

HOF CONNECTION WEEKLY UPDATE #619
OCTOBER 22, 2013

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BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

The following will be celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS!

Claudia Tiller, wife of Roy – TODAY – 10/22 – 78

Doug Wampole – TODAY – 10/22 – ??

Patrick Gallagher – 10/23 – 70

Joan Donofrio, wife of Tony – 10/25 – 71

Gordon Schultz – 10/25 – 69

Mark Clemons – 10/26 – 70

Alice Habecker, wife of Marty – 10/26 – 78

Barbara 'Hohmann' Imboden, wife of Ned – 10/27 – 63

Roy Tiller – 10/27 – 83

Sam Wilson – 10/27 – 72

William H. 'Bill' Myer – 10/28 – 67

WE WISH THEM ALL A HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES!

Tony & Lynn Cameron – TODAY – 10/22 – 47 Yrs (PHOTO)

Ron & Joyce Coey – 10/23 – 17 Yrs (PHOTO)

Dan & Barbara Haywood – 10/23 – 45 Yrs

Charles & Evi 'Flügel' Stankich – 10/23 – 3 Yrs (PHOTO)

Dave & Karen Dickson – 10/24 – 15 Yrs (PHOTO)

Chuck & Ginny Garbers – 10/26 – 50 Golden Years

Bruce & Barbara Flannery – 10/27 – 4 Yrs

Bill 'Smiley' & Elaine Hansberger – 10/27 – 46 Yrs (PHOTO)

WE WISH THEM A VERY HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

2014 HRA REUNION IN COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

For all the HRA Members/Spouses living in Colorado, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Nebraska, Kansas, and Wyoming, the 2014 HRA Reunion is being held in COLORADO SPRINGS, CO, AT THE HOTEL ELEGANTE FROM OCTOBER 5-11, 2014. If you live in one of the above states, it should only be a one-day drive to Colorado Springs. Of course, you can fly into Colorado Springs, or Denver. Look ahead, mark your calendars, and come join many of your fellow Hofers at the 2014 HRA Reunion and rekindle some old, and new friendships. FULL Details and Registration/Shirt Order form will be in the 2014 January Hof Connection Newsletter and other information will be in Hof Weekly Updates through out the year.

EMAIL FROM ERICH DUENE TO ROBERT & HANNA HOERATH

Below is email from Erich Duene, Traudl Riggin's brother, on the Hotel Elegante in Colorado Springs. Erich's email is in German and he talks about his visit to the hotel when staying with Jim & Traudl Riggin during his recent visit to the states for the 2013 Cocoa Beach Reunion.

On Sunday, October 13, 2013 11:12 PM, Erich wrote:

"Hanna und Robert, ich grüße den "Deutschen Außenposten" der "Hof-Reunion"!

Das Informationsmaterial über das Hotel in Col.Springs habt Ihr erhalten.

Vor meinem Rückflug nach GER habe ich mir das Hotel für REUNION 2014 angesehen. Ein Zimmer habe ich auch besichtigt.

Meine Einschätzung:

Das Hotel ELEGANTE (2886 S.Circle Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80906, www.hotelegante.com) macht einen sehr guten und sauberen/gepflegten Eindruck. Die Atmosphäre im Haus ist gut und ich fühlte mich sofort wohl. Das Hotel liegt verkehrsgünstig zum Flughafen COS (ca. 5 Miles) und zur City COS (ca. 2-3 Miles). Im Umkreis des Hotels gibt es auch Restaurants , Shop und mehrere Tankstellens. Auch die Räumlichkeiten für die Veranstaltung "REUNION 2014" im Hotel sehe positiv.

Weitere Informationen könnte man sich mittels Internet und/oder GoogleMaps holen.

Also...look for it!"

Schöne Grüße – Erich

NOTE FROM AMY SWEENEY ON HER DAD TERRY SWEENEY

HRA Member Lonnie Henderson received the following email from Terry Sweeney's daughter Amy on October 17, 2013.

"I wanted to take a moment to update you about my Dad's condition. As you may know he has been fighting Pancreatic Cancer for over a year. He is now nearing the end of his battle. He was admitted to the Josie Harper Hospice House, 7415 Cedar Street, Omaha, NE 68124 yesterday. Dad's cell phone number is (402) 319-7321 and I would sure appreciate some prayers sent his way or even a friendly call from dear friends. Take care." Amy

Please keep Terry, Karen, Amy, and the entire Sweeney family in your thoughts and prayers. Terry was on 'C' Trick, 6915th Ops, Hof '65-68

UPDATES FROM ADJUTANT'S OFFICE THIS PAST WEEK

RAY & PRISCILLA SLEEPER have moved back to their winter quarters.

Ray Sleeper

291 Wendell Rd SW, Etna, OH 43068-3852

Phone (740) 963-8049 Email – rsleeper@twc.com

MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK - NONE

NEW MEMBERS REGISTERING AND JOINING THE HRA - NONE

MEMBERS FOUND OR RECONNECTING WITH THE HRA

Phil Ruth found address for Spyridon H. Mikelatos, 7307th DISP, who was listed on Master Roster as missing. No phone or other info found.

Spyridon H. Mikelatos

PO Box 2136, Manhattan Beach, CA 90267-2136

FLYBY LIST: JERRY WELLS, 6915th, Hof '62, Born Aug '43, Died Oct '92; Twin Brother TERRY WELLS, 6915th, Hof '62, Born Aug '43, Died Mar '07.

LADIES SERVING IN HEAVEN: None reported to us this past week.

OFF THE BEATEN PATH: OPENING OF FERWEH DINER IN HOF

Check out the photos of the opening of the diner in September 2013. Click on site - [Fernweh-Park | Fernweh-Park Museum Cafe - Diner](#)

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HOF CONNECTION WEEKLY UPDATE #620
OCTOBER 29, 2013

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SPRING FORWARD – FALL BACK – SET CLOCKS

This coming Sunday, November 3rd, at 2 AM local time, we will move our clocks **BACK** one hour to start Standard Time in Canada and the USA.

Remember to set your clocks **BACK** one hour before going to sleep, or you will be an hour early to church or that breakfast meeting Sunday morning.

BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

The following will be celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS!

Albert Ludwig – TODAY – 10/29 – 83

George Bennett – 10/30 – 83

Dan Holden – 10/30 – 73

Dan Norgail – 10/30 – 69

Peggy Slothower, wife of Jim – 10/30 – 65

Richard C. 'Dick' Johnson – 10/31 – 68

Alice Spellman, wife of Ed – 10/31 – 78

Elfriede 'Geiger' Williams, wife of Mike – 10/31 – 75

Jerry Coleman – 11/1 – 74

Donna Knight, wife of Tom – 11/1 – 77

Gerald 'Jerry' Decker – 11/2 – 78

Marcia Combs, wife of Bill – 11/3 – 77

Russ Vandermartin – 11/3 – 67

Kenneth Brown – 11/4 – 71

Jerry Librizzo – 11/4 – 65

Vicki Wampole, wife of Doug – 11/4 – 63

WE WISH THEM ALL A HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES!

Freddy & Helga 'Weber' Bales – TODAY – 10/29/67 – 46 Yrs

Billy & Phyllis Thomas – 10/30/65 – 48 Yrs

Bob & Sue Morrisson – 11/1/75 – 38 Yrs (PHOTO)

WE WISH THEM A VERY HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

TWO MONTHS LEFT IN 2013

There are two months remaining in 2013. Just a reminder to our members whose dues expire on December 31, 2013 – There are 133 current active members, and 13 current Widow Exempt members, that will have their membership expire at the end of December 2013. Check with Adjutant Mel Hamill or Secretary Don Riverkamp if you are not sure what year your dues are paid up through. Dues remain at \$15 per year. Widow Exempt current members need only confirm that their information is still correct on the HRA Master Roster since they do not have to pay dues.

UPDATES FROM ADJUTANT'S OFFICE THIS PAST WEEK

PAUL GENUNG has **NEW** email address – genungpaul@gmail.com

KEN & GAY KIELBANIA's correct phone number – (561-866-5728)

IVEY MOSSELL, has **NEW** email address - ivey1936@suddenInk.net

MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK

LARRY CANN renewed thru 2016.

NEW MEMBERS REGISTERING AND JOINING THE HRA - NONE

MEMBERS FOUND OR RECONNECTING WITH THE HRA

Calvin & Margit Norwood located Paul Hass living in Gulfport, MS. Phil Ruth has emailed Paul HRA paperwork in case he wants to join the HRA.

PAUL H. HASS, 6915th, Hof '61-64

Armed Forces Retirement Home

1800 Beach Drive, Gulfport, MS 39507-1508

Phone - (800) 422-9988

Email - ralph124c4u@cableone.net

NOTE FROM PAUL TO CALVIN AND MARGIT - "I'm still alive and currently living in the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport Mississippi. My son had a telephone message left on his phone but everything was garbled. He has taken over the family residence in Manning. I retired from the AF in 1980, spent 15 years in the transportation industry, went to Alaska to run a gold dredge for 4 years, returned to the lower 48 to run my own trucking business for 10 years and retired for good when the doctor took all my medical waivers away in 1982. I moved to Gulfport about 3 years ago and am in hog heaven. I have a condo on the beach with literally all the amenities (24 hour security, 24 hour fitness center, 24 hour wellness center, etc.) My son and grandsons come and visit from time to time and the home keeps everything humming so nobody is bored." Paul

FLYBY LIST: None reported to us this past week.

LADIES SERVING IN HEAVEN: None reported to us this past week.

OFF THE BEATEN PATH: FROM HRA NEWSLETTER EDITOR PHIL MURRAY

Anyone that has served in uniform will appreciate this video.

<http://www.greatamericans.com/video/Portraits-of-Valor-Roy-Benavide>

END OF WEEKLY UPDATE #620

HOF CONNECTION WEEKLY UPDATE #621
NOVEMBER 05, 2013

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VETERANS' DAY 2013 – MONDAY – NOVEMBER 11, 2013

Veterans' Day is observed yearly on November 11th, in memory of all the brave men and women who have sacrificed their lives while serving and protecting our great nation; VetFriends.com would like to thank all veteran brothers and sisters, active and reserve military of the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard. They would also like to take a moment to reflect on the many brave men and women who have given their lives in service and protection of their country. The Vet Friends military photo collection is a tribute to all U.S. military heroes and is made up of thousands of authentic military photos at www.vetfriends.com/MilitaryPics

What is a veteran – “A veteran, whether active duty, retired, national guard or reserve, is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of American, for an amount of ‘up to, and including his life’. That is honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand it.”

On behalf of the HRA Executive Board and all our members, we hope that everyone has a safe, memorable, and healthy Veterans' Day observance and celebration with their fellow Vets, Hofers, family and friends. Please take a time to remember our past and present troops on this special day.

West Virginia University Marching Band, honoring the Armed Forces, sent to us by HRA Member Michael Detzler. Thanks Mike!
<http://www.youtube.com/embed/MjPmmCtHmfE?rel=0>

SOME HOTELS, AND MANY RESTAURANTS & BUSINESS ARE OFFERING DISCOUNTS, AND/OR FREE MEALS FOR VETERANS THIS YEAR, AS THEY DID IN THE PAST YEARS. CHECK YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND INTERNET SITES FOR THE SPECIALS IN YOUR AREA.

GERMANY – NOVEMBER 11th – FASCHING

REMEMBER FASCHING - We're sure you've heard of the Mardi Gras in New Orleans. It's been celebrated for centuries and is known worldwide. However, many people still do not understand what Fasching is in Germany.

Fasching is Germany's carnival season. **It starts on the 11th day of November at exactly 11 minutes after 11am and ends at the stroke of midnight on Shroud Tuesday - often referred to as Fat Tuesday (the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday).** Fasching is more or less a Roman Catholic and Christian Orthodox celebration and most Protestant and non-Christian areas do not celebrate it. Fasching (also known as Karneval) is a time of festivity and merry making - a time to break the rules, poke fun at those who make them and then to make your own new rules.

