

Welcome Our Speaker Dave Lieber



Our Semi-annual meetings are always open to spouses. Please feel free to invite yours if they would be interested in the program or visiting with other retirees.

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October 21, 2010

Richardson Civic Center

411 W. Arapaho Road

9:00 Social Hour

10:00 Business Meeting

Dave Lieber is The Watchdog investigative columnist in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. He is also an international speaker. He is founder of Watchdog Nation which shows Americans how to protect themselves from thugs, thieves, scammers, and corporate skulduggery. He is co-founder of Summer Santa, one of North Texas' largest children's charities. For this, he won the Will Rogers Humanitarian Award. This honor goes to the U.S. newspaper columnist whose work produced positive effects on the lives of readers.

His latest book, *Dave Lieber's Watchdog Nation*, is a ground-breaking book that teaches you tips, tools and strategies to bite back when businesses and scammers do you wrong. The book won two national book awards for social change in 2009 and was named one of the top 10 consumer books of the year. In addition, his popular *The Dog of My Nightmares: Stories by Texas Columnist Dave Lieber*, is now in its fourth printing. With more than 20,000 copies sold, the publisher has released *The Dog of My Nightmares* as a CD audio book version, too.

We are fortunate to have the opportunity to hear Dave speak at our meeting. Plan to come early, stay late, and bring a friend. Whether or not you are able to attend, check out Dave's websites;

www.davelieber.org

www.yankeecowboy.com, and

www.watchdognation.com.

Planned Next Meeting: April 21, 2011

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411 W. Arapaho Road

9:00 Social Hour

10:00 Business Meeting

Speaker TBD

Newsletter Email

Up until now, we have only used the US Postal Service to mail printed copies of the newsletter to all of the membership. The cost of printing and mailing the 2000+ copies represents a significant portion of our expenses. We have undertaken the task of sending some of these via email instead of USPS to help defray expenses. At the present time, email distribution reduces the quantity by approximately 300 copies. While this is just a small percentage of the total, we hope to increase that quantity, but **we need your help**.

RCRA has imported all of the email addresses contained in our database to Google Mail, and we have spent a bit of time honing that capability to eliminate misspelled and outdated email addresses. We need to have more of you on our email list! So please take a moment to send us email from your preferred email account. The destination address is rc retirees@gmail.com. Please include your current home address, as well, so that we can cross check our database, and update it for future reference. You can also provide this information at the sign up desk when you attend our October meeting.

As you know, **Jerry Henninger**, a past president of RCRA, hosts the RCRA website, <http://rc retirees.com/>. We thank Jerry Henninger and his business partner, Lance Ochs at the **Heritage Trade Group** for this service. Please forward obituaries and death notices for our members to one of the officers (see page 1 for addresses) and copy Jerry: jerry@heritagetradegroup.com.

Thanks to Our Hostess Committee

Another group we want to express our gratitude and thanks to is our Hostess Committee organized by **Janice Taylor** and **Bernice Toller**. This group of Hostesses greets members, prepares the meeting room, handles name tags, arranges and serves the refreshments, sells rosters and collects the money to support the meetings and does an outstanding job at every meeting. Let them know that you greatly appreciate their support at each meeting.

Remember, an important part of supporting our meetings and newsletter is your donation. Please give generously when the baskets are passed around.

Troy Scoggins reminds us that we can know about current Rockwell Collins Leadership Association activities through their website: <http://rockwellcollinsclubs.com/clubs-tx/leadership/>

PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

What do the following people all have in common? Dr. Phil, Rick Perry, Cybill Shepherd, Stevie Wonder, Bill Murray, Tom Petty, Jay Leno.

- A. None of them voted for Obama
- B. They are all "over the hill"
- C. They are all "under the hill"
- D. They were all born the same year as Gary Grogan

If you guessed "B" or "D", you are correct. All of the above were born in 1950, the same year silly putty was invented, not dirt as some have suggested. So, along with all of the people listed above, I understand that I am now a sexagenarian (sounds a lot better than it actually is).

One of the results of having hit the magic 6-Oh milestone is that I've now started contemplating age, and what to do with the time I have remaining. The first 60 years were a breeze, but the past is the past and what really counts now, is what's happening today and what's coming up in the future.

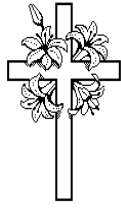
I recently read an interesting article in The Dallas Morning News, written by Edward Baca of Dallas. This article was titled "Age is what you do with it"... and I agree. Like Edward, when I was younger, I really considered "old age" and "65" to be synonymous. Edward wonders why he doesn't feel as old as the 65-year-olds looked when he was a kid. Maybe they weren't as health and fitness-conscious as we are today or maybe it's to do with them having had to endure the Great Depression and World War II. Plus, we've had countless medical breakthroughs that have helped make 70 and beyond the new 60.

I play golf with three "older" guys every week. We created our foursome several years ago and we go to a different golf course in the North Texas area every week. No matter what the weather, if they will let us on the course, we play golf. The "older guys" are all in their mid/late 60's and early 70's. When one of our regular foursome can't make a game we have a list of substitutes who are always eager to step-in for a week. I'm happy to tell you that one of the substitutes is 90 years old and he can still hit a great golf ball.

Bottom-line: There are plenty of people out there in the 60 to 90+ age bracket who successfully strive to stay active and involved in a variety of activities. Just watching these "older guys" beat me on the golf course every week gives me hope and inspiration that I'll have some young whipper-snapper to beat when I get to their age.

So, as I firmly stand in the threshold of the 60's, I have decided that it's time to cast away my long held notion of old age. For me, age is no longer measured in years, it's measured in what I do with it every day. I wonder what Dr. Phil would think about this revelation? Even more important, what do **you** think about it?

In Remembrance



Robert L. Allen
Patsy J. Davis
Grady L. Fairbairn
Thomas W. Huemiller
Wallace F. Humphries
Mundy Peale
Glen E. Powell
Mark W. Pullen

Please invite any Rockwell Collins Retirees to our bi-annual meetings.

Welcome Recent Retirees

Kenneth E. Elsbury
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Jack L. Hill
Inam A. Kahn
Hong D. Luong
Dora M. Mc Millan
Rodger O. Oleson
Hersh B. Parekh
Donna K. Ramsey
Consuelo T. Reyes
Ruth A. Rodgers
Robert W. Singbusch
Marion G. Sowka
Kevin L. Weiss
Ocella G. Woods

We need your help to identify and contact Retirees. We must have the retirees address from them or a friend. We have over 200 new and/or changed addresses in this Bulletin mailing and they are also new rosters available at the desk when your register and get your nametags.



VP Howard Hess presents outgoing VP Grady Fairbairn with a Certificate of Achievement for meritorious service to the RCRA.



President Gary Grogan presents outgoing President Tomm Schultz with his Certificate of Achievement award. Current Secretary Cynthia Noah, outgoing Secretary Joanne Patrick, and Grady Fairbairn look on.

Updated Rosters Available

Updated Rosters will be available at the next meeting for a cost of \$4.00. Electronic copies are available by e-mail by sending your request to one of the officers—no charge.

To obtain a roster by mail, send your request including your address along with a check for \$5.00 to:

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Richardson, TX 75085-1271

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Dr. Robert M. Judd, JD, MBA, became an RCRA sponsor early in 2007 and continues his support to us. He joins us at our meetings and provides handouts describing his services and registration for three door prizes to award through a drawing at the conclusion of the meeting.

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