changes', page 21*)

**Clint Nagel** writes: Please accept my payment for the WRD Retiree Membership for two years. Sorry I am delinquent on the fees. I thought I remembered paying them, but obviously I was not thinking correctly. This should catch me up. Thanks again and thanks for the work you do.

**Bev Pittarelli** writes: Enclosed are my dues for two years and the rest is for the scholarship fund. Many thanks to all the newsletter volunteers. Your service is appreciated.

**Doug Posson** writes: Thanks for the USGS Newsletter and all the news. Cheers from the Maine coast.

**Jack Rawson** writes: I'm writing to express my shock and sadness of learning of my demise in the recently distributed "Directory". I can assure you that (though since my retirement in 1989, I have had a quad-coronary by-pass, bi-ocular lens replacement, prostate and bladder neck resection, right and left knee replacements) I'm still alive and kicking – though not very high. The staff probably confused me with my wife – the "love of my life" Velma Jane (Conklin) Rawson, who passed on August 4, 2015. Though I'm having difficulty adjusting without Velma Jane, I'm surviving. I do enjoy reading the 'USGS Retirees' Newsletter. To prove it, enclosed is a check for my 2016 dues. (*Reference 'New Members and Directory Changes', page 21*)

**Charlene Simpson** writes: Enclosed is a check to cover dues for 3 years. Bill and I have been busy settling in to our new home in Ashby Ponds, Ashburn, VA. It's a great place to be! Enjoy the newsletter.

**Tim Smith** writes: For anyone who may be interested in sustainable water resources, I maintain a web site on this topic at: <https://sites.google.com/site/sustainablewaterresources/>. These change about once a week, usually in the Reports and Publications or the Actions and Activities Page. Almost all of the items are free, and most are from organizations like GAO, EPA, or USGS. There is a good deal of effort and progress worldwide, and this is research that I carry out now. Included is a series of reports about how to measure progress towards water-resources sustainability, and what indicators might help in this regard. The web site is accessed by users worldwide, mostly in the US, UK, and India. Relevant links on the topic are included; and, please let me know if you find a broken link, so I can fix it. Ideas about what else should be included on the site are most welcome. You can reach me at [etsmithsiri@aol.com](mailto:etsmithsiri@aol.com). Enjoy.

**Michael Yurewicz** writes: Much has occurred since I retired in May 2014. We hosted a large engagement party at our house in June 2014, my daughter Angela had a wedding reception in Richmond, VA in October 2014, and my stepson Kenny had a large wedding and reception in Mount Jackson, VA in June 2015. Kenny's reception was held at the bride's family's old farm, and I spent extra time helping the family spiff up the farmhouse for the reception....it was a great way to get to know the family and spend time out in the VA countryside. Cindy's Dad, who was living with us, had extended health problems, and passed away this past November. We spent a lot of time at Cindy's parent's house in Luray, VA to keep that house in good condition, and after her Dad's death, we put the house on the market. We go to closing for the house in late April 2016 and have recently made a big push to empty the house. We also made considerable updates to our Reston home (plumbing, electrical upgrades, as well as kitchen and bathroom renovations). As we did in 2014, we will be spending 2 weeks in St Martin, and 2 weeks at Sunset Beach, NC this year. Cindy plans to retire sometime in 2017. We have continued to spiff up the Reston house in anticipation of putting it on the market next year. We anticipate moving to PA, NC, or FL. With the weddings, family matters, home renovations, and the Luray house behind us, we are looking forward to enjoying more of the many opportunities of living in the northern VA area. My email is [mcyurewicz@gmail.com](mailto:mcyurewicz@gmail.com). Best wishes for a great National Water Quality Monitoring Conference in Tampa, FL. I miss the many USGS colleagues and friends I had throughout my USGS career, and all the folks I worked with on the National Water Quality Monitoring Council.