In Germany, the tradition can be traced to medieval times where many countries existed under harsh rules. Kings, princes and even smaller potentates maintained their own courts. In doing so, they flaunted before each other their own pomp and splendor at the expense of their population. During Karneval time, the common people took a chance at "living it up" and "talking back to their rulers". They would make a mock government of eleven people, as well as other officials. A prince and princess were selected to rule the country during the Fasching season. Political authorities, high placed persons and sovereigns were the target of ridicule, and featured in humorous and satirical speeches. To avoid persecution and punishment, these antics were played out from behind masks and costumes. Parades, dancing in the streets, masquerade balls and comical skits filled the days and nights.

Although other parts of the world celebrate carnival times, especially Rio de Janeiro, Germany is undoubtedly the most enthusiastic Karneval center in Europe.

Nearly every town has its own festivities and it is celebrated in homes across the country. Karneval varies from area to area, but no matter where the celebrations are held, there is fun, happiness, laughter and certain nostalgia.

Remember the Fasching Trains?? Jump on, destination unknown, and party, party, party. Like the saying here in the USA, "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas!" WELL – What happens during fasching train parties stays with the partygoers on the train.

NOTE FROM HRA MEMBER DR. JOHN A. 'TONY' WILLIAMS

Don – "Thought I'd share with you that I'm officially retiring from higher education on December 9th after 35 satisfying and productive years. My last appointment was Vice President for Institutional Research, Assessment and Planning at Tuskegee University, Alabama."

Tony was with 6915th, Hof '64-67. We wish Tony all the best, and a wonderful retirement life.

BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

The following will be celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS!

Arnold Burnett – TODAY – 11/5 – 70

Ramon Schuety – TODAY – 11/5 – 76

Walt Whisner – TODAY – 11/5 – 73

Ray Szyperki – 11/7 – 84

Norma Heggie, wife of Norm – 11/8 – 69
Paula 'Shear' Larimore, wife of Steve – 11/8 – 56
John Scholl – 11/9 – 72
Jim Sever – 11/9 – 71
Regina Curtis, wife of Auby – 11/10 – 75
Marty Habecker – 11/10 – 83
Richard Pappaceno, soul mate of Anni 'Kiesling' Dixon – 11/10 - 67
Ruth Smeal, wife of Jerry – 11/10 – 66
Doyle Dean – 11/11 – 73
Eileen Gallagher, wife of Patrick – 11/11 – 66
WE WISH THEM ALL A HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES!

Bob & Mary Ann 'Maggie' Trojanowski – 11/10/62 – **51 Years** (PHOTO)
Harry & Virginia Jones – 11/11/61 – **52 Years**
WE WISH THEM A VERY HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

UPDATES FROM ADJUTANT'S OFFICE THIS PAST WEEK

HERM NARON has a **NEW** email address – hlnhofer576501@spamex.com

MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK

Dean Reed renewed thru FY15.
Dewey Tweed renewed thru FY14.

DONATIONS: Dean Reed - \$20 and Dewey Tweed - \$10

FLYBY LIST: TERRENCE P. 'TERRY' SWEENEY

Terry Sweeney, 6915th, Hof '66-69, passed away on October 26, 2013. Our sympathy and prayers go out to the Sweeney family, relatives and friends.

Obituary from the Papillion, NE Newspaper:

Sweeney, Terrence P. "Terry" - Age 67 - Mar 26, 1946 – Oct 26, 2013

Preceded in death by parents, Peter and Mary Louise; brothers, Gerard, James, and Dennis Martin. Survived by wife Karen; children, Amy Wooten, Lt. Col. James (Mattie) Sweeney, Spc. Agent Matthew (Andrea) Sweeney, Brian (Shelly) Price, Stephenie (Corey) Jeffus; grandchildren, Delaney, Dakota, Kori, Alana, Logan, Tyler, Gemma, Cole.

Visitation on Friday 5-7pm at the funeral home. Memorial Services on Saturday 11am, Bethany Funeral Home Chapel. Interment Cedar Dale Cemetery. Graveside military honors by Offutt Air Force Base Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, memorials requested to Wounded Warrior Project. Bethany Funeral Home, 82nd & Harrison, La Vista, NE, (402) 593-6100.

LADIES SERVING IN HEAVEN: None reported to us this past week.

END OF WEEKLY UPDATE #621

HOF CONNECTION WEEKLY UPDATE #622
NOVEMBER 12, 2013

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CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS!

Ron Neiswander – TODAY – 11/12 – 68

Greg Cooper – 11/13 – 58

Carmen Hardman, widow of Bob – 11/13 – 75

Walt Murch, HRA Sergeant at Arms – 11/13 – 72

Ron Atwood – 11/14 – 70

Ilse 'Muhlbauer' Root, wife of Leo – 11/14 – 67

Larry Cann – 11/16 – 71

Ed Desch – 11/17 – 72

John Orr – 11/17 – 81

Jacqueline August, wife of Larry – 11/18 – 68

Paul Fisher – 11/18 – 83

Elaine Hansberger, wife of Smiley – 11/18 – 71

WE WISH THEM ALL A HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES!

Ray & Priscilla Sleeper – TODAY – 11/12 – 8 Yrs

Jim & Gert Berry – 11/14 – 55 Yrs (Photo)

Jack & Pat Rief – 11/17 – 57 Yrs (Photo)

Rip & Jean Yarnall – 11/17 – 45 Yrs

Bennie & Sophye Hopper – 11/18 – 8 Yrs

WE WISH THEM A VERY HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

NOTE FROM HRA MEMBER RAY SZYPERSKI

Don-We recently celebrated my son Bill's 50th birthday. He was born in Hof and we made it a combination of German and Maryland Feast. Had home made brats,

schnitzel, German potato salad, spatzel, German beer, and Maryland crab cakes. My oldest son Dave was DJ and played all kinds of German music, especially the beer drinking kind. Had a great time. Ray
Wishing Bill Szyperski a belated Happy 50th Birthday!

UPDATES FROM ADJUTANT'S OFFICE THIS PAST WEEK

CHARLIE EPPERSON has **NEW** mailing address. Other info remains same.
12007 State Highway 11 W
Cumby, TX 75433

KEN HAGER has a **NEW** email address – kenhager51@gmail.com

MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK

Charles Isaacs, Dick Herbert, and Charles Shockley renewed thru FY14.

