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Editor's Notes:

I hope your summer is going well, even while it's passing all too quickly! As with each issue, we have good news and some sad news to report. My thanks to all those folks that shared their updates and travel adventures! It helps keep us all connected which is more appreciated as time passes. Sadly, we have a number of our friends and colleagues that have passed on. Many of their obituaries are linked in this issue. I encourage everyone to read them and learn more about their gifts, families, accomplishments, and, in many cases, their service for our country. In most cases we learn things we wish we had known and appreciated many years ago.

This leads me to mention the "gatherings" that many of us retirees and alumni are promoting to stay connected, bond more, and reach out to others. We've featured several in this issue and hope to hear of more (let's hear about yours with a picture or two!). This includes our planning underway for the 2013 Retreat to be held in Denver the end of September next year. Check our article and think about joining us – we have a great leadership team involved!

Thanks again to everyone who shared their articles with us and, as always, Suellen Ehrmann and Vicki Starr for their editing/document processing expertise and hard work getting this newsletter out. We hope others reading this will share their updates and travel – Suellen and Vicki will make it easy for you! Let me know at gkoblitz@ch2m.com. Cheers!

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MARION HENRY (BUD) VANDERAA/SEA: 50 YEARS AND STILL GOING

CONTRIBUTED BY JULIANNE EWINGS/SEA



On June 18, SEA toasted senior WW engineer Bud VanDerAa's half century with the firm at a donut break that featured his favorites from Top Pot. A senior engineer, Bud has been manager, designer, or senior consultant for

about 70 water, wastewater, and pump station and pipeline projects for public and industrial clients, mostly in the Pacific Northwest. Bud received a memory album with photos of him

in the office and the field, plus pages and pages of co-workers' congratulations.

Bud shared details of how, as a fresh University of Illinois graduate in Corvallis, he phoned the office to schedule an interview with Fred Merryfield and ended up with an appointment that very day, followed by dinner, and later, a job offer. After working in CVO for a few months, he transferred to the new Seattle office in early 1963. SEA then consisted of about 10 engineers who worked out of a small office in the Logan Building downtown. Bud recalled the couple in SEA who listened to Paul Harvey's radio show every day at noon.

When asked what kept him at the firm for five decades, Bud said he genuinely likes the people and the work. He has found satisfaction on a wide variety of projects and been exposed to many other organizations, but really none more attractive professionally than CH2M HILL. Bud is known for being a sought-after mentor, and received the WBG's 2011 SOAR Excellence Award for Mentoring. Away from the office, Bud spends much of his PTO fishing, then smoking and sharing his catch. "We couldn't give him a fishing trip," Julianne Ewing reports, "but presented him with a Dilettante Chocolate salmon along with the memory album."

NANCY TUOR RETIRES

After more than 30 years of service, one of CH2M HILL's most influential leaders, Nancy Tuor, former CH2M HILL Director and Executive Sponsor for Sustainability, has retired.

Nancy served in a wide array of leadership roles during her career with CH2M HILL, including group chief executive for the Federal Client Group, where she represented 3,000 employees and \$1.5 billion in annual revenue. Previously, Nancy served as vice chair, where she was responsible for strategic planning, governmental affairs, strategic communications, and technology commercialization. Prior to that role, she was President and Project Chief Executive, Rocky Flats Closure Project—the first large nuclear weapons facility to be cleaned up and closed anywhere in the world. This 10-year, \$7 billion award-winning project converted an environmental liability into a community asset.

"Rocky Flats was where I first joined CH2M HILL on February 14, 2000," said Mark Ferri/OKT, Vice President of the URS/CH2M HILL Oak Ridge joint venture LLC (UCOR). "It was my first experience working with the Department of Energy. Nancy's typical answer to any of my questions was, 'There ain't no answer. There ain't gonna be any answer. There never was an answer. That's the answer.' This was

often spoken while holding a large, inflatable hammer that she kept in her office, particularly for my visits.”

With more than 30 years at CH2M HILL, Nancy's successes and dedication to the firm are highly admired. Through this time, her philosophy has been simple: “Hire great people, then trust and support them.”



Nancy with her trusted riding partner “Santiago”

“One reason I retired is that I compete in horse jumping, and when you jump horses you tend to fall now and then,” Nancy said, when asked what she’ll do with her free time, “and I don’t bounce

quite as well as I used to. I want a few years to spend as much time as I possibly can with this sport and then move on to other phases of life. I also want to travel more.”

Read Nancy’s complete story [here](#) on AlumniConnect.

DAVE GEE RETIRES TO FLEX STATUS



After spending virtually his entire professional career designing and managing international and domestic wastewater treatment projects for CH2M HILL, Dave Gee retired to flex status March 30. The Milwaukee (MKE) office honored Dave with a dinner on March 16 and an office-wide celebration one week

later. Although proposed on a team chasing a solids design project for Green Bay, “A road trip around the USA is my PEP goal for 2012,” Dave says. “With a daughter in NYC, sons in Madison, and daughter in the SFO area, I have a lot of territory to cover. Toss in a few parks like Glacier, Yosemite, and Grand Canyon, and I have my project plan with no particular schedule or budget.”

Dave—who was born in Rocky Marciano’s hometown of Brockton, MA—joined CVO as a sanitary engineer after earning his BS and ME degrees from Cornell, and in 1978, he relocated to MKE to work on the massive Milwaukee Water Pollution Abatement Program. During his 35-year-long career, he was heavily involved in the planning, design, and construction of several large, complex, and award-winning projects, and in the early ‘90s, he managed MKE’s WW Department. Great teamwork typified his most memorable projects, including the Green Bay Upgrade and Expansion, which “was characterized by great project and client teams,

excellent working relationships, and,” said Dave, “lots of football talk. Another memorable project was the Jones Island WWTP. For the final design, the project leased an apartment building in Corvallis for the project team. This was a good working environment for team communication and interaction, and it was a very enjoyable experience.”

Dave looks forward to traveling, visiting his children, and playing golf. “I will miss all the talented people I have worked with over the years, all dedicated to delivering wastewater projects for our clients. I will also miss the sense of accomplishment that comes when our projects are completed. It’s always nice to say, ‘I was part of that success!’”

JIM SCHWING CHOOSES PART-TIME RETIREMENT

SUBMITTED BY JIM SCHWING (JIM.SCHWING@CH2M.COM)

After 43 years with CH2M HILL, I decided to kick back and enjoy life at least on Mondays and Fridays. That gives me a 4-day weekend every week. So my Thursday is now my Friday and my Monday is now my Sunday. Although my wife, Mary, thinks I have my days mixed up because I wind up working from home most Fridays and Mondays. Mary and I are looking forward to spending lots of time together traveling, camping, hiking, and skiing. I will also get back into fly-fishing. Mary and I have done several overseas pleasure trips to Southeast Asia and several European countries including a river cruise from St. Petersburg to Moscow, Russia in September 2011.



Jim and Mary on a recent trip to Antelope Canyon, AZ

I began my career with CH2M HILL right out of college with my Masters Degree in Environmental Engineering (remember when this was called Sanitary Engineering?) from the University of Illinois in February 1969. I was one of the last employees hired by Fred Merryfield. This was after spending 3 hours in an interview with Fred in his hotel room near O’Hare Field in Chicago. We spent 3-hours just talking about CH2M and my possible future. Oh yeah, we watched lots of planes

take off and land. When it was time to leave I wanted to show Fred some work I did in a wastewater treatment design class. I remember Fred telling me to throw this away as well as all of my class notes and text books because they would be useless. I didn’t listen very well because I still have all of my text books. Now I’m going to throw them away, although I’ve seldom referred to them.

