President’s Message

This Summer our Membership team compiled a list of Members that were behind in the payment of dues. These members were then contacted and I am happy to report that many responded in a positive way. A typical response was that they had forgotten to send in a check. With the beginning of the Fall season, we once again have a lineup of excellent Speakers for the monthly meetings. Our Editor will write a synopsis of the talk which will appear in the following NEWSBITS Bulletin. Your continued interest in the UBBRG is of most importance to those on the Executive Board. We welcome comments and stories for publication in NEWSBITS. A heartfelt wish for good health to all.

Joe LaViola, President UBBRG

October 10, 2013 - Lorna K. De Ceglia, Medicare Changes Impacting 2014
November 14, 2013 - Wendi Damiani, Blue Bell Branch Manager of Genisys Credit Union

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
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:

June’s winner of the 50/50 drawing was Ron Agresti.

Monthly Meeting Guest Speakers
June’s guest speaker was Charlotte Larkin, who is affiliated with Sacred Heart Hospital and Rehabilitation Center. She has been working at the Center since her cerebral vascular accident in July of 1985. She was the first stroke survivor to serve as President of the Stroke Club at Sacred Heart Hospital. It was through her efforts and ideas that the Stroke Club became affiliated as a member of the Delaware Valley Stroke Club network.

Mrs. Larkin volunteered at LaSorda Physical Therapy for a total of twelve years assisting and motivating patients. She has also performed volunteer work at Norristown State Hospital and Mercy Suburban General Hospital.

Presently, Mrs. Larkin volunteers at Brittany Point Estates in their medical unit and The Lamb Foundation working with their mentally and emotionally challenged individuals.

Mrs. Larkin has three daughters and she currently resides Blue Bell, PA with her husband of 52 years, Edward, and their 16 year old Bichon Frise, Lilly.

Charlotte gave a very interesting talk about coping with a very difficult life. She’s had a stroke and several other serious ailments. Her children and her husband have had serious health issues over the years, also, however, she is a positive and outgoing person and it was a pleasure to hear what she had to say.

Letters to the Editor
From Robert Sterling, 5816 Whitecat Ct., Milford, OH. - Just wanted to share one of the many articles that have been in our local newspapers lately. I have been involved in putting together a beautiful Veteran’s Memorial Park close to our home and we finally were able to have the dedication ceremony in July on the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice. Maybe this (article) would be something to add to NEWSBITS.

Bob Sterling

Re-printed by permission of the Enquirer of Ohio newspaper and writer John Johnston, is a picture and some excerpts of the article about the Memorial as follows:

KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL DEDICATION

July 27 (2013) marked the 60th anniversary of the Korean armistice. That day, Bill Knepp and Bob Sterling, both Korean War veterans, were in Miami Meadows Park in Clermont County's Miami Township for the dedication of a Korean War memorial.
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Knepp and Robert Sterling, both of Miami Township, planned and raised money for three years to make the memorial a reality. A third veteran was equally involved; RJ. Vilardo of Milford was 82 when he died last November.

Knepp and Sterling say that it is important to honor those who served in Korea. It has been called the forgotten war, even though almost 1.8 million American military personnel served in the Korean theater. Almost 34,000 were killed in battle and 103,000 were wounded. About 8,000 remain missing.

The war began June 25, 1950, when communist North Korea invaded non-communist South Korea. The United States and other United Nations nations came to South Korea’s aid. Communist China joined forces with North Korea. The armistice signed on July 27, 1953, established the 38th parallel as the permanent zone separating North and South Korea.

Three years ago, one of Bill’s son, Gary Knepp, an attorney, writer, and historian, began research for a book about the Korean War. He asked his father questions. And Bill started talking. They noted the lack of a Korean War memorial in Clermont County. They got together with Sterling and Vilardo and formed a committee. Miami Township trustees agreed to set aside 8 acres in Miami Meadows Park. Then the veterans started fund-raising; they received no government money.

They’ve raised about $50,000 in cash and $32,000 of in-kind donations; they still need about $10,000 to finish the project, which is part of what’s called the Spirit of ’76 Memorial Gardens and Arboretum.