DONATION: Dick Herbert - \$5.00

FLYBY LIST: LEWIS M. JONES, 606th AC&W, Hof '66-69

From Dependent HRA Member Ken Jones on passing of his dad.

“My father, M/Sgt Lewis M. Jones passed away on October 28, 2013 in Ocean Springs, MS after a long illness. He was 83 years old. My Dad served in the Air Force for 27 years. We were stationed at Döbraberg from July 66 to July 69. My Dad was in the 606th AC & W Sqdn; he was the crew chief of Alpha crew, Operations.

My father & mother (Jean) retired at his last duty station, Keesler AFB, and lived nearby in St. Martin, MS.”

Our sympathy and prayers go out to Jean, Ken and the entire Jones family.

From HRA Member Tom Reczek, General Dynamics, Hof '61-63

Please be advised that the following have passed away. Tom

All four of these General Dynamics personnel were on HRA Master Roster as Missing and in Hof '61-63. Our sympathy and prayers go out to all family members and friends of these four men.

ERICH A BATJER

ROBERT E. BRANCH

HENRY D. CULKIN

DONALD A. DUTTON

LADIES SERVING IN HEAVEN: None reported to us this past week.

END OF WEEKLY UPDATE #622

HOF CONNECTION WEEKLY UPDATE #623
NOVEMBER 19, 2013

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The following will be celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS!

Bob Trojanowski – 11/20 – 75

Richard B. Williams – 11/21 – 68

Sue Coons, wife of George – 11/22 – 72

Ute 'Ritter' Sparks, wife of Nate – 11/23 – 72

Ginny Garbers, wife of Chuck – 11/23 – 71

Gary Queen, husband of Rosie – 11/24 – 77

Barbara Haywood, wife of Dan – 11/25 – 70

Karl Tringhese – 11/25 – 69

WE WISH THEM ALL A HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES!

John & Aggie 'Pietsch' Pace – TODAY – 11/19 – 53 Years (Photo)

Calvin & Margit 'Thieroff' Norwood – 11/21 – 50 Golden Years (2 Photos)

Leonard & Marianne Bundra – 11/21 – 26 Years

Ruthie & Don Costello – 11/23 – 6 Years (Photo)

Chet & Cookie Zaremba – 11/25 – 46 Years

WE WISH THEM A VERY HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

HONORARY MEMBER PLAGUE FOR DR. HARALD FICHTNER

HRA German Affairs Representative Robert Hörath & wife Hanna presented the Mayor of Hof, Dr. Harald Fichtner, his plague from the Hof Reunion Association on November 7th honoring him as an honorary member of the HRA. (See PHOTO attached with this update)

HRA 2013 DONATION TO ST ELISABETHIAN ORPHANAGE

HRA German Affairs Representative Robert Hörath & wife Hanna presented the check of 1K Euro to the St Elisabethian Orphanage of Hof. The attached photo with this update was in the Frankenpost on November 14th.

NOTE FROM HRA MEMBER FRANCIS M.C. THOMPSON

“Just to let you know, my mother Alice C. Thompson died early on Thursday, 10/10/13, in Port Orchard, WA. We were all present, but asleep! Some watch we were keeping! My father, Francis R., "pancaked" the next day, but has recovered enough and we are cautiously optimistic he can travel with my sister and me to intern Alice's cremains in NE Indiana, and maybe further put in an appearance with me at Colorado Springs Reunion in 2014. He will be 95 on 11/30/13, and 1/1/14 would have been their 70th wedding anniversary.” Francis

Alice C. Thompson, born March 30, 1920, in Chicago, IL, died Oct. 10, 2013, after a long struggle with cancer in Port Orchard, WA. She was the wife of 69 years of Francis R. Thompson; mother of Theresa T. Thoman (Mark), both of Port Orchard, WA; and Francis M. C. Thompson (Janet) of Pueblo, CO. A memorial is scheduled for noon, Oct. 19, 2013, at St. Bede Episcopal Church, Port Orchard, WA.

The HRA sends its sympathy and prayers to the entire Thompson Family.

UPDATES FROM ADJUTANT'S OFFICE THIS PAST WEEK

DON MILLER has **NEW** mailing address and phone number.

197 Madison Ct

Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Phone – (816) 726-3357

MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK

Renewing thru 2014 – Ralph Christianson & Alan Rabidoux

Renewing thru 2016 – John Slutz

DONATION: John Slutz - \$5.00

FLYBY LIST: None reported to us this past week.

LADIES SERVING IN HEAVEN: None reported to us this past week.

OFF THE BEATEN PATH: From HRA Member Malcolm Gaissert

Coconut Oil Fights Alzheimers – Dr. Mercola, one of the doctors that I am following about Coconut

Oil for months, and I have been using daily since we returned from our Georgia trip in April.

I remember things better. Hasn't helped my spelling as I never was a great speller (I love my spell checker), but when I am supposed to recall something hours or shorter, minutes later, I do it more often than happened during the last few years. Coconut Oil is also good for people who have migraines to keep the brain functioning well. As migraines can cause mini lesions in the brain and the Coconut Oil helps rebuild the brain.

You can find Coconut oil in the cooking section of some markets. Get the Organic version it tastes better. It melts at 76 degrees F, but if you put it in the refrigerator it turns into a brick. Four teaspoons a day probably best in the morning with breakfast.

One other thing - Some scientist put his brain to work to figure out why young women have much lower heart attacks than older women and men of all ages. It has to do with their menstrual cycle. Our blood supply is changed every 100 to 120 days. But the sticky part that causes clotting and brings on heart attacks and strokes is recycled. So the woman's bleeding gets rid of that recycled part of the blood. So the suggestion was for us men and older women to donate blood about twice a year.

