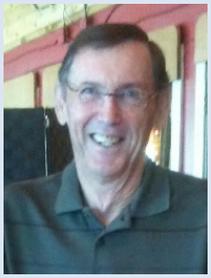




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PUBLISHER'S NOTES



Greetings all! That's me at David Lewis's luncheon, where I joined Texas colleagues to celebrate David on his retirement (story below). You'll also spot me and Mary hanging out with colleagues at the summer CVO picnic.

Our biggest story is that Jacque Hinman is the firm's new president and CEO (story below). The retreat was a hit, and Don Marske's compiled summary should whet your appetite for the 2015 gathering. Chuck Torkko shares memories of a Finnish family reunion and insights into genealogical research. Ken Bielman, Jim Black, Rick Fornelli, and Roger Haines sent news.

My special thanks to folks who shared updates and articles. But we welcome more contributors! Travel articles, too. Let me know at gkoblitz@ch2m.com, including leads on other stories or pending retirements. The best of the stories come from YOU!

Cheers!

Gordon

Jacque Hinman Named CEO; McIntire to Continue as Director



On September 16, the Board of Directors appointed Jacqueline Hinman CEO effective January 1, 2014. Jacque most recently served as President, CH2M HILL International and sits on the board. "This is truly a great honor," she said. "CH2M HILL is a global family of people solving the world's biggest challenges. We have such a strong foundation of achievements on which to build our future."

Jacque joined the firm in 1988; some of you may remember her as Jacque Rast. She has held many management positions during her tenure and has been a key executive in many of our highest profile projects, including the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games construction program. She served as Chairman and CEO of Halcrow Companies after acquisition of the 6,000-person British-based firm in 2011.

"The board and I have been engaged in succession planning for the past few years," said Lee McIntire. "I think we all feel fortunate to have Jacque as our new leader and a deep pool of talent behind her. We are excited to see the next stage in CH2M HILL's growth." Lee has been CEO since January 1, 2009, and will continue to serve on the board.

Denver Reunion Called Best Ever

CONTRIBUTED BY DON MARSKE, SARAH RAMBEAU, MIKE HARRIS, AND VERN NELSON

Note: Reception pictures and details of the tours, presentations, and retirement session are included at the END of this newsletter. Other attachments, including selected presentations and the Sid & Harlan video, will be uploaded on the [Alumni History web site](#) next month. In addition, a survey seeking your input for the 2015 Reunion will be coming soon. Please help us plan ahead with your participation! Thanks!!

Nostalgia filled the atmosphere as nearly 100 CH2M HILL retirees, emeritus members, spouses, and guests gathered for the 2013



Retiree & Emeritus Retreat. Attendees enjoyed four busy days of renewing acquaintances with colleagues and friends, partaking in interesting recreational outings, attending informational programs, and enjoying the beautiful autumn Rocky Mountain climate.

The most impactful connections were made during the evening reception and dinner events when everyone focused on the history and beginnings of CH2M HILL and how the company has evolved. [[*Read More A-Receptions](#)] Employees who were interviewed by a founder and spent their careers developing and expanding the company shared



Ken Bielman, Bob Chapman, and Ann Merryfield

stories of small staff sizes, challenges of opening an office in a new location, and developing projects across the world. A highlight was when employee 11, Sid Lasswell, made a comical presentation with Harlan Moyer, giving first-hand insight into our rich history. You can watch the video at the Alumni History web site.



Activities included tours of Spruce Mountain Ranch, Garden of the Gods, and the US Air Force Academy, which CH2M HILL operates and

maintains. [[*Read More B-Tours](#)]

We attended technical sessions led by 15 current CH2M HILL project leaders who spoke about projects and innovations across the firm's markets. [[*Read More D-Presentations](#)], and retirement-specific sessions where we reviewed health insurance and financial concerns and discussed retirees' overall well-being. [[*Read More C-Retirement Sessions](#)]. The last day began with breakfast, where Mike Kennedy hosted a wrap-up that included an evaluation. The major suggestion was to rename the event a reunion. Mike also announced that Nancy Tuor will chair the 2015 Reunion Planning Committee and Mike Jury will replace Mike Harris as program chair.



Carol Evans and Julie Bielman

Planning Committee Chair Mike Kennedy spoke highly of the retreat. "The 2013 Reunion provided a great opportunity to renew old friendships and relive fond memories. We were blessed to have Jacque

Hinman join us both Monday and Tuesday evenings, and Jacque's presentation of the current state of affairs for CH2M HILL and the plans for the future was the hit of the reunion. [[Slideshow](#)] The attendees rated this reunion as "one of the best ever!"

Our thanks go out to the new and returning volunteers who helped: Mike Harris, Les & Myrna Wierson, Gordon Koblitz, Don Marske, Bob Chapman, Arlen Borgen, Mike Anglea, Ken Williams, Vern & Carol Nelson, Mike Kennedy, and Pat Klampe. A big shout out goes to Emily Holben Walker, Cari (Cas) Strouse, and Gina Aiello, Kyle McKinney, and Sarah Rambeau (pictured below) who warmly greeted our retirees. And thanks to the folks who shared photos and memories for this feature... Judy Lasswell, Mary and Gordon Koblitz, Jerry Boyle, and Don Marske.

Anyone interested in helping with the 2015 reunion, please contact Nancy Tuor at ntuor.moore@gmail.com or alumnirelations@ch2m.com. Planning has already started, so don't miss it!



Mike Harris and Mike Jury



L to R: Gina Aiello, Kyle McKinney, and Sarah Rambeau

RECENT RETIREES

CVO Celebrates Lee Eick

CONTRIBUTED BY PAT THOMAS/CVO AND MARY DICKERSON/CVO

Joined by family and friends, Lee Eick celebrated 37 years with CH2M HILL at an office party on September 6. Festivities included a slide show of Lee's life and career featuring photographs of his family and favorite projects. No CVO retirement party could be complete without Vince Rybel's Top Ten List and Lee's favorite, carrot cake. We wished Lee the best of luck and thanked him for his many contributions.

Lee started as a structural engineer in 1973. He worked on projects ranging from water and wastewater to dams to building structures. Later Lee expanded his responsibilities to include regional and project management, contract administration, design oversight, and structural evaluations. He mentored many structural engineers coming through CVO.

Lee's party was attended by Randy Inklebarger/KNV and Lee's wife, Vickie, who worked as administrative assistant to Burke Hayes and Ralph Peterson, and their children and grandchild. Lee's [slideshow](#) can be viewed next month on the Alumni History web site posting of the newsletter.



Texas Celebrates David Lewis

CONTRIBUTED BY SUELLEN EHRMANN/SAN

On December 3, David Lewis was feted for his fruitful career at a luncheon in Austin. Besides better half Nancy and hip daughter Sarah, David was joined by current and past AUS and SAN colleagues Robert Adams, Scott Ahlstrom (now with LCRA), Raj Bhattarai (Austin Water Utility), Shirley and Bill Berhorst, Rob Cullwell, James Dwyer, Rhonda Guerra, Heather Harris (Mrs. Cullwell), Joe Jenkins, Rick Myrick, Mark Nanninga, Colleen and Tommy Oakes, Jim O'Connor, Paul Thornhill, Mary and Gordon Koblitz, and me.



