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Calendar of Events

- June 13, 2013 - Charlotte Larkin , “From Devastation To Determination And Then Some”
- September 12, 2013 - Brett Grossman, Securus America / Considering Your Final Expenses
- October 10, 2013 - Lorna K. De Ceglia, Medicare Changes Impacting 2014
- November 14, 2013 - Wendi Damiani, Blue Bell Branch Manager of Genisys Credit Union



President’s Message

As Summer approaches I look forward to spending more time out-doors and to once again practice the art of grilling. Many home repairs that were put off in the guise of waiting for warmer weather, now have to be reckoned with. Mowing the lawn, trimming bushes, tending flower beds are also waiting in the wings. Interspersed are social events and vacation. How did I have time for these things before retirement?

Best wishes for good health and a safe Summer.

Joe LaViola, President UBBRG

Retirees Meetings

Meetings are every second Thursday of the month, except for July and August, at 1:30 - 3 PM. The meeting place is at The Church on the Mall, which is located in the rear of the Mall (Plymouth Meeting), adjacent to the Food Court.

MEMBERSHIP ALERT

Our Current Membership stands at 902 persons. Of these, 47 last paid dues in 2009, 84 last paid in 2010 and 71 last paid in 2011. That makes 202 members (22.4%) of our membership who are considered delinquent in their dues payments. Members who haven't paid since 2012 are not considered delinquent. They are expected to catch up throughout 2013.

The real problem is that we are never sure whether our delinquent members really want to continue their membership. Some have moved and not notified us of their new locations, some may have died or are too sick to keep track of the NEWSLETTER. We try to keep track of members who are "lost", but it's not too successful. Please check-out the ATTENTION MEMBERS NOTICE on page 12 of this issue! Any delinquent member can get current on dues payments through 2013 for just \$7. Hope to hear from you, *Jerry Feldscher*

Attention all Members!!

Please share with us any information that you would like to be printed in NEWSBITS. This information perhaps could be: valuable important information, a recent vacation trip, a relocation, health, birthday, anniversary or even something sad as the case may be.

Contributions to NEWSBITS for *Letters to the Editor* should be sent to:

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5 Bowes Lane, Reading, Pa. 19606

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Internet 401k.fidelity.com
- Pension and H.R Concerns:
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Internet: resources.hewitt.com/Unisys

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50/50 Drawings

We have a 50/50 drawing at every monthly meeting. Here is how it works: Tickets are sold to attendees at the beginning of each meeting and a drawing for the winning ticket is held immediately following our guest speaker. Two tickets cost \$1.00 and six (6) tickets cost \$2.00. Half of the proceeds go to the holder of the winning ticket and the other half goes into our treasury to help defray the cost to rent our meeting space at the church in the Plymouth Meeting Mall.



Ann LaViola (from left) and **Marie Staub** will be happy to sell you as many tickets as you want. They will be seated at their concession table, at the church entrance, to take your offerings. The following were our winner's:

March's winner of the 50/50 drawing was Jack Thompson.

April's 50/50 winner was Al Rollin.

May's 50/50 winner was Ed Oakes.

Monthly Meeting Guest Speakers

March's guest speaker was Stacy Ettinger, a Cardiovascular Nurse from the Mercy Health System. Stacy gave us a great



presentation on the topic of *Stroke*, in particular, how to recognize the signs of stroke, and what to do.



Learn the sudden warning signs of stroke so you can recognize and respond to stroke FAST.

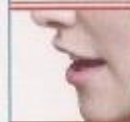
Use FAST to remember warning signs of stroke:



FACE: Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?



ARMS: Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?



SPEECH: Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is their speech slurred or strange?



TIME: If you observe any of these signs, call 9-1-1 immediately.

Fold here first.

Learn the many warning signs of a stroke.

ACT FAST & CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY

**Stroke Is an
Emergency**

Ask your healthcare professional how to reduce your risk of stroke. Learn about more sudden signs of stroke at

www.stroke.org/symp



Fold here second.