The part about peanut butter is interesting. However, I know that I breathe through one of my nostrils about 200 % better than the other.... That may tilt their findings. I discovered this by breathing on a cold window one winter in Hof an der Saale, Deutschland. Malcolm

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HOF CONNECTION WEEKLY UPDATE #624
NOVEMBER 26, 2013

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THANKSGIVING DAY IS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2013

Thanksgiving or Thanksgiving Day, celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November, has officially been an annual tradition in the United States since 1863, when during the Civil War; President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of thanksgiving to be celebrated on Thursday, November 26th. As a federal and popular holiday in the U.S., Thanksgiving is one of the “big six” major holidays of the year (along with Christmas, New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day). Along with Christmas and the New Year, Thanksgiving is a part of the broader holiday season.

The event that Americans commonly call the "First Thanksgiving" was celebrated to give [thanks](#) to God for guiding them safely to the New World. The first Thanksgiving feast lasted three days, providing enough food for 13 Pilgrims and 90 Native Americans. The feast consisted of fish and shellfish, wild fowl, venison, berries and fruit, vegetables, and harvest grains. The New England colonists were accustomed to regularly celebrating "Thanksgivings" (days of prayer), thanking God for blessings such as military victory or the end of a drought.

ONE QUOTE FOR THANKSGIVING DAY – "I thank God everyday for my blessed life. I'm not rich, don't live in a mansion and don't have the nicest of material things, but, I'm healthy, have a roof over my head, clothes on my back, food on my table, a family that loves me and lifelong friends to get me through. I'd say I have a lot to be thankful for."

**ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE HOF REUNION ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD,
WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING WITH FAMILY,
RELATIVES, AND FRIENDS.**

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Dick Kreuzer – TODAY – 11/26 – 75

Richard Delp – 11/29 – 71

Vikki Olsen, wife of Paul – 11/29 – 63

Francis R. Thompson, father of Member Francis M.C. – 11/30 – 95

Len Montie – 12/1 – 71

WE WISH THEM ALL A HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES!

Hal & Dot Olson – 11/27 – 48 Yrs

Pat & Eileen Gallagher – 11/29 – 44 Yrs

Dave, HRA Publisher & Irene Sallinger – 11/29 – 38 Yrs

WE WISH THEM A VERY HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

VISIT HRA ADJUTANT MEL HAMILL'S WEBSITE

Ladies and Gentlemen – Be sure to take time sometime and visit Mel Hamill's website on the internet. Mel has done a fabulous job creating his website and has loads of information (Reunion Data, Attendees, Executive Board, Hof Connection Newsletters, Hof Weekly Updates, History, Membership and Reunion Forms, etc.), and photos of Hof, Germany.

Mel's site is www.hofgermany.com

THANK YOU LETTER FROM AIR FORCE ENLISTED VILLAGE

Attached with this update is a letter from the Air Force Enlisted Village (AFEV) President and CEO James C. Binnicker, CMSAF #9. Chief Binnicker thanks the Hof Reunion Association for the generous gift and donation of \$2,000.00 for calendar year 2013.

UPDATES FROM ADJUTANT'S OFFICE THIS PAST WEEK

Nothing came in to the adjutant's office this past week.

MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK - NONE

NEW MEMBERS REGISTERING AND JOINING THE HRA - NONE

MEMBERS FOUND OR RECONNECTING WITH THE HRA - NONE

FLYBY LIST: None reported to us this past week.

LADIES SERVING IN HEAVEN: None reported to us this past week.

END OF WEEKLY UPDATE #624

HOF CONNECTION WEEKLY UPDATE #625
DECEMBER 03, 2013

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DECEMBER 7, 1941 – PEARL HARBOR – DAY OF INFAMY
PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

This coming Saturday, December 7, 2013 will be 72 years since the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.

“On December 7, 1941, Japanese planes attacked the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii Territory, killing more than 2,300 Americans. The USS Arizona was completely destroyed, and the USS Oklahoma capsized. A total of twelve ships sank or were beached in the attack and nine additional vessels were damaged. More than 160 aircraft were destroyed and more than 150 others damaged.

A hurried dispatch from the ranking United States naval officer in Pearl Harbor, Commander in Chief Pacific, to all major navy commands and fleet units provided the first official word of the attack at the ill-prepared Pearl Harbor base. It said simply – ‘AIR RAID ON PEARL HARBOR X THIS IS NOT DRILL’”

“The attack came as a profound shock to the American people and led directly to the American entry into World War II in both the Pacific and European theaters. The following day, December 8, the United States declared war on Japan.”

BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

The following will be celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS!

Larry Davis – TODAY – 12/3 – 65

Carmen Grassert, wife of Malcolm – TODAY – 12/3 – 64

Cathye Ballou, wife of Willies – 12/4 – 66

Frances Orr, wife of John – 12/4 – 85

Patti Resnick, wife of Howard – 12/4 – 70

Margaret Schultz, wife of Gordon – 12/4 – 65

Jean Epperson, wife of Robert – 12/5 – 75
Dr. John 'Tony' Williams – 12/5 – 71
Robert Conrad – 12/6 – 68
Dwayne Jenik – 12/7 – 75
Ute 'Schaedlich' Reczek, wife of Tom – 12/7 – 75
Lawrence 'Larry' Berger – 12/8 – 73
Ed Leach – 12/8 – 77
Jean Yarnall, wife of Rip – 12/8 – 70
John Munday – 12/9 – 80
WE WISH THEM A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES!

Ned & Barbara 'Hohmann' Imboden – TODAY – 12/3 – 47 Years (PHOTO)
Doug & Vicki Wampole – 12/8 – 34 Years
WE WISH THEM A VERY HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

2014 HOF REUNION ASSOCIATION DUES

Just a reminder to those members whose dues will expire on 12/31/2013; There are 140 members and widow exempt whose dues will expire on December 31, 2013. If you are not sure if you fall into this category, you can contact Don Riverkamp or Mel Hamill to find out. Grace period for renewing your membership for 2014 expires on March 31, 2014. Widow Exempt do not owe dues, however, we would still need an updated membership form filled out – Thanks! **We have attached a .PDF file of the membership form with this update. You may also go to Mel Hamill's website, www.hofgermany.com and get the membership form.**

UPDATES FROM ADJUTANT'S OFFICE THIS PAST WEEK

JIM PATTERSON has **NEW** email address j.patterson47@aol.com

MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK

MELVIN POTURALSKI renewed thru 2014

MEMBERS FOUND OR RECONNECTING WITH THE HRA

Clyde Brown has provided the following information on missing member Ken Good, Hof '59, 6915th. HRA paperwork emailed to Ken.