L to R: Paul Thornhill, Jim O'Connor, Robert Adams, Scott Ahlstrom, and Bill Berhorst

In addition to digging up clients in Texas by any means possible, David participated in planning and reuse studies for Dallas, San Antonio, Abilene, and other cities. His most memorable assignment took the family to New Zealand on Project Manukau at Mangere Wastewater Treatment Plant in Auckland. This world-class project was one of the largest environmental restoration and wastewater treatment plant construction contracts (NZ\$352 million) ever awarded in the Southern Hemisphere. It serves a million people. The America's Cup was used as the center piece at David's going-away party.

"I never saw a proposal until I was 40. I can't write. I can't speak very well. But thank God for editors." Amen.



Nancy, David, and Sarah Lewis at Chez Zee Bistro

"You have always inspired me!" Heather wrote on a large display of best wishes, including a note from Bob Bailey, former WBG President and newly formed Facilities and Urban Environments Market

President (see story below). Jonathan thanked David for "all the good times and mentoring in San Antonio." And Gordon added, "Couldn't have done it without you! So great we could be a part of building our Texas operation to what it is today."

"Thank you for making my entry into Texas easier than it otherwise would have been," wrote Jim Parrish. "I appreciate the time you spent with me to meet with clients and helping me develop an understanding of the Texas market and its drivers. Your insight and advice were invaluable."

David spent more than 35 years delivering water and wastewater projects to communities throughout Texas, managing projects from conception through startup and commissioning. Among these were planning projects for Austin Water Utility, where he got to know Raj Bhattarai, who told me, "David is my favorite engineer. He's a gem."



L to R: A slice of Bill Berhorst, Shirley Berhorst; Colleen and Tommy Oakes; Sarah, David, and Nancy Lewis; Rhonda Guerra; Robert Adams; and a slice of Jonathan Vorheis



L to R: Suellen, Heather Harris, Rob Cullwell, Austin Area Manager James Dwyer, Jim O'Connor, Mary Koblitz, Scott Ahlstrom, Paul Thornhill, Joe Jenkins, and Mark Nanninga

Kathy Freas/ABQ

As Global Water Resources and Ecosystem Management Director (WREM) and a designated Fellow Technologist, Kathy Freas was instrumental in developing practical approaches to help clients address challenges resulting from population growth, climate variability, and other uncertainties that affect supply, demand, and long-term sustainable water management.

“Kathy’s contributions are too many to list,” said Laurens Van der Tak, Principal Water Resource Engineer and former Deputy WREM Global Service Leader, “but if I had to summarize...it would be her vision, her persistence, and her professionalism, which always put the team, our clients, and CH2M HILL’s interests ahead of her own.”



Kathy’s degree in wildlife biology from Michigan State and a masters in biology and doctorate in population biology from New Mexico State gave her a strong foundation for addressing water management and environmental challenges. Her communication skills made her a natural leader; not only was Kathy good at developing concepts but she got technology and regional management teams to embrace them. Among these concepts is a balanced, integrated approach to managing the built and natural water cycle, including water for municipal and industrial uses, agriculture, energy supply, recreation, flood management, and ecosystem demands.

Among her assignments, Kathy was senior technical advisor/project sponsor of the Colorado River Basin Water Supply and Demand Study, an analysis of supply and demand in seven states that rely on that river for their water. She was senior advisor on the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan that suggested ways to evaluate impacts of climate change to manage water supply, flood control, agriculture, infrastructure, and ecosystems of a vital element of California’s water system.

“Kathy’s foresight, tenacity and passion helped establish CH2M HILL as an industry leader in climate change adaptation,” said Bob Bailey. “Kathy has made a difference not only at CH2M HILL, but to our clients’ recognition of sustainability’s importance to the communities they serve.”

Gene Bonham/CVO

After 42 years, Gene Bonham (employee 707) has retired and left the building. He was 21 when he was hired, and he spent his entire career at CH2M HILL (with a couple of temporary detours when repro was outsourced). When Gene started, they printed everything on two imposing Heidelberg presses, two Chief 15s, and two Davidson 500s, for you equipment fanatics. If a document had four colors, every page had to be run through the press four times, using lots of paper to get the color registration right, and they always got it right.

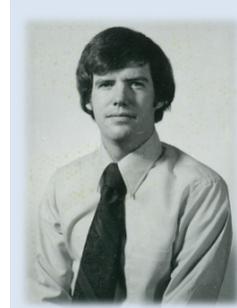
Gene’s career spanned the era of hot-wax paste-up and Zipatone to today’s do-everything Hewlett Packard machines. He worked in the original Quonset hut off Western Boulevard, the old repro building on 7th and Western, the printing facility south of town (his favorite



Gene’s retirement lunch, L to R: Carl English-Young, Lyn Larson, Aimee Hobson, Carol Harms, Gene, and Tina Macon

because it was relatively far away from the main office), the Walnut Boulevard office, and the HP campus. Metro Denver was one of the biggest jobs he and the repro crew worked on, running two shifts of 12-hour days and all night for 3 weeks. Gene’s coworker Craig Koehler, who’s still soldiering on, was hired in 1973. He and Craig also worked on the massive Changi Deep Tunnel proposal, and countless others for millions of “clicks.”

Mike Bracken/CVO



After 38 years with the firm, Mike Bracken “had a nice retirement get together with about 30 folks at a Corvallis restaurant...



in the middle of a snow storm December 7th.” [CVO’s tribute](#) can be viewed next month on the Alumni History web site posting of the newsletter.

A senior project manager and environmental engineer, Mike performed design services, studies, resident inspection, and construction management of municipal and industrial water and wastewater treatment facilities. He provided design services for advanced secondary and tertiary wastewater treatment plants, solids processing facilities, and pilot plants, and managed planning, design, and construction of more than \$1 billion of treatment facilities.

“Wendi and I plan on doing the usual retiree stuff, more travel, and more golf for me, if that’s possible. We did a practice trip last September, a cruise down the Rhine and Mosel rivers. Then spent some extra time in Bruges, Belgium. It was a great trip, so we hope to do more of that. Hope to see you again next summer.”

Butch Reed/GNV

After more than 40 years with CH2M HILL, Butch Reed/GNV retired fully and completely in September. Butch joined the print shop in Corvallis on March 26, 1969, where he worked for 15 years before moving to Gainesville, Florida, where he



became the repro manager. Butch recalled how repro evolved over his 4 decades with CH2M HILL. “When I arrived in Gainesville,” he explained, “it was a full-service print shop with single-color and two-color printing presses, a darkroom and photo lab, a blueprint

machine, and a “Roll-Vac” (a machine invented in Corvallis and used to composite overlay drafted sheets onto Mylar and slicks, which were then used to make blue line prints). “Seven or eight employees in repro all had a part in producing contract documents and reports that often took a week or more to produce,” he said. Butch has done an exceptional job over the 40 years he’s been with the company and has worked with many around the country and the world.

Eric Oden/BOI

After more than 17 years with the firm, Eric Oden retired at the end of October.

Eric joined the firm as a contractor and became an employee a year later on New Year’s Eve 1997. Eric has been one of Boise’s best editors and occasionally a proposal manager.



Clients observed his level of skill with comments like, “He just sees things other editors don’t,” “Eric is a lifeline for me,” and simply, “YOU ARE THE BEST!” But technical proficiency aside, he provided coworkers with other invaluable services over the years, including his selection for song of the day, website and news links hand filtered for their styles, and unforgettable nuggets of wisdom like, “Don’t do more work in the morning than you have time to fix in the afternoon.” Sage advice from a pro.