My time in Corvallis was really fun making lifelong friends with other CH2M HILL employees, fishing, and learning to ski at Hoodoo Bowl. Oh yeah, I also learned the world of consulting under a great mentor, John Filbert. Because I out-fished John on one of his trips to Reedsport, Oregon, where I was resident

engineer on the sewage treatment plant construction, John stuck me with designing the very challenging pretreatment facilities at the Idaho Falls treatment plant on my return to Corvallis. That was a real learning experience. My first supervisor, Bob Pailthorp, did the original design and it was so complicated with so many “goes overs and goes unders” that the resident engineer at the time had to build a model of it. CH2M was and still is a place where you find people that will go out of their way to help. Early in my career, in fact for the first 2 months of my employment, I stayed with the Assistant Staff Manager Arlen Borgen and his family because I couldn’t find an apartment in February. Being a college town, vacant apartments were hard to find. On my return from my assignment in Reedsport, the same problem occurred and my good buddy, Arlen, and his family took me in once again. As you can imagine, Arlen continues to be one of my closest friends. He currently lives in Blanding, Utah, which makes it convenient to get together once in awhile.

I consider it a privilege to have known all of the founding fathers of CH2M and later Clair Hill. After spending 2 ½ years in Corvallis, I “temporarily” relocated to Denver when we opened that office and joined Ken Bielman and Swede Nordquist. I was supposed to move permanently to Portland after helping with the pre-design of the Metropolitan Denver Sewage Disposal District No. 1 plant expansion. Metro Denver is now the Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation District and they are still a client. In both Corvallis and while in Denver, I really got into my work—having fallen into a settling basin at Frontier Leather near Portland and an influent channel in Widefield, Colorado, near Colorado Springs—earning me the honor of Anchor Man 1976, presented by the Denver office at one of that office’s early holiday parties. As was often the case, I never moved back to Portland and I met my wife Mary in Denver and we’ll be married 40 years in December.

Our first 10-year stint in Denver was absolutely fantastic watching the office grow, acquiring more projects, adding staff, parties at each other’s houses (Ken Bielman threw some great parties); this was a great time for us personally and for the firm. It’s funny how our small group used to joke about Denver being the CH2M HILL world headquarters someday; and lo and behold it now is.

After 10 years in Denver, I relocated to Minneapolis-St. Paul (MSP) to manage a wastewater sludge master plan for the Metropolitan Waste Control Commission of the Twin Cities area, now the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services. Never one to do things the easy way; the relocation occurred in 1977 shortly after the birth of our first child, Zach. However, St. Paul is Mary’s hometown, so we were able to muster the help of her parents and six siblings.

After 3 ½ years in MSP, we relocated back to Denver in 1981, but took the scenic route by way of Alexandria, Egypt, as part of the first group of CH2M HILL employees to do expatriate service for a wastewater treatment master plan and eventual

design. We spent 8-months in Alexandria and then headed back to Denver for 10-years, where Emily was born in 1983. In Denver for this second stint, I worked on several more projects for Metro Denver and eventually became a program manager for EPA Region VIII (Denver) for CH2M HILL’s first Superfund Program for the U.S. EPA. Eventually, I became the program manager for EPA Regions VI (Dallas), VII (Kansas City) and VIII, when we won the second program management contract.

In 1991, we relocated to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, so I could manage the environmental permits for Westinghouse Electric’s remediation of several PCB-contaminated landfills near Bloomington, Indiana. During the following 11-years, CH2M HILL won a major wastewater treatment plant upgrade for the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority, water treatment plant upgrade for the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, the City of Erie water treatment plant, and several other clients.

While I am a native easterner—having grown up in New Jersey—and Mary is a native Minnesotan, we both were westernized from our time in Denver. So, an opportunity came up to be the area manager (AM) for the Salt Lake City office (SLC) in 2002, which is the position I currently hold. Although I’m the AM for SLC, I still really enjoy client service and project management. I’m currently the PM for the design and construction of three new anaerobic digesters for the SLC Water Reclamation Facility (currently under construction), an anti-degradation review for a confidential client, and a wastewater permitting project for a small client in south-eastern Utah. We’ve now been here for 10 years; 1 more and this will be the longest we’ve ever lived in one location. We plan on retiring in SLC long-term. It’s got everything we like.

I hope to continue part-time status for at least 2 more years before going to full-time retirement, even then I hope to still be involved with work at CH2M HILL. As I’ve said to others with whom I’ve discussed my retirement, I can never really leave.

JIM SCHNEIDER RETIRES

CONTRIBUTED BY KAY DRY



Jim, doing what he loved best, “dam engineering” – Ewaha Dam, 1984

After 38 years with CH2M HILL, geotechnical engineer Jim Schneider has retired. He plans to enjoy spending time with his family on their rural property southeast of Denver.

Prior to receiving an M.S. in geotechnical engineering at the University of Missouri-Rolla, Jim interned at CH2M HILL and, after

graduation in 1974, joined CVO where he worked under Ed Worth, director of geotechnical engineering, and his long-

time dam engineering mentor, Roger Lindquist. Over his career, Jim worked on dam and levee projects throughout the US and abroad. Jim transferred to the Milwaukee office (MKE), allowing him to meet his wife, Jane, then transferred to Denver. Under the .50s discipline system, Jim was also the geotechnical discipline lead.



Jim and his wife Jane at Jim's retirement party

Jim was known throughout the firm for these three phrases:

1. "What are we trying to do here?"
2. "Remember the (insert project name here)"
3. "Let's begin with the end in mind"

"Jim always gave the same level of intense study and concentration to every personnel issue we had to deal with – raises, promotions, transfers, etc – that he did to the tough geotechnical

questions he dealt with," wrote Sam Shannon in recalling Jim's contributions. "Most of the old school geologists and geotechnical engineers with CH then and today owe Jim a thank you for that and for making the rest of us work just as hard to be fair, and to recognize the unsung heroes who silently worked long hours delivering projects for clients year in and out without getting the high publicity accolades they deserved. It has been a pleasure and honor to work with Jim off and on for the past several decades! CH2M HILL is losing a terrific person."

Jim retired in style with a party in the CH2M HILL Board Room on May 3 with many of his Denver colleagues, including retirees, and past co-workers. Congratulations Jim!

STEVE ALTERS RETIRES

CONTRIBUTED BY NEIL HANDYSIDE/BOI

Senior Technologist and Senior Project Manager Steve Alters retired on May 31st. Steve decided not to take the easy road to retirement by converting to flex, he went all in for a full retirement. During 24 years with CH2M HILL, Steve filled many roles as a technologist, training and leading our technology growth with InRoads and Microstation, and as a project manager on significant projects.



Steve grew up in Idaho and attended Boise State College majoring in electrical engineering. However, he went to work for the US Forest Service (USFS), starting his career in civil engineering. He eventually transferred to Utah State University and graduated with a BS in civil engineering in

1971, where he had a job waiting for him at the USFS. After a couple years with the USFS, Steve went to work for Tudor Engineering doing municipal engineering. At Tudor he moved to Lewiston, Idaho where he opened an office for them. Tudor eventually moved Steve and his family to San Francisco where he got to work on his first interstate design project. "An Idaho kid moving to California?" Steve questioned if this was the best place to raise a family. He was looking for a way out of California and eventually to get back to Idaho.

