



Silver Eagles Newsletter

March 2019

Silver Eagles,

Wow, this month went fast! I know February, but... We have 3 new members this month and our group has lost another member in **Peter Kissinger**. Let's see, **Dennis Jones'** retirement party mailing took me to Never – Never-Land! About 25 members' notice kicked back. I figured that someone reduced the number of people that I could put into a mailing group so I created a fifth group mostly made up of the kickbacks. I resent the notice to the new group, then only 6 kicked back. I sent an individual note to each of those and 5 kicked back. (A little help! **Jim LeBerte, Jeff Guzzetti, Pat Sullivan, Rod Dyck** and **Sandy Daughtery**. **Mark Doubhasn't** kicked back, yet. Can anyone else contact them and ask?) What a month!

Oh, **Joe Epperson** has a good idea that may help local Silver Eagles get together. See below.

New Members:

Jane Foster

John Brown

Sandy Rowlett

(see attached member list)

Board News:

Tracy Williams is leaving the Board for the Department of Homeland Security.

Dennis Jones has retired.

(I am working to contact Tracy. Dennis is already a member.)

Member News:

Former NTSB Managing Director and Silver Eagle **Peter Kissinger** died last month after a brief illness.

From **Tom McCarthy**: Truly sorry to learn of **Peter's** passing. And so young.

From **Joe Epperson**: So sad he was a good guy and a great member of the softball team from the 80's and early 90's as I remember.

From **Bob Trainor**: Sorry to hear of the passing of **Peter Kissinger**. He was also a member of the Coast Guard Academy Class of 1969 (classmate of **Rob Henry**). Hope all is well with you and your family. Susan and I are doing well. We've done some traveling the few years - Central Europe in 2016, a 12-week cross country car trip in 2017, and Scotland and Ireland last year. We're in the planning stage for this year. I enjoy the monthly newsletter.

From **Anne Smith**: Condolences to his family. I met him once when Judges Geraghty and Mullins and I were in DC. He seemed very nice. *(I also asked her not to "reply to all," because you will only get to 1/4 of the group and that I will put her note in the following newsletter. I'm using this as a reminder to all of our members. Anne is a newbie.)*

John Brown was **Bella Dinh-Zarr's** Confidential Assistant.

This suggestion from Joe Epperson: Could we add a little something to the member listing, if possible. I propose adding years at the board and where we live. Mine would say 1984-2018 HQ Mat Lab just to give some context. You can also add my city Waldorf, MD. Of course, it's all up to each person, if they want to share. *(I think that this would be great! From my perspective it is useful to know and share who the person was at the Board. Also, I have encouraged groups to get together in their locals, but wasn't sure if it was asking too much to share your City and State, as Joe did. I'll leave this up to each of you; your job at the Board and years there, plus city and state. This will be a little exhausting for me updating everything, but what else have a got to do. LOL Oh, just email back to me, not the whole group, and keep that info together so I can easily cut and paste. Please note that other news is always welcome.)*

As noted last month our new member, **Jane Foster**, was an Electronics Engineer, RE: who just moved to New York City. Perhaps she will share her dates of employment for our contact list.

This from **Hector Casanova**: Thank you Jim for another very informative newsletter !!! I took my time and slowly scrolled down the Silver Eagles list. I have both fond memories or admiration for all of the folks I know on the list. The Board has always been manned by nothing but "champions" and truly dedicated safety professionals. I hope the current administration is maintaining the same high standards.

I noticed that some friends and coworkers are missing from your list. I was not able to find Bill Gamble, Paul Cox, John Clark and Joyce Roach. Do I need to send them a note to join the group ??? Salud, *(I said the more the merrier.)*

This from **Linda Jones**: I want to second **Hector's** appreciation of all you do, Jim. The only other source of info comes from the weather channel and their "Why Airplanes Crash" series. It's still fun to see familiar faces pop up from time to time and remember special events with the Board. Thanks again. *(I wish that I could get away from the other news. Maybe that is why I look to travel away from my TV.)*

John Goglia provided a change of address and gave me the info that Joe suggested. And then there were three! Actually **Michael Stockhill, Frank McGill and Tom Wilcox** provided that info a

while back, and there are four others who previously provided their job info and one who provided their dates. (see contact list)

Miscellaneous:

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

Have a Great Saint Paddy's Day! I know I am!

Jim Henderson