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Four Fond Farewells

The 131 employees who elected to retire at the end of last year were honored recently at four retirement receptions hosted by The Post. The festivities began on Monday, Jan. 26 with the business-side retirement reception at the Northwest

Building. On Tuesday, Feb. 17, the Springfield Plant honored its retirees followed by the Newsroom's gathering at the Northwest Building on Wednesday, Feb. 18. On Tuesday, Feb. 24, the College Park Plant said good-bye to its retirees.

ShopTalk correspondents reported on two of the gatherings and photos from all four parties are featured on pages 2 and 3.

By Jihad Bruce, Eastern 500 Club Intern, Public Relations Department

On Feb. 24, a reception was held at the College Park Plant in honor of five Post retirees. Chairman **DON GRAHAM**, Publisher **BO JONES**, Presi-

dent **STEVE HILLS**, Vice President/ Controller **PEGGY SCHIFF**, Vice President of Operations **MIKE CLURMAN** and a host of Post employees attended the reception to honor, remember, and extend their best wishes to the retirees.

The reception, held in the conference room on the second floor of the plant, was decorated with beautiful flowers and there was an exquisite buffet by The Post's cafeteria vendor Brock & Company. Plant Manager **KEVIN O'NEILL** spoke on behalf of Vice President of Production **JIM COLEY** who was out of town. He began the ceremony by welcoming everyone to the reception and addressing thanks to the retirees from both himself and Coley.

O'Neill commented that the retirees being honored had a great sense of humor, took their jobs very seriously, were not afraid of hard work, and had become leaders.

As each retiree was personally acknowledged and thanked, they received a framed front page of The Washington Post from the day on which they first began their work for the newspaper. After receiving their awards, each retiree had wonderful stories and experiences to share followed by their most heart-felt good-byes.

By Christine Swerda-Poole, Newsroom Retiree and former ShopTalk Editor

"Behind every great newspaper...are heroes, big and small," was the inscription for the Newsroom's retirement party held on Feb. 18.

Executive Editor **LEN DOWNIE** called the retirees up to the podium in order of years of service beginning with **JULIE DEAR**, with 16 years of service, to **MARTIE ZAD** who spent 52 years at the newspaper. Each retiree received a framed front page facsimile of The Post from their first day of employment. The gifts were presented by Chairman Don Graham and Publisher Bo Jones who both shared some personal remarks with each retiree during the gift presentation. Graham also reminded the attendees that many of the retirees were unsung heroes whose commitment to The Post made the newspaper great.

At the end of the formal program, Downie recalled how one reporter said the retirees had each left a bit of their hearts with The Post. He told the group that they, in turn, were taking a bit of The Post with them into retirement.



PHOTO - COURTESY OF PAT WOZNY

Chairman **DON GRAHAM** with business-side retirees at the Jan. 26 reception, (clock-wise from top) **CHARLIE WEST, IT**; **NGHIA PHAN, Accounting**; **C.C. BURNS, Security**; **THAN DANG, Accounting**; **PAT WOZNY, Accounting**; **ERNIE DAWSON, IT**.

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2003 Post Retirees

*Bo Jones with business-side retirees **FRANKIE GEIGER**, IT, a 1966 Post hire and **ALLEN HOUNSHELL**, Executive, who came to The Post in 1972.*



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PHOTO - MARTHA YEATER

*Don Graham with the Weeks family at the Springfield Plant retirement reception. Roye Weeks, who retired after 22 years at the newspaper, met his wife **DIANE WEEKS**, News IT, at The Post.*



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*Newsroom retiree **MARY McGRORY** is greeted at the reception by (l-r) **SANDRA LEE**, **CAROL VAN HORN**, **GEORGE SOLOMON**, **JIM LINTON**, and **MARTIE ZAD**.*



PHOTO - MARVIN JOSEPH

*Newsroom retirees with Executive Editor **LEN DOWNIE**, Publisher **BO JONES** and Chairman **DON GRAHAM**.*

NOTE - A complete list of the 2003 retirees can be found in the Jan 15, 2004 issue of ShopTalk available on IntraNed. Click on the ShopTalk Channel on the home page.

College Park Plant retirees (l-r) JOHN KOVAL, LEROY THOMAS, EMILIO PETRONE and PHIL KANE. Not pictured is JOE DEBREW.



PHOTO - JIHAD BRUCE, EASTERN 500 CLUB, INTERN

The business-side retirees with Bo Jones and Don Graham in the Northwest Building's newly opened second floor auditorium.



PHOTO - MARIE MARZI

SANDRA LEE, Newsroom Personnel, is accompanied by Don Graham and Bo Jones as she smiles proudly with her retirement gift of the front page of The Post from the day she was hired.



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Phil Kane holds his day-of-hire front page of The Post with Don Graham and College Park Plant Manager KEVIN O'NEILL.



PHOTO - MARTHA YEATER

The Springfield Plant retirees with their day-of-hire front pages of The Post included (l-r) KAY NORTON, ROYE WEEKS, KEN STROTMAN, DIANE PATTERSON, SUM HUA, CONG NGUYEN, and MIKE SHEEHAN.