Steve started with CH2M HILL in 1988 where he spent a short time in CVO before moving to Denver to work in the technology area implementing Inroads and training staff around the country on how to use it. Steve also took on projects as project manager, including final design of the I-225 Parker Road Interchange in Denver. Steve spent 12 years in Denver before he accepted the challenge to move to Montana in 2000 and open a Helena office. After 4 years in Montana, Steve transferred to Boise. After 26 years, Steve made it back to Boise, where he worked with the Boise transportation group until his retirement. While in Boise, Steve was a significant part of the success of ITD's GARVEE Transportation Program.

Everyone who met and worked with Steve enjoyed his talents and skills as a project manager, but mostly they enjoyed his friendship, which was evidenced at his retirement party, where more than 100 guests came to wish him well. The number could have been significantly higher but many out-of-town friends and co-workers were not able to make it and we were running out of room at the event center. For those who were able to make it there was plenty of good food and good times to be had. Special guests included Steve's wife, Gale, and two of his boys, Trevor and Chris. There were many clients, both current and retired, who came to wish Steve a happy retirement. Steve's co-workers, came from many offices to join the celebration. We had folks from Seattle, Portland, Denver, and Salt Lake City come to town to wish him well.

Dick Jacobson MC'd the event, where Steve was presented with gifts from family and friends. One of Steve's hobbies is backpacking in the back country of Idaho. One of his favorite places is He Devil Mountain in Idaho's Seven Devils Wilderness area, where Steve backpacked with his boys for many years. Larry Boyd, also a recent CH retiree and accomplished painter, created a landscape painting for Steve of this mountain. Neil Handyside/BOI presented Steve with a retirement clock signed by the BOI TBG group wishing him well in his retirement.

For those who know Steve, he had many hobbies, including backpacking, fishing, and four-wheeling with his Jeep, and work was getting in the way of him being able to enjoy them fully. Steve recently purchased a camper for his truck so he and Gale could travel and enjoy his retirement. We wish Steve many happy trails in his retirement!

NEW RETIREES AND EMERITUS

New Emeritus Members (semi-retired employees – working less than full time)

The following employees recently retired or joined the Emeritus or flex-time ranks. If you would like to share retirement stories, photos, or presentations, please forward information to alumnirelations@ch2m.com, along with anyone's name inadvertently left off the list.

Bruce Hammock (1/12)	David Gee (3/12)
Dave Durant (1/12)	Jim Schwing (3/12)
John Almon (1/12)	Mark Lowing (4/12)
Nancy Tuor (2/12)	Curt Bagnall (4/12)
Sam Baker (2/12)	Lenny Burns (5/12)
Fred Hahn (2/12)	Don Klose (6/12)
Nikki Brott (3/12)	

New Retirees

George Crawford (1/12)	Bobby Vernoy (4/12)
Phil Tscheschke (1/12)	David Hellod (4/12)
Davene Sellman (1/12)	Issac Martinez (4/12)
Chuck Mackey (1/12)	Jim Schneider (5/12)
George Brunner (2/12)	Al Sturm (5/12)
Mike Damoth (2/12)	Ed Prestemon (5/12)
Stephen Piccolotti (2/12)	Trudy Scott (5/12)
Wendy Longley-Cook (3/12)	Ralph Kneisley (5/12)
Claude Daigneault (3/12)	John Christian (5/12)
Thurmond Ray (3/12)	Steve Alters (6/12)
Barbara Seifert (3/12)	Joe Taylor (6/12)
Wojciech Rosiecki (4/12)	Linda Dolejs (6/12)
Phil Sacco (4/12)	

GOODBYE, OLD FRIENDS

We lost these co-workers in the last 6 months.

Joe Cantwell (1/12)	Charles Meek (2/12)
Carl Brackett (1/12)	Kathryn Starcher (3/12)
Warren Day (2/12)	Carl Schafer (3/12)
John Powers (2/12)	Vaughn Sterling (5/12)
William Pittman (2/12)	Tim Hassett (6/12)
Harold Holub (2/12)	Harry Teel (6/12)
Bruce McClish (2/12)	John Eskelin (6/12)

If you hear about the death of any of your colleagues and you think other members of the community would be interested in hearing about the loss, please forward either the obituary or the family's contact information to alumnirelations@ch2m.com.

John Eskelin, U.S. Air Force officer, noted engineer and loving family man, died on June 12 at the age of 81.

Tim Hassett, engineer, cowboy, rancher, and horseman, died unexpectedly at the age of 66.

Joe Cantwell, CH2M HILL employee and World War II veteran, passed away at the age of 89.

Harold "Herk" Holub, CH2M HILL employee of 20 years and loving family man, died peacefully in his home at age 63.

Charles Roy Meek, veteran and CH2M HILL employee of 25 years, died at the age of 86.

William Pittman, CH2M HILL employee of 20 years and loving grandfather and great grandfather, died at the age of 83.

Carl Schafer, employee of CH2M HILL for 43 years, passed away at the age of 85.

Kathryn D. Starcher, a chemist at CH2M HILL for 24 years, died suddenly at the age of 65.

Harry Teel, veteran and wonderful mentor, passed away on June 2 in Redmond, Oregon at the age of 85.

Vaughn Gilbert Sterling, Lieutenant J.G. and CH2M HILL employee number 38, died on May 31 in Kirkland, Washington.



Vaughn Sterling passed away May 31, at the age of 85. After his discharge from the Navy in 1948, Vaughn enrolled at the University of Oregon while serving in the Naval Reserves. It was there he met his future wife, Diane, and where he would earn his bachelor's degree in business administration in 1953. Vaughn was

called back to active duty in 1951, and was posted to Korea in 1953 and Japan a year later, where Diane and their baby daughter, Sydni, joined him. Vaughn earned his engineering degree from OSU in 1957. He joined CH2M as its 38th employee, started our airport design division, and worked on projects worldwide.

Upon retirement in 1989, Vaughn and Diane moved to Mukilteo, Washington, to be near their children and grandchildren. Avid travelers, Vern and Diane were particularly taken with Africa. Vaughn was a life-long stamp collector; a talented, amateur woodworker; and he loved sports and classic jazz piano. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Diane; sister, Grace Larsen; daughter, Sydni Sterling Dillon; son, Kelly Sterling; son-in-law, Mike Dillon; daughter-in-law, Eileen Sterling; and five grandsons, Paul and Nick Dillon and Colin, Kyle and Quinn Sterling. Remembrances may be made to [Medic One Foundation](http://www.MedicOneFoundation.org).



Senior hydrogeologist and technologist **John Powers** passed away suddenly February 5. John led a professionally and personally fulfilling life. On the top of his priorities were his three teenage sons, Sean, Joseph, and Brian.

John worked at CH2M HILL for the last 15 years, first as a geologist and project manager before transitioning to senior hydrogeologist and technologist for the southeast U.S. He led the TBA WBG

and had a strong background in water resources. He was active in many professional associations and a board member of WateReuse Florida, the state chapter of the WateReuse Association. He specialized in all aspects of aquifer storage recovery (ASR), deep injection well and a variety of groundwater resource projects and was lead scientist for the first reclaimed water ASR system in Florida. John played a leading role in advocating for the expansion of ASR, reuse, deep injection well issues, groundwater production, and geochemistry in Florida.

John was appreciated and well-liked by his colleagues, and he was proud to work for CH2M HILL. He enjoyed and appreciated everyone's contributions and ability to do a great job, which combined with his willingness to work hard to complete a project successfully, made him a leader, mentor, and friend. He had a sharp sense of humor, displayed often in his political outrage over much of society's behavior. John was also quite diverse in his overall interests – history, science, basketball, the outdoors, reading, and science fiction (especially comic books). He will be missed.



