

Silver Eagles Newsletter

December 2011

We have two new members this month, one from my old office. I've been holding my breath on Christmas party announcements, but have yet to hear anything! The info on one retirement party is found below so I will put this out now and forward Christmas party news later. Also, I saw some real Silver Eagle interaction on the Medicare question. People started hitting me with questions and Al Reitan woke me one morning at about 8 am to offer help. Yes, woke me at 8 o'clock – it might have been 8:30 – Hey, I'm retired! Anyway, his wife has dealt with these questions through her career. I attempted to link the questioners with her answers.

New Members:

Bob Trainor

Jim Conneely

Board News:

Bob Trainor will be retiring on December 31, after decades of distinguished public service. We are planning a retirement luncheon for Bob at **11:30 a.m. on Monday, December 19, at Phillips** Flagship Restaurant (900 Water Street, SW, Washington, DC; Tel No.: 202-488-8515).

The cost is \$25.00 per person. If you plan to attend, please let Ravi know for planning purpose, and pay Nancy Mason \$25.00 as soon as possible, but certainly by COB, Friday, December 16. Also, Nancy will be collecting contributions towards Bob's gift, if you would like to do so.

Please note that contribution towards Bob's gift is not a requirement to join us for lunch to say farewell to Bob, and vice versa. Ravi (202) 314-6644 Nancy (202) 314-6257

Bill Love from the General Counsel's office is retiring the end of the year. His farewell song went like this (DAEO = Designated Agency Ethics Official):

The latest rumor is ..

Dr. Love's done with NTSB biz!

So, sing it high and sing it low,
On the 12/31/2011, he'll *FINALLY* go!!

Thence, there'll be no mo' tales of **NO**
From his meanness, *Dr. No* ... the DAEO.

Just let me say, "What a ride it's been."
AND, "Farewell, I hope to see you again."

And if you wonder where I'll be ..
Prob'ly chillin' with my gal, Ginny ... maybe under a tree.

So, stop by and talk if you have time,
Or, send an email - drop me a line.
Honest, it doesn't have to rhyme.

Best to each and every one of you!
[Check out Bill and Ginny's photo in the Silver Eagles photo gallery.]

Jim Coneeely – Member Rosekind's special assistant, who came from the FAA.

Mbr Rosekind put this together: We have some mixed news to share about changes in our office. After two years apart, Jim Conneeely is returning home to Chicago with plans to progress his relationship with April. You will certainly join us in congratulating Jim on this exciting new path with April. While he continues to confront his personal commitment challenges (he has not bought a ring, yet), Jim has accepted a position with United in Chicago.

Of course, this joyous life transition means that Jim will be leaving the NTSB, with his final day being Friday, Dec. 2. Jim has been in our office for about 14 months and has become an integral part of all of our efforts. We are going to miss his good nature, steady style, and many significant contributions to our office and the NTSB. He has become a trusted colleague and good friend.

Member News:

Thanks to the merging of questions on Medicare, an 8 am call, and a plan to go to an Irish music performance in Great Falls – where Al Reitan and his wife live – Me and my wife and Al and his wife went to the performance together! We had a lot of fun listening to music and sharing stories about the Board! I hope that this is happening among us in other places. Please share your experiences! (Oh, and yes I can hear Chip snorting – Irish music! – During our on-again – off-again carpool four of us fought over music or news in the car. When I drove, I typically I listened to news, but one day after listening to rounds of NPR violins and country music I put in a tape of Irish bar songs that brought considerable comment!)

Miscellaneous:

Merry Christmas to all and to all a Good Night! YEAH!

Jim Henderson