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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Were oh were did the summer go! The Holidays are right around the corner. Speaking of which, enclosed with this newsletter is a flier for the Alumni Holiday Luncheon at the Turf Valley Country Club on Thursday, December 15. Cut off the sign up sheet and send it in to register to attend. A great time is always had by all and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

I am pleased that the association continues to attract new members. On page 2 you will see a list of 8 new members, bringing the current membership to 613, although there is a group who have not yet renewed their membership for this year and we will soon reluctantly give up and delete them from the rolls. **Membership renewal forms for 2012, only for the 245 of you who need them, are enclosed with this newsletter.** If your mailing label shows an expiration date of 12/31/11, you need to renew. If it shows 12/31/12 or later your dues for 2012 are paid up and you do not need to renew at this time. Dues remain at just \$5.00 per year and we hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to renew at this time, while it is fresh in your mind. And you can now renew for any number of years.

In this issue you will find items about the COLA Count (3.6%), a new Member Directory, Federal Employee Health Benefits Open Season, 2012 FEHB Premium information, Medicare Open Enrollment Season, senior management announcements, Books by CMS retiree Alan Zendell, and "How I Remember Baltimore." We again serve up some whimsical pieces in the Komedy Korner. There are lots of items that hopefully will be of interest to you.

I want to wish you all a Wonderful Fall season and continued happiness, good health and prosperity in retirement.

Bill

William L Engelhardt

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NEW MEMBERS

The Association extends a hearty "Welcome Aboard" to the following new members:

Linda Burchill
Joseph Cortea
Henry Gonshor
Jesus Manuel Miranda
J. Donald (Don) Sherwood
Rayna D. Thormann
Sharon A. Vaughn
Charlie Waldron

We now have 613 active members.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND PAYMENT OF YEAR 2012 DUES

It is again time to begin the collection of the annual dues, this time for the year 2012, covering the period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. Enclosed with this issue of the Alumni News is the re-enrollment form (**but only for those 245 members who need it**). Dues remain at just \$5.00 per year. When using the form to mail in your dues, please note any changes in information so we may update our records (i.e. address, e-mail, phone number, etc.)

For your convenience, we have included a pre-addressed envelope to send in your 2012 dues. **If you have already paid your 2012 dues you should NOT find an enrollment form or envelope included with this issue.**

Also responding to popular request, we continue to accept membership enrollment (or re-enrollment) for multiple years. Dues are \$5.00 per year and members can sign up for any number of years. Because the dues are nominal, there are no discounts for multiple year enrollments and there is no "lifetime" membership. Multiple year enrollments are available as a convenience to members. To facilitate keeping track of individual enrollment periods, the mailing labels used to send the HCFA/CMS Alumni News contain the member's I.D. Number and the date of expiration of enrollment, i.e., 12/31/11. **Those with a date later than 12/31/11 do NOT need to renew at this time.**

NEW MEMBER DIRECTORY

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a new Member Directory. The one issued in July truncated the member telephone numbers. Hopefully, this one doesn't do that. It includes all additions (i.e., new members) and reported changes since the Summer 2011 Edition of the

Member Directory was issued. We will continue to include updates from October 2011 on in each issue of The HCFA/CMS Alumni News until the next issue of the full Member Directory next summer.

MEMBERSHIP SEARCH

As always, we acknowledge that there are many HCFA/CMS retirees that we have not been able to reach to tell them about the Alumni Association and invite them to join. We continue to ask for your assistance in spreading the message about us to them. If you know of any retiree that is not a member, please let them know about us and tell them how to contact us by telephone, snail mail or e-mail (all of that information can be found on page 2 of this issue). We will be very happy to send, either electronically or via snail mail, anyone the enrollment form and further information about membership. And Bill Engelhardt says you can always e-mail him personally at wengelhardt@comcast.net for faster response (as the office e-mail is only accessed weekly).

SOCIAL SECURITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

We'd like to again remind members that we also have a link to our sister alumni, the Social Security Alumni Association, web site on our web site. The actual URL for it is "<http://www.ssaanational.org>" but you can just click on the link on our page. Many HCFA and/or CMS retirees also worked for the Social Security Administration somewhere along the line, and are eligible for membership in both alumni associations.