It includes a Freedom Trail with benches inscribed with excerpts from historic documents and speeches; a Grove of American Colonies with a crab apple tree and plaques for each of the original 13 colonies; and a Liberty Tree. Those and related projects happened with help from Eagle Scouts and students from Milford schools. The Korean memorial, though, is the centerpiece. Broken boulders, symbolic of the mountainous terrain of Korea, surround a platform encased in stainless steel. Atop it is a 6-foot-long, 31/2 foot-high slab of polished black granite from Maggard Memorials & Laser Art Technology in Lebanon.

Laser-etched into one side of the granite is the image of the bunker Knepp photographed and helped build in Korea. On the other side is a list of U.S. military units that served in Korea and their casualty totals.

The memorial will be engraved with the names of the 19 men from Clermont County who died in Korea. Nearby, Knepp says, on a list of those whose contributions made the memorial possible, will be the name of the soldier who saved his life: Paul R. Bradley.

Donations to the Korean War memorial Fund can be sent to National Bank and Trust, 735 Lila Ave., Milford, 45150

Information: 513-831-2932 (after 7 p.m.

From Ron Agresti, 1220 Shepard Drive, Blue Bell, PA, -
A Cruise to Remember

Our 13-day cruise on Holland America’s Eurodam in May was fantastic. It was Barbara’s first cruise and my nineteenth. She now will gladly go on more cruises! We sailed from Rome to: Greece, Turkey and back to some Italian ports-of-call in an ultra luxurious suite. It included a Jacuzzi tub, two showers; separate dressing area, large veranda, private concierge service and many more amenities. Our shore excursions were memorable both for the antiquity and the sights. We visited the Greek islands of: Carfu, Katakolon (Olympia) and Santorini and the city of Athens on May 5, which was Orthodox Easter Sunday (where everything seemed closed). One day was spent in Ephesus Turkey where the Virgin Mary lived for ten years after the crucifixion. Taormina, outside of Messina Italy was a shopper’s paradise and the excavated city of Herculaneum was more impressive than Pompeii that I toured on a previous cruise. And finally, Rome; well, Rome is Rome, the eternal city. Did we have a great trip? You bet we did.

Ron Agresti

On the Lighter Side

Golf
A man had two of the best tickets for the Augusta Masters... As he sat down, another man came along and asked if anyone was sitting in the seat next to him. "No", he said, "the seat is empty." "This is incredible!" said the man, "who in their right mind would have a seat like this, the biggest golfing event of the whole world, and not use it?"

He said, "Well, actually, the seat belongs to me. My wife was supposed to come with me, but she passed away. This is the first Masters we haven't been together since we got married."

"Oh... I'm sorry to hear that. That's terrible. I guess you couldn't find someone else?.. a friend or relative or even a neighbor to take the seat?" The man shook his head...

...."No. They're all at the funeral."

A Trusting Wife

There comes a time when a woman just has to trust her husband... for example... A wife comes home late at night and quietly opens the door to her bedroom. From under the blanket she sees four legs instead of two. She reaches for a baseball bat and starts hitting the blanket as hard as she can. Once she's done, she goes to the kitchen to have a drink. As she enters, she sees her husband there, reading a magazine. "Hi Darling", he says, "Your parents have come to visit us, so I let them stay in our bedroom. Did you say 'hello'?"

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Anticipated 2013 Mergers & Consolidations:
For all of you with any money left, be aware of the next expected mergers so that you can get in on the ground floor and make some BIG bucks, watch for these consolidations in 2013:


3. 3M will merge with Goodyear and become: MMMGood.

4. Zippo Manufacturing, Audi Motors, Dofasco, and Dakota Mining will merge and become: ZipAudiDoDa.

5. FedEx is expected to join its competitor, UPS, and become: FedUP.

6. Fairchild Electronics and Honeywell Computers will become: Fairwell Honeychild.

7. Grey Poupon and Docker Pants are expected to become: PouponPants.

And finally,

8. Knotts Berry Farm and the National Organization of Women will become: Knott NOW!

Blond Jokes
A friend told the blonde, "Christmas is on a Friday this year..."
The blonde then said, "Let's hope it's not the 13th."