**Chet Zenone** writes: A big wave from the Left Coast to all my friends and former colleagues in the WRD family. Post-USGS life continues to be good for Merrilee and me out here, enjoying the best weather in the U. S. of A. I am still on a contract to edit USGS reports, but either the report production is way down, all the editing is being done in-house, or somebody figures this olde-tymer has lost his touch, but I have not worked on a report for nearly two years now. 'Twould appear that my 47-year "affair" (31 years active + 16 years retired) is coming to a close.' I did work with FEMA for several years after retiring from the Survey in 2001, and got to cross paths with or work with several of my olde USGS pals on several deployments – **Phil Carpenter, Derrill Cowing, John Costa,** and **Walton Low** amongst them. But after seeing several towns either flooded or blown away by tornadoes and writing stories about the people affected by those events, I turned in my FEMA badge a few years ago. Not to worry about keeping busy, though, as I'm sure most retirees soon discover. I volunteer at Bush Pasture Park in Salem, doing a bit of actual gardening but always looking for woodworking tasks to do, the most involved one being restoration of a 20-year old gazebo in the park's rose garden. Also doing repair projects in a couple historic homes in town, and building wren nest-box kits – probably 10,000 of them over the past 16 years -- for Salem Audubon Society's school programs. I regret we won't make it to Nashville this fall, but surely hope to make it to the next reunion, particularly if the shindig comes back out West. Finally, best wishes to Jim Kircher for a good run as President of USGS Retirees. Thanks to Jim and the rest of the officers, regional directors, and newsletter staff for all you do for us.

## MEMORIALS



**Richard M. 'Dick' Bloyd, Jr., 82**, passed away on October 7, 2015, after a short illness. Dick was born to Richard M. Bloyd, Sr. and Cora Purvis on March 4, 1933, in Chicago, IL. He always told everyone it was a momentous day as it was the day Franklin D. Roosevelt was sworn in as President. After graduating from Austin High School in June 1950, Dick joined the U.S. Air Force and spent most of his duty in Panama. On leaving the Air Force he graduated from the University of Chicago, becoming a Weather Forecaster with the U.S. Weather Bureau in Chicago; and, then a River Forecaster in St. Louis, MO. In 1965 he became a

Ground Water Hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) in Garden Grove, CA. He completed the first Ground Water Model of California's Mojave Desert. He attended the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) and earned his Master's Degree in Systems Engineering. After serving in jobs from St. Louis, MO to Cheyenne, WY, he spent his final years as Regional Program Officer in the Southeastern Regional Office, Water Resources Division, USGS. Because Dick felt he had been given so much, he wanted to give back to his community. He volunteered and mentored in various elementary schools in the area. He was an avid golfer and was a former member of Northwoods Country Club. He is survived by his two sons, and four grandchildren. At the time of his death he was living in The Village at Deaton Creek, Hoschton, GA with his beloved fiancée, May Dunn. Dick was preceded in death by his mother and father. A Memorial Service was held at Christ the King Lutheran Church, Cummings, GA; an Interment Service was held at the Georgia Military Cemetery on October 16, 2015 in Canton, GA.

**Marguerite E. 'Maggie' Cheney, 85**, passed away on May 1, 2016. Maggie was a woman ahead of her time, having received her Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry in 1952. Maggie was last employed and retired from the National Water Quality Laboratory, Login Unit, Arvada, CO. She was a beloved daughter, wife, mother of five, grandmother of 8, and great-grandmother of 10. Memorial services were held on May 13, 2016 at The King of Glory Lutheran Church, Arvada, CO.