And don't forget to check out the Social Security Alumni Association blog at <http://ssaanews.blogspot.com/> periodically.

SSAEAA

We'd again like to remind members that we do have a link to the Social Security Administration Employee Activities Association (SSAEAA) on our web site. The actual URL for it is "<http://ssaeea.org>" but you can just click on the link on our page. HCFA/CMS retirees are automatically members of the SSAEAA and are eligible to participate in discount purchases.

COLA COUNT – 3.6%

With all 12 months of the counting period for calculating the January 2012 federal retiree cost of living adjustment, the inflation index used to set that adjustment stands at plus 3.6 percentage points. The twelve month counting period started at -1.9% and has improved to +3.6%. CSRS retirees will receive the full 3.6% (barring congressional action to change the rules) and FERS retirees will receive 2.6%.

Under current law, COLAs for federal retirement annuities, as well as for military retiree annuities and Social Security payments, are determined in reference to the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), which is calculated by economists and statisticians with the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The CPI-W is the current index used for measuring increases in the prices of consumer goods throughout the economy. It includes prices on all consumer goods, including food and beverages, housing, clothing, transportation, medical care, recreation, education and communication, and more.

The new CPI-W figure for September 2011 was 223.688. The average CPI-W for the third quarter of 2011 was 223.233. This is the new reference figure for determining the 2013 COLA.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

As mentioned in the President's Message and the enclosed flier, the Holiday Luncheon will be on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at the Alexandra's Restaurant in the Turf Valley Country Club. The Restaurant itself will be the location and we will have the entire restaurant if needed. Last year some 127 alumni members and friends came to the Holiday Luncheon and everyone had a wonderful time. Everyone enjoyed the event and the place was abuzz with happy people renewing old acquaintances. And at \$20 per person the price is right! We hope to have a similarly great experience and see even more of you at this year's Holiday Luncheon.

As it was last year, the luncheon will be a buffet. The menu follows.

Starters: Salad Maison, Classic Caesar Salad or Seasonal Crab Soup.

Entrées: (One fish, one beef, one poultry – exact preparation subject to change)

Desserts: 3 or 4 different Chef's Choice of Desserts Displayed.

The buffet provides a wide choice of selections so there is something for every taste and it is not possible to entertain special requests

FEHB OPEN SEASON

Fedweek.com & OPM

The Federal Employee Health Benefit (FEHB) program open season will be from November 14 to December 12, 2011. The open season applies to health, dental, and vision insurance and flexible spending accounts. The annual open season gives federal employees and retirees the opportunity to review their 2012 health plan choices and make changes. It also allows eligible employees to enroll for coverage. FEHB enrollees are advised to review the benefits and premiums for their health plan choices and decide what coverage will best fit their healthcare needs in the coming year.

There are no significant benefit changes for 2012. According to OPM, negotiations were geared to keep premium increases as low as possible without increasing the out-of-pocket cost, such as for deductibles, co-pays, and coinsurance.

In 2012, enrollees will have 206 health plan choices.

2012 FEHB PREMIUMS

myfederalretirement.com

2012 FEHB premium rates will increase by an average 3.8 percent for the enrollee share of premiums. This increase is about half of last year's premium increase of 7.3 percent.

According to OPM, on average, enrollees with self-only coverage will pay \$2.32 more per bi-weekly pay period; enrollees with family coverage will pay \$6.18 more. Premiums for Health Maintenance Organizations will increase an average 6.7 percent, while Fee-for-Service plans will see an average increase of 3.2 percent.

However, as always, within the FEHB average there is substantial variation, with some plans substantially raising premiums and others reducing premiums.

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield Basic Self Plan is increasing by \$8.51 to a monthly cost of \$121.88, and the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Basic Family Plan is increasing by \$19.93 to a monthly cost of \$285.42. The share paid by the government for us will be \$365.66 and \$856.28 respectively for the two plans. The Blue Cross and Blue Shield Standard Self Plan is decreasing by \$1.76 to a monthly cost of \$185.42, and the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Standard Family Plan is decreasing by \$1.56 to a monthly cost of \$430.04. The share paid by the government for us will be \$402.46 and \$897.76 respectively for the two plans.