Two blondes find three grenades, and they decide to take them to a police station.
One asked, "What if one explodes before we get there?" The other says, "We'll lie and say we only found two."

A blond is in the bathroom and her husband shouts, "Did you find the shampoo?"
She says, "Yes, but I'm not sure what to do...it's for dry hair, and I've just wet mine."

A blonde goes to the vet with her goldfish.
"I think it's got epilepsy," she tells the vet.
The vet takes a look and says, "It seems calm enough to me."
The blonde says, "I haven't taken it out of the bowl yet!"

A blonde spies a letter lying on her doormat. It says on the envelope "DO NOT BEND"
She spends the next 2 hours trying to figure out how to pick it up.

A blonde was driving home, drunk as a skunk. Suddenly she has to swerve to avoid a tree, then another, then another.
A cop car pulls her over, so she tells the cop about all the trees in the road.
The cop says, "That's your air freshener swinging about!"

A blonde's dog goes missing and she is frantic. Her husband says, "Why don't you put an ad in the paper?"
She does, but two weeks later the dog is still missing.
"What did you put in the paper?" her husband asks.
"Here boy!" she replies.

A blond is in jail. A guard looks in her cell and sees her hanging by her feet.
"What the hell you doing?" he asks.
"Hanging myself," the blond replies.
"It should be around your neck!" says the Guard.
"I know," she replies, "but I couldn't breathe."

The Best Blonde Joke of the Year - so far
A man was in his front yard mowing grass when his attractive blonde female neighbor came out of the house and went straight to the mailbox.
She opened it then slammed it shut and stormed back in the house.
A little later she came out of her house again, went to the mail box and again, opened it, slammed it shut again. Angrily, back into the house she went.
As the man was getting ready to edge the lawn, here she came out again, marched to the mail box, opened it and then slammed it closed harder than ever.
Puzzled by her actions the man asked her, 'Is something wrong?' to which she replied, 'There certainly is!'
'My stupid computer keeps saying, 'YOU'VE GOT MAIL!'"

Nine Things I Really Hate
1. People who point at their wrist while asking for the time.
2. People who are willing to search the entire room for the TV manual.
3. A blonde who says "Oh you just want to have your cake and eat it too". Damn right! What good is cake if you can't eat it?
4. People who say "it's always the last place you look". Yeah, I tend to stop looking once I've found it.
5. When people watching a film say "did you see that?" Do they think I paid $12 to look at the floor?
6. People who ask "Can I ask you a question?". Did they give you a choice?
7. When something is 'new and improved!'. Which is it?
8. When people say "life is short". Life is the longest damn thing anyone ever does!! What can you do that's longer?
9. When you are waiting for the bus and someone asks "Has the bus come yet?". If the bus came would I be standing here?

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Italian Joke

An Italian man was leaving a convenience store with his espresso when he noticed a most unusual Italian funeral procession approaching the nearby cemetery. A black hearse was followed by a second black hearse about 50 Feet behind the first one. Behind the second hearse was a solitary Italian man walking a dog on a leash. Behind him, a short distance back, were about 200 men walking single file. The man couldn't stand the curiosity. He respectfully approached the Italian man walking the dog and said: "I am so sorry for your loss, and this may be a bad time to disturb you, but I've never seen an Italian funeral like this. Whose funeral is it?"

"My wife's." "What happened to her?" "She yelled at me and my dog attacked and killed her." He inquired further, "But who is in the second hearse?" The Italian man answered, "My mother-in-law. She was trying to help my wife when the dog turned on her."

A very poignant and touching moment of Italian brotherhood and silence passed between the two men. "Can I borrow the dog?" The man replied, "Get in line."

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:

Jack Staub
5 Bowes Lane, Reading, Pa. 19606

THE 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.