Eric provided us with stellar service, a unique perspective, daily amusement, and random hilarity.

David Osgood/CAI/NSV



David Osgood, a WBG Project Management Specialist and Egypt Country Manager, retired in September. David began his career in education and training, then became a leading specialist in institutional strengthening and capacity development of international water

and wastewater clients. His career with the firm started in Egypt in 2000, where he managed a series of successful USAID-funded projects. Fluent in Arabic, David provided a steady, reliable base of operations for our work in that region.

His first major project was as PM of the Institutional Strengthening and Policy Reform Project. This \$10.9-million project provided technical assistance to the Alexandria wastewater agency, enabling it to operate and manage new

facilities that had been designed and overseen by CH2M HILL in a large program that started in 1981.

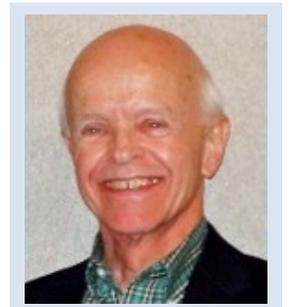
David served as PM for the Egypt Water and Wastewater Sector Policy Reform. He and our team worked with the Ministry of Housing, Utilities and Urban Development to commercialize water and wastewater utilities and establish a regulatory agency. Most recently, he managed the \$19.5-million follow-on Water Policy and Regulatory Reform Project for which our team worked with the Egyptian Water Regulatory Authority (EWRA) to develop water and wastewater policy and strengthen the legal and regulatory framework. With the support of David and the team, EWRA continued to make progress during recent political unrest.

Doug Griffes/DEN, principal-in-charge of USAID projects in Egypt noted, “David has done an incredible job of maintaining and promoting CH2M HILL’s legacy of leadership in Egypt’s water sector. His contributions have been greatly appreciated by our clients and team members and will continue to benefit us in the region.”

David said he was lucky to be a part of such a great company and thanked his co-workers for the good experience. “Even though I worked in the backwaters of the company (Egypt) far from the corporate heartbeat, CH2M HILL staff was always responsive, friendly, and supportive.”

David lived in Egypt for 25 years and recently moved back to the States. “While I enjoyed my years of work, I don’t miss the routine. Retirement means I can work out, read, and attend my sons’ athletic events.”

JIM SCHWING/SLC



Three months shy of 45 years, Jim Schwing retired on October 25. Soon after graduating from the University of Illinois with a master’s in environmental engineering, Fred Merryfield hired young Jim, who enjoyed Corvallis, made lifelong friends, and learned about consulting from John Filbert. After 2½ years in CVO, Jim “temporarily” relocated to help open the Denver office. A fortuitous move, as he met wife Mary there. After 10 years, Jim and Mary moved to Minneapolis-St Paul, then to Alexandria, where he was among the first wave of CH2M HILL expatriates. Eventually, Jim returned to DEN and worked on projects for Metro Denver before becoming program manager for the firm’s first EPA Superfund Program.

In 1991, Jim and family relocated to Pittsburgh, PA, where he managed environmental permits for Westinghouse Electric’s remediation of contaminated landfills. Eleven years later, he became Salt Lake City (SLC) area manager. He has been recognized twice as engineer of the year—by the ACEC and the Utah Engineering Council (as reported in the July 2013 Alumni Newsletter)—and has been honored by other professional societies.

“Jim is one of those unsung company foot soldiers who was willing to pick up and move,” said George Gunn/PHX, “never expecting recognition for his efforts and sacrifices... I consider Jim the company’s energizer bunny.”

Jim and Mary plan to stay in Salt Lake City and look forward to volunteering, traveling, camping, and hiking. The Alumni History Committee is happy that Jim’s decided to work with them, too.

Jim Saag/CHI

CONTRIBUTED BY JEFF FRANTZ/CHI AND TIM NEUMAN/CHI

One of the firm’s most senior transportation engineers has retired. Jim Saag’s career spanned 60 years, starting with the USAF then to consulting—with DeLeuw, Cather & Company, Jack E. Leisch & Associates (JEL), and CH2M HILL. “Jim Saag is the consummate professional,” said Tim Neuman, Chief Highway Engineer. “I modeled my career development after him. I valued his advice and counsel and consider him my most important mentor. I would not be where I am today without his presence and influence.”

In 1989, Jim, Phil Hall, and others negotiated the deal that enabled CH2M HILL to acquire JEL, a nationally known firm that specialized in freeway planning and design. Jim had built JEL’s Wisconsin office into a respected highway-planning and construction-management firm. He managed a major project to expand State Trunk Highway 50 from two to four lanes in Kenosha and Walworth counties, and former JEL staff he hired were instrumental in building the Milwaukee office’s transportation practice.

Jim also played a major role in growing CH2M HILL’s business in Illinois and Iowa, managing the I-74 reconstruction plan in Peoria and leading the successful pursuit and delivery of an environmental impact statement for the Mason City Bypass in Iowa—CH2M HILL’s first major assignment for the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT). Jim’s work on the Heart of Illinois Feasibility Study received the Hanley Award, the highest honor given by the Illinois DOT.

Jim always had a passion for his work and has been a mentor and role model for many staff. Throughout his career, he counseled the importance of staying engaged with serving clients through project work and of being active within the industry and profession. He chaired the Transportation Research Board Parking and Terminals Committee and was active in and a supporter of the Institute of Transportation Engineers. Until he retired, he continued to serve as senior consultant and to mentor younger staff in the Chicago office.

Jim’s sense of humor and keen wit brought a refreshing atmosphere to the office—he always said that you know you’ve been working too long when your projects are being torn down. He and his wife, Gloria, will continue to enjoy traveling visiting sons and families. Jim is a true-blue highway engineer who most always travels by car and is loyal to his roots, having grown up in his family’s movie business in

Louisville, Kentucky; ask him anything about the latest movie releases because he and Gloria will have seen them all.

HELLO, RECENT RETIREES

In addition to the folks above, the following staffers retired in the last 6 months. If any of you would like to share retirement stories, photos, or presentations, please forward information to alumnirelations@ch2m.com or gkoblitz@ch2m.com, along with anyone’s name inadvertently left off the list.