The new premium rates for 2012 for all health plans can be accessed at the OPM web site (<https://www.opm.gov>). Just click on Insurance Programs under Federal Employees in the Browse By Audience section of the home page and proceed from there. The rates will come up in Adobe Acrobat Reader format.

Information about Dental, Vision and Long Term Care coverages and premiums is also available at the OPM web site.

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT SEASON

The Medicare program's Open Enrollment Period, during which you can enroll in or switch plans, began October 15 and ends on December 7.

During this period, you may enroll in a Medicare Part D (prescription drug) plan or, if you currently have a plan, you may change plans. In addition, during the seven-week period you can

return to traditional Medicare (Parts A and B) from a Medicare Advantage (Part C, managed care) plan, enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, or change Advantage plans. Beneficiaries can go to medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) to make changes in their Medicare prescription drug and health plan coverage.

Beneficiaries should consider reviewing their options for 2012, particularly because things are still in flux due to changes brought on by the health care law. Prescription drug plans can change their premiums, deductibles, the list of drugs they cover, and their plan rules for covered drugs, exceptions and appeals. Medicare Advantage plans can change their benefit package and their provider network.

CMS has indicated that Medicare Advantage premiums are expected to *decrease* by an average of 4 percent next year from this year, while Part D plan premiums will likely increase about 2 percent to \$30 a month, on average.

SENIOR MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

2011 PRESIDENTIAL RANK AWARD **MESSAGE FROM DHHS SECRETARY KATHLEEN SEBELIUS**

October 18, 2011

The opportunity to work at the Department of Health and Human Services is more than just a job; it's an opportunity to help improve the health and well-being of all Americans. The work we do provides much needed services to some of our country's most vulnerable populations, makes historic investments in our future, and represents what's best about government.

As I've said before, our Department's passionate and hard-working staff are our greatest asset and supporting our outstanding workforce remains one of my top priorities. Today, I'm delighted to announce that 14 of our colleagues have been awarded the 2011 Presidential Rank Award – the most prestigious in the Federal career civil service.

Please join me in congratulating our 14 winners.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Sebelius
Secretary

The Presidential Rank of Distinguished Executive was awarded to:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Donald Shriber

**Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
Deborah Taylor**

Food and Drug Administration
Theresa Mullin

Health Resources and Services Administration
Marcia Brand

The Presidential Rank of Meritorious Executive was awarded to:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
William Porter

**Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
Penny Thompson and Robert Vaccaro**

Food and Drug Administration
Deborah Autor, Diane Maloney and David Wardrop

Office of the Secretary
Paul Bartley, Sheila Conley, Barbara McGarey and Wanda Jones

CMS CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER IN OIS

Teresa Fryer has joined the Office of Information Services as the new CMS Chief Information Security Officer (CISO). Ms. Fryer has broad experience in the federal government and private industry in a range of information technology, information security, and privacy positions. Currently, she is project executive in information security policy at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**CMS INNOVATION CENTER
STATE INNOVATION INITIATIVE PORTFOLIO**

Tony Rodgers, Deputy Administrator and Director of the Center for Strategic Planning, will expand his role to include directing the State Innovation Initiative Portfolio within the CMS Innovation Center. Tony will provide senior leadership and direction for the Innovation Center's growing state initiatives portfolio. In addition to his current responsibilities for CSP, he will be responsible for directing Innovation Center staff in implementing the Innovation Center state

innovation investment strategies and review and recommend state and regional proposals. He will work collaboratively with Medicare, Medicaid, CCIIO, and external stakeholders to maximize the value from the investment of innovation funds. Tony brings over 30 years of health care executive management experience in public health, Federally Qualified Health Centers, public hospital systems, public and private health plans, and state Medicaid and CHIP programs to both of his roles at CMS.

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Chief Operating Officer's Achievement Award has been presented to the following individuals:

Joseph Benson, of the Office of the Actuary in Baltimore, MD. Joseph is being recognized for his outstanding efforts in procuring the data and services necessary for completion of the National Health Expenditure Accounts.

Anita Yeung, of the San Francisco Regional Office. Anita was recognized for this honor for dedicated administrative support of the Western Consortium Division of Survey & Certification, which contributes to the success of meeting its goals and priorities.

