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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I am pleased to announce that Ken Krug has agreed to run the Bridge group on an interim basis until we can find a replacement for Frank Fichter.

In last month's LMMAR newsletter I indicated that in addition to needing volunteers to fill certain chairperson openings, we were seeking volunteers who would be interested in filling the open positions for the forthcoming biannual election for officers of LMMAR. To date, I have not received even one inquiry. I am surprised that in an organization consisting of more than 800 members we do not have anyone who

wants to volunteer to help LMMAR continue to provide the services and information its members have expected and enjoyed. I think the membership has to expect less from LMMAR than they have had in the past unless we have some folks step up to needs of the organization.

I look forward to hearing from the membership for any suggestions or offers of help to solve what I consider to be an inevitable crisis.

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POSITIVE HISTORY # 37

Edwin Howard Armstrong (1890 - 1954), an American electrical engineer, was one of our most underappreciated inventors in history. He developed several electronic circuits and systems that were crucial to the development of radio. Lee De Forest (1873 - 1961) discovered the vacuum tube, later called the triode, but didn't understand why it worked. Arm-

strong did and used it as an amplifier and oscillator, key components, developing the regenerative circuits in wireless radio communications where it could amplify weak radio signals without distortion far more effectively than other radio receivers of that time. He later solved the radio static problem by developing FM (Frequency Modulation) which provided better sound quality and was more resistant to interference than the older AM (Amplitude Modulation) broadcasting system.

Today few people knew of, or understood, his contribution to our modern world. He spent most of his time defending his patents and trying to collect royalties from those who benefited from his work rather than working to advance knowledge. Both Lee De Forest and David Sarnoff (1891 - 1971), head of RCA, were the two people responsible for making life difficult for him. Edwin Armstrong ended his life (committed suicide) by jumping out of a

thirteenth floor window rather than continuing to be harassed by lesser inventive talents.

Ref. Encarta Encyclopedia, Standard Edition 2005 and a KQED program on Armstrong - Ralph Tamm

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS

You Probably Have This Memorized:

"What A Nice Way To Be Surprised!"

How fortunate I felt when your \$50 check arrived. My hope of ever getting one had long since died. I spent a trifle of it on an item nearly too light to carry At "Borders": a neat pocket-sized rhyming dictionary!

But then I realized, during the neat Yuletide season, that purchase hadn't been proper, for a good reason: A windfall like the \$50 should more likely be spent helping to fund those providing needed heaven-sent Mercy to those seriously in need... so I happily then added back enough to just allow

an even split when divided 3 ways between some extremely deserving Organizations I have found to never be self-serving. Like some: The proud local Salvation Army Corps", The "Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) and for the third gracious "givers", the Disabled American Veterans" (DAV), carefully serving each pleased man!

My current status: This coming November will be My 20th year of retirement, while still quite happily following some 35 years with good ol' Lockheed. And, also, very recently a 10th year survivor, indeed, of that Melanoma cancer in my present 81st year!! I'm active and happy with my wife June and clear in my thinking of how good life can truthfully be, If you don't take it's poorer times any too seriously!

Ray Donahue

Dear Norm Dhom:

Thank you for the \$50! What a nice surprise and what a lucky event for the start of a new year! Thank you!

After seriously consideration, I've decided to donate the \$50 to the Moffett field Historical Society. This is an all-volunteer organization that maintains the Moffitt Field Museum, initially started by Carol Henderson and retired Naval personnel. Their efforts have undoubtedly encouraged others to the extent that the outcry against demolishing Hanger One has halted that effort, at least temporarily.

I chose the museum also because it represents a task for each of us - the task of setting down on paper the sig-

nificant memories of our own lives. Certainly, we've been witnessed to tremendous events in the 20th century. Each of us has more than one story to tell, I'm sure, and many of these would be enjoyable for us to read in the pages of the LMMAR newsletter.