To learn more about stroke, go online to:

www.stroke.org

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April's guest speaker was Dr. Marlene Mash. Dr. Mash, who is a certified Dermatologist spoke about skin cancer.



The following were some of the key points she spoke about:

What you should do protect your skin and reduce your risk of skin cancer.

Sun Screen – Look

for Broad-Spectrum Protection

- Wearing sunscreen every day is one of the most important steps you can take to protect your skin from the harmful effects of the sun. Always choose a sunscreen that offers an SPF (sun protection factor) of 30 or higher. But be aware that a high SPF alone is not enough. SPF mainly measures protection against UVB rays. Your sunscreen should protect against UVA rays as well.
- Although some sunscreens can lose their protective ability when they are exposed to the sun, there are ingredients that can be added to keep them stable under intense sunlight.
- "Newer sunscreen technologies are now available to help provide longer-lasting protection from UVA rays," says Dr. Susan Weinkle, dermatologist and president of the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery. Dr. Weinkle says that, whether water-resistant, sensitive-skin, or kid-friendly, it is important to choose the sunscreen that works best with your lifestyle. "Your dermatologist can give you recommendations for sunscreens that offer effective, long-acting UV protection."

Protect your skin every day and every season

You know that getting too much sun isn't good for you. You probably already wear a sunscreen when you're at the beach, lounging by the pool, or just walking around on a hot summer day. Exposure to the sun's harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays can add up over time, all year long. You may be surprised to learn that some common routines can add up to 20 hours of UV exposure each week, including:

- Walking to your car on a cloudy day
Working near a window
- Driving to school or work in the morning
Sitting under a tree at the park
- Playing in the snow on an overcast day

Congratulations on taking steps to keep your skin healthy. But

are you using your sunscreen correctly? Recent studies revealed that most people applied only 25% to 50% of the recommended amount of sunscreen. One ounce is considered the amount needed to properly cover the exposed areas of an average, adult-sized body. Mists or sprays should be applied slowly and evenly until the product is visible on the skin. Keep in mind that using too thin a layer of sunscreen may result in a lower SPF than the label indicates.

Be on the lookout for signs of sun damage

The signs of sun-damaged skin are not always obvious. However, the effects of sun damage in the skin accumulate—and can worsen—over time. This means that signs of sun damage will be more likely to appear as you grow older. Keep an eye on areas that show signs of sun damage because skin cancers may be more likely to appear there.

Moderate sun damage

- *Fine wrinkling*: Shallow indentations or lines, typically on the forehead and around the eyes and mouth
- *Roughness*: A change in skin texture from soft and supple to rough
- *Mottled coloring*: Light, patchy discoloration (hyperpigmentation), including brown spots

Moderate severe sun damage

- *Coarse wrinkling*: Deep lines, furrows, and creases on the forehead and chin and around the nose and eyes
- *Laxity*: Loose, thin skin that can result in a sunken appearance
- *Yellowing*: A change in skin tone from rosy to sallow or pale

Perform monthly self-exams

The American Society for Dermatologic Surgery recommends that you do regular self-exams of moles and freckles so that you can track any changes in your skin. Follow these easy steps to identify any skin changes or new skin spots. See your doctor if you notice a growth, mole, or discoloration that appears suddenly or begins to change, or if you have a sore that does not heal.

You will need: a bright light, a full-length mirror, a hand mirror, two chairs or stools, and a blow-dryer.

1. Examine your scalp by using a blow-dryer to part hair
2. Check your hands, including nails. In a full-length mirror, examine your elbows, arms, underarms, neck, chest, and torso. Women should also check under their breasts.
3. With your back to the mirror, use a hand mirror to inspect the back of your neck, shoulders, upper arms, back, buttocks, and legs.
4. Sitting down, check your legs and feet, including soles, heels, and nails.

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Early detection can save your life

Most moles are harmless, but it is important to recognize changes in a mole that can suggest that a melanoma may be developing.

