

Program on the Guide Dog Foundation
Our speaker today is David Wright representing the Guide Dog Foundation and former area coordinator for the Dallas Fort Worth Guide Dog group. He will speak on his experiences as a raiser, small group coordinator and area coordinator.

“Cammie”



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October 15, 2009

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When Donna asked David if they could become puppy raisers in the spring of 1995, he replied that they could never love and train a pup for a year and then give it up. He did have to eat those words as they are currently raising their 14th future guide dog, which they will again have to “give up” in November.

They have had a passion for the blind community for over 14 years and have served by being:

- Puppy raisers to 14 pups: 2 breeders, 8 working guides, 1 ATF, 2 released and one current pup
- Small group leader of 5-7 puppy raisers
- Area coordinators for 22 puppy raisers

As area coordinators and puppy raisers for Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind in Smithtown, New York, it is an honor and privilege to share how a single pup can make an enormous change in the life of someone who cannot see. Their last pup, Cammie, a flat coat retriever/lab cross is a VetDog/Guide Dog working for a Vietnam vet in the Atlanta area.

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Website Site for RCRA is Now in Use

Since October, 2007, Jerry Henninger, a past president of RCRA, has hosted the RCRA web site. We appreciate and thank Jerry Henninger and his business partner, Lance Ochs at the **Heritage Trade Group** for hosting the website on their company's equipment. It appears that many people are visiting the web site.

Visit <http://rc retirees.com/> to see how information from our semiannual newsletter is displayed on line. Also notice that a user can view a roster that includes names and mailing addresses for our membership totaling more than 2100. As a security measure, you must e-mail one of the officers to obtain the pass word to access the directory. Please be aware the directory is not for commercial use only.

Please continue to forward obituaries and death notices for our members to one of the officers at the address in the box above right and copy Jerry Henninger. His email address is jerry@heritagetradegroup.com.

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

Thanks to Our Hostess Committee

Another group we want to express our gratitude and thanks to is our Hostess Committee organized by **Janice Taylor** and **Bernice Toller**. This group of Hostesses greets members, prepares the meeting room, handles name tags, arranges and serves the refreshments, sells rosters and collects the money to support the meetings and does an outstanding job at every meeting. We all greatly appreciate their support at each meeting.

Remember, our primary means of supporting our meetings is donations from you. Please give generously when the baskets are passed around

President's Ponderings for Oct 2009

One of the stated purposes of the Rockwell Collins Retirees Association is to promote the welfare of the community. Many of our members contribute substantial time and energy to benefit our community by volunteering at various organizations. Among those are the Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, fire and police departments, school systems and church activities.

One of the great opportunities of being retired is the chance to volunteer our time to provide guidance, support and companionship to those who could benefit from our experience or time.

Even though the organizations and people thoroughly appreciate the time and effort spent by those who volunteer, those who have done so often report they receive much more from the experience than they expected. They report it to be one of the most rewarding experiences they have ever had.

Not only does volunteering benefit the community and the volunteer, it can also be very cost effect to the organization. One volunteer hour is estimated to be worth about \$20. I urge each of us to explore our communities and take the first step in volunteering.

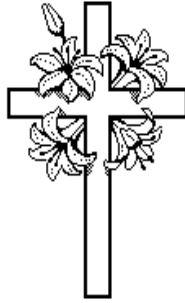
Those who are already volunteering deserve our heartfelt thanks and continued support for doing a wonderful job. We applaud you.

Our Semi-Annual meetings are always open to spouses.

Please assist us by inviting any Rockwell Collins Retiree in the area that may not be getting our Bulletin.

In Remembrance

Foster L Bosworth
Bennie Cegelski
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Edward A. Town
Richard E. Williams



Welcome Recent Retirees

Jeff Barton
Jim Little
Bill Rathgeber

We need your help to identify and contact Retirees. We must have the retirees address from them or a friend.

We have over 200 new and/or changed addresses in this Bulletin mailing and they are also the new rosters available at the desk when your register and get your nametag's.

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

New Members

The company no longer provides us New Retiree contact information because of privacy concerns. Please advise any New Retirees you know to provide their full name, mailing address, telephone, e-mail address and date of retirement to Grady L Fairbairn, g.fairbiarn@sbcglobal.net, 7300 Dustin Ct., North Richland Hills, TX 76182-9125, phone 817-498-7399 so they may be added to the Rockwell Collins Retiree Association data base. We must rely on new retirees to make contact with us.

Remembering Our Work Family

The RCRA posts listings of our work family members who have passed. If you have knowledge of someone who has passed recently we would like to post an obit with or without photo, on the <http://rcretirees.com> web site, please email jerry@heritagetrade.com.

Updated Rosters Available

Updated Rosters will be available at the October 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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