James Allen	Judy Alvis
Katherine Anhalt	Tim Annesley
Edward Aromi	David Baker
Samuel Baker	Ramond Barnette
Arthur Bedrosian	Susan Binns
Eugene Bonner	Larry Bower
Larry Boyd	David Bullock
Leonard Burns	Dale Byers
Jack Call	Tracy Chadwick
Robert Chalfant	Lance Chester
Larry Clonch	Jack Cook
Donald Day	Bill Dennison
Michael Doleac	Ralph Dove
Suellen Ehrmann	Keith Ettestad
Gerald Foess	James Foss
Robert Fuller	Jose Garcia-Bengochea
John Gehrke	Patricia Graham
Robert Greathouse	Gary Grieve
Judith Griffin	James Haile
William Hall	Ronald (Bruce) Hammock
Carol Harms	Michael Harris
Charles Hastings	John Hayes
Alexander Heirman	Bill Hollenbeck
Mark Ivie	Scott Johnson
Michael Kennedy	Gordon Koblitz
Kenneth Krauter	Mike Lavey
Cal Leckington	Jerry Leming
Mervin Lipscomb	Edward Lopez
Donald Macintosh	Collin Matheny
Mark Matthes	Frederick Mattson
Leo Michaud	Homer Mickey
George Miller	Stanley Moon
George Moore	Roberto Pere
Steven Petersen	Ronald Peterson
Robert Puls	Suzanne Robb
Alfonso Rojo	Paul Rupp
Jeffery Schaffner	Wayne Schofield
Marcy Schwartz	Diane Sharrock
Jerry Shaw	David Shidemantle
James Smith	Rick Smith
John Spencer	William Steiger
William Stockho	William Sutton
Juan Vázquez	Edward Vollrath
Edward Wagner	Wayne Wagner
Dennis Warren	Bruce Whitehead
Sammie Williams	William Willis
Charles Yost	Arthur Zayac

A Note on the Flex Employee Thinning Program

On September 14, 42 of the many flex employees terminated from CH2M HILL were seamlessly turned over to [HKA Associates, Inc.](#), of Spartanburg, South Carolina, and became “contingent” or contract employees for CH. Gordon and Suellen were among them. Many more will likely be checking out this option in the future.

Goodbye, Old Friends

Albert M. Wollmann died on November 4 in Gainesville, Virginia. Al is survived by his wife, Marlene, and his married children, Bradley and Allison.



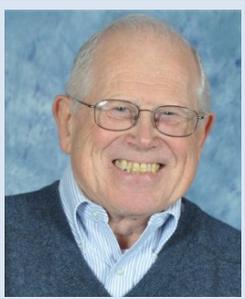
Al was a chief design engineer and senior technologist. His focus for over 35 years was in water and wastewater treatment. He used every opportunity to mentor others and graciously shared his knowledge.

He will be remembered with a smile for being heavy handed with a red pen when he was providing technical reviews.

“I feel that part of the reason I have had success in my career is that I have never accepted the status quo,” Al said. “I am never afraid to ask ‘Why?’ and I have always been willing to try new things.” Al Wollmann’s obituary can be viewed next month on the Alumni History web site posting of the newsletter.

Peter Hughes died on January 4. Peter was CH2M HILL Constructors (CCI) VP and Chief Legal Officer. He spent 13 years with the firm, and helped grow CCI from an \$8M to \$1.5B business.

Peter provided invaluable counsel to business group presidents and US and Canadian operations managers, assisting with domestic and international project development for key markets. [View Obituary](#)

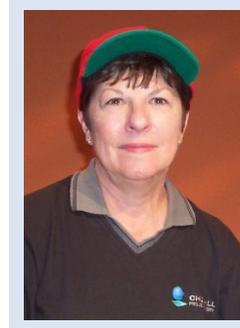


Gary Graham/SEA passed away on December 17 from sudden cardiac arrest. He was 73. Gary was a core senior water engineer who worked in Seattle from 1964 to 2000 designing sewage treatment systems. He never fully retired and was often called upon to help. He spent summers troll fishing off the

Washington and Oregon coasts. He also loved crab fishing. Gary was a reservoir of salmon information with a memory that kept fishermen and fish managers shaking their heads.

Gary will be remembered for his warm smile, hearty chuckle, and loving spirit. More information about Gary’s memorial

can be viewed next month on the Alumni History web site posting of the newsletter. [View Obituary](#)



Colleen Faye (Wood) Oakes passed away January 21, peacefully in her Kingsland, Texas, home with her family lovingly by her side.

Colleen worked hard her whole life for her family and retired from CH2M HILL in September 2011 after 30 years, and made many life-long friends there that she treasured dearly. For more information, please

see her obituary, which can be viewed next month on the Alumni History web site posting of the newsletter. [View Obituary](#)

K.R. (Kou-Rou) Chang died unexpectedly on January 16. He was 69. K.R. emigrated from Taiwan in 1970 to pursue graduate work in civil engineering. After earning his doctorate, he moved to Gainesville in January 1979 and started a 35-year-long career at CH2M HILL.



K.R. loved traveling with his family and working and playing outdoors.

An avid tennis player, K.R. influenced many junior players, especially his two sons, and loved Gator sports. Read K.R.’s obituary, which can be viewed next month on the Alumni History web site posting of the newsletter. [View Obituary](#)

We recently lost these colleagues, as well.

Robert Conklin (5/27)

Giles Thompson (7/27)

Khaled Al-Hasan (8/31)

Charles Wentworth (9/10)

Jeanette Fisher (10/28)

Norman Shannon (12/7)

Marianne Nixon (5/29)

Audrey Varseveld (8/1)

Michael Zobel (9/5)

Mark Ferri (9/18)

Jean Sampson (11/17)

If you hear about the death of any of your colleagues and you think others would be interested in knowing, please forward the obituary or the family’s contact information to alumrelations@ch2m.com or gkoblit@ch2m.com.

Associates’ News and Accomplishments

WBG’s Sheldon Barker/BOI Chalks Up 40 Years

It all started in 1970 after Sheldon Barker graduated from Oregon State University with a degree in civil engineering. He spent the summer working part-time doing wastewater tests in the CVO lab before being commissioned in the Corps of the US Public Health Service. He then pursued a master’s program in environmental engineering at Cornell.

In 1973, Sheldon accepted a full-time position in the Reston office, working for John Filbert/CVO. A year later, he moved to Boise working on a project under Glen Richter. Until ‘83, Sheldon worked on assignments under Steve Aasheim (before Steve moved to Denver) and Dave Bennion. Then it



was time for a change. He moved to Salt Lake City (SLC), and developed a mentor in Earl Reynolds. In July 1983, he accepted the SLC area office manager role and recruited Mike Collins and Tom Krumsick to work for him.

Five years later, a new opportunity presented itself in Reston working

for George Gunn/PHX. Sheldon transitioned to global marketing and sales under Tom Cutting and eventually, Mark Lasswell. He returned to Boise in 2001, reporting to Mark, then Tom Serro, Blake Jeffcoat/MGM, and Tom Price/SAC.

With 40 years of experience in civil infrastructure projects (primarily water and transportation), Sheldon still loves his work at CH2M HILL. "Forty years and still having a blast."

Mike Mickelson/SLC Celebrates 42 Years

Mike Mickelson, senior client service manager in SLC, marked 42 years with the firm.

Mike started with Clair Hill, seeking the challenge of water resource, irrigation, and land management projects. It was soon apparent that he had the exceptional client service and management capabilities needed by the firm, which was growing at a fast pace. His abilities gave him the opportunity to work on exciting, challenging projects.



After transferring through CH2M HILL offices in the western US, he moved to SLC in 1985 to help establish the Utah office.

Mike played a crucial role in developing and nurturing a relationship with Central Utah Water Conservancy District (CUWCD), arguably the largest, most influential water district in the state. His gift for gaining clients' trust and translating that into decades of work formed what is still the core of WBG business in Utah—formulating, designing, and building the Central Utah Project.

Mike's involvement in the development of Utah's water resources includes environmental planning for the Central Utah Project and design for most of the major pipelines in the state, diversion structures, conversion of tens of thousands of acres of pumped irrigation to gravity pressure irrigation to conserve energy, reuse of municipal and industrial wastewater for agricultural irrigation, restoration of mountain lakes to their natural condition following transfer of irrigation water rights, and design and construction for hydropower projects. Most recently, Mike has been central to CUWCD's development of the Utah Lake System, the final link of the Central Utah Project bringing water from the Colorado River to the Salt Lake City

metropolitan corridor. "While Mike has played a critical role in Utah's development of its water resources, his lasting legacy will be the many engineers he continues to mentor. People have always been the core of what Mike was interested in," said Jeff DenBleyker/SLC.

