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# WRD RETIREES

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*An organization of retirees of the Water Resources Discipline, U.S. Geological Survey, whose purpose is to keep its members in touch with each other and their former agency.*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

During October we held our 17<sup>th</sup> WRD Retirees Reunion in Portland, Maine. Many met old friends there and some new acquaintances too. In spite of the iffy weather, we all had a good time. You will find photos and other information about the reunion in this issue, thanks to the efforts of Derrill Cowing and the local arrangements committee. A special feature of the business meeting was a talk by Keith Robinson, the New England Water Science Center Director. Also, in response to a request, I have included in this issue a link to all the USGS Water Science Center Directors, so you can easily contact them no matter where you live. This should help us in future efforts to interact more closely with the Survey.

Looking ahead to the 2016 reunion in Nashville, Tennessee, Pete Antilla assumed the leadership of the local arrangements committee for that event, and is assembling a cadre of eager volunteers to help with the many tasks it takes to make such an event a success. You will hear more from Pete as time goes on. By the way, my personal thanks to all who lend a hand on the committee. Without you the reunion would not exist.

In this issue you will find several items that I hope you will enjoy. There is our usual news of retirees, and local events and gatherings that were sent in. Other items will be familiar as well. A special feature is a report on the intern scholarship program, with a history of the program since it began. This also serves to illustrate how the program aids the USGS in its mission.

Because of changes in federal regulations that were sparked by security concerns, we have had to change our previous USGS email to a commercial account (**reference the grey box below for the new email address**). You can send information to that address whenever you wish. As is the case with any organization, we have to change as things change around us. As we do so, however, we strive to retain the best of what we have and merge it with the best of what is to come.



## NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Due to new USGS security rules, USGS shut down [wrdretirees@usgs.gov](mailto:wrdretirees@usgs.gov) as of September 18, 2014. For that reason we have created [wrdretirees2014@gmail.com](mailto:wrdretirees2014@gmail.com) as an alternative that will not be subject to federal rules. If you have submitted something for the newsletter after that date, please resubmit to the new email address.

**SUMMARY OF THE  
SEVENTEENTH WRD RETIREES REUNION  
Portland, ME  
Thursday, October 2nd through Saturday, October 4th, 2014  
By Derrill Cowing**

The 2014 WRD Retirees Reunion was held in Portland, ME at the Westin Portland Harborview Hotel. Registration began at noon on Thursday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The total number registered for the Reunion was 156 (see attendee list on page 3 of the supplemental NL165S). Thursday evening attendees participated in an “Ice-Breaker” session from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. And, an informational meeting regarding Information Technology (IT) Issues was convened from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.



**IT Meeting Participants**

**Front Row (L-R):** Joe Nielsen, David Boldt, Gail Kalen, Kim Rogers, Lorna Schmid, Daphne Wahl

**Middle Row (L-R):** Carolyn Lumb, Pat McAlwee, Glenn Doonan, Gloria Stiltner, Alan Lumb, Mindy Blalock, Candice Bostwick, Elaine Marshall, Susan Aragon-Long, Chip Marshall

**Back Row (L-R):** Lari Lopp, Mark Sweny, Richard Bow, John Briggs, Merritt Blalock, Richard Hollway, Jerry Feese, Isabelle des Fontaines, Harry McWreath

The IT meeting at the WRD Reunion in Portland, ME, was held on Thursday evening, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. About 30 people attended the IT Meeting. Gloria Stiltner moderated the meeting by not only presenting background on the speakers but also by adding comedic interludes between presentations. There were five topics presented at the meeting: Gail Kalen presented the latest WRD/USGS reorganization that went into effect on October 1, 2014; Daphne Wahl spoke about computing in the current USGS environment along with showing examples of hardware that are currently in use; Joe Nielsen, the newly appointed NWIS Chief, discussed the new NWIS with comparisons to the old NWIS; Glenn Doonan presented findings conducted by the Texas Water Science Center on timings of Oracle versus Ingres during various NWIS runs; and Lorna Schmid spoke about the USGS Cloud and how the USGS hopes to use it. In addition, there were photo albums and wall-mounted photo collages available for viewing from previous NCTM meetings. It is interesting to note that all those young and eager fresh faces from so long ago remain friends and part of the WRD IT grapevine today.

Friday morning all reunion attendees enjoyed a hosted breakfast and then adjourned to attend the WRD Retirees Reunion Business Meeting. President Tim Smith welcomed participants to the meeting and

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introduced Keith Robinson, Water Science Center Director for New England. Keith gave an excellent presentation which described: the major on-going science programs in New England, as well as, staffing, and program development issues in the current budgetary environment. Keith also discussed the impacts of agency reorganization and consolidation on the Survey's Field Office and Science Center operations. Several members of the audience questioned Keith regarding the status of the Survey's national training program and formal technical/discipline program reviews. Additional questions covered potential issues regarding development of new instrumentation and field procedures, while maintaining consistent technical approaches and methods of analyses country-wide. Keith's presentation was very informative and well received.

The remainder of the Business Meeting started with a very spirited presentation by the Westin Hotel senior concierge regarding a short history of Portland and popular activities and areas of interest in downtown Portland.

At this point in the meeting, Andy Anderson, Past President and long-time WRD Safety Officer, read a letter from WRD retiree Russ Wagner. Russ had to cancel his trip to Portland as a result of a bad fall and wrote a letter as a cautionary note for all regarding the dangers of falls and severe head trauma. The letter details the effects of the fall and head injuries he suffered last summer. The bottom line -- if you suffer a severe head injury, quickly visit a qualified doctor for an evaluation of hidden trauma, which could later cause stroke, blood clots with pressure on the brain, or even delayed sudden death. The older our group gets, the more likely some of us will be dealing directly with these issues for ourselves, family, or friends.

Derrill Cowing, the Local Arrangements Committee chair, concluded the business meeting by discussing logistics for the Friday afternoon Casco Bay Ferry ride and the Peak's Island lobster dinner. Derrill's caution was that if anyone missed the ferry, lost their lobster dinner ticket, or got lost on the island; he would eat their lobster. His warning worked, everyone made it to the Peak's Island Lions Club Lobster Dinner without issues.



**Pat Tucci enjoying the Maine Lobster Bake**



**Northern New England Foliage**

Derrill also reviewed the procedures for boarding the tour buses to Conway, NH and Freeport, ME on Saturday morning. About 15 persons visited the L.L. Bean store among others in Freeport and made a stop at the Delorme's Mapping Store in Yarmouth, ME to tour the facility and view "Eartha", the world's largest rotating globe. About 80 attendees traveled to Conway, NH to view the fall foliage on the way to the foothills of NH's White Mountains and to ride the Conway Scenic Railway from Conway to Bartlett and back.



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**President Tim Smith addresses the WRD Retirees at the Banquet**

Saturday evening the “Gala Banquet” was held in the Grand Ballroom. President Tim Smith welcomed everyone to the event and discussed several items including:

- The extension of thanks to the Local Arrangements Committee and others who support the activities of the WRD Retirees
- The ongoing search for a new newsletter editor
- The announcement that the 2016 WRD Retirees Reunion would be held in Nashville, TN and that Pete Antilla has agreed to head up the 2016 Local Arrangements Committee
- An update of the financial status of the organization
- The announcement of the award of two intern scholarships for \$4,000 each to Carl Turner and Adam Mastalir

Tim concluded his address by reading the letter received from Carl Turner expressing his sincere appreciation of his selection as a recipient of a WRD Retirees intern scholarship.

