



## Silver Eagles Newsletter

January 2019

**Silver Eagles,**

We have 3 new members this month, including a former Chairman, one who I considered a friend. I am not diminishing the joy of having the others join! (I know, get an editor...) **Bob Benzon** passed on the news of the loss of an FAA investigator who frequently worked with the Board's investigations. Also I have been unable to contact **Dennis Jones** and **Jennifer Morrison**.

**New Members:**

**Debbie Hersman**

**Gary Mucho**

**Pam Sullivan**

(see attached member list)

**Board News:** I was about to say "None" since no one has given me any, but I understand the NTSB is one agency that is not receiving any funding thanks to the recent Mexican Stand Off. I suspect that may be why I haven't heard from **Lorenda**, our inside person.

**Member News:**

This from **Bob Benzon - Tony James** (FAA) gave me a call last night saying that **Vicki Anderson** (FAA) passed away on the 4th after a long battle with cancer. She and I did several accidents together and her death saddens me. She was a real trooper. He also notified Joe Sedor, but I don't know if many from the NTSB retiree crowd will get the word.

For *the Silver Eagles*...Vicki was one of the FAA investigators that accompanied the aviation go-teams on accident trips to handle FAA-specific matters. Many of the aviation Silver Eagles worked with her.

From **Debbie Hersman**: Thank you for keeping the NTSB team connected. I miss the people and the purpose of the agency, but continue to cheer on their great work. In January, I will transition to a new role as the first Chief Safety Officer at Waymo (Google's self-driving car project). After

leaving the NTSB in 2014, I spent the last 4.5 years as CEO of the National Safety Council. While our family enjoyed the mid-west and Chicago is a great city, we are looking forward to the nice year-round weather in SFO.

From an email: “Hello Jim. **Hector** gave me your name and so let me briefly introduce myself. I’m **Gary Mucho**, DPA, retired Regional Director of the NTSB office in Los Angeles. Served as an ASI in NYC, Denver, and LA from 1977-1999.

I recognized many names on the membership list and would like to be included in the hopes of renewing longtime friendships.”

**Pam Sullivan** - I'll be retiring from the agency on January 3rd after 35 1/2 years of service. **Joe Epperson** shared the attached photo of Pam. (See photo)



**Miscellaneous:**

Not a lot of news for us this month, but it is a busy time of the year. Also, while worrying about my former friends in NTSB and other agencies not being paid, I shoveled over 10 inches snow off my driveway over the past weekend. I love snow, but I'd prefer to be skiing on it. Perhaps over the next few weeks our members will be bored enough to send news about their holiday celebrations and tribulations! I know that a some of our Silver Eagles, including **Lorenda** and several who went on to other agencies are not being paid. A word that should ring on Capitol Hill is "COMPROMISE!"

Don't forget the Silver Eagle Website: [www.precisionwrite.com/SilverEagles.html](http://www.precisionwrite.com/SilverEagles.html)

Have a loving Valentines Day! Cut out hearts from red construction paper, scrawl notes and give them to the important people in your life!

Jim Henderson