**Kenneth 'Ken' J. Covay, 71**, passed on September 3, 2015, at Summerlin Hospital in Las Vegas, NV. He was born in Moline, IL, on April 30, 1944. Ken grew up in Des Plaines, IL and graduated from Northern Illinois University, where he majored in Earth Science. In the mid-1960's, Ken met his future wife Kathy Covay while working summers at Lake Hotel in Yellowstone National Park, WY. Shortly after marrying Kathy, Ken began his career with the U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Division. During their 49 years together, Ken and Kathy lived in California, Colorado, Louisiana, and finally Nevada. Ken retired from Water Resources Division in 2006. They resided in Nevada for the past 25 years. Ken enjoyed music and the outdoors. He also greatly enjoyed his work dealing with surface water and water quality studies. Ken will be remembered affectionately by friends and family and will be missed. Ken is survived by his son and daughter-in-law. Ken is also the proud grandfather of one granddaughter and two grandsons. Ken was preceded in death by his wife Kathy, his parents Chester and Gladys Covay, and his youngest son. Graveside service was held on September 22, 2015, at Palm Mortuary-Northwest, Las Vegas, NV.



**Virginia "Ginna" M. Dingman, 90**, (wife of retiree **Robert J. Dingman**) passed away on January 23, 2016, at her residence in Normal, IL. Virginia was born January 30, 1925, to Nikolai and Emelia P. Mattila in Oulu, WI. She married Robert "Bob" Dingman on June 14, 1947, in Little Falls, MN. Bob's career allowed them to travel the globe for 55 years, living and working in many states and countries. They started their travels shortly after they were married, when Bob came home and asked Ginna if she wanted to move to Santiago, Chile. Ginna was a primary and secondary teacher. She taught in many states in the U.S. and Santiago, Chile. She retired in 1972. Virginia's greatest passion was taking care of her family, especially grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Ginna and Bob's favorite saying was, "Are we having fun yet?" She was survived by her husband Bob, their three children, five grandchildren, and two great-

grandchildren. Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters and two brothers. Deiters Funeral Home and Crematory in Washington is assisting the family with arrangements. There will be no services. Cremation rites have been accorded.

**Robert J. "Bob" Dingman (retired 1982)**, passed away sometime during the week of June 19, 2016. The Newsletter staff was unable to locate an obituary for Bob.



**Charles J. Ewart III, 79**, passed away suddenly on January 3, 2015 in Honolulu, HI. Charles was born on October 23, 1935 in Rochester, NY to Charles J. Ewart, Jr. and Viola Lindsay. He was Honorably Discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps in 1963 after serving 10 years in foreign countries and in Hawaii. Charlie graduated from the University of Hawaii at Manoa with a BS Degree in Civil Engineering in 1967 and received an MS Degree in Civil Engineering from Cornell University in 1970 where he majored in Hydrology and Hydraulics. He began working for the U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Division, as a Junior Engineer in 1967 and became Project Chief in 1971. He developed and managed Exploratory Drilling and Testing Programs in Hawaii and the CNMI, retiring in 1998. The following month he began Kale Industries which provided consulting services for groundwater hydrology, exploratory water well drilling and development. So loved by his wife, family and friends, Charlie was taken so suddenly, leaving us, and his plans and programs to continue teaching for many more years. Otherwise, healthy and happy, he found joy in teaching ESL (English as a Second Language) to students at McKinley School for Adults and Hawaii Literacy. He received "Teacher of the Year" awards from both schools where he taught since 2006. Charlie was an active volunteer for the Sony Open for 12 years, and a coach of both baseball and soccer when his sons were young in Kailua. Charlie is greatly missed by his wife, Terry, their two sons, and three loving grandchildren. Celebration of Life at Oahu Cemetery and Mortuary was held on January 31, 2015. Committal Services at Punchbowl National Cemetery was held on February 2, 2015.

**Harold E. Gill, 85**, of Cummings, GA passed away Wednesday, May 4, 2016, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in New Jersey on November 2, 1930 and was a life-long Episcopalian. Harold served in the U.S. Army and retired from the U.S. Geological Survey after 30 years. In retirement, he spent 20 years in private industry. Harold is survived by his beloved wife, Patricia Gill of Cumming; two sons and one daughter; two stepchildren; 10 much-loved grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Services were held on May 9, 2016 at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit. Interment followed at Georgia National Cemetery.