To continue a tradition of investigating the demographics of those attending the WRD Retirees Reunion, Tim introduced Derrill Cowing to gather the facts. The rapid response analyses determined that the longest retired attendees were Pat Walker, Hal Langford and CT Welborn.

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**All 3 have been retired for 29 years!!**



**Standing Pat Walker and Hal Langford**



**Seated C.T. Welborn**

The most recently retired was Daphne Wahl who had been retired a grand total of 4 days! In recognition of her very recent retirement, Daphne received a very valuable (and thick) collector's edition of the most recent volume of the WRD History.



**Newest Retiree, Daphne Wahl – 4 days**

And finally, all those attending a WRD Retirees Reunion for the first time were asked to gather on the balcony of the Grand Ballroom for a group photo.

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**First time attendees at the 2014 Portland, ME Reunion**

Make your plans now to attend the 2016 WRD Retirees Reunion in Nashville. We will see you there. Watch the Retirees Newsletters for Reunion details as they develop.

**BUSINESS MEETING RESPONSE – Who are the current WSC Chiefs?**

A request was made during the 17<sup>th</sup> WRD Retirees Reunion business meeting to provide a link to the WSC Directors points of contact.

Here is the link: [http://water.usgs.gov/district\\_chief.html](http://water.usgs.gov/district_chief.html)

# NECROLOGY (November 2012 – October 2014)

This is a list of members, affiliates, widows, widowers, and spouses of members and affiliates. In some cases where the year is prior to 2012, notification was received after the 2012 WRD Retirees' Reunion in Boise, ID. The list also includes several former members [FM] and other retirees [NM].

Armentrout, G.W. "Gerry"	[88]	Nov 2012	Madison, Robert	[NM]	9 Apr 2013
Beall, Elinor (Mr. Robert)	[W]	14 Sep 2013	Magner, Marnita (Mr. Gerald)	[W]	22 Dec 2013
Boner, Fred C.	[88]	25 Jul 2013	Martin, Marjorie	[94]	28 Jul 2012
Brennan, Robert	[80]	6 Apr 2014	Mayo, Larry	[NM]	30 Sep 2013
Brown, Birdie (Mr. Eugene)	[W]	8 Apr 2013	McCartney, David	[86]	17 Nov 2013
Bryant, Elizabeth (Mr. Charles)	[SP]	11 Jan 2013	McGreevy, Joan (Mr. Laurence)	[SP]	29 Nov 2012
Burchett, Libby (Mr. C.R. "Bob")	[SP]	20 Mar 2014	McKechnie, Jack	[87]	7 May 2013
Cain, Elizabeth	[NM]	11 Apr 2013	McKinney, Sharon	[NM]	14 Dec 2012
Carter, Rolland W.	[74]	7 Nov 2011	Meade, Mereth (Mr. Robert)	[SP]	25 May 2013
Carrillo, Evangelina "Vangie"	[NM]	15 Aug 2014	Meier, Mark	[NM]	25 Nov 2012
Conger, Duane H.	[89]	29 Nov 2011	Mohler Jr, E.H. "Sonny"	[85]	19 Sep 2012
Conover, Peg (Mr. Clyde)	[W]	9 Aug 2013	Molloy, Doris (Mr. John)	[W]	3 Mar 2011
Counts, Margaret (Mr. Harlan)	[SP]	25 Apr 2013	Moore, Donald O.	[85]	10 Nov 2013
Cunningham, Ray	[96]	22 Oct 2012	Moore, Vilate (Mr. Donald)	[SP]	23 Mar 2003
Curtis, G. Wayne	[91]	13 Nov 2013	Murray, Edythe (Mr. C. Richard)	[W]	30 Apr 2012
Cushman, Robert L.	[NM]	21 Sep 2012	Myers, Dana	[W]	~2012
Davis, Robert E.	[07]	18 Nov 2013	Nebert, Douglas	[NM]	31 May 2014
Devaul, Mildred (Mr. Robert)	[SP]	18 Apr 2009	Nethaway, Charles	[05]	22 Oct 2014
Devaul, Robert W.	[80]	3 Jan 2013	Parker, Bernadette (Mr. Gerald)	[W]	Jul 2013
Durum, Winifred (Mr. Walton)	[W]	10 Sep 2012	Peck, Bryan S.	[97]	28 Feb 2014
Edwards, Birtie (Mr. Derward)	[W]	5 Jan 2013	Pereira, Wilfred E.	[NM]	19 Apr 2013
Ferree, Dale	[FM]	14 Nov 2012	Phibbs, Lena (Mr. Edward)	[W]	28 Oct 2012
Fishman, Marvin	[90]	15 Jun 2013	Pollock, Samuel	[88]	2 Dec 2013
Gabrysch, Cecilia (Mr. Robert)	[W]	29 Jul 2013	Post, Austin S.	[NM]	12 Nov 2012
Gambrell, J. Wyatt	[73]	15 Jan 2012	Radlinski, William	[79]	15 Feb 2013
Gannon, William	[88]	12 Oct 2013	Rapp, John R.	[80]	28 Sept 2012
Hackett, Milton	[80]	22 Oct 2013	Reid, J. Kenneth	[87]	29 Mar 2012
Hackett, Pam (Mr. Milton)	[SP]	22 Aug 2013	Richardson, Diana	[NM]	8 Sep 2012
Ham, Dorothy (Mr. Cavis)	[W]	29 May 2012	Richardson, Donald	[73]	17 Nov 2013
Harder, Alfred	[74]	3 Nov 2003	Richardson, Everett	[68]	6 Aug 2013
Hardt, Sylvia (Mr. William)	[SP]	5 Mar 2011	Richardson, Billie (Mr. Everett)	[W]	18 Jul 2013
Harrill, James	[94]	3 Mar 2014	Robbins, D. Wallace	[NM]	18 Oct 2013
Harr, Albert	[84]	17 Apr 2012	Robinson, Doris (Mr. Paul)	[SP]	2 Dec 2012
Harris, Edwin	[77]	12 Jun 2013	Robinson, William H.	[80]	19 Jul 2011
Harris, Shirley (Mr. Edwin)	[W]	1 Jun 2012	Rosenshein, Helene (Mr. Joseph)	[SP]	4 Oct 2014
Hart, Edmond	[NM]	15 Nov 2013	Ruggles, Frederick	[80]	23 Sep 2013
Hawkinson, Bonnie (Mr. Richard)	[SP]	20 Aug 2014	Russell, Gary M.	[04]	13 Mar 2014
Heath, Martha (Mr. Ralph)	[SP]	7 Jan 2013	Sanderson, Betty (Mr. Roy)	[SP]	19 Mar 2012
Heidel, Sumner	[74]	24 Mar 2013	Sanderson, Roy	[73]	17 May 2013
Hidaka, Frank	[80]	6 Feb 2014	Scott, Flow (Mr. Walter)	[W]	22 Dec 2011
Hinson, Herbert	[77]	24 Jul 2011	Schneider, Robert	[81]	9 Mar 2013
Hodges, Arthur L.	[87]	11 Jun 2013	Simmons, James	[82]	21 Sep 2013
Hood, James B.	[87]	25 Jun 2014	Skelton, Martha (Mr. John)	[SP]	5 Feb 2013
Huber, Merle	[81]	18 Apr 2013	Stevens, Herbert H.	[89]	24 Jul 2013
Jamison, Gordon	[73]	2 May 2013	Stewart, Mary Ann (Mr. Dennis)	[SP]	2 Mar 2014
Johnson, Edna (Mr. Mel)	[W]	8 Jul 2012	Stewart, Ellen (Mr. Mack)	[W]	14 Feb 2013
Johnston, Mary Lou (Mr. R.)	[W]	~2012	Taylor, Kenneth R.	[86]	26 Aug 2014
Jones, Blair	[07]	30 Mar 2014	Tovar, Felipe	[NM]	30 Nov 2013
Kelly, Donovan	[97]	2 May 2013	Turner, Sandra R.	[NM]	9 Jan 2014
Kennedy, Hugh I.	[NM]	3 Jun 2014	Upson, Roberta (Mr. Joseph)	[W]	20 Aug 2011
Kilpatrick, June (Mr. Fritz)	[W]	29 Nov 2013	Vecchioli, John	[99]	9 Feb 2013
King, Franklin	[NM]	14 Apr 2014	Wagner, Jeanette	[02]	5 Jan 2013
King, Norman J.	[80]	27 Aug 2013	Walling, Faulkner	[80]	12 Mar 2006
Kister, Carolyn (Mr. Lester)	[W]	2 Nov 2013	Walth, Kenneth	[SP]	24 Apr 2014
Koester, Harry	[80]	24 Oct 2012	Wark, Marcella (Mr. John)	[W]	16 Jan 2013
Konishi, Kenneth	[NM]	8 May 2013	Warren, John	[83]	6 Jan 2014
Koopman, Francis	[80]	15 May 2013	Watkins, Caroline	[84]	1 Apr 2013
Laird, Leslie	[86]	9 Jan 2014	Webber, Betty Jean (Mr. Earl)	[W]	18 Jan 2013
Lamson, Edna (Mr. Ralph)	[W]	14 Mar 2014	Weiss, David	[85]	28 Jul 2013
Latkovich, Patricia (Mr. Vito)	[W]	21 Dec 2012	Weiss, Dorothy (Mr. David)	[SP]	20 May 2010
Lee, Charles	[83]	17 Mar 2012	Welder, Frank A.	[FM]	4 Sep 2012
LeGrande, Harry	[74]	21 Mar 2013	Wesolowski, Edwin A.	[00]	24 Mar 2014
Lenfest, Virginia (Mr. Leslie)	[W]	26 Dec 2013	Wessels, Francis A.	[NM]	23 Aug 2014
Lietz, Arthur	[06]	25 Jan 2014	Whitman Jr., Charles D	[90]	19 Dec 2012
Longfield, Shirley (Mr. Robert)	[W]	9 Mar 2011	Wiltshire, Denise	[NM]	9 Jun 2013