KEN GOOD and wife Shirley

211 Ziegler St

Mt Joy, PA 17552

Phone (719) 653-5339

Email - kwgood@comcast.net

FLYBY LIST: None reported to us this past week.

LADIES SERVING IN HEAVEN: None reported to us this past week.

END OF WEEKLY UPDATE #625

HOF CONNECTION WEEKLY UPDATE #626
DECEMBER 10, 2013

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BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

CORRECTION from last week's update.

Carmen 'Gruenhözl' Grasser, widow of Ken – 12/3 – 64

The following will be celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS!

Chuck Garbers – TODAY – 12/10 – 76

Bonnie Norman, wife of Robert – TODAY – 12/10 – 57

Erika Pritchard, wife of James – TODAY – 12/10 – 70

Barbara 'Scheuerbrand' Chapman – 12/11 – 64

Harriet Baker, wife of Ben – 12/12 – 76

Jackson Simpson – 12/12 – 78

Robert Thrush – 12/12 – 76

Brent Anderson – 12/13 – 72

Dr. Eric Bergstrom – 12/13 – 75

Robert Rankin – 12/13 – 80

Bernie Capps – 12/14 – 69

Anni 'Woerl' Motherway, wife of John – 12/14 – 72

WE WISH THEM A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES!

Charles & Karin Farris – TODAY – 12/10 – 44 Yrs

Claude & Myrtle Spicer – TODAY – 12/10 – 63 Yrs

Jerry & Elizabeth Coleman – 12/16 – 50 Golden Years (PHOTO)

Dr. John 'Tony' & Seleria Williams – 12/16 – 35 Yrs (PHOTO)

WE WISH THEM A VERY HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

2014 JANUARY HOF CONNECTION NEWSLETTER

Your HRA Executive Board, and especially HRA Newsletter Editor Phil Murray, are currently working on the 2014 January Hof Connection Newsletter that will be mailed to current active members in January 2014. We will be mailing the newsletter, along with HRA Membership Form, 2014 HRA Colorado Springs Reunion Registration Form, and Voting Ballet for the 2015 HRA Reunion Site via US Post Office First Class Mail after the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. If any member has changed mailing address recently and not informed us, please email Don Riverkamp with your updated US Postal mailing address.

NOTE FROM GREG KRCMA ON RUSS VANDERMARTIN

The following is a note from Greg Krcma on Russ Vandermartin who had a stroke just before Thanksgiving. Please keep Russ & Pat in your prayers.

Hi Don - An update on Russ; he had a major stroke (bleeding on the brain) just before Thanksgiving. He is now in rehab in the Pottsville Hospital, no paralysis but his memory was affected. He had been complaining about bad headaches. The doctors figured he was having a lot of mini strokes.

Get well cards can be sent to:

Russ Vandermartin
203 Nittany St
Pottsville PA 17901-8644

UPDATES FROM ADJUTANT'S OFFICE THIS PAST WEEK

MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK

Barbara 'Scheuerbrand' Chapman and Shirley Wood renewed thru 2014 (WE14).
Bob Bennett, Greg Cooper, Pete Payne, Leo Root & Ed Spellman renewed thru 2014.

John Frivance and Paul McGuire renewed thru 2015.

Al Freddie renewed thru 2016.

NEW MEMBERS REGISTERING AND JOINING THE HRA

WILLIAM L. 'BILLY' CAMERON, 6915th, Hof '60-62, FY14, wife Patricia
1030 Christmas Ln
Gambrills, MD 21054
Phone – (410) 672-6803
Email – juniper@cablespeed.com

NOTE FROM BILLY CAMERON - I was on Baker Flight of the 6915th for my entire time at Hof (March 1960-June 1962). A look at the roster brings back many memories. Doug Medlyn (who was on Dog Flight, I see you haven't located him, he was from Grass Valley, California). I hitched a ride with Major Miller out to the site when we first got there. He was checking on the "new site" which some of my buddies tested out later on. I was only 19 when I got there and I spent many a night at the Erica Bar, made a few trips to Garmisch and one to London and thoroughly enjoyed myself. Tom Digby was OPS NCOIC when I got there (he went from MSgt to Chief Master in the time it took most of us to go from A2C to

A1C. My first Flight Commander was TSgt Erminio Jesus Martinez, the second and last was T.O. Johnson who I ran into on Fort Meade as a civilian DOD employee (which I was for 31 years beginning in 1965.) I was sorry to hear from your website that he had passed on. Tom Emerson too, who I met and worked with during my time at the Fort.

My wife and I are taking a river trip down the Main from Frankfurt to Nuremberg (where I spent some time in the Furth hospital with the mumps) next week to visit the Christmas markets, although I don't think I will make it up to Hof.

DONATION: Paul & Marlene McGuire - \$20.00.

FLYBY LIST: None reported to us this past week.

LADIES SERVING IN HEAVEN: MARY FREDDIE

Mary Freddie, wife of Al, Springfield, TN, died November 10, 2013 at the age of 76. Born - June 5, 1937 - Died - November 10, 2013

Obituary – Mary McDonald Freddie passed away November 10, 2013. Preceded in death by siblings, Michael & Patricia McDonald. Survived by devoted husband, Al Freddie; daughter, Angela; other relatives and friends. Funeral to be held at Bethesda Original Church of God, 2816 Tucker Rd with interment at Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery.

END OF WEEKLY UPDATE #626

HOF CONNECTION WEEKLY UPDATE #627
DECEMBER 17, 2013

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BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

The following will be celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS!

Elke 'Eismann' Isaacs, wife of Charles – TODAY – 12/17 – 69

Lorna Geigley, wife of Lloyd – 12/18 – 65

Dot Olson, wife of Hal – 12/18 – 68

Christa 'Schoerner' Bienko, wife of John – 12/19 – 71

Ned Imboden – 12/19 – 70

Chet Zaremba – 12/19 – 68

Donna Cruise, wife of Bob – 12/20 – 67

Charles Shockley – 12/21 – 74

Bruce Gallagher – 12/22 – 75

Eleanor Higginbotham, wife of Charles – 12/22 – 72

WE WISH THEM A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES!