Harry Teel passed away June 2, at the age of 85 in Redmond, Oregon. Harry led a spirited and accomplished life, and was loved for his frankness, humor, desire for excellence, commitment to causes, and guidance he gave others.

Harry joined our Corvallis office in 1956 and provided architectural design services. He flourished at

CH2M HILL for 30 years, rising to become V.P. of construction management services, a practice area he defined and developed, and he created many projects throughout the U.S. and abroad.



Brad and Bruce sharing their family memories

In 1986, when Harry retired from CH2M HILL, he and Dee moved to Sisters, Oregon and opened The Fly Fishers' Place, which became a welcome stop for fishermen en route to the

rivers and lakes of Central Oregon. AH Newsletter Editor Gordon Koblitz recalls the fly-fishing shop, "complete with Harry's resident dog who welcomed everyone," and many good times at Black Butte Ranch. Harry's "No-Nonsense Guide to Fly Fishing Central and Southeastern Oregon" shared his knowledge and love of area rivers and lakes. He also wrote

"A Guide to Fly Fishing the Ennis Area of Montana." Learn more and sign Harry's guest book on [AlumniConnect](#).

A number of CH retired staff attended Harry's Celebration of Life gathering at Black Butte Ranch, Oregon on July 14. It was a moving and enjoyable service where, during a Marine Corps Honor Guard ceremony, a flag was presented to Harry's wife, Dee, followed by sons, Brad and Bruce, sharing poignant, funny life remembrances. Friends and other family members shared stories of joy and meaning followed by a video segment of Teel family life over the years. Mike Morrison and Sid Lasswell added their enjoyable recollections about life



Harry's Celebration of Life service

with Harry and what he meant to them. Others attending the celebration were Mike and Sharon Anglea, Ken and Julie Bielman, Susie King, Pat and Pam Klampe, Gordon and Mary Koblitz, Bob and Dot

Pailthorp, Kathy Ritter Phillips, Ramon Richards and Mac and Jan Stuart. [Learn more and sign Harry's guest book on AlumniConnect](#)

Tim Hassett died June 1, after a horse-riding accident at his ranch in Colorado. A celebration of his life was held on Saturday, July 14, at the Pikes Peak Therapeutic Riding Center.



Tim joined CH2M HILL in 1978 in the Clearwater, Florida, office where he served as a project manager, design manager, and ultimately as conveyance design technology leader, working out of Dallas. He fostered a collaborative relationship with major U.S. pipe manufacturers that ultimately produced a set of conforming pipe design standards

for the industry. He also led development of CH2M HILL pipeline design tools using the MathCAD software package. After retiring in late 2008, Tim embarked on some lifelong fantasy vacations and hobbies including snow skiing, scuba diving, and raising horses. He enjoyed volunteering at Pikes Peak Therapeutic Riding Center. "Things are just awesome as long as I get out of my own way and allow life to happen the way it is supposed to," Tim wrote the Alumni Newsletter. Read Tim's obituary and write a remembrance [here](#).

"Tim had a great sense of humor," wrote DFW Area Office Manager Mike Bastian. "I walked in the conference room where he was working the last time that he was in the office and said, 'Damn, building security missed the shoot-on-sight

order that I issued for you, Tim.’ He laughed so hard that I thought he was going to fall out of his chair.”

Charles Roy (Chuck) Meek, 86, passed away February 27, 2012 in Ashland, Oregon.

Charles was born March 5, 1925, in Montague, California, to Walter Ray Meek and Ora Isabel Meek (Kegg), of Montague, California. He was a descendant of the early Siskiyou County pioneer, John Kegg, who arrived in 1852.

Charles graduated from Yreka High School in 1943, and upon graduation enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served for three years in the South Pacific as a radio operator in the Armed Guard. After the end of World War II, he attended San Jose State University and graduated as an engineer. His profession took him to several cities and areas throughout the U.S., including Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Austin, Texas, Los Angeles and San Jose, California, and Corvallis and Ashland, Oregon. His work involved the quality control and manufacturing of building materials and the design and construction management of civil and municipal water systems projects. After 25 years with CH2M HILL, he retired to Ashland.

In Ashland, he was actively engaged as a volunteer for the Bureau of Land Management, Rogue Valley Medical Center, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Ashland Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the Ashland Rotary Club, Rogue Fly Fishers, and Rogue Valley Amateur Radio Club. His interests were exploring the Oregon outdoors. He enjoyed fly fishing, hunting, camping and reading early American Western history.

Charles is survived by daughter, Lynne (Roger) E. Evey, of Morro Bay, California; sister, Carolyn (Bill) Haley Weggers, of Everett, Washington; and his partner, Sharon L. Nelson, of Ashland.

Daughters, Janette C. Merriman and Lorene Karen Meek; wife of 45 years, Patricia L. (Reed) Meek; and brother, Harry W. Meek, preceded him in death.

No services are planned. Arrangements are being handled by Litwiller-Simonsen Funeral Home, Ashland, Oregon.

John Leonard Eskelin passed away on June 12, 2012 at the age of 81.

Born in Mission, Kansas, John graduated from the University of Washington, graduating with a B.S. in civil engineering. He served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force prior to becoming Assistant City Engineer of Grants Pass, Oregon. John joined CH2M in 1956 as a wastewater design engineer. From 1956 to 1959, he worked on sewer projects in Corvallis and Roseburg. From 1959 to 1961, he was PM for construction of the Boise Bench Sewer District, the largest sewer project the firm had done up to that time.



From 1961 to 1965, John served as PM for design and construction of wastewater projects in Idaho.

In 1965, John left CH2M to work in construction, but came back in '73 to work in Portland, primarily managing construction of wastewater projects. From 1979 to 1985, he led design and construction of the \$2-billion Milwaukee Water Pollution Abatement Program, and in 1985, became discipline director of the newly created Construction Management Discipline. He also headed up work in Egypt. In 1992, he was elected president of the Construction Management Association of America.

John retired in 1994 to travel, build, and fly remote-control model airplanes, garden, and help youngsters develop their reading skills.

John is survived by his wife of 59 years, Dona, two daughters, and three grandchildren. He requested that a private family memorial be held in Maui, Hawaii, at a later date.

Retirees' News

STEVE DEAUTREMONT COACHES AN OLYMPIAN

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After 36 years with CH2M HILL, Steve DeAutremont retired in late 2010. He joined the firm soon after finishing his MBA and BA at Oregon State University, where he also won multiple national titles as a member of the track team. In fact, Steve is in the Oregon State Athletic Hall of Fame for his prowess at throwing the hammer and discus—and would have been in the Moscow Olympics had they not been canceled. Steve submitted the following update, all the more interesting because his protégé, Lance Brooks, is on his way to competing at the London 2012 Olympics.

I started coaching track and field” when I was a grad assistant for the Oregon State Track team while in grad school in 1971-1972. I helped coach the throwers in shot put, discus, hammer throw and a little in the javelin. I then moved to LA for my first job following completion of my MBA. At the same time, I continued my throwing career. After a year and a half I returned to Corvallis, where in 1974 I won the National Championships as a hammer thrower, and was also hired by CH2M HILL, a very good year. Once back in Corvallis, with the OSU track less than 100 yards from CH2M’s parking lot, I continued to throw as well as to coach throwers at OSU. When Title IX became a reality, the long coach retired and a new head track coach was hired at OSU. I was asked to be the throws coach because I was a volunteer coach and had reasonable results. So from 1974 until 1983, when I was asked by CH2M HILL to relocate to Denver, I coached the Oregon State throwers and had three or four all-Americans. In Denver, I didn’t do any throws coaching until my retirement was approaching. When I started working part time, I also started coaching at Regis Jesuit High School in Denver as their throws coach (girls and boys shot put and discus) in track and field. This last year I finished my fourth and last year there.