## 2014 -- HYDROLOGIC TECHNICIAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

By Jim Blakey and Tim Smith

The WRD Retirees organization awarded two scholarships this year. The organization was unable to award any funds in 2013 due to the Department's hiring freeze. Since the program began in 2006, our organization has awarded 14 scholarships, not including the two awarded this year, and six of these students are now career employees of USGS.

In 2005, Jim Biesecker and Bill Boning realized our Retirees bank account was doing well, as more retirees received the quarterly newsletters by email. Prior to the newsletter being emailed, most of the dues went to printing and postage. Now most retirees and USGS water resources managers receive the newsletters electronically.

In 2006, Jim Kircher, Director, USGS Colorado Water Science Center (District Chief), suggested we fund a scholarship program, and we were underway. With Jim's help, we plan to continue next year. Our 5-person selection team this year included Warren Teasdale, Merilee and Jim Bennett, Jack Weeks, and Jim Blakey. Past members were Bob Boulger, Bill Emmett, and Jerry Duncan. Pat yourself on the back. This is a great contribution by WRD Retirees! We have awarded \$40,000 in all.



**Adam Mastalir**, is currently attending Madison Area Technical College under a blueprint program with the University of Wisconsin, Madison College of Engineering

Presented at the Wisconsin Water Science Center, Southwest Field Office on August 11, 2014

*-Presented by Steven A. March, Supervisory Hydrologic Technician, Wisconsin Science Center*



**Carl T. Turner**, is currently attending Vermillion Community College in Ely, Minnesota

Presented on August 14, 2014, at a Georgia Water Science Center all-hands meeting.

*-Presented by Edward H. Martin, Director, South Atlantic Water Science Center – Georgia, and Brian E. McCallum, Supervisory Hydrologist/Associate Director*



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### History of the WRD Retirees Scholarship Program

#### NL132 (August): 2006 Winner:

**Jacob B. Dayley** of **GateWay Community College** in Phoenix, Arizona. Jacob had a 2006 summer internship with the California Water Science Center. An official ceremony was held at GateWay Community College. The award was \$1500.

#### NL136 (August) 2007 Winner:

This year's winner was **Gretchen Anderson** of **Vermilion Community College**. An official presentation ceremony was held at the Tulsa, Oklahoma field office, where Gretchen participated as a summer intern. The award was \$1500.

#### NL140 (August) 2008 Winner:

**Claire Bunch** a student at **GateWay Community College** in Phoenix and a USGS summer intern in the Sacramento office was the winner. Claire received a plaque and \$1500 check.

#### NL 144 (August) 2009 Winners:

**First place** winner of a \$1500 scholarship was **Lisa Ashmore**, a student at **GateWay Community College** in Phoenix, AZ, who interned this summer in the Montana WSC.

**Second place** winner of a \$1000 scholarship was **LaShawn Nohrenberg** who attended **Vermillion Community College** in Ely, MN. She was a summer intern in the Nebraska WSC.

#### NL148 (August) 2010 Winners:

**First place, \$3,000:** **Travis L. Gibson**, a student at **GateWay Community College** in Phoenix who was a summer intern in the Salt Lake City, Utah WRD office.

**Second place, \$2,000:** **Michael Blumberg**, a student from **Vermilion Community College** in Ely, MN who interned in the Richmond, Virginia office.

#### NL153 (November) 2011 Winners:

**Casey P. Lovato**, was the winner of a \$4,000 scholarship. Casey was a student at **GateWay Community College** in Phoenix and was a summer intern at the Oregon Water Science Center.

**Brandon Clark** won a \$2,000 scholarship. He was a student at **Western Dakota Technical Institute** in Rapid City, SD. Brandon was an intern at the South Carolina Water Science Center in Columbia.

**Jeffery S. Sallas**, won a \$2,000 scholarship and was a student at **GateWay Community College**. Jeff was an intern at the Sullivan's Island, SC office and was presented his award during a ceremony at the SC Water Science Center arranged by SC Water Center Director **Eric Strom**, and **Gary Tasker** represented WRD Retirees.

**Michael Buil**, won a \$2,000 scholarship. He was a student at **GateWay Community College** and interned at the Massachusetts Water Science Center. Michael received his award during a ceremony at the MA Water Science Center arranged by **Wayne Sonntag**, MA Water Science Center Director, and WRD retiree **Forest Lyford** represented WRD Retirees.