"Harold was certainly a no-nonsense, focused, hard-working hydrologist. Yet he was a lot of fun, both to work with and to just be around. When **John George** brought him to the Georgia District, we were still at 900 Peachtree Street, and our groundwater program was nearly non-existent. Groundwater studies folks in Georgia were **Harlan Counts**, **Bob Vorhis**, and myself in the District office, and **Bob Wait** in the field office in Brunswick – a skeleton crew. Harold was instrumental in building the groundwater, or Studies Section, program in Georgia. He never wavered, and fought hard for programs. And he was generous – offering his cabin in the backwoods of Maine to Tim and Katie Hale and Sandy and me for a vacation – an offer we couldn't refuse, in fact so much so we nearly went AWOL." *(contributed by: Rick Krause)*

**Patricia Kinnison (W)**, passed away on April 1, 2014 *(Newsletter staff was unable to locate an obituary)*. She was the widow of WRD retiree **Hallard B. 'Hal' Kinnison**.



**Joanne Kurklin, 69**, passed away on December 12, 2015 in Norman, OK. Joanne K. Stein was born to Joseph and Pearl (Knoke) Stein on April 24, 1946, in Deadwood, SD. The daughter of a steelworker, Joanne moved frequently with her parents and sister, attending new schools all but two years of her life. Joanne attended Tarleton State University, Stephenville, TX, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry. While there, she met the love of her life, Mark Kurklin. The two were married December 27, 1969. They had one son, Brian, in August of 1983. Joanne retired as a Hydrologist/Water Quality Specialist from the U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Division, Oklahoma City, OK where she was employed for 30 years. She briefly served as the Executive Director for Oklahoma Conference of Churches. In addition to



her leadership as the Oklahoma Conference United Methodist Women's President to her service on many church boards and agencies, to her involvement in her local congregation at New Life United Methodist Church in Moore, OK. Joanne served as the Troop Committee chairwoman of Boy Scout Troop 219 during and after her son's time in Scouts. She also sat on the Eagle Board of Review for the Sooner District of the Last Frontier Council. Joanne was preceded in death by her parents; and her sister. She is survived by her husband and her son. Visitation and a Funeral Ceremony were held at New Life United Methodist Church, Moore, OK with interment at Sunset Memorial Park in Norman, OK.

**Floyd Earl Lee, 76**, was born on August 5, 1938 and passed away on Thursday, June 11, 2015 in Bakersfield, CA.



**Jean E. McKinney, 90**, of Lincoln, NE, passed away on Sunday, May 15, 2016. Born January 8, 1926 to Hie and Lula (Eilers) Folkerts, she grew up in Steamboat Rock, IA, Jean was the second of four children. Jean was strong and athletic, preferring sports and the great outdoors to cooking, needlework and housekeeping. The highlight of her high school career was playing point guard her senior year on the State Champion Steamboat Rock Girls Basketball Team. Following her high school graduation in 1943 she attended Hamilton School of Business in Mason City, IA. Then she went to work for the Federal Government, starting in the Rations Office during WWII and ultimately spending 32 years with the U.S. Geological Survey. In 1955 she married Jack McKinney of Lincoln, NE. Together they ran McKinney Construction Company for the twenty years they were married and Jean continued to work with Jack for many more years taking care of the billing, financial records and payroll. After retiring in 1992, she worked several years at Eastmont Towers as an Assistant Activities Director and volunteered for Meals on Wheels. She was always the first to lend a hand, caring for ailing friends and family members throughout her life. A member of Indian Hills Community Church for many years, she continued to attend Chapel and bible study at The Legacy every week. She loved to bowl, competing in leagues and tournaments throughout her life, including the Nebraska State Games. She was still bowling when she turned 90. She is preceded in death by her parents. Jean is survived by her husband Jack, three daughters, and one son; fourteen grandchildren; and, one great-granddaughter. Always cheerful and smiling, Jean was a bright light for her family, friends and colleagues. She will be greatly missed. Services were held on Monday May 23, 2016 at Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home, Lincoln, NE.