We're not getting any younger, and if you haven't already started, what's YOUR story? Now's a good time to put it down on paper...and don't forget to share it! Thank you again,

June Sythe
(Wife of the late Bob Sythe)

LMMAR

I thank you for the \$50 check for November 2006. I gave some thought as to what to do with it and come to the conclusion that I wanted to send it to help our troops in the present struggle.

I am sending it to "Fisher House Foundation," an organization that gives help to military families in time of need. They enable family members to be close to a loved one during hospitalization for an illness, disease or injury. I saw it featured on a Larry King program and decided that is where I wanted to send the money.

I will use this good fortune to help out our troops who are defending us. Thank you,

John and Katherine Constantinides

JOKE

Its hell getting old
Hank an 80-year old man goes for a

physical. All of his tests come back with normal results. The doctor says, "Hank, everything looks great.

How are you doing mentally and emotionally? Are you at peace with God?"

Hank replies, "God and I are tight. He knows I have poor eyesight, so

he's fixed it so when I get up in the middle of the night to go to the

bathroom, POOF! the light goes on. When I'm done, POOF! the light goes

off. " WOW, That's incredible" the doctor says.

A little later in the day, the doctor calls Hank's wife.

"Ethel," he says, "Hank is doing fine! But I had to call you as I am in

awe. Is it true that he gets up during the night and POOF! the light goes on

in the bathroom, and when he's done POOF! the light goes off?

"Oh my God!" Ethel exclaims, "he's peeing in the refrigerator again!"

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In progress for 2008

Spring or early summer River cruise on the Duro River Portugal and a two night stay in Lisbon.

September 2008 How about Italy, Tuscany area bed and breakfast near Florence with day trips, this is in the planning stages with more details by May or June.

Happy Traveling

Vern

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

This was our third luncheon at the Fremont Hills Country Club. We had a pretty good turnout with 100 attendees. We have had scattered complaints about the menu and food service but we always do.

We thank Paul Contos and his guest Joyce Brewer, Paul Peuker, Dot.E. Siko-Arnold, and Gloria Wetsch for their help.

We will continue to use this facility until someone comes up with something better. We scheduled Tuesday,

May 1 for the next luncheon. Dot E. said she would check out David's (on Tasman, I think) as a candidate for future events.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

We need to elect officers for the next two year term which is July,2007 through June, 2009. Officers are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer. Members may nominate candidates for these positions. The prospective nominee must be willing to serve. We also need someone to volunteer to serve as Special Events Director.

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MEMBERSHIP COLUMN

\$50 Winners for February

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The Greek Squad

After digging to a depth of 100 meters last year, Japanese scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 1000 years and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network one thousand years ago.

Not to be outdone in the weeks that followed, Chinese scientists dug 200 meters and headlines in the Chinese papers read: "Chinese scientists have found traces of 2000 year old optical fibers and have concluded that their ancestors already had advanced high-tech digital telephone 1000 years earlier than the Japanese."

One week later, the Greek newspapers reported the following: "After digging as deep as 800 meters, Greek scientists have found absolutely nothing."

They have concluded that 3000 years ago, their ancestors were already using wireless technology.

More Jokes From Joan

Tough Church

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex was staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. It was covered with names and small American flags were mounted on either side of it. The seven year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, "Good Morning, Alex."

"Good morning, Pastor," replied the young man, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor, what is that?" "Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."

Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible, trembling with fear, when he asked, "Which service—

the 9:45 or the 11:15?"

I went to the doctor for my yearly physical. The nurse starts with certain basics.

"How much do you weigh?" she asks.

"115," I say. The nurse puts me on the scale. It turns out my weight is 150.

The nurse asks, "Your height?" "5 foot 8," I say.

The nurse checks and sees that I only measure 5' 5".

She then takes my blood pressure and tells me it is very high.

"Of course it's high!" I scream, "When I came in here I was tall and slender! Now I'm short and fat!" She put me on Prozac.

I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.

Old age is when former classmates are so gray and wrinkled and bald, they don't recognize you.

Submitted by Joan Brock

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