#### NL157 (November) 2012 Winners:

**Timothy Bronetto** received his award a \$4,000 scholarship Hawaii (part of the Pacific Islands WSC), and attends **Gateway Community College**.

**Alyx Schlafge** the \$3,000 2nd Place scholarship Austin Field Unit, Texas WSC attends **Vermilion College**.

**Sarah Jeanne Davis** of Wyoming WSC received her \$3,000 award -- she attends **Western Dakota College**.

**2013** – No awards were made due to a freeze by the Department of Interior on summer hires.

**2014 -- Winners are posted in the November newsletter NL165.**

**Carl Turner** \$4,000 -- **Vermillion Community College, MN.**

**Adam Mastalir** \$4,000 – **Madison Area Technical College, WI.**

## USGS NEWSROOM

Streamflow in the eastern portions of the Missouri River watershed has increased over the past 52 years, whereas other parts have seen downward trends.

U.S. Geological Survey scientists recently studied data from 227 streamgages in the Missouri River watershed that had continuous records for 1960 through 2011. The scientists found that almost half of the streamgages showed either an upward or downward trend in mean annual flow since 1960, while the rest showed no trend.

The study is relevant on a large scale because the Missouri River is the longest river in the United States, with a watershed that includes mountainous to prairie topography in all or parts of 10 states and small parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan in Canada.

"The Missouri River and its tributaries are valuable for agriculture, energy, recreation and municipal water supplies," said USGS hydrologist Parker Norton. "Understanding streamflow throughout the watershed can help guide management of these critical water resources."

According to the study, streamflow has increased in the eastern part of the watershed, including eastern North Dakota, eastern South Dakota, western Iowa and eastern Nebraska. Annual flows have decreased in the western headwaters area of the Missouri River in Montana and Wyoming, and in the southern part of the basin associated with the Kansas River watershed.

Climate changes that affect how and where moisture is delivered to the continent may be causing some of these trends in the Missouri River Basin. Although the USGS scientists did not conduct a complete analysis of the causes, they noted that increased streamflow over broad regions occurred despite the increasing use of water. Decreased streamflow in some areas could also be related to climate change factors, or to groundwater pumping.

The USGS report can be accessed [online](#).

For more than 125 years, the USGS has monitored flow in selected streams and rivers across the United States. The information is routinely used for water supply and management, monitoring floods and droughts, bridge and road design, determination of flood risk and for many recreational activities.

Access current flood and high flow conditions across the country by visiting the USGS [WaterWatch](#) website. Receive instant, customized updates about water conditions in your area via text message or email by signing up for USGS [WaterAlert](#).

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List of Attendees, 17<sup>th</sup> WRD Retirees Reunion.

Additional Pictures from the Reunion.

Two Thank-you Letters from 2014 Scholarship Recipients.

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**Mark D. Hamill**

**August 1, 2014**



For ten years Mark managed NWISWeb (<http://waterdata.usgs.gov>), the public portal for the USGS National Water Information System. Mark retired on August 1, 2014. Mark actually worked in four federal agencies and had a 32 year federal career, but spent the last ten years with the USGS, which he reports was the happiest and most productive part of his career. He was hired in 2004 by Susan Trapanese, Chief of the National Water Information System to bring an outside perspective to the sharing of water data. Mark led a team of in-house developers and systems administrators to enhance NWISWeb. Traffic at the site increased more than 615% in his ten years, making the site the most visited USGS web site. Mark also envisioned, sold and led the establishment of a USGS water services web site (<http://waterservices.usgs.gov/>). In 2013, the site accrued 190M page requests, making it typically the second or third most accessed USGS web site. Mark very much enjoyed his work and the opportunities it gave him to meet WRD people across the nation and is impressed by the dedication of USGS employees to water science. During his tenure he worked closely first with Kip Bossong (Colorado WSC) then Gary Fisher (Maryland WSC) in their roles as chairs of the NWISWeb User Group who set user priorities for these sites. Mark is currently living near where he worked at headquarters in Reston, Virginia but expects to relocate to western Massachusetts in 2015. He looks forward to being an active WRD retiree.

### **Matt Larsen Retirement Update**



After a 30-year run, Matt Larsen retired from the USGS in June 2014. From 2010 to 2014, Matt was the USGS Associate Director for Climate and Land Use Change, where he led science programs focused on climate change, land use change, and a national ecological carbon sequestration assessment. Additionally, he managed the Landsat satellite program and the National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center. Matt earned a B.S. in Geology in 1976 from Antioch College, Yellow Springs, OH, and a PhD in Geography at the University of Colorado in Boulder in 1997. The PhD studies had the support of the WRD Graduate training program, a program for which Matt is forever grateful. He began his professional career in 1976 at the Skidaway Institute of Oceanography in Savannah, GA, where he worked on studies of barrier island beach erosion. In 1977 Dr. Larsen moved to a position at the USGS, Branch of Pacific and Arctic Marine Geology in Menlo Park, CA, where he participated in a study of natural hazards to petroleum development in the Northern Bering Sea, Alaska. In 1987 he moved to the USGS Water Resources Division in Puerto Rico to work under the ever-enthusiastic District Chief, Al Zack, where Matt led research projects in watershed studies and geomorphology, including investigations of landslide processes and hazards in Puerto Rico and Venezuela. Matt became the USGS Caribbean District Chief in 2000 and managed USGS water resources programs in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. In 2003, he transferred to USGS headquarters to work for then Chief Hydrologist (Associate Director for Water) Bob Hirsch and Chief Scientist, Mary Jo Baedeker, and in 2005 was named USGS Chief Scientist for Hydrology and led the National Research Program.

In 2008, Matt became the USGS Associate Director for Water, with responsibility for water resources research and assessment programs, including the national network of 8,000 streamflow stations. From 2005 to 2014, he served as Chair of the US National Committee for UNESCO International Hydrological Programme. His 80+ publications are in the fields of natural hazards, water resources, climate change, and marine geology. Those of you who know Matt know that he can't sit still for long. In June 2014, he was appointed as Director of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, a unit of the Smithsonian Institution headquartered in Panama City, Panama. The Institute furthers the understanding of tropical nature and its importance to human welfare, trains students to conduct research in the tropics and promotes understanding of biological diversity by increasing public awareness of the beauty and importance of tropical ecosystems. Dr. Larsen oversees 400 employees, an annual budget of \$40 million, and the Institute's research facilities throughout Panama and field sites in 14 countries in Africa, in Asia and in the Americas. In addition to its resident scientists, the Institute's facilities are used annually by some 1,400 visiting scientists, pre- and postdoctoral fellows and interns from academic and research institutions around the world. [see: [www.stri.si.edu](http://www.stri.si.edu).] Continuing his interest in water resources, Matt now lives, works, and leads science in one of the most significant watersheds in the world! The Panama Canal

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watershed supports global shipping (40,000 vessels per year), supplies about half of the potable water to the country, and half of the electricity as well. Forests in the watershed are critically important for preservation of biodiversity and sequestration of carbon.

You can see two Smithsonian news items about Matt's new duties below. Note that in each, Matt chose a photo at USGS streamgages sites, one at the Potomac River gage under the Key Bridge in Washington, DC. (unfortunately the gagehouse is obscured in that photo), and, the second one is at the gage on the Rio Espiritu Santo in Puerto Rico.