Dick & Shirley Herbert – TODAY – 12/17 – 47 Yrs

Charles & Elke 'Eismann' Isaacs – 12/19 – 49 Yrs

Ken & Hannelore 'Richter' Kelley III – 12/20 – 45 Yrs

Francis M.C. & Janet Thompson – 12/22 – 24 Yrs (PHOTO)

WE WISH THEM A VERY HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

UPDATES FROM ADJUTANT'S OFFICE THIS PAST WEEK

FREDDY BALES has a **NEW** mailing address:

15569 E. Hoffman Rd #13

Ponchatoula, LA 70454-9406

MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK

Renewing thru 2014 – Lloyd Geigley, Marty Habecker, Bernie Harland, Charles Higginbotham, John Orr, Phil Ruth, and Noel Sinchak.

Renewing thru 2016 – Howard Resnick

Renewing thru 2019 – Gerald 'Jerry' Smeal

DONATIONS: Marty Habecker, Charles Higginbotham, & Jerry Smeal - \$5; John Orr - \$10.

MEMBERS FOUND OR RECONNECTING WITH THE HRA

Reconnected with **Larry Bender**, 6915th, Hof '61, wife Elisa. Larry was a member back in 2007. Phil Ruth emailed Larry a HRA Membership Form.

Larry E. Bender

3402 Pipers Valley St.

San Antonio, TX 78251-1629

Phone – (210) 681-2473

Email - postmanlb@att.net

Phil Ruth reconnected with **Thomas Zacchini**, 6915th, wife Gwenna. Tom lives at 11766 East Evans Ave, Aurora, CO 80014-1149. Phone # is (303) 353-4309 and email tgzacchini@comcast.net. Paperwork emailed to Tom.

FLYBY LIST: JOSEPH S. CAMPBELL, 4/9/42 – 11/27/13

Joe was with 6915th Charlie Flight, Hof '65; was never an active member of the HRA and resided in San Diego, CA.

Obituary from San Diego Newspaper - Joseph S. Campbell passed away at home with his wife Trudy and family by his side on 11/27/13. He will be truly missed by his family and his CPA family and many friends. He requested no services, no flowers. Donations can be sent to charity of choice or just raise a glass to the charming golfer, tennis player, food and wine expert we knew and loved.

RICHARD WILSON, Died March 1, 2013

Received information that Richard Wilson, Marquette, MI, HRA member in 2005, 6915th, Hof '61-64, passed away on March 1, 2013. Dick's daughter Tanya Wilson Lund, dkwilson@chartermi.net provided us the information.

LADIES SERVING IN HEAVEN: None reported to us this past week.

END OF WEEKLY UPDATE #627

HOF CONNECTION WEEKLY UPDATE #628
DECEMBER 24, 2013

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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM HRA EXECUTIVE BOARD

Wishing ALL HRA Members, Spouses, Family, and fellow Hofers, a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS. May this Holiday Season be filled with “Love to Share, Health to Spare, and Friends that Care”. Christmas time is a very festive and wonderful time of the year to be shared with family, friends, and those less fortunate than us. Please remember our servicemen, women, and their families during your prayers on Christmas, and throughout the year. They are the reason we can celebrate with our loved ones in peace during this festive time of year, and all throughout the year.

May you enjoy a Wonderful, Healthy, Joyous, and Safe Holiday Season!!

Wir wünschen Euch von Herzen ein gesegnetes und besinnliches

Weihnachtsfest. Für das Jahr 2014 wünschen wir Euch Gesundheit und viele Sternstunden.

“MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR”.

“FROHE WEIHNACHTEN UND EIN GESUNDES NEUES JAHR”.

JANUARY HOF CONNECTION NEWSLETTER

Your 2014 January Hof Connection Newsletter has been completed and sent to our publisher David Sallinger for print. David will print the newsletters; however, will wait until the first week in January to mail them out First Class Mail. We are doing this because we do not want the newsletters to get hung up with the Christmas & New Year mailing rush. THANKS to our executive board members, especially Phil Murray, our HRA Newsletter Editor, for the articles and information in the newsletter.

BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

The following will be celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS!

Charles Isaacs – **Christmas Day** – 12/25 – 72

Noel Sinchak – **Christmas Day** – 12/25 – 72

Christa 'Kuenzez' Fahrbach, wife of George – 12/26 – 77

Glenn Kohlerschmidt – 12/26 – 66

Tony 'ABC' Cameron – 12/27 – 71

Paul Olsen – 12/27 – 68

Martha 'Marty' Komp, widow of Charlie – 12/28 – 88

Carl D. Smith – 12/28 – 74

Lonnie Henderson – 12/29 – 73

WE WISH THEM A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES!

Bob & Ali Denman – 12/26 – 33 Yrs

Mike & Kathy Bussiere – 12/27 – 44 Yrs

Larry & Jane Davis – 12/27 – 44 Yrs

Bob & Marie 'Christan' Thrush – 12/27 – 51 Yrs

Gordon & Margaret Schultz – 12/28 – 45 Yrs

WE WISH THEM A VERY HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

UPDATES FROM ADJUTANT'S OFFICE THIS PAST WEEK

Gerald 'Jerry' Decker has **NEW** email address – hofsaalehof@yahoo.com

Jay Steger has **NEW** mailing address and phone number:

2258 Via Puerta Unit D, Laguna Woods, CA 92367 & Phone (949) 457-1147

MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK

Renewing thru 2014 – Ben Baker, Claude Proctor, & George Wampole.

Re-joining and paid thru 2015 – Larry Bender.

Renewing thru 2017 – Dan Holden & Harvey Pelton.

NEW MEMBER REGISTERING AND JOINING THE HRA

LARRY BENDER, 6915th, Hof '60-63, wife Elisa. Larry was a member back in 2007.