Retirees' News

Bielmans Attend Reunion; Ken Finishes Life Stories

EXCERPTED FROM JULIE BIELMAN'S CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



Our best news this year is that Ken finished writing the last book of his five-volume Life Stories. He started

gathering genealogical information some 25 years ago; however, for many years his writing was relegated to a back burner while his love of music lured him away to play piano and arrange music for several dance bands. Then about 3 or 4 years ago, Ken realized his eyesight was failing at an alarming rate. Since then, even with the help of magnifying glasses while using the computer, it's been a race against time for him to complete the stories. His books were special Christmas presents for our kids.

Unfortunately, we've arrived at that age when traveling has become too difficult to be fun, especially with Ken's poor balance and vision issues. However, in October we put our concerns aside and flew to Denver to attend the gathering of CH2M HILL retirees. Some 90 of us oldsters attended and it was neat that Ken and I were able to be there because Ken was the one to open the Denver office in July 1971. I met him on Labor Day and we married a year later. The meeting's technical sessions are always interesting and we had fun visiting with friends, surreptitiously comparing wrinkles, waistlines, and gimpyness. Realizing how much we'd missed those associations, when we returned to Corvallis we invited some of the Oregon retirees here for an afternoon, most of whom had been on the Alexandria, Egypt, wastewater project with us. It was the perfect time to share with them a couple of the narrated CDs of our Egypt experience that we'd put together 3 years ago. Several of the folks were surprised to see themselves on screen some 32 or so years younger!

We continue to share energies and interests while tolerating each other's foibles. For instance, I attend Ken's low-vision meetings. He attends my cardiac rehab sessions. I cook. He eats. I wash. He dries.

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Torkko Takes Genealogy Seriously

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In July 2001, 144 family members gathered in Ylistaro, Finland. The reunion was one of Chuck's "most important occasions and accomplishments." Chuck spent several years developing a family tree that contained about 1,000 names of relatives in Finland and the US. Chuck divided the chart into three sections, which measured 27 feet each after enlarging.



Chuck at the podium with Dr. Juha Niinikoski, who translated for him

"Such an undertaking can become very difficult if one does not have good contacts or others who might do some research." On-line programs and Mormon records fall short when researching ancestors from outside the US. Chuck's second cousin, a retired schoolteacher in Finland, was "extremely organized" and therefore his best resource.

"Northern European countries have the best records because their records are kept in churches and were not subjected to major wars except in localized areas. I visited the church record office for my mother's family. It was like a bank vault with a huge, thick door, and the records were written into large books that were kept in flat files like we used to use for drawings.

"The evolution of individual families varied greatly. Education made the major differences. The sooner families sent their children to universities, the sooner their incomes and successes came, some rising to very prominent positions in business and government.



"The group photograph was taken in two steps. Each attendee wrote their name, address, and number of photo copies on one side of a piece of paper. On the back was a large number, which they held in front of their faces for the first photo. The second photo is as shown. The lower outline of attendees was traced by someone who then entered the numbers on the faces.

As each relative described his family, Chuck projected photos he had collected. "Our family includes a mixture of typical citizen farmers and workers as well as educated professionals," said Chuck. "One of my grandfather's brothers had nine children and put all nine through college."

Markku Torkko, editor of the largest newspaper in Lapland, published an article on the event. "The editorial was remarkable in his comparative observations between Finnish and American Torkko family members," says Chuck.

"Finland has strict rules on names. Boys have boys' names. Girls have girls' names. Most names follow traditional origins with very little variation. Markku was amazed to see Irish or Scottish first names with typical Finnish family names. That is not done in Finland. And there are almost no marriages between Finns and other nationalities, except for perhaps Swedes or even Norwegians.

Genealogy is "not as easy as some might think," admits Chuck. "I hope my experiences provide insight to the challenges of trying to become a genealogical historian."

Editor's note: On October 30, Chuck lost his dear Carolyn. "Those close to her marveled at her intellect, wisdom, humor and cynicism," wrote Chuck. "She loved our dogs almost as much as she loved her family, brother, sister, in-laws, and friends. I did not expect that losing her would hurt so much." They were married for more than 60 years.

Haines Finds Calling

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Don't get me wrong. I loved working for CH2M HILL my whole career (1974 start, CVO) and I love CH's great people and culture. I especially appreciate the people of the Gainesville office, where I worked for 20-plus years and still reside.

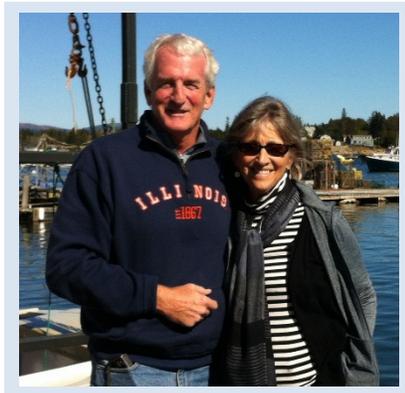
But after moving into this next phase of life (retirement) in late 2012, I quickly discovered the joy and blessings of more variety and freedom in how I spend each day. For me, it looks something like this:

Then...	Now (Retired)...
Working indoors all day, mostly sitting down	Sports (old-fart versions) and other outdoor/exercise activities

Then...	Now (Retired)...
Traveling to clients and projects	Traveling to have fun with friends and relatives, and to sightsee
Tending to project teams, budgets, schedules	Tending to home, workshop, garden, yard
Brown bags, office celebrations, anniversary email from COR	Movies, dinners, concerts, festivals, UF Gator games, etc. – usually with friends
Coaching and teaching younger staff	Caring for and spending time with my grandson
Working extra time to meet client/project needs	Volunteering to help out with church and community needs
Schedule and budget pressures inherent to the business	If not today, then tomorrow
Timesheets	No timesheets!!

So yes, I feel really lucky (and a little guilty) to have this retirement gig.

Beth and I feel blessed. One of our many good fortunes is a strong network of friends, and we very much enjoy the resulting richness in our lives. Another blessing is that two of our three grown children (plus a grandson) live nearby. Yet another is that I'm able to keep in touch with local CH colleagues, both working and retired.



Hello and best wishes to friends and colleagues. CH2M HILL Alumni Connect is a wonderful thing!

Jim Black Builds

CONTRIBUTED BY JIM BLACK (jimblack1370@comcast.net)



The new Whidbey Island beach house was completed in late June but unfortunately not on budget. The problem with budget was us, no

self-control. Next year I have more landscaping work to do. I did learn that never – never build a house from scratch again. I should have known I was in trouble when I fired the architect and redesigned the layout myself. I did a lot of research and found a great builder who saved me from myself. I did enjoy doing a lot of the work myself but glad it is done. My dad and I build the first cabin so it was good to get sweat equity in the new one. [View Christmas Letter](#)

Fornelli on Major CSO Project in London

CONTRIBUTED BY RICK FORNELLI/PDD ([RICK.FORNELLI@CH2M.COM](mailto:rick.fornelli@ch2m.com))

I'm still working on the Thames Tideway Tunnel, a combined sewer overflow tunnel across the center of London. I was delivery manager for preliminary design, environmental statement, third-party agreements, and planning document (50,000 pages + drawings). The Planning Inspectorate is currently conducting a 6-month examination. Construction to start in 2016.