Abnormal Mole

- A is for **asymmetrical**: One half of the mole does not match the other.
- B is for **border**: The mole has an irregular, ragged, or blurred edge. C is for **color**: The mole is varied from one area to another; has shades of tan, brown, or black; and is sometimes white, red, or blue.
- D is for **diameter**: The mole is wider than a quarter inch or is smaller but growing.
- E is for **evolving**: An evolving mole is one that is changing in terms of size, shape, shades of color, or symptoms such as bleeding, itching, or tenderness.

While Dr. Mash was there, she performed cursory personal examinations on volunteers.

May's guest speaker was Firewoman Joelle Lesniak from Center Square Fire House.

Relying on 16 years experience, Ms Lesniak presented an informal talk on actions every family should learn to do, before and during a fire and especially about residential fire safety for seniors. Highlights of the talk follow.



Preparation before a fire

- Know Fire emergency phone number (911).
 - Fire (smoke) detectors at every bedroom.
 - Replace fire detector batteries twice yearly.
 - Replace fire detectors every 7 to 10 years.
 - Keep bedroom doors closed.
 - Careful use of candles, space heaters, and all sources of heat
- Practice fire drills.
 - Recharge fire extinguishers as needed.
 - Fire extinguisher located near kitchen.
 - Flammables properly stored.
 - Inform Fire Department and EMT'S of special needs including, Handicapped persons, the use of oxygen, and medications .

Fire alarm has sounded or has been discovered

- Shout FIRE
- Get everyone out of the dwelling
- Call 911 and report the fire
- Before opening a door to exit, feel door for heat
- Report the storage of materials such as gasoline, propane and explosives

Support Fund Drives for Fire and EMT Departments

Good Advice

1. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
2. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
3. There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither works.
4. Never miss a good chance to shut up.
5. Always drink upstream from the herd.
6. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
7. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket.
8. There are three kinds of men:
 - The ones who learn by reading.
 - The few who learn by observation.
 - The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.
9. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
10. If you're riding' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
11. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back
12. After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

Growing Older With New Meaning

- Eventually, you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.
- The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.
- Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me; I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way, and some of the roads weren't paved.
- When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.
- You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.
- I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.
- One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it's such a nice change.
- You must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.
- Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.
- Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called being young.

National Do Not Call Registry

Prevent automated phone calls from reaching your phones. Register each phone now, calling the National Do Not Call Registry at:

1-888-382-1222

A Great Lesson on Stress and 20 Neat Thoughts

A young lady confidently walked around the room while leading and explaining stress management to an audience with a raised glass of water. Everyone knew she was going to ask the ultimate question, 'half empty or half full?'... She fooled them all.... "How heavy is this glass of water?" she inquired with a smile. Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. to 20 oz.

She replied , "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it.

If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm.

If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes." She continued, "and that's the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on."

"As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden - holding stress longer and better each time practiced. So, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don't carry them through the evening and into the night... Pick them up tomorrow.

1. Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!
2. Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
3. Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.
4. Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.
5. If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
6. If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
7. It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
8. Never buy a car you can't push.
9. Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
10. Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.

11. Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.
12. The second mouse gets the cheese.
13. When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
14. Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
16. Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.
17. We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.
18. A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
19. Have an awesome day and know that someone has thought about you today.
20. Save the earth..... It's the only planet with chocolate!*

On the Lighter Side

Sex at 68

I just took a leaflet out of my mailbox, informing me that I can have sex at 68.

I'm so happy, because I live at number 72. So it's not too far to walk home afterwards. And it's the same side of the street. I don't even have to cross the road!

Little Thoughts

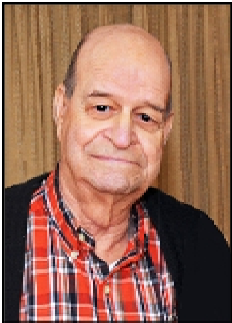
Answering machine message, "I am not available right now, but thank you for caring enough to call. I am making some changes in my life. Please leave a message after the beep. If I do not return your call, you are one of the changes."