The GIFT of Being Older

The other day, a young person asked me how I felt about being old. I was taken aback, for I do not think of myself as old. Upon seeing my reaction, he was immediately embarrassed, but I explained that it was an interesting question, and I would ponder it, and let him know.

Growing Older, I decided, is a gift. I am now, probably for the first time in my life, the person I have always wanted to be. Oh, not my body! I sometime despair over my body ... the wrinkles, the baggy eyes, and the cellulite. And often I am taken aback by that old person that lives in my mirror, but I don't agonize over those things for long.

I would never trade my amazing friends, my wonderful life, my loving family, for less gray hair or a flatter belly. As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend I don't chide myself for eating that extra cookie, or for not making my bed, or for buying that silly cement gecko that I didn't need, but looks so avant-garde on my patio. I am entitled to be messy, to be extravagant, to smell the flowers. I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon, before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging. Whose business is it if I choose to read or play on the computer until 4 a.m. and then sleep until --?

I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 50s and 60s, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love, I will. I will walk the beach in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the bikini set.

They, too, will get old (if they're lucky). I know I am sometimes forgetful. But then again, some of life is just as well forgotten and I eventually remember the important things. Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when a beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turn gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver. I can say "no," and mean it. I can say "yes" and mean it.

As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

So, to answer your question, I like being older. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day... (if I want).

Today, I wish you a day of ordinary miracles: Love simply, Love generously. Care deeply, Speak kindly, and Leave the rest to God. LIVE WELL -- LAUGH OFTEN -- LOVE MUCH.
Obituaries

THOMAS J. MCCABE
Thomas J. McCabe, 65, of Sarasota, FL, formerly of Jersey City, Highlands, and Middletown New Jersey, died on 7/28/13. The son of the late Thomas and Eleanor McCabe. He was a graduate of the RCA Technical Institute. He was a retired Executive from the Unisys Corporation after 25 years of service. Tom was a member of the Eagles, Sons of VFW and Moose Lodge. He is survived by his beloved wife Frances J. McCabe and Best Friend "Midnight". In lieu of flowers, donations to Muscular Dystrophy Association would be appreciated.

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

ELIZABETH M. MCGARVEY
Elizabeth M. McGarvey (nee Casto), on August 10, 2013, of Oregon PA. Loving wife of James E. Sr. Mom of Betty Ann Yanni, Teresa "Tish" Minetti (Dan), Marguerite D'Agostino (Tom Clancy), Karen Cash (Julio Diaz) and the late James E. Jr. (Donna LaMonica). Best Mee Mom ever of Vera, Liam "Dana", Ryan (Samantha), Peter, Jimmy, Holly, Jason, Sean, Stephanie, Rebecca, Julia and Dakota. Also survived by her sister, Mary Tanner and her brother, Joseph Harvey.

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

BETTY LUE SCHRADER
Betty Lue Schrader, 80, formerly of Douglassville and widow of the late Delbert L. "Pete" Schrader, passed away on Saturday, June 22, 2013 at Chestnut Knoll in Boyertown.

Born in Little Rock, Arkansas on September 11, 1932, she was a daughter of the late Zoe (Lenz) and James W. Tate Sr. Betty Lue was employed for many years working as a Keypunch Operator and a Floral Designer. She is survived by her daughters; Deborah, wife of Gordon Hollowbush of Barto, and Melanie, wife of Kenneth Ertman of Boyertown; brother, James "Jack" Tate Jr., husband of Sandra of LaGrange,Ga., her grandchildren; Bruce, husband of Elizabeth Hallowbush of Boyertown, Stephanie wife, of Eric Wiediger of Collegeville, and Beth Ertman Barnes of Washington, DC, step grandchildren; Greg Hollowbush, Diane Cynoya in Gilbertsville, step great grandchildren; Lance and Justin Cynova and Anthony Rutkowski. Betty is also survived by her sister in laws; Betty in OK and Alice in KS along with several nieces, nephews' and their families.

Betty Lue was a member of the Unisys Blue Bell Retirees Group.

