

Newsletter

Words From the Prez

Tom Wallace

The time has come to call upon our membership base to replace a number of Board members who have served their office terms and provide some new blood to the organization. Directors shall be elected at the October meeting for a two (2) year term beginning on January 1 each year according to our By-Laws. Lee McLaurin graciously volunteered to head a Nominating Committee. The committee shall develop a slate of names of suitable nominees to the Board of Directors to replace those who will be departing the Board the coming new year. At the October regularly scheduled general membership meeting, the committee shall present their list of nominees and accept nominations from the floor.

Lee has solicited a number of candidates recommended from current Board members. It is imperative we have a mix of members representing both senior and new members as well as having eligible lady members represented. We need a more blended Board of directors to allow the association to be a growing and vibrant group.

Each member is invited to submit ideas for activities and identify the types of speakers who would be of interest. Make a serious effort to attend this meeting. Remember that the future of the Association depends on **you**.

The 2008 annual Holiday party will be changed in that a new location has been studied by the Board and is ready to have a contract prepared. The format will allow more socializing and will accommodate some changes that were recommended in our survey taken before the July meeting. Not all members could be reached in the phone surveys due to vacationing members but the vast percentage of members have been considered. More will be revealed at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Joe Pankowiecki

As of the date of this publication, 227 members out of 252 have paid their 2008 dues representing a collection rate of 90%. Members who have not paid their dues by the next SWRA Board meeting will be subject to suspension. **Note...if your copy of the Newsletter is marked with a**

'star' your dues are overdue. Please send 2008 dues in the form of a check for \$10 payable to the **Siemens Westinghouse Retirees Association** and mail to:

Joe Pankowiecki
1081 Nodding Pines Way
Casselberry, FL 32707-5915

As a note of clarification, it has been the Association's policy not to require dues payment for spouses of deceased members.

If you know of someone who is interested in joining the Association, please have them contact me by phone (407) 695-7123 or send me an e-mail (jpankowiecki@cfl.rr.com) and I will forward them the necessary information to join.

Last month we sent out the list of members and their email addresses. Please double check and let Joe know if there is a mistake with your information.

Below is a list of retiree spouses and their email addresses. Please review and let Joe know about any changes/updates...

Bartman	Yvonne	ybnbbart@aol.com
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Pierpoline	Marie
Putman	Agnes
Rhinehart	Mary
Riggs	Margaret
Samonek	Margaret
Shaner	Mary Jane
Smith	June
Smith	Phyllis
Steinebronn	Elaine
Tarrant	Kathleen
Timko	Corrine
Tomko	Mary
Wheeler	Martha
Woodward	Ginger

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Obituaries

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Richard 'Dick' Gaskins passed away in August. Dick was manager of Marketing for Large Steam Turbines in Lester before becoming an international sales manager and then President of Westinghouse in China.

Comments... (Joe Pankowiecki)

As Alexis de Tocqueville observed more than 170 years ago, a defining characteristic of the American people is their commitment to service. Today, this ethic remains strong, as across our nation Americans of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities are donating their time and talents to schools, churches, hospitals, and local nonprofits in an effort to improve their communities and serve a purpose greater than themselves.

I began my volunteer efforts fourteen years ago when I became a tutor with the Adult Literacy League. This nonprofit organization has provided the gift of literacy to thousands of adults in the Orlando area since 1968. The heart of the Adult Literacy League's mission is a one-to-one tutoring program in which a volunteer tutor meets with an adult learner once or twice a week for one to two hours. All necessary training and curricula are provided to new tutors so that no previous educational experience is required.

Since becoming a tutor I've become much more aware of the impact that illiteracy has on the community. One in every five Central Florida adults reads at or below the 5th grade level. For them, simple everyday tasks present real problems. Reading product labels, following street signs or filling out job applications can be difficult and frustrating. Families suffer, too. Parents with low literacy skills have trouble reading to their children and many don't even try. As might be expected, the literacy levels of children are strongly linked to the educational levels of their parents. Fortunately, the Adult Literacy League, through volunteer and donor support, is able to reach many of these adults and families and in doing so, help expand their world one page at a time.

If you have an interest in becoming a volunteer tutor with the Adult Literacy League, visit their web site at www.adultliteracyleague.org or contact me for additional information.

For those of you residing outside the Orlando area and interested in volunteering for a literacy organization, you can find a literacy program in your community at www.proliteracy.org/proliteracy_america.

In addition to being a tutor, I'm also a member of the training team that trains new tutors. Since retiring last year, I've also started teaching group math classes at the Adult Literacy League. Many of the students in the math classes need help in preparing for the GED test. Needless to say, I've found all of these activities to be highly rewarding, being able to make a real impact on the lives of individuals. Whatever your volunteer aspiration might be, give it a try, you won't be disappointed.

Editor's Note...this is another good example of constructive things that our retirees are doing. Thanks Joe.

Dinner/Dance Information...more to come at the Oct. meeting

**SIEMENS WESTINGHOUSE RETIREES
ASSOCIATION**

2008 - Holiday Dinner Party

6:30 PM Cash Bar

7:30 PM Buffet Dinner

Dance Music: 8:00 – 10:00 PM

Location: HOLIDAY INN - UCF

Thursday, December 4, 2008

6:30 PM through 10:00 PM?

Dinner Cost: \$ 30.00 per Person

Benefits...we have put this note in before, but for anyone that may have questions with CBS here it is again...

IF YOU HAVE CONTACTED "CBS AND YOU" AND DID NOT GET SATISFACTION, WRITE TO MR. AMBROSIO AS SHOWN BELOW:

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FRANCES PERKINS BUILDING
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- SEND YOUR LETTER BY CERTIFIED MAIL AND GET A TRACKING NUMBER. IT WILL COST ABOUT THREE DOLLARS.
- WAIT A FEW DAYS AND GO TO www.usps.gov AND GET THE DAY AND TIME YOUR LETTER WAS DELIVERED.

This process received a quick response for another retiree.

Reminder...

The next membership meeting is **9:30, Tuesday, October, 14th**, in **Quad 2** cafeteria. Mark your calendars now!!!

Mosquitoes remind us that we are not as high on the food chain as we would like to believe.

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