**John P. Monis, 86**, passed away on June 10, 2016 in Oregon. John was born on February 23, 1930 in River Falls, MA. John's entire professional career was dedicated to the U.S. Geological Survey. He started with the USGS directly out of college in 1951 in Albany, NY. John began his work with the USGS as a Hydrologic Engineer (Surface Water) in July 1951 in Boston, MA; and, transferred to the subdistrict office in Albany, NY that same year. John was part of the team in the Hydrologic Unit with district-wide responsibility conducting field operations, preparing streamflow records for publications, and contacting cooperative agencies. John earned several promotions throughout his career, and those promotions were accompanied by moves all over the United States. John and his family lived in New York, Tennessee, Illinois, Missouri, Georgia, Nevada and Colorado, where he retired as Assistant Regional Hydrologist in 1985. John's first transfer happened in late 1959 to the subdistrict office in Knoxville, TN. In 1963, Headquarters approved a pilot program, recruiting at the field level it was headed by **Harry D. Wilson**, and along with other individuals John was a participant in this program. John transferred to the Surface Water Branch, Champaign, IL in 1964, and served there as the Assistant District Engineer. In 1969, John transferred to the Office of the Regional Hydrologist, Mid-Continental Regional Office, St. Louis, MO. In 1972, a mass change was processed and the Regional Hydrologist Office was realigned to Atlanta, GA. From 1974 to 1977, John was the District Chief in Carson City, NV. And from 1977 to 1985 when he retired he worked in the Office of the Regional Hydrologist, Central Region, Denver, CO as the Assistant Regional Hydrologist. John truly enjoyed working at the USGS, particularly the professional and personal relationships that were fostered over his many years of service. In retirement, John was very active in his church. He also participated in many volunteer activities that were focused on being an advocate for others in need, including being a Victim Assistance counselor and hospital

patient advocate. He is survived by his wife, Jessie, four children, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. John's family will tell you that no matter how busy he was, family always came first. He was a dedicated husband and a super dad. He will always be remembered by family and friends for how he loved and enjoyed life.

**Dorothy A. Narducci, 95**, passed away on June 7, 2015. Dorothy was born on January 12, 1920. She is lovingly survived by her son. Dorothy worked in the California District in the Santa Rosa Field Office and retired in 1983. Preceding Dorothy in death was her beloved husband, Robert. She also leaves behind her many nieces and nephews, and her two brothers-in-law. In addition to her family, Dorothy loved to garden, cook and sew. She was such a great cook that each year she hosted and prepared Thanksgiving dinner for the entire family. Important to Dorothy was her faith and she was a member of St. Eugene's Cathedral. Dorothy was an active member of NARFE (Nat'l Assoc. of Retired Federal Employees). A graveside service was held on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Santa Rosa, CA.



**John R. Palmer, 78**, passed away on July 29, 2014. John was born July 29, 1936 to John A. Palmer and Mable (Long) Palmer in Portland, OR. From Oregon, John's family resided in various locales in Southern California and Nevada, finally settling in San Bernardino where he graduated from Chafee High School in 1952. John moved to Humboldt County in 1958 with his parents; here he began working at Lindrith's Veneer Mill where he met Dolores Harvey. The two were married in 1959. After moving to Arcata, CA, John was employed with the Division of Beaches and Parks at the Fort Humboldt site while he finished college at Humboldt State University. John began his career with the U.S. Geological Survey Water Resources Division, retiring in 1993. As a transplant from Southern California, he took root in Humboldt and chose to remain there throughout his career, maintaining a way of life in exchange for "career advancement" which would have taken him out of the area. He loved the land, the weather, the people and the community of Humboldt. He took great pleasure in exploring all this area has to offer and spent much time "sightseeing" both the city and country roads, digging through treasures at antique and thrift shops and lunching out. John was a member of the Blocksburg Town Hall Association, Humboldt Historical Society, Eel River Model Railroad Club, NRA, National Wildlife Federation, and the National Railroad Association. He was also a devoted supporter of Scotia Band, Humboldt Harmonaires, and music and arts education. John is survived by daughters, a grandson, a niece; and, many other family and friends. He is preceded in death by his wife Dolores; and, parents John and Ortha Palmer and Mable and Frank Stevens. A memorial service was held at the William Barnwell Memorial Cemetery.