Northwest Water Update

To All Employees:

In the Feb. 12 issue of ShopTalk, per reports that have appeared in The Post about lead in the D.C. water supply, I mentioned that we would be conducting water quality tests here at the Northwest Building. We wanted to determine whether our water had lead levels above the Environmental Protection Agency action level of 15 parts per billion (ppb). We received good results. We tested all three of the main water intakes into the building, and the samples collected were well below the EPA standard, which indicates that water entering the building is not high in lead content. We also tested 16 water fountains throughout the facility (including a water fountain in the Akridge Building), and all of them tested below 5 ppb. We also tested several sinks. One of those samples, from a pantry sink on the 7th floor of

the Lennox Building, tested at 15 ppb during the initial draw of water. When conducting such tests, a second draw of water is taken 30 seconds later, and the lead content in the second sample dropped to 2.4 ppb. Out of an abundance of caution, we turned off that sink, which had an older style of filter, and have installed a new filtration system on it. We plan to do another round of testing in April.

Please let me or **BOB McLANE**, x4-5221, know if you have any questions.

MARY ANN WERNER
Vice President/Counsel
x4-6575

Lost or Found

The Northwest Building's Security Department has lost and found storage that is available to employees 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you lose something at the Northwest Building or find something that you believe is of value to someone, contact Security at x4-7894.

Eastern 500 Club Basketball Tournament



PHOTO - DIANE PRENTISS

CAMERON JONES, Accounting, talks to an Eastern High School student during The Post's Eastern 500 Club basketball tournament held at the school on Saturday, Feb. 21. The Post hosted the tournament as part of ongoing efforts to recruit more Eastern High School students into the 500 Club. Eighty-five people attended the three-on-three tournament, including eight Post mentors who had officiating and scorekeeping duties.

Credit Union News

CommonWealth One Federal Credit Union home equity loan rates are at an all time low! If you are interested in refinancing credit card debt, making additions to your home or you just need a little extra money, talk to Colby Butts to find out how an equity loan can help. Colby is located at the Commonwealth One desk off the Northwest Building's 15th Street lobby (behind the ele-

vators) or call him directly at (703) 236-7675.

No ShopTalk Next Week

ShopTalk will not be published on Thursday, March 11. The next issue of ShopTalk will be March 18 and the deadline for Marketplace ads for that issue is Friday, March 12 at noon.

Marketplace

MOVING SALE: John Deere riding mower, glass-top dining room table w/four chairs, two oak china closets, Queen Ann- style sofa, 35" RCA TV w/stand. Prices negotiable. Call Diane at (703) 978-2906.

TUTOR AVAILABLE: Have BS in mathematics and Masters in information technology -can help with subjects including math, computer technology, as well as term papers. Call Amerley at (301) 442-5233.

FOR SALE: Home theater subwoofer—CHT-12 Velodyne, 117V. Brand new—still boxed; paid \$500. \$350 or best offer. Majestic direct vent gas fireplace—38,000 BTU, never used, original price \$2,200. \$1,000/OBO. Call Carol at x4-4723 or (703) 281-0487.

FOR RENT: Dupont (17th & T) 1BR - Large, luxurious, recently renovated condo, hardwood floors, high ceilings, terrific light, CAC, DW, WD. Great location, walk to Dupont or U Street metro. \$1,600/month + elec. Available March 1. Call Seth at (202) 332-4717.

FOR RENT: Cathedral Ave. apartment. Great location, walk to restaurants, walk to Georgetown, beautiful, spacious 1 BA apartment, new appliances, new BR. Only 2.5 miles to TWP, \$1,350/month. Call Enrique at (202) 288-9013 or x-4-6195.

BEACH HOUSES: 4 BR house in Outer Banks' wild horse and nature preserve; pools, tennis, fishing lakes. Also, two BR condo on Seabrook Island, SC, with nature activities, kayaking, golf, tennis and pool. Call Larry at (301) 946-0249.

FOR SALE: Ride-on soft Rock'n Bounce zebra by Today's Kids. Barely used (Amazon price \$59.99, selling for \$25). Medela breast pump, includes two adaptors one for the car and one for regular outlet, \$85. Graco baby swing, w/ three speeds and three reclining positions, \$25. Classic baby carriage by Saks Fifth Avenue, English style in Navy, \$60. Tanita digital baby scale, w/ large LCD display, 20 lb. capacity, \$50. Graco baby saucer, \$20. Avent microwave bottle steamer, \$5. Britax car seat, navy blue, with checked pattern, 35 lb. capacity, \$20. Call Irene at (703) 655-8846 after 3 p.m., or Carlos at x4-7738.

ISO: Kitchenaid mixer in good condition. Call Lisa at x4-6803.

FREE ADS!

Reach more than 2,000 Post employees with your free ad in Marketplace.

The deadline for ads is Friday at noon and your ad will appear in the next Thursday's ShopTalk. (Please note ShopTalk will not be published on Thursday, March 11.) Send your ad via email to ShopTalk@washpost.com or fax to x4-4963. Ads are for Post employees only and must include your name, extension and home phone number. Ads run two issues unless otherwise requested. One ad per employee per issue, please.

Questions? Call Lisa Connors at x4-6803.