About 3.5 years ago my niece, Sydney Cornell, whose husband is the general manager of 3 LODOs Sports Bars in the Denver area, saw my wife and I coming into the restaurant and came over to let us know that they had just hired “a really big guy” to check IDs and serve. She also indicated that she had heard he was a discus thrower. The really big guy was not working that night but I continued to get the hear-say on the new employee. Returning a few days later with my wife, we finally had the pleasure of meeting the big guy, Lance Brooks. I introduced myself and my wife and indicated that we had been made aware of his accomplishments in the discus. I asked Lance to tell me about himself and provide some of his history as an athlete and discus thrower. It was a pretty quick summary indicating he had thrown in high school in Illinois and that he had played basketball and thrown the discus for

Millikin College in Decatur, Illinois. Since then he had moved twice for coaching, with neither experience working out. I gave him my history as an athlete, that I had coached discus at Oregon State and indicated that I was coaching the discus at a



Lance and Steve

local high school. I offered to watch him throw and provide some comments, with the understanding that he would be free to take the advice offered or tell me to go pound sand. So I started watching his throwing workouts. His trust in me developed slowly over the first few months but with continued commitment on both sides, we progressed to working together two to three times per week. In our first 3 years, Lance twice took third place at the USA Track and Field National Championship Meet. Last year he qualified for the World Championship meet in Korea. Footnote: the really-big-guy description was apt as he measures 6 ft 6 in., weighed 250-260 pounds (now 270) and has a shoe size 17.

For the first couple of years with Lance I was focused on the throwing technique. However, a problem continued to emerge with injuries from his weight lifting. So as we approached the Olympic year I indicated that I wanted to be more a part of weight lifting decisions. Also, with the Olympic year approaching and the potential of coaching Lance in preparation for the Olympics, there was the need for me to meet the family and be formally approved by them. We then flew back to Springfield, Illinois and New Berlin, Illinois to meet them all. Apparently, I passed the smell test and Lance and I were off to Madrid, Spain, and Dublin, Ireland for the better part of 3 weeks for meets and training. That gave me more of an opportunity to see his lifting routines. The long and the short of it was that he was doing too many lifts, changing them too often, and doing the wrong lifts. I insisted that these routines change as a condition of me continuing.

By the time our time in Europe was finished, we were both on board and ready to go for the gold.

The year of preparation for the U.S. Olympic Trials started in late summer last year with throwing two to three times per week at a local high school (outdoors at Arapahoe HS and indoors at Regis Jesuit HS) and lifting three times per week at a local 24-hour Fitness center. We realigned Lance’s lifting, focusing on the more traditional strength lifts for the major muscle groups, doing a press for shoulders and arms, a “pull” from the floor for the back and legs and various forms of squats for the legs. Lance would also do some exercises, focusing on some of the smaller muscle groups (i.e. calves, hamstrings, balance exercises, etc.). His injuries quickly started to subside and his strength increased.

Concurrently, I was coaching throwers at Regis Jesuit HS with the start of the high school year, conducting workouts between 3:00 and 4:30 p.m. At 4:30, I either traveled to 24-hour Fitness for a weight workout with Lance or to Arapahoe High School or Regis field house (in inclement weather) for a throwing session. In summary, we worked out together six times per week with typically 3 days of throwing and 3 days of lifting.

As the lifting and throwing progressed over the winter we began to see improvement in his training throwing distance. As spring approached, we started to focus on the upcoming meet schedule with special focus on Maui, San Mateo, and New York meets, plus a special thrower meet at the University of Arizona, and, most importantly, the Olympic Trials. In addition, there were opportunities for competing at CU, CSU, and Air Force.

By the month before the Olympic Trials we still had not seen the big throws over 65 meters (213 ft 3 in.) we had expected with Lance’s existing technique and gains in the weight room. This was the result of a couple flaws in the throwing technique that persisted and the lack of throwing in a good wind coming from the right direction. (With a wind over 10 miles per hour coming directly into the thrower’s face when looking out into the landing, a right-hand thrower can pick up 5 to 7 feet when thrown at the proper angle.) The Maui meet did have the wind speed but the direction was suboptimal. At this point, Lance threw 213 feet but was still 3 inches short of the “A” standard.

Our Olympic Trials experience started June 18, with our flight to Portland Oregon. We were going to be staying in Portland for a few days of training, compete in a meet at the Mac Wilkin’s Throws Center, get a day of lifting at the Nike Center, and then watch the Hammer Throw Olympic Trials at the Nike Center in Portland. We got a productive throwing workout at Jesuit HS (Portland version) on the 19th prior to the Wilkin’s Meet. The Wilkin’s Meet, on the 20th, was a critical event in the final preparation for the trials. Lance had his two primary coaches (myself and Mac Wilkins) there both telling him to address the same mistake during the competition, specifically

to slow down the start and keep the discus up 90 degrees off his trunk. Even with the errors in his technique he threw 208 feet, a very respectable distance. We watched the hammer competition on the Nike Campus on the 21st and headed down to Eugene on the 22nd, the first day of the trials. Prior to leaving for Eugene, we got a good lifting workout at the Nike Campus workout facility.

Once in Eugene I dropped Lance off at a hotel across the street from the new Mathew Knight Arena on the University of Oregon campus. The hotel was only four blocks from Hayward Field, the site of the Olympic Trial. I headed off to a house I had rented for myself and several of my old college throwing buddies. The next day I got up early to find a secluded place for Lance to get some training throws. We found an excellent ring at a local high school. We had our local training site and our throwing there really helped to prepare for the trials that were to follow.

Olympic Discus Trials – Prelims (June 25th): In this competition all the throwers get three throws and the throwers with the 12 longest throws advance to the finals 3 days hence.



Coming into this competition, Lance had a prior throw in his other competitions that put him into a group of the top five to six. There were two flights of throwers and Lance was in the second flight. On

his first throw in the prelims he threw 212 ft 7 in. and led the field by over 10 feet for two rounds of throwing. On the last of the third round another thrower closed his lead by 3 feet so that Lance had the longest throw in the prelims by over 7 feet.

Olympic Discus Trials – Finals (June 28th): There were 2 days of rest between the discus prelims and the finals. This was 2 rest days in which no competition was held in any of the events. Lance and I had a light throwing workout the day after the prelims and on the following day had a light lifting session at the University of Oregon's weight lifting facility next to Autzen Stadium. It is key to note that Lance could win the finals competition and not go to the Olympics if he did not meet or exceed the A standard of 65 meters or 213 ft 3in. Similar to the prelims, Lance's first three throws in the finals established a significant lead over his competition with his first two throws going the exact same distance of 210 ft 5 in., followed by a 211 ft 5 in. on this third throw, and was leading by more than 10 feet. Unfortunately he still had not exceeded the 65 meter A standard.

