

Program on Hospice Will Show How Families Live Life to the Fullest

Our speaker for the April 2008 RCRA meeting is **Jimmy Lou Berridge**, a health educator with a B.S. and M.A. in Health Education from Texas Women's University. Ms. Berridge has many years of experience in public secondary schools in the Dallas Metroplex teaching Health Education, P.E. and coaching tennis at North Mesquite in the 1970's. She has sales experience, and as a speaker, planned, composed and delivered motivational, self-help and success presentations. Currently she is Community Education Director for Autumn Journey Hospice in Dallas.

Autumn Journey Hospice is committed to educating the community about end of life care. Because there is a lack of awareness in the community about hospice, Autumn Journey employees and volunteers have formed a speaker's bureau to talk to groups like our retiree association. Ms. Berridge will answer the question, "What is hospice?" and tell how a hospice works. Like most speakers from the bureau she will incorporate her own personal experiences into her presentation. This information promises to be educational, touching and applicable to our families.

President's Ponderings

Already the April meeting is upon us and it is time for me to ponder with you once again. I hope you have been enjoying the series of speakers we have been arranging for you in each meeting. We are always encouraged with your excellent attendance at our meetings. I know that you do look forward to our social hour as I do because there is nothing like reminiscing together and being in the company of friends with whom you spent multitude of hours learning and contributing together. I am looking forward to visiting with all of you again. There has been ongoing activity with your association officers these past few months related to planning upcoming meetings and related matters.

April 17, 2008 Meeting

9:00 Social Hour

10:00 Business Meeting

Richardson Civic Center

411 W. Arapaho Road

President's Ponderings *(continued)*

For the April 2008 meeting we have Jimmy Lou Berridge from Autumn Journey Hospice as our speaker. I thank Tom Schultz for arranging our speaker. I am looking forward to her presentation on this very important topic for all of us.

We will formally elect our officers for the next two years during the business session of our April meeting. You will recall we presented to you the slate of officers in our last meeting in October. I thank once again our nominating committee comprised of Fritz Weigl, Dave Jakska and Jerry Henninger. The slate consists of Thomas Schultz for President, Grady Fairbairn for Vice- President, and Joanne Patrick for Treasurer.

It is hard for me to believe that my 2-year term is coming to conclusion. I could not have served without the able help from Mike Lauterbach and Shirley Scallorn. All three of us are committed to help our new officers to make sure they do not get overwhelmed in their new roles. May I ask your help too in continuing to be generous at our meetings. Assuming Rockwell-Collins' ongoing commitment at the present level, your support in concert with a nominal stream of advertisement revenue is essential to our effectiveness. Please stay vigilant in suggesting to your officers the names of additional businesses
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October 16, 2008 Meeting

9:00 Social Hour

10:00 Business Meeting

Richardson Civic Center

411 W. Arapaho Road

New Website for RCRA is Now in Use

At the last October meeting of RCRA, attendees were told that Jerry Henninger, a past president of RCRA, had answered our appeal in the *Retirement Bulletin* to provide an alternative to the existing website hosted for many years by Dave Jaksa.

Jerry Henninger and his business partner, Lance Ochs, at the **Heritage Trade Group**, agreed to host the RCRA website on their company's equipment. They quickly redesigned the website and made it operational.

Visit <http://rcretirees.com/> to see how information from our semiannual newsletter is displayed on line. Also notice that a user can download a roster that includes names and mailing addresses for our membership totaling more than 2100.

In the past we have had an email distribution list that primarily provided notice of upcoming memorial services for one of our members. This practice is ongoing, but now these notices are being posted on line and contain information, and frequently pictures, that were included in the *Dallas Morning News* or another local newspaper. In effect this is providing a history available to our members.

Members can forward information to be posted on line to the current vice president or directly to Jerry. His email address is jerry@heritagetradegroup.com.

Please note that the official roster of members is maintained by the vice president of our association. That master file is kept current, and updates are made available on line twice a year, concurrent with the mailing of the newsletter prior to each semiannual meeting.

I know you will join the RCRA officers in thanking Jerry and Lance for their generous donation of equipment and service.

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2008 Election Candidates

During our April meeting we will be electing new officers for our Association. As presented in our October 2007 Newsletter, candidates nominated for election this year to our three officer positions are as follows:

Tomm Schultz: *Candidate for President*

Grady Fairbairn: *Candidate for Vice President*

Joanne Patrick: *Candidate for Treasurer*

You can find details about these candidates in our last newsletter or on the RCRA web site at:

<http://rcretirees.com/>

Nominations for these positions can still be made, but you should first confirm with the individual that they are willing to accept the nomination. Please contact one of the current officers with your nomination.

President's Ponderings

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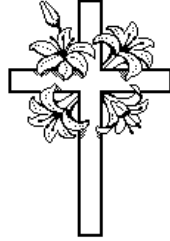
that could benefit from advertising in our newsletter.

Finally, let me wish you many years of healthy and prosperous retirement. All of us have numerous skills. Let us take full advantage of our complete skill set by staying busy, because there is no better way than to keep ourselves occupied productively. Thank you!

Anant Jain

In Remembrance

Louis Acosta
Bill Boyd
Jim Brissel
Howard Buchanan
John Deskin
Robert Frost
James W. Heyroth
Kenneth Hoffman
Rick Lewis
Ronnie Long
Travis McPherson
Larry Oliver
John Proza
Sam Ray
Gary Rowley
Bill Shurtleff
Janette Snowden
Bobby Strain
Charles Stubbs
David Thatcher
James Wallace
Ed Williams
Arnold Wofford



Welcome Recent Retirees

John Allen
Carol Cunningham
Dale Ensminger
Howard Greenburg
Dave Marrs
Robert McGuire
Suellen Mullins
Reid Nesbit
G.L. Parrish
Mike Patrick
Eric Pearson
Harold Perry
John Robinson
Ann Russell
Judy Whittington

Invite all Rockwell Collins retirees who recently retired to our upcoming meeting.

Rockwell Collins Leadership Association website:
<http://rockwellcollinsclubs.com/clubs-tx/leadership/>

Internet Communications

When we started our employment with Collins Radio or Rockwell International, we had never heard of the internet. Today references to it have become common. The internet has come a long way in just a few decades. It has greatly improved productivity of companies, and individuals that use it. Do you realize that the path to the beginning of the internet and its widespread usage traveled through our company Rockwell-Collins in Richardson, TX?

On November 7, 2007 a number of Rockwell Collins retirees were invited by the Mountain View Museum of Computer History to celebrate the first 3-network demonstration of TCP, 30 years ago. That demonstration has now been recognized as the watershed point in technology that became the internet. Our RCRA President, Anant Jain, along with Jim Garrett and Mike Cisco attended from Rockwell-Collins team. A number of additional RCRA retirees who participated with Anant and Jim in 1977 were invited, but could not attend. The three networks involved in the experiment were the ARPANET, PRNET (Packet Radio Net from Collins) and the SATNET. While many people trace the internet origins to ARPANET of the late 1960's, in fact the word 'internet' means joining different types of networks together – as demonstrated by the experiment in 1977. Our customers at the time-Bob Kahn and Vint Cerf (now credited as co-inventors of Internet), along with representatives from Stanford Research, BBN, UCLA and Qualcom were also present. Congratulations to our fellow retirees for being recognized as Internet Pioneers!

Mike Lauterbach

Updated Rosters Available

Updated Rosters will be available at the April meeting for a cost of \$4.00.

To obtain a roster by mail, send your request including your address along with a check for \$5.00 to:

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