- Aspire to inspire before you expire.
- My wife and I had words, but I didn't get to use mine.
- Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses.
- Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.
- The irony of life is that, by the time you're old enough to know your way around, you're not going anywhere.
- God made man before woman so as to give him time to think of an answer for her first question.
- I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one.
- Every morning is the dawn of a new error.

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Obituaries

RICHARD RAYMOND BERO



Richard (Dick) Raymond Bero, 78, of Houston, Texas passed away on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at Martha's at the Sunset Pines Assisted Living Home, after a long fought battle with acute myelogenous leukemia. He was born August 7, 1934 to Raymond and Mildred Bero, in Menominee, MI. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran and had retired from the *Unisys Corporation*. In

retirement he was a voracious reader, volunteer with the Marine R.O.T.C. and Boy Scouts. Dick was preceded in death by his mother, father, wife, Mary (Prior) Bero, and his brother, Daniel J. Bero. Daniel leaves behind to cherish his memories: a sister, Beverly A. Johnson, brother, Dale R. Bero, his wife Margaret, step-daughters, Rae Ann Emanuel, Lindsey Lampp, her husband Jerry, step-son Edward Emanuel, grandchildren, Robert Emanuel, Candice Hobbs, Fred Jones, Stacey and Matthew Lampp, numerous nephews, nieces, other family members and a host of long-time friends.

Richard was a member of the Unisys Blue Bell Retirees Group.

S. MARTIN ESTEP

Martin James Estep, 84 of Mechanicsburg, died March 10, 2013. Born July 9, 1928 in Riverside, NY, he was the son of the late Howard L. and Katherine (Beech) Estep. He served as Chief Engine Mechanic for the Air Force during the Korean War. Martin was instrumental in the development of the modern day mainframe computer while working for *Remington Rand* in New York City before its merger with Unisys Systems in 1986. Martin eventually retired as a computer analyst from Unisys Computer Systems in Blue Bell. He attended Grace United Methodist Church, Mechanicsburg. Surviving is his wife Alvena M. (Carwile) Estep, two daughters Linda C. Straub and fiancé' Terry Foster of Mechanicsburg and Janet K. Ulmer and husband James K. Ulmer and husband James of Clifton Heights; three brothers James, William and Howard Estep; five grandchildren; as well as seven great-grandchildren. Martin was preceded in death by his two brothers, Floyd and Leland Estep.

Martin was a member of the Unisys Blue Bell Retirees Group.

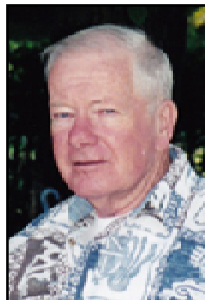
ROGER SOLLIE

Roger Sollie, 76, died Tuesday morning, February 12, 2013 at Keystone House in Wyndmoor. He is survived by his wife, Karyn, son, Kyle, daughter-in-law, Renita, three grandchildren, Rachel, Hannah and Stanley, brother, Ted (Delores), sisters-in-

law, Betty Davis and Jane Carlson, and brother-in-law, James Carlson. Roger was the son of the late John and Thea Sollie. He worked for *Unisys* for 30 years and was the business manager for Phil-Mont Christian Academy for 12 years. He was a member of Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. He visited the home or library of each of the first 42 presidents, was writing a book on the religious views held by the presidents and collected presidential biographies, coins, and stamps. He was a Phillies fan.

JOSEPH EISELE

Joseph Eisele of Harleysville, died April 27, 2013, at Lehigh



Valley Medical Center from complications following surgery. He was 76. Born on Long Island and raised just outside of Kelly Corners, NY, in the Catskill Mountains, Joe spent most of his youth on a dairy farm with his parents, Carl and Margaret Eisele, and his brothers, Charles "Buddy" and Jim. In 1954 at the age of 18 he joined the [U.S. Navy](#),