Raymond Unterbrink, of the Center for Program Integrity in Baltimore, MD. Raymond was recognized for his dedicated administrative support of the Medicaid Integrity Group (MIG) and his contributions to the success of meeting MIG goals and priorities.

Diana Migchelbrink, of the Seattle Regional Office. Diana was recognized for this honor for providing leadership in various workgroup settings to achieve quality results while recognizing strengths and contributions of others.

Kyle Miller, of the Office of E-Health Standards and Services in Baltimore, MD. Kyle was recognized for continued excellence in facilitating the internal implementation of the ICD-10 medical code set transition within CMS.

Susan Snow, of the Boston Regional Office. Susan was recognized for this honor for the passion, enthusiasm and devotion she exercises as a quintessential mentor to staff in the area of Account Management.

Kenneth Cones, of the Office of Legislation in Baltimore MD. Kenneth was recognized for his exceptional contributions to the functioning of the Office of Legislation (OL). He is an integral member of OL's Improvement Team and he brings the spirit of improvement to every aspect of his job in OL.

Raul Alicea-Morales, of the Consortium for Medicare Health Plans Operations. Raul was recognized for this honor for exceptional collaborative efforts to provide understanding of the

Medicare/Medicaid EHR Incentive Program to providers in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands.

Robert Wohleber, of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Civil Rights in Baltimore, MD. Robert was recognized for achieving exceptional results in resolving EEO complaints at the lowest possible level through his effective management of the CMS collateral duty EEO Counseling and ADR programs.

Bruce Bittenbender, of the Philadelphia Regional Office. Bruce was recognized for this honor for leading the way for the regional office staff to be proficient in the use of our newest technologies through group and individual training and the job aids he has developed for staff.

Sarah Fogler, of the Office of Strategic Planning in Baltimore, MD. Sarah's efforts have greatly assisted CMS in promoting collaboration and information sharing across the Agency and in advancing enterprise business thinking and planning across CMS.

Desmica Head, of the Atlanta Regional Office. Desmica was recognized for this honor for her dedication, expertise and professional manner to duty serving a Medicare beneficiary and conducting the business of CMS protecting and serving our beneficiaries.

In recognition of their accomplishments, these employees have had their pictures posted on the CMSNet.

BOOKS BY ALAN ZENDELL

CMS Retiree Alan Zendell has published two very well-received novels (The Portal and Wednesday's Child) since he left government service and is soon to release his third (Critical Focus), which may be released by press time. You might want to download them to your e-reader or buy a paperback edition. All the information for viewing the first chapter of each book and for ordering can be found by clicking on the book of choice on his website at <http://mysite.verizon.net/alan.zendell/>

HOW I REMEMBER BALTIMORE

Submitted by Larry Lawson

You always got the best steamed crabs from Gordon's on Orleans Street in the heart of Baltimore; stopped at roadside Root Beer stands to get a frosty mug of root beer on the way down to the shore house (Middle River), where they had roadside stands to pick up freshly picked corn. Snowballs were sold in the basement of a neighbor's home. Neighbors looked out for each other's children and scolded them when they were doing wrong. Catholic school kids were separated at recess, boys on one side and girls on the other. The Farmers' Markets on Pulaski Highway and Ritchie Highway where we got the best BBQ chicken and your family dog.