**Robert J. 'Bob' Rogers, 68**, passed away April 19, 2016, in Erie, CO. He was born February 3, 1948, to John F. and Agnes (Billiel) Rogers in Northbridge, MA. Bob attended Northbridge High School where he was co-captain of the football and track teams. He ventured off to college to the University of Utah, fell in love with the West, and received his PhD in Geology. Bob worked for the U.S. Geological Survey and retired in 2006. He married Janice N. Schlomberg on March 19, 1983. After retiring, Bob moved to Arrowsic, ME, spending the winters in Erie to be near children and grandchildren. Bob enjoyed traveling internationally with his wife, especially to Africa. He also loved photography, birding, gardening and time with his grandchildren. He is survived by his loving wife of 33 years, Janice, a daughter and son, five grandchildren, and his mother and sister. No services will be held as was requested by Bob. Cremation was entrusted to Ahlberg Funeral Chapel and Crematory, Longmont, CO.



**Ernest W. Smith, 48**, of Oklahoma City, OK passed away August 20, 2015. He was born to Coy Wayne Smith Jr. and Judy Carter in Oklahoma City, OK on January 1, 1967. Ernest was a hydrologic technician/watercraft specialist for the USGS. He was preceded death by his father and a sister. Ernest is survived by his wife Deana, three children, his mother, three brothers and, one sister. The service was held on August 24, 2015 at the chapel of Smith and Turner Mortuary with burial following in the Yukon cemetery.



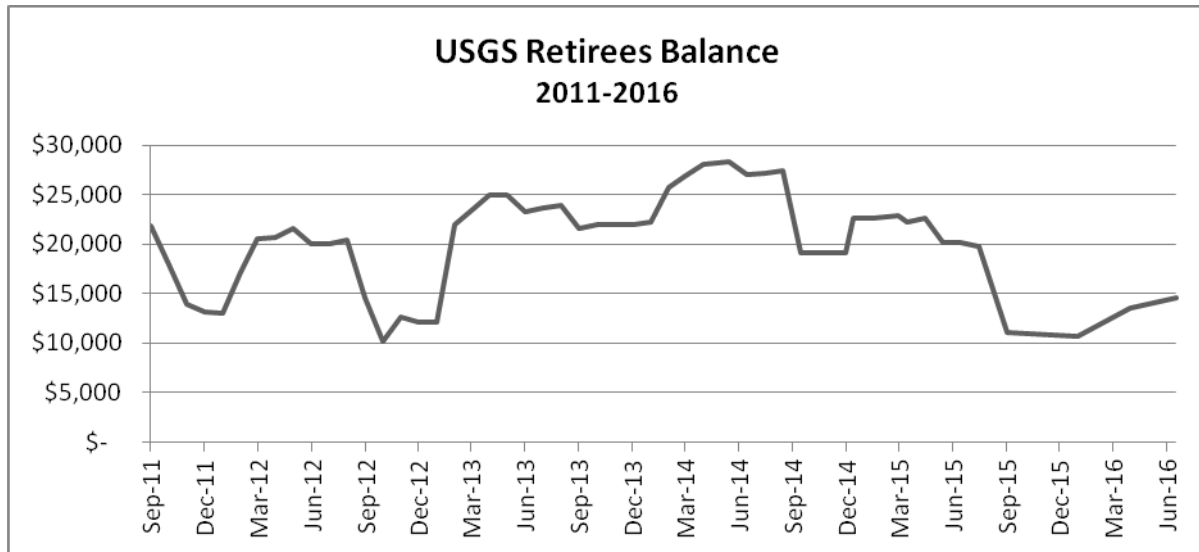
**Floyd R. Twenter, 88**, passed away on April 18, 2016, two weeks after his 88th birthday. Floyd was born on April 4, 1928, in Pilot Grove, MO, first son to Robert and Cecilia Twenter. As the eldest son in a farming family, he worked very hard. He also had many adventures growing up with his brothers, sister, and many cousins in the hills and rivers of Pilot Grove and Boonville, MO. He continued his adventures serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, though he was disappointed when his talent with a typewriter was discovered and he was put behind a desk. Upon his discharge, he attended the University of Missouri to study agriculture. The summer before his senior year, he found his true calling. Rocks ruled! He returned to the university to earn a master's degree in geology. Floyd then set out on his life-defining adventure. He worked for the U.S. Geological Survey traipsing around the Grand Canyon and Verde Valley taking water samples and mapping rock formations. He was always in his element talking about rocks and being an ambassador for the Grand Canyon! He continued his adventures in Iowa and Michigan where he raised his family, instilling respect for natural resources. He could fix or build anything and passed much of that knowledge on to his grateful children. Floyd applied science to life. He defied his cardiologists by handling his health his own way...through the science of nutrition and exercise. No salt, no sugar, no fat. He took up running at 57, won numerous medals in his age division, and stopped running only a few years ago. Floyd retired to his beloved Arizona where he enjoyed his cactus gardens, sunbathing, and camping. Eventually, he returned to Missouri and Michigan to be closer to his family. In Michigan, he returned to farming by raising his chickens. He would talk to them and call them by name. He lived every day following his passions. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, and a niece. Floyd is survived by his loving family: two daughters and one son, five grandchildren, three siblings, and a nephew and a niece. He was not a fan of large gatherings and did not want any services, so his life will be celebrated everyday by those who remember him.