On his fourth and fifth throws he fouled from pressing a bit too hard and was not able to stay in the ring. On the sixth and last round of throws a couple of the other veterans made

their moves with Jarred Rome throwing 207 ft 10 in. taking second place and Jason Young threw 203 ft 11 in. to take third in the competition. With both of them having already exceeded the A standard, they were going to London. At that point the only thrower left to complete the competition was Lance. He had won the prelims and now had won the finals but wasn't going to the Olympics unless he had a personal best of over 213 ft 3 in. At that point in the competition there were no other events in progress. Knowing the situation, the announcer highlighted the situation, saying over the PA, "Lance Brooks is now up for his last throw—already having won the competition. He needs to meet or beat the A standard on his final throw to make the London Olympic team." With that, Lance moved directly front of the discus ring and with the discus in his left hand extended both his right and left hand over his head and started a clapping motion. The knowledgeable Eugene fans quickly joined in with Lance until everyone of the 20,000 people in attendance were clapping in unison. That's when Lance stepped into the ring, paused a bit, and then went to the back of the ring. He started his wind, drove across the 8 ft 2 in. ring, let out a great yell, putting his last effort into the discus, and let it go. He came within a fraction of an inch of fouling, was jumping up and down signaling he thought it was a good throw, and then yelled at the discus to go far a second time. From my vantage point, I only noticed that it had a little more height than the previous throws. Then the discus landed and the crowd yelled. On the TV screens it looked farther than any previous throw. Lance walked out the back of the ring not yet knowing and with a scowl on his face waiting for the electronic distance measurement device to do its thing. Finally it came up at 65.15 meters—Lance had made the London Olympic team. The stadium went nuts.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOUR ENGINEERS TO SET SAIL IN THE CARIBBEAN?

PHOTO SUBMITTED BY RICK FORNELLI/PDD



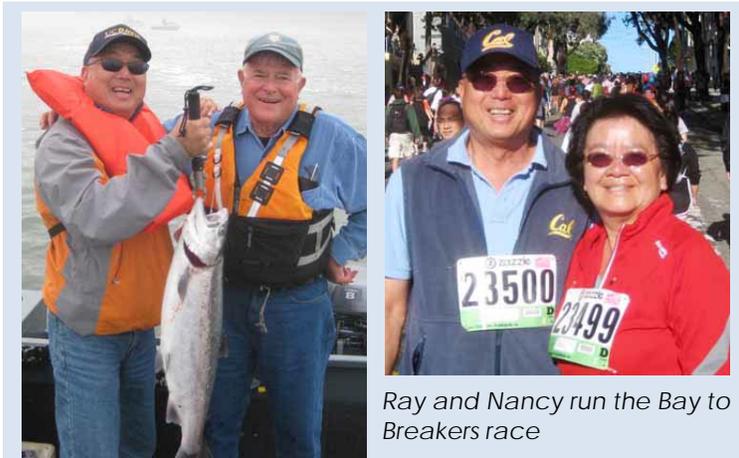
L to R: Tom Peters, Rick Fornelli, Don Holmes, Lee Williams Holmes, and Ed Prestemon.

After 10 years of planning, four GNV friends met in the Caribbean for a sailing trip. Their 37 years of friendship have provided 156 years of service to the firm.

YEP STILL RUNNING STRONG

CONTRIBUTED BY RAY YEP (NRMYEP@SBCGLOBAL.NET)

I worked at CH2M HILL from 1977-1999. I had the great pleasure of having these people as colleagues: Phil Hall, Don Evans, Craig Zeien, Tom Cutting, Mike Iverson, Sally Ruggles, John Filbert, Ralph Peterson, Howard Schirmer, and many others. My most memorable experiences were helping the Bay Area office grow and founding the Asia Pacific operations for the company. My career continued to the Santa Clara Valley Water District (2000-2011), where I was in charge of operating the water treatment and distribution system serving the greater Santa Clara Valley. Imagine that... going from the big time consulting world to the 24/7 public utility world.



Ray and John fish the Alsea

Ray and Nancy run the Bay to Breakers race

I retired in 2011 and am enjoying life in Berkeley, California. I work part time for a small local consulting company, am on the Berkeley public works commission, volunteer with the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation, play golf/tennis, and enjoy getting together with friends/colleagues. Attached is a picture of me salmon fishing with John Filbert last year on the Alsea River in Oregon. Also attached is a picture of my wife (Nancy) and I running the Bay to Breakers race in San Francisco this year. It's not much of a race as it is a huge street party.

GAARE (THE FORMER SUSIE HANSON) TRAVELS TO THE BRITISH ISLES

CONTRIBUTED BY SUSIE (HANSON/SCO) GAARE, EDITOR, ALUMNI HISTORY WEB SITE

One of the nice things about being retired is that you get to travel. When I retired in June 2010, I changed many things in my life. I married Jon Gaare in October 2010 and changed my last name to Gaare (pronounced like "Gary"), learned to relax more because I didn't have to meet publications deadlines at the office, realized I could schedule activities on weekdays rather than only on weekend days, and began traveling more with Jon and others. In May 2012, we traveled to England, Ireland, and Scotland with another couple to see the countryside and learn about some family history.



Susie and Jon enjoy the countryside in Ireland

The trip began in Dublin where we tried very quickly to remember to drive on the left side of the road for the next week. We toured parts of the city via the On and Off Bus visiting St. Patrick's Cathedral and other Dublin sites. Next on the schedule was a tour of the Guinness Brewery,

which included a glass of beer at the end of the tour. After 3 days in Dublin, we began our drive along the coast of Ireland to visit the Rock of Call, the Blarney Castle where we kissed the Blarney Stone, Cobh, Kinsale, Kenmare where we watched an international rugby tournament, the Ring of Kerry, the Dingle Peninsula, Doolin, the Cliffs of Moher, and to see the Atlantic Ocean by looking west. We enjoyed many dinners at Irish restaurants and pubs where we listened to local musicians sing Irish songs, some of which we knew the words.

The next part of our journey took us by airplane from Dublin to Edinburgh, Scotland, for 3 days. While in Edinburgh, we toured the Edinburgh Castle; saw the botanical gardens near the pier where Queen Elizabeth's ship, the Britannica, is retired; and had lunch one day at Scotland's oldest pub, Deacon Brodie's Tavern.



2012 London Olympics area

We then took the train from Edinburgh to London and enjoyed seeing much of the countryside in Scotland and England. While in London for 3 days, we toured Kensington Gardens; Hyde Park where we saw a fountain dedicated to Princess Diana; the Tower of London; Trafalgar Square; the Parliament Building; Westminster Abbey; and the theater, business, and financial areas of the city. Again, we toured many areas on the On and Off Bus so we could learn more about the history of England and London. We watched the preparation for the Changing of the Guard ceremony before the guards marched to Buckingham Palace and then watched the actual Changing of the Guards. Two more highlights in London were riding on the London Eye, a very slow-moving, 40-minute "circular cruise"

on the Thames River to view many areas of London; and seeing the 2012 London Olympics area, a project that CH2M HILL has managed for the past several years.

After returning home, it was great to reflect on our visit to the three countries that make up my heritage and to realize that retirement gives me the opportunity to travel as I had dreamed about doing during my working years.