You could only buy a Volvo from Michaelson Motors on Reisterstown Rd.; the best place to become a Chevrolet owner was at York and Bellona; Johnny's on Harford Rd. was the Walking Man's Friend; Granny Packer was on Blair Road; and "Hey, Hey, Fox Chevrolet" was just as annoying then as the car ads these days. You rode on streetcars and buses operated by BTC (Baltimore Transit Company) and you remember when their color schemes went from yellow to green to blue. How about the old #26 Red Rockets, which were double cars that ran to Dundalk, Sparrows Point and also Bay Shore Park. We had three roller coasters in town years ago: Carlin's Park, Gwynn Oak Park, and Bay Shore Park. Did you get to ride on any or all of them? Or take a 'high-seas' cruise to Tolchester or Betterton? You can sing the phone number for Hampden Moving and Storage. You remember Royal Parker yelling at kids jumping on furniture that was not covered in plastic... "what're ya trying to ruin it?" You think being called 'Hon' by waitresses, cashiers, bank tellers, and complete strangers is perfectly normal. You found yourself cheering for the guys who added 'Hon' to the Welcome to Baltimore sign on the BW Parkway, especially after the Mayor got irked and staked out the sign to catch them. You watched local TV shows: Duckpins for Dollars, The Collegians, Pinbusters, Buddy Deane Show, Romper Room, and Hutzler's Theatre. You also saw Stu Kerr star as Bozo the Clown and Professor Cool for the kids, then host Dialing for Dollars for the stay-at-home moms, and later fill-in as the weather man (complete with cloud and sun magnets) on the 6 o'clock news. We had milk home-delivered by Green Spring, Sealtest, and Cloverland....but somehow Cloverland was the only one that claimed to be 'the dairy with cows.' Oh yeah, you can probably sing their jingle, "If you don't own a cow call Cloverland now; It's (North 9-2222)". Also Wilton Farm Dairy in West Baltimore. Don't forget to shake the bottle to mix the cream (which was always on top) in with the milk -- or pour it off carefully to lighten your coffee or tea. Going for a Sunday drive to get ice cream at Knox's, Murray's, Sanders (The Dam Place), or at Cloverland Farms on Dulaney Valley Rd. If you didn't have a car, there was always a walk to Arundel or High's. Or you could just stay home and wait for the bells of the Good Humor Man ----- wait a minute! How about the pretty young Car Hops who served your order at The Varsity, Hobb's on old Route 40 in West Baltimore, and The Thunderbird on Eastern Avenue. Great hamburgers and shakes plus a great hang-out to show off your father's car. Bunny's on Pulaski Highway was home of The Thing -- if you ate it all you got it free. When somebody gave their phone number as MUIberry- 6 or ATwater-4 or TUXedo-9, you knew right where they were from. You've been on Sunday drives through 'Droodle Park' and watched the submarine races at Loch Raven or Lake Montebello. Also enjoyed the flowers and sites at Sherwood Gardens in the Springtime. How about Baltimore's own Ronnie Dove? We had a functioning light rail system. The city and adjoining counties were linked by streetcars which plied the tracks for 104 years before the buses ultimately won on November 3, 1963. Car drivers, bike riders, and pedestrians had to avoid streetcar tracks long after the streetcars were out of business. It took years to dig up the tracks, though some are still evident on paved-over cobblestone streets. Now we are spending a gazillion dollars trying to re-create the original version of light rail. You can remember what the harbor looked like before it was THE Inner Harbor. If you ever had oysters at Conneley's you would not forget it. They got them fresh every day when they were in season. You remember when there was home delivery of the Morning Sun, The Evening Sun, The Sunday Sun, The News-Post, and The Sunday American. The last two were later the News-American. And all long before the City Paper made its debut. You looked forward to Earl Weaver antics over a bad call..... Okay, over any call. You remember:

