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The magic of Christmas and Hounach never ends and its greatest of gifts is family and friends... have a Merry Christmas, a memorable Hounach and a Happy, Healthy New Year... Your Crescent Staff

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### **THE NEW CRESCENT SOCIETY**

We had a great time, sure wish you could have attended the 2010 Christmas lunch. I know that you were invited. The Persimmon Hill Restaurant at the Western Heritage Museum was a treat... the food was good, the service was good, the setting was good, the attendance was good... and the entertainment was good... what more can be said... it was good. We were treated to a magic act by Marty Blazy and the Red Hat Ladies, lead by Doris Weathers, sang “We Wish You A Merry Christmas.” Richard and Doris Weathers presented 12 complimentary passes to our diners for a tour of the museum. Those who did tour the museum were thrilled with the growth of the Hall and displays provided... what a great addition to our city.

We had 50 for lunch at this Christmas meeting... as compared to last year, Christmas 2009; we had 20 for the Christmas meeting. So, our Crescent Society is doing well.

... and if you haven't been able to make a brunch meeting, you should try to meet and greet some of the brunch bunch. The November brunch was enjoyed by 21 retirees at the Woodbridge Restaurant. We are probably going to need a better brunch location to accommodate the brunch bunch... more on this later.

### **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Your board members are required by tax-code, based upon our non-profit status, to make a charitable investment in the community. This year the Crescent Society board chose to recognize the Oklahoma City Community Foundation.



Bob Hickey presented the Oklahoma City Community Foundation \$240 from the membership treasury of the Crescent Society. We have a strong thread to this organization. Many of you will remember Dilip Patel (engineering). Dilip and his wife, Vibha, are actively involved in the OKC Community Foundation. In addition to their grants to the Foundation, the Patel's have established charitable gift annuities to the Foundation. Dilip, who is one of our own, is paying it forward to make life better for the youth of our community and those less fortunate than ourselves. We appreciate Dilip and Vibha Patel. By the way, Dilip and Vibha are now US citizens...

### **RED HATS ... THE RED HOT MAMMAS**

The Crescent Red Hat Ladies, The Red Hot Mammias, were present with Red Hats and their usual mirth and frivolity at the Christmas lunch... and also their ever present youthful, vibrant attitude.



The Red Hat Ladies presented their Christmas gift to the local Salvation Army. Their gift of \$120 will help the local giving this season through the Salvation Army. If you would like a monthly lunch outing with some great ladies you should consider joining this group.. I understand the only requirements are to get a red hat, a purple blouse, be a lady and plan to have a good time at the lunch each first Thursday of the month. There are no dues, no officers, no minutes, no regular meeting place.. you can find out the rest of the “no” rules by contacting one of the red hat ladies... call me I will put you in touch with someone.. (405 324 8322)

## MEMBERSHIP DESK

We continue to receive new and returning membership to the new Crescent Society. The News Letter is no small part of this renewed interest. The online News Letter has received 1391 hits beginning with our November News Letter to December 12, 2010. This is compared to previous months during the past 12 months of 300 to 500 hits per month. Not bad for a new start with a new look for the News Letter. Michelle Haines has done a great job in the launching of this new look.

We have received many compliments about the News Letter. We have several submissions and suggestions for story lines and articles for the News Letter. So... please let us know what you would like to read in future issues. This News Letter is about our membership and for our membership. It is your News Letter, please get involved.

Join the Crescent Society today. **Send your membership dues** (\$5 per membership) **made to the Crescent Society %Bob Hickey, 1900 N.W. 160<sup>th</sup> Pl., Edmond, OK, 73013-1434.** Include your mailing address, phone, and e-mail address, to add to the directory. Some addresses and e-mail addresses have been found to be wrong and this will remedy those problems.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES ...

Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 1975... Hawk Assembly Operation Starts at MPI-OKC

This week MPI OKC Operations received kits to start assembly of the Hawk disk drives. The first of several projects which will be transferred to OKC Operations.

The Hawk is configured into 91 "delicious flavors" for shipment 100 different customers. The customer base is world wide, with customers throughout the USA, Japan and Europe.

Those presently involved in the startup are Jack Blevins, Bernie Schultz, Glen Parker, Chester West, Sam Gomez, Bill Cagle, Patty Owens, Linda Brown, Rowena Fields, Melvadene Simon, Dean Medaarden and Helen Morris. It is estimated that 120 technicians and operators will be on the production line for the Hawk by mid-1976.