MARSKE TRAVELS TO ANTARCTICA—CHECKS MAJOR ITEM OFF BUCKET LIST

CONTRIBUTED BY DON MARSKE

Earlier this year, I embarked on a trip of a lifetime with an old friend and his son. Joan and my friend's wife deferred. If you Google Drake Passage you will see why our seasick-prone spouses deferred. From California, we flew to Buenos Aires for a few days of sightseeing before flying another 4 hours



Don with friends on Petermann Island



The spectacular scenery of Antarctica

due south to Ushuaia, the southernmost city on the planet. From there we boarded the MS Fram for an 18-hour sail across the Drake Passage to the Antarctica Peninsula. We were told the sail was pretty calm with only 3- to 4-meter swells. We spent 8 days sailing further south through the Peninsula, ending up at the Antarctica Circle (66 2/3 S. Lat.) before finally turning north. Each day included two "landings" where we left the ship via zodiac-like boats to set foot on land and glacier. Each day presented itself with spectacular scenery and an amazing diversity of wildlife including birds, whales, seals, and the not-so-wild penguins. The weather was surprisingly mild with temperatures a consistent 32 to 35 degrees F. On our return crossing of the infamous Drake, we experienced a more normal rock 'n roll ride of 8- to 10-meter swells. Surprisingly, we all survived with no "ill" affects. ☺

I am often asked, "Why in the world Antarctica?!" In short, it is beautiful, wild, and immense ... it has to be seen to be believed. It was indeed the trip of a lifetime and I would go back in a heartbeat."



Some of the wildlife of Antarctica, Leopard seals



Don videotaping the not-so-wild Gentoo penguin

BLACK TELLS TALES OF SCANDINAVIA

CONTRIBUTED BY JIM BLACK

Kathy (Korterud) Black's grandfather left a large family of 12 siblings and immigrated to the US from Norway in the early 1900s. He homesteaded in North Dakota, raised five siblings in two rooms on a dry-land wheat farm. He lost track of his family in the old country.



Jim Black, enjoying retirement

This year the Norwegian family held a family reunion and in so doing, they got in touch with Kathy and me. So we packed up and headed east to visit Kathy's lost family. We stopped by England on the way and visited Liz and Rupert Mount who we met in Singapore. Rupert was a Singapore airline pilot who retired to cherry framing in England. Like most good English blokes the local pub is the place to go. We then headed to Norway to meet the family, about 20 cousins. The picture is of Kathy's family. As many know Norway is a beautiful country with spectacular natural beauty. The picture I took dropping down into a river valley to a fjord typifies my vision of the place.



Pristine river valley typifies Jim's vision of Norway

Kathy's family comes from a small town, Horton. An interesting connection was that Horton had a big shipyard and built the Texaco Starr, which used to bring oil to the Texaco refinery where Kathy and I first met. In our trip, we made England, Scotland, Norway, Sweden and Holland.



Kathy and I have recently sold our home of 25 years in Redmond, Washington, and moved to the family cabin on Whidbey Island's Gold Coast, Mutiny Bay, where we plan to build a

new home this winter while we are in Arizona. On Mutiny Bay, I take sunset picture while sipping wine, and throw turkey legs to my trained eagle. When I am not fishing, hiking, biking, etc., I still put in a few hours a week on projects.

GASTON TAKES GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH TRIP TO SCOTLAND AND IRELAND

BY JOHN GASTON (JMGASTON1142@GMAIL.COM)

Virginia, my bride of 42 years, and I took a trip to Scotland and Ireland to do genealogical research on both of our families. In this text my wife shall be referred to as 'Virginia the Uncrowned Queen of Scotland, or QV.' Our first adventure was a small village south of Edinburgh and a visit to one of the largest coal mines in Scotland. I cannot imagine working in



one of these mines and having to crawl in one meter high tunnels to harvest the coal with a short pick and shovel.



Our next stop was in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Here we have a picture of QV taking a picture of the wall in the middle of Belfast that separates the Catholic from the Protestant neighborhoods.

The gentleman in the yellow cab is our tour guide and I was truly amazed that this kind of wall still exists, but, as he explained, our ex-President Clinton helped negotiate a 'truce' and there have not been any killings since 1996. High tensions still exist, however, and there are places you do not want to be after dark.

The main reason we went to Belfast was to see the new museum built to celebrate the launching, and the sinking of the Titanic 100 years ago. We visited this museum on the exact 100th anniversary of the sinking on April 15, 1912. The Titanic was built in Belfast and then outfitted and boarded



from Southampton, England. In typical Irish humor the people in Belfast say "It was fine when it left here and then the English mucked it up."



There is some controversy in Belfast about the museum building. Many people think that the 100 million Euro cost (about US\$130 million)

for the museum could have been better spent elsewhere. The rest of the population thinks that the builders had the plans turned upside down and that they were too stubborn to turn them over. It is a magnificent structure and museum.

From Northern Ireland we drove south to the Republic of Ireland and County Clare where QV's family lives. This is a picture of QV investigating the purchase of a real fixer upper in the little village of Ennistymon. Dirt floors and no windows or plumbing. It does have nice unstable stone walls though. We passed on the purchase.

Money is an interesting challenge in the two Irelands; in Northern Ireland they use the English Pound Sterling (One pound = \$1.50). In the Republic of



Ireland they use the Euro (One Euro = \$1.30).



As part of the genealogical research we visited countless cemeteries and libraries. My theory is that this is really a missile site to help ward off threats from the North Korean military. While we were in Ireland North Korea attempted, unsuccessfully, to launch a missile. It had about as much chance as launching this monk's tower from the 1300s.

At the end of the trip we had confirmed the well known fact that my relatives were all a bunch of horse-stealing, slave-trading, rum-running, n'er-do-well scoundrels that had been chased out of Ireland in the mid-1700s. No surprises as far as I am concerned.

SCO GEEZERS GATHER

July 25th marked the summer gathering of the SCO (Santa Ana, CA) Geezers. This group of retirees and invited guests transitioning to retirement tries to meet at least quarterly. It is fun to hear from the guests about what is

happening in the office and the firm. And, likewise, we enjoy sharing with the guests the joys, travels, and aches and pains of retirement.



L to R: Tom Bissonnette (transitioning), Don Marske, Randy Denton (transitioning), Susie (Hanson) Gaare, Bob Jacobs, Elaine Praegitzer, and Tom Peters

WBGERS ENJOY REUNION IN PORTLAND

BY GORDON KOBLITZ

As before, every couple of years a group of .70s discipline (glad we don't have to explain that designation to our current readers ☺) old-timers get together for a summer potluck dinner and bring each other up to date on what's new in our lives and lots of reminiscing about fun days past. This year's event was nicely hosted by Stu and Zona Davis in their Beaverton home. Attendees included Jory and Gerry Abrams, Terry Crockford and friend Marylynn, Bob and Susie Fuller, Flint and Sherry Garinger, Jon and Lidi Jacobson, Grover and Vickie Jones, Gordon and Mary Koblitz, Kerry and Barry LaVon, Gordon Merseeth, Larry and Sandy Powell, Dale Richwine, Sue Townsen, and Daria Wightman.

Lots of good stories, recollections (enhanced and disputed by others) and laughter prevailed. Thanks to Stu for his grilling prowess and everyone for delicious side dishes and desserts (recipe exchanges included). Also thanks go to Daria and Larry for photos. Now there's even talk of making this an annual event and spreading the word more. Check in with Larry or Gordon K if you'd like to join in future get-togethers!



L to R: Larry Powell, Jon Jacobsen, Gordon Merseeth, and Lidi Jacobsen



L to R: Zona Davis, Dale Richwine, Mary Koblitz, Marylynn, and Gordon Koblitz



Jory and Gerry Abrams



Bob Fuller, Stu Davis, and Terry Crockford



Sue Townsen, Barry LaVon, Kerry LaVon, and Susie Fuller

TIME FOR PLANNING THE 2013 RETREAT!

By GORDON KOBLITZ

At the concluding session of our 2011 Retreat in San Diego, a number of folks gallantly raised their hands and volunteered to help with planning the next one – thanks one and all! The committee recently met via a conference call and made some important decisions: place, date, and leadership team! The committee reviewed the input and feedback from the San Diego retreat and, after much discussion, selected Denver as our next location due to its central location, it being a low-cost destination with the prospect of strong corporate support and attendance. Target date will be the last week in September 2013 pending selection of accommodations as researched and recommended by Cas Strouse/DEN and Megan Smith/DEN. Time now to at least mark the date on your calendars!!

