
Retirees newsletter

August 2006

Passing the Baton

It has been 10 years since we started the Retirees Newsletter in April 1996. At that time, less than 100 people were officially retired from CH2M HILL. The newsletter was all volunteer work on the part of several retirees in the CVO area. We did the printing, stuffed the envelopes, and applied the mailing labels until our pool of retirees grew too numerous to handle.

After publishing the newsletter twice a year for several years, we received numerous requests for the newsletter from people not officially retired but who had left the company for various reasons. It was therefore decided to expand the retiree mailing list to include everyone who had worked with the company. As of July 2006, 806 names are on the official corporate list, including all the retirees and alumni of CH2M HILL companies who are drawing pension benefits.

Although we have received authorization from Corporate to use the working staff for publishing-related work on the newsletter (in addition to the help we get from the Word Processing, Graphic Arts, and Mailing departments), there is still time-consuming volunteer work involved in preparing the twice-yearly newsletter. By now, almost all of us who volunteer for retiree activities have been retired for at least 15 years. For various reasons, it is more and more difficult to devote adequate time for this work.

Because of this, publishing the April 2006 issue of the newsletter was delayed. The good news is that we have a new volunteer. **Gordon Koblitz/DFW**, who is retiring after almost 40 years of service with the firm, will carry the baton for the relay team. Starting with the second twice-yearly issue of 2006, the newsletter will be published from Texas.

Retirees Retreat

We started the Retirees Retreat in 1998. It was originally intended to be an annual event; however, based on a survey of retirees, it was

decided to hold the reunion every 2 years. The last one was organized and hosted by fellow retirees in the Redding area in 2004. During that time the next retreat was proposed to be in the Denver area in 2006, with Florida as the second choice.

However, as you all know, Corporate decided to host the retirees retreat in 2005, treating the retirees to a tour of the company's new world headquarters, and a welcome dinner by Ralph Peterson. At the same time, Harlan Moyer distributed preliminary copies of the "CH2M HILL History" he had been editing. Details of this event and other activities were reported in the December 2005 newsletter.

Because the Denver retreat was organized and hosted by the firm, it was felt that we should hold our regular reunion according to the "every 2 years" schedule. But the general consensus was that most of the retirees who normally attend the retreat were in Denver last year, so it may be better to delay the regular retreat until 2007.

Gordon has started planning for the next retreat and will have preliminary information available in the next issue of the newsletter. The likely spot will be in Orlando, based on employee feedback and a date of late spring, before the summer and hurricane season.

Request for Your E-Mail Address

In this age of ubiquitous electronic information technology, we believe many of you already have Internet access at home. However, we only have e-mail addresses for about 5 percent of you on the retirees address list. To help direct and speed communication, we hope that you will furnish us with your e-mail address. One additional advantage is the mailing of the Retirees Newsletter. Not only you can save the mailing expense, you can also view the newsletter in color. (To reduce costs our newsletter is printed in black, but the originals of the photographs and

graphics, which are online, are in color. Therefore, you could print a color copy if you like when you receive the newsletter electronically. Of course, you can elect to receive both the electronic and hard copy of the newsletter from postal mailing if you let us know when you are sending the e-mail address.

Please send your e-mail address to:
Gordon.Koblitz@ch2m.com.

Quick Comment from Gordon

I'm not an "official retiree" yet, but getting close! I will be going to flex time in September and want to stay involved with the company, people, projects and clients where it makes sense and where I can provide value. After almost 40 years, the "extended family" is a major part of my life, and Mary's too. Helping with retirees' communications and updating news about what is happening within CH2M HILL will be a fun challenge. As always, volunteers are welcome and NEEDED for news updates, as well as your suggestions for improving our communications. I will also be exploring a web site where we can post the newsletter and selected company information of interest. Please feel free to contact me via e-mail. I'm really looking forward to writing/talking/seeing you in the future (and for many of you, recalling some of the past good times).

Complimentary

After 10 years, this is also an opportunity to pay tribute to the retirees and the office staff who have contributed their time and effort to all the activities accomplished in the past. The following list is by no means complete. We apologize for any omissions.

Ken Stuart. Ken is responsible for organizing and starting the Retirees Activities group, and he chaired a committee that included Jim Howland, Bob Adams, Fred Harem, Lamont Mathews, Joe Worth, Ken Bielman, Arlen Borgen, and C.Y. Shieh...until 1999, when he launched his second career as a water color painter.

Jim Howland and **Ken Bielman** have been the retiree editors of the newsletter.

Organizers and hosts of the retiree retreats are listed below.

Ashland 1998: *Chuck Meek, Ken Stuart, and Jim Howland.*

Seattle 1999: *Carl Ryden*

Portland 2000: *Les Wierson*

Baker City 2002: *Arlen Borgen*

Redding 2004: *Bob Harding, Joe Patten, and Ed Lance.*

The following office staff have been involved in publishing the newsletter and assisting on retreats.

Document processors Barbara Spreadbury and Marilyn Wallace, until they retired in 2003.

Graphic designer Aimee Hobson and document processor Vicki Starr.

Editor Lyn Larson.

Judy Clark has served in various areas of retiree activities, the most valuable being logistical assistance for the Retirees Retreat since the year 2000.

Thank You