## MORE NEWS ABOUT Oklahoma City ...

Survey ranks the OKC metro area as number 1 for military retirees... having noted this news many of our former / retired employees have long know that the OKC area is the nation's 29th largest metropolitan area. Oklahoma City offers a wide variety of attractions and activities for the entire family. The city offers cultural programs such as live theater, opera, musical and dance performances, fine art galleries and the Oklahoma City Philharmonic Orchestra. Area attractions include horse racing, zoo, planetarium, science museum, and amusement parks. If you like sports, you can choose between minor league baseball, hockey, arena football & NBA basketball, top-ranked NCAA and high school competition. This in addition to good housing values, good economy, low cost of living, many recreation activities, wonderful museums, great neighbors and of course the Crescent Society membership. The short of this is that this survey is a little late in coming and could have easily been provided if we had only been asked. Oh well, better late than never and of course this is more good news about Oklahoma City and living in Oklahoma ... lest we forget about the tornados, summer heat and winter ice storms, the fall foliage, the lakes a plenty, the clear blue sky ... don't you just love it?

## ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

This is Pete Phillips...employee of General Electric from 1960 to 1974. Started in Syracuse, NY transferred to Oklahoma City, Ok in 1963 and joined Don Van Vliet and Sam Roberts in Evandale, OH in 1968.

We joined Joe Dintino at Honeywell, Tampa, Fl in 1974. Transferred with Joe to Minneapolis, MN in 1977. Found Mpls way too cold and moved to Albuquerque, NM..."The land of Enhancement", in 1993. Retired from Honeywell Aerospace in 2002. Retirement is great!.....for six months or so!!!! So I am back at Honeywell as a contract engineer basically doing the same job I retired from. Will probably retire again in 2011.....maybe, we'll see!

Anne and I will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary in 2011. Our children are planning a Mediterranean cruise somewhere in early May. By the way, this cruise is "open" to whoever would like to join us. As plans get finalized, we can send info to all who are interested. Here is our email address: [pete\\_annephillips@yahoo.com](mailto:pete_annephillips@yahoo.com)

We plan on renewing our vows. Members of our former wedding party have been invited.

We have 4 children. Mark in WI (wife JoAnn), Scott in AZ (wife Shari), Jodi (in MN) not married (yet), Gina in MN (husband Randy). Only 4 grandchildren (lazy kids--ha ha). Jake is 22, Troy and Kaylee (step daughter) are 18, Grace is 6.

### **GENERAL STORIES ... Honeywell retirement earnings**

While going through my Honeywell earnings/retirement, I had a question concerning my direct deposit earning statements or lack thereof. I thought that this might be interesting to all who are currently receiving Honeywell retirement income.

My question to Honeywell Retirement Service Center was... “Can you tell me why I did not receive an earnings statement this month?”

The answer was ... “Earnings statements are mailed out twice a year – December 1st and February 1st. This will allow you to view year to date information in December, as well as updated deductions in February. Please note that payment history, current and future payments are all available Your Benefits Resources™ Web site at <http://resources.hewitt.com/honeywell>, or call the Honeywell Retirement Service Center at 1-800-526-0744.”

### **IMPORTANT DATES AND PLACES ...**

Our next membership gathering will be the third Thursday, 20 January 2011 and February 17 (9:30 AM) at the Woodbridge Restaurant. We will have a lunch meeting during March... place and date to be determined... you will be advised.

### **And the Questions for this edition ... are ?**



First ... the reveal ... The real clown in our midst is Jim Herriott. Jim is an active member of the Shriners Clown Mini-Chopper Unit. So... clowning around for charity is Jim Herriot. Steve and Vickie Eckerd knew the answer to this question.

Now for a more difficult reveal ... I have on good authority that the “bread delivery” boy was none other than our very own George Eifler. Seems that George entered into this work by having an uncle who delivered bread products door-to-door in his home town. The rest is of course history.. engineer, marketing, sales, management and not to forget George was Mayor of Yukon, Oklahoma. Dick Hill was the source of this answer.



OK.. put you thinking caps on and answer this twister of a question. Who among our employees was the arctic explorer... yes, with igloo, mukluks and of course the handy weapon at the ready? This was during the cold war, JFK had just been assassinated and the question was “did Russia have an involvement?”

### **Memoriam – 2010**

To recognize and respect those who have passed this life in 2010:

Lois Wassilak, Gabriel Burrus, Bruce Simpson (Ben’s son), Tom Elliot, Josephine Mahanay, Betty Figer, Thurman Davis, Jason Rego (Bernie’s son), Bill Bayer, Mary McCuddy, Wadean Wade, Gene Heffron, Dora Meloy, Jim Fox (Barbara’s husband), Cly Shelley, Warren Stone, Lyman Good, Ray McGee, Larry Byers, Stephan Flemming (Sylvia’s son), Dean Ashby

Please forgive any omissions .. if you know of others or note errors in this list please comment to me so that we may properly recognize our employees, retirees, members and families.. Dick Weathers