When it came to forming the leadership team, everyone was thrilled when Mike Kennedy (without major arm-twisting) offered to lead the charge. Mike Harris then stepped up to lead the program committee efforts with others. For local arrangements the Mikes will tap the large DEN retiree contingent around the area. Mike K will also lead the contacts for COR support starting with John Media/DEN with whom Mike, Bill Dehn, and Karen Hancock met earlier in the year. John offered to serve as the corporate sponsor representing the retirees group to the senior executives.

For the outreach focus, we hope to enlist Bill Dehn's support and Les Wierson volunteered to help, too. Les also will explore options to attract friends from PDX, IDC, and International (and others like "non-legacy" retirees) with special times around the retreat schedule for gathering times as mini-groups to renew friendships and reconnect. Bob Chapman even came up with a golf course suggestion! Things are happening! More information will be shared in the coming months through AlumniConnect, January Retiree Newsletter, and special email announcements as the program is developed.

If you would like to join our retreat planning group please contact Mike Kennedy (mdk0014@gmail.com) or Gordon Koblitz (gkoblitz@ch2m.com) or through the AlumniConnect link. Our other members include Emily Holben/DEN, Don Marske, Mike Anglea, Ken Williams, Al Wollmann, Arlen Borgen, Harry Mejdell, Pat Klampe and Vern Nelson.

CH2M HILL NAMED WATER COMPANY OF THE YEAR

The International Desalination Association and Global Water Intelligence recognized CH2M HILL as Water Company of the Year, and took home its 2012 Global Water Award, which is given to the water company that made the most significant contributions to the development and advancement of the global water sector over the past year. "We are able to excel and outshine our competition because of your hard work and

dedication to solving our clients' challenges," wrote WBG President Bob Bailey to his team. "Thank you for your focus on our clients, safety, and producing quality work."



CH2M HILL's Amer Battikhi, Bob Bailey, and Neil Reynolds (far right) accepted the Water Company of the Year award from Craig Venter, the first person to sequence the human genome.

CH2M HILL was selected based on numerous achievements in 2011, among them expanding our presence around the world with the [acquisition of Halcrow](#), which broadened and deepened our influence – and value – for water users in all sectors; launching

[WaterMatch](#), a water-related grassroots initiative that seeks to promote the beneficial re-use of municipal effluent by industrial and agricultural sectors; because we are one of the few engineering firms that can provide clients with complete operations and maintenance services within the water/wastewater operations arena in addition to engineering technical expertise; and because we have been listed among the World's Most Ethical Companies by the Ethisphere Institute for 4 years in a row.

FIRM TO MANAGE \$6-BILLION PHILADELPHIA AIRPORT WORK

EXCERPTED FROM ENGINEERING NEWS-RECORD

After months of silence while it negotiated project issues with airlines and residents, the city of Philadelphia announced on June 4 that a team led by CH2M HILL Cos. will be program manager for a major expansion of Philadelphia International Airport. The estimated \$6.4-billion capacity-enhancement program (CEP) would be the largest such aviation expansion in the U.S., says CH2M HILL. Negotiations are continuing with the facility's key occupants over core elements of the expansion program and costs could grow as the project's scope is better defined.

Chosen to lead the expansion is Global Program Partners, a joint venture in which Denver-based CH2M HILL has a 54% stake. Partners are design firm Delon Hampton & Associates, Washington, D.C., and construction inspection firm CMTS Inc., Dallas. Both are minority-owned and have a 23% stake, says Jhan Schmitz, CH2M HILL senior vice president and program director. He confirms that the team will be paid \$25 million in the program's first four years....

CH2M HILL describes the planned program as one of the most complex in the U.S., with construction occurring amid normal airport operations. It is anticipated to take 12 to 15 years to

complete, says CH2M HILL. Schmitz, who has run large airport programs in Hong Kong and Saudi Arabia, says the airport, some of which dates to the 1940s, “is a hodgepodge of elements. We will set standards that make sense.” Schmitz says the \$6.4-billion figure is a 2010 number in the master plan and is likely to change. But he says, “The airlines are not against the program. It’s a classic clash between airlines and an airport.” Schmitz says master-plan modifications are under way.

BOB BERGMAN INDUCTED INTO DESALTERS’ HALL OF FAME



Bob Bergman/GNV, vice president and technology fellow, received well-deserved recognition by being inducted into the Global Water Intelligence (GWI) Museum of Desalination’s [Desalters’ Hall of Fame](#). He was also given the American Membrane Technology Association (AMTA) 2012 Presidential Award for tireless service to the organization. Bob has

specialized in membrane technologies for 35 years and is an internationally recognized leader in the membrane and desalting industry. His career encompasses 40 years of water treatment engineering, nearly 28 of those with CH2M HILL.

The [Desalters’ Hall of Fame profile](#) describes Bob as “the only man who could manage to get all major reverse osmosis membrane suppliers to sit down at the same table; and a leader of consortium membrane research and a leading engineer in his own right.”

“Having had the pleasure of working both for and with Bob throughout my entire career with CH2M HILL, I can think of no one who has more fully dedicated himself to the field of desalination,” commented Jim Lozier, global technology leader for desalination. “Bob has brought and continues to bring his vast knowledge, energy and experience to each project he touches, no matter how small, both within our organization and to his many volunteer activities for AMTA, AWWA, and other water-related organizations.”

CH2M HILL RANKS NO. 1 IN PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SINCE 2004

The **TOP 50** Program Management Firms

RANK 2012		2011 REVENUE IN \$ MIL.		
		DOMESTIC REVENUE	INTL REVENUE	TOTAL REVENUE
1	CH2M HILL, Englewood, Colo.	1,982.8	217.5	2,200.3
2	BECHTEL, San Francisco, Calif.	1,433.0	4.0	1,437.0
3	JACOBS, Pasadena, Calif.	1,323.5	0.0	1,323.5
4	URS CORP., San Francisco, Calif.	1,126.4	46.5	1,172.9
5	AECOM TECHNOLOGY CORP., Los Angeles, Calif.	651.7	512.1	1,163.9

Engineering News-Record (ENR) recently listed the 2012 Top 50 Program Management Firms, and CH2M HILL leads the list at No. 1 for the ninth year in a row!

The magazine’s Top 50 Program Management Firms survey ranks companies based on total 2011 revenue for program management services performed as a professional service or fee. CH2M HILL reported to ENR that program management revenue in 2011 was \$2,200 million. The total revenue is a 15 percent increase over 2010, when the company reported program management revenue of \$1,867 million.

The new program management and construction management rankings were released June 11, 2012 in an ENR article by Gary J. Tulacz titled “Funding Woes Blunt Market – Owners continue to show interest in professional services, but worry deficits in the public sector – a prime CM/PM market – worry firms.” The ENR data shows a relatively steady increase in Program Management revenue since 2005. The article states that the top 100 CM-for-fee and program management firms that were surveyed generated \$18.66 billion in fees in 2011 for those services, an increase of 6.3 percent from 2009. Domestic revenues grew at a higher rate than the international market, 7.4 percent for domestic revenue and 1.7 percent for international revenue, which is seen as an encouraging for the market.

Other rankings released by ENR in the June 11, 2012 issue listed CH2M HILL at No. 2 for Construction Management-for-Fee firms for the fifth straight year.

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