Larry E. Bender

3402 Pipers Valley St.

San Antonio, TX 78251-1629

Phone – (210) 681-2473

Email - postmanlb@att.net

DONATIONS: Ben Baker & Larry Bender - \$10.00 each

MEMBERS FOUND OR RECONNECTING WITH THE HRA

Phil Ruth contacted past member **Garrett Dempsey**, last active in 2008, and emailed him HRA paperwork and membership form.

Phil Ruth contacted **Dennis Bee Jr.** of Tidioute, PA and in Hof '65-68 with the 6915th. Dennis has never been an active member and Phil emailed him HRA paperwork and membership form. Email – beezer19@verizon.net

Phil Ruth contacted past member **Andy Brads** of Albuquerque, NM and in Hof '63-66 with the 6915th. Andy was member in 2008 and Phil snail mailed Andy paperwork since he no longer has an email address.

FLYBY LIST: RON BOLING, 6915th, Hof '67-70, died October 21, 2011

Phil Ruth had a nice conversation with Helen Boling, 2nd wife of Ron. Ron was never an active member in the Hof Reunion Association. During his assignment in Hof, Ron worked in PMEL, Precision Maintenance Equipment Lab. Ron died of cancer in Bloomfield, IN on 10/21/2011.

LADIES SERVING IN HEAVEN: None reported to us this past week.

END OF WEEKLY UPDATE #628

HOF CONNECTION WEEKLY UPDATE #629
DECEMBER 31, 2013

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THIS IS THE LAST UPDATE FOR THE YEAR 2013

HAVE A SAFE & HEALTHY “NEW YEAR”

Whether you're having a house party, going out for a nice dinner, attending a New Years' Eve Party Function, or staying home for a quiet evening, be sure to be safe, enjoy yourselves, and have a wonderful time bringing in the New Year - 2014. **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

The HRA Executive Board would like to take this opportunity to wish all members, spouses and their families a Very Blessed and Happy New Year. The past year brought many happy memories, as well as, some deep sorrow. We pray that the New Year will be one of Love & Peace for all. May God Bless Us All and God Bless America.

2014 HOF REUNION ASSOCIATION DUES

Just a reminder to those members whose dues expire today, 12/31/2013. There are **120** members and widow exempt whose membership expires today, December 31, 2013. If you are not sure if you fall into this category, you can contact Don Riverkamp or Mel Hamill to find out. **Grace period for renewing your membership for 2014 expires on March 31, 2014.** Widow Exempt do not owe dues, however, we would still like an updated membership form filled out OR an email to Mel Hamill or Don Riverkamp informing them that no information has changed on your address, email or phone. Thanks! If you do not want to wait until you receive the 2014 January Hof Connection Newsletter in the mail that will have a membership form in the envelop, you may go to Mel's website – www.hofgermany.com and there is a membership form there that you may print out.

BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

The following will be celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS!

Hal Olson – TODAY – 12/31 – 71

Ken Edborg – 1/1 – 84

Heidi ‘Walter’ Gaissert, wife of Malcolm – 1/1 – 65

W. Frank Wright – 1/1 – 80

Brent Scott – 1/2 – 71

Maurice Evans – 1/3 – 84

Charles Stankich – 1/3 – 79

Anni ‘Kiesling’ Dixon – 1/5 – 68

Brigitte ‘Lindner’ Foellmi – 1/5 – 66

Don Riverkamp, HRA Secretary – 1/5 – 74

Pat Rief, wife of Jack – 1/6 – 76

Bob Samberg – 1/6 – 66

WE WISH THEM A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES!

Harry & Jerri Rupprecht – 1/1 – 62 Yrs (PHOTO)

Ken & Briana Juergens – 1/3 – 22 Yrs (PHOTO)

Robert & Carol Conrad – 1/6 – 48 Yrs

WE WISH THEM A VERY HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

UPDATE ON HRA MEMBER NATE SPARKS

Received note from HRA Newsletter Editor Phil Murray last week on update of Nate Sparks, HRA Treasurer 2002 - 2009. Back in March, Nate’s cancer was in remission. In September Nate & Ute spent 5 weeks visiting family and friends in Germany. Then in November, they traveled to the east coast to visit their daughter, son-in-law, grandkids, and some friends.

When they returned home to Sacramento, Nate was scheduled for a checkup and in the process; they found that the cancer is back in his liver and lungs. He will be going through chemotherapy again. Nate is pretty upbeat about it; he beat it once, and plans on beating it again. Nate feels prayer, and positive outlooks are vital parts of recuperation. Please keep Nate & Ute in your thoughts and prayers.

UPDATES FROM ADJUTANT’S OFFICE THIS PAST WEEK

William ‘Charlie’ Epperson has a NEW email address – w5dzz@arri.net

MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK

Joe Novelli renewed thru 2014.

Henry Quarterman renewed thru 2015.

Danny Sandifer renewed thru 2017.

NEW MEMBERS REGISTERING AND JOINING THE HRA

NONE this past week.

FLYBY LIST: ORLIN CANTRELL, 6915th, Hof '69

Smiley & Elaine Hansberger informed us that Orlin Cantrell, 78, died of congestive heart failure on November 6, 2013 in Annapolis, MD. Orlin & his wife Sharon lived at 1198 Bayview Vista Ct, Annapolis, MD 21409. He was never an active member of the HRA. Obituary from Annapolis Newspaper:

Orlin Reece Cantrell, 78, a 41-year resident of Annapolis, died November 6 at his home. Born February 6, 1935 in Noel, Missouri, Orlin earned his BA from the University of Maryland. He served in the USAF for 21 years, where he achieved the rank of Master Sergeant, and was employed by the Department of Defense for 22 years. He was a member of St. Andrew by the Bay. Orlin enjoyed playing the guitar with the South County Showstoppers, vegetable gardening and being a ski instructor. He is survived by his wife, Sharon, whom he married July 11, 1959; two sons, Bradley Cantrell of Annapolis and Douglas Cantrell of Baltimore; two daughters, Terry Martin of Severna Park and Laura Shifflett of Annapolis; brother, Willis Cantrell of Missouri; sister, Norma Hopper of Missouri; and seven grandchildren.

LADIES SERVING IN HEAVEN: None reported to us this past week.

END OF WEEKLY UPDATE #629