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PUBLISHER'S CORNER TOM GOETZINGER

We recently heard from George Eifler whom most of you will remember from the Program Office over many years with GE, Honeywell and Control Data. We asked George to write a brief "autobiography" of his years of work experience.

We are extremely pleased George responded favorably. You will see his story on page 2 of this newsletter. George lives in the Phoenix area and continues to remain active.

Almost coincident with this development we learned that Bob Heightley's wife (Marilyn) writes short stories about her life experiences. She agreed to share some of them. You can read one of her stories on page 3 of this issue. Thanks Marilyn.

We said *coincidentally*, since Bob also worked for many, many years in the Program Office. Bob and Marilyn remain very active within the Crescent Society attending most quarterly functions.

We sincerely hope you enjoy the writing of both these people. We hope even more that you will join them in contributing to this newsletter.

Write your stories using Word, and simply attach them to an e-mail. The address is on the back of this newsletter.

Finally, we are considering possible improvements to our web page. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let us hear from you.

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Officers & Directors July 2008—June 2009

Elected Officers:

President	Bill Henson
Vice President	Open
Secretary	Pat Goetzinger
Treasurer	Bob Hickey

Appointed Directors:

Membership	Dave Ernst
Publications	Tom Goetzinger

Standing Committees:

Historian	Marty Blazy
Caring	Edith Hughes

HOLIDAY DINNER

Quail Creek Golf & Country Club
SATURDAY November 14, 2009
Cocktails 6 pm (cash bar) — Dinner 7 pm
\$20 members—\$30 guests

Prime Rib Dinner

Mixed baby greens with Roasted Pecans & Honey Vinaigrette—Asiago Chive Mashed Potatoes—Bundled Green Beans —New York Style Strawberry Cheese Cake—Beverages

Send your check to Bob Hickey by Nov 7, 2009: 1900 NW 160th Pl
Edmond, OK 73013

REFLECTIONS

BY GEORGE EIFLER

One thing we do as we age is to reflect on what we experienced in our career. Please forgive me but I would like to share some insight into mine especially in Oklahoma City which was a very significant portion of my 42 year career.

In the mid fifties while a student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute I was fortunate to secure a summer job working at the GE Heavy Military Electronics Thompson Road facility in Syracuse, NY. The work was in the test equipment Department making test equipment for sonar systems. I worked there for two summers and upon graduation was hired by George Enrich to work in Building 7, Electronics Park, Syracuse, NY. Yes, my offer letter was signed by Bob Hickey. Six months later I was transferred to Court Street 5. At this time I met Dean, Tony, Jane Varga and many of the Engineers that transferred to Oklahoma City in 1963.

In 1962 GE decided they needed to move some work out of Syracuse. Some of the workforce was given an opportunity to move to Florida in support of the Company's new responsibility at Cape Canaveral space center. The other opportunity was Oklahoma City with Military Electronics work. We chose Oklahoma City. Al Kinney, Building 5 Superintendent, asked me to remain at Court Street 5 to make sure that what needed to be shipped to OKC was in fact shipped and to "turn the lights out" when we were finished there in September 1963 after which we drove to Oklahoma City.

One of the benefits of working for GE, especially in a new operation like Oklahoma City, was many opportunities to ply your skills in different functions of the business. In Oklahoma City I started in the Quality Control Department working for our beloved "Grandfather" Leader Ernie Ackley. What a good man! Subsequent assignments included tours in Test Equipment Design, Advanced Quality Engi-

neering, DSU167 Engineering, Business Planning, Program Management, Tape manufacturing, Product Management and Business Office. Along the way I worked with Bill Barrows, Marketing, as we made our first foray into the OEM disk business under Ralph Ketchum with the DSU160C. We learned more lessons than business from that experience.

I am so fortunate to have so many wonderful memories from my career in Syracuse, N.Y. and Oklahoma City, OK from 1957 until 1981 with GE, Honeywell and Control Data (MPI). It was truly an education in business, human relations, teamwork and the importance of working in an environment that encouraged people to achieve all they were capable of. Also, how to integrate two businesses as a result of an acquisition or merger. I am not sure if I became efficient at it or I did not learn well because I did it 9 times in my 42 year career.

Some highlights:

*Made printed circuit board integrated circuits presentation to GE Board of Directors in Building 1 on 39th Street 1966

*Hosted Delegation from Russia in 1978 which included a meeting with Governor Dewey Bartlett.

*Traveled to Brazil several times (1977- 1979) to negotiate a technology transfer contract for floppy disk drives manufacturing.

*Went to China in April 1980 with Tom Kamp to negotiate a technology transfer agreement. Returned again in October 1980.

* Was a member of a Junior Achievement advisor team consisting of Bob Klimowicz, Lou Volk, Dean Bowman and Haskell Ferguson that came up with the "Best JA Product of the Year" The OKIE Clock.