Linda and I have enjoyed 3 years in London, and she has become a better guide than the locals. We are planning a long-awaited trip to New Zealand in February, then looking at what else the world has to offer. I would like to travel in the US, and we both want to spend time with the grandsons.



Rick Fornelli supervising a construction site. The young truck driver is telling the construction manager where and how equipment should be used.

We still live in Carlsbad, CA, although I haven't been there much for the past 10 years.

Emily Holben Delivers

CONTRIBUTED BY EMILY HOLBEN/DEN (ALUMNICONNECT CURATOR AND RETIREE PROGRAM SUPPORTER)

"It's a boy!!!" my husband shouted. After 9 months of wondering and waiting, my baby boy was born on September 8, 2013. Coming in at 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and more than 21 inches, we were blessed with a healthy baby.



Emily and Harrison

His name is Harrison Robert Walker and he's the most wonderful thing on this earth to his father and me (and his grandparents too of course!). The last few months have been the happiest (and the busiest) of my life. He's growing so fast. I can tell how quickly

the years are going to fly by! One day I'm going to wake up and it's going to be his first day of school, his first science project, his driver's license, then driving him to college! We are enjoying every minute. Parenthood is amazing and the happiness it brings is hard to put into words.

Bill Bellamy/LAR Accepts Professorship at University of Wyoming

Senior VP Bill Bellamy, PhD, recently accepted a professorship at the University of Wyoming, his alma mater.



Retirees Crash CVO Picnic ; -) – Share in Fun

CONTRIBUTED BY GORDON KOBLITZ

CVO held their summer picnic on August 15 at beautiful Bruce Starker Arts Park. Area Manager Elizabeth French kindly invited local retirees to join in.



Left to right: Whitney Lindquist, Steve and Yvonne Lee, Mary and Gordon Koblitz, and Roger Lindquist (latter two in CH2M HILL swag). Seated: Valerie and Dick Nichols

Festivities included music by Wild Hogs in the Woods, whose bass and banjo player is CVO's John Simonds. There was a beer-tasting garden, food, raffles, and kids' activities at the Starker Arts Park for Education. It was a fun event and a chance to reconnect and swap stories with old timers.



Wild Hogs in the Woods, featuring John Simonds/CVO, performed at the CVO summer picnic

Thanks go to Jennifer Chang/CVO and her husband, Alan, for the retiree invitations and pictures, respectively. We hope the invitation to next summer's picnic will again go to local retirees (and more of them attending), seeing as how we behaved ourselves pretty well and didn't try any karaoke with the band. 😊

(In fact, the firm "would definitely welcome a larger number of CVO retirees," Jennifer wrote in an email.) So local retirees stay tuned. Next newsletter should have details.

Norm Huggins/TOR Wins Beaubien Award for Lifetime Engineering Career Achievement

Over 45 years, communities across Canada have benefited from the expertise of the WBG's Senior VP Norm Huggins/TOR, and colleagues have developed careers under his tutelage. Along with celebrating 45 years with CH2M HILL in August, Norm received the [Beaubien Award](#) from the [ACEC-Canada](#), which recognizes individuals for their contributions to the advancement of consulting engineering.

Norm started at CH2M HILL (then Gore & Storrie) as a student in 1966. He worked for three summers, then came on board after graduation from the structural engineering department.



Norm Huggins receives ACEC's Beaubien Award
Photo courtesy Canadian Consulting Engineers

Over the course of his career, Norm has managed and coordinated numerous master servicing studies for large and small communities all over Ontario and British Columbia. These studies required an open lateral analytical approach to effectively integrate planning and engineering principles into the final product.

Norm has also dedicated much of his career to professional organizations such as the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies of Canada (ACEC; board member and chair), Consulting Engineers of Ontario, the Engineering Institute of Canada, and the Pollution Control Association of Ontario. As ACEC Chair, he led development of a guideline for engaging professional services based on quality of services.

Wherever he works, Norm supports his community, often convincing the firm to make sure that dollars flow into—and stay in—the community. For 3 years, he chaired the Toronto Infrastructure Partnership, hosting delegations from Europe and Asia and visiting China and Hong Kong to discuss major infrastructure construction projects.

One of Norm's greatest interests is to encourage young people to enter the engineering industry, consulting

engineering in particular. He has also been a mentor in an official capacity (as group leader) and unofficially (as a sounding board). He brings junior staff to meetings, giving them opportunities to develop relationships with clients and participate in presentations. "Norm never hogged the spotlight. He let you take over, but if you started to get into trouble, he was right there to save you."

Says Peter Mallory/OTT, "Norm serves as a model for other engineers—his quiet leadership, his always ethical behavior, and his strength in bringing opposing parties together to get things done. After 45 years, Norm continues to be an engineer that I, and others, admire."

Hinman Names Bob Bailey/ORL Facilities and Urban Environments Market President



In December, President and CEO Jacque Hinman announced the firm's new strategic focus and structure that will help facilitate this strategy. Effective January 1, Bob Bailey/ORL leads the newly structured Facilities and Urban Environments Market—a new market for the firm that will focus on growth and integrating the services we provide across

client sectors currently served by Industrial & Advanced Technology, Government Facilities & Infrastructure, (IAT and GFI), and Urban Programs.

Working closely with current leaders Jo Danko/CVO, Gene Lupia/WDC, and John Palmer/AUS, Bob is looking forward to developing an integrated market strategy, leveraging the services we offer, and elevating the firm's commitment to clients we serve and want to serve in 2014 and beyond.

"I am honored and privileged to serve as your president, and I want to take this time to introduce myself a bit and express how excited I am to be a part of this time!" said Bob. "I am confident 2014 will be a great year, and that we will continue to make CH2M HILL a great place to work." Bob joined CH2M HILL 30 years ago and most recently served as the Water Business Group president.

FIRM'S RECENT HEADLINES

Board of Directors Visits United Kingdom

CONTRIBUTED BY KATARZYNA CHMURZYNSKA/WAW

In November, the board held its quarterly meeting in London, and between meetings had a chance to meet some of the European team, learn about projects, meet with clients, and visit project sites.

Project managers, young professionals, and regional business group managers from the Dow Lauterbourg, A-one+, and Intel projects made presentations and highlighted the importance of these projects to strategic priorities in Europe.

The second annual CH2M HILL drinks reception was held at the Royal Academy of Engineering, which provided board members and senior CH2M HILL staff the opportunity to network with some key clients and build our brand and profile in the UK.

Directors ventured underground into caverns being created at Tottenham Court Road Station as part of the iconic Crossrail project. When completed, the project will add 10 percent to London's rail-based transport network and cut journey times between the east and west.



Team that presented to the board (L to R): Emma Skilbeck, Johan de Fraye, Paul Fullam, Lea Cole, Macarena Lopez, Mark Fallon, Andy Jamieson, Sarah Dye, Alain Duchene, Peter McRoberts, and James Rowntree

While in London, Lee McIntire hosted another in his series of employee roundtables, the first time this quarterly meeting was broadcast from outside of Denver.