JOHN C. HILL
John C. Hill passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 10, 2013 at Paoli Memorial Hospital in Paoli, PA. He was 76. Mr. Hill was a resident of Wayne, PA. He worked as a Systems Analyst for the Unisys Corporation for over 30 years. John was a member of Valley Forge Presbyterian Church in King of Prussia, PA, where he was a church elder. Mr. Hill was a US Army veteran. Born in Philadelphia, PA on February 3, 1937, he was a son of the late Charles C. and Lillian (Perry) Hill. Surviving is his loving family including his wife of 47 years, Corinne B. (Brescia) Hill; two daughters, Susanne J. Hill of Bridgeport, PA and Jean-Michelle White and her husband, Joseph, of King of Prussia, PA; three grandchildren: Joseph, Rachel and Nicole. He was preceded in death by his brother, Thomas "Dutch" Hill.

John was not a member of the Unisys Blue Bell Retirees Group.

GERALD BILLGER, JR.
Gerald T. Billger, Jr., 64. of Sellersville, formerly of Lansdale and Hatfield, died June 27, 2013, at Quakertown Center in Quakertown. Born in Philadelphia, he was the son of the late Gerald T. SR and Elizabeth Bohon Billger. Mr. Billger served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was a retired computer tech with Sperry Univac, formerly in Blue Bell. He was of the Lutheran faith.

Mr. Billger was a dedicated member of the Mustang Club of America. Surviving are two children, Elodie Witkowski and her husband, Stephen, of Lansdale and Brian Billger and his wife, Jennifer, of Sellersville. He was preceded in death by his sister, Jayne Pender.

Gerry was not a member of the Unisys Blue Bell Retirees Group.

In Remembrance

KENNETH BENSON - June 26, 2013
GERALD T. BILLGER, JR - June 27, 2013
ROBERT JAY BLACK - May 24, 2013
SYLVIA JO CARTER - June 23, 2013
ALBERT H. COWAN - July 22, 2013
BENJAMIN VINCENT COX JR. - June 6, 2013
BILLY JOE CRACE - August 25, 2013
VIRGINIA ARNEY FLEENOR – July 10, 2013
GERALDINE FRALEY - June 21, 2013
GRACE E. FROST – July 9, 2013
WALTER E. "WALLY" GARDNER – August 19, 2013
WILLIAM KENT GRAINGER - June 15, 2013
MARGARET HARRINGTON - August 28, 2013
JOHN C. HILL – July 10, 2013
JOHN R. HOLLENBECK - August 23, 2013
EDWIN T. HUGHES - June 24, 2013
DONALD T. JARVIS - August 6, 2013
DAHELEN DOROTHY LARSON – August 14, 2013
VID J. LENNOX - June 23, 2013
CYNTHIA S. LEWIS- July 10, 2013
JOHN L. LEWIS – July 13, 2013
JENSINE (CENA) MARSH - June 8, 2013
THOMAS J. MCCABE – July 28, 013
ERROL THOMAS MORRISON - June 12, 2013
KENNETH H. OGREN - August 20, 2013
HENRY A. PETE PETRI - June 15, 2013
ANN F. RAMPONI – July 11, 2013
MILICENT MARIE ROGNLIE - July 12, 2013
ARTHUR JAMES SANDS - June 11, 2013
BETTY LUE SCHRADER - June 22, 2012
LAWRENCE ANTHONY SCHWALBE – June 5, 2013
JOAN ARENS SHEEHAN - May 31, 2013
DENNIS HOPKIN TOBLE - June 25, 2013
RICHARD B. "DICK " WHITNEY JR. - August 9, 2013
VIRGINIA KATHRYN WOLFE - June 8, 2013
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The offer to forgive members who owe dues for past years will continue into 2013. Members who have last paid through 2009, 2010, 2011, or 2012 can become current (paid through 2013) by submitting a check for $7. If you send a check for $14 you will become current through 2014.

383 of our 902 members (43%) receive e-mail versions of NEWSBITS.

Contact me, Jerry Feldscher at 610-275-3538 or felch1@verizon.net, if you have any questions!