## TREASURER'S REPORT, SECOND QUARTER 2016

Treasurer Celso Puente reports that the organization had \$14,525.79 in its treasury at the end of the second quarter for calendar year 2016. Receipts for the quarter were \$1,400.35 from dues and contributions from 20 members. Distributions for the quarter were \$361.58, including the cost for the printing of the USGS Retirees' Newsletter. During the quarter, a total of \$255.00 in contributions above dues was received from 9 members.

### Special thanks for contributions above dues go to:

Richard Brown, Richard Swisshelm, John R. Ritter, Ronald Kuzniar, Ronald Rathbun, Daniel Bauer, Mary Dunn, Edward Fischer, and Bruce Parks.



### **NORTHEAST REGION – STATE CONTACTS NEEDED**

It has come to our attention, after the printing of the May 2016 Retirees' Telephone Directory that one state was missing a contact, and another state had been left off of the listing.

At this time we are asking for volunteers as a State Contact for **Illinois**, and a State Contact for **Massachusetts**.

If this organization is going to continue, we must keep the lines of communication with current retirees and employees open.

Please drop me an email or give me a call (303-638-3404). Jim

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## HUMOR

### THINGS TO REMEMBER....EVERYDAY

If you want your dreams to come true, don't oversleep.

The smallest good deed is better than the grandest intention.

Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important.

The best vitamin for making friends....B1.

The 10 commandments are not multiple choice.

The happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts.

Minds are like parachutes...they function only when open.

Ideas won't work unless YOU do.

One thing you can't recycle is wasted time.

One who lacks the courage to start has already finished.

The heaviest thing to carry is a grudge.

Don't learn safety rules by accident.

We lie the loudest when we lie to ourselves.

Jumping to conclusions can be bad exercise.

A turtle makes progress when it sticks its head out.

One thing you can give and still keep...is your word.

A friend walks in when everyone else walks out.

AND FINALLY...

The pursuit of happiness is the chase of a lifetime!!!