

# THE CRESCENT NEWS

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## PUBLISHER'S CORNER

Greetings to all our readers of this, the first edition of the Crescent Newsletter of 2010. We sincerely hope each of you had a very happy holiday season.

For those of you outside the Oklahoma City area, know that on Christmas Eve day, we recorded the single larg-

est one day snowfall in the recorded history of the city.....14 inches total.

You will likely remember from your time here that the city is ill-equipped to handle such a storm. Needless to say, the city was virtually shut down for two days with every Interstate highway

closed!

Some of us had a late Christmas celebration due to the storm and resultant inability to travel.

We call your attention to the first major Crescent Society event of the year. Please read the details below.

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## MARCH 6, 2010 LUNCHEON

### PERSIMMON HILL CAFE

(12:00 noon at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame)

\$8 members — \$12 guests

Guest Speaker: Mike Galiga

(see resume on page 4)

For reservations, send money to: Bob Hickey  
1900 NW 160th Pl  
Edmond, OK 73013

Note: Exhibit pass: \$8.50 (over age 62) : \$10.00 (under age 62)

### Officers & Directors

July 2008—June 2009

#### Elected Officers:

President	Bill Henson
1st Vice Pres	Open
Secretary	Pat Goetzinger
Treasurer	Bob Hickey

#### Appointed Directors:

Membership	Dave Ernst
Publications	Tom Goetzinger

#### Standing Committees:

Historian	Marty Blazy
Caring	Edith Hughes

## FIRST OKLAHOMA CITY (GE) EMPLOYEE

It was a very warm July morning in 1962 and I reported to Building #2 to meet my new boss. I was the first Oklahoma City employee hired by the then Military Communications Department of the General Electric Corporation. When I arrived there was no one there to meet me. The Building was totally empty. There was no furniture, no telephone, no typewriter and it appeared that no one had even swept the place recently.

I thought to myself---what on earth have I done? I left a perfectly wonderful job, a beautiful office with a great boss at Baptist Hospital to come to this! As I stood there, the interview I had to get this job came into focus and I was quite sure I had made one of the biggest mistakes of my then 25 year old life.

I thought I needed a change in jobs, more money and a new challenge. I had discussed it with a young man I was dating at the time who was a GE Employee---not of MCD, but an accountant---a traveling auditor. He had been sent to Oklahoma City to audit the installation of a large steam turbine at the Harrah Generating Plant. We had met through a friend of a friend, you know the drill. Through his GE contacts he knew about MCD coming to Oklahoma City before it was announced publicly and he had arranged for me to get an interview with the head of the GE Regional office who was, at that time, handling all inquiries.

I met this representative for my formal interview at the Blue Note Bar at 23<sup>rd</sup> and Walker---which, in-

cientally is still there!!! If a 25 year old single lady did that in this day and age I hate to think what people would say (maybe they were saying the same thing then, but I was too naive to know it) and I must say, my parents were none too happy about the arrangements either!! He and I talked---I don't remember if I had a beer with him or not---but I got the job!! So you can see my beginnings with MCD were a bit unusual. I was asked to start work the day after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday so there I was in Building #2 to begin work.

Shortly after I arrived a contingency of all men arrived: Marwin Johnson, Lou Gehm, Carl Beers and others I didn't know and was meeting for the first time. I had been told during my interview that one of these men would be my new boss. Who, would be determined at a later date after all the Section Managers had reported to work and interviewed me. So needless to say, I felt a bit intimidated and was anxious to make a good impression that I was a worker bee and I was ready to begin! Well, with no furniture or fixtures of any kind, that was the obvious job---to arrange for all of that to be in place.

I don't recall how long it took us to get everything going but I remember working with Carl Beers and eventually desks, chairs and the all important typewriters arrived and all the other necessary things to get an office started. We worked in that building for several weeks then moved over to Building # 1.

The next very vivid memory in my mind was a day in October. By

that time several other secretaries had been hired: Lois Aupperle, Moyne Holland, Mary Burton and others. We were all working in one large room with our desks arranged right next to each other with no space in between for maneuvering. To say it was tight quarters is an understatement. It was a type of steno pool and I was still quite sure I had made a huge career mistake. We all worked jointly for any Section Manager who needed our help and we were pretty busy even though there was all kinds of construction going on around us and the noise was intense. They were trying to get the business offices all ready to accept their new occupants.