laughing at bawdy jokes and political comments scrawled in white shoe polish on the front window of Turkey Joe's Bar in Fells Point; eating at Pollack Johnnie's, Lexington Market, Attman's, Bel-Loc Diner, Cimino's, Little Tavern (buy'em by the bag), White Castle, the G & A, AJ's Dog House, Horn & Horn, Oriole Cafeteria, Bickford's, White Coffee Pot, Hot Shoppes, Ameche's, Gino's, Read's, Hooper's, and Silber's Bakery. You've seen the governor and other dignitaries standing in line, in the rain, outside of Haussner's, because they never took reservations. You remember Friendship Airport (later BWI) and Harbor Field (now Dundalk Marine Terminal). You remember Mister Ray's Hair Weave commercials. How about Harley's late-night radio shows with his theme song "Sailing Down the Chesapeake Bay." You remember driving over the old Kent Narrows Drawbridge that snarled weekend traffic coming home from the Ocean. You remember 17-mile traffic backups coming back from Ocean City on holiday weekends. You had plenty of friends who worked at Sparrows Point, and each had an ugly old 'point car' to drive to work. Everybody else (it seemed) worked for GM on Broening Hwy., Western Electric, or National Brewery. You know B&O is not body odor. You remember going to see the fabulous Fire Department Christmas Train Gardens. Fire House 28 on Guilford Ave. had a very big display. You remember when Fort Holabird was alive and thriving. You love to see the Domino Sugar sign reflecting across the harbor. You remember when Social Security moved out of the Candler Building to their new complex in Woodlawn. You remember seeing the Four Seasons perform at Painters Mill or at ClubVenus. You saw the Beatles, the Beach Boys, Dave Clark Five, the Rolling Stones, the Monkees, and Peter, Paul & Mary at the Civic Center. You saw Emerson, Lake, and Palmer at the Lyric. You saw Otis Reading, the Four Tops, and the Temptations at Calvert Hall. You didn't save a single program! More Park's sausages Mom, please! You remember the rotating restaurant on top of the Holiday Inn on Light Street. You've had the monster Powerhouse burger at one of four Ameche's Drive-ins, long before there was a McDonald's in sight. You could "Meet'cha at Ameche's" at Loch Raven and Taylor, 5800 Reisterstown Rd., 7700 Wise Av., or Ritchie Hwy. at 5th in Glen Burnie. All gone! A few years later you could also have a 15-cent burger at Gino Marchetti's or drive through the Circle for a Cheesy-Q. They're gone too! You remember when the Baltimore Civic Center was home to the Baltimore Bullets, the Blast, the Clippers, as well as rock concerts, car shows, horse shows, civil-service exams, circuses, ice shows, and graduations. Every kitchen had a can of Old Bay and every Frigidaire a case of Natty Boh. You remember when Baltimore rated a Playboy Club, and no, it wasn't on The Block. You and your Mom shopped at Braeger-Gutman's, Hutzler's, Stewart's, Hochschild Kohn, Robert Hall, The May Company, Hecht's, Peck & Peck, Hamburger's, Epstein's, Woolworth's, S.S. Kresge, McCrory's, Ben Franklin, Dack's 5 & 10, E.J. Korvettes, Two Guys, Cook's, Caldor, Hechinger's, and of course... Shockett's on Broadway or Eastern Avenue. Shopping on The Avenue meant Eastern Avenue in Highlandtown, unless of course you were from the other side of town. Then it was 36th St. Shopping on The Boulevard meant Washington Boulevard in Pigtown. You've cruised Ameche's, the Circle, Champ's, and Topps parking lots on a week-end evening to see the muscle cars. You know that an Arabber is a guy who sells fruit and vegetables from a horse drawn cart. You remember when the city police cars went from black and white, to blue and white, then to all white with red and blue stripes. You know live crabs are at their very meanest right before steaming, and that if one gets you, he WILL NOT let go! You always knew where to find Blaze Starr. You know where 'Downey Ocean' is, and remember where the Irish House was, plus the Beach Club and Jackson's

Casino at 9th Street and the Boardwalk. The Blue Dalia was there a few years later on the south side of the intersection. You remember a very green if not genetically Irish Hyman Pressman marching in the St. Patrick's Day parades, and Louis L. Goldstein with his immortal "God bless you all real good" wishes. You remember special deli shopping trips to Stone's Bakery, Jack's Corned Beef, Weiss Deli, and Attman's Deli on Lombard St., right in the heart of the high rise projects. (This was called Jew Town and the sandwiches were tremendous.) You remember the Gwynn Oak, Carlin's, and Bay Shore amusement parks. You know where to park for the Preakness. You don't think that Assawoman Bay is a strange name. You are an expert crab picker who always volunteers to teach visitors the only (and best) way to pick a steamed crab. Of course everyone else around you will interrupt the lesson to show your new student their best way, and confusion will reign. This will never change! You had to be ready to yell out your order at Captain Harvey's or risk jeers from all the longshoremen in line. You had to pull out the BS sign when Robert Irsay declared that he had to move (steal) the Colts from Baltimore because (he claimed) the city would not support a team. We didn't get to be the world's largest outdoor insane asylum for nothing. The names of Johnny Unitas, Raymond Berry, Bill Pellington, Art Donovan, Tom Matte, Alan Ameche, Gino Marchetti, Jim Mutscheler, Lenny Moore, John Mackey, Big Daddy, Jimmy Orr, Bert Jones, Andy Nelson, Billy Pricer, Lydell Mitchell, John Dutton, Mike Barnes, Joe Ehrman, Fred Cook, and many others are held in reverence to this day! Won't support a team hmmm! Everybody knows what the 'zink' and 'payment' are, and just how important it is to 'warsh them marble stoops.' You yell out "O" during the Star Spangled Banner. And no matter where you are, you laugh when you see signs saying Maryland Crab Cakes! You say 'Blare Road' for Bel Air Road. There was Kirby Scott, Johnny Dark, Jack Edwards on WCAO, Jay Grason and Galen Fromm on WBAL, Lee Case on WCBM, Mike March, Johnny Walker, and the Flying Dutchman on WFBR, and Joe Buccheri on a variety of Classic Rock stations... to name but a few. You were confused for a few years after they swapped one-way directions on Lombard and Pratt Streets. How about laughing to the Johnny Walker morning show on WFBR, and his risqué shows at the Barge? You miss the RCA dog. You know the question is not about your college years when someone asks, "Where did you go to school?" You know which bridge they're talking about when someone says, "The bridge traffic is backed up." You actually admire someone named 'Boog.' AND: You understand most of these, and pass them along to other Balti-morons to enjoy.