[http://www.stri.si.edu/english/scientific\\_staff/staff\\_scientist/scientist.php?id=78](http://www.stri.si.edu/english/scientific_staff/staff_scientist/scientist.php?id=78)

[http://www.stri.si.edu/sites/strinews/PDFs/STRINews\\_Jun\\_20\\_2014.pdf](http://www.stri.si.edu/sites/strinews/PDFs/STRINews_Jun_20_2014.pdf)

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**Woody Woodward**  
**September 30, 2014**

### HE'S FADING AWAY . . . BUT WITH PANACHE!!



Armed with a BS in Geology from Washington State University, 2 years of experience as a Geophysicist with Phillips Petroleum Company, a MS in Geology from University of Colorado, 2 years of experience as a Geophysicist with the Danish Geological Survey, and another 2 years of experience as a Groundwater Hydrologist with the Minnesota Division of Waters, the not-so-young and not-so-brash Woody Woodward began his 35-year career with the USGS in the Minnesota District in 1979. Let's take a trip down memory lane... from Woody's perspective...

**MINNESOTA DISTRICT** -- a great office to become acquainted with the Survey, its astonishing people, its high standards and work ethic, and its collection of characters. He was the Chief of the Minnesota portion of the Northern Midwest RASA study, worked on a couple seismic projects, a couple aquifer mapping projects, and began his love affair with our International Program with a couple details to Saudi Arabia to work on the Saudi Water Atlas. Then off to the Texas District. **TEXAS DISTRICT** -- a great office with top-notch management, wonderful people, and its collection of characters. He was the Reports Specialist, worked on a couple

projects (including seismic work in Big Bend), and details to Abu Dhabi. Then off to the Washington District.

**WASHINGTON DISTRICT** -- back in home State to a great office with wonderful people, hard-working staff, and its collection of characters. He came in as the Washington Office Chief and after a year, requested a down-grade to work as a project hydrologist, where he assessed the groundwater resources of part of King County, was Chief of the Willamette Basin part of the Puget-Willamette RASA study, and went on a few details to Abu Dhabi. Then off to New Mexico. **NEW**

**MEXICO DISTRICT/WATER SCIENCE CENTER** -- a great office with wonderful people, hard-working staff, and many characters (and you know who you are). He went there as a Southern High Plains NAWQA Chief and after a year ended up as a Study Section Chief, and managed to squeeze a few details to Abu Dhabi, Jordan, and Bangladesh. Then off to Denver, Colorado. **CENTRAL REGION, ETC., ETC., ETC.** -- our already not-so-young and not-so-hot hydrologic hero then set off to be the Central Regional Assistant Program (that's CRAP, if you're interested) Officer, then Program Officer, then Regional Coordinator for Water, and finally for the Water Mission Area as Deputy Chief, Water Science Field Team. Along the way, he also managed to squeeze in more details to Abu Dhabi.

Woody Woodward had a fun and enriching time working with amazing folks in our Survey. These times and most of these folks (again, and you know who you are) will be truly missed, and remembered with fondness (and a little embarrassment). Woody's wife is starting up a lawn-care gig for him, and guarantees that he will travel 'anywhere' to provide a decent mow and trim - - anything to get him out of the house! Give the old boy a call if you're in Denver and looking for a good time (720-962-0357; [dqwoodward@gmail.com](mailto:dqwoodward@gmail.com)). Woody's last day on the job will be September 30; however, he plans to return as a rehired annuitant through the calendar year as he helps mentor his replacement on the Water Science Field Team.

--submitted by John Hoffmann, Chief, Water Science Field Team, Tucson, AZ



## NEWS OF RETIREES

**Leslie Arihood** wrote: "I received the Charles Bechert award for lifetime achievement in water resources at IWRA in June at McCormick's Creek State Park. I was surprised but very pleased that someone apparently was watching after all. I had to be nominated and justified by someone else. I was in competition with all other water resource people in Indiana, public, private, and educational types."

**Jim and Merilee Bennett** wrote: "We had a great time at the 17<sup>th</sup> WRD Retirees' reunion. The committee members did an outstanding job, and we wanted to say thank you to those hard-working committee members. The lobster fest (including the ferry ride and great weather that day) was fun and gave everyone a chance to mingle; the train ride in North Conway was through some beautiful country and lunch was delicious; and, the gala banquet dinner was wonderful as well as the presentations."

**Rick & Sharon Goss** wrote: "After working off and on renovating our 1877 home for eight years we finally finished the last room and all power tools have been returned to the garage! Sharon went on a road trip with our daughter as she moved to Marina Del Rey, CA. Stops along the way included: Cibola National Forest, Grand Canyon, Petrified Forest National Park, Painted Desert, Meteor Crater, and Joshua Tree. Rick continues to substitute teach at one of the local high schools. Several of the Indiana retirees regularly enjoy lunch together in Indianapolis and are planning a picnic and hiking day at Turkey Run State Park in October. We are looking forward to the reunion in Maine."

**Mrs. Harold P. (Kay) Guy** wrote: "I am now in a care place in Denver where my 'kids' are fairly close to me. I just had my 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday celebration and am still able to care for myself. Wish I could make it to Portland for the reunion -- Harold and I really enjoyed the gatherings. Good luck on your endeavors always."



**Hal Langford** wrote: "I have arranged for several of my neighbors here on the 5th floor of Greenspring Retirement Village who were interested in fishing (but had done little or none) to go fishing in the Chesapeake Bay out of Deale, MD (about 1 hour southeast of Springfield, VA where we live). I chartered a boat (the "Loosenup") which is the boat that Jack Fisher charts every spring for a USGS/WRD retirees group to fish for Striped Bass (or Rockfish). The fish I caught last week was a Bluefish and the boat captain said it was the largest caught out of Deale this year so far. Our party caught our limit of Rockfish (2 each) as well as several Spanish Mackerel. The weather was beautiful and the Bay was calm. We followed our fishing with a fine dinner on the shore replete with Gray Goose vodka martinis (which the 2 women drink) and assorted wine and beer for the men. The group has had so much fun they have asked me to charter another trip on the "Loosenup" so I have scheduled a trip for early December (weather permitting) to fish for the very large rockfish which are moving south then from the ocean off of Massachusetts south to their wintering grounds off of the Carolinas (I think)..I believe they use the Delaware/Chesapeake Canal to enter the upper

Chesapeake Bay and then move south and return to the Atlantic Ocean at the entrance to Chesapeake Bay at Norfolk, VA. Amazing journey!!! Equally amazing is that these 80 and 90 year old retired folks can have so much fun despite their age and various infirmities (one of us actually uses a walker on the boat). "Intrepid" comes to mind!! See you in Portland -- God willing and the creek don't rise. Hal"

**Debbie Majors** wrote: "I am now working 1 night a week at Am. Vets in Pendleton, IN and have a new grandson. Hudson Jacob Majors, born in June, and another grandson on the way, via my daughter Jessica."

## MEETINGS AND GATHERINGS

### INDIANA (INDIANAPOLIS) RETIREES' MEETING August 7, 2014



**Attending (beginning on left side):** Rick Goss, Jeff Martin (should be retired, but still working), Sharon Goss, Jerry Davis, Sonja Sanders, Debbie Majors, Paul Hayes, Lee Watson, Dennis Stewart, Leslie Arihood, and Dave Cohen.