At the end of the week, the leadership team visited the Lee Tunnel site at Beckton Sewage Treatment Works and went to the bottom of the shaft that is used to drive the Lee Tunnel to Abbey Mills Pumping Station. At more than 75 meters deep, it is the deepest shaft in the UK. When completed, the tunnel will prevent 16 million cubic meters per year of untreated sewage from discharging into the Thames River.

CH2M HILL CEO MAKES CHANGES

EXCERPTED FROM AN ARTICLE BY CATHY PROCTOR, REPORTER, DENVER BUSINESS JOURNAL

Less than a month after Jacqueline Hinman took up her new role as president and CEO of CH2M HILL, one of Colorado's biggest companies, she's making changes at the global engineering and construction firm. CH2M HILL, based in Douglas County, said Wednesday it will "align its business to five key markets and six core regions." The changes are aimed at better serving its clients around the world, the company said. "This structure is integrated and focused on accelerated growth and delivery excellence," Hinman said in a statement. "These core markets and geographies are integral to advancing the quality of life and economic vitality in the communities and business sectors that we are proud to serve."

The changes will combine several divisions and business groups into a new alignment:

- The Energy market, led by Mike Szomjassy, combines the firm's Energy & Chemicals with the Power business group.
- The Environment & Nuclear market, led by Chris Shea, combines the firm's environmental practice, ranked No.1 by Engineering News-Record (ENR), with its global nuclear decommissioning and decontamination business.
- The Facilities & Urban Environments market, led by Bob Bailey, combines three business groups—the Industrial & Advanced Technology, Government Facilities & Infrastructure, and Urban Programs—into one.
- The Transportation market, led by Terry Ruhl, and ranked among the top five internationally by ENR, will include the company's aviation, bridges, highways, marine and port facilities, and mass transit and rail sectors.

- The firm's Water market, led by Greg McIntyre and ranked among the top five internationally by ENR, includes government and industrial water supply projects, water treatment and desalination efforts, sewer and wastewater treatment projects.

In addition to the five focus markets, CH2M HILL said it has incorporated the firm's six geographic regions—Asia-Pacific, Canada, Europe, Latin America, Middle East, and United States—through a "Global Delivery Platform" led by Mike McKelvy.

Also, Elisa Speranza, former president of the operations management business group, will now be global managing director of both corporate affairs and strategic consulting.

Read More A Receptions

In the evenings we enjoyed receptions and nice dinners, laughed with old friends, and reminisced with honored guests. For the first time, our honored guests included the spouses of our retirees who have passed. Thanks to the efforts of Babs Sur and Dave Evans, several spouses were able to attend. In addition to Babs Suhr, Ann Merryfield, Bette Petersen, Raeda Poirot, Sheila Coon, and Jodi Reynolds also attended.

This year we also honored retirees who passed since the last reunion with an *In Memoriam* slideshow that was running during the Tuesday night reception and Wednesday night dinner at the Denver Campus. [View slideshow at Alumni History Website/2013 Retreat]

Following are some shots of the attendees.



Vern & Carol Anne Nelson and Mike Lucki, CFO



Steve & Carol Aasheim



Valerie & Jerry Eggleston



Starla & Tom Haslip



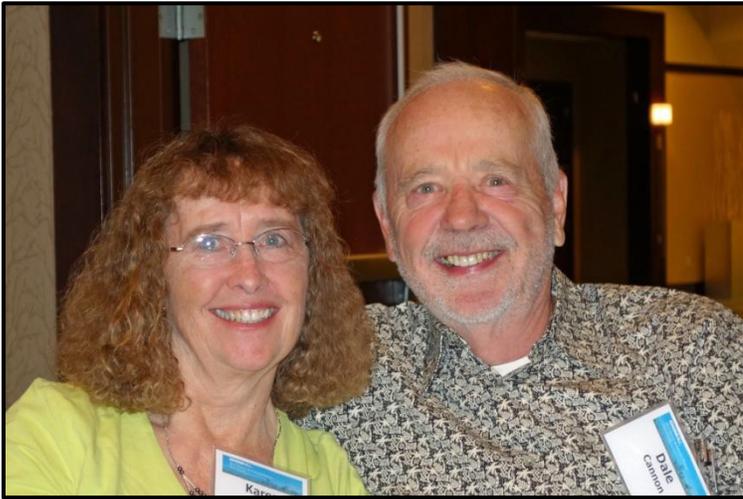
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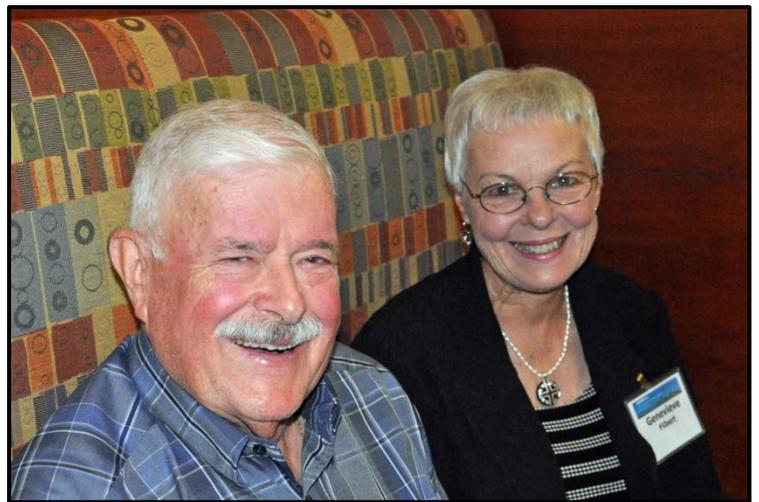
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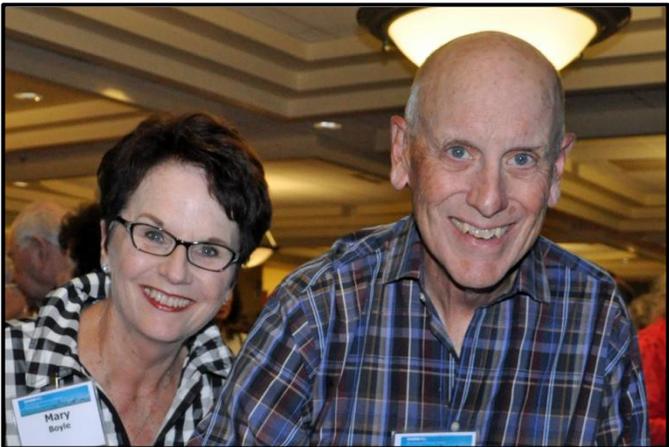
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Don & Joan Marske



Judy & Sid Lasswell



Mary & Jerry Boyle



Gordon & Mary Koblitz



Julie & Ken Bielman



Jim & Angie Jodie



Bob & Meredith Chapman



Arlen & Elaine Borgen



Rick & Mary Reid



Betty Peterson and Raeda Poirot



Babs Suhr and Carol Irving



Dave & Ruth Ellison and Marge & Mike Mynhier



Sheila Coon and Jodi Reynolds



Sam Iapalluci, Mike Fisher, and Mike Lucki!