KOMEDY KORNER

RETIRED PEOPLE & COPS!

Submitted by Rusty Wills

Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting.

Well, for example, the other day, Mary my wife and I went into town and visited a shop. When we came out, there was a cop writing out a parking ticket.

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We went up to him and I said, 'Come on, man, how about giving a senior citizen a break?'

He ignored us and continued writing the ticket.

I called him an "asshole." He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn-out tires.

So Mary called him a "shit head." He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first.

Then he started writing more tickets. This went on for about 20 minutes. The more we abused him, the more tickets he wrote.

Just then our bus arrived, and we got on it and went home.

We try to have a little fun each day now that we're retired. It's important at our age.

OLD LADY RAVISHED

A biker stopped by the Harley Shop to have his bike fixed. They couldn't do it while he waited, so he said he didn't live far and would just walk home.

On the way home he stopped at the hardware store and bought a bucket and an anvil. He stopped by the feed store/livestock dealer and picked up a couple of chickens and goose.

However, he now had a problem: how to carry all of his purchases home.

The owner said, "Why don't you put the anvil in the bucket, carry the bucket in one hand, put a chicken under each arm and carry the goose in your other hand?"

"Hey, thanks!" the biker said, and out the door he went.

But in the parking lot he was approached by a little old lady who told him she was lost. She asked, "Can you tell me how to get to 1603 Mockingbird Lane?"

The biker said, "Well, as a matter of fact, I live at 1616 Mockingbird Lane. Let's take my short cut and go down this alley. We'll be there in no time."

The little old lady looked him over cautiously, then said, "I am a lonely widow without a husband to defend me. How do I know that when we get in the alley you won't hold me up against the wall, pull up my skirt, and ravish me?"

The biker said, "Holy smokes lady! I am carrying a bucket, an anvil, two chickens, and a goose.

How in the world could I possibly hold you up against the wall and do that?"

The lady said, "Set the goose down, cover him with the bucket, put the anvil on top of the bucket, and I'll hold the chickens."

RETIRED ENGINEER

There was an engineer who had an exceptional gift for fixing all things mechanical. After serving his company loyally for over 30 years, he happily retired. Several years later the company contacted him regarding a seemingly impossible problem they were having with one of their multimillion-dollar machines. They had tried everything and everyone else to get the machine to work but to no avail.

In desperation, they called on the retired engineer who had solved so many of their problems in the past. The engineer reluctantly took the challenge. He spent a day studying the huge machine. At the end of the day, he marked a small "X" in chalk on a particular component of the machine and stated, "This is where your problem is."

The part was replaced and the machine worked perfectly again. The next week, the company received a bill for \$50,000 from the engineer for his service. They demanded an itemized accounting of his charges. The engineer responded briefly:

One chalk mark ... \$1

Knowing where to put it ... \$49,999

It was paid in full and the engineer retired again in peace.

SENIOR BREAKFAST

We went to breakfast at a restaurant where the "seniors' special" was two eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for \$1.99.

"Sounds good," my wife said. "But I don't want the eggs."

"Then I'll have to charge you two dollars and forty-nine cents because you're ordering a la carte," the waitress warned her.

"You mean I'd have to pay for not taking the eggs," My wife asked incredulously? "I'll take the special."

"How do you want your eggs?"