where he spent his years of service as an Electronics Technician aboard a mine-sweeper patrolling the waters off of the Eastern Seaboard. Soon after leaving the Service, he reconnected with Fran Sandow of Bronx, NY, who he'd met while her family was vacationing in the Catskills 6 years earlier. They were soon married and moved to Harleysville shortly thereafter. They would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 1, 2013. In addition to his wife Fran, Joe is survived by his three sons, James, Sean and Kenneth, his brother James and five grandchildren. Joe's career started as an electronics repairman, but he quickly transitioned into computer programming, a field that was in its infancy. Over his 40-plus-year career, he worked on thousands of notable projects for many prestigious clients such as the Naval Air Development Center (the P-3 Orion "hunter-killer"), the U.S. Postal Service, and the Department of the Treasury. He officially retired in 2000 but remained busy as a freelance programmer as he truly loved what he did. Joe was always admired by coworkers and clients for his cool competence, the elegance of his designs, his easygoing demeanor and the fact that he seemed to know everything. Joe was an employee of *Univac* and was a member of the *UBBRG Organization*.

THOMAS HENOFRER

Thomas Henofer, age 80, passed away on January 15, 2013. Beloved husband of June (nee Peters). Father of Thomas. Loving brother of Lorraine Turner and Thelma Kiesel.

Thomas was a member of the Unisys Blue Bell Retirees Group.

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GEORGE A. CHAMPINE

George A. Champine Age 78 of Hudson lost his long battle with Leukemia on March 28, 2013. He was born in Fairmont, Minnesota. He graduated from Fairmont High School. George earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Physics and a Ph.D. in Information Systems - all from the [University of Minnesota](#). George was a pioneer in computer technology. He was one of the first 2000 programmers in the world and he continued on the forefront of in-

formation technology throughout his professional career. As a graduate student he began work for *Univac* in St. Paul Minnesota, where he wrote most of the software for the world's first airborne computer. This computer used real-time data from radar to control the rear turret machine guns on a heavy bomber. He was part of the software development team under the legendary computer designer Seymour Cray for the *Univac* 1103 computer. He also led teams that developed software for the world's first ground-based digital missile guidance system (Nile-X), and computer-controlled radar. He made major computer architecture contributions to the Univac 1100/60 computer. George was very active in the University of Minnesota 's Institute of Technology Alumni Society and was president during 1979-1980. He also served as one of the founding members of the industry advisory board to the newly emerging Computer Science Department at the University.

He was promoted to Director of Research at *Univac*, Blue Bell Pennsylvania where he managed 146 researchers. He subsequently left Univac and became Senior Vice President of Engineering at Vydec, a subsidiary of Exxon Enterprise Inc. Later he joined Digital Equipment Corp. in the Boston area. At Digital he pioneered high performance graphical workstations. In 1984 Digital assigned him to lead their research team at Microelectronics and Computer Technology Corp in Austin , Texas , and in 1986 to become Associate Project Director of Project Athena at MIT in Cambridge , Massachusetts . Out of that landmark project emerged such technologies as X-Windows and Kerberos. George published a book describing the project. George and Barbara moved to Stow at this time. He subsequently became Director of Technology for Information Systems at Digital, and when Compaq Computer acquired Digital he became Director of Technology and Architecture. Shortly after Hewlett Packard acquired Compaq in 2002 he retired at age 68. In retirement he taught computer classes, maintained websites for four non-profits, and fixed computer problems for Quail Run residents. As a volunteer at the Harvard astronomy department he photographed 80,000 pages of astronomy telescope data and was instrumental in setting up the bar code system in identifying astronomy images. George was on the board of directors for the Hudson Historical Society and The Photographic Historical Society of New England.

During George's working career, he taught many college courses part-time, including: Physics at Hamline University in St. Paul , Project management at the University of Minnesota , and Computer Graphics at the [University of Texas](#), MIT in Cambridge , and the University of Massachusetts/Lowell . He has written more than 30 papers published nationally and has authored three books in the computer field ("MIT Project Athena: A Model for Distributed Campus Computing," "Distributed Computer Systems," and "Computer Technology Impact on Management"). He also wrote four books about life in southern Minnesota and his home town of Fairmont . He was highly respected on a worldwide basis as a speaker on advances in computer science and technology. His interests were photography, family history, electronic music, playing the organ, motorcycling, canoeing, camping, astrophysics, travel, and jogging. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Barbara; children Renee Olson of San Jose CA , Mark Champine and wife Lori of Westford MA, and Lisa Paton of Hudson MA . He is survived by seven grandchildren, brother John Champine and wife Lynn of Prior Lake MN, and was predeceased by a brother Charles.