On this particular day that I remember Carl Beers came into the steno pool room and tossed a dossier on our desks. It landed half on my desk and half on Lois Aupperle's desk. Carl, said to the two of us---the only single girls among the group---"okay you two, here's the first bachelor we have hired, you can fight over him." Since I was already dating the young GE auditor, I wasn't the least bit interested so I told Lois he's all yours--- I'm not interested." Well, that young bachelor was Bob Hickey, so as the saying goes, "the rest is history!!!"

.....Joyce Hickey

Editor's note: At a Crescent Society Dinner last year, Joyce began telling this story. I asked her to please write it down to share with the rest of the members of the Crescent Society via this newsletter.

She did, and we hope you enjoyed reading her story. Thank you, Joyce, for sharing this with the Society.

## MEMBERSHIP DESK

DAVE ERNST

## CHINA

**In Memoriam:**

As usual December has been a sad month, as we lost several members and friends. Those that passed away were:

**Bill Busch** November 15th 2009

**Terry Nowka** early December 2009

**Carolyn Kenwisher** December 9th 2009

**Ron Bullard** December 9th 2009

**George Whiting** December 11th 2009

**Info Changes:**

**Lothar Dieckmann's** new email address is:  
ldieckmann@vodafone.de

China recently reported a growth in GDP of 10.7% and an increase in exports of 77% (December year over year). China is clearly leading the world out of the recession.

How did they do it? China implemented a stimulus package more than double that of the United States (\$1.5 Trillion) despite having a GDP much smaller than the USA.

China's stimulus package, however, was designed to actually stimulate their economy as opposed to the stimulus package in the United States which was extremely heavy on social programs, state and local government funding and huge pork barrel spending programs.

## ARCHIVES

MARTY BLAZY

Thanks to George EIFLER, we are now the proud possessors of a set of coasters in a walnut wooden block with a plastic cover stamped "Magnetic Peripherals, Inc. 1980. Normandale, Portugal, Heppenheim, Oklahoma. It was another one of the "giveaways" for distribution by CDC. It will be added to the collection. Thanks again. George.

And I would like to thank all of you out there who over the years have provided your donated items. Your names are far too many to be recognized here, but you know who you are. All the plant newspapers, company phonebooks, organization charts, and miscellaneous company documents that are in the Archives are

due to your sharing and not discarding the many monumental stories and product successes that happened in Oklahoma City from 1963 to the present. A library of reference materials such as ours is unavailable anywhere else.

Thank you for preserving the past which could have been disposed of by a flick of the hand into the trash, but now remains as back-up material. Last, but not least, if you have any other "stuff" that is found and that you don't want, please send it to me and we'll add it to the other "stuff." Roger FREEMAN, the original Historian, was instrumental in acquiring, through pleading, for most of the items. Hip, hip, hooray to Roger.

## TECHNOLOGY

George Eifler sent this along. There is a new technology being developed which would revolutionize the user interface to computers. This technology is almost impossible to describe, so we will make no attempt to do so. For those of you with access to the internet you can view a demonstration of this technology by watching a video at the following web site.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qC3H3JOtvSs&feature=player\\_embedded#](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qC3H3JOtvSs&feature=player_embedded#)

This video is approximately 13 minutes long and you may have to watch it more than once to even begin to comprehend what is happening. For those of you without access to the internet, sorry about that.

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### Mark Your Calendar

Crescent Society Breakfast  
Saturday Feb 20, 2010  
8:00 am

Woodbridge Restaurant  
(39th St and Tulsa Ave)

### Dave Ernst says:

There are 10 types of people in the world .....

Those who understand binary math and those who don't.

## Mike Galiga

Mike Galiga is the son of Glen Galiga and Rita Galiga. After receiving his Law Degree, Mike was trained by executives in the highest levels of the corporate world. He has structured transactions as a consultant in the corporate world both domestically and internationally for more than 25 years.

Some of Mike's clients include UBS, CitiCorp, Cigna, J.P. Morgan, and the country of Abu Dhabi as well as many others. He is an expert communicator and facilitator allowing the corporations as well as the individual employees to become innovative, creative and to thrive within the corporate world.

Mike had written a book entitled: "Win Every Battle." We think you will enjoy Mike's presentation at the luncheon at Persimmon Hill, and his motivational speaking style.

Please join us at the luncheon on March 6, 2010 at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame.