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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Well, spring is here, oh, wait a minute is it summer or maybe, fall, the way the weather has been changing lately you never really know. Had quite a holiday season up to St. Patty's Day.

Well, my wife Terri and I celebrated 50 years of marriage in February. Still don't know how that happened, I feel only fifty years old. The time really flies by when you're having fun! To tell the truth it wasn't always fun but somehow we made it, more good times than bad. There's an old saying if its broken fix it don't just throw it away. Guess that's what we seniors do.

We are trying to get some events planned for this year, a picnic was proposed, along with an Elvis impersonator, but again we have to guarantee a minimum of 100 people and that's hard to do. A run up the stairs at the Empire State Building was shot down immediately. So what else can we come up with? Some of us took a dinner, dance cruise on the River Lady, a paddle boat ride out of Toms River. It was quite enjoyable.

We are open to all suggestions, so if you have any, send them in to me or Millie Del Bove. Some people expressed an interest in another dinner dance, sounds good to me, just have to come up with a new theme, maybe "the 40's".

In case some of you don't know, our English teacher, Mrs. Popp is not a Weeble, she does fall down, cracked five ribs, but she's back up and running again

The Association gave the auto mechanic shop \$1,500.00 for some tools they needed. It's nice to know that we can help our alma mater in some small way.

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ONE OF OUR OWN



George DeRosa was born and raised in Rosebank.

After graduating from P.S. 13 he attended McKee where he studied machine design. After graduation from McKee in 1944, George attended the Brooklyn Poly Technic Institute, University of Oklahoma and Temple University.

He has been employed as a draftsman, field engineer, electronic test engineer, a quality assurance engineer, a reliability engineer and as a Manager of Technical Support with RCA. During his 21 years with RCA he spend five years with GTE. George retired from RCA in 1990 at the age of 62 when GE took over RCA.

During his early career George has lived in Japan, Germany, Oklahoma and Virginia.

While working for Philco, on assignment as an instructor George met his wife Clara in Freisling, Germany where she was a teacher at the US Air Force Dependent School. Clara hailed from Washington State where her father grew apples along the Columbia River. George was visiting another teacher when Clara came storming in complaining that they wanted to transfer her to England. She wanted to stay in Germany because her sister was an Army nurse stationed in Salzburg and her brother an Army sergeant was stationed in Mainz, Germany. When she finished complaining, they were introduced. They were married in the Military Chapel in Freising on April 12, 1952 and honeymooned in Italy. George and Clara had seven children – George, Anita, (continued on page 2)

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The spring luncheon looks to be a success again this year; it's always a really nice event.

The Hall of Fame has yet to be finalized as of this report but we hope to have it completed soon.

Our membership seems to stay status quo, but if any of your classmates are not members, get on their case, we can always use new blood, (o.k. maybe not that new but new to the alumni).

Also this year is election year for the alumni so if you would like to nominate someone make sure you have their consent and get in touch with us.



As for now,
Your president,
Ken McIntyre.

God Bless America

(One of our own continued from page 1)

Joseph, Maria, Amelia, Frances and Thomas and fourteen grandchildren. Clara died in 2009. They had been married for 57 years.

When Clara became ill, George took over all of the cooking, etc. He went from just baking bread to making 12 Easter pies and struffoli at Christmas to making cream puffs, sweet ravioli, fruit filled scones and more. Baking is George's therapy. He will bake some goody if he doesn't feel like doing something else that really should be done.

George's hobbies include woodworking, photography and baking. Woodworking is history as operating machinery has become difficult now, but he designed and built his kitchen cabinets from scratch, a butcher block table and floor to ceiling shelves, and storage benches.

As a photographer he worked as a part-time stringer for WKY TV News. A fair

amount of his photographs ended up on the news.

George was in the U.S. Navy from January, 1945 until September, 1949. George says he spent a total of 15 days actually on the water.

While working in Japan, George made trips to Korea, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. On his days off he was able to visit many areas of Japan. While working for RCA, he also made numerous trips to Greenland and Alaska. He was in Alaska during both 24 hours of darkness and 24 hours of daylight.

George was instrumental in setting up the 49th and 50th year reunions for the June 1944 Class. He feels that McKee gave him an excellent background in engineering with training in math, physics, drafting, machine design and machine shop. Teachers at McKee motivated him to do his best.

George is also a member of the Knights of Columbus, but has had to curtail his activities the past couple of years. He was also a Scout Master with the Boys Scouts for 20 years.

SAVE THE DAY
HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 30, 2012
at the
STAATEN

SIMPLIFY YOUR RETIREMENT PLANNING



What's your retirement strategy? Or should the first question be: Do you have a retirement strategy? As the baby boomer population gets healthier and lives longer, the question becomes: Whether the assets will last as long as we do? Will we be able to leave a legacy to our children or will the nursing home take all we have for our long term care?

Short of winning the Power Ball Lottery, there are some small steps that can be taken now to build and protect your assets. One such step is to increase contributions to a Roth IRA. IRA stands for "investment retirement account." The Roth IRA permits "after tax" contributions to a retirement account which then permits "tax free" withdrawals of your accrued gains. Since you don't take a tax deduction on the Roth contribution when it is made, the withdrawal years later, can be made free of federal income tax.

For those over fifty years old, Roth contributions of up to \$6,000 per year can be made. The Roth IRA can then grow tax free in a stable stock or bond fund. Roth IRA withdrawals do not trigger higher Medicare premiums or increased taxes on Social Security payments.

The purchase of long-term care insurance, is another useful tool for asset preservation and estate planning. Long term care insurance should be a central part of any retirement plan for three very significant reasons:

- 1) Long-term care insurance will give the policy holder the freedom to choose a better, higher quality nursing home or assisted living residence.
- 2) Eliminate the need to rush to the office of an attorney to seek ways to

shed assets in order to become eligible for Medicaid, and
3) In New York State, long-term care insurance qualifies the insured for Medicaid long-term care benefits under the State partnership program.

Buyers of long-term insurance can also gain a tax deduction on the premiums paid, to the extent that the premium exceeds 7.5% of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income. Aside from the peace of mind derived from a long-term care policy, the premiums can actually be reduced by reducing the benefit amount and the coverage period.

While we cannot control the aging process, we can control the circumstances under which we age. All it takes is some early planning and a strategy for the end game.

By Duane C. Felton, Esq.
Life & Health Ins. Broker
Lic. NY and NJ
Class of 1967

WE NEED STORIES

We need material for our newsletter. Surely, there stories galore out there. After all we have members who graduated in the 1930s.

There must be a memory or two you would like to share with your fellow members.

Duane Felton, who authored the above column, has offered to write on a regular basis. Thank you, Duane.

If you have a story you would like to contribute, either contact Millie at McKeeassoc@msn.com or Roberta at McKee1957@charter.net or mail it to the address on the back of the newsletter.

POPP'S PERSPECTIVE



Spring is here. Hooray! Where does the time fly? We're well into 2012 already! It seems only yesterday that I was punching a time card at my favorite school... And it

seems impossible that when I meet with my former "boys and girls" from McKee, they talk about their grandchildren! Oh, well, I'm glad to remember those halcyon days. Every reminiscence is a happy one. I hope you feel the same!

And among the many reasons to be happy are the great meetings and reunions I am privileged to share with my friends from that great school on St. Marks Place in St. George.

One special friendship (among many) is that with Ken and Teri McIntyre who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in February! We are so lucky to have Ken as our alumni president. His sense of humor can't be beaten and he's a great champion of our beloved school. All the best to the best – Ken and Teri!

The alumni luncheon was, as usual, a true success. Seeing so many happy faces was a joy and among those were Joe and Bernie Lattuga who are very special.

Hearing from John Armstrong and Bob Myers is delightful.

John Armstrong visited New York recently and Millie and Joe Del Bove joined John and me for lunch. Wonderful!

The McKee Holiday luncheon, a success is every way, gave me a chance to reconnect with so many of our graduates and, as always, to see so of my teaching colleagues – John De Palma, Bob Steele, Ida Grober, Don Juliano and Pat De Meo. Hearing from Don Healy's wife, Pat, is also very special.

My sister, Dawn Tanaka, did not attend McKee, but is delighted to be the corresponding secretary of our alumni association. Grace Motola, wife of Lou, is

our recording secretary and is currently recovering knee surgery. Her ebullient spirit makes everyone happy. Her husband, Lou, is a board member also.

I'm happy that Anna Carlo keeps in touch, (How lucky can one person (me) be?)

Sincere congratulations to Timothy Taeschner on achieving the level of Eagle Scout. Timothy is the son of Richard and Cathy Taeachner.

I am saddened to learn that John Barr recently passed away at his long-time home in Florida.

Hope to see you soon.

All the best,

Lilian Popp

DONATIONS

John Carew
James Dankelman
Mary Linderman
Robert Maloy
Mr. & Mrs. J. Ruffo
Walter Werra

DONATE YOUR CAR



If you have a car you would like to get rid of, donate it to McKee's Automotive Department. The school will give you a letter for tax purposes.

All you have to do is email David Sarno at Dsarno@schools.nyc.gov or call McKee at 718 420-2600 and ask for the Automotive Dept. They will accept any car.

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 2011 – May 1, 2012

CREDITS

Membership
 New mbrs 180.00
 Renewals 720.00
 Lifetime 450.00 1,350.00

Donations 375.00

Received check
 in error 150.00

Events
 2011 Holiday
 Party 4,353.80

Raffles 715.00
 Spring Luncheon
 2012 reservations 3,195.00
 Raffle 635.00

Total 10,773.80

Balance from
 June 30, 2011 **+5,077.14**
\$15,850.94

DEBITS

Accountant fee 200.00
 Florist 319.00
 Supplies/postage 612.11
 Events
 Holiday Party,
 Staaten 3,868.00

Donations
 CSI Foundation 50.00
 Oasis Christian Church/
 General & Board
 Meetings 300.00
 McKee H.S. Supplies
 for Automotive
 Technology 1,500.00 1,850.00

Other Expenses
 Returned check
 to member 230.00
 Hall of Fame
 Refreshments 160.00

Journal Ad Sports
 dinner 50.00
 (2) Dinner ticket
 sports dinner 90.00 530.00

Total \$7,379.11
\$15,850.94
-7,379.11

Checkbook Bal.
 May 1, 2012 \$8,471.83

Certificate of
 Deposit +13,102.90
 TOTAL 21,574.72

Donation to
 school
 (2002 – 2012) \$35,052.25

Millie Del Bove
 Treasurer

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

Robert Arslanian
 Class of 1957
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 Walter Werra
 Class of 1957

THANK YOU

Thank you to Rosemarie Signorile
 for donating the centerpieces for our
 Holiday Luncheon.

Thank you to all who made donations to our
 Holiday Raffle. It helps to make this event a
 happy and successful occasion.

SORRY

We forgot to mention the following
 members in our birthday section.

Grace Motola
 Robert Stuart
 Dawn Tanaka

2011 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



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Memories from 2003 and 2004 Picnics and Luncheon



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January

Edwin C. Brech, Marshall Caldwell, Claude Campbell, Cornelius Connelly, Alexander DeMatteis, Robert A. Dobrovolski, Jacqueline Donlon-Steiner, Walter Ettinger, Bill Fortin, Jo Jo Hession-LoPresti, Kenneth A. Hoch, Carole Kalkstein-Dalton, Paul King, Carol LaDieu, Kathryn Lombardo-Cassa, Danny Magee, Anita Mastroberti-Biardino, Joseph Mavaro, Clarence McGhie, Warren A. McIntyre, William Moffatt, Thomas Munnely, Stephen O'Brien, Jacqueline O. Olivia-Van Dyke, Joseph A. Palumbo, Marie Pizzolo-Palumbo, Nancy Rannie, Kenneth Scanlon, Thomas Sieberg, Barbara J. Stapleton-Thomas, Salvatore Tirone, John A. Urban,

February

John Arnone, Robert Arslanian, M. James Brech, Celeste Bruns, Esther Cruz-Hannan, George DeRosa, George A. Fatton, Kenneth Gibson, Donna Griffin-Cucchiara, Vincent A. Guardino, Fred Haspel, Edward Healy, Jean Infantino-Alvino, Richard LaDieu, Marian LaManna-Culet, Elsie J. Lederman, Carmine Lombardi, May Long-Lombardi, John Martelotti, Kathryn Miller-Capofari, Charles Navarino, Vincent Navarino, Stanley Okun, John Ponterio, Anthony Procopio, Nancy Somma-Burns, Peter John Stazzone, Angelina Tummarello-Misuraca, Lynn Valent-Cormier, Anthony Vigliotti,

March

Frank Aguliaro, Sverre Norman Andersen, Albert Balossi, Helen Boehm-Lacertosa, Louis Buono, Lorraine Corvo-Morris, Victoria DiLeo, James Edkins, Grace M. Falcone, Doris Frabotta-Stella, Frank Franzel, Louise Fuimo-Antonellis, Patricia Gentile, Theresa Giordano-Cowen, Ronald J. Giovannucci, Angelina Gurrieri-Arnone, Glen Edward Herbert, Mildred Hoffmann-Del Bove, Bill Koenig, Austin Lally, Beverly Licastri-Castranova, Gladys Lombardo-Irwin, Jean Mastroberti-Iavarone, Angela Mavriello-Kempton, Michael F. McDonough, Frances O'Connor-Dowling, Stevan Peters, Gerard Pistilli, Lilian M. Popp, Richard Prado, Phyllis Santore-Wilrout, Kenneth J. Smith, Angela Spisto-Pasquale, Vincent A. Tummino, John R. Wildrick, Michael Zawada

April

Ann Baez Nicholas Donadio, Dominick Gagliardi, Christopher Ifill, Joe Labita, Kenneth Laub, Carmine Marotta, Jerome Marroccolo, LauriAnn Massa-Barberio, Florence Monaco-Kohr, Michael Notarfrancesco, Andrew Paglia, Donna Pino-Young, Margaret Simeone-Smith, Ruth Taber, Vincent Trucelli, William Vito Vaccaro, Paul Wakeman, Vincent Zasa

May

Theresa Balbi-DiCosmo, Esther Blatt, Ralph E. Brech, Theresa Carbone-Abinanti, Joseph Carducci, Jeanne de Berendey, Samuel DeFazioGus DiLeo, Charles DiMartino, Joseph Anthony DiMartino, Ruth S. DiToro, Richard Fenty, Jean Hall-Seeward-Byrne, Kenneth A. Harris, Stanley J. Humin, Lilly Knudsen-Fitzgibbon-Wilcox, Anthony LaMorte, Patricia McKay-Mazzuki, Grace Motola, Josephine Muccino, Carlo Nola, Scott Nye, Salvatore Palumbo, Eleanor Panza-Ingulli, Angie Perno-Navarino, Nicholas Pietromonico, Lucille Rizzo-Mandato, John F. Ronga, Dolores Sparandera-Tarsi, Robert J. Tosto, Alan Wagner

June

Alfred N. Benaducci, Ann Cafaro-Koeth, Theresa M. Cafaro-Koeth, Lisa Cherkaski, Joseph Coppola, Roy J. Garlisi, John Gaynor, Martin Hansen, Donald G. Helt, Nancy Hickman-Teague, Henry Houle, Melvin E. Kling, Richard S. Kuhgowski, Alberta Mazur, Thomas McEnerney, Jo-Ann Nola-Cashman, Robert E. O'Connell, Frank J. Papapietro, Alice Paradise-Castro, Joseph Partenope, John Pasquale, Lucille Piciocchio-Townson, Vincent Roselli, Marianne Santangelo-Socci, Clara Shorrock-Cubberly, Edward Stone, Charles Vasquez, Edward Volpe, Robert Walker, Elsie Woltje Kara-White