The next get-together will be on October 19th at Turkey Run State Park.

### OHIO RETIREES' MEETING



Ohio had their semi-annual lunch and was surprised with the biggest turnout ever.

Two newly retired, Bill Yost and Rich Frehs joined the regulars for a fun gathering.

**Back row (L-R):** Dean McFadden, Paul McClure, Merle and Max Katzenbach, Bernie Sroka, Jim Mangus, Sandy Coen, Al Sedam and Rich Frehs

**Front row (L-R):** Sandy Hindall, Joyce McClure, Bill Yost, Sandy Beck, Janet Welday, Cindy Mangus.

The next lunch will be April 14, 2015.

## MEETINGS AND GATHERINGS

### TEXAS WRD RETIREES NEWSLETTER 3

#### Quarterly Texas WRD Retirees Meeting

July 16, 2014

(Note: No picture was forwarded)

Our quarterly Texas WRD Retirees meeting was held with only 5 members and guests present. Those in attendance were: President, Bob Burchett, Secretary-Treasurer, Clarence T Welborn, Frank Wells, Paul Rhone, and Rita. Bob opened our meeting as usual but his message for some reason did not get recorded. Frank reported that he will be reaching the big 70 and there will be a celebration this weekend with all the kids and grandkids. Frank and Cindy have been involved in ham radio for over a year. They are enjoying life at the farm in Liberty Hill. Had a great peach and tomato crop, and today Frank brought some tomatoes to share with the group. Paul reported that they haven't done anything or gone anywhere but they were going to eat some of Frank's tomatoes. CT says that he is feeling about 95 percent well, BUT, he will have to have surgery on the falling arches of his left and right foot sometime between now and November. If it's not one thing it's another. During the storm last month, two large trees, one oak and one cedar, were blown down at Dixie's, and CT for the past weekends has been cutting fire wood. Other than that he has been taking one day at time and reading a lot of novels. Bob had more to say. He said that he is going to have a birthday tomorrow and will be "eight" years old and he also said he was going to rush out the door so that he would have first pick of Frank's tomatoes. He said that he was glad to see everyone here and looked forward to our next meeting. There was a discussion about changing back to monthly meetings. If you have a feeling about this let me know. I received a notice a while back about the death of Searcy Jacobs son, Noah, on June 10, 2014. That's all I have of the coming and goings of our members. If you have anything of interest, please e-mail me at [ctwelborn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ctwelborn@sbcglobal.net)

### FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

WRD Retirees has had a Facebook site since about 2011, although few members seem to use it. You can find it at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/WRD-Retirees/223011337740610>

You can see what members have been posting, such as photos from reunions, related information, and comments. This is one place where anyone can sign in for free, and contribute whatever you wish. Because it is something you can do from home, it is one more opportunity to use modern electronic methods to keep in contact with your colleagues.

Please consider participating in Facebook, and join WRD Retirees in ongoing dialogue.

Tim Smith

## MEMORIAL

### KENNETH 'KEN' R. TAYLOR September 20, 1930 – August 26, 2014



Kenneth R. Taylor passed away on August 26, 2014 at his home in Jacksonville, FL. He was born to the late L. Eddice and Lucile W. Taylor on September 20, 1930 in Faison, N.C. He grew up on a farm where his father also operated a general store and a pool hall. From the rural life of his early years, Ken became a very good small game hunter as well as an excellent pool player. I found out that he was not a person to miss many shots, be they in a brush patch or on a felt covered table. He also played some semi-pro baseball as a youth and, in later years played much golf, mastering a 7 stroke handicap. Ken received a B.A. in Education from UNC/ Chapel Hill in 1954 and shortly thereafter married Mildred Faison (for whose family their home town was named). He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Dr. F. Donnell Taylor and grandson, Michael William Roberts. Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Mildred, Daughter, Becky Roberts and husband, Harry, son , Ken Taylor, Jr. and wife, Laurie, five grandchildren, Kevin, Justin, Jordan, Ashley and Brendan, sister, Betty Lou Williams and brother, Luther E. Taylor, Jr. Ken enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in late 1954 and upon discharge entered N.C. State University where he was awarded a B.S. in Civil Engineering in 1959. After college Ken joined the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) in Raleigh, N.C. and entered a new employee training program before he was to be stationed in the Statesville, N.C. office. I trained Ken Taylor to be a stream gager in the inhospitable streams of the Lumber River basin in NC. I vividly recall watching him standing in a shallow rivulet just downstream of an outfall, a bandanna tied around his head to catch the sweat (he perspired copiously) which was tinged pink from the bites of mosquitos and yellow flies, listening to the clicking of a pygmy meter whose spin was often impeded by bits of sewage. As I kept notes for him I thought "If he can tolerate this he's going to make a damned good survey-man!" He did and indeed became a "Damned good Survey-man! Ken worked as a streamgager in the Statesville office until about 1963. He was chosen to attend the Hydrology-short- course in Tempe, AZ and was then assigned to the Cumberland, MD office where he managed the data program and conducted studies in the Upper Potomac River Basin. In 1967 he moved to the MD/DEL/DC District office in Towson to head-up a time of travel study in the Monacacy River, a tributary of the Potomac River. It was during this study that he was faced with a potentially deadly situation. While driving between sites about midnight, the vehicle that he and W. E. Forrest were in broke down. Ken asked Bill to stay with the equipment while he walked back some distance to a farmhouse they'd passed to call for help (this was long before cell phones). As he approached the well-fenced and lit yard two LARGE, very vocal guard dogs met him and escorted him up the fence protected walk and on to the porch, the door opened far enough to realize a shotgun was sticking out. A nervous voice told him to stop and identify himself. In carefully extracting his billfold in order to do so he unknowingly dropped a \$50 bill. The resident accepted his I.D. and explanation and let him use the phone, all the time holding the shotgun and a cocked pistol aimed at his head. He never went back for the lost money! In 1970 a study to define the water resources of the DELMARVA Peninsula was begun. Eliot Cushing was selected leader,



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assisted by Irwin Kantrowitz and Kenneth Taylor under the over-all aegis of W. F. White, District Chief. The final report was finished on time and to this day remains a bible for evaluating the hydrology of the DELMARVA. Following completion of the study, Finch White named Kantrowitz and Taylor to jointly assist him in the management of the MD/DEL/DC district. When H. J. Freiberger became District Chief in 1980 Ken served as the Assistant District Chief. In 1986 Ken retired from the survey. He and Mildred purchased a motor home and took a long tour of the U.S. They moved to Jacksonville FL to be near their daughter in about 1990. Ken Taylor was solidly competent and professional in any endeavor he undertook. He could be very frank and honest in his dealings and his evaluation of most situations was logical and rational. He had an air of confidence that he could back up while at the same time always shunning the limelight. He was a real pleasure to work with and a wonderful friend. We will miss him.

**-Written by Patrick N. Walker**  
**-Edited by Herbert J. Freiberger**

## IN MEMORIAMS



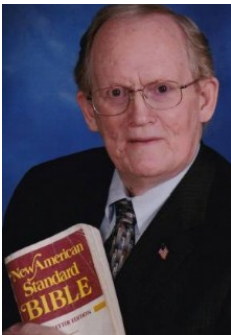
**Evangelina ("Vangie") Rosa Carrillo**, 81, of Austin passed away Friday, August 15, 2014. She was born on February 5, 1933 in Austin, TX to Juan and Ferminia A. De Carrillo. Vangie attended Austin Community College, and was employed with the University of Texas for 10 years, and U.S. Geological Survey 33 years. Vangie is survived by her four daughters and a son; nine granddaughters and four grandsons; and, a great granddaughter and a great grandson. She is preceded in death by her father and mother Juan and Ferminia A. De Carrillo. Services were held on August 25, 2014, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Austin, TX. In lieu of flowers, contributions are welcome in Vangie Carrillo's name to Central Texas SPCA Animal

Shelter or to your own favorite charity. **(Published in Austin American-Statesman from Aug. 20 to Aug. 21, 2014)** **Paul Rohne** remembers the 'good old days 'when the record computation time came around. The rating sheets were sent in from the field folded, dog-eared and not very pretty. Vangie would take her iron and flatten out the creases and dog-ears in preparation for printing. When the copies came back, no one would ever suspect that the originals were in such a state of disrepair when they came in.'

**Bonnie Hawkinson**, 69, (*wife of **Richard (Rich) Hawkinson**, WRD retiree 2000*), passed away on August 20, 2014, at her home after a very long and difficult illness. Rich is a WRD Retiree, who retired after 32 years. His career began in Austin in 1968, and was followed by assignments in Reston, VA, AZ, OH, CO, and back to TX as District Chief. Bonnie is survived by Rich, a daughter, and a son. Memorial tributes can be made to: Denver Hospice, 501 Cherry St., Suite 700 Denver, Co. 80246-1328 or [bigdogshugepaws.com](http://bigdogshugepaws.com) (an animal rescue org.). Rich lives at 3977 E. Mallard St. Highlands Ranch, CO 80126



**James Ballard Hood, Jr**, 84, passed on June 25, 2014 at his home in Decatur, IL. He was born on November 24, 1929 in Oak Park, IL, to James B Hood Sr. and Helen Vogellander. James served in the U.S. Air Force from 1949 to 1952. He married Helen M. Gillis of Chicago, IL, on June 21, 1952. He attended the University of Illinois from 1953 to 1956. James began his career in 1956 with the USGS, Water Resources Division as a Hydrologist Technician and worked in both the Champaign, IL and Ithaca, NY District Office. James retired in 1987. He was preceded in death by his wife Helen; and, is survived by his four children and four grandchildren. Services were held on July 2, 2014.



**Charles Nethaway** passed away on October 22, 2014. Services will be held on Sunday, November 9, 3:00 PM, Truro Anglican Church, 10520 Main Street, Fairfax, VA 22030 (Reception to follow). A memoriam will appear in the February newsletter.

## IN MEMORIAMs

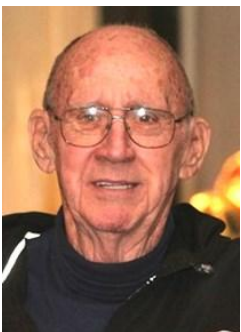
**Helene S. Rosenshein** (wife of **Joseph Rosenshein**, WRD retiree 1994) passed away October 4, 2014 at the age of 83. She was born in the Bronx, New York on October 13, 1930, and the daughter of the late Max and Emma Silverman. Helene married Joseph Rosenshein on January 28, 1951. They were married for 63 years. Helene was predeceased by her parents, her twin brother, an older brother, and an older sister. She is survived by her husband Joseph, her two sons, a daughter, and, two granddaughters. The funeral was held in Woodlawn Cemetery Sunday, Norfolk, VA, on October 10, 2014.



**Gary M. Russell**, 64, passed away on March 13, 2014 in Henderson, NV. Gary was born April 1, 1949 to Lura M. Holloway and George M. Russell in Niagara Falls, NY. After enlisting in the United States Army, Gary served for 3 years, 2 of which he was stationed in Germany. Following his military service, he graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Geology from University of Florida. He met his wife, Susan Brown, while in college, and they were married in 1975. Following college, Gary embarked on a career with the USGS in South Florida beginning in Ocala as a technician, then on to Miami, Jupiter, and Stuart offices. A promotional opportunity in the early 1990's took his family on a cross-country move to Las Vegas, NV. He retired from the USGS in 2004 after 31 years of service as the Assistant District Chief for Southern Nevada's Water Resources Division. Gary's Florida roots remained with him throughout his life as an avid sports fan of the Miami Dolphins and Florida Gators. Geologists have a saying: "Rocks remember." Gary leaves his memories to the rocks in his life: his wife Susan; his six children; and, his eight grandchildren. A *Celebration of Life* was held at his home in Henderson on Saturday, March 22, 2014. Gary hoped everyone would celebrate our times together as a happy day of reminiscing. Per Gary's request, his ashes were returned to the Atlantic Ocean off South Florida as this is where he spent the vast majority of his favorite times in life. To post your remembrances of Gary, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/GaryMackRussell>.



**Kenneth J. Walth**, 72, husband of WRD Retiree **Deanna Walth**, was the son of Bennie and Rose Walth, born on February 25, 1940 in Hebron, ND, and passed away April 24, 2012. Ken graduated from Lincoln High School, Tacoma, WA, in 1958. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force and was a 1974 graduate from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, WA. Ken is survived by his wife of 47 years; his son Douglas and daughter Kristin (Simeon); a granddaughter and grandson; and, his mother and two sisters. He was preceded in death by his father.



**Francis A. Wessels**, 82, passed away on August 23, 2014. He was born August 22, 1932, in Stuttgart, Arkansas. Francis proudly served in the military as TSGT in the U.S. Air Force from 1950 to 1970, and retired from the U.S. Geological Survey San Antonio Subdistrict Water Office. Francis is survived by his wife Rosemary of 58 years; his three children; five grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. Funeral Services were held August 28, 2014 at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church with burial at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Condolences may be offered at [www.sunsetfuneralhomesa.com](http://www.sunsetfuneralhomesa.com).

*-Provided by Sunset Funeral Home, San Antonio, TX*

**University of Arizona Hydrology and Water Resource (HWR) Department  
planning a 50 year anniversary celebration**

The HWR Department is planning a 50th anniversary celebration probably in 2016. Of potential interest to USGS-WRD retirees, is that the USGS had a lot to do with establishing the Department back in the 60s. Several USGS folks had joint appointments in the HWR Department and provided instruction and development of the science of hydrogeology. Stan Leake (USGS-AZWSC now a rehired annuitant) learned of the early plans and wanted to be sure that the USGS role was properly acknowledged.

I have compiled some information from WRD History documents, but if any of the USGS retirees have first person experience with the Department, it would be great to hear from you. Please send your information to Mark Anderson at the USGS (see address below).

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**National Active and Retired Employees (NARFE) Association**

[http://www.narfe.org/pdf/NARFE\\_FEHBP\\_Testimony\\_4-11-13.pdf](http://www.narfe.org/pdf/NARFE_FEHBP_Testimony_4-11-13.pdf)

Testimony for the record by Joseph A. Beaudoin, President,  
National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association

Before the Subcommittee on the Federal Workforce, the Postal Service and the Census,  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, United States House of Representatives

Hearing Titled "The Federal Employees Health Benefits Program: Is it a Good Value for Federal Employees?"