ARTHUR B. LEVIN

Arthur B. Levin died May 15, 2013. He was the husband of the late Marilyn. Father of Marc Levin, Keith (Lilibeth) Levin, Sari Levin and the late Alan Levin. Brother of Marcie F. Levin and the late Jerry Levin. Grandfather of William. Art worked was an exemplary leader for *Univac on Project Acorn*. He had a positive influence for the large group of dedicated individuals working under him. He understood how to treat people as mature and valued individuals and used his unique motivational concepts. Suffice it to say that Art will be missed by all who came to know him over the years. We are very saddened by his passing. Art was a great boss, leader, and visionary. Art was also a wonderful person.

Welcome New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Retired from</u>	<u>When</u>
Kathleen Fregede	Conshohocken, Pa	Unisys, BB	2010
Trevor Dodd	Rancho Cucamongo, CA	Unisys	1991

From BBNEWS Web Site

The BBNEWS web site is now including Retiree information (Trips & Speakers) and even a link to our web site.

WEBSITE (URL) ubbrg.org

WEB PAGE NEWS

Check out the latest addition to our web page. We now have a link to the Unisys-France Retirees web page. Enter their address directly into your web browser, it is:

<http://www.anciens-unisys.com>

Click on the bottom line of type, it is French, indicating to click here to enter the web site. If your French is a little rusty, there is a translate button on the home page that will change it to English.

In Remembrance

ROBERT M. BAKER - April 28, 2013
CHARLES BARNES – February 17, 2013
RICHARD RAYMOND BERO - February 16, 2013
DONALD B. BILLIG SR. - April 3, 2013
GEORGE A. CHAMPINE - March 28, 2013
WILLIAM R. CLEGG – May 19, 2013
CHARLES E. CUMMINGS - May 15, 2013
FRANK M. DELANEY - April 8, 2013
ROBERT N. DEHANN - April. 1, 2013
ROBERT DIVINNEY– 2012
JOSEPH EISELE - April 27, 2013
S. MARTIN ESTEP - March 10, 2013
ELVIN ROBERT FAUST - May 8, 2013
WINSLOW GILMORE – February 13, 2013
WESLEY GORG - November 12, 2012
CLAUDE A. GRAYBEAL - March 3, 2013
DONALD A. GRITNER - February 11, 2013
ROBERT G. HASENFUS – February 11, 2013
ROY RICHARDS HERBST - April 17, 2013
S. THOMAS HENOFER - January 16, 2013
BONNIE (COOK) HILLS - March 14th, 2013
FRANK HOJNOSKI - February 19, 2013
CLARENCE ERLEND HOILAND - February 13, 2013
LOUIS J. KOLAR - March 19, 2013
JAMES "JIM" KRUEGER- February 15, 2013
CATHERINE KUNISCH - March 18, 2013
MICHAEL LEE LITZENBERGER - April 7, 2013
ROCCOC J. LOSITO Sr. - May 14, 2013
FOREST BLAINE LOWE - February 12, 2013
JOANNE LUCAS - March 18, 2013
GEORGE ALVIN MCKELLAR - March 10, 2013
MARGRET ANN (Bell) MCLAURIN – March 12, 2013
ARTHUR MCCULLEN – November 28, 2012
DONALD B. MOORE - May 13, 2013
WILLIAM H. MOORE JR. - April 6, 2013
MARY MURTAUGH - March 6, 2013
LUCILLE H. PAZDERSKI - March 16, 2013
DOLORES L. ROMAN - February 22, 2013
JAMES H. SCHEUNEMAN - March 20, 2013
PEGGY SOSNOSKI - March 16, 2013
EUGENE R. "GENE" STEWARD – February 8, 2013
ANNA HORVATH STOLTZ – February 6, 2013
RUTH P. STRINGER - March 4, 2013
DONALD L. THORSETT - February 3, 2012
EUGENE J. TOPITZHOFER - February 10, 2013
JOHN F. WEIGAND - July 26, 2012
RONALD WISCHNEWSKI - March 13, 2013

Little Known Facts

Many years ago in Scotland , a new game was invented. It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only . . . Ladies Forbidden' . . . and thus, the word GOLF entered into the English language.

