



Silver Eagles Newsletter

August 2013

Silver Eagles,

One new Member this month thanks to a west coast reunion. We have some news this month, thanks to my begging! I do love member news – so please send more!!

New Member:

Phyllis Kayten

Board News: None

Member News:

Phyllis Kayten - It's a pleasure to join the Silver Eagles. Since seeing **Julie Beal, John Lauber, Susan Coughlin, Mark Rosenkind, Carl Vogt, Nora Marshall** and **John Petrakis** at Nora and John's house earlier this summer, I've been reflecting on my years at the board (1983-1990) especially since the Asiana accident in my now-home in the San Francisco Bay area, I've been missing the excitement of the investigation. Since leaving the board, I've been at the FAA in DC (Deputy Scientific and Technical Advisor for Human Factors) and at NASA Ames Research Center, and since 2001, a librarian at Stanford University. The switch to librarian was a radical change which I managed to accomplish without any library science degree - just happened to be in the right place in the right time when professional librarians were streaming out the door to be researchers in dot com companies. I love the work, and get to research new subjects every day. I conduct workshops for Stanford freshmen on using the specialized research databases, and help students and faculty find information on a wide variety of topics. Some of the students even study human factors in the transportation, medical, and other work environments, so I get to use my expertise to direct them to the right sources.

I still follow the work of the Board, and am pleased to see that some of my old friends are now Board Members and department staff. My husband of 25 years, Steve Weinstein, works in the film industry, and we got to go to the Academy Awards this year - topping that experience was attending the Vanity Fair party after the Award ceremony. I was pretty starstruck -- saw and talked to so many big stars and directors my jaw was sore from dropping. We live in Palo Alto, right in the heart of Silicon Valley. It's a long way from DC in more ways than one. A few years ago it wasn't rare to see not one, but multiple Prius cars in at least half the driveways in the neighborhood; now Teslas are replacing them on the streets. We recycle but we don't yet compost - don't think I'll ever go that far. I have a horse, and ride at least 4 days a week. I also have a new titanium hip, which hasn't really crimped my style, such as it is. I welcome anyone who "knew me

when" to give me a holler if you find yourself in the area. (*Her email is also on the attached contact list.*)

Ray Smith - Remember Bea Hardesty, who worked in the Executive Secretariat for many years? She's living happily in southern Maryland with her husband Tom, and her two daughters live nearby. She has three grandchildren, including twin boys. Bea and one of her daughters stay busy raising alpacas. (See attached photo 2013-01-31.) I visited her several months ago for a nice lunch at one of those great marina restaurants out in the country. We worked together for more than 20 years, so there was a lot of reminiscing about some good times at the Board. I wish we lived closer so we could get together more than every 10 years!



I tried an email address that Ray suggested with no success.

Joe Kris - We have moved to Frankfurt, Germany (as of last week!). I am now the Manager of TSA's Regional Operational Center in Frankfurt, Germany. From Frankfurt we cover airport assessments and air carrier inspections at airports throughout Europe and sub-Saharan Africa that have flights into the United States. Our office in Frankfurt is TSA's largest overseas post.

It was tough to leave Washington, DC after living there for over 20 years but the opportunity for an overseas assignment was just to appealing. Plus our kids will be going to an International school and will receive a great education. (Joe even sent me an invite! It would be fun to practice my German again.)

Jean Bernstein has provided a new email address. See the attached contact list. I should probably point out that Jean has been especially helpful with our newsletter, and I love that NTSB group got together on the west coast.

Don't forget the Silver Eagle Website: www.precisionwrite.com/SilverEagles.html

Happy nearly fall weather! It has been a little cooler here – not today, but recently!

Jim Henderson