**April 11, 2013**



## NEW RETIREES

**Ruddy, Barbara (14)** -- [barb58peaks@gmail.com](mailto:barb58peaks@gmail.com) , 2545 Cody St., Lakewood, CO 80215, 303 808 7750  
email addr & phone

## DIRECTORY CHANGES

**Berkstresser, C. F. "Chuck" (73)** – 3849 Walnut Ave. #L-60, Carmichael, CA 95608-2148 addr

**Boning, Charles W. "Bill" (Shirley) (94)** -- [boning.bill.76@gmail.com](mailto:boning.bill.76@gmail.com) , 21144 Cardinal Pond Terrace, Apt 328, Ashburn VA 20147, 571-442-8910 – email, addr & phone

**Guy, Mrs. Harold P. (Kay) (W)** – 5085 W. 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue Unit 306, Broomfield, CO 80023-5721 addr

**Massey, Bernard "Bernie" (94)** – 436 Noonday Road, Chandler, TX 75758-2010 addr

**Stoner, Jeffery (14)** – [j\\_stoner@comcast.net](mailto:j_stoner@comcast.net) , 1373 Tamberwood Trail, Woodbury, MN 55125, 763-783-3138 & (cell) 651-808-5795 – corrects email addr (there is an underscore between the 'j' and 's'), adds addr & phone

**Zorgorski, John (14)** -- [jzfishsd@gmail.com](mailto:jzfishsd@gmail.com) – corrects email addr

## DELETIONS FROM THE DIRECTORY

**Hansen, Robert E. (88)** – remove (passed away March 29, 2012)

## CHANGES IN USGS PERSONNEL

On August 12, 2014, a memorandum was issued to all USGS employees by the Acting Director announcing Mike Tupper as Acting Northwest Regional Director.

"I am pleased to announce that effective June 16, 2014, Mike Tupper began serving on a detail as Acting Regional Director for the Northwest Region (RD/NW). He comes to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) as a Senior Executive Service (SES) Candidate Development Program participant from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), where most recently he accepted the position of Deputy State Director for the BLM in New Mexico, managing 33 land and natural resource programs.

Mike has over 30 years of experience in land-use planning in the fields of fire and aviation, renewable and non-renewable energy, and natural resource protection and conservation. He began his career in 1980 as a firefighter in Las Vegas, Nevada, and rose through the ranks to the position of Senior Fire Adviser in the BLM's national office. He spent 3 years in the BLM's environmental planning and decision support directorate as the Deputy Division Chief, then relocated to New Mexico in 2010 to oversee one of the agency's largest oil and gas programs."

**-Suzette M. Kimball, Acting Director**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

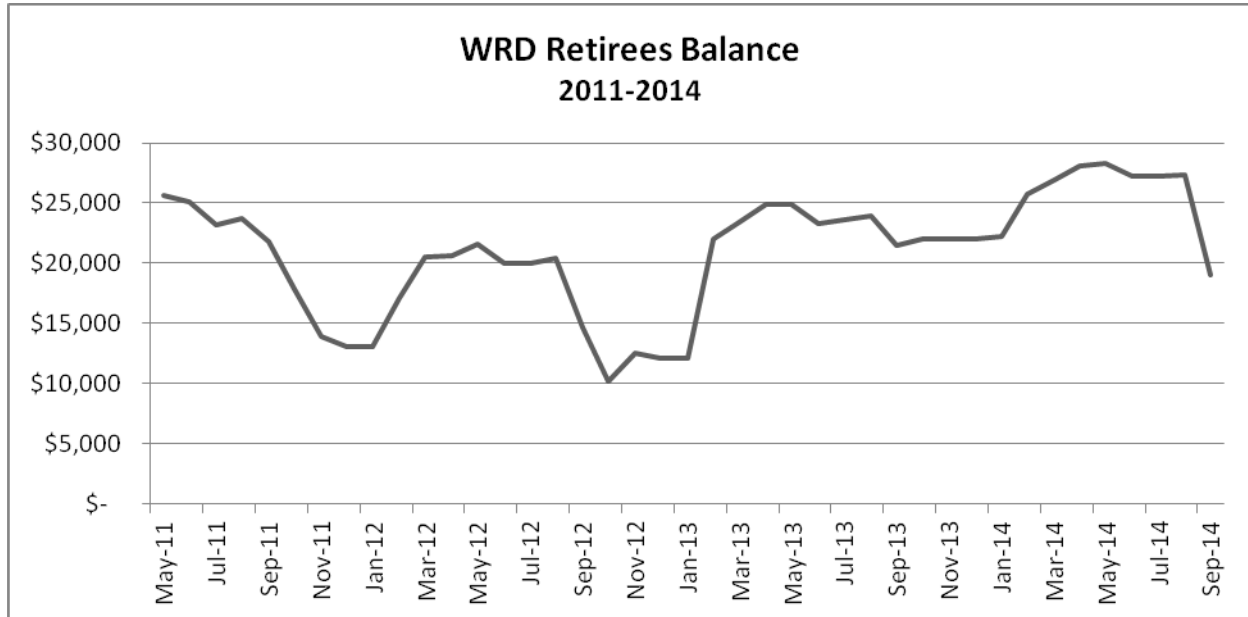
The WRD Retirees' treasury balances for recent months were as follows:

July 2014, \$27,190.

August 2014, \$27,380.

September 2014, \$19,056.

The balance for September reflects the disbursement of \$8000 for the scholarship program. The data have been posted on the graph as shown.



## **I WANT TO GO BACK TO THE TIME WHEN**

1. Decisions were made by going "eeny-meeny-miney-mo."
2. Mistakes were corrected by simply exclaiming, "do over!"
3. "Race issue" meant arguing about who ran the fastest.
4. Money issues were handled by whoever was the banker in "Monopoly."
5. Catching the fireflies could happily occupy an entire evening.
6. It wasn't odd to have two or three "best" friends.
7. Being old referred to anyone over 20.
8. The net on a tennis court was the perfect height to play volleyball and rules didn't matter.
9. The worst thing you could catch from the opposite sex was cooties.
10. It was magic when dad would "remove" his thumb.
11. It was unbelievable that dodgeball wasn't an Olympic event.
12. Having a weapon in school meant being caught with a slingshot.
13. Nobody was prettier than Mom.
14. Scrapes and bruises were kissed and made better.
15. It was a big deal to finally be tall enough to ride the "big people" rides at the amusement park.
16. Getting a foot of snow was a dream come true.
17. Abilities were discovered because of a "double-dog-dare."
18. Saturday morning cartoons weren't 30-minute ads for action figures.
19. No shopping trip was complete unless a new toy was brought home.
20. "Oly-oly-oxen-free" made perfect sense. (I don't remember this one!!! Surly someone out there has heard of it!!!!!!)
21. Spinning around, getting dizzy and falling down was cause for giggles.
22. The worst embarrassment was being picked last for a team.
23. War was a card game.

- 24. Water balloons were the ultimate weapon.
- 25. Baseball cards in the spokes transformed any bike into a motorcycle.
- 26. Taking drugs meant orange-flavored chewable aspirin.
- 27. Ice cream was considered a basic food group.
- 28. Older siblings were the worst tormentors but also the fiercest protectors.

**--Submitted by Andy Anderson**