Significant involvement with product line integrations from various operations & companies:

*Moving GE Computer peripheral products from Phoenix to Oklahoma City 1965

*Peripheral Product Integration team with Machines de Bull, France 1966

*Peripheral Product Integration team with Olivetti Computer Co., Italy 1966

*Peripheral product Integration team with Honeywell 1970

*Led 100 MB disk product selection between Honeywell and GE design 1970

*Product integration of NCR Hawthorn, CA product move to Oklahoma City 1975

One event that I am still reminded of when I meet certain Europeans from the old CDC sales team was on Friday night June 17, 1977 when we hosted some 26 OEM sales people & Customers (from 7 countries) at our home in Yukon. We had a western style picnic before going to the Yukon rodeo. My wife, Karen, and 3 children were the servers. To this day I am reminded by many of those participants how much they enjoyed the evening and the joy of that memory. Oh life was simple no internet, no cell phones, no pagers, no computers, no laptops, etc.

Clearly, working for GE Oklahoma City in the 60's was interesting and challenging. We worked on the widest spectrum of technology probably anywhere in the USA. We built amplifiers for JPL deep space probes, computer peripherals, helmets to protect pilots eyes from nuclear blasts, prototype device for measuring the fat content on livestock to power supplies for Western Union.

One benefit of aging is the opportunity to recall the events of our life, the many wonderful people you meet along the way, the joy of watching and hopefully helping people reach their potential and helping an organization achieve more than many would have bet on at the start. To one and all that I have met and worked with in the Oklahoma City Companies from GE through MPI I want to say, THANK YOU for being an exciting chapter in my life book.

SLUG HUNTING

MARILYN HEIGHTLEY

So much these days is being said about grandparents and how valuable their influence is on their grandchildren. My mind began to wonder tonight about how my own grandchildren, ages 3 to 11, will remember me.

I have many animals in my home and backyard. There are many turtles, squirrels, birds, a few fish in a small pond. They know they are safe here and come daily for visits and handouts, and the grandchildren have learned many lessons with regard to these wild things.

I related one day to Tyler, 11, that just the night before I had gone "slug hunting", gathering slugs for

baby turtles for the next day. He was fascinated enough to ask if he could spend the night so that he could go "hunting" with me also.

It was a good plan to me, and we did just that! About 11 p.m. We sprayed ourselves with mosquito repellent, gathered our flashlights, and off we went into the night on our "hunting" adventure. Amazingly to him, we found many, many slugs that we carefully contained for the next day.

Tyler did not want to go to sleep after that because he wanted to go out again. Later then, once again we went out into the night. We found slugs everywhere, and the excitement was great. I had the warmest feeling when Tyler, who

was diligently searching said, "Grandma, I never knew "slug hunting" could be so much fun!"

I don't know how many grandchildren have had this particular kind of night time adventure, but I hope Tyler will remember always the time he and I went out into the night, hunting slugs for the turtles, and that he will have the same warm feeling later in life that I am now having....as I sit and write this little story.

.....Marilyn Heightley

p.s. Tyler is now 18 years old

Crescent Society Financial Statement

Fiscal Year Ending:	6/30/2006	6/30/2007	6/30/2008	6/30/2009
Beginning Balance	\$14,241.60	\$13,819.95	\$12,720.72	\$12,127.86
Income	\$ 5,132.00	\$ 4,042.94	\$ 3,533.50	\$ 2,932.50
Expenses	\$ 5,553.65	\$ 5,142.17	\$ 4,126.36	\$ 4,270.69
Ending Balance	\$13,819.95	\$12,720.72	\$12,127.86	\$10,789.67

Note 1: During the 4 years nearly \$3,000 was donated to Charity. This includes a \$500 annual (holiday) gift to a local Charity via the Oklahoma City Community Foundation and memorials in honor of deceased members.

Note 2: The decrease in annual income represents a corresponding decrease in membership.

MEMBERSHIP DESK DAVE ERNST

In Memoriam:

L. B. Davis, former maintenance technician, passed away on August 27th 2009
Ron Tankevich passed away on September 30th 2009

Info Changes:

Hossein Moghadam's new email address is: honestdood@cox.net
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Notice !!!

Please notice the two calendar events above. The details of the dinner are on page one of this newsletter. Get your reservations in today !!!! Send your check to Bob Hickey.

Also notice the December breakfast. We have decided to try a new restaurant called Woodbridge. It is located nearly straight across 39th Street from old GE Building 1, and adjacent to the Comfort Inn. Those of us who attended the October breakfast were subjected to less than adequate food preparation and a totally unacceptable foul up in the checks.

We think you will enjoy the new restaurant. The place appears to be very clean and inviting. Further, the prices appear to be more reasonable than Jimmy's Egg. In fact, Woodbridge has a Senior menu you will find quite attractive.

Understanding Engineers

An architect, an artist and an engineer were discussing whether it was better to spend time with the wife or a mistress.

The architect said he enjoyed time with his wife, building a solid foundation for an enduring relationship.

The artist said he enjoyed time with his mistress, because of the passion and mystery he found there.

The engineer said, "I like both."

"Both?" "Yeah. If you have a wife and a mistress, they will each assume you are spending time with the other woman, and you can go to the lab and get some work done."