
GATHERINGS

PHILADELPHIA – FRANK SENNER

Frank reports that they had a great turnout of 47 people for their Spring luncheon at Applebees. Note was made of the three people lost within 7 days in January – **Mae Boyd** (99), **Frank Gray** (84), and **Bill Rassier** (58). They will all be missed.

“Two new former co-workers attended for the first time. One was **Lou Miller**, who came up from Massachusetts and had a great time seeing his former co-workers. Lou usually gets to Philly and meets with a few Plant Technicians during his yearly visit but never made it to a luncheon and now plans to be here for our October luncheon. **Walt Garvin** gave me **Vince Scali’s** name and Vince traveled all the way from South Philly (about 15 blocks away from Applebee’s). We all enjoyed seeing both Lou and Vince.

“It was great having **Teresa Sweeney** back. She is recovering from cancer surgery. Also **Al Vaillancourt** had some heart problems and **Frank Senner** had colon surgery (stage 1 cancer) in March and fortunately it was caught in time due to a scheduled colonoscopy that identified a bleeding tumor. So schedule “your tests” as this form of cancer is very treatable if caught early. After the surgery I had NO further treatment... they caught it all and early. On a lighter note the surgeon removed 20’ of colon or about half of my colon, now do I have a semi-colon (;)!!! Or when I get my next colonoscopy it is only half the price. FYI, our *Newsletter* Editor, **Jack Durkin**, also had his colon surgery on May 2nd and also came through with flying colors. I spoke with Jack after he came home and he is doing well.”

A number of prizes were given out including two of the books, *The Western Union Story*, provided by Western Union, two clocks with a Western Union reference on the face and two CD’s of music from the sailing ship Western Union (based in Key West, Florida) given by **Jerry Horowitz**, and four envelopes of cash from our 50/50 drawings.

Those missing from this lunch included **Ed Anderson** who was on a trip to Europe (bad timing), **Charlie Malin** who had a Heart By-Pass in March, **William Goldstine** who couldn’t come but **Kathy (KC) Chavis** took his place and came with Bill’s wife, **Brenda Goldstine**. **Christina Williams** had an operation and was hospitalized for about 1 month and is now home and doing well. **Bob Wright** was still recovering from a minor illness. Others who were unable to come included **Pete Mastrovito** who intends to come in October. **Carol Lingo and her sister** who both worked at the CTB in Moorestown and **Marvin Louis** had intended to come but couldn’t make it.

Those in attendance were: **Louise Bordihn, Joe Burke, Mary Lou Burns, Kathy (KC) Chavis, Jon & Donna Cushing, Charlotte DeFeo, Walt Garvin, Lou Gaul, Rose Gerdlemann, Brenda Goldstine, Chickie Hellwarth, Jerry Horowitz, Lou Kassa, Len Kowalko, Dom Lizzio, Maxine Logue** (came with two friends, **Mary Wilson** who drove Maxine from Zanesville, Ohio and **Frances Dyson** whom Maxine visited in N. J. while in the Philly area), **Sarah (nee Martin) & Larry Lowe, Jim & Barbara Maurer, Elmer McIlhenny, Lou Miller, Russ Miller, Roy Mitchell, Jim Murphy, Matt Patterson, Jim Poulson, Charles Robinson, Vince Scali, Gordon Schillinger, Jack Scott, Ken Sears, Frank & Barbara Senner, Franny & Ginny Smith, Teresa Sweeney, Ruth Tedesco, Marie Thomas, Al & Eileen Vaillencourt, Janet Willits and Bill Young.**

Next lunch is on October 1 and **Jerry Horowitz** will once again be in attendance with another great presentation, so make your plans to attend. (Frank notes that he hopes to have a group of co-workers take a tour of the converted Western Union building at 11th and Locust in Philly. The building, once a four story WU Regional headquarters, is now an 11 floor Condo building with prices ranging from \$399,000 for a one bedroom condo to custom Penthouses ranging from \$1,300,000 to \$3,900,000 (with a Terrace). Do we have any Big Lottery or Stock Market winners out there?!