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S. Treasury.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28% (now get this...)
The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%

The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven:
\$ 16,400

The average number of people airborne over the U..S. in any given hour: 61,000

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair

The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer

The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:

Spades :	King David
Hearts:	Charlemagne
Clubs:	Alexander, the Great
Diamonds:	Julius Caesar

111,111,111 x 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321

If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died because of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes

Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

Q. Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what?
A. Their birthplace

Q. Most boat owners name their boats. What is the most popular boat name? A. Obsession

Summer Special

Where: Mount Airy Casino and Resort

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On the Lighter Side (continued from page5)

Forgetter Be Forgotten?

My forgetter's getting better,
But my rememberer is broke
To you that may seem funny
But, to me, that is no joke

For when I'm 'here' I'm wondering
If I really should be 'there'
And, when I try to think it through,
I haven't got a prayer!

Oft times I walk into a room,
Say 'what am I here for?'
I wrack my brain, but all in vain!
A zero, is my score.

At times I put something away
Where it is safe, but, Gee!
The person it is safest from
Is, generally, me!

When shopping I may see someone,
Say 'Hi' and have a chat,
Then, when the person walks away
I ask myself, 'who the hell was that?'

Yes, my forgetter's getting better
While my rememberer is broke,
And it's driving me plumb crazy
And that isn't any joke.

Old Dogs

One day an old German Shepherd starts chasing rabbits and before long, discovers that he's lost. Wandering about, he notices a panther heading rapidly in his direction with the intention of having lunch.

The old German Shepherd thinks, "Oh, oh! I'm in deep trouble now!

Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the panther is about to leap, the old German Shepherd exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious panther! I wonder if there are any more a round here?" Hearing this, the young panther halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees.

"Whew!," says the panther, "That was close! That old German Shepherd nearly had me!"

Meanwhile, a squirrel who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the panther. So, off he goes. The squirrel soon catches up with the panther, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the panther. The young panther is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, squirrel, hop on my back and see what's going to

happen to that conniving canine!"

Now, the old German Shepherd sees the panther coming with the squirrel on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?," but instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet, and just when they get close enough to hear, the old German Shepherd says.... "Where's that squirrel? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another panther!"

Moral of this story....Don't mess with the old dogs... Age and skill will always overcome youth and treachery! BS and brilliance only come with age and experience.

CA N YOU RELATE???

A Blonde's Year in Review

January

Took new scarf back to store because it was too tight.

February

Fired from pharmacy job for failing to print labels.. Hell-loooooo!!!!.... bottles won't fit in printer!!!

March

Got really excited.....finished jigsaw puzzle in 6 months...Box said ' 2-4 years!'

April

Trapped on escalator for hours ...
Power went out!!!

May

Tried to make Kool-Aid.....wrong instructions.. 8 cups of water won't fit into those little packets!!!

June

Tried to go water skiing.....Couldn't find a lake with a slope.

July

Lost breast stroke swimming competition.. Learned later that the other swimmers cheated-they used their arms!!!

August

Got locked out of my car in rain storm.. Darn car filled up with water because convertible top was open.

September

The capital of California is 'C'.. isn't it???

October

Hate M & M's.. They are so hard to peel.

November

Baked Thanksgiving turkey for 4 1/2 days... Instructions said bake 1 hour per pound and I weigh 108 lbs!!

December

Couldn't call 911.

'Duh'.. there's no 'eleven' button on the stupid phone!!!

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