"Raw and in the shell," my wife replied. She took the two eggs home

DON'T MESS WITH SENIORS!

SENIOR PERSONAL ADS

Some "Senior" personal ads seen in Florida and Arizona newspapers:

FOXY LADY: Sexy, fashion-conscious blue-haired beauty, 80's, slim, 5'-4" (used to be 5-6), searching for sharp-looking, sharp-dressing companion. Matching white shoes and belt a plus.

MINT CONDITION: Male, 1932, high mileage, good condition, some hair, many new parts including hip, knee, cornea, valves. Isn't in running condition, but walks well.

LONG-TERM COMMITMENT: Recent widow who has just buried fourth husband looking for someone to round out a six- unit plot. Dizziness, fainting, shortness of breath not a problem.

SERENITY NOW: I am into solitude, long walks, sunrises, the ocean, yoga and meditation. If you are the silent type, let's get together, take our hearing aids out and enjoy quiet times.

WINNING SMILE: Active grandmother with original teeth seeking a dedicated flossier to share rare steaks, corn on the cob and caramel candy.

BEATLES OR STONES? I still like to rock, still like to cruise in my Camaro on Saturday nights and still like to play the air guitar. If you were a groovy chick, or are now a groovy hen, let's get together and listen to my boss collection of eight-track tapes.

MEMORIES: I can usually remember Monday through Thursday. If you can remember Friday, Saturday and Sunday, let's put our two heads together.

OBITUARIES

JASON SUMERFIELD



Jason Summerfield of Monument, and more recently Colorado Springs, died Sunday evening while doing what he loved best, riding his motorcycle. He was 23. Jason graduated from LPHS in 2006, and from UCCS in 2010 with a degree in Computer Engineering. He was employed at Lockheed Martin IS&GS Defense, where he worked with his Dad and best friend, John Summerfield. Jason was a member of the Monument Police Explorer Program, serving the Tri-Lakes community for nine years. He started as a Cadet and rose to the rank of Advisor. Jason was also a founding member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Mu Alpha Chapter, at UCCS. Jason had planned to return to UCCS in the Fall to pursue his Master's Degree in Engineering. Jason enjoyed living life to the fullest, with his friends and family surrounding him. Whether camping with friends, four wheeling, paintball or setting off "self-engineered" reworks; Jason was always ready with a quick smile and perhaps a practical joke or two. His gregarious, charming and generous nature won him many friends of all ages. He enjoyed challenges of all kinds and died as he lived, pushing the limits. He is survived by his parents John & Paige Summerfield of Monument, CO; Sister, Samantha Summerfield, Grandparents, Ervin & Darlene Summerfield and Elwood & Arta Berger. Uncles, Mark Summerfield, David Berger and Rod Berger and Aunt, Marily Berger, and his rescue dog Brisa. A Celebration of Jason's Life was held on Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at the Palmer Lake Centennial Park, 11am - 2pm. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Jason Summerfield Memorial fund at People's National Bank, 1899 Woodmoor Dr., Monument, Colorado 80132.

MARTIN APPELL DYER

On September 15, 2011, Martin Appell Dyer, 80, Baltimore, passed away. He is survived by his wife, Jane; children, Jennifer and Mya; adopted cousin, Reginald Todd; son-in-law, Tracy Stott; and sister, Alma Lawson.

He donated his body to science and requested no funeral. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Martin Dyer Book Fund, Advancement Office, St. John's College, PO Box 2800, Annapolis, MD 21404.

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A comprehensive article, with photograph, can be viewed at the Baltimore Sun web site, specifically at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=2HiUMIOz4UQ&vq=large

IN MEMORIAM

The Alumni Association respectfully acknowledges

the passing of the following

Alumni/Employees/Spouses and expresses its

sympathy to family members:

MARTIN APPELL DYER (9/15/11//)*
MARDI JEAN MONTELLO (7/23/11)**
JOHN H. TROUT (7/20/11)***
JASON SUMMERFIELD (7/24/11)****

* HCFA Retiree

** Sister of HCFA/CMS Alumni Member Chuck Booth

*** HCFA/CMS Alumni Member

**** Grandson of HCFA/CMS Alumni Member Darlene M. Summerfield.

If you are aware of any other deaths of Alumni please notify the editorial staff
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