Jacque Hinman and Betty Peterson



Joan & Wyatt McCallie

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On Tuesday morning, for those braved the early morning hour, boarded the bus for a tour of the **Spruce Mountain Cattle Ranch**. In 1871 the land now recognized as Spruce Mountain Ranch was once a section of terrain on the “Ben Lomand Ranch which consisted of thousands of acres. Besides being a successful dairy operation, the land was cultivated for oats, millet and hay. Since then, the Ranch has changed hands numerous times. Today, Tom and Lois Ames have allocated 100 acres to a housing development “Spruce Mountain Estates”.



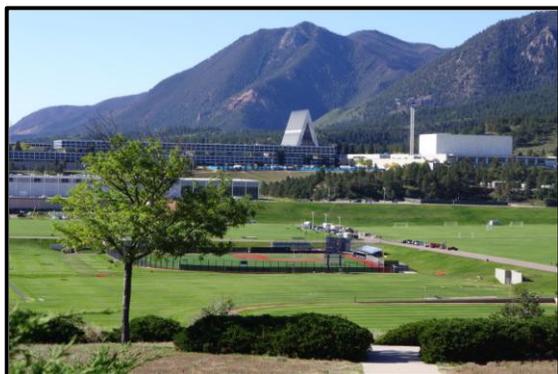
Patti Wiedemann, Joan Marske, Babs Suhr

The remaining acreage was creatively and uniquely renovated by Tom and Lois. Their ultimate goals are to sustain a purebred Angus seed stock operation, as well as create a distinct landscape and resort-like atmosphere for family, guests, and potential customers to enjoy.

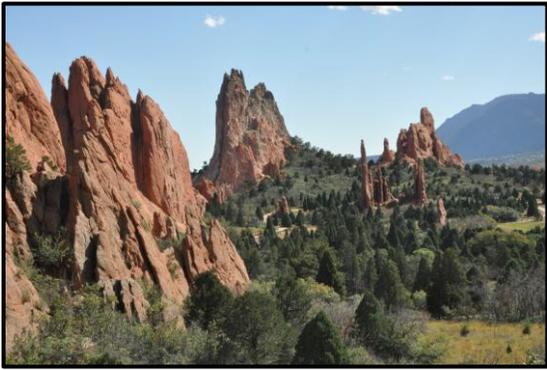


Sharon and Mike Anglea

On Wednesday morning we boarded the early bus again for a tour of the **Air Force Academy**. The Air Force Academy is unique in its dual role as both an Air Force installation and a university. The 10th Air Base Wing provides logistical, medical, fire response, security, civil engineering, family care and medical support across the 18,000-acre installation for a community of approximately 25,000.



CH2M HILL has served as operations manager of the US Air Force Academy for a number of years. Our staff there manage all of the facilities and on-campus equipment. We were treated to see our staff running the Zamboni machine at the Academy ice hockey rink. Our tour of the USAF Academy was led by Dave Brewer, our current manager of the operations contract.



On the way back to the hotel we drove through the **Garden of the Gods**, a spectacular red rock canyon park located just outside of Colorado Springs.

In 1871, General William Jackson Palmer founded Colorado Springs while extending the lines of his Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. In 1879, General Palmer repeatedly urged his friend, Charles Elliott Perkins, the head of the Burlington Railroad, to establish a home in the Garden of the Gods and to build his railroad from Chicago to Colorado Springs.



Although the Burlington never reached Colorado Springs directly, Perkins did purchase two-hundred and forty acres in the Garden of the Gods for a summer home in 1879. He later added to the property but never built on it, preferring to leave his wonderland in its natural state for the enjoyment of the public. Perkins died in 1907 before he made arrangements for the land to become a public park, although it had been open to the public for years. In 1909, Perkins' children, knowing their father's feeling for the Garden of the Gods, conveyed his four-hundred eighty acres to the City of Colorado Springs.

It would be known forever as the Garden of the Gods "where it shall remain free to the public, where no intoxicating liquors shall be manufactured, sold, or dispensed, where no building or structure shall be erected except those necessary to properly care for, protect, and maintain the area as a public park." Can you spot the climber on the rock wall?



L to R: Rick Luebbers and Carol Anne and Vern Nelson

While most of us were touring on Wednesday, a group of diehard golfers were enjoying an outing at the beautiful **Arrowhead Golf Club** in Littleton, CO. It was just as billed: a spectacular experience in the Red rocks area south of Denver with a "40 year old club that was 320 million years in the making". After a somewhat breezy morning start to the round, seven players were challenged by a number of stunning elevations and undulations, but, most of all, concentrating on golf while enjoying the breathtaking surroundings. A good time was had by all including Cliff Thompson, Mike Doleac, Harry Reeder, Dan Sterley, Rick Luebbers, and Carol Ann and Vern Nelson.

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The committee also planned retirement-specific sessions to review health insurance questions and financial concerns and to discuss the overall well-being of retirees.

Retiree Benefits Session

Erik Ammidown updated the attendees on the firm's current emeritus and retiree benefits including health insurance, 401(k) rollover options (and rules), and more. Don Marske also presented alternatives to the firm's secondary health insurance plan (CIGNA) for Medicare-eligible retirees. The presentations confirmed the very fluid nature and complexity of our current health care system.

Financial Planning Session

This workshop session addressed commonly asked questions about "How to Build a Bulletproof Financial Plan." We learned things such as: What's the right investment strategy for me? Can I "front load" my retirement expenses during early retirement to assume less when I'm older during later retirement? The session was presented by Mark Brown of Brown & Tedstrom, Inc., Denver. Mark has been working with several CH2M HILL retirees since 1984 and is very familiar with the firm and the evolution of its compensation plans.



Making the Most of Retirement

Les Wierson moderated a panel of Myrna Wierson, Mike and Sharon Anglea and Rick Luebbers to share their experiences in retirement. The audience jumped in with their stories and we learned that our colleagues and their spouses are heavily involved in a wide variety of activities including a heavy dose of volunteerism.



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Read More D Presentations

The retreat planning committee organized technical sessions, inviting 15 current CH2M HILL project leaders to speak about assorted projects and innovations across the firm's markets.



On Tuesday evening we had dinner at the DEN campus and were entertained by presentations from Terry Ruhl on our management of the Mumbai Airport expansion, Ellen Sandburg on the growing mission of the CH2M HILL Foundation
Jacque Hinman



on the current status of our International Operations and projects. Included in Jacque's presentation was a briefing on the work CH2M HILL completed for the London Olympics.

On Wednesday afternoon, retreat attendees enjoyed a series of technical presentations on many of the most challenging projects being managed by CH2M HILL. Several of these projects have been recognized by our CEO as being the best projects in the Company. The attached table summarizes the speakers and topics for these presentations. The Retreat committee thanks the operating divisions of the company for the much appreciated presentations. Most of the power point presentations can be viewed as indicated on the following table.

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2013 Reunion Technical Presentations		
Clients	Speaker	Presentation
State/Local Governments	Tom Heinemann	Omaha CSO Control
	Tiffany McEachen	CDOT Stormwater Program
	Mark Rosser	Colorado Springs Utilities - Client for Life Story
Industrial	Dennis Thebeau	Denbury Greencore Pipeline
	Joel Eaker	PG&E Pipeline
	Roy Snover	Lakeside II Power Project
Federal & Transportation	Chris Williams	Korea Relocation Program
	Karen Wiemelt & Mike Keating	Hanford Water Treatment
	Paul Kendall	Defense Threat Reduction Agency

Bold presentations available on